

March 2-57

Dear Col. Nickerson -

My son, John Brownlow, called us last night, and among other things, he asked if we thought Ray Jenkins would be interested in representing you when you are brought to trial for giving out secret information. John thinks Ray is an extra fine lawyer (which he is) and that in getting him, you would be assured of a fair trial, at least.

I am a close friend of Mrs. Ray Jenkins, and know Ray very pleasantly. I

would be more than glad to ask  
him to take your case, if that  
is what you want. I did not  
want to approach him until I  
had first contacted you.

I can tell you this. When Ray  
was appointed to represent "the  
other side" in the Army-McCarthy  
hearings, it was said that Ray  
had never lost a case - no matter  
how dark the evidence appeared.

If you would prefer to write  
directly to him, he is

Ray Jenkins

Bank of Knoxville Bldg.

His phone number is 4-2747

His home address is

940 Cherokee Blvd.

and his home phone is 8-1021

Hope this information will be of  
some assistance to you, and I do  
sincerely hope that all comes out  
well for you.

Sincerely  
Margaret C. Browlow  
(Mrs. J. F. B.)

Huntsville, Alabama,  
March 9, 1957

Dear Mrs. Brownlow:

I have your friendly letter of March 2nd and wish to sincerely and genuinely thank you for it. I was most highly pleased to hear from John again, through your letter, and I want you to know that both your interest and his in the pending charges against me prove most gratifying to my family and me.

Your suggestion of the possibility of Mr. Ray Jenkins, appearing in behalf of my defense appeals to me very, very much. I have discussed this at length with Mr. Robert K. Bell, an attorney of Huntsville, whom I have employed as my civilian defense counsel, and Mr. Bell shares my enthusiasm, in the hope that Mr. Jenkins can join in my defense. Mr. Bell is thoroughly familiar with Mr. Jenkin's brilliant status in the American Bar, and would be highly pleased to work with Mr. Jenkins in my behalf.

There is however, one feature that disturbs me, and this is the fact that I, like so many army career men, am a man of limited financial resources, and I just hope that I can arrange to have the services of a person of Mr. Jenkin's capabilities.

I would appreciate it very much if you would ask Mr. Jenkins if he would consider defending me, and if Mr. Bell and I might come to Knoxville and discuss the matter with him. We will come at his convenience, and hope that it can be sometime this week.

The charges against me arise from a situation wherein the Defense Department is using a security cloak to prevent disclosure of information that should be made public in the national interest. There has been no compromise of classified information. Further the information in question could and should be declassified. I am not guilty of false swearing or any violation of the espionage act, although this has been charged. I have done nothing but act in what I firmly believe to be the best interest of the Army, and our National Defense Program. I am enclosing a statement which I gave the press today which explains my basic motives.

Please let me hear from you after contacting Mr. Jenkins, and if we are permitted to come to Knoxville, it is our sincere hope that it will be convenient for us to make you a brief social call and express our appreciation in person.

Thanking you again for your letter and interest, as it is one of the most promising and practical offers we have received, and asking that you express my deep appreciation and warmest regards to John, I am

Very Sincerely Yours,

John C. Nickerson, Jr.

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*friendly*  
I have your letter of March 2nd and wish to sincerely and genuinely thank you for it. I was most highly pleased to hear from John again, through your letter, and I want you to know that both your interest and his in the pending charges against me is most gratifying and deeply appreciated by my family and me.

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Please permit me to add, that I have done nothing but act in what I firmly believe to be the best interest of the Army, and our National Defense Program. I certainly have never done or dreamed of any action or ~~thought~~ thought that might be detrimental to the welfare of our country, and the facts when revealed will conclusively prove this.

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Very sincerely yours,

John C. Nickerson, Jr.,

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March 13-07

Dear Col. Nickerson -

I got in touch with the  
office of Ray Jenkins today,  
and his secretary told me  
that Ray is in the midst  
of two murder trials - one  
to come up today and one  
tomorrow. He said he had  
been so snowed under  
with work on these two cases,  
that he had not yet had  
time to even read the  
papers I left at his office.  
But he said he would get  
to them late this week and  
would call me as soon as

asked me to see if Ray Jenkins  
would be interested in the case.  
Of course you know John as  
Jack, and you probably were  
bewildered and wondered how  
in the dickens I became involved  
in a matter that was no concern  
of mine. If I remember correctly,  
you were John's best man at his  
wedding to Jane here in Hawaii,  
and Carol was the maid of honor.  
I told all this to Mrs. Ray Jenkins  
so that Ray would know why I

he had read and signed  
the information.  
I think you would be  
surprised to know how  
things turned out with the  
upcoming delay. There this  
letter.  
In order to clarify my  
own standing in the matter,  
I need make explanation  
to start out with that I am  
Col. John F. Brewster Jr.  
mother, and I need to write  
a note to your wife as soon  
as you should be here, I  
wish to be made of this  
"mess", because Jack

had an interest in the  
case.

As soon as I hear  
something definite from  
Ray Jenkins, I will let you  
know. Since you say you  
can get a post judgement, I  
feel that it is not so urgent  
to get immediate action.

We will keep our fingers  
crossed and hope Ray  
says "yes".

Sincerely,

Margaret C. Brownlow  
(Mrs. J. F. B.)

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Knoxville, Tenn.