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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.

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 RULED THAT WRITTEN NOTES

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

THERE IS ANY ATTEMPT TO BREACH, SECURITY OF THE JAIL. THESE

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. IT 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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