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Dear Mr. Guthrie,

As a reporter for the Los Angeles Times, I've already written about the Mid-West Bank Robbers case, but it's obvious there's much more to tell.

Now that you have finished your plea negotiations, would you take some time to talk with me about the case?

I'm very curious about your life on the road during these years, especially because we're about the same age - okay, I'll confess to being a little older - and come from the same suburban D.C. background.

And, having seen the Aryan Republican Army video and heard descriptions of the robberies themselves, it's clear that you are someone who knows that being committed to a quest and a cause does not rule out intelligence and humor. I once interviewed a man very deeply involved in militia training and the Patriot movement who said to me: "See? It must be interesting for you to realize that there are people in militias who aren't wackos." I know that is a common journalistic perception, but I have moved beyond that. I understand the differences between militias, the Patriot movement, the white movement -

Having read some of the movement literature, from The Turner Diaries to ~~the~~ selections from the Steamfront, including the Watchman, I do understand some of the philosophical underpinnings, though I don't pretend to be an expert.

You have been living a life that few Americans understand. Some of it will come out in court. It is ^{so} complex, though, that I would appreciate the chance to get your guidance and present the story as accurately as I can.

I would be glad to come to Covington, and in fact I plan to be in Cincinnati this week. Please call me (collect, of course - I realize there's no other choice, anyway) and we can make arrangements to talk. I am at (312)

Thanks for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Judy Pasternsk