

Friday night - hot
Capitol of Wyoming

Dear Frank,

Thursday was visit day. We brought some pastries; we were uncertain whether the judge would allow us to see them especially after what they told us about Monday. But they let us have a few of the boys. They were in good spirit, only concern was where they were going to be sent. Jim Kinada was on the chance his bond release terminated with the sentence given. He gave me his name so that I may be able to get his name back.

I went together with Judge & Att. in the afternoon to the bond office. They informed us thru the blower office that we had to have a certified statement specifying the defendant was in custody before releasing the cash. What a list of red tape we had to fill out. Saw Judge Kennedy (Watts), U.S. Marshall, Beckett, the court clerk but no one

agreed to cooperate with us. Finally he
had to go back to his office and make up
a statement later to be verified by Judge
Merrin. Well, he said nobody gives a damn
about us. I silently recorded his remark.
We brought cookies, candies, and
fruit to the camp Wednesday morning.

On our way Wednesday afternoon
I was busy preparing a brief for the appeal.
I had a hand plan in and read what he had
written. Merrin advised him of additional
facts. I am enclosing a copy of the
plan. I think I thought it would be of interest.
I will get you some, Merrin over
the phone. I am busy to come here because
of the cases which he is defending in
court seem to make any health any
more. Only likeness of water with
Merrin is cash-cash-cash. He stated he had
to have money beforehand in order to put up an
appeal. I told him not to worry negotiations
are being made with Merrin. In the time being
I asked if he could put up the necessary money
if he is in such a hurry. Oh no he replied, he

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couldn't do that.

~~couldn't have that much.~~ I had a notion to tell him he just received three hundred and fifty dollars of our money. But I did say to him I was intending to borrow some money from him as I was getting low. He kept still.

I was satisfied by your telephone call of last night when we went to Watts' office this day. He stated all arrangements for appeal had been made. I said it was all right for him to present the appeal to court ~~the~~ immediately as negotiation has been made between H. H. and Merion last night. He read a paper to Merion and seemed like the thing was satisfactory for proceeding.

I inquired if Mr. Watts would make me out a receipt indicating the amount which we had handed over with Merion. I stated it was to satisfy the folks back in camp to what their money was going to be used for. He was obliging (he should be since he's sure he is our lawyer ^{again} now).

I wasn't satisfied with the first copy so he made out another. Still I hesitantly told him it could be ^{a little} more specific but he argued it was clearly understood. Well I didn't wish to be too persistent

so I answered all right it's clearly understood between us. I thought I'd keep this agreement for a while yet, instead of sending it to you, Frank.

We went to the court house. Watts was told that it could not be appealed as an consolidated case as each defendant must put up five dollars docket fee. That means three hundred fifteen dollars for all the defendants. They are sure trying to make it hard for us. We went back to Watt's office. He telephoned Merin again of the result he had had. Merin could not see too, why the court (Kennedy) wouldn't allow our case to be consolidated as one. The docket fee for the circuit court of appeal is fifty dollars for each defendant. Merin is going to find out whether the circuit court of appeal would consider our case as an consolidated group for that court. If it cannot be done we must appeal four or five as an test case Merin said. After the phone conversation ended Watts asked again, that about three hundred dollars cash would be needed immediately to file an appeal. He said that Merin did not receive any money from the art not yet. (seems as if Merin's giving additional information to Watts) I told him not to worry

that I would vouch for it. And told him to go right ahead with the appeal. (I bet Watts' disgusted with me, what a stubborn jack he thinks) We learned from the Marshall that the boys would be sent to Leavenworth, Kansas and McKee's Island, Washington. It really was a jolt to me, Frank when I heard that. McKee's Island doesn't sound like any farm prison to me. So I had Watts phone up Merin again. Merin seemed surprised to hear that also. And McKee's Island being in the western defense zone at that. But he couldn't explain matters at all. Sure is disgusting. Watts said the Marshall gave permission so that brothers would be sent to one place. To his interpretation the group would be divided, a younger group more or less to McKee's Island and older group to Leavenworth. Nothing definite. It was already five pm but I got permission to see the boys so that they would be able to make some sort of an arrangement.

This morning (pretty late) phone call from Watts woke me up. He said Jim Kuwada wished to see us. We all went to the jail.

At the same time we received permission to see Min Jamesa, George Ishikawa, and Akira Yamamoto. We went into a private room and discussed matters. Pending appeal, time would not be applied to the sentence but we file an election that takes care of the situation explained Watts. Why all these red tapes, I don't know, but it seems like we have to go through the regular procedure. But if you want on bond their time out would not be applied to the sentence. Unless their appeal is reversed in the circuit court which is probably stated Watts.

I went to Watts office in the afternoon. He said he may have some money for Min. Yup, money again. This is a kind of bore. I argued I don't see why he can't go ahead with it since negotiations had already been made. I stressed that money would be sent as agreed. After few exchanges Watts ~~stated~~ insinuated if you can't trust us you'll probably have to get another lawyer. It's the other way around I told him you don't seem to trust us. But we need the money in order to

I asked Judge Watts to phone me about eight
p.m. if any new should arrive from Mexico,
and departed his office. I phoned Heast with
Ja. George Nozawa to call me at nine p.m.

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