STATE OF TENNESSEE
COUNTY OF SHELBY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

FROM

MEMO TO CAPTAIN COX:

Date January 30, 1969

At 4:15 PM this date the undersigned received a long distance call from a subject who identified himself as John Ferguson, 425 Market Street, South Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; phone 609-415-3261. Ferguson requested that he be allowed to speak with James Earl Ray but refused to state his purpose. He was advised he could not speak with Ray and was furnished the telephone number and name of the public defender, Mr. Hugh Stanton, Sr.

I was unable to determine whether Ferguson was white or colored. He did have a heavy northern accent and gave his date of birth as May 29, 1944.

Please contact the F.B.I. and ask them to ascertain who this subject is and what his interest in James Earl Ray arises from.

G. P. PROCTOR,
SENIOR ASSISTANT CHIEF

cc: Sheriff Morris
Capt. Smith