

Ray Security Called Danger To His 'Sanity'

By CHARLES EDMUNDSON

The health of James Earl Ray, charged with slaying Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., is so threatened by security measures in force at the Shelby County Jail that he may not be able to stand trial as scheduled Nov. 12, a private detective employed by Ray's attorney said last night.

Renfro T. Hays, 40-year-old investigator with offices in the Commerce Title Building, compared some of the conditions in Ray's cell with "devices used by Communist police agents to destroy the health and balance of their victims."

Hays spoke of bright lights kept shining night and day, of television cameras constantly monitoring the prisoner and of uninterrupted lack of privacy.

Arthur Hanes, Ray's attorney, complained of the same items to Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle in a preliminary hearing Friday. Mr. Hanes was instructed to put his complaint in writing. The written complaint is expected to be argued at another hearing Wednesday.

Mr. Hays said, his work in interviewing prospective witnesses has been easier since Judge Battle Friday repeated his caution that a court order restricting publicity is not to interfere with the right of witnesses to talk to attorneys for the prosecution or the defense.

Interviewed by telephone in Birmingham, Mr. Hanes said only he will have his motion asking security changes ready Wednesday. In court Friday Mr. Hanes charged the conditions "constitute cruel and unusual punishment."

Mr. Hays said he does not think the conditions criticized in Ray's cell result from intentional persecution.

"I don't for a moment think Sheriff Bill Morris is trying to drive this guy out of his mind. But it's the effect of this type of surveillance that counts."

EXHIBIT A

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Shelby County or his agents.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Defendant prays this Honorable Court will issue an order directing the Sheriff of Shelby County, Tennessee to permit Defendant and his counsel to confer in private, absent the presence of law enforcement officers and television and microphone reproduction, and to permit Defendant and counsel to exchange notes and correspond without censorship by agents of the Sheriff of Shelby County, Tennessee.

Respectfully submitted,

By Anthony J. Hayes
Attorney for Defendant

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this 18th day of September, 1968, served a copy of the foregoing Motion, by hand, upon the Attorney for the State of Tennessee in this case.

By Anthony J. Hayes
Attorney for Defendant

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IN THE CRIMINAL COURT OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE

STATE OF TENNESSEE

V.

NO. 16645 MURDER FIRST DEGREE

JAMES EARL RAY
ALIAS ERIC STARVO GALT,
ALIAS JOHN WILLARD,
ALIAS HARVEY LOWMEYER,
ALIAS LOWMYER

NO. 16819 CARRYING DANGEROUS WEAPON

SCIRE FACIAS

THE STATE OF TENNESSEE

TO THE SHERIFF OF SHELBY COUNTY;

WHEREAS, in certain causes pending in the Criminal Court of Shelby County, Division III, wherein James Earl Ray, with aliases, is charged with Murder in the First Degree and Carrying a Dangerous Weapon, and whereas on the 18th day of July, 1968 an order was entered, amended on the 23rd of July, 1968, and supplemented on the 30th of July, 1968, prohibiting certain specific acts and further enjoining certain parties from making any and all statements which may be prejudicial to a fair trial by an impartial jury.

THESE ARE, THEREFORE, to command you to summon Charles Edmundson, Renfro Hays, Roy Hamilton and Arthur B. Hanes, Sr. if to be found in your County to appear before the Criminal Court of Shelby County, Division III, at the Criminal Court of Shelby County, in Memphis, Tennessee on the 27th day of September, 1968 at 9³⁰ A.m. then and there to show cause, if any they have, why they should not be adjudged in contempt of this Court in failing to comply with the orders of this Court.

Herein fail not, and have you then and there this writ.

WITNESS, James A. Blackwell, Clerk of the Criminal Court of Shelby County, Tennessee at Memphis, Tennessee, this the 17th day of September, 1968.

A TRUE COPY ATTEST

DATE: 9-17-68

NAMES: J. A. Blackwell

CRIMINAL COURT CLERK

James A. Blackwell
JAMES A. BLACKWELL, CLERK

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Filed - Sept. 17, 1968
J. Blackwell
Criminal Court Clerk

PETITION FOR CONTEMPT

TO THE HONORABLE W. PRESTON BATTLE, JUDGE OF THE CRIMINAL COURT OF
SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE, DIVISION III

Your petitioners, amici curiae show to the Court as follows:

That petitioners are the duly appointed and acting amici curiae
having been so appointed by this Court by order of July 29, 1968.

That heretofore, the Court on July 18, 1968 entered an order
on Courthouse and Courtroom procedures and publicity and on July 23,
1968, entered an amendment to said order. Further, under date of July
30, 1968 supplemented said orders prohibiting and enjoining the perpe-
tration of certain specific acts in connection with publication given
instant case including, but not limited to, making extra judicial
statements about this case which involve (5) "--- or the treatment, acts
and attitude of the defendant---" and all other statements which may be
prejudicial to a fair trial by an impartial jury in this case, whether
specified herein or not.

That there appeared in the Commercial Appeal, a newspaper of
Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee under date of Thursday morning,
September 12, 1968 an article headed "Ray security called danger to his
'sanity'" under the byline of Charles Edmundson in which Renfro T. Hays,
an investigator, and Arthur B. Hanes, Esq., the attorney for the
defendant, are quoted, a copy of said item is attached hereto and made
Exhibit A to this petition.

Under date of Thursday, September 12, 1968 there appeared in the
Memphis Press Scimitar an item headed "Hanes has 'no plans' for delay" under
the byline of Roy Hamilton in which Arthur B. Hanes, Sr., attorney of

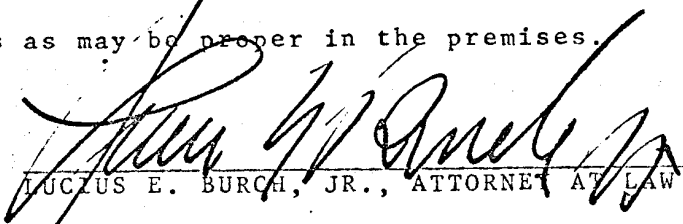
record for the defendant is quoted, a copy of said newspaper item is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

The respondents, Charles Edmundson, Roy Hamilton, Renfro T. Hays and Arthur B. Hanes, Sr., had actual knowledge of the aforesaid orders and injunctions issued by the Court.

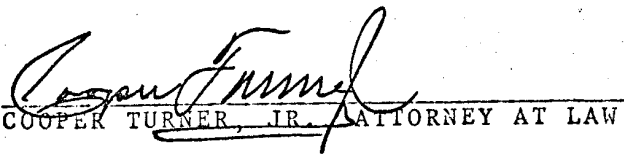
Petitioners believe and, therefore, aver that respondents are in contempt of the orders and injunction of this Court and that they should be cited in contempt thereof or be required to show cause why they should not be held in contempt of this Court.

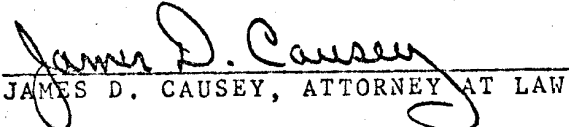
WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, PETITIONERS PRAY:


1. That proper process issue demanding Charles Edmundson, Roy Hamilton, Renfro T. Hays and Arthur B. Hanes, Sr., to appear before this Court and show cause, if any they have, why they should not be adjudged in contempt of this Court and its orders and upon hearing of said cause that the Court enter such other orders as may be proper in the premises.


LUCIUS E. BURCH, JR., ATTORNEY AT LAW



J. ALAN HANOVER, ATTORNEY AT LAW


COOPER TURNER, JR., ATTORNEY AT LAW


JAMES D. CAUSEY, ATTORNEY AT LAW


LEO BEARMAN, JR., ATTORNEY AT LAW


LEE A. HARDISON, ATTORNEY AT LAW


DON OWENS, ATTORNEY AT LAW

A TRUE COPY ATTEST

DATE: 9/17/68

NAME: *OE Kosta*

CRIMINAL COURT CLERK

STATE OF TENNESSEE

COUNTY OF SHELBY

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned notary public, the aforementioned petitioners, who state that they have read the foregoing petition and that the facts contained therein are true to the best of their knowledge, information and belief.

M. K. Marchildon
NOTARY PUBLIC

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES:

May 15 - 1972

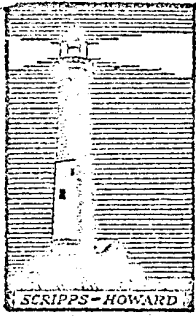
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TO THE CLERK OF THE CRIMINAL COURT OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE:

File this petition and issue scire facias upon the petition ordering the respondents, Charles Edmundson, Roy Hamilton, Renfro T. Hays and Arthur B. Hanes, Sr., to appear before this Court on the 27th day of September, 1968 at 9³⁰ AM o'clock to show cause why they should not be adjudged in contempt of this Court for violation and disobedience of the Court's orders.

W. Preston Battle
JUDGE

A TRUE COPY ATTEST
DATE: 9/17/68
NAME: E. E. Kosta
CRIMINAL COURT CLERK



Memphis Press

WEATHER FORECAST: High today 82. Low tonight 58. Fair through Friday.

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MEMPHIS, TENN., THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1968

Hanes Has 'No Plans' For Delay

Ray's Attorneys Still Planning Trial Nov. 12

By ROY HAMILTON
Press-Scimitar Staff Writer

The defense for James Earl Ray, accused killer of Dr. Martin Luther King, has "no plans" to seek a postponement of his trial scheduled Nov. 12 in Memphis, Arthur J. Hanes Jr. said today.

"So far as I know we will be ready to go on the 12th," said Hanes, who is assisting his father, Arthur J. Hanes, in Ray's defense.

REPORT

It had been earlier reported that the senior Hanes had "intimated" in a Birmingham interview that Ray might not be able to stand trial in November because his health was being jeopardized by intensive security measures in his Shelby County jail cell.

Hanes Sr. was in court on another matter but his son, when asked about the report, said, "Some things are read into statements that are quite often only in the eyes of the beholder. I know of no plans to ask for a continuance."

COMPLAINT

The younger Hanes did confirm that Ray had complained about conditions in his cell and he said it was possible that a written motion may be filed next week asking for relief.

The defense lawyers are due back in Memphis Wednesday to inspect items of physical evidence accumulated by the state for use in the prosecution. The defense won access to the state's evidence in a hearing last week in Judge W. Preston Battle's court.

QUOTED

In the earlier report, Hanes Sr. was quoted as saying that Ray has undergone "enough to bug anybody" during his confinement. He said Ray has had two guards "breathing down his neck 24 hours a day" and sometimes has to cover his eyes against the bright lights "shining on him night and day" in order to sleep.

Hanes charged that the security setup surrounding Ray constitutes "cruel and unusual punishment."

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(Details on Page 2.)

TELEPHONES: NEWS AND GENERAL . . . 526-2141
WANT ADS 526-8292
CIRCULATION 525-7601

EXHIBIT B

IN THE CRIMINAL COURT OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE

STATE OF TENNESSEE

VS

No. 16645
(Murder)

JAMES EARL RAY, Alias

FILED 9/19/68
J. A. BLACKWELL, CLERK
BY E. E. Kester D. C.

M O T I O N

Comes the Defendant in the above captioned cause, by and through his Attorney of Record, and respectfully shows unto this Honorable Court the following:

1. Defendant is incarcerated in the Shelby County, Tennessee, jail awaiting trial in the above captioned cause.
2. Defendant has retained Arthur J. Hanes and Arthur J. Hanes, Jr. as counsel to represent him in this cause.
3. In order that Defendant may be fully represented before and during trial, it is necessary that he have the opportunity to confer in private consultation with his attorneys prior to trial.
4. Defendant has not been afforded the opportunity to confer in private with his counsel in the following: At all times when Defendant has been in consultation with counsel at least two law enforcement officers of Shelby County, Tennessee or the city of Memphis, Tennessee have remained present and within the hearing of Defendant and counsel; Television cameras and microphones have been focused on Defendant and counsel, the same with viewing screens and amplifiers in the office of the Sheriff of Shelby County, Tennessee; After each consultation, notes written by Defendant to counsel are inspected by law enforcement officers before counsel is allowed to leave Defendant; Defendant's mail to counsel is censored and read by the Sheriff of

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Defendant respectfully prays this Honorable Court to issue an order directing the Sheriff of Shelby County, Tennessee to cease and desist from the use of television lights, cameras and microphones, to constantly surveille Defendant, and if Defendant be mistaken in this prayer, he respectfully moves this Honorable Court to issue such further and different order as it may deem meet and proper to remedy the ill herein alleged.

Respectfully submitted

By Anthony J. Hanes
Attorney for Defendant

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this 18th day of September, 1968, served a copy of the foregoing Motion, by hand, upon the Attorney for the State of Tennessee in this case.

By Anthony J. Hanes
Attorney for Defendant

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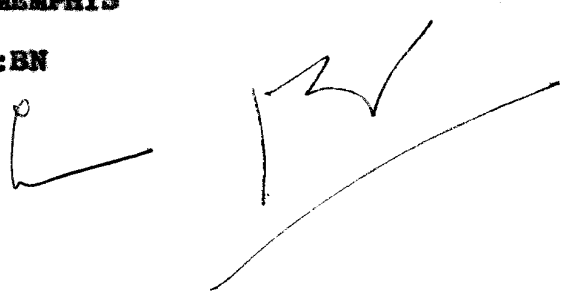
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P
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Submitted herewith for the information and assistance of the Bureau are Xerox copies of the "Scire Facias" and two motions filed by the Attorney ARTHUR J. HANES.

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STATE OF TENNESSEE

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(Murder)

JAMES EARL RAY, Alias

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J. A. BLACKWELL, CLERK
BY E. Koster D. C.

M O T I O N

Comes the Defendant in the above captioned cause; by and through his Attorney of Record, and respectfully shows unto this Honorable Court as follows:

1. Defendant has been incarcerated in the Shelby County, Tennessee jail awaiting trial in the above captioned cause since July 19, 1968 to and through the present.
2. From the time of his incarceration, to and through the present, Defendant has been constantly and continuously illuminated by high powered lights and has been continuously surveilled by television cameras and microphones which are received in the office of the Sheriff of Shelby County, Tennessee.
3. No other prisoner in Shelby County or throughout the free world is so illuminated and surveilled.
4. The presence of said illumination and surveillance has deprived Defendant of the opportunity to rest or sleep and has a tendency to cause Defendant to be nervous and disturbed and constitutes an electronic form of cruel and unusual punishment.
5. The presence of such illumination and surveillance further provides an unwarranted and unde^{te}ctable opportunity for illegal identification and/or lineup of Defendant for the purpose of refreshing or suggesting recollection of Defendant to potential material witnesses in this cause.

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Date: 9/18/68
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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ON SEPTEMBER SEVENTEEN, LAST, W. PRESTON BATTLE, SHELBY COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT (SCCC) JUDGE, MEMPHIS, TENN., INSTRUCTED SCCC CLERK, MEMPHIS, TO FILE A PETITION FOR CONTEMPT AND ISSUE SCIRE FACIAS UPON THE PETITION ORDERING THE RESPONDENTS, CHARLES EDMONDSON, REPORTER, "THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL," ROY HAMILTON, REPORTER, "MEMPHIS PRESS-SCIMITAR," BOTH MEMPHIS DAILY NEWSPAPERS, ARTHUR B. HANES, SR., ATTORNEY FOR JAMES EARL RAY, AND RENFRO T. HAYS, PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR FOR HANES, TO APPEAR IN HIS COURT ON SEPTEMBER TWENTY SEVEN, NEXT, TO SHOW CAUSE WHY THEY SHOULD NOT BE ADJUDGED IN CONTEMPT OF COURT FOR VIOLATION AND DISOBEDIENCE OF THE COURT'S ORDERS ISSUED ON JULY EIGHTEEN, LAST, AMENDED ON JULY

Airtel _____ TWENTY THREE, LAST, AND SUPPLEMENTED ON JULY THIRTY,
Teletype _____ LAST. THIS PETITION CONCERNS ARTICLES APPEARING IN
A.M. _____ ABOVE NEWSPAPERS ON SEPTEMBER TWELVE, LAST, ENTITLED
A.M. S.D. _____ "RAY SECURITY CALLED DANGEROUS TO HIS SANITY" AND

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"HANES HAS NO PLANS FOR DELAYING." CLIPPINGS OF THESE ARTICLES WERE FORWARDED TO BUREAU BY MEMPHIS AIRTEL DATED SEPTEMBER THIRTEEN, LAST, AND BUREAU IS IN POSSESSION OF A COPY OF ALL THE ABOVE DESCRIBED COURT ORDERS.

ON THIS DATE, HANES, SR., FILED TWO MOTIONS IN SCCC REQUESTING JUDGE BATTLE TO DIRECT SHELBY COUNTY SHERIFF TO CEASE AND DESIST FROM THE USE OF TELEVISION LIGHTS, CAMERAS, AND MICROPHONES IN CONSTANTLY SURVEILING RAY AND TO PERMIT RAY AND HANES TO CONFER IN PRIVATE, ABSENT THE PRESENCE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, TELEVISION, MICROPHONE REPRODUCTION, AND TO PERMIT RAY AND HANES TO EXCHANGE NOTES AND CORRESPONDENCE WITHOUT CONSORSHIP OF SHELBY COUNTY SHERIFF. A COPY OF EACH OF THESE MOTIONS AND OF THE PETITION FOR CONTEMPT WILL BE FORWARDED BUREAU BY MEMPHIS AIRTEL THIS DATE.

AS OF ELEVEN FORTY FIVE A.M., CDST, THIS DATE, HANES AND REPRESENTATIVES OF SHELBY COUNTY AG'S OFFICE ARE REVIEWING EVIDENCE MAINTAINED IN THIS MATTER BY

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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Date:

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**THE AG'S OFFICE PER INSTRUCTIONS OF JUDGE BATTLE.
NO DISAGREEMENTS HAVE BEEN ENCOUNTERED AS YET AND
THE DISCUSSION RE THE REVIEW OF EVIDENCE WILL NOT
BE TAKEN BEFORE JUDGE BATTLE UNLESS A DISAGREEMENT
OCCURS. THE BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF PERTINENT
DEVELOPMENTS. P. END.**

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Special Agent in Charge

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TO MEMPHIS ATLANTA

FROM DIRECTOR 1P

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THE DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED THE NINETEEN SIXTY-SIX MUSTANG RECOVERED IN ATLANTA AND PRESENTLY STORED IN ATLANTA SHOULD BE TURNED OVER TO THE MEMPHIS AUTHORITIES. MEMPHIS SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT MR. PHIL M. CANALE, JR., STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL, SHELBY COUNTY, MEMPHIS, AND MAKE SUITABLE ARRANGEMENTS TO EFFECT THEIR POSSESSION OF THE NINETEEN SIXTY-SIX MUSTANG IN ATLANTA. THE DEPARTMENT ALSO ADVISED THAT IN CONNECTION WITH FUTURE COURT ACTION, IF MR. CANALE SHOULD MAKE A REQUEST FOR A PARTICULAR PIECE OF EVIDENCE RETAINED BY THE BUREAU, SUCH ITEMS SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO HIM. MEMPHIS AND INTERESTED OFFICES WILL BE ADVISED BY SEPARATE COMMUNICATION RE CANALE'S REQUEST AS CONTAINED IN MEMPHIS TELETYPE TO BUREAU OF SEPTEMBER SIXTEEN LAST.

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named or produced herein; Any fingerprints used or displayed in any search for Defendant; Expended slugs from a firearm, or fragments thereof; Bullets, hulls, shells or casings, expended or unexpended; Maps, television sets, binoculars, or other tangible objects purportedly used or handled by Defendant; Logs and records of calls made over the radio network of any law enforcement agency of Shelby County, Tennessee, during the period of April 4, 1968 through April 5, 1968; The names and addresses of all witnesses for the State in this cause; Any and all statements, signed or unsigned, attributed to or purportedly made by Defendant and ~~any and all statements made in the presence of the Defendant to which note of his reaction was made;~~ ^{A. J. H.} Any bank or trust company records pertaining to Defendant, his accounts or transactions by or concerning him.

The Attorney for Defendant shall be allowed to inspect, copy, or photograph the above named items and documents at such reasonable time, place and manner as shall be mutually convenient to the Attorney for the State and the Attorney for Defendant; The terms of such inspection shall remain under the supervision and control of the Court.

The Defendant's Motion to Produce ballistic and weapons tests and reports thereof is hereby denied as being the work product of a law enforcement officer or Attorney for the State.

Done this 18th day of September, 1968.

C. W. Preston Bauer
 Judge, Division 3, Criminal Court of Shelby
 County, Tennessee

OK Robert K. Dyer
 Executive Clerk

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 Affirmed by
 Arthur J. King
 Attorney for
 Defendant

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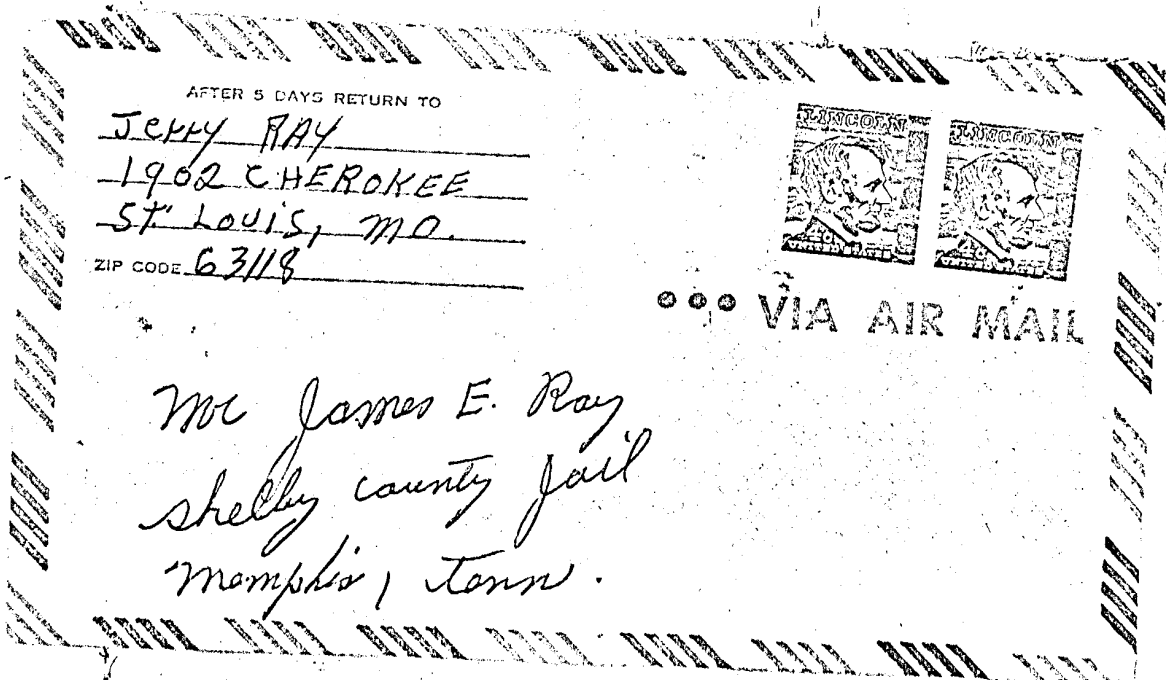
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Dear Jimmy:

I received your letter last week and would have answered it right back but I didn't know if I were going to stay in St. Louis or not. I thought about going up to Quincy and work for a few weeks. I think I'll just stay around St. Louis until your trial starts. If everything goes as planned Jack and I will be at your trial, I imagine it will last for quite awhile.

I haven't learned anything new since I wrote to you last as I haven't talked to Haines or Stoner since Jacks Carol are okay. Hones never did send me that contract you were telling me about concerning the Book. If anything comes up where you want to see me about something just let me know and all drive down.

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Haines mentioned the last time I talked to him that he would like to talk to Carol Jackal. Jackal could meet him in Memphis on one of his visits to you. He would have to let us know when, but if he talks to Carol he will have to come to St. Louis.

I guess all close for now.
as ever
Brother

Jerry Ray

P.S. Let me know when and of anything
new develops concerning the case.

IN THE CRIMINAL COURT OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE

STATE OF TENNESSEE

VS.

No. 16645
(Murder)

JAMES EARL RAY, Alias

O R D E R

This cause having come on for hearing on September 6, 1968, on defense Motion for Discovery, the Court having heard arguments of counsel for the State of Tennessee and for the defense, and being otherwise fully advised in the premises,

It is, therefore, ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED as follows:

The defense Motion for Production of books, papers, documents and tangible objects is hereby granted as to the following: Any fire-arm or other weapon belonging to Defendant or allegedly used in committing the crime charged; Any automobile allegedly owned or operated by Defendant and any and all objects found therein; Documents, particularly guest registers, pertaining to any hotel, motel, rooming house or other purported place of residence, temporary or permanent, of Defendant from April 23, 1967, until June 8, 1968, and of the alleged victim of the crime charged from March 25, 1968, through April 4, 1968; Any photographs in possession of the Attorney General purportedly showing Defendant or others sought in connection with the crime herein charged; Penal records of Defendant, including any and all medical, optometric, or psychiatric reports contained therein or produced while Defendant was in custody of any authority; Any military records of Defendant in the possession of the Attorney General, including results of medical, optometric, or psychiatric tests and results of proficiency tests; Passports, visas and applications therefor; Manifests, passenger lists, tickets, or other documents pertaining to transportation of or travel by Defendant; Any fingerprints found on tangible objects

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LONDON ENGLAND

THE MAN TO ASK AND TALK TO
WHEN YOU GET THE NUMBER IS.

MR. MICHAEL EUGENE

you can probably get the phone
from the British consul in St. Louis.
Write back & let me know what
he says. But don't get too
much bother about it. Tell
Jack & Everybody to take it easy.

Jimmy

P.S. ENGLAND IS ON DIFFERENT
TIME THAN THE U.S.A. SO SEE
WHEN IT'S WORKING HOURS THEIR
ALSO IF T. BONE EVER GOES TO FULTON COME & SEE ME,

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Dear Mr. Eugene;

I would appreciate it very much if you would write me and give me some information on how to acquire the transcript of the extradition proceeding against me in England and any other legal papers involving my hearings.

1. could you send me the price of the trial transcript.

2. Do you still have those papers that we reviewed and if so what would be the price for duplicate copies.

3. are these the ones you sent Mr. Hones? Mr. Hones suggested I write you as there is some conflict of what you sent him.

MY ADDRESS ON ENVELOPE.

Sincerely, James E. By.

LONDON NAME, R.G. SNEYD

JAMES RAY
SHELBY COUNTS JAIL
MEMPHIS, TENN.
U.S.A.

To. MICHAEL DRESDEN
SOLICITOR COMPANY.
132 TAVISTOCK.
LONDON, ENGLAND.

AIR MAIL

To, MR. MICHAEL EUGENE,

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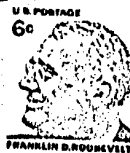
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Dear Jerry:

I will just write a few lines
to let you know I rec'd your letter
yesterday the day after I wrote you
if Hones wants to see you then
let him come up there, also I
~~don't~~ doubt if he sends you
anything. There is something I forgot
to tell you yesterday, I would like
for you to call the lawyer I
had in London England and ask
him if he ever sent Hones any
legal papers I had over there, if
so how much was the cost.
The name of the law company is
MICHAEL DRESDEN CO.
SOLICITORS



To. Mr. Jerry Ray.
1902 Cherokee.
St. Louis, Missouri.
63118.

If you have already talked to
Pres. Storer it alright, but if you
haven't hold up a few days until
we see what Storer says.

On legal I say if you can't get the
English attorney don't worry about it
as I have wrote him and I
think he will answer but I thought
I would have you call in case he
don't answer me back, But write right
back if you do contact him...

also ask Jack or you to
talk to Percy Foreman again
and get his opinion on my trial
especially about taking the witness
stand. I'm not just sure yet
what I am going to do but will
decide within a week or 10 days
so if you can find out the
info, and write ~~write~~ back
what I am trying to do is
get advice from more than
one attorney on this case,
keep it easy.

Jimmy

P.S. Also tell Stoner I will
pay him for coming up.

ask Foreman about seeing me also,
Jack knows his address, ask him please to come up.

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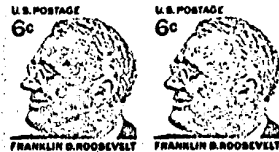
I will just write a few lines,
I wrote you a few days ago but
I guess you have been too busy on
the other case to reply.

The reason I am writing you again
is not only in regards to the libel
case but on other matters relating
to my case as well, which will
help to be settled shortly.

I will reimburse you for what
the expense of coming up here is *Ray*.

Sincerely
James E. Ray

JAMES RAY
MEMPHIS, TENN.
COUNTY JAIL,



To: Mr. J. B. Stoner ✓
attorney at law
P.O. Box - 6263
Savannah, Georgia, 31405

SPECIAL DELIVERY
AIR MAIL

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Sept 18-1968

Dear Jerry,

I will just write a few lines
to let you know everything is
O.K. at home was here today.
That lawyer from Savannah Georgia
hasn't got up here yet. I don't know
if he is busy or not. What I want
you to do is call him again and
ask him how soon he can get up to
see me. I wrote him but hasn't heard
from him, it possible he might be coming
to come. His name is J. B. STONER
PHONE 355 4271 - SAVANNAH, GA. Tell
him if he can't get up write and let
me know, also you write right
back & let me know what
he said in case he forgets to write.
Over.



To. Mr. Jerry Ray
1902 Cherokee
St. Louis, Missouri

SPECIAL DELIVERY

10-18-68

Dear Mr. Hones;

I have been thinking a lot of what you said yesterday, most especially about tactics. We come to the conclusion that this is an important matter as least from my position. Therefore before I agree to this I think I should have more than one legal opinion, therefore I have written my father and ask his assistance on this matter, I don't think the opinion will give me but one chance on this. In the meantime I am writing everything down. I will get your opinion on these different matters when you come up.

JAMES HOY
MEMPHIS, TENN
COUNTY JAIL.



To: Mr. Arthur Hones, Attorney.
617 Frank Nelson Bldg.
Birmingham, Alabama.

SPECIAL DELIVERY

also I forgot to tell you
but there was two mistakes
in that story ~~which~~ one important
I will talk to you about there
when you come up.

Sincerely,

James E. Ray

P.S. I THINK HOIE HAS MISUNDERSTOOD
THE MALTZ^{THING} WHILE THINKING ON
IT, AND IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT
TO CORRECT IT BEFORE ITS SENT IN.

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9/20/68

AIRTEL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P
MURKIN.

Submitted herewith for the assistance and information of the Bureau is copy of the order issued in instant case dealing with evidence. It is noted the order was not prepared until 9/18/68.

In addition, there are submitted herewith copies of six letters. Five of these were prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, two being written by RAY to his brother JERRY, one to J. B. STONER, one to ARTHUR HANES, and one to a firm of solicitors in London. The sixth is a copy of letter received by subject RAY from his brother JERRY.

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FBI WASH DC

647PM URGENT 9-20-68 GMA

TO MEMPHIS

FROM DIRECTOR 1P

Joe
Call them (Canale & Co)
re this & set
up tentation day
Wednesday
Tell Bureau
definite decision
as to what field
offices & when
etc will be
made after
evidence
removed
at Bureau
also we will
have time
to give notice
RJ

MURKIN

YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT MR. PHIL M. CANALE, JR., STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL, SHELBY COUNTY, MEMPHIS AND ADVISE HIM HE AND/OR HIS REPRESENTATIVES MAY PROCEED TO OUR LABORATORY IN WASHINGTON, D. C. FOR REVIEW OF THE EVIDENCE IN BUREAU'S POSSESSION. HE SHOULD PROVIDE US WITH SUFFICIENT NOTIFICATION AS TO HIS DATE OF ARRIVAL. YOU SHOULD ADVISE THE BUREAU AS TO THE IDENTITY OF THE RESPECTIVE FIELD OFFICES THAT MR. CANALE PLANS TO HOLD PRETRIAL CONFERENCES WITH AGENTS AND WITNESS IN ORDER THAT SACS WILL HAVE SUFFICIENT NOTICE TO ARRANGE THEIR PERSONAL ATTENDANCE IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE BUREAU'S INTEREST. CORR LINE SIX FIFTH WORD SHOULD BE OF

END

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FBI MEMPHIS

Done
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| <i>Hester</i> | <i>[Signature]</i> |

9-23-68

AIRTEL

AM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

MURKIN

On this date, Sheriff WILLIAM N. MORRIS, JR. advised that he received information that J. B. STONER, Attorney, had been in correspondence with JAMES EARL RAY. The nature of the correspondence was to the effect that J. B. STONER volunteered his services at no cost to JAMES EARL RAY and indicated that he would arrive in Memphis on Wednesday, 9/25/68, to meet with JAMES EARL RAY.

Sheriff MORRIS was of the opinion that JAMES EARL RAY was losing interest in ARTHUR HANES, his present attorney, and might conceivably let STONER defend him in the forthcoming trial. Sheriff MORRIS also advised that he had picked up information indicating that JAMES EARL RAY at the present time was desirous of taking the stand on his own behalf when the trial occurs in Memphis. Sheriff MORRIS also stated that the current attorney, ARTHUR HANES, does not want his client JAMES EARL RAY to testify.

Bureau will be kept advised of additional developments as they occur.

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- 1 ATLANTA (INFO) (AM)
- 1 BIRMINGHAM (INFO) (AM)
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J. B. STONER
ATTORNEY AT LAW
P. O. Box 6263
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA 31405
PHONE 355-4271 AREA CODE 912

September 20, 1968

Mr. James Earl Ray
Shelby County Jail
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Ray:

I have just received your letter of September 18 requesting that I visit you in Memphis. Please excuse me for failing to answer your earlier letter, but I was in Kentucky where I am now representing eight innocent men who are falsely charged with murder.

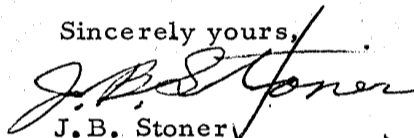
I will leave Savannah next Wednesday and will head straight to Memphis to see you as soon as I stop off in Atlanta for one day. I will be at the jail to see you either next Friday or Saturday. Of course, if it is absolutely necessary for me to see you sooner, please advise and I will fly out to see you.

It is nice of you to offer to pay me, but that will not be necessary. I am willing to render any legal services that you request, free of charge.

As soon as you receive this letter, please write a letter to Judge Battle and ask him to please tell the officials at the jail to allow me to visit you when I arrive at the jail. Also, please send a letter to the Sheriff, or whoever is in charge of your jail and notify them that you wish for me to visit you on legal business. If they will let you use the phone, please call me.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,


J.B. Stoner

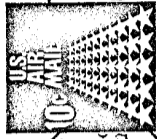
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P. O. BOX 6263
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA 31405



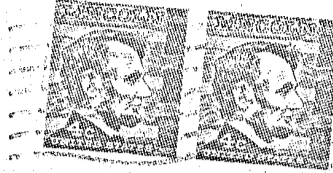
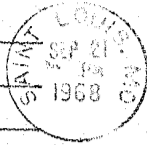
Mr. James Earl Ray
Shelby County Jail
Memphis, Tennessee

Special Delivery

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AFTER 5 DAYS RETURN TO

Jimmy Ray
1962 Cherokee
St. Louis, Mo
ZIP CODE 63118



VIA AIR MAIL

Mr James E. Ray
Shelby County Jail
Memphis, Tenn

Sept 21, 68.

Dear Jimmy:

I received your letter yesterday morning and talked to Stoner over the phone a few hours after receiving your letter.

I can't tell you every word he told me as unlike any other conversation this one was long, he talked for at least fifteen minutes.

He's very much interested in your welfare and he said everything he does for you will be for nothing as he doesn't want a cent. I am not going to say very much concerning our conversation as he said that he had just sent a letter to you asking you to ask the Judge for permission to visit you. So you will probably get that letter before this one. He did seem kind of unhappy about Huie writing that book on account of his past books and his stand on Race Relations. He also thought it would be a good idea to
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if you took the stand. He figures on visiting you sept 27. He also said it was against the law for him to advise you on legal matters being you have a lawyer.

The Reason he didnt write to you sooner was because he was in Kentucky.

I'll call Foreman up Monday and if I get hold of him then I'll write you the some day, if not I'll keep calling and will let you know as soon as I talk to him personally. I hope Foreman agrees to see you and his advice would mean a lot.

like I said in my last letter if anything comes up where you want to see Jack or if about anything just let us know, also if you want us to see Jones, Huey or Stoner and they cant make it up here then we could meet them in Memphis. I'll check for news, we'll write again just as soon as I talk to Foreman. Carol & Jack are also.

as ever Brother Jerry Ray.

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9-24-68

AIRTEL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P
MURKIN

Submitted herewith for the information and assistance of the Bureau are two copies of a letter prepared by J. B. STONER, Attorney-at-Law, addressed to JAMES EARL RAY. It is to be noted contents of letter suggest very strongly that J. B. STONER will arrive in Memphis and will make efforts to talk to subject RAY.

There are also enclosed two copies of letter which appears to have been prepared by JERRY RAY to his brother JAMES EARL RAY. In this letter, JERRY indicates he has spoken with J. B. STONER and that STONER has indicated he didn't want a penny for helping JAMES EARL RAY. Of particular significance is the implied criticism of WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE because of his stand on race relations. HUIE, as the Bureau knows, considers himself a liberal on race relations in Alabama. Apparently JERRY's discussions with J. B. STONER disclose that J. B. STONER felt it would be a good idea for JAMES EARL RAY to take the stand.

The Bureau will be kept advised of other developments.

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Date: 9-24-68

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT
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Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)
FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987) P
MURKIN.

REBUTEL SEPTEMBER TWENTY LAST AND MY CONVERSATION WITH MR. *sub-O-12A*
WILLIAM GRIFFITH OF THE LABORATORY THIS DATE.

ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY ^{GENERALS} ROBERT K. DWYER AND JAMES
BEASLEY, AND MR. JOHN CARLISLE, INVESTIGATOR FROM THE DISTRICT
ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, ARE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE WDC ABOUT NOON,
SEPTEMBER TWENTYFIVE NEXT. THEY HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO PROCEED
DIRECTLY TO THE OFFICE OF ASST. ^{DIRECTOR} D. CONRAD FOR PURPOSE EXAMINING
EVIDENCE IN MURKIN CASE WHICH IS BEING HELD AT LABORATORY.

MR. DWYER HAS STATED THEY WILL RETURN MEMPHIS FROM WASHINGTON
AND HE WILL ADVISE MEMPHIS OFFICE AT THAT TIME OF HIS PROPOSED
ITINERARY AND WILL FURNISH LIST OF AGENTS AND WITNESSES IN THE
VARIOUS CITIES WHICH ARE TO BE INTERVIEWED BY HIM AND HIS STAFF. P.
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Approved: *R Jensen*
Special Agent in Charge

Sent *9:42 a* M Per *sab*

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Date: 9-23-68

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) (P)
MURKIN

Re Memphis tel to Bureau, 9-16-68, re conference with District Attorney General PHIL M. CANALE, Memphis.

It is requested the Memphis Office advise Kansas City if and when witnesses are needed from this area as arrangements can be made to have them all interviewed at the same time. Also, representatives can be taken to the Missouri State Penitentiary in order that CANALE's representatives can view the prison and interview the Warden, plus any witnesses they may desire from that area.

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2 - Kansas City
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Special Agent in Charge