IN THE CRIMINAL COURT OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE

STATE OF TENNESSEE VS. JAMES EARL RAY Alias Eric Starvo Galt, Alias John Willard, Alias Harvey Lowmeyer, Alias Harvey Lowmyer.	NO. 16645 Murder First Degree NO. 16819 Carrying Dangerous Weapon

ORDER ON COURTHOUSE AND COURTROOM PROCEDURES AND PUBLICITY

The Constitutions of the United States and the State of Tennessee guarantee defendants in criminal cases due process of law and the right to a fair trial by an impartial jury. It is the duty of the trial Court to see that every defendant receives all his constitutional rights.

From the world wide attention attracted to this case at bar resulting in massive and pervasive publicity in the news media, the Court is of the opinion that the following rules are necessary to a constitutionally guaranteed, orderly and fair trial by an impartial jury, and therefore orders:

I.

The term "Criminal Courts Buildings" as used herein shall mean the Criminal Courts Building, 150 Washington, and the adjoining Shelby County Building, 157 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee.

All entrance ways, corridors, and approaches to Court rooms, offices and other rooms in the Criminal Courts Buildings will be kept clear at all times for free access thereto by those using them in the course of their employment or those having business to transact therein.

II.

No cameras, photographic, television, radio or sound equipment, including tape recorders, will be permitted in the Criminal Courts Buildings or upon the alley-ways, parking lots,

yards or grounds immediately surrounding said buildings. No photographs will be taken of the Jury, nor will they be televised. No sketches will be made in the Criminal Courts Buildings.

III.

All persons seeking admission to the Courtroom will submit voluntarily to a search of his person before being admitted.

IV.

No one will enter the Courtroom after a session has begun without permission of the Court, but must wait until the next recess. No one will leave the Courtroom except at recess or adjournment except in an emergency. At noon recess and adjournment, and at any other time the Jury is retiring from the second floor, or the prisoner is being removed to the jail, the spectators shall remain seated in the Courtroom until the Jury and prisoner have had ample time to withdraw, and said spectators have been given permission to disperse.

V.

The bar of the Court within the rail is reserved for the defendant, counsel, members of the Bar, Court personnel and such witnesses as counsel may desire to be within the bar for consultation purposes. No one else will enter without permission of the Court.

VI.

No one except attorneys of record, their agents, Court personnel, witnesses and Jurors may handle exhibits except by order of the Court.

VII.

All lawyers participating in this case, their assistants, office associates, staff members, investigators and employees under their supervision and control are forbidden to take part in interviews for publicity and from making extra-judicial statements about this case from this date until such time as a verdict is returned in this case in open Court.

VIII.

The County Medical Examiner, Jury Commissioners, Criminal Court Clerk, County Sheriff, Police Officials and other law enforcement officers, employees of this Court, all other persons employed in the "Criminal Courts Buildings", their associates, deputies, assistants, staff members and personnel under their supervision and control are forbidden to participate in interviews for publicity and from making extra-judicial statements about this case from this date and until such time as a verdict in this case is returned in open Court.

IX.

All witnesses, persons subpoenaed to Grand Jury or Court, jurors, and those persons summoned but excused from serving as jurors, are forbidden to participate in interviews for publicity and from making extra-judicial statements about this case from this date and until such time as a verdict in this case is returned in open Court.

X.

Nothing in this order shall prohibit any witness from discussing any matter in connection with the case with any of the attorneys representing the defendant or the State, or any representative of such attorneys.

W. Preston Battle

JUDGE, DIVISION III

Criminal Court of Shelby County, Tennesse

Date: July 18, 1968

This order was executed on Ivan Brewer by Reading Same to him on January 13th 1969.

By John L. Carlisle
Criminal Investigator
Attorney General's Office