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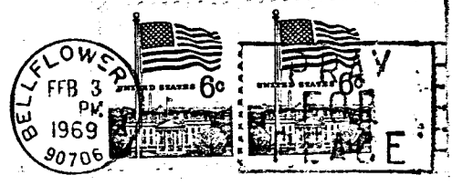

Mr. James Earl Ray
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Memphis, Tennessee

17810 Carpintero Avenue
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February 2, 1969

Dear Mr. Ray,

You may think it odd for us to write you but, for some strange reason, we care for you. You may remember us if Attorney Hanes relayed our greetings to you back in August. (We sent him our sentiments of support for your cause and asked him to relay our greeting to you.)

Since Attorney Hanes is no longer your lawyer and Attorney Foreman is ailing and may not be well by March 3 we wish to caution you against hasty and rash actions. Please be very careful as to how you choose representation at this time. It may be the most important step in your life - because it does concern your life. If at all possible, wait till Attorney Foreman is well enough to handle matters again. If not, take some equally competent lawyer of integrity. This is very important so please keep it in mind.

God be with you in these troubled weeks. We hope His blessing will be upon you.

Very sincerely yours,

Marya Van Doornen

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