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January 20, 1964

Mr. F. Lee Bailey
40 Court Street
Boston
Massachusetts

Dear Lee:

Herewith enclosed are stats of the Consent and Release documents signed by Sam and by the other four Sheppards that I mentioned in our discussions at the hotel the other night.

You may have these copies, if you wish, for your files.

Best,

Gene Lowall

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Enclosures
The Court of Last Resort,  
ARGOSY Magazine,  
205 East 42nd Street,  
New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Sirs:

This Consent and Release is intended to supplement your printed form of Consent and Release (which I am signing concurrently herewith) and in no way to limit or qualify the same.

In connection with your investigation of my case, I agree that I will submit to a polygraph examination by such individual, or individuals, as you may select, and at such time and place as you may be able to arrange. I further agree that such examination may be had at one time, or from time to time, as you may elect.

I hereby consent that you may publish in ARGOSY Magazine the facts and circumstances surrounding such examination, the results thereof, and the opinions with respect thereto, of the person, or persons, who shall have conducted such examination, or to whom the results thereof may have been disclosed. Such consent shall extend and apply to any uses you may make of my name, or of any picture or photograph of me. I also agree that the Court of Last Resort may make any other uses of such examination, results, opinions, and my name, picture and photograph, as it may have done, with respect to the corresponding elements, in other cases it has investigated.

By this Consent and Release (as well as by the printed one mentioned), I intend to preclude myself from making any claim of libel, invasion of privacy, or otherwise, against any Member of the Court of Last Resort, Popular Publications, Inc., publisher of ARGOSY Magazine, or any other person whom you may engage, or who may become associated with you, in the investigation of my case or in connection with the publication or other use of the facts and results thereof.

Very truly yours,

(Samuel H. Sheppard)
March 12, 1957

Court of Last Resort,
ARGOSY Magazine,
205 East 42nd Street,
New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Sirs:

Each of the undersigned is a member of the family of Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard, who was convicted of murdering his wife. We believe he is innocent, and have asked you to investigate his case. You have indicated that you are prepared to do so, and, in consideration thereof, we are executing this Consent and Release.

Each of us agrees that he or she, as the case may be, will submit to a full polygraph examination by such individual, or individuals, at such times and places, as you may select. Each of us consents that you may publish, in ARGOSY Magazine, the facts and circumstances surrounding such examinations, the results thereof, and the opinions, with respect thereto, of the person, or persons, who shall have conducted such examinations, or to whom the results thereof may have been disclosed.

Each of us fully understands that, in connection with your investigation of the case of Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard, you may publish the facts concerning his life; his relationships with various members of the family, including ourselves, and others; the crime of which he was convicted; the trial of his case; his personality, appearance and prison record; as well as opinions you may form as to his guilt or innocence. Each of us fully appreciates that he or she, as the case may be, may be drawn into the discussion of some or all of such matters, and consents to the publication and use of such matters, alone, or in conjunction with situations relating to ourselves, and to each other.

Each of us further consents to any uses you may make of our respective names, pictures or photographs, and to any other uses of the facts, circumstances, examinations, results, opinions, names, pictures and photographs, mentioned above, which the Court of Last Resort, may have made of the corresponding elements of other cases it has investigated.

By this Consent and Release, each of us intends to preclude herself or himself from making any claim of libel, invasion of privacy, conspiracy, or otherwise, against any member of the Court of Last Resort, Popular Publications, Inc. (publisher of ARGOSY Magazine), or any person who may be engaged by, or become associated with, you, in the investigation of the case of Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard, or, in connection with the publication or other use of the facts and results thereof, as aforesaid.

Very truly yours,

[Signatures]

Betsy M. Sheppard

Lawton M. Sheppard
Court of Last Resort
Argosy Magazine
205 East 42nd Street
New York 17, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I am confined in prison and am innocent.

I am anxious to have you undertake an investigation of my case.

If you will undertake such investigation, and in order to interest you in doing so, I hereby authorize and permit you to publish any and all facts concerning me, the crime of which I was convicted, my character, personality, appearance, prison record, and any and all matters concerning my past, my background, together with any opinions you may form as to my guilt or innocence.

All I ask is that you and your investigators publish the facts as you see them and in order to encourage you to do this, I specifically agree I will make no claim for libel, slander, invasion of privacy, or otherwise; and you may make such comments in print, orally, by radio, television, or dramatize them on the screen.

Realizing the manner in which you work, and in order to interest you in my case, I agree that you are to have the exclusive right and I hereby give and grant you and your representatives or assigns all such rights exclusively, to publish any and all of the matters mentioned in paragraph three hereof in Argosy Magazine or in any other pamphlet, magazine or book; and in case there should be any dramatization of the activities of the Court of Last Resort on the air, screen, or otherwise, I give you permission to use any and all such facts concerning my case, character, background, or otherwise.

I am willing to take a polygraph examination.

I understand that the only way you can keep the confidence of your readers is to call the shots as you see them, and in the event you uncover anything which is detrimental to me or to my case, I will have no objection to having you make such information public. I understand that you must necessarily act as a fair and impartial investigating board and present the facts to your readers as you see them and I consent that you do so.

I fully understand that in investigating these cases you can only choose a very limited number to present to the public, that you may therefore at any time drop the investigation of my case, may publish as much or as little of it as you want, and I specifically state that no representative of Argosy Magazine has now, or at any time in the future will make any statements or promises to me other than as herein contained, nor offer me directly or indirectly any compensation of any sort. I am signing this release solely in the hope that you will find it possible to investigate the facts of my case, publish such facts as you discover and that as a result of such publication, justice will be done.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]