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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (44-38861) DATE: 10/14/68

FROM : SAC, Memphis (44-1982) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Submitted herewith for the Bureau's information are two copies of an Order issued by Judge W. PRESTON BATTLE, Memphis, Tenn., relative to seating accommodations in the courtroom in anticipation of forthcoming trial.

Also submitted are two copies of an "Order on Scire Facias," issued by Judge BATTLE.

In addition to the above Orders issued by Judge BATTLE, there are enclosed two copies each of the following:

Letter prepared by subject JAMES EARL RAY to his brother JERRY, dated October 14, 1968.

Letter dated October 9, 1968, addressed to subject by his brother, JERRY RAY, St. Louis, Mo.

Letter dated October 14, 1968 from subject to Attorney ARTHUR HANES.

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IN THE CRIMINAL COURT OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE

DIVISION THREE

STATE OF TENNESSEE,	§	
	§	
vs.	§	NOS. 16345 and 16819
	§	
JAMES EARL RAY, Alias ERIC STARVO GALT, Alias JOHN WILLARD, Alias HARVEY LOHMEYER.	§	

ORDER ON SCIRE FACIAS

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Alias HARVEY LOHMEYER. §
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The Court being undecided at this time as to what action the Court should take by way of punishment on account of said contempts and being desirous of giving the matter further consideration,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that this matter be, and the same is hereby, reserved by this Court for further and future orders of this Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the motions of the respondents Roy Hamilton and Charles Edmundson, made by and through their attorneys, the Honorable Armistead Clay and the Honorable Ezra Z. Bryan, at the conclusion of the Court's opinion, to reconsider the Court's action and, in the alternative, to fix punishment, are hereby denied.

To all of which the respondents respectfully except.

J. Preston Bruce

JUDGE

Oct. 11, 1968 in and for [illegible]

1968, nunc pro tunc

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STATE OF TENNESSEE

VS.

JAMES EARL RAY
Alias Eric Starvo Galt,
Alias John Willard,
Alias Harvey Lowmeyer,
Alias Harvey Lowmyer.

NO. 16645 Murder First Degree

NO. 16819 Carrying Dangerous Weapon

ORDER

Attendance in the Courtroom will be limited to the seating accomodations of the Courtroom except insofar as the Court shall order.

The north portion of the Courtroom behind the rails consisting of seats numbered 1 through 42 will be reserved for accredited representatives of the news media who will be admitted to the Courtroom only upon presentation of credentials issued by this Court. The south portion of the back of the Courtroom behind the rails consisting of seats numbered 43 through 77 will be available to members of the public for each session of the Court in order of their appearance except for ____ seats for family and/or friends of the defendant, and ____ seats for family and/or friends of the deceased.

Seat assignments for representatives of news media shall be as follows:

Seat No. 1. Associated Press Representative
2. U. P. I. Representative
3. Associated Negro Press Representative
4. National N. B. C. T.V. and Radio Representative
5. National C. B. S. T.V. and Radio Representative
6. National A. B. C. T.V. and Radio Representative
7. Commercial Appeal Representative
8. Press-Scimitar Representative
9. Tri-State Defender Representative
10. Memphis World Representative

11. Memphis W R E C T.V. Representative

12. Memphis W R E C T.V. Representative

13. Memphis W H B Q T.V. Representative

14. Memphis W.M.P.S. Representative

15. Memphis W.D.I.A. Representative

16. The New York Times and News Service Representative

17. Los Angeles Times and News Service Representative

18. Chicago Daily News Wire Service Representative

19. St. Louis Post Dispatch Representative

20. The Nashville Banner Representative

21. The Nashville Tennesseean Representative

22. Washington Daily News-Scripps Howard News Representative

23. Wall Street Journal (National Observer) Representative

24. The Birmingham News Representative

25. Atlanta Constitution Representative

26. This seat to be shared by following named four (4) London newspapers on a revolving basis to be worked out among themselves, and plan to be approved by the Court:
    (a) The London Daily Mirror Representative
    (b) The Daily Telegraph and Morning Post Representati
    (c) The Daily Mail Representative
    (d) The London Daily Express Representative

27. Reuters Representative

28. Deutsche Press-Agentur Representative

29. Toronto Telegram Representative

30. French News Agency Representative

31. This seat to be shared by Life-Time-Fortune magazines on a revolving basis to be worked out among themselves, and plan to be approved by the Court.

32. Newsweek Representative

33. Harpers Representative

34. Saturday Evening Post Representative

35. Gerold Frank, Doubleday and Company

36. George McMillan, Little Brown and Company

37. W.S.G.N., Birmingham

38. Clay D. Blair, Bantam Books

39. Revolving Seats

40. " "

41. Revolving Seats

42. " "

Enter.

Clifton Beard

Judge Division III

Criminal Court, Shelby County, Tennessee

Date: Oct. 14 1968

To. Mr. Jerry Ray
1902 Cherokee
St. Louis, Missouri,
63118

Oct-14-68

Dear Jerry;

I recid your letter a couple days ago. Their is a couple of things I would like for you to do when you come down. One I want to sign the power of attorney over to you, it's just a one page document giving you the right to sign anything for me with my name, I guess you could get one from a notary and bring it to me I would then sign it and give it back to you. also when you come down I would like for you to call the Shelby County [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

and ask them to give you any information they have to you on the limits of an Alabama attorney to practice in Tennessee, I seems as if your from Alabama you can just take one case a year up here and I mite half to have a Tennessee att for the ethics committee hearing. I would ask Mr Hones about this but he is in calif. interving witness and I don't know when he will be back, Well I guess That all for now, Take it easy. Jim

P.S.
I think the Bar association is located in the criminal counts Building.

Oct 7, 68

Dear Jimmy:

Just a short note to let you know Jack got back okay, he got back Friday Evening and I received your letter saturday.

There isn't much to write about as I haven't heard from Hanes or anybody else concerning the case.

I'll probably drive down and pay you a visit in about ten days so if you want me to contact anybody for you let me know in your answer and I can fill you in when I visit you.

There isn't much else to write about, I mainly wanted to let you know I got your letter.

Everybody in the Family is okay

as ever

Brother

Jerry Bay.

P.S. 2

I was just on my way way to mail to mail this letter when I received your last letter. I was just going over to the the Tavern where Jack is at. I'll take your letter over to him and after we find out the information you want either him or I will write you and pass along the information.

as ever

Jerry.

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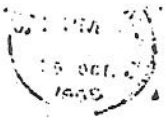

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Shelby county jail

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MEMPHIS, TENN.
COUNTY JAIL.

To. Mr. Arthur Hanes
Att. at Law.
Birmingham, Alabama.
35203

Dear Mr. Hanes; oct-14-68

I will just write a short note, everything is about the same, the papers have been writing about 2 articles everyday about the case, the last article took up the whole front page of the 2nd. section. I guess they had a lots briefs from the state attorns office as they come up with a couple new theorys, also bring me up a set of heads as one suppose to be a hippie according to the last article. The main reason I am writing the letter is to say I haven't made any real statements while up here and will not until I go to court. If this would be similar to the letter I sent

oct-14-68

to you on att. [illegible] Clark from England.
I read in the paper a couple of days ago where
the federal courts are using this tactic to
get convictions.
Well I suppose that's all for now

Sincerely
James E. Ray.
memphis county jail ...