

Mr. Fred Spence  
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Rev. John P. Raynor, S.J.  
President Marquette University

Dear Father Raynor:

With tears in my eyes and soul disturbing pain and suffering in my heart, I am coming to you again, asking you to follow through with your promise made to me and my wife, in your office on May 11, 1978, to supply us with the results of your investigation, surrounding the death of our son Walter Olyn Spence, on April 26, 1978 at Marquette University.

It was exactly two months ago today, that our son died. After my wife and I personally checked into his sudden, unexplained, un-investigated death, for only three days, did we decide that the truth about his death is being covered-up, and being God fearing Christians, we try very hard everyday to be, the decided over all other avenues, to bring this information to your very personal attention on May 11, 1978.

After telling you this very very disturbing information for three hours and hearing your and Mr. Quade denial of any knowledge of our information, we believed you.

We felt we had done what God had directed us to do, concerning our son's death.

In asking you to go to the Civil Authorities with this information, instead of us, I believed it would be better for the Church, the Catholic University, and last and least important, your Representative involved. It was this horrible shocking knowledge that I wanted you the President to initiate, because I did not feel worthy enough to speak those words to the Civil Authorities and therefore to the public. No matter how the information I told you was revealed to the Authorities I knew it would be disastrous. But the Truth is Always Right, and no matter how disturbing it may be. I say this because I believe the Truth is the Truth, and no matter how difficult it is to say it will set us free from our sins or be our Eternal Damnation. At least that is how my Bible teaches me and how I make my Confessions. I believe in my Religion and I try very conscientiously to live my life as an example of those teachings.

You told my wife and I that you would do exactly that and that you wanted to investigate the death for your own knowledge also, which I told you I had no objection. It is at this point that you have decided to change your words and substitute your investigation for a Civil Authorities investigation.

I say this because that in law your actions has been decided, Only you had Mr. Scott do the "Double Talking" about there only being your investigation, and after you have analyzed your findings, you would present Something to the Authorities.

Father Payson, I try very hard to be a good Christian, but I did not expect that switching around of intentions to come from the Catholic Institution's President, and the Church. It was at this time, along with the knowledge that your father, was taking directions from your Legal Counselor, that I really knew just how disastrous this death of our son, at Marquette Hands really meant, but I still believe the truth and only the whole truth is demanded, that is exactly what I believe God Almighty has instructed Walter O. Spence Parents to seek, and we, with His Guidance will do His Will. And that's where we are coming from Father, all we want is the Truth.

We sent you our two sons, Melvin Jeffrey Spence and Walter Olyn Spence after twelve years of Catholic schooling here in Connecticut and Melvin Jeffrey graduated <sup>MAY</sup> June 21, 1978 as a Physical Therapist, and our son Walter, a Sophomore was sent back home to us Dead and by Marquette Hands.

Father Rayner. How can we continue to live with this knowledge of our son's death, day and night constantly going through our hearts and mind. From the things we know about his death is enough to make us mentally unstable if not resolved very very quickly. We definitely are undergoing agony and pain in our hearts and mind that only God knows how very disturbing to our existence. But we are praying very very hard, like never before to stand the feet and hold on to His hand, for we know He will be our refuge and our strength if we can just hold on to His hand.

It is for this reason, once again, that I am asking you Father, to like mine, take the Truth over all other matters and hear our plead, and come to our assistance with the Truth surrounding the death of our son. My heart is full of Peace and I am asking as a child of God to another child of God, to let the True death of our son be revealed.

We were promised a Daily Report or a Weekly Report, which ever we choose, from your Mr. Scott, when we were giving him all our information, and before you father had obtained your Legal Counselor, and Mr. Scott was busy taking notes of the information we were giving him for Marguerite Ametystian.



And now that almost two months has gone by since our talking, and there has not been one (1) word from your Father, or your Mr. Scott, and this is to turn really I fear our hearts wide open and the cry out to our Lord and Jesus to comfort us and hear our prayers and be our refuge and strength. We try in our outward appearance and daily activities to conceal this most unbearable cross, as I may use such a word, but to us it seems appropriate, as to our existence from day to day. I do not know how much longer we can hold out, but we are doing our very very best.

We know that it was God's Will that our son died, but we also believe that it is also God's Will that the Truth of his death be made known to us and it is this Truth that we seek. We also believe what is done in darkness will be revealed in light and the Truth and only the Gospel Truth will set us free and lift this burden from our hearts and soul.

Father Peyton I have come to you again, seeking and asking, with Jesus Christ in my heart and his Holy Bible in my hand, and I await your answer. Please answer me Father you and not your legal counsel, because I spoke to you no one else.

Yours in Christ  
Mr. E. M. Jones

I am sending a copy of this letter also to our Attorney's Office for his record.