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RE MEMPHIS AIRTEL TO BUREAU DATED SEPT. EIGHTEEN LAST ENCLOSING XEROX COPIES OF TWO MOTIONS FILED BY ATTORNEY ARTHUR J. HANES IN SHELBY COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT, MEMPHIS, TENN. HEARING ON THESE MOTIONS WAS HELD BY JUDGE W. PRESTON BATTLE IN SHELBY COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT, MEMPHIS, SEPT. THIRTY LAST.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE PROOF BY BOTH DEFENSE AND PROSECUTION DURING THIS HEARING, JUDGE BATTLE DISMISSED BOTH MOTIONS FILED BY THE DEFENSE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE PORTION PERTAINING TO RAY'S CORRESPONDING WITH HIS ATTORNEY. JUDGE BATTLE PULED THAT EXCHANGED BETWEEN RAY AND HIS ATTORNEY ARE PRIVILEGED: HOWEVER, THE SHELBY COUNTY SHERLFF OR HIS DESIGNATED AGENT OCT 2 1968 HAS THE AUTHORITY TO PERUSE THESE NOTES TO DETERMINE IF ANY ATTEMPT TO BREACH, SECURITY OF THE JAIL. NOTES SHOULD NOT BE PERUSED FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING

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AT THE INCEPTION OF THE HEARING, ARTHUR HANES SR., ATTORNEY FOR JAMES EARL RAY, ADVISED JUDGE BATTLE THAT AFTER CONFERRING WITH HIS CLIENT ON THIS DATE HANES AND HIS CLIENT HAD DECIDED THAT THE LAW FIRM OF HANES AND HANES WILL CONTINUE TO REPRESENT RAY IN RAY'S FORTHCOMING TRIAL FOR THE MURDER OF REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. I'T IS NOTED THAT DURING THE HEARING BEFORE JUDGE BATTLE ON SEPT. TWENTY SEVEN LAST HANES SR, IMPLIED TO THE COURT THAT AS A RESULT OF A DIFFERENCE OF OPINION BETWEEN RAY AND HIS ATTORNEY THE LAW FIRM OF HANES AND HANES MAY NOT REPRESENT RAY AT THE TIME OF TRIAL.

BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF ANY CHANGE OR DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS REGARD. P.

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