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Dear Mr. Holmes:

Thank you for your letter of October 18 concerning the Ray trial and assignment of media representation.

I sincerely regret that none of the three national religious-oriented agencies that I represent has been provided a place. It is not a personal regret, but as a Memphian aware of the some 700 churches in our community that the 'outside world' will get the impression that religion does not play an important role in our midst.

From our previous conversations and correspondence, you may recall that I officially represent the following:

RELIGIOUS NEWS SERVICE (New York) - serving some 300 periodicals (religious and non-religious) plus radio & TV outlets

NATIONAL CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICE (Washington) - serving all the Catholic publications in the U. S.

THE REGISTER SYSTEM (Denver, Colo.) - publishers and printers of a national and servicemen's edition plus 28 diocesan editions (including the TENNESSEE REGISTER) -- approximately 1 million copies each week.

If Judge Battle reconsiders any further assignments, we should be most grateful for consideration over and above the rotating situation.

We are grateful for the auxiliary press room. And we are sympathetic with the sensitive situation in which you are centered. Rest assured you have our prayers and fullest cooperation.

Sincerely yours in Our Lord,

  
(Rev.) J. E. Eiselein, M.A., P.R.S.A.

cc: The Honorable Harry C. Pierotti  
The Honorable W. Preston Battle  
✓ Sheriff William H. Morris, Jr.

Congratulations on your re-election!  
I had a chance to note absentee  
before leaving for South America.