

1 Two, Motion to inspect the evidence;

2 Three, Motion to remove lights and
3 cameras from the jail;

4 Four, Motion for private consultation
5 with Attorney;

6 Five, Petition to authorize Defendant
7 to take depositions;

8 Six, Motion to permit conference with
9 Hule;

10 Seven, Motion to permit photographs;

11 Eight, Motion to designate Court
12 Reporters;

13 Nine, Motion to stipulate testimony;

14 Ten, Suggestion of proper name.

15 You are waiving and giving up all these
16 rights?

17 MR. RAY: Yes, sir.

18 THE COURT: Has anything besides your
19 sentence of 99 years in the penitentiary been
20 promised to you to get you to plead guilty?

21 MR. RAY: No, no one has used pressure.

22 THE COURT: Are you pleading guilty to
23 murder in the first degree in this case be-
24 cause you killed Dr. Martin Luther King under

1 such circumstances that would make you
2 legally guilty of murder in the first de-
3 gree under the law as explained to you by
4 your lawyers?

5 MR. RAY: Yes, legally guilty, uh-huh.

6 THE COURT: Is this plea of guilty to
7 murder in the first degree with agreed
8 punishment of 99 years in the State peni-
9 tentiary freely, voluntarily and understand-
10 ingly made and entered by you?

11 MR. RAY: Yes, sir.

12 THE COURT: Is this plea of guilty on
13 your part the free act of your free will,
14 made with your full knowledge and understand-
15 ing of its meaning and consequences?

16 MR. RAY: Yes, sir.

17 THE COURT: You may be seated.

18 (Thereupon, the Defendant complied
19 with the request of the Court.)

20 THE COURT: All right, sir, are you
21 ready for a jury?

22 MR. FOREMAN: Yes, Your Honor.

23 THE COURT: All right, sir, call 12
24 names, take them one at a time out of the

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box and call the name.

DEPUTY: James W. Ballard; Gus Cariota;
Johnny Shaw; James N. Abram; John W. Blackwell;
Amos G. Black, Jr; J. Paul Howard; Miller
Williamson; Robert S. St. Pierre, S-t.
P-i-e-r-r-e.

MR. ST. PIERRE: Here.

DEPUTY: James R. Pate; Joe Stovall, Jr;
Richard Lee Counsellor.

Amos G. Black?

MR. BLACK: Yes.

DEPUTY: Have a seat in the box.

John W. Blackwell; James N. Abram;
Robert S. St. Pierre; Miller Williamson;
J. Paul Howard; Robert Lee Counsellor.
Last seat.

Joe Stovall, Jr.; James R. Pate;
Johnny Shaw; Gus Cariota; James W. Ballard.

(Thereupon, the jurors were seated
in the jury box.)

GEN. CANALE: May it please the Court,
Gentlemen of the Jury, I will introduce
myself. My name is Phil M. Canale, Jr. I
am the District Attorney here in Shelby

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MR. SHAW: Yes, sir.

MR. FOREMAN: You would write the same
verdict also? Your answer is the same?

MR. SHAW: Yes, sir.

MR. FOREMAN: Mr. Cariota, is that
your answer, sir?

MR. CARIOTA: Yes, sir.

MR. FOREMAN: And you, Mr. Ballard?

MR. BALLARD: Yes, sir.

MR. FOREMAN: You would? Thank you.
Thank you very much.

Thank you, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Do both sides accept the
jury?

MR. FOREMAN: We do, Your Honor.

GEN. CANALE: The State does, Your
Honor.

MR. RAY: Your Honor, I would like to
say something too, if I may.

THE COURT: All right.

MR. RAY: I don't want to change any-
thing that I have said. I don't want to
add anything onto it either. The only thing
I have to say is, I don't exactly accept

1 the theories of Mr. Clark.

2 In other words, I am not bound to
3 accept these theories of Mr. Clark.

4 MR. FOREMAN: Who is Mr. Clark?

5 MR. RAY: Ramsey Clark.

6 MR. FOREMAN: Oh.

7 MR. RAY: And Mr. Hoover.

8 MR. FOREMAN: Mr. who?

9 MR. RAY: Mr. J. Edgar Hoover. The
10 only thing, I say I am not -- I agree to
11 all these stipulations. I am not trying to
12 change anything. I just want to add some-
13 thing onto it.

14 THE COURT: You don't agree with
15 whose theories?

16 MR. RAY: I meant Mr. Canale, Mr.
17 Foreman, Mr. Ramsey Clark. I mean on the
18 conspiracy thing. I don't want to add
19 something onto it which I haven't agreed
20 to in the past.

21 MR. FOREMAN: I think that what he is
22 saying is that he doesn't think that Ramsey
23 Clark's right or J. Edgar Hoover is right.

24 I didn't argue them as evidence in

1 this case. I simply stated that under-
2 writing and backing up the opinions of
3 General Canale, that they had made the
4 same statement.

5 You are not required to agree or
6 withdraw or anything else.

7 THE COURT: You still -- your answers
8 to these questions that I asked you would
9 still be the same?

10 MR. RAY: Yes, sir.

11 The only thing is I just didn't want
12 to add anything onto them. That was all.

13 THE COURT: There is nothing in these
14 answers to these questions I asked you,
15 in other words, you change none of those?

16 MR. RAY: No, sir. No, sir.

17 THE COURT: In other words, you are
18 pleading guilty and taking 99 years, and
19 I think the main question here that I want
20 to ask you is this:

21 Are you pleading guilty to murder in
22 the first degree in this case because you
23 killed Dr. Martin Luther King under such
24 circumstances that would make you legally