As a further safeguard THAMES submits with this petition a copy of an affidavit of Dr. William Pepper, counsel to defendant James Earl Ray, stating that they do not oppose this petition and wive any chain of custody objection they might have as a result of any action taken herein in the unlikely event of a trial. The original of said affidavit is being couriered and will be available for the Court's inspection if required.

THAMES further states to the Court that preliminary discussion with Attorney General John Pierotti and Criminal Court Clerk Minerva Johnican have raised only procedural, not substantive concerns to the requests herein, and that copies of this petition will be served on both offices for their response and any objection.

IV. JURISDICTION

This Honorable Court has jurisdiction pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, and pursuant to the inherent power of the Court over this case.

V. CONCLUSION

For all the reasons stated THAMES petitions this Honorable Court as specified herein and asks for a speedy hearing because of time urgency associated with this project.

Respectfully submitted,

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