

SHELBY COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
CRIMINAL COURTS BUILDING  
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

February 10, 1969


Sheriff William N. Morris, Jr.  
Criminal Courts Building  
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Sir:

At 3:30 PM, February 8, 1969, Patrolman W. R. Lincoln, Supervisor on the 4:00 PM to 12:00 midnight shift called me at home and said that a Judge from Selmar, Alabama, had called and given some information about Ray. I advised Lincoln to make a memo regarding this phone call.

This memo is enclosed with a copy for the Attorney General also.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Captain B. J. Smith

**STATE OF TENNESSEE**  
**COUNTY OF SHELBY**  
**SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

**FROM :** Patrolman W.R. Lincoln, Special Services

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**MEMO TO:** Sheriff W.N. Morris, Jr.

Date 2/8/69

Dear Sir:

At approximately 3:20 PM this date, the undersigned received a telephone call from Judge James Hare, who stated that he was Circuit Court Judge of Selmar, Alabama. At this time, Judge Hare asked if I was connected in any way with James Earl Ray. I advised him I was, but that I was not at liberty to give out any information. Judge Hare stated that he only wished to notify the proper authorities in regards to the article that Mr. Huie had written and was published in the Look magazine.

The Judge stated that in the article, he stated that James was in Selmar on March 22, 1968, and that he believed that James Earl was in Selmar on April 3, 1968, at a restaurant where he was eating lunch. He further stated that he had turned this information over to the FBI in Selmar. Judge Hare advised that he had tried to contact Mr. Phil Canale, of the Attorney General's office, with this information, but was unable to do so. In giving me this information, he requested that it be turned over to the Attorney General's office and if he could be of any further service, he could be reached at his home, 872-0663, or his office, 872-0921, at Selmar, Alabama.

Orig: Sheriff W.N. Morris, Jr.

cc: Capt. B. J. Smith

Lt. John Brown

*W. R. Lincoln*