



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

9-24-68

Dear Jerry;

I read your letter Monday & had to hear everything is alright. I also heard from S. B. Stoner he said he would be up Saturday. I told you in the last letter that you didn't help to talk to Foreman yet but I guess it wouldn't hurt anything what I was gone to do was wait until I found out when Stoner would be here but now I no, I guess you know this case is getting kind of complicated plus they have the trial date set for Nov. 12 and I don't think Hornes can do everything that has to be done. What I would like for you to do is besides

Talking to Foreman is to send me
his phone no. + address as I
can write to him + explain the
circumstances of the case to him.
Take it easy.

Jim

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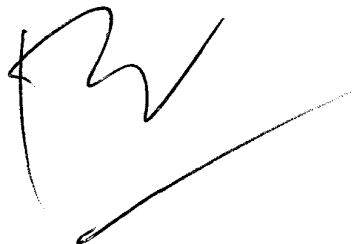
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

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Enclosed for information of the Bureau is copy
of letter dated 9-24-68 from JAMES EARL RAY to his brother JERRY.

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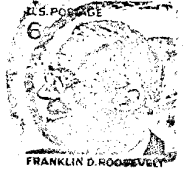
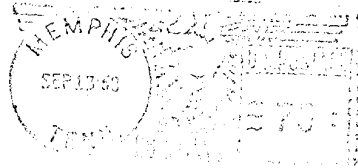


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J. RAY
MEMPHIS, TENN.
COUNTY, FAIR.



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Hon. W. Preston Battle - Judge.
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Sept-12-1968

DEAR SIR;

I WOULD LIKE TO RESPECTFULLY CALL YOUR
HONOR'S ATTENTION TO THREE ARTICLES WRITTEN
ABOUT ME SINCE YOU ISSUED YOUR ORDER
AGAINST PUBLICITY IN THE INSTANT CASE,
ONE ARTICLE IS IN THE AUGUST ISSUE OF
THE READERS DIGEST BY MR. JEREMIAH
O'LEARY, I AM SURE YOU WOULD AGREE
THAT THIS ARTICLE COULD NOT HAVE BEEN
WRITTEN WITHOUT THE ASSISTANCE OF
SOMEONE IN THE JUSTICE DEPT,

THE OTHER IS A PICTURE OF ME IN A
LATE EDITION OF A TABLOID CALLED THE
INQUIRER, THIS IS A TYPICAL PICTURE
WHICH THE LAW AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN
RELEASING OF ME, IN THIS INSTANCE THE

1.

PICTURE WAS TAKEN AND RELEASED BY THE
SHELBY COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICE, IT SHOWS ME
MANACLED UP, A BULLET PROOF VEST ON
AND LOOKING LIKE I JUST BEEN PULLED
OUT OF THE RIVER, THE ACCOMPANYING STORY
DOES NOT RELATE TO ME, THE THIRD STORY
CAME OUT IN WEDNESDAY'S COMMERCIAL APPEAL
THE 12TH. OF SEPT. BY MR. WILLIAM BRADFORD
HUIE. I THINK ALMOST ANYONE READING
BETWEEN THE LINES WOULD INTERPET THIS
ARTICLE AS MEANING THE ONLY THING I AM
INTERESTED IN IS MONEY AND IN MY GREED
FOR IT I AM GOING TO WELY EXPOSE SOMEONE
OR ORGANIZATION SUCH AS WAS MENTION IN
THE NEWSPAPER ARTICLE, I WOULD LIKE
TO SAY FOR THE RECORD BOTH PUBLIC
AND PRIVATE, I DONT KNOW ANYONE TO
EXPOSE AND I WANT TO DISASSOCIATE

2.

MYSELF FROM THIS ARTICLE, I HAD RELIED
TO MR. HUIE THAT I WOULD TELL HIM WHERE
I HAD BEEN AND WHAT I HAD DONE AND THATS
ALL, THAT I DIDNT CARE WHAT HE WROTE
BUT NOT TO QUOTE ME. ALSO I CERTAINLY
DIDNT ASK FOR THE ARTICLE OR ANY OTHER
PRE TRIAL STATEMENTS FROM MR. HUIE.

I REALISE YOUR HONOR DOES NOT HAVE JURISDICTION
OVER NATIONAL PUBLICATIONS LIKE THE DICAST,
BUT I WOULD THINK SO IN THE PICTURE RELEASE
AND THE HUIE RELEASE. I HAVE SAID NOTHING
SINCE I ARRIVED HERE THINKING THESE
STORYS WOULD STOP UNTIL AFTER THE TRIAL
BUT APPARENTLY THEY ARE NOT, THEREFORE IN
THE NEAR FUTURE I AM GOING TO HAVE AN
ATTORNEY FILE SOME LIBEL SUITS, AND
CONTRADICT SOME OF THE OUTRIGHT LIES.

I AM ALSO SENDING THESE STORIES AND
PICTURES TO THE ETHICAL COMM. OF THE A.B.A.
I BELIEVE IF THESE TYPE OF ARTICLES DONT
STOP I MITE AS WELL WAIVE THE TRIAL
AND COME OVER AND GET SENTENCED,

I REALIZE THAT MR. HANES SHOULD BRING
THIS UP BUT I THINK UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES
I HAD TO,

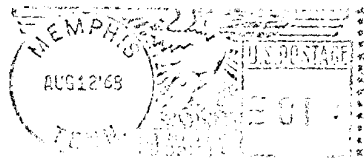
I AM ALSO WRITING HIM TODAY ABOUT THIS MATTER.

SINCERELY

James Earl Ray

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JAMES RAY
MEMPHIS COUNTY JAIL
Memphis, TENN.



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To, Hon. W. Preston Battle
Judge of the Criminal Court
Memphis, Tennessee.

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Dear Judge;

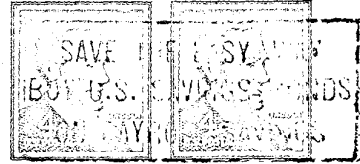
Sometime in the near future I expect to have an attorney file a libel suit against some publications, in order to do this I or a member of my family will have to engage another attorney as Mr. Arthur Howe my attorney on the charge I am presently being held on is too busy. The reason I am writing you is I am having trouble getting a visit from my brother to discuss this legal matter with my brother as you can see by the enclosed letter he has been here twice and couldn't see me because of a technicality that I didn't ask to see him, one brother did get in but was only permitted to stay 10 or 15 minutes, not long enough to discuss the legal questions. Therefore in view of the seriousness of the charge against me would you issue an order for a single 1 hr. visit. Thanks

Sincerely
James E. Ray

OVER

IN ORDER FOR MY BROTHER TO GET HERE
HE HAS TO TRAVEL APP. 900 MI. HERE+BACK, ST. LOUIS.

Jerry W. Ray
1902 Cherokee
St. Louis, Mo.



Mr James Earl Ray
Shelby County Jail
Memphis Tenn.

8-9-68
MR.

Aug 6, 68

Dear Jimmy:

Just a few lines to say hello
and also to let you know Jack and
I got back okay.

That was the second time we come
down to see you but neither time
would they let me in, they said
that you had to request to see
me. so if there is anything you
want to see me about or if you
just want to have a ~~foreign~~ friendly
talk then let me know and I'll
drive down and pay you a visit.

Jack talked to Arthur Haines J.R. over
the phone a few days ago.

Everybody in the family is okay.

All close for now, and will be waiting
for your answer. so until next time
take care.

as ever
Brother
Jimmy Ray.

DEAR SHERIFF;

AN ATTORNEY FROM SAVANNAH GEORGIA,
MR. J. B. STONER WILL BE UP TO SEE ME
IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND I WOULD APPRECIATE
IT IF YOU WOULD LET HIM IN. HE'S BEEN
ENGAGED BY ME AND SOME MEMBERS OF
MY FAMILY TO HANDLE SOME LIBEL CASES.

T.HANKS

James E. Ray

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ALSO IF I GET ANY MAIL WOULD YOU
HOLD IT FOR ONE OF MY BROTHERS
WHO WILL PICK IT UP WHEN THEY
VISIT ME.

THANKS
J. Roy

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SHERIFF MORRIS

I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF
YOU WOULD LET THE FOLLOWING IN

JERRY RAY - BROTHER
JOHN RAY - BROTHER

I don't know the price on these letters

8-9-68
W.F.M.

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H. Smith

I probably won't write but a few letters while I am here, therefore I don't think it necessary for me to send any list to the attorney general and have a long delay while he decides if my letters can go out. Also I believe under federal law I can ~~send~~ write to anyone I wish but that you have a right to censor for security reasons.

I would also like for you to let my brother in if he comes here to see me. His name is John Ray.

If there is any conflict I would very much like to get it settled as soon as possible

Thanks

J. Ray

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To: Mr. Morris Shreff

Please give my money to Mr. Hower
my att. so he can convert it into
U.S. currency.

James E. Ray

This date I received 30⁰⁰ from Mr. Arthur
Hower for James E. Ray.
L. B. J. Smith

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTN: DOCUMENT SECTION
FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

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Submitted herewith are five separate communications which Sheriff WILLIAM N. MORRIS, JR., Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, made available to SAC this date. These are letters prepared by subject JAMES EARL RAY. These are all samples of known handwriting and hand printing of subject RAY. They should be utilized for any additional handwriting comparison needed in captioned case.

In addition, there are furnished herewith the originals of two letters which were forwarded by RAY to the Honorable W. PRESTON BATTLE, Judge of the Criminal Court, Memphis, Tennessee. Judge BATTLE will be the presiding Judge in the JAMES EARL RAY trial. These letters were furnished by Judge BATTLE to SAC. In connection with these letters, District Attorney General PHIL M. CANALE, Memphis, raised point that possibility exists that utilization of material furnished the Judge might be prejudicial at some future date. CANALE pointed out that since Judge BATTLE would hear case he was of opinion that it would probably not be feasible to utilize handwriting in letters sent Judge BATTLE. Therefore, it is requested that handwriting examination prepared by Document Section utilize letters received from Sheriff MORRIS as primary sources for examination purposes.

Results of examination regarding letters received by Sheriff MORRIS should be handled in separate communication. Handwriting examination relative to letters received by Judge BATTLE should not be incorporated in the examination of handwriting contained in letters received by Sheriff MORRIS. The letters received by Judge BATTLE should be made a matter of a

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**a separate examination and a separate Laboratory report.
District Attorney General CANALE's views should be incorporated
in any results pertaining to examination of the letters received
by Judge BATTLE.**

**The originals should be returned to the Memphis Office
so that they can be delivered to Sheriff MORRIS and Judge BATTLE.**

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Date: **9-27-68**

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Via TELETYPE URGENT
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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)
FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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JUDGE W. PRESTON BATTLE HELD CONTEMPT HEARINGS THIS DATE BEGINNING AT APPROXIMATELY NINE THIRTY A.M. AS OF FIVE PM THIS DATE, CONTEMPT HEARINGS NOT CONCLUDED. FINAL DECISION WILL BE MADE WHEN COURT CONVENES AGAIN NINE THIRTY A.M. MONDAY SEPTEMBER THIRTY.

OF INTEREST IN CONNECTION WITH HEARINGS THIS DATE, AT CONCLUSION ARTHUR HANES, SR., ATTORNEY FOR JAMES EARL RAY, ASKED PERMISSION TO ADDRESS COURT. HANES ACCUSED THE BAR COMMITTEE WHICH WAS HANDLING MATTER OF SHOWING PREJUDICE IN PROCEEDINGS AND STATED HE HIMSELF MIGHT AT SOME FUTURE DATE WITHDRAW FROM THE CASE AS ATTORNEY FOR JAMES EARL RAY. HANES SAID HE WAS NOT MAKING POSITIVE STATEMENT AT THIS TIME BUT DID WANT THE COURT TO KNOW AS TO THIS POSSIBILITY. BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENTS.

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BUREAU ATTENTION DIRECTED TO PREVIOUS COMMUNICATIONS FROM MEMPHIS OFFICE SUGGESTING POSSIBILITY THAT J. B. STONER MIGHT BECOME INVOLVED IN INSTANT CASE. P, END

Approved: RGJ:BN (1)
R. Jensen
Special Agent in Charge

Sent DIR *6:17 PM*

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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JUDGE W. PRESTON BATTLE AT CONCLUSION OF CONTEMPT PROCEEDINGS ADVISED THAT HE DID FIND ATTORNEY ARTHUR J. HANES, SR., PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR RENFRO T. HAYS, AND NEWSPAPER REPORTERS CHARLES EDMUNDSON AND ROY HAMILTON ALL GUILTY OF CONTEMPT OF COURT. HE ADVISED THAT HE WOULD HOLD FINAL DECISION IN ABEYANCE AS TO POSSIBLE SENTENCE FOR ALL FOUR.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL PHIL M. CANALE, JR. ADVISED THIS DATE THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS REPRESENTATIVES OF HIS OFFICE WILL BE IN FBI OFFICE ATLANTA A.M. TUESDAY, OCTOBER ONE. AT THIS TIME THEY WILL HOLD PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCES WITH AGENTS WHOM THEY FEEL MIGHT BE NECESSARY IN CONNECTION WITH THIS TRIAL. EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL ROBERT DWYER ADVISED FOLLOWING ARE AGENTS OF INTEREST IN ATLANTA OFFICE:

JAMES DOLAN, JACK SIMPSON, RICHARD DAVIS, CARL CLAIBORNE, ALDEN F. MILLER, JACK T. BEVERSTEIN, JOHN G. SULLIVAN, ROBERT L. KAAS, AND JOHN OGDEN.

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1 - ATLANTA (AM)
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Special Agent in Charge

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IN ADDITION, DWYER REQUESTED CONTACT BE MADE WITH THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL WITNESSES IN ATLANTA FOR ASSISTANCE OF HIS OFFICE. THESE POTENTIAL WITNESSES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

MRS. ESTELLE PETERS, JIMMIE D. GARNER, HENRY H. WATERS, MARY L. BRIDGES, LUCY CATON, MRS. ERNEST PAYNE, CHARLES STEPHENS, AND TWO ATLANTA DETECTIVES, R. L. DAVIS AND MACK CREARY. THIS INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED ATLANTA TELEPHONICALLY.

DWYER STATED HE HOPED TO HAVE ALL INTERVIEWS COMPLETED AND WOULD DEPART ATLANTA IN ORDER TO ARRIVE BIRMINGHAM THURSDAY MORNING. AT BIRMINGHAM, DWYER STATED PRESENT INDICATIONS ARE THERE WILL BE NO NEED FOR ANY AGENT PERSONNEL TO TESTIFY. DWYER REQUESTED IF POSSIBLE ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE SO THAT HE AND STAFF COULD CONTACT THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE BELIEVED OF INTEREST TO HIS OFFICE:

WILLIAM D. PAISLEY, SR. AND JR., PETER CHERPES, DONALD F. WOOD, JOHN W. DESHAZIO, JOHN D. HENNERS, U. L. BAKER, A. L. ERWIN, JOE B. GILLILAND, HERBERT KELLY, C. E. KIRKPATRICK, DIANA BATTLE, MARLON C. MYERS, MRS. JOANNE MYERS, DORIS LADNER, RUBY GOODMAN, O. H. ABRAHMS, CLYDE R. MANASCO, JOHN M. KOPP.

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**BIRMINGHAM DIVISION HAS BEEN TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED
OF DWYERS REQUEST.**

AIRMAIL COPIES TO BIRMINGHAM AND ATLANTA.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)
FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

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RE MEMPHIS AIRTEL TO BUREAU DATED SEPT. EIGHTEEN LAST
ENCLOSING XEROX COPIES OF TWO MOTIONS FILED BY ATTORNEY
ARTHUR J. HANES IN SHELBY COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT, MEMPHIS,
TENN. HEARING ON THESE MOTIONS WAS HELD BY JUDGE W. PRESTON
BATTLE IN SHELBY COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT, MEMPHIS, SEPT. THIRTY
LAST.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE PROOF BY
BOTH DEFENSE AND PROSECUTION DURING THIS HEARING, JUDGE BATTLE
DISMISSED BOTH MOTIONS FILED BY THE DEFENSE WITH THE
EXCEPTION OF THE PORTION PERTAINING TO RAY'S CORRESPONDING
WITH HIS ATTORNEY. JUDGE BATTLE RULED THAT WRITTEN NOTES
EXCHANGED BETWEEN RAY AND HIS ATTORNEY ARE PRIVILEGED;
HOWEVER, THE SHELBY COUNTY SHERIFF OR HIS DESIGNATED AGENT
HAS THE AUTHORITY TO PERUSE THESE NOTES TO DETERMINE IF
THERE IS ANY ATTEMPT TO BREACH SECURITY OF THE JAIL. THESE
NOTES SHOULD NOT BE PERUSED FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING

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AT THE INCEPTION OF THE HEARING, ARTHUR HANES SR., ATTORNEY FOR JAMES EARL RAY, ADVISED JUDGE BATTLE THAT AFTER CONFERRING WITH HIS CLIENT ON THIS DATE HANES AND HIS CLIENT HAD DECIDED THAT THE LAW FIRM OF HANES AND HANES WILL CONTINUE TO REPRESENT RAY IN RAY'S FORTHCOMING TRIAL FOR THE MURDER OF REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. IT IS NOTED THAT DURING THE HEARING BEFORE JUDGE BATTLE ON SEPT. TWENTY SEVEN LAST HANES SR. IMPLIED TO THE COURT THAT AS A RESULT OF A DIFFERENCE OF OPINION BETWEEN RAY AND HIS ATTORNEY THE LAW FIRM OF HANES AND HANES MAY NOT REPRESENT RAY AT THE TIME OF TRIAL.

BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF ANY CHANGE OR DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS REGARD. P.
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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)
LOS ANGELES

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL PHIL M. CANALE ADVISED THIS DATE THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH PREVIOUS DISCUSSION REPRESENTATIVES OF HIS OFFICE WILL BE IN FBI OFFICE, LOS ANGELES, A.M., WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER NINE NEXT. AT THIS TIME THEY WILL HOLD PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCES WITH WITNESSES IN LOS ANGELES AREA. THEY WILL ALSO HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH AGENTS WHO MAY BE NEEDED IN CONNECTION WITH FORTHCOMING TRIAL. EXECUTIVE ASST. ATTORNEY GENERAL ROBERT DWYER (NA) WILL MAKE TRIP TO LA, ACCOMPANIED BY AAG JAMES BEASLEY AND INVESTIGATOR JOHN CARLISLE (NA). WITNESSES OF INTEREST TO AG'S OFFICE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

ESTHER NIETO, EIGHT ZERO ONE WEST TWENTYTHIRD STREET, APT. ONE ZERO FOUR, LOS ANGELES, RAN LAUNDRY MARKER BETWEEN MARCH FOUR AND MARCH EIGHTEEN.

ZERO
LUCY PINELA, FIVE TWO EIGHT/HOLLYWOOD BLVD., MANAGER, HOME SERVICE LAUNDRY & CLEANERS.

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**JEROME WALLIS VERNON, ONE TWO FOUR SIX WOODBURY COURT,
APT. B, OWNER LAUNDRY GALT REGULAR CUSTOMER.**

**HYMAN BECKMAN, ONE FIVE ZERO SIX N. NORMANDIE AVE., LOS
ANGELES, SERVICED MUSTANG.**

**BUDD COOK, JR., FOUR FIVE THREE ONE HOLLYWOOD BLVD., SERVICE
SALESMAN, CORT FOX FORD.**

**VERA BERNHARDT, ONE FIVE THREE NINE N. SERRANO AVE., LOS
ANGELES, SAW DEFENDANT DURING JANUARY.**

**DALE LEROY DYKEMA, EIGHT ZERO SIX SIX RING, LONG BEACH,
CALIF., COLLECTED RENT FROM GALT NOV. AND DEC.**

**MRS. MARGARITA (FRANK) POWERS, SIX FOUR TWO ONE WESTERN
AVE., BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, RENTED APT. TO GALT IN NOV. SIXTYSEVEN.**

**ASST. POSTMASTER W. C. BAKER, LOS FELIZ BRANCH, U. S. P. O.,
FOUR SIX THREE THREE HOLLYWOOD BLVD., FURNISHED CHANGE OF ADDRESS
CARD ON GALT.**

**ALLAN O. THOMPSON, MGR., ST. FRANCIS, FIVE FIVE THREE THREE
HOLLYWOOD BLVD.**

**OPERATIONS OFFICER SECURITY FIRST NATIONAL BANK, LOS
ANGELES, CHECK FOR TWENTYEIGHT DOLLARS SIXTYFIVE CENTS ENDORSED**

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ERIC GALT.

**ROBERT KEELEY, ROOM FOUR ZERO NINE ST. FRANCIS HOTEL,
RECEIVED CHECK ABOVE FROM GALT.**

**PACIFIC TEL. AND TELEG., ONE ONE FOUR NINE NO. GOWER ST.,
LOS ANGELES, TELEPHONE TO GALT AT ONE FIVE THREE FIVE NO.
SERRANO, APT. SIX.**

PATRICIA ANDERSON, TWO EIGHT ZERO ZERO GLENVIEW AVE., LA.

DONALD M. MURPHY, ONE SEVEN TWO NINE HUNTLEY DR.

**PAT THEODORA, MGR. HOLLYWOOD STATION P.T. & T., RECORD
OF CALLS AND CHECK FOR TWENTYEIGHT DOLLARS SIXTYFIVE CENTS SENT
GALT.**

**MRS. RONALD G. MC INTIRE, ONE TWO TWO ONE NINE DARLINGTON,
SOLD TV IN NOV. FOR NINETY DOLLARS TO MAN WHITE MUSTANG, RED
INTERIOR.**

**RODNEY ARVIDSON, TWO ZERO TWO SIX PACIFIC AVE., LONG BEACH,
OWNER NATIONAL DANCE STUDIO, GALT LESSONS DEC. TO FEB. TWELVE.**

CATHRYN NORTON, TWO ZERO TWO SIX PACIFIC, DANCE INSTRUCTOR.

**THOMAS LAU, TWO ONE TWO FIVE SUNSET BLVD., INTERNATIONAL S
SCHOOL OF BARTENDING.**

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DONALD J. JACOBS, THREE TWO ZERO NORTH ARDMORE, APT. THREE ONE ZERO, LOS ANGELES, KNEW GALT AT BARTENDING SCHOOL.

CHARLES J. STEIN, FIVE SIX SIX SIX FRANKLIN AVE., LOS ANGELES.

RITA STEIN, FIVE SIX SIX SIX FRANKLIN AVENUE.

MARIE MARTIN, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, TWO ZERO ONE, TRADED TV'S.

JOE PETERS, BAR SULTON ROOM, FIVE FIVE THREE THREE AND ONE-HALT HOLLYWOOD BLVD.

JAMES E. MORRISON, BAR INN RABBIT FOOT'S CLUB, FIVE SIX TWO THREE HOLLYWOOD BLVD.

BO DEL MONTE, BAR INN RABBITT'S FOOT CLUB, SAME ADDRESS.

FAY BERNARD, AVALON CLEANERS, FIVE SIX SIX TWO HOLLYWOOD BLVD..

DR. MARK O. FREEMON, TWO TWO SEVEN S. BEDFORD DR., BEVERLY HILLS.

AT PRESENT TIME, DWYER HAS ADVISED HE IS NOT CERTAIN THAT ANY AGENTS WILL BE NECESSARY FOR TESTIMONY FROM LOS ANGELES OFFICE. HE WILL MAKE FINAL DECISION AFTER COMPLETING INTERVIEWS IN L. A.

FOR INFO LA, WHO DID NOT RECEIVE COMMUNICATION, BUREAU BY

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TELETYPE SEPTEMBER TWENTY LAST ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

"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 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 WITNESSES IN ORDER THAT SACS WILL HAVE SUFFICIENT NOTICE TO ARRANGE THEIR PERSONAL ATTENDANCE IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE BUREAU'S INTEREST."

FOLLOWING INTERVIEWS AND COMPLETION OF WORK IN LOS ANGELES, IT IS INTENTION OF DWYER AND HIS STAFF TO DEPART FROM LOS ANGELES FOR MEXICO CITY. HE HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO MAKE CONTACT WITH AMERICAN EMBASSY WITH OFFICE OF LEGAL ATTACHE. HE HAS BEEN FURNISHED IDENTITY LEGAL ATTACHE. WHILE IN MEXICO, DWYER AND HIS REPRESENTATIVES WOULD LIKE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH FOLLOWING WITNESSES:

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EDUARDO MARROQUI, OWNER HOTEL RIO, MARVELOS EIGHT SIX, PUERTO VALLANTA, JALISCA. GALT GUEST IN HOTEL FROM OCT. NINETEEN THROUGH NOV. FIVE, SIXTYSEVEN.

ROBERTO WONG, CLERK, HOTEL RIO, FURNISHED REGISTRATION CARD ON GALT AND IDENTIFIES PHOTO.

LUIS GARCIA, BARTENDER HOTEL OLEANA AT PUERTA VALLANTA, JALISCA, MEXICO. PAL OF GALT, DESCRIBES CAR AND IDENTIFIED PHOTO OF RAY MAY NINE.

ROMIMIR BISCARA, BARTENDER CASA SUSANA, NEGOTIATED WITH GALT FOR CAR AND ACCOMPANIED GALT AND IRMA TO BEACH.

ELENO GUZMAN GARCIA, BOCO DE MISMALOYA, ON MAY THREE IDENTIFIED RAY AS COMING TO HIS BEACH CAFE WITH IRMA AND BARTENDER.

ELISA ARELLANO TORRES, APENINOS ONE SEVEN SIX FOUR, COLONIA INDEPENDENCIO, GUADALANJARA, JALISCA, MEXICO. PROSTITUTE WHO ASSOCIATED WITH GALT NOV. SIXTYSEVEN, DESCRIBES CAR AND IDENTIFIED PHOTO ON JUNE SIX.

MANUELA AGUIRRE MEDRANO, AKA. IRMA MORALES, ATOTONILCA, JALISCA, MEXICO, PROSTITUTE WHO SPENT TIME WITH GALT, DIDN'T SMOKE, COULDN'T DANCE, PROVIDED SOURCE WITH PHOTO.

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LEOPOLDO CISNEROS, ASST. MGR., DAIRY QUEEN SHOP, MAIN PLAZA, PUERTO VALLARTO, JALISCO, MEXICO. ON APRIL TWENTYFOUR RECOGNIZED PHOTO OF RAY AS SUBJECT WHO CAME IN DAILY FOR THREE OR FOUR WEEKS TO GET HAMBURGER AND PEPSI, DROVE WHITE MUSTANG.

BUREAU REQUESTED FORWARD THIS INFORMATION TO ~~AMERICAN~~ LEGAL ATTACHE, MEXICO CITY. DWYER HAS STATED HE WILL MAKE RESERVATIONS IN LA FOR DIRECT FLIGHT TO MEXICO CITY WHEN HE HAS COMPLETED INTERVIEWS IN LA. SUGGEST THAT WHEN INTERVIEWS COMPLETED LA OFFICE ADVISE BUREAU SO THAT LEGAT, MEXICO CAN BE INFORMED OF PENDING ARRIVAL DWYER, BEASLEY, AND CARLISLE.

~~RESERVATIONS~~
RESERVATIONS MADE AMERICAN AIRLINES FLITE TWO NINE NINE BY DWYER. DEPART MEMPHIS SEVEN THIRTY PM AND ARRIVE LOS ANGELES TEN EIGHTEEN PM OCTOBER EIGHT NEXT.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND LOS ANGELES
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MURKIN.

RE MEMPHIS TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND LOS ANGELES, OCT. SEVEN,
NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT.

WHILE IN CONTACT WITH ROBERT K. DWYER, FIRST ASST. TO
DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL PHIL M. CANALE, MEMPHIS, TENN., AM,
OCT. EIGHT INSTANT, AGENT THIS OFFICE INFORMED THAT ATTORNEYS
DESCRIBED IN REFERENCED TELETYPE WILL PROCEED TO LOS ANGELES
ACCORDING TO SCHEDULE, HOWEVER, TRIP TO MEXICO HAS BEEN CANCELED.

MR. DWYER STATED THAT ON HIS RETURN FROM LOS ANGELES, HE
WILL REVIEW RESULTS INVESTIGATION IN MEXICO AND WILL MAKE FURTHER
REQUEST FOR FBI TO HANDLE THROUGH LEGAT, MEXICO CITY.

JUST AS SOON AS THIS REQUEST IS RECEIVED, BUREAU WILL BE
INFORMED. P.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : File (44-1987)

FROM : ASAC C. O. HALTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 10/8/68

Supervisor DICK LONG of the Bureau telephonically informed as follows the morning of 10/8/68:

In connection with Memphis teletype to the Bureau and Los Angeles, 10/7/68, setting forth that Attorney General ROBERT DWYER of the District AG's office and others were proceeding to Los Angeles, 10/8/68, and thereafter to Mexico City, the Bureau questions the advisability of these men going to Mexico City. It is generally accepted that law enforcement officers in Mexico resent law enforcement officers from other countries interviewing individuals in Mexico. There also is a potent minority group in Mexico at the present time trying to get across that the U. S. Government is endeavoring to exert its influence in too many things in Mexico. In view of recent disturbances in Mexico, it is entirely possible that the appearance of these attorneys in Mexico and their interviewing numerous individuals could result in an undesirable political situation. The Bureau is reluctant to request the Legat in Mexico City to do anything to line up interviews for these attorneys with witnesses in Mexico.

Mr. LONG requested that we endeavor to ascertain the real purpose of the planned trip to Mexico and also to diplomatically indicate to these attorneys the undesirable conditions existing in Mexico at this time.

SA ROBERT F. BOYLE contacted Mr. DWYER and two other attorneys of District Attorney General CANALE's Office the morning of 10/8/68, pursuant to the above request. As a result, the attorneys have canceled their trip to Mexico. They pointed out, however, that on returning from Los Angeles, they will review the results of investigation in Mexico and then make a further request of the FBI to be handled through the Legat in Mexico City.

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They probably will request that the Legat through the National Police endeavor to determine which witnesses in Mexico City would be the best to have in Memphis. They do not plan to have all the persons interviewed in Mexico brought to Memphis.

I informed Mr. LONG of the above telephonically on 10/8/68 and followed with a teletype to Los Angeles and the Bureau.

While in contact with Supervisor LONG, I inquired if there would be any objection to the trip these attorneys plan to London and Canada. Mr. LONG stated at the present time he knows of no objection that would be interposed.

J. RAY
COUNTY JAIL
MEMPHIS, TENN.



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

35203

10-3-68

Dear Mr. Hones;

I'll just write a short letter to let
you know everything is alright, am still
gaining weight and sleeping 8 1/2 hrs a day.
Lery is coming down shortly but am going
to leave him until I see you again,
since I want to give him the papers
also if you have one of these blank
power of attorney I want him to have one
of them. I will close for now.

Sincerely,
James E. Ray

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Director, FBI

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MURKIN

Enclosed are two Xerox copies of a letter and envelope addressed by subject JAMES EARL RAY to Mr. ARTHUR HANES, SR., Attorney, 617 Frank Nelson Bldg., Birmingham, Ala. This letter was written by RAY, 10/3/68, while incarcerated in Shelby County Jail, Memphis, Tenn.

Copies of this letter are furnished to the Bureau for information only.

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J. RAY
MEMPHIS, TENN.
COUNTY JAIL.



To. Mr. Arthur Hones
Att. at Law.
Birmingham, Alabama,
35203

Dear Mr. Hones;

oct-14-68

I will just write a short note,
everything is about the same, the papers
have been writing about 2 articles everyday
about the case, the last article took up
the whole front page of the 2nd. section.
I guess they had a late briefing from
the states attorney office as they come
up with a couple new theories, also
bring me up a set of beads as one
suppose to be a hippie according
to the last article. The main reason
I am writing this letter is to say
I havent made any oral statements
while up here and will not
until I go to court. This would
be similar to the letter I sent

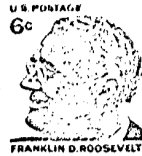
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To you on att. Gen. Clark from England.
I read in the paper a couple of days ago when
the federal courts are using this tactic to
get convictions.
Well I suppose that's all for now

Sincerely
James E. Ray.
Memphis County Jail ...

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

oct-14-68

Dear Jerry;

I rec'd your letter a couple days ago.
There is a couple of things I would
like for you to do when you come down,
one I want to sign the power of attorney
over to you, it's just a one page
document giving you the right to sign
anything for me with my name, I
guess you could get one from a notary
and bring it to me I would then sign
it and give it back to you. also
when you come down I would
like for you to call the Shelby
County Bar Association here in Memphis

and ask them to give you any
information they have to you on
the limits of an Alabama attorney
to practice in Tennessee, I seems
as if your from Alabama you can
just take one case a year or here
and I mite help to have a Tennessee
att for the ethics committee being.
I would ask Mr. Hones about this
but his in Calif. intwing intures and
I dont know when he will be back,
well I guess That all for now,
Take it easy. *fin*

P.S.

I think the Bar association is
located in the Criminal Courts Bldg.

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Dear Jimmy:

Just a short note to let you know Jack got back okay, he got back Friday evening and I received your letter Saturday.

There isn't much to write about as I haven't heard from Hanes or anybody else concerning the case.

I'll probably drive down and pay you a visit in about ten days so if you want me to contact anybody for you let me know in your answer and I can fill you in when I visit you.

There isn't much else to write about, I mainly wanted to let you know I got your letter.

Everybody in the Family is okay.

as ever
Brother

Jerry Ray

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IN THE CRIMINAL COURT OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE

DIVISION THREE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, §
vs. § NOS. 16645 and 16819
JAMES EARL RAY, Alias ERIC §
STARVO GALT; Alias JOHN WILLARD, §
Alias HARVEY LOHMEYER. §

ORDER ON SCIRE FACIAS

This cause came on to be heard on a verified petition for citation for contempt of Arthur J. Hanes, Sr., Renfro T. Hays, Roy Hamilton and Charles Edmondson, heretofore filed by the Court-appointed amici curiae; personal service of said petition upon all four named respondents; scire facias issued by this Court ordering said respondents to show cause why they should not be held in contempt of previous orders of this Court; the sworn answer of the respondent Renfro T. Hays; the hearing in open court on the 27th day of September, 1968 and on the 30th day of September, 1968, at which time sworn testimony was adduced by the petitioners and the respondents; the argument of counsel for all parties; the exhibits in the cause, and upon the entire record in this cause, from all of which it appears to the Court:

That the respondents, Arthur J. Hanes, Sr., Renfro T. Hays, Roy Hamilton and Charles Edmondson, each, are guilty of contempt as found by this Court in its opinion which has been filed in this cause, and which the Court incorporates by reference in this order the same as if copied herein verbatim; and

The Court being undecided at this time as to what action the Court should take by way of punishment on account of said contempts, and being desirous of giving the matter further consideration,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that this matter be, and the same is hereby, reserved by this Court for further and future orders of this Court.