

Outline ~~the~~ the reasons why James Earl Ray is given special treatment at the Jail. (He has been accused, charged and arraigned in connection with the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The murder of Dr. King led to the worst outbreak of violence in this country's history, aside from warfare. It is imperative that the charges against this man ~~be~~ be proved or disproved in court. Therefore, every step possible has been taken to insure his safe arrival here, ~~insure~~ his safe incarceration and his safety during the complete trial. His personal security must be insured and the security of the trial must be insured.)

What special treatment does he receive?

(Outline security measures including a description of his cell facilities, special guards, television cameras, food protection, etc., and explain why. Point out that this is definitely not done for his comfort, but for the maximum security that can be afforded him.)

How much does all this cost the taxpayers of Shelby County?

(Preface your remarks in answer to this by pointing out that 90 percent (if true) of the work done in keeping him safe should have been done long ago and that his presence in the jail has simply been a catalyst causing these needed innovations to be rushed. Without them, you could not be confident in assuring his safety. Then go down list of items and cost, explaining as you go what purpose each has. Then give total at end.)

What does he eat? How is it prepared? Safeguarded?

Does he get mail? How much? Is it censored? Has he had money gifts? Other gifts?

Can he see relatives or friends? Have they seen him? Have they applied to see him? Who?

What extra men have been hired during the heavy security of last week? What extra forces were available?

(Point out that your men worked 12-hour shifts and many worked more than that. Commend them for their fine efforts and dedication to duty. Note the fact that Highway Patrolmen and City Police, ~~received~~ furnished after your request from those agencies, supplemented your force. Mention that the Governor has pledged whatever manpower assistance is necessary.

Do you have any information that any group may try to set up ~~pick~~ pickets or vigils around the jail? Will it be allowed? Will you have the manpower to control any incidents that might arise out of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference meeting here next Month?

What constitutes an average day of Ray? Would it be possible to interview Ray if he asked for it or gave his permission?

What precautions will be taken in the courtroom to protect Ray during the trial? Will there be a bullet proof shield or anything like that?

When will it be determined what members of the press will be accredited to cover the trial? (After a courtroom is selected and the 100 or more applications can be evaluated ~~annex~~ ~~maximum~~ with a theory being followed that would allow the best coverage for the most people. The decisions may be made in August.)

Will anymore photographs be ~~allowed~~ released of Ray in custody? Why was the one released?

What comments has Ray had in regard to his treatment in ~~Man~~ your custody?

What part is the FBI playing in the case at present?

Have you, your family or your staff received any threats against your life?

Mr. Hanes, in The Commercial Appeal Sunday July 19, stated that the state's witnesses had been paid and stashed away. What about this report?

~~Max~~

Are you sending reports to Los Angeles on your security measures for possible use by California authorities in connection with the Sirhan Sirhan case? Did you benefit from your visit to Dallas?