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.

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## IN THE CRIMINAL COURT OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE

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 accommodations of the Courtroom except insofar as the Court shall order.

The north portion of the Courtroom behind the rails consisting of seats numbered / 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 1 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 M 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 Representative
  - (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
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Judge Division III

Criminal Court, Shelby County, Tennessee

Date: Oct 14 1968

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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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