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**Frances X. Grottano**

Lewis M. Steel '63

November 1, 1971

Mr. Francis X. Grottano  
135 Eastern Parkway  
Brooklyn, New York

Dear Frank:

I enclose our check for \$400 to cover the balance between your \$600 advance and your bill of 11/29/71.

I hope we can get to see Piazza and Dietz at the earliest possible time. The letters went out yesterday, certified.

Sincerely,

Lewis M. Steel

LMS:cpm

Francis X. Grottano  
135 Eastern Parkway  
Brooklyn, New York

November 29, 1971

Lewis M. Steel, Esq.  
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New York, N. Y. 10013

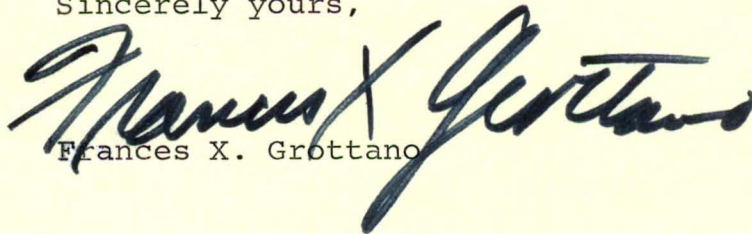
Re: William A. Maynard, Jr.

Dear Mr. Steel:

As per your recent letter, I am submitting the following:

1. Investigation and search for various witnesses in  
Brooklyn, Queens, Manhattan, Bronx; office confer-  
ences, etc., ten days . . . . . \$750
  2. Expenses (car, incidentals) . . . . . 150
- Total . . . . . \$900

Sincerely yours,

  
Francis X. Grottano

MAYNARD  
Investigation

for Frank Grtano

① Find out who owners  
of Heat Wave was on  
day in question

The Mgr Feldman said  
owner with him at time  
shot fired - Feldman  
10 ft away. Was he interviewed  
by cops. If so, what did he tell them?

② MISSING D.D.S.'s  
Can we get?

Mottens

DD  
5

66

Louis Piazza  
25-75 Main ST

Bridgeport

334-7735

Male H 25 years 170 possibly wearing  
mustache  $\frac{1}{2}$  in hair would clapped - winter jacket  
sport coat

~~Dodge 6 25130~~  
bullet down slant - dirty looking

DD

70

Paul Dietz

522-83rd ST Bklyn

TR 6-7544

Male 1 - 5'9 - 6ft 20-25

ltun - than jacket 34 length

Male 2 - 5-5 20 years

September 10, 1971

Mr. Francis X. Grottano  
135 Eastern Parkway  
Brooklyn, New York

Re: People v. Maynard

Dear Frank:

This is to itemize what I am enclosing:

1. Adrian Connor (the prisoner who confessed).
  - (a) yellow sheet
  - (b) complaint in felony case
  - (c) confession given on two separate occasions. You should note that in the final statement taken down by the Warden, Connor at the end denies he committed the crime; in the second note to the Warden (written by Connor) he takes responsibility for the shooting.
  - (d) an F.B.I. report which followed the confession
2. Warner Guy (the man who was at the scene, and told the Tombs Chaplain that Maynard didn't do it).
  - (a) turned over yellow sheet, addresses, photo at office
  - (b) Court Exhibit 5 - police notes on Warner Guy
3. Other Eyewitnesses according to police records turned over during second trial.
  - (a) Court Exhibit 6 - Dr. Brienza
  - " " 7 - James Louis Scott
  - " " 74 - Piazza
  - " " 8 - Andy Bones
4. Copies of composite drawings.

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5. Morris (the key eyewitness).

In October, 1970, Dennis Morris was a Specialist 4, assigned to Headquarters Co., Fort Hamilton, Brooklyn, N. Y.; is married with two children. On 4/3/67 lived at 406 Central Avenue with mother. Was inducted into Army, May 22, 1967; served in South Korea, May 1968 - February 1969.

I do not have Morris' serial number. Do we need more information on him before we set up the meeting to have him made available, and if so, can you get it?

Sincerely,

Lewis M. Steel

LMS/cpm

Enclosures

September 10, 1971

Mr. Francis X. Grottano  
135 Eastern Parkway  
Brooklyn, New York

Re: People v. William A. Maynard

Dear Mr. Grottano:

Pursuant to our conversation, our law firm hereby retains you to act as our preparation man in the above case.

I enclose the agreed upon retainer of \$500, which shall be applied against your per diem fee of \$75 plus expenses. It is further understood that you will thereafter bill us each time your fees and expenses reach \$500.

I look forward to a fruitful association with you.

Sincerely,

Lewis M. Steel

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