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To: Editors, Supporters, and Laymen

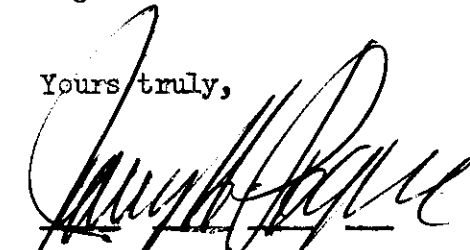
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Dear Editors, Supporters, and Laymen:

Mobile area Lay Law School Classes have been providing community legal education for virtually one year. We have created over ten different subjects ranging from practical two-hour classes like procedures to follow toward getting loveones out of prison" to longer more theoretical classes like "Legal aspects of Veteran Administration benefits and upgrading bad discharges". Our materials are typed and illustrated pamphlets which are requested all over the state. The idea for an organization, Lay Law School Classes, grew from Link's penal reform workshops and seminars to a Families For Action organization. Hundreds of people have come to Link's criminal justice information office and have gained strength from finding they could fight some of their own legal battles.

Several persons have been involved and are needed to do jobs necessary to put together each class session. Examples of work that volunteers do are: writing legal pamphlets, answering literature requests, teaching classes, finding teachers, doing publicity, raising funds to help with rent, paper, ink, postage, phones, and our larger expense - subsistence salaries. We are not government funded and the Alabama Coalition on Jails and Prisons who sponsor us can only afford to provide a National Lawyers Guild member who serves as coordinator-teacher. We are determined to keep our classes free and our pamphlets cheap. Many small efforts from individuals have carried us a long way. We accept speaking invitations and assistance that supporters give.

Yours truly,



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