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Honorable W. Preston Battle
Criminal Courts Building
Shelby County
Memphis, Tennessee 38101

Re: State of Tennessee v James Earl Ray

Dear Judge Battle:

I hereby request on behalf of my client, James Earl Ray, that he be assigned three (3) seats in the courtroom for various friends and members of his family who will be interested in the upcoming trial. Any consideration which may be given to this request will be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully yours

Arthur J. Hanes

AJH/sr

cc: Sheriff William Morris
Sheriff of Shelby County
Shelby County Sheriff's Office
Memphis, Tennessee