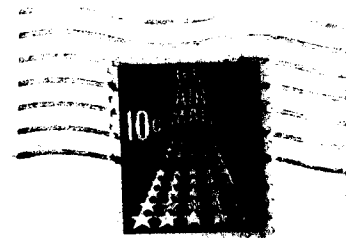


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Re: State of Tennessee v James Earl Ray

Dear Judge Battle:

I hereby request on behalf of my client, James Earl Ray, that he be assigned three (3) seats in the courtroom for various friends and members of his family who will be interested in the upcoming trial. Any consideration which may be given to this request will be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully yours



Arthur J. Hanes

AJH/sr

cc: Sheriff William Morris  
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