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

July 24, 1968

SHERIFF WILLIAM N. MORRIS, JR.
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RE: JAMES EARL RAY
(Cost of Confinement)

Dear Sir:

On July 24, 1968, at 10:50 A.M., I received a long distance phone call from a white/female subject who identified herself as Mrs. Underwood with W.S.M. Radio News in Nashville, Tennessee, phone area code, 615-269-3524. Mrs. Underwood was inquiring into the cost per day of keeping James Earl Ray compared with the average prisoner. She also wanted to know how much money was spent, or is being spent changing or strengthening the physical facilities of the jail. I answered none of her questions and did refer her to Mr. Holmes for any information of this type. Mr. Holmes was not in his office and I advised her that he would contact her.

Respectfully submitted

Joe L. Cox

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Captain

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