PETITION FOR APPLICATION FOR REQUISITION

IN INTERNATIONAL EXTRADITION

IN RE:

STATE OF TENNESSEE

VS.

JAMES EARL RAY, ALIAS ERIC STARVO GALT, ALIAS JOHN WILLARD, ALIAS HARVEY LOWMEYER, ALIAS HARVEY LOWMYER, ALIAS RAMON GEORGE SNEYD

TO HIS EXCELLENCY, THE HONORABLE
BUFORD ELLINGTON, GOVERNOR
OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE

Your Petitioner, Phil M. Canale, Jr., would respectfully present and show to Your Excellency, that:

I

Petitioner is the duly elected, qualified, commissioned and serving District Attorney General for the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit of the State of Tennessee, comprising the County of Shelby, and that he is a resident citizen of Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee;

II

That one James Earl Ray, alias Eric Starvo Galt, alias John Willard, alias Harvey Lowmeyer, alias Harvey Lowmyer, alias Ramon George Sneyd, stands charged with the offense of Murder, as evidenced by the accompanied certified copies of an Indictment and a Capias;

III

That the Indictment, in this cause, was returned a True Bill by the Grand Jury of Shelby County, Tennessee, under date of May 7, 1968, and bears Criminal Court Docket No. 16045;

That the Capias, in this cause, was issued by J. A.

Blackwell, Clerk of the Criminal Court of Shelby County, Tennessee, under date of May 7, 1968, and bears Criminal Court Docket No. 16645;

That the aforesaid two documents, consisting of Certified Copy of Indictment and Certified Copy of Capias, both documents having been certified, are hereto attached and herein made a part of this Petition for Requisition;

IV

That the said James Earl Ray, alias Eric Starvo Galt, alias John Willard, alias Harvey Lowmeyer, alias Harvey Lowmyer, alias Ramon George Sneyd, committed the offense herein of Murder on the fourth day of April, 1968, in the County of Shelby, the State of Tennessee;

V

That the said James Earl Ray, alias Eric Starvo Galt, alias John Willard, alias Harvey Lowmeyer, alias Harvey Lowmyer, alias Ramon George Sneyd, at the time of the commission of the alleged offense herein of Murder was present in Shelby County and the State of Tennessee, and, that he has thereafter fled from the State of Tennessee, and from the United States of America.

VI

Your Petitioner would further state to Your Excellency, that, at the time of the making of this Petition for Requisition, the said James Earl Ray, alias Eric Starvo Galt, alias John Willard, alias Harvey Lowmeyer, alias Harvey Lowmyer, alias Ramon George Sneyd, has been found within the dominion of the United Kingdom, city of London, England, the grounds for such knowledge, or belief, being the receipt of a telegram from J. Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States of America, that this fugitive has been found and is presently in custody in London, England. There

has been no indication that this fugitive will waive extradition.

VII

Transmitted to Your Excellency, the Governor of Tennessee, with this Petition for an Application for the international extradition of this fugitive are the following certified copies of evidence against the said James Earl Ray, alias Eric Starvo Galt, alias John Willard, alias Harvey Lowmeyer, alias Harvey Lowmyer, alias Ramon George Sneyd, consisting of:

1. Certified Copy of the Indictment for Murder
2. Certified Copy of the Capias issued on this Indictment
3. Affidavit of Dr. J. T. Francisco (and Certified Copies)
4. Affidavit of Robert V. Wenzler (and Certified Copies)
5. Affidavit of Guy Warren Canipe, Sr. (and Certified Copies)
6. Affidavit of Inspector N. E. Zachary (and Certified Copies)
7. Affidavit of Capt. R. L. Williams (and Certified Copies)
8. Affidavit of Cordra York, Sr. (and Certified Copies)
9. Affidavit of Lt. James D. Hamby (and Certified Copies)
10. Certification of the Law of Tennessee in regard to Murder
11. Certified Copy of the Death Certificate
12. Certified Copy of the Autopsy Report (Protocol)
13. Affidavit of Robert G. Jensen, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation (and Certified Copies)

VIII

Your Petitioner would, also, further state to Your Excellency, that, this Petition for extradition is presented solely for the purpose of bringing about the trial and punishment of James Earl Ray, alias Eric Starvo Galt, alias John Willard, alias Harvey Lowmeyer, alias Harvey Lowmyer, alias Ramon George Sneyd, and not for any private purpose, and that

if the extradition is granted, the criminal proceedings will not be used for any private purpose.

WHEREFORE, YOUR PETITION PRAYS:

That an Application issue to the Secretary of the State of the United States of America for the international extradition of James Earl Ray, alias Eric Starvo Galt, alias John Willard, alias Harvey Lowmeyer, alias Harvey Lowmyer, alias Ramon George Sneyd, from the United Kingdom to the United States of America and to the State of Tennessee, to-wit: Shelby County, for trial on the indictment charging him with Murder, now pending against him in the Criminal Courts of Shelby County, Tennessee.

Phil M. Canale

PHIL M. CANALE, JR.,
DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL
FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STATE OF TENNESSEE

STATE OF TENNESSEE
COUNTY OF SHELBY

I, Phil M. Canale, Jr., solemnly swear that the facts set forth in the foregoing Petition are true, except those allegations made on information, and belief, which are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Phil M. Canale Jr.
PHIL M. CANALE, JR.

STATE OF TENNESSEE
COUNTY OF SHELBY

Before me J. A. Blackwell, Clerk of the Criminal Courts of Shelby County, Tennessee, being an officer constituted to take oaths, appeared Phil M. Canale, Jr., to me known personally and after being duly sworn, stated that the foregoing petition and oath are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief. I hereby certify that this document is the ~~original~~ a true copy of the original petition and oath of Phil M. Canale, Jr.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, at office, in the City of Memphis, this 10th day of June, 1968.

J. A. Blackwell CLERK

STATE OF TENNESSEE
COUNTY OF SHELBY

I, Perry H. Sellers, sole and presiding Judge of the Criminal Court of said County Division I, certify that J. A. Blackwell, whose true and genuine signature appears above to the foregoing certificate, is now, and was at the time of signing the same, Clerk of said Court, and that said Court is a

Court of Record; that his attestation is in due form, and his official acts, as such, are entitled to full faith and credit.

WITNESS my hand, this _____ day of June, 1968.

_____JUDGE

STATE OF TENNESSEE
COUNTY OF SHELBY

I, J. A. Blackwell, Clerk of the Criminal Courts of said County, certify that Honorable Perry H. Sellers, whose genuine official signature appears to the above and hereto annexed Certificate, is and was at the time of signing the same, sole and presiding Judge of the Criminal Court Division I, in and for the County and State aforesaid, duly commissioned and qualified, and that all his official acts, as such, are entitled to full faith and credit.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, at office, in the City of Memphis this 10th day of June, 1968.

J. A. Blackwell _____CLERK