

8/26/74

Dear Art,

Thanks for your 8/22. Enclosed is my check to the clerk, U.S. District Court, for \$21.00.

Their origins should have original court stamps on them. So, please try to see what they copy. They have told you the copies will be close to illegible. There is no reason for this to be the case. Original records are required to be available to the public. And you should be able to determine by whether the stamps affixed are in ink or are xeroxes. There is no reason with public records that as in this case, were also published, requires secrecy so you should have access to their originals. This is the norm in any event.

Please try. I do want to be able to read these pages after paying so outrageous a price for them! They charge about 250 time their cash costs!

It also is normal to obtain a receipt. I would appreciate one for other reasons, for purposes other than my check will serve -when it returns to me.

Thanks for the name. I know I've met Roger. He used to be with you, as I recall. And I've spoken to, been interviewed by or did a beeper with "abcock.

There is a real question whether we'll be able to afford the freebies we should be giving out. We have to be giving 535 to Congress alone. What a dent in the total print and our limited resources! If you speak to any of them don't tell them I'm giving you one and do try to explain our financial bind. Jim has gone into hock for the printer, I for other costs, and neither of us has any income. His really great work on the Ray case has been pro bone and has taken thousands of hours, close to one and a half time full-time. Even postage will be a problem!

Many thanks!