

**IN THE CRIMINAL COURT OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE
Division III**

STATE OF TENNESSEE

VS.

**NO. 16645
NO. 16819**

**JAMES EARL RAY,
Defendant**

**ORDER AUTHORIZING TAKING OF
DEPOSITIONS OUT OF STATE**

This cause came on for hearing before the Honorable
W. Preston Battle, Judge, Division III, Criminal Court, Shelby County,
Tennessee, upon the petition of defendant to take depositions of out of
State witnesses and it appearing to the Court that the application is in
order and should be granted and that the time for taking depositions
should be set for the earliest date practical to the convenience of the
Attorney General and the witnesses. It further appeared that the defendant
is indigent and without adequate funds to compensate witnesses for coming
to and from Memphis, and that their depositions should therefore be taken.

IT IS ACCORDINGLY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED
that the defendant be and is authorized through his counsel to take the
depositions of the witnesses as listed below:

Warden Walter Swanson
Department of Corrections
Jefferson City, Missouri

Harry Lauf
c/o Missouri Department of Corrections
Route 5
Jefferson City, Missouri

and

U. L. Baker
1408 Clermont Drive
Aero Marine
Birmingham, Alabama

John D. Hanners
c/o Aero Marine
806 Meg Drive
Birmingham, Alabama

Peter Cherpes
2608 Highland
Birmingham, Alabama

C. E. Kirkpatrick
Birmingham Trust National Bank
Birmingham, Alabama

Clyde R. Manasco
Route 9, Box 602
Birmingham, Alabama

and

Frank Hitt
Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Atlanta, Georgia

Rev. Andrew J. Young
1088 Veltre Circle S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia
or
c/o Southern Christian Leadership Conference
Atlanta, Georgia

J. D. Garner
107 14th Street N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dr. William Rutherford
c/o Southern Christian Leadership Conference
Atlanta, Georgia

Rev. Lowery
c/o Southern Christian Leadership Conference
Atlanta, Georgia

Rev. Martin Luther King, Sr.
c/o Ebenezer Baptist Church
Atlanta, Georgia

and:

George Bonebreke, Agent
c/o Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the
Clerk be and is directed to issue necessary commissions to
Commissioners to take the depositions, giving said Commissioners
full plenary power to subpoena said witnesses and continue the hearing
thereof from time to time until the said depositions have been completed.**

Enter this _____ day of _____, 1969.

**JUDGE
CRIMINAL COURT, Division III
SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE**