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AIR MAIL

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

Re: State of Tennessee v James Earl Ray

Dear Sheriff Morris:

I understand that Dr. McCarthy DeMere has been the physician attending James Earl Ray during his confinement in the Shelby County Jail. Inasmuch as the circumstances of this case and his confinement might well have a physical effect on the Defendant, especially under the added strain of trial, I respectfully suggest and request that Dr. DeMere be present in the courtroom in a position where he can observe the Defendant, at such times as may be possible for Dr. DeMere to be in attendance.

Yours very truly

Arthur J. Hanes

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cc: Dr. McCarthy DeMere
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