SHELBY COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
CRIMINAL COURTS BUILDING
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

November 6, 1968

Sheriff William N. Morris, Jr.
Criminal Courts Building
Memphis, Tennessee

RE: SECURITY FOR
JUDGE W. PRESTON BATTLE

Dear Sir:

After conferring with Judge W. Preston Battle, the following is my recommendation for the security detail assigned to him.

The purpose of this detail is to safeguard Judge Battle at all times during the trial of James Earl Ray.

A. It is recommended that one (1) officer be assigned during the day time from 8:00 a.m. each day until 6:00 p.m. that night.

   1. This officer is to act as both a bodyguard and a driver for Judge Battle.

   2. This officer will meet Judge Battle at his home each day at 8:00 a.m. and drive him to the Criminal Courts Building and will stay with him wherever he goes until he returns the Judge home that night at approximately 6:00 p.m.

B. It is recommended that another officer be assigned to the Judge's home from 6:00 p.m. each night until 6:00 a.m. the following morning.

   1. It will be the responsibility of this officer to safeguard the Judge and his family during these hours.

   2. If the Judge leaves his home for any reason, this officer will go with him and if a car is used, this officer is to do the driving.

   3. The officer assigned to Judge Battle's home will remain inside of the home while the family is asleep and will stay alert at all times.

a. Arrangements have been made with Judge Battle to furnish this officer with a mid-night snack and coffee while he is in his home.

C. It is recommended, to aid these men in staying alert that they be given two (2) days off a week and that a relief man be assigned to this detail also.

1. This relief officer will work 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday; 6:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. on Monday and Tuesday.

2. This will be a forty-two (42) hour week for this relief officer and he should be given Wednesday, Thursday and Friday as off days unless he is needed some place else for one day.

a. Arrangements have been made for the officer on Sunday to eat at the home of Judge Battle, as this is not a court day.

D. All officers assigned to this detail will be in civilian clothes and will not wear their uniforms at any time.

E. A walkie-talkie will be furnished on this detail and the officer will use call number #65 if the radio is used.

F. The following is a recommendation for personnel and their assignments for this detail.

DEPUTIES	DAYS OFF	HOURS
Billy Wicks	Saturday & Sunday	8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Luther Scott	Monday & Tuesday	6:00 p.m. - 6:00 a.m.
Tommy Trichel	Wednesday, Thursday and Friday	R E L I E F

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. Ray

J. G. Ray, Captain
Security and Intelligence Office

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