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Dear Dr. Abbott:

Last week, in a note to you on another matter, I mentioned that the last issue of the AIC Newsletter received here was that of Feb. 7 and asked if I had missed an issue. Within a day or two, naturally, your issue of Feb. 25 appeared, so please forget that I inquired.

I have noted your remark at the end of the Feb. 25 Newsletter to the effect that you plan to reprint the transcripts of the trial as they appeared in the New Orleans Times-Picayune, assuming you get enough requests. Please consider this to be one. We have the transcripts printed by the States-Item, and have looked briefly at some of those printed by the Times-Picayune, and they are quite different in content. It should be most useful to have both.

In this connection, I notice in the States-Item for March 3 that Asst. Dist. Atty. Clyde Merritt, who also acts as accountant for the DA's office, says that it is hoped to recover some of the stenographic costs of the trial by selling the full transcript. Naturally, no one in your position could think of reproducing such a massive thing, but I thought you might like to know of its availability in case you wish to do your own excerpting -- which in the two dailies was vastly different as far as I could see in the brief look I had at the Times-Picayune.

The excerpts printed by the States-Item were confusing in that they generally ended as of noon or shortly thereafter and then at the end went back and dealt only briefly with the events of the previous afternoon. On the whole, however, I found their choice of material considerably more interesting in many cases than the Times-Picayune choice for the same witnesses.

In case the AIC should wish to obtain its own copy of the full transcript and do its own excerpting from the standpoint of people like ourselves, I would hope to ~~we~~ be able to contribute something toward the probably stiff price that would be involved. I'm not urging this, just passing the idea along in case AIC is interested.

Sincerely,

James D. White