IN THE CRIMINAL COURTS OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE

DIVISION III

STATE OF TENNESSEE	I	
VS.	I	NO. 16645
JAMES EARL RAY	I	

ORDER

This cause came on to be heard this the seventh day of February, 1969, on the motion of James Earl Ray, Defendant, to permit a photographer of his selection to take movies and photographs of said defendant for the purpose of the exclusive sale thereof and thereby obtain funds with which to prepare for the trial of his case;

After due and careful consideration of the written motion filed herein, statement of counsel and the entire record in the cause, the Court finds that in this matter due to the national and international significance of this case, the Court's pretrial publicity order has in a sense created a monopoly as to publicity in reference to this case. That to grant the motion as requested would be not only an exploitation of the defendant but a desecration of this Court and justice. The Court has previously appointed the Public Defender, his staff and its resources to assist the defendant and counsel herein. It has not been shown to this Court that the defense herein is not being adequately and competently prepared.

However, if the defendant desires photographs for dissemination to the news media to dispel any unfavorable impression caused by prior photographs released to the news media as alleged in the motion herein, the Court will authorize photographs of the defendant and/or his attorney by an official photographer

for impartial dissemination at/or near cost to all news media desiring same. Such photographs to be examined and approved by the Court before dissemination.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the motion is denied subject to further request in accordance with the aforesaid ruling. The defendant's exception hereto is duly noted.

ENTER this the 10th day of ~~February~~ March, 1969 as and for Feb 7, 1969, nunc pro tunc.

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JUDGE

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