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Dear Sir;

I was very sad and disappointed, when you denied James Earl Ray a new trial! I can see now, very clearly that you and the people of the State of Tennessee and the Federal Government are afraid of the ~~the~~ truth. You are afraid of trouble from negroes, if the truth is told. I was with James Earl Ray, before he was supposed to have shot Martin Luther King. Under circumstances, that will prove a giant Conspiracy, by many people to kill Martin King. I told the Cincinnati, Ohio FBI Office about Ray the first part of May 1968. Governor Ellington of Tennessee also knows my story. I told Judge William Preston Battle my story about 2 weeks before Ray's trial and everything went wrong for him. Because you people are afraid of the truth to be told. I believe that Ray deserves a new trial with me as a witness. I hope to hear from you soon, if you are not too cowardly to answer. Yours truly,

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