Letter of James Kennedy

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Attached is the letter from James O. Kennedy. I spoke to his case worker Gary Compton who explained that Kennedy does not read or write well and Compton helped him draft this letter. Compton related some additional information regarding Kennedy's contact with the TOOLE brothers but nothing that relates to our case.

I will eventually memo this to the file and send a copy to H.P.D.

Phil

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Mr. Mundy:

My name is James O. Kennedy and in the early 80's I owned a salvage yard. Ottis Toole's brother (I cannot remember his first name), would come to my place of business as would Jack Frier. Mr. Toole would, at times, tell me that his brother (Ottis), was a sick and mean person but never gave me any specific information why he felt this way. Later, after Ottis Toole was arrested and it came out in the news about all the things he was accused of, his brother would tell me (in effect), 'see, I told you all along he wasn't right in the head'. Furthermore, Mr. Toole found out all these things about his brother, as the rest of us did, from the news.

It may be that Mr. Frier is confusing one brother with the other or that he believes Ottis' brother told me things about him prior to his arrest. I assure you this was not the case.

The reason I was reluctant to say anything to you was because I was afraid I might get extradicted when I really don't have anything of substance to tell you. I'm at this camp and my wife lives in Lexington and I just want to do my time, get my visits weekly and get out. I'm glad I have this opportunity now to help, even though I don't know anything. My prayers go out to all his victims and to the families.

Thank you.

Sincerely Yours

James O. Kennedy