February 27, 1969

Mr. William S. Sawyer
Legal Aid Office
Memphis State Law School
Memphis State University
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Sawyer:

Please contact the undersigned for additional information in reference to the seating in the courtroom for the James Earl Ray trial for members of the Legal Aid class. This communication will serve as an answer to your inquiry of Judge W. Preston Battle.

Please let me hear from you when it is convenient for you so that we might work out the details.

Yours very sincerely,

WILLIAM N. MORRIS, JR.
SHERIFF

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Legal Aid Office
Memphis State Law School
Memphis, Tennessee

Judge W. Preston Battle
Criminal Court Building
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Judge Battle

The Memphis State Law students who are enrolled in the Legal Aid course request the privilege of viewing the trial of James Earl Ray. The defense is being partly conducted by Hugh Stanton, Jr. of the Public Defenders' Office. Mr. Stanton is also head of the Memphis State Law School's Legal Aid course.

The twenty-four law students who took the initiative to sign up for Legal Aid assist in gathering information for cases handled by the Public Defenders' Office. Therefore, these students have a tremendous interest in trial work, especially cases handled by the Public Defenders' Office. For this reason we request that you assign the legal aid class two seats in the courtroom now being held for the public or two seats which are now being held for members of the legal profession.

All twenty-four students in the Legal Aid class would have the opportunity to view the trial by alternating the seats assigned. This would be an invaluable educational experience, and we would appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely

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