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Memphis, Tennessee  
(CITY AND STATE)

By SAC ROBERT G. JENSEN  
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by JAMES EARL RAY, postmarked  
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DEAR SIR;

I WOULD LIKE TO RESPECTFULLY CALL YOUR HONOR'S ATTENTION TO THREE ARTICLES WRITTEN ABOUT ME SINCE YOU ISSUED YOUR ORDER AGAINST PUBLISITY IN THE INSTANT CASE, ONE ARTICLE IS IN THE AUGUST ISSUE OF THE READERS DIGEST BY MR. JEREMIAH O LEARY, I AM SURE YOU WOULD AGREE THAT THIS ARTICLE COULD NOT HAVE BEEN WRITTEN WITHOUT THE ASSISTANCE OF SOMEONE IN THE JUSTICE DEPT,

THE OTHER IS A PICTURE OF ME IN A LATE EDITION OF A TABLOID CALLED THE INQUIRER, THIS IS A TYPICAL PICTURE WHICH THE LAW AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN RELEASING OF ME, IN THIS INSTANCE THE

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PICTURE WAS TAKEN AND RELEASED BY THE  
SHELBY COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICE, IT SHOWS ME  
MANACLED UP, A BULLET PROOF VEST ON  
AND LOOKING LIKE I JUST BEEN PULLED  
OUT OF THE RIVER, THE ACCOMPANYING STORY  
DOES NOT RELATE TO ME, THE THIRD STORY  
CAME OUT IN WEDNESDAY'S COMMERCIAL APPEAL  
THE 12TH. OF SEPT, BY MR. WILLIAM BRADFORD  
HUIE. I THINK ALMOST ANYONE READING  
BETWEEN THE LINES WOULD INTERPRET THIS  
ARTICLE AS MEANING THE ONLY THING I AM  
INTERESTED IN IS MONEY AND IN MY GREED  
FOR IT I AM GOING TO HELY EXPOSE SOMEONE  
OR ORGANIZATION SUCH AS WAS MENTION IN  
THE NEWSPAPER ARTICLE, I WOULD LIKE  
TO SAY FOR THE RECORD BOTH PUBLIC  
AND PRIVATE, I DONT KNOW ANYONE TO  
EXPOSE AND I WANT TO DISASSOCIATE  
2.

MYSELF FROM THIS ARTICLE, I HAD RELIED  
TO MR. HUIE THAT I WOULD TELL HIM WHERE  
I HAD BEEN AND WHAT I HAD DONE AND THATS  
ALL, THAT I DIDNT CARE WHAT HE WROTE  
BUT NOT TO QUOTE ME. ALSO I CERTAINLY  
DIDNT ASK FOR THE ARTICLE OR ANY OTHER  
PRE TRIAL STATEMENTS FROM MR. HUIE.  
I RELISE YOUR HONOR DOES NOT HAVE JURISDICTION  
OVER NATIONAL PUBLICATIONS LIKE THE DIGEST,  
BUT I WOULD THINK SO IN THE PICTURE RELEASE  
AND THE HUIE RELEASE. I HAVE SAID NOTHING  
SINCE I ARRIVED HERE THINKING THESE  
STORYS WOULD STOP UNTIL AFTER THE TRIAL  
BUT APPARENTLY THEY ARE NOT, THEREFORE IN  
THE NEAR FUTURE I AM GOING TO HAVE AN  
ATTORNEY FILE SOME LIBEL SUITS, AND  
CONTRADICT SOME OF THE OUTRIGHT LIES.

I AM ALSO SENDING THESE STORIES AND  
PICTURES TO THE ETHICAL COMM. OF THE A.B.A.  
I BELIEVE IF THESE TYPE OF ARTICLES DONT  
STOP I MITE AS WELL WAIVE THE TRIAL  
AND COME OVER AND GET SENTENCED.

I REALIZE THAT MR. HANES SHOULD BRING  
THIS UP BUT I THINK UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES  
I HAD TO.

I AM ALSO WRITING HIM TODAY ABOUT THIS MATTER.

SINCERELY

JAMES EARL RAY

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J. RAY

MEMPHIS, TENN.  
COUNTY. FAIL.



Hon. W. Preston Battle - Judge.  
Criminal Court Bldg.  
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8-9-68

Dear Judge;

Sometime in the near future I expect to have an attorney file a libel suit against some publications, in order to do this I or a member of my family will have to engage another attorney as Mr. Arthur Hous my attorney on the charge I am presently being held on is to busy. The reason I am writing you is I am having trouble getting a visit from my brother to discuss this legal matter with my brother as you can see by the enclosed letter he has been here twice and couldn't see me because of a technicality that I didn't ask to see him, one brother did get in but was only permitted to stay 10 or 15 minutes, not long enough to discuss the legal question. Therefore in view of the seriousness of the charge against me would you issue an order for a single 1 hr. visit. Thank

erely  
E. Ray

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IN ORDER FOR MY BROTHER TO GET HERE  
HE HAS TO TRAVEL APP. 900 MI. HERE + BACK, ST. LOUIS.

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JAMES RAY  
MEMPHIS COUNTY JAIL  
Memphis, TENN.

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To, Hon. W. Preston Battle  
Judge of the Criminal Court  
Memphis, Tennessee.

Aug 6, 68

Dear Jimmy:

Just a few lines to say hello  
and also to let you know Jack and  
I got back okay.

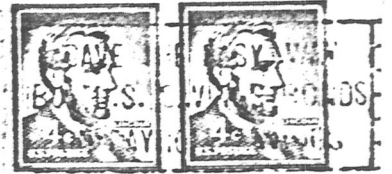
That was the second time we come  
down to see you but neither time  
would they let me in, they said  
that you had to request to see  
me. so if there is anything you  
want to see me about or if you  
just want to have a ~~Foreign~~ Friendly  
talk then let me know and I'll  
drive down and pay you a visit.

Jack talked to Arthur Harris J.R. over  
the phone a few days ago.

Everybody in the Family is okay.  
All close for now, and will be waitin'  
for your answers. so until next time  
take care.

as ever  
Brother  
Jerry Ray.

Jerry W. Ray  
1902 Cherokee  
St. Louis, Mo.



Mr James Earl Ray  
Shelby county Jail  
Memphis, Tenn

8-9-68  
JAP