



**City of Memphis**  
Tennessee

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**HENRY LOEB**  
MAYOR

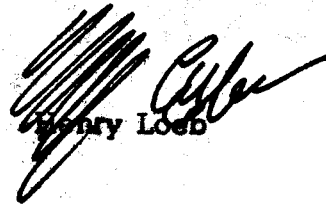
Reverend James L. Bevel  
Director of Non-Violent Education  
Southern Leadership Conference  
Atlantic City, New Jersey

Dear Reverend Bevel:

Thank you for your telegram.

I am referring this to Sheriff William Morris.

Very truly yours,



Henry Loeb

HL:lr

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CC: Sheriff William Morris

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MAYOR HENRY LOEB

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AS FAR AS I AM CONCERNED BASED UPON FURTHER EVIDENCE I HAVE GATHERED JAMES EARL RAY IS NOT GUILTY THEREFORE I WOULD ADVISE THAT HE BE PUT IN A CELL ALONE FOR IT IS MY INTENTION TO SEE TO IT THAT HE IS SAFE AND THAT NOTHING CAN POSSIBLY ENDANGER HIS LIFE BEFORE AND DURING THE TRIAL. I ADVISE THAT HE BE PUT IN A SOLITARY CELL LEST THERE BE SOME FREAKISH ACCIDENT OR SOME UNEXPECTED ARGUMENT WHICH MIGHT DEVELOP WITHOUT YOUR KNOWLEDGE THAT MAY CAUSE HIM INJURY OR DEATH

REVEREND JAMES L BEVEL DIRECTOR OF NON VIOLENT EDUCATION SOUTHERN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

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