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Erika Mann

January 5, 1952

Mr. Victor Jacobs
Galef and Jacobs, Law Offices
22 East 40th Street
New York 16, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Jacobs:

If only I were rich, wealthy, moderately well-to-do or even a wage-earner of any kind! I am none of these things and consequently frightened stiff by the statement sent me by your office. Somehow I harbor the dim hope that this particular bill has been put together without your knowledge and that you will be so very good as to reconsider its contents.

Your office says: Fee - \$350. Would that mean the fee due you on account of my reentry permit? But this time I had personally applied for the document; in some fashion all the papers involved got lost either here or in New York or en route, and no sooner had I notified you of this state of affairs than you succeeded - mysteriously quickly, by the way - in getting the thing issued. At the time I ventured to hope that no large amounts of blood, sweat and tears had to be spent on your part. That a simple clerical error might be at the source of it all seems to be indicated by the fact that the sum of \$3.08 is listed on the bill as having been paid out for the reentry permit proper. As stated before, I applied and paid for the permit myself and since this small amount has been charged to me by mistake, it would not appear to be impossible that additional mistakes have been made.

World fame, if of a highbrow nature, pays but scantily. My father's obligations are countless; lously, I constitute one of them, and I assure you that he cannot at this juncture afford to spend \$449.19 for my reentry permit. Whatever the sum, it will have to come out of my very smallish monthly allowance, and with your kind permission I shall have to pay in installments.

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Please believe in the sincerity of my hatred as far as this cry for help is concerned. I know that you will want to do your generous best to assist me.

In a frank and shameless effort to put you into a merciful mood, I am sending you T.M.'s latest book "The Holy Sinner". May the occasion on which it is being shipped not spoil your fun in reading it.

I am anxiously awaiting your reply.

Thanks, incidentally, for your last communication regarding my plan to write an article of the "J'Accuse"-type. The project has been dropped for the time being. I am having enough troubles, as matters stand, - including the state of my father's health which has been worrying us for some time, and shall have to wait for a more opportune moment.

With my warmest regards and renewed best wishes for 1952,

Yours as ever cordially

Erika Mann.

Enclosed statement of December 31st for ardently desired revision.

