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Dear Mr. Pollak:

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In Re: State of Tennessee vs. James Earl Ray

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As you probably know, we have been doing extensive pre-trial work getting ready for the trial in the above styled matter on November 12, 1968. Prior to this time, we have received a number of investigative reports from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, but there are some reports which we desperately need in preparing for this case which have not yet been tendered to us. In some instances, we have received laboratory reports pertaining to certain physical evidence, but have not received the field reports which would indicate to us who recovered the evidence that was examined in the laboratory, and how and by whom same was transmitted to the laboratory for examination. Of course, we have to keep intact the chain of evidence in presenting this material at the ltrial.

It is urgently requested that, as soon as possible, this office be furnished with any and all available investigative reports originating and emanating from the following localities, whether such reports have been submitted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, local law enforcement, or agencies outside the continental REC 49 44-32-11 United States.

Chicago, Illinois

New York City.

Canada

I make specific reference to the need for reports 5226 from the following localities: в

Scotland Yard report.)

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Mexico Lisbon, Portugal.

Also, since the last report submitted to this office from field offices of the Federal Bureau of Investigation dated May 17, we have received no reports since that date, and we would like to have the results of any supplemental investigations. I refer spocifically to the possible supplemental investigations from Atlanta, Georgia, Los Angeles, California, Birmingham, Alabama, New Orleans, Louisiana, Kansas City, Missouri, and Newark, New Jersey.

Thanking you for your assistance in this matter, I

Sincerely yours,

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