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284 Allstate Drive
Jackson, Mississippi
April 2, 1963

Dear Jim,

From what I can determine, the facts about Clyde Kennard are essentially as you outlined them to me. The recommendation, however, was for indefinite parole rather than pardon.

I am confident that Kennard received competent, professional treatment here in being seized. Many of us wonder how a responsible judge could give a man seven years - the maximum sentence - for stealing 2 ducks, chicken feed when if he were unquestionably guilty, ninety days would be the usual sentence. It makes one believe in Hell & the Devil.

Willie Anne Jones one in best regards to you and Dutch.

Sincerely,
Alton