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Mr. J. A. Blackwell, Clerk
Shelby County Criminal Court
157 Poplar Street
Memphis, Tenn. 38103

Dear Mr. Blackwell,

I amassisting Bud Fensterwald in the preparation of a habeas corpus petition for James Earl Ray. In that connection, I would like to obtain the following:

1. A copy of any stipulations signed by Ray and entered into the court record.

2. Any property receipt or other records you may have pertaining to the window sill which was introduced into evidence and appears as the last item on the three page list of Evidence Introduced Through Witnesses & By Stipulation which was designated as Exhibit I. As you may recall, Judge Battle stated in his order of March 13, 1969 that the items referred to in Exhibit I were to be retained and safely kept by the Clerk of the Court. I assume that you must have some records reflecting that you did in fact receive control of the window sill or that it was transferred to the control of someone else. It is these records that I am requesting.

3. Copies of any letters from James Earl Ray to Judge Battle, excepting the two letters he wrote to Judge Battle on March 13, 1969 and March 26, 1969.

Thank you very much for any assistance you can give.

Sincerely yours,

Jim Lesar

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