

March 22, 1957

Mr. Ray H. Jenkins
Knoxville Bank Building
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Ray:

I want to take this occasion to again thank you for the generosity of your time, your many courtesies, and most especially for your decision to join us in the defense of John Nickerson. It is a real privilege and pleasure to know you and to work with and under you in a case of this importance and magnitude.

I would have written you yesterday except for the fact that I returned to my office to find an NLRB field investigator and a number of witnesses in my office, which consumed my entire day.

I am attaching a couple of clippings from local papers simply to show you the treatment and enthusiastic reception that your entry into the case has been given. My remark about the "selling job" impresses me as quite silly, but I am confident that in my enthusiasm yesterday in talking to the local reporters I no doubt made this statement. Also attached you will find certain pertinent material, and you will continue to receive such material from both this office and Colonel Zimmer's office from time to time.

I just wish that you could have been in Huntsville yesterday to hear and observe the enthusiastic expressions by local leaders and others of your entry into this case.

Thanking you again and looking forward to having you with us at your convenience, in which Mrs. Bell joins me, I am

Always sincerely yours,

Robert K. Bell

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