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Sheriff William Morris
Shelby County Court House
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Sheriff Morris:

I have read two news accounts in the Gadsden Times concerning a telegram sent to the accused killer of Dr. Martin Luther King last April 4, 1968 in Memphis, Tenn. at the Lorraine Motel. The telegram was sent to Mr. James Earl Ray by Rev. James Bevel former associate of Dr. King.

As a keeper of the Peace and lover of Justic, I call up on you and the District Attorney of your area to arrest Rev. James Bevel and hold him he reveals all the names of the kil lers of Dr. King and what part if he took in the conspiracy if there was such.

If Rev. Bevel is offering to defend Mr. Ray free of cost and he is sure that Ray did not Kill Dr. King, has placed him self on the sene at the time of the murder, surely this man is valuable to the case and production of evidence.

You and the District Attorney owes a service to the American people as keepers of the Peace. I am sure Rev. Bevel wont the guilty brought to the bar of Justic. If he is guilty he should confess his sins and releave Mr. Ray of the charge. That is if he is not guilty.

All I can say about Dr. King is that he was a great man and a lover of all man kind. He did more in a few years to change unjust laws than the rest of us was able dr willing to do in a hundred years to bring justic to all before the Law and make real the "American Dream". We must get on with the unfinished business of a Democratic Society with equal Justic for all.

Sincerely yours

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