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Dear Buster:

I don't think I need to say how much I have enjoyed our association; as much as I regret the difficulties in which Jack Nickerson found himself, it has, at least, paid that amount of dividend. I hope--indeed I know--that there will be many occasions in the future on which we can renew and refresh our friendship.

I'm enclosing the picture you asked. Your asking is real flattering. It was taken near Las Vegas, Nevada several years ago during one of the atomic bomb tests. Since it shows me at work, I consider it more representative than a simple head shot. Hope you like it.

I talked to Ray Jenkins briefly last week; he was here on some business or other. He tells me he will recommend against an appeal.

Again, my thanks for everything.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jim G. Lucas". The signature is stylized with a large loop at the end.

Jim G. Lucas

July 25, 1957

Mr. Jim G. Lucas
Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance
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Dear Jim:

I have your letter of December 19, along with the picture attached, and wish to sincerely thank you for both. I am most highly pleased and deeply appreciative, not only of the picture which in my judgment is excellent, but of the affectionate friendship that exists between us.

I was particularly pleased that your letter made reference to a chat you had with Ray Jenkins and that you stated Ray recommends against any appeal of the Nickerson case. I have had a tremendously tough time with John Nickerson in trying to get him to keep his big mouth shut and to forget the word "appeal." As a matter of fact, he has nothing to appeal from in that there could not be any error in the record; as I believe without exception Colonel Scarbrough, the Law Officer, ruled in our favor on every issue that was raised during the trial. I just sincerely hope that John will realize that he is a very fortunate man under the circumstances and the quicker the Nickerson case is closed the better off it will be for himself, Carol and their four fine youngsters.

Looking forward to seeing you, possibly there in Washington, in the not too distant future, I am

Always sincerely yours,

Robert K. Bell

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