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IN THE CRIMINAL COURT OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE  
Division III

STATE OF TENNESSEE

VS.

NO. 16645  
NO. 16819

JAMES EARL RAY,  
Defendant

ORDER AUTHORIZING TAKING OF  
DEPOSITIONS OUT OF STATE

This cause came on for hearing before the Honorable  
W. Preston Battle, Judge, Division III, Criminal Court, Shelby County,  
Tennessee, upon the petition of defendant to take depositions of out of  
State witnesses and it appearing to the Court that the application is in  
order and should be granted and that the time for taking depositions  
should be set for the earliest date practical to the convenience of the  
Attorney General and the witnesses. It further appeared that the defendant  
is indigent and without adequate funds to compensate witnesses for coming  
to and from Memphis, and that their depositions should therefore be taken.

IT IS ACCORDINGLY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED  
that the defendant be and is authorized through his counsel to take the  
depositions of the witnesses as listed below:

Warden V alter Swanson  
Department of Corrections  
Jefferson City, Missouri

Harry Lauf  
c/o Missouri Department of Corrections  
Route 5  
Jefferson City, Missouri

and

U. L. Baker  
1408 Clermont Drive  
Aero Marine  
Birmingham, Alabama

John D. Hanners  
c/o Aero Marine  
806 Meg Drive  
Birmingham, Alabama

Peter Cherpes  
2608 Highland  
Birmingham, Alabama

C.E. Kirkpatrick  
Birmingham Trust National Bank  
Birmingham, Alabama

Clyde R. Manasco  
Route 9, Box 602  
Birmingham, Alabama

and

Frank Hitt  
Agent in Charge  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Atlanta, Georgia

Rev. Andrew J. Young  
1088 Veltre Circle S.W.  
Atlanta, Georgia  
or  
c/o Southern Christian Leadership Conference  
Atlanta, Georgia

J. D. Garner  
107 14th Street N.E.  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dr. William Rutherford  
c/o Southern Christian Leadership Conference  
Atlanta, Georgia

Rev. Lowery  
c/o Southern Christian Leadership Conference  
Atlanta, Georgia

Rev. Martin Luther King, Sr.  
c/o Ebenezer Baptist Church  
Atlanta, Georgia

and:

George Bonebreke, Agent  
c/o Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the  
Clerk be and is directed to issue necessary commissions to  
Commissioners to take the depositions, giving said Commissioners  
full plenary power to subpoena said witnesses and continue the hearing  
thereof from time to time until the said depositions have been completed.

Enter this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1969.

JUDGE  
CRIMINAL COURT, Division III  
SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE