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Extradition Fight Ends; Ray To Return To U.S.A.

Accused Killer Of Dr. King Expected To Be Flown Home In Next Few Days

LONDON (AP) — James Earl Ray gave up his battle against extradition Tuesday and agreed to return to the United States for trial on charges of assassinating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

He is expected to fly home under heavy guard in the next few days for trial in Memphis, Tenn., in the shooting of the Nobel laureate there last April 4. Ray, an escaped convict from the Missouri State Penitentiary, was arrested in London June 8. He has steadily claimed his innocence of the killing.

A legal informant said Ray signed a statement declaring he would not pursue an appeal in the British High Court against a Magistrate's Court order July 2 extraditing him to the United States.

The statement, signed Tuesday morning at a conference with his court-appointed British lawyer, cut short a complicated legal case which had little chance of success.

People who talked to Ray recently in Wandsworth prison said he had been growing restless and tired of waiting. Another factor was the news that the British had refused to continue legal aid for his appeal. He had been granted free legal service for the lower court case.

Ray's statement was signed in an irregular hand, "Ramon George Sneyd," the alias under which he had been held here since his arrest.

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It said, "I have made this decision after considering all the facts, and I believe that this is the best course of action for me to adopt."

Ray was contending that King's murder was a political crime and therefore he could not be extradited under British law. But he apparently decided several days ago to drop the appeal, which had been set for the High Court before three British judges on July 29.

Ray could be on a plane headed for the United States within 24 hours.

HANES DUE TODAY

His American lawyer, Arthur J. Hanes of Birmingham, Ala., is flying to London and is due here Wednesday morning. He may ask for permission to accompany Ray home, but U.S. officials indicated this request would be turned down.

Once Ray is handed over by the British, his custody becomes the responsibility of the U.S. Justice Department. The U.S. government probably will take Ray home under heavy guard on a special plane, either a U.S. military jet or a chartered civilian airliner.

Ray, who has persistently denied killing the Negro leader, made no reference to the case itself in his brief typewritten statement.

The document may become part of the record, but not necessarily. His British lawyers now have it. They can either send it to Home Secretary James Callaghan as evidence that Ray has waived extradition, or they can do nothing. Ray's 15-day grace period to appeal against his extradition order expires Wednesday night. If no appeal is filed, he automatically becomes eligible for immediate extradition.

Ray was ordered to be extradited after a two-day hearing at Bow Street Magistrate's Court, which held there was sufficient evidence to try him for King's murder.

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WRITES BROTHER

Last week Ray wrote a brother in the United States telling him to arrange payment as an advance for Hanes' legal fees. Then he remarked: "I could appeal my extradition hearing, but I am getting tired of listening to these liars and I might close it up about Tuesday."

Ray's British lawyers knew about this letter and questioned him about his feelings. The "liars" he referred to apparently were the British police, who have quoted him as saying, "Oh, God, 'I feel so trapped,' after his arrest. He denied saying anything like that.

Ray gave no outward sign of his decision when he appeared in Bow Street Court earlier Tuesday for a brief hearing. He chewed gum while he sat facing the magistrate and heard his lawyers agree to have him held in prison for eight days until the next court appearance.

These hearings, one every week, have been formalities connected with his arrest in London on charges of entering the country under a forged Canadian passport and carrying an unlicensed gun.

Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Frank Milton asked if he had anything to say, and Ray replied: "No, sir."

MOVEMENTS TRACED

Ever since Ray's arrest, Scotland Yard has assigned a team of a dozen detectives to the task of tracing his movements in London. Working up to 18 hours a day, they checked hundreds of hotel registers, checked scores of banks and interviewed hundreds of people who had even the most remote contact with Ray.

The investigation now is finished and the dossier eventually will be forwarded to the U.S. authorities.

The key point about the probe is that it drew a complete blank on the possibility of any confederates for Ray, at least in London. Police informants said they found no evidence here that Ray was involved in any conspiracy.

The inquiries also extended to Lisbon, Portugal, although the informants would not say who conducted the investigation there.

The evidence indicates that Ray arrived in London on May 7 from Toronto, Canada, left for Lisbon on the same day and then returned to London on May 17. He was traced to three separate hotels, all near international air terminals. All reports indicated he was a withdrawn, secretive person, with no outside contacts.

The Scotland Yard investigation has turned up no evidence that Ray, at least while in London, had any cash to spare or had anyone here to help him financially.

The Scotland Yard inquiry confirmed that Ray was trying to make his way to Africa, possibly to join a white mercenary unit, or possibly to reach Rhodesia, whose breakaway regime

has no extradition agreement with the United States.

When Ray was arrested he was carrying 60 pounds—\$144. He also had a British Overseas Airways Corp. ticket to Toronto, where he is believed to have obtained a forged Canadian passport, and a British European Airways ticket to Brussels, where he had been told mercenaries were recruited.

The police list of his property also mentions a map of Portugal and several paperback books. They included one about Rhodesia; "Psycho," on which the movie was based, "Self-hypnotism," and "How to Cash in on Your Hidden Memory Power."

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LAWYER SAYS RAY INNOCENT

LONDON (UPI)—James Earl Ray's Alabama lawyer said that Ray is innocent of the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and wants to return to the United States to clear himself of the charges.

Ray Will Fly Back To U.S.

LONDON (AP)—James Earl Ray may be on his way back to the United States tonight or early Thursday to face trial for the killing of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Ray cleared the way for his return by signing a declaration Tuesday that he did not want to appeal the order for his extradition issued by London's chief magistrate on July 2.

It was not known whether Ray's lawyers would deliver his statement to the Home Office or whether they would let the 15-day period for him to file an appeal expire this afternoon without taking further action.

In either case, Home Secretary James Callaghan could sign the order for Ray's extradition before nightfall. He would then be delivered to the U.S. Justice Department for the transatlantic flight.

Informed sources said the journey would be made aboard a U.S. government plane or a chartered civil jet, with Ray under heavy guard.

Ray's American lawyer, Arthur J. Hanes of Birmingham, Ala., was due in London this morning. He may ask to accompany his client back to the United States, but U.S. officials indicated this request would be turned down.

Ray's decision not to appeal the extradition order came as a surprise after a routine court hearing Tuesday at which he sat quietly while his British lawyers agreed to have him held in prison another eight days on charges he entered Britain on a forged Canadian passport and carried an unlicensed gun.

These were the charges on which he was arrested June 8 at London Airport, ending a two-month, worldwide search following the slaying of the civil rights leader April 4 in Memphis, Tenn.

Ray's British lawyers had been preparing an appeal based on the contention that King's slaying was a political crime and that Ray therefore could not be extradited under British law. A hearing on the appeal had been tentatively set for June 29 even though it had not yet been filed.

People who talked to Ray recently in Wandsworth Jail said he had been growing restless and tired of waiting after months on the run.

They said he consistently claimed he is innocent of the killing.

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Britain Drops Ray Charges

Extradition Is Awaited In King Case

**State Attorney
Accuses U.S. Of
'Barnum Affair'**

LONDON (UPI)—Britain today dropped its charges against James Earl Ray, removing the last barriers to his extradition to stand trial for the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. His Alabama attorney accused the United States of turning the case into a Yankee Stadium-P. T. Barnum affair.

Ray was charged in Britain with illegal possession of a fraudulent passport when he was arrested June 8 at London airport. London's Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Frank Milton took just 60 seconds today to dismiss those charges.

Ray's attorney, Arthur J. Hanes, called a news conference two hours later to make his P. T. Barnum charges.

TO LEAVE SOON

Asked when he expected Ray to be shipped back to the United States he said, "Your guess is as good as mine." But it was considered likely Ray would leave in a day or two.

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Ray Charges

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"The government people are being very polite—they just don't give you the time of day—they don't tell you anything," the dapper former mayor of Birmingham said.

His face hardened. "But if they want to play hard ball we'll play hard ball . . . if they want to play soft ball we'll play soft ball."

Hanes said he still failed to understand the U.S. Justice Department's refusal of his request to accompany Ray on the flight home.

The U.S. government has thus far refused Hanes permission either to travel with his client or to speak to him once Ray is handed over to U.S. authorities.

A newsman asked Hanes why he was so anxious not to leave Ray alone for six or seven hours on the plane with U.S. agents.

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"I don't want this man
grilled, cross-examined, and
interrogated in the plane when
I'm not there," he said.

Hanes contended Ray's constitutional rights would be compromised in such a situation.

The Alabama attorney said his request to accompany Ray back to the United States was in keeping with Supreme Court decisions "holding that no agent of the law has the right to question a suspect except in the presence of the suspect's attorney."

Hanes declined at today's news conference to comment on any aspect of the case itself, including steps he is taking to prepare a defense.

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Ray Trial May Come This Summer

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Workers scurried around the Shelby County jail Wednesday to complete security remodeling in time for James Earl Ray's return from London to face a murder charge in the death of Dr. Martin Luther King. He is expected here soon.

Officials said Ray's decision Tuesday to drop his fight against extradition to the United States may mean his trial will be held before the summer is over.

He is charged in the April 4 shooting of King, slain as he prepared to lead a demonstration in support of a now-settled strike by the city's 1,300 garbage workers.

SURPRISE DECISION

There was some indication that Ray's decision to drop his fight against return to the United States caught officials here by surprise.

Sheriff William Morris Jr., handling the security for the trial, admitted that arrangements are not complete.

A crew was observed on the third floor of the building, welding solid steel plates across at least five windows. A fluoroscope, its purpose unexplained, was carried inside.

'GOING TO TRY'

Security plans to be completed include closed circuit television for around-the-clock observation of Ray. But Morris said, "we can adequately take care of him whenever he is returned. We have a job to do and we're going to try and do it."

Dist. Atty. Gen. Phil M. Canale said in June he was planning an early fall trial in the Ray case. But aides speculated Wednesday that a late summer trial may now be possible.

Sheriff's deputies said their days off were cancelled pending the return of Ray.

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Hanes Blasts Refusal To Fly With Ray

LONDON (AP) — James Earl Ray's Alabama lawyer protested vigorously Wednesday against plans to fly the accused assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to Memphis, Tenn., without his own legal counsel aboard the plane.

Addressing newsmen after visiting Ray in Wandsworth Prison for 45 minutes, Arthur J. Hanes, former mayor of Birmingham, said Ray had asked him to fly back with him but that U.S. authorities had turned down the request.

"He fears being in company of the Justice Department alone," Hanes said. "I don't know the basis of the fear but he says it and he wants me to be present."

Ray decided Tuesday not to appeal against extradition any longer, and Hanes arrived in London Wednesday morning.

U.S. officials have steadfastly refused on security grounds to disclose anything about how

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they will take Ray to the United States.

But he is expected to go aboard a U.S. military plane or a chartered airliner under heavy guard.

Neither Hanes nor Ray's British lawyer has any idea when the plane will leave.

U.S. Embassy officials declined comment on Hanes' statements. They said the decision to bar Hanes from the plane had been made in Washington and any comment would have to come from there.

Hanes explained he had advised Ray to waive extradition because he wants to get started on the case—and "begin without further delay an effort to combat and counteract the unprecedented, vicious and libelous

press and television campaign to portray him as a convicted murderer, a monster, a degenerate and a dope addict."

The lawyer said no one is guilty until proved so, and "once my client is in Memphis, where he can confer daily with me and others, we will find the whole truth and establish it."

In Wandsworth Prison, Ray and Hanes have been able to confer only with wardens next to them—"hanging over our heads like pigeons in Trafalgar Square," Hanes said.

CONFER IN PRIVATE

This was his point about returning to the United States—so that he and Ray can confer in private. He said he had made repeated requests through the Justice Department in Washington, both in writing and by telephone, for permission to stay with Ray on the plane home. He also demanded that Ray not be interrogated by U.S. officials without his lawyer's presence.

Hanes invoked the U.S. Supreme Court to support his plea to accompany Ray. He alluded to the Miranda decision limiting the right of police to question suspects. Under questioning by newsmen, he admitted that Miranda did not apply to a period during which a prisoner was being transported.

Nevertheless, he said a decision not to permit him on the plane would violate his constitutional rights and be "high-handed, wrong and prejudicial."

Hanes also complained about reports that Fred Vinson Jr., U.S. assistant attorney general in charge of the Justice Department's criminal division, had spoken to Ray shortly after his arrest here June 8. He said Vinson had "transgressed the rights of my client," although when reminded by newsmen that Vinson had denied speaking to Ray, he said he would not make a major issue of this.

A few legal loose ends remain to be tied up before Ray can be handed over to U.S. authorities, first the British must adjourn or drop the charges of passport forgery and carrying an unlicensed gun under which Ray has been held.

A hearing is scheduled at Bow Street Magistrates Court Thursday. Although Ray does not necessarily have to be present, British lawyers said it would be legally risky to spirit him out of the country until the hearing is finished, in case either defense, prosecution or the magistrate wanted to question him in court.

Once this is wound up, Home Secretary James Callaghan can sign the extradition warrant on the order made July 2 by Chief Magistrate Frank Milton, who so will preside at Thursday's hearing.

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Ray Now In U.S. Hands; En Route To Stand Trial

Attorney Loses Bid To Travel With Suspect To Memphis

LONDON (AP) — James Earl Ray, wanted in the Memphis assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., was flown out of Britain Friday to stand trial in the United States.

A reliable source said Ray took off from an airfield close to London shortly after midnight. The U.S. Embassy confirmed that he had left Britain.

Arthur J. Hanes, the Birmingham, Ala., attorney who has taken on Ray's defense, said he planned to return to the United States later Friday. Hanes had battled without success for permission to accompany Ray on the journey back.

Ray was taken late Thursday night from Wandsworth prison in South London and convoyed under heavy guard out of the capital.

The takeoff time means that because of the difference between British and American time Ray will reach the United States during darkness. This was planned to assist security in the handover from U.S. Federal to Tennessee officials.

In Memphis, Ray faces charges of first degree murder in the April 4, assassination of the Negro civil rights leader.

The presumption in London was that he flew under the guard of U.S. marshals. But security around the operation was so tight that this could not be confirmed, and neither the air base from which he flew nor the destination was named.

By air from London to Memphis is a trip of some 4,500 miles. At trans-Atlantic jet speeds, it would take 7½ to 8½ hours.

American officials refused a request by Hanes even to speak to Ray once he was in U.S. custody.

High-ranking Scotland Yard officers accompanied the hush-hush convoy that whisked Ray out of London on a clear but sultry night.

The convoy headed across the Thames River toward the capital's main northern exit routes. About 60 miles to the north lies a complex of bases, built before and during World War II, which now handle much of the American Air Force fighter and transport traffic in Britain.

At Mildenhall, on the Cam-

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bridge-Suffolk borders, the United States maintains a major transport base capable of handling the largest trans-Atlantic jets.

Hanes said U.S. officials refused to give him an explanation of their refusal. But he made it clear that Ray feared U.S. officials would try to interrogate him during the seven- or eight-hour jet flight about circumstances surrounding King's assassination, possibly raising questions about any conspiracy. "I just told him to keep his mouth shut," Hanes said.

British courts Thursday cleared away the last of the formalities that have prevented Ray's transfer to the United States since his arrest in London June 8.

Following Ray's decision earlier this week to abandon his fight against extradition, a lawyer representing the director of public prosecutions went into Bow Street Magistrates Court.

He said no evidence would be offered to support British charges against Ray of entering the country on a forged passport and carrying an unlicensed gun. That was the last step before Home Secretary James Callaghan could sign the extradition papers.

The Home Office announced Callaghan signed the order Thursday night.

This order authorized the transfer of Ray to the custody of U.S. marshals.

Ray was not in court for the hearing. Hanes was conferring with him at Wandsworth Prison.

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"I gave him some new shirts and a tie so he would look sharp," the lawyer said.

Hanes was being kept completely in the dark about the flight.

"I don't know if they are taking him back by Wells Fargo, or ship or yellow submarine," the lawyer told newsmen.

He said he might make a legal issue of it at the trial, basing his argument on new U.S. Supreme Court rulings about holding a suspect in custody without permitting him to consult a lawyer.

"I don't see any justification logically for them to prevent me from seeing him," he said. "But I have a right to see him in private when he is turned over to U.S. authorities. He has fears of intensive interrogation and grilling by Justice Department agents. They will have him captive for seven or eight hours and they can engage him in conversation."

Hanes said he had formally requested the U.S. Justice Department for permission to accompany Ray home when he called Washington from his office in Birmingham Tuesday morning to tell the department about Ray's extradition waiver.

He told newsmen a message was passed on to him through the U.S. Embassy here from Fred Vinson Jr., U.S. assistant attorney general, saying: "I hope you understand why you cannot accompany this man to the United States and why you cannot see him in private."

Hanes said he replied: "My answer is: No, I do not understand."

Ray Being Held At Memphis

U.S. Returns Suspect In King Murder

Steel-Plated Cell Has Telephone And Air Conditioning

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (UPI)—James Earl Ray, the accused assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., was flown in secrecy from England today and lodged in a steel-plated cell equipped with air conditioning and a princess telephone.

Guarded by an army of police, the 40-year-old suspect arrived at the Shelby County Jail wearing a bullet proof vest and heavy dungaree-type pants,

which police referred to as "safety pants." His hands were cuffed in front of him and the cuffs attached to broad belt which girthed his waist.

The cell door slammed shut behind him just 3½ months to the day that King was killed by a single sniper's bullet while he stood on the balcony of a Memphis motel.

RUSHED TO JAIL

The transfer took place aboard the airplane and the suspect then was rushed by armored car to the Shelby County Jail, where he was finally placed behind bars at 4:38 a.m. (Mobile Time).

Arriving just before Ray was Criminal Court Judge John Colten, who presumably would be the man to arraign Ray at the jail.

He is expected to be brought to trial in October.

Sheriff William M. Morris Jr., 35, upon assuming custody of Ray, said the suspect appeared to be physically fit.

Morris disclosed that Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle had been selected as the

presiding judge in the case, but said the actual courtroom where the trial will be conducted "has not been selected."

Ray's place of confinement is a four cell suite with a lavatory of its own, a telephone and air conditioning. It has been newly

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painted in green tones and equipped with two television monitors.

The TV monitors will permit police to keep a constant watch on Ray.

The security attending Ray's transfer from British to U.S. authority and incarceration here was as tight as federal and local officials could make it.

Ray was handed into U.S. custody in the dead of the night in London and put aboard a special C135 Air Force plane for the non-stop, nine hour flight across the Atlantic.

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The plane left Lincoln Heath Airport 38 minutes past midnight and, because of the time difference, picked up five hours in the crossing. It landed at Millington Naval Air Station outside Memphis at 4:37 a.m. EDT.

Up to this point Ray had been in federal custody, but 11 minutes after the plane landed, the suspect was turned over to the Shelby County Sheriff's Department.

Several minutes before the car arrived at the jail, more than a dozen sheriff's deputies, several armed with shotguns, lined the back entrance to the building. One minute later, an unmarked car roared up, and five men leaped out with submachine guns and stationed themselves at the entrance.

STRICT SECURITY

A county bus, purposely parked in front of the entrance as the armored car pulled up, obscured the view of newsmen, kept across the street by the strict security.

There were garbled shouts and a flurry of activity around the armored car. Then four minutes after it arrived, the car pulled away.

Ray, 40, whose arrest in London last month climaxed the most intensive manhunt in modern American history, was lodged in a four-cell suite in the gray, five-story jail in downtown Memphis. The windows of his third-floor suite were steel-plated and air-conditioning was installed, along with closed-circuit television so guards can watch his every move.

State troopers, sheriff's deputies, and policemen ringed the jail, some 20 blocks from the motel where King was shot down by a sniper last April 4 as he stood on a balcony. Authorities said the killer fired the rifle shot from the bathroom window of a flophouse across the street from King's room in the Lorraine Motel.

"Every possible measure is being taken to assure security during his (Ray's) incarceration and the upcoming trial," said Charles Holmes, public information director for Sheriff William Morris.

Ray's attorney, former Birmingham, Ala., Mayor Arthur J. Hanes Sr., complained in London that he was not allowed to accompany his client on the flight to the United States.

Hanes said he didn't want Ray "grilled, cross-examined and interrogated" on the plane and he advised him to "keep his mouth shut and not answer any questions—not even talk about the weather."

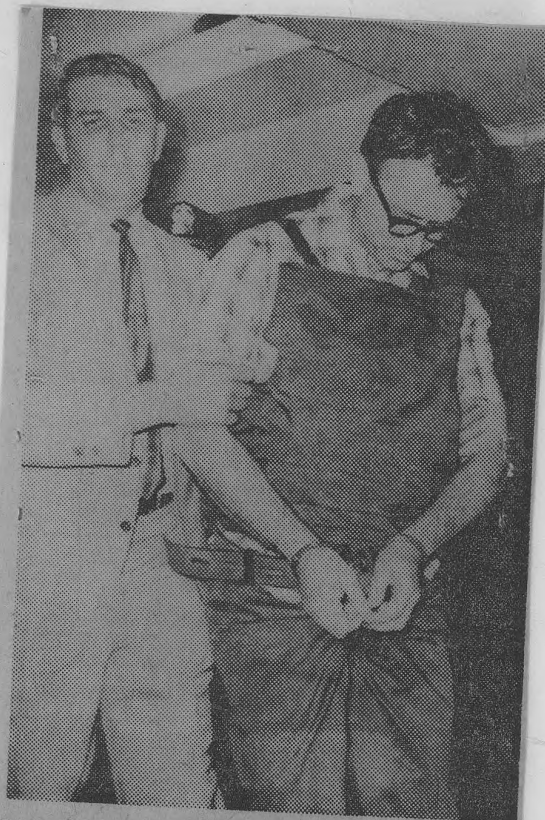
Hanes said he would return to the United States later today. He said he expected Ray to be tried in "probably October or November."

Ray was arrested at the London airport on June 8 while awaiting a plane to Brussels. His passport identified him as Ramon George Sneyd. He was charged with murder in the slaying of King and with escaping from a Missouri prison earlier.

Ray's handover to U.S. authorities came Thursday night after British Home Secretary James Callaghan signed an extradition order handed down July 2 by London's Chief Magistrate Frank Milton, removing the last legal obstacle to the fugitive's removal from Britain.

In a new aspect of the case, the London Daily Sketch reported today that fingerprints of Sneyd had been matched against that of a gunman who robbed a London bank six weeks ago of about 100 pounds (\$240).

If it is proved that Sneyd (Ray) had robbed the bank it would support U.S. claims that Ray acted on his own and was not part of a conspiracy, since it would explain how Ray got enough money to live in London before his arrest. A Scotland Yard spokesman refused comment on the report.



RAY ENTERS MEMPHIS JAIL—Handcuffed to a leather belt and wearing a bullet-proof vest, James Earl Ray was escorted into his cell at Memphis jail this morning by an unidentified Shelby County sheriff's deputy. Ray was flown to the U.S. overnight from London to face charges in the murder of Martin Luther King. (Mobile Press Register AP Wirephoto)

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Ray Trial Set Nov. 12

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — James Earl Ray, pale from weeks in British and Memphis jails but neatly dressed in a dark blue suit, sat silently Monday as his lawyer entered a plea of innocent to a charge that Ray killed Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Judge Preston Battle set Ray's trial for Nov. 12.

Ray's appearance at the arraignment was the first time he had been seen publicly since being flown from London to Memphis, under tight security, last week.

Closely guarded, but not wearing handcuffs as he did when he entered the Memphis jail last Friday, Ray listened quietly as attorney Arthur Hanes of Birmingham, Ala., entered his plea.

Immediately after the 12-minute proceeding, Ray was returned to his steel-skinned suite of air-conditioned cells on the third floor of the Shelby County jail, adjacent to the court building.

At no time did Hanes call Ray by name. After the reading of each indictment—one charging murder and the other carrying a dangerous weapon—Hanes said: "The defendant wants to enter a plea of not guilty."

Hanes did not request a psychiatric examination for his client.

Later, outside the courthouse, Hanes admitted to reporters for the first time that James Earl Ray is his client's real name.

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When arrested in England, Ray said his name was "Sneyd" and was still using it as late as last week.

Also, later in the afternoon Dist. Atty. Gen. Phil M. Canale revealed that Charles Quitman Stephens, 46, is in jail under \$100,000 bond as a material witness in the case.

Stephens had been in protective custody, but, Canale said, "Rather than continue voluntary protective custody, we decided we'd ask Judge Battle to issue a material witness warrant."

Stephens told police he saw a man flee from the rooming house where officers say the sniper was standing when he shot King.

During the arraignment Hanes did not request a psychiatric examination for his client.

Following the arraignment, Hanes spent about three hours in the jail cell with Ray. The lawyer told newsmen he planned to return to Birmingham later in the day.

He was still in Memphis late Monday, however, where he told reporters threats were being made against his wife, Mrs. Eleanor Bernhard Hanes, at their home in Birmingham.

"I've not asked for a guard to be stationed at my home but I will if the threats get worse," Hanes said.

Hanes, who is a former mayor of the Alabama city, said most of the threats against his wife, were being made by telephone.

At the arraignment about 60 persons, most of them newsmen, ran the security gantlet to enter the courtroom. Each was searched and his voice and picture tape recorded.

Nearly a dozen policemen in civilian clothes sat inside the courtroom, and more were outside in the hallway.

The security checks, required also of the judge and attorneys in the case, delayed the start of the arraignment for 27 minutes.

Ray, brought from jail through a tunnel, entered the courtroom through a door beside the judge's elevated bench. Ray was escorted by Sheriff William N. Morris Jr. and two other officers.

Ray sat between his lawyers, Hanes and Hanes son, Arthur Jr., at the counsel table. To their left sat Dist. Atty. Gen. Phil Canale and two of his aides. The sheriff sat behind Ray.

Above the door through which Judge Battle entered, is inscribed the motto: "Law, right and responsibility — the basis of justice."

The United States and Tennessee flags flanked the bench, and recessed fluorescent lights shown down on the dark brown and scratched benches in the spectators' section.

Canale introduced all of the attorneys in the case, then Hanes asked that the indictments be read.

"You don't have to enter a plea at this time," the judge told Hanes. "Would you like a recess?"

"We will enter a plea to the indictment," Hanes said. "The defendant wants to enter a plea of not guilty."

Canale said both sides agreed to a Nov. 12 start of the trial, and the judge ordered it.

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Ray Trial Set For Nov. 12

Not Guilty Plea Entered By Accused

**Suspect In King
Murder Arraigned
In Memphis Today**

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — James Earl Ray pleaded innocent today to a charge of assassinating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. here April 4 and trial was set for Nov. 12.

Appearing publicly for the first time since his extradition hearings in London, England, Ray entered his plea through his lawyer, Arthur Hanes of Birmingham, Ala.

Security officers searched persons who entered the Shelby County Criminal Courtroom to witness Ray's arraignment.

Ray, wearing a checked blue sport coat and blue slacks, was led into the courtroom at 10:57 a.m., CDT, and the arraignment proceedings ended 12 minutes later. Ray was returned to his steel-lined, air-conditioned cell block in the county jail.

TWO INDICTMENTS

Hanes had both indictments read—one alleging murder in the first degree and the other charging Ray with carrying a dangerous weapon.

At the end of each reading, Hanes said: "My client wishes to enter a plea of innocent."

Ray remained silent throughout the arraignment. He was seated at the counsel table between Hanes and Hanes' son, Arthur Jr. Behind them sat Sheriff William N. Morris Jr. and two other officers.

Judge Preston Battle had told Hanes a plea did not have to be entered today and asked whether the defense wanted a recess.

"We will enter a plea to the indictment," Hanes responded.

Battle also asked if Hanes wanted a period of "a few days or a few weeks" to determine when he would be ready to try the case.

Dist. Atty. Gen. Phil Canale
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Arraignment

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told the court he had conferred with Hanes about having the trial in late September. But, he said, it might last until the Nov. 5 general election. Under Tennessee law, requested jury-men cannot cast ballots.

Canale suggested the Nov. 12 date and Battle asked if it could be set earlier. Hanes said he felt the case would be completed in six weeks—the time between late September and election day.

"But I have no idea what the prosecution will put on," Hanes said.

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SETS TRIAL DATE

"Alright," Battle responded, "Let's set the case for Nov. 2."

The wood-paneled courtroom was filled by about 70 persons, including nearly 50 newsmen and about a dozen plain-clothed officers. Several lawyers watching the proceedings sat on a long bench at one side of the room.

The arraignment originally had been set for 9:30 a.m., CDT, but security under which all spectators and even the judge and attorneys were searched held it up.

Hanes said Sunday he wants "gimmicks" removed from the atmosphere in which Ray will be tried.

Hanes said Sheriff William Morris Jr. has sworn on "Boy Scouts honor" that conversations between Ray and Hanes will not be monitored.

By gimmicks, Hanes said he meant bodyguards and bullet-proof vests of the type worn by Ray when he was whisked into Shelby County jail early Friday after an overnight flight from London.

Hanes and his son, Arthur Hanes Jr., had a city police bodyguard Sunday when they toured the neighborhood where King was shot.

The elder Hanes said he and his law partner visited the Lorraine Motel where flowers and a plaque mark the spot where the civil rights leader was standing on a second-floor balcony when King was shot.

The lawyers also visited a rooming house which overlooks the motel. It was from this house and its communal bathroom that police say the fatal shot was fired.

A mattress fire broke out on the third floor Sunday night.

City firemen rushed into the building. Sheriff Morris would say only that the fire did little damage and was extinguished quickly.

The sheriff would not say if the fire was set, where on the third floor it broke out, or whether it was considered the work of other inmates who reportedly are irked over the elaborate treatment Ray is receiving.

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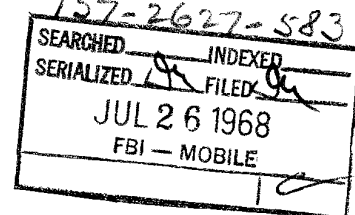
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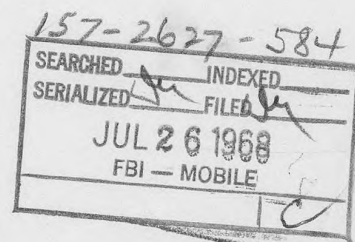
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Ray, Hanes Set For Jail Parley

Ray

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MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — James Earl Ray, tucked safely behind the most elaborate security screen ever seen here, awaits the first meeting with his lawyer since being removed from a London jail.

The lawyer, Arthur Hanes of Birmingham, Ala., arrived by plane from New York shortly before midnight Friday, quickly got into a car and drove to a downtown hotel—escorted by six policemen.

Hanes told newsmen here he had talked briefly with Ray shortly before his client was handed over to United States authorities for the Thursday flight to Memphis.

After being searched and passed through cordons of heavily armed, helmeted sheriff's deputies, Hanes presumably will be admitted to the third-floor cell block where Ray, charged with the April 4 assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., is confined in the Shelby County Jail.

Quarter-inch steel plates cut off light and air from the windows, and the hum of newly installed air conditioners provides a quiet background for the talks.

There is a telephone at hand, and in the corridor there is a sandbag-lined steel box—the receptacle for any bomb or explosive device that might be smuggled past all the guards and security.

Ray, arrested in London June 8, was taken to the jail just before dawn Friday after a secret

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flight aboard a U.S. Air Force jet from Britain. Hanes, who caught a later flight to the United States, protested the decision that prevented him from accompanying Ray.

NO DATE SET

No date has been set for an arraignment for Ray, and Hanes is expected to work this out with Judge Preston Battle, who will preside at Ray's trial, and the prosecution. Ray must enter a plea at the arraignment.

It was learned that Judge Battle does not expect to set a trial date at the time of the arraignment, but will give opposing counsel time to determine when they are ready.

Battle has laid down strict ground rules for the trial, sharply limiting news and photo coverage and forbidding all the principals—and even employees of the court building—from making any comments about the case. A copy of this order had not been served on Hanes when he arrived in New York from London.

Ray gave up his fight for extradition from Britain earlier in the week and his sudden flight back to the United States came within hours after the extradition order was signed.

BANK ROBBERY

In London, meanwhile, police said they had evidence Ray may have robbed a bank. They said the evidence is fingerprints on a "give me cash" note handed a bank teller.

The evidence was turned up as Scotland Yard prepared a dossier in an attempt to track down any hint in London of conspiracy in King's assassination.

British detectives said they could find nothing to indicate Ray had any association with possible confederates, political contacts or anyone else.

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Ray Now In U.S. Hands; En Route To Stand Trial

Ray

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bridge-Suffolk borders, the United States maintains a major transport base capable of handling the largest trans-Atlantic jets.

Hanes said U.S. officials refused to give him an explanation of their refusal. But he made it clear that Ray feared U.S. officials would try to interrogate him during the seven- or eight-hour jet flight about circumstances surrounding King's assassination, possibly raising questions about any conspiracy. "I just told him to keep his mouth shut," Hanes said.

British courts Thursday cleared away the last of the formalities that have prevented Ray's transfer to the United States since his arrest in London June 8.

Following Ray's decision earlier this week to abandon his fight against extradition, a lawyer representing the director of public prosecutions went into Bow Street Magistrates Court.

He said no evidence would be offered to support British charges against Ray of entering the country on a forged passport and carrying an unlicensed gun. That was the last step before Home Secretary James Callaghan could sign the extradition papers.

The Home Office announced Callaghan signed the order Thursday night.

The presumption in London was that he flew under the guard of U.S. marshals. But security around the operation was so tight that this could not be confirmed, and neither the air base from which he flew nor the destination was named.

By air from London to Memphis is a trip of some 4,500 miles. At trans-Atlantic jet speeds, it would take 7½ to 8½ hours.

American officials refused a request by Hanes even to speak to Ray once he was in U.S. custody.

High-ranking Scotland Yard officers accompanied the hush-hush convoy that whisked Ray out of London on a clear but sultry night.

The convoy headed across the Thames River toward the capital's main northern exit routes. About 60 miles to the north lies a complex of bases, built before and during World War II, which now handle much of the American Air Force fighter and transport traffic in Britain.

At Mildenhall, on the Cam-

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Attorney Loses Bid To Travel With Suspect To Memphis

LONDON (AP) — James Earl Ray, wanted in the Memphis assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., was flown out of Britain Friday to stand trial in the United States.

A reliable source said Ray took off from an airfield close to London shortly after midnight. The U.S. Embassy confirmed that he had left Britain.

Arthur J. Hanes, the Birmingham, Ala., attorney who has taken on Ray's defense, said he planned to return to the United States later Friday. Hanes had battled without success for permission to accompany Ray on the journey back.

Ray was taken late Thursday night from Wandsworth prison in South London and convoyed under heavy guard out of the capital.

The takeoff time means that because of the difference between British and American time Ray will reach the United States during darkness. This was planned to assist security in the handover from U.S. Federal to Tennessee officials.

In Memphis, Ray faces charges of first degree murder in the April 4, assassination of the Negro civil rights leader.

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This order authorized the transfer of Ray to the custody of U.S. marshals.

Ray was not in court for the hearing. Hanes was conferring with him at Wandsworth Prison.

"I gave him some new shirts and a tie so he would look sharp," the lawyer said.

Hanes was being kept completely in the dark about the flight.

"I don't know if they are taking him back by Wells Fargo, or ship or yellow submarine," the lawyer told newsmen.

He said he might make a legal issue of it at the trial, basing his argument on new U.S. Supreme Court rulings about holding a suspect in custody without permitting him to consult a lawyer.

"I don't see any justification logically for them to prevent me from seeing him," he said. "But I have a right to see him in private when he is turned over to U.S. authorities. He has fears of intensive interrogation and grilling by Justice Department agents. They will have him captive for seven or eight hours and they can engage him in conversation."

Hanes said he had formally requested the U.S. Justice Department for permission to accompany Ray home when he called Washington from his office in Birmingham Tuesday morning to tell the department about Ray's extradition waiver.

He told newsmen a message was passed on to him through the U.S. Embassy here from Fred Vinson Jr., U.S. assistant attorney general, saying: "I hope you understand why you cannot accompany this man to the United States and why you cannot see him in private."

Hanes said he replied: "My answer is: No, I do not understand."

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Protective Memphis Custody

3 Key Witnesses Against Ray Held Under

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (UPI) — James Earl Ray tucked back in his cell, attention was focused today on three prosecution witnesses, revealing glimpses of probable courtroom testimony in the trial of the alleged assassin four months hence.

Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle, at the request of Dist. Atty. Gen. Phil M. Canale, issued an order to hold Charles Q. Stephens, 46, as a material witness under \$10,000 bond. This was done to insure the presence of the key witness when the trial of the suspected slayer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. begins Nov. 12.

Stephens, who has submitted voluntarily to police protection since mid-June, will await the trial at the Shelby County penal farm, where the food is better and the temperature lower than in the jail where Ray is housed in a suite of four heavily guarded cells.

The other witnesses against Ray were, according to a source in the case, in secondary protective custody. They are Mrs. Bessie Brewer, manager, and Willie Anchutz, a roomer, at the flophouse where King's assassin fired the rifle shot from a communal bathroom.

A charge of public drunkenness against Stephens was dis-

missed last month and shortly afterward he was reported to be in protective custody.

He was involved in a shooting incident in 1964 and was sentenced to six months at the penal farm where he is now being held without a charge.

RELAXES ORDER

Battle Tuesday relaxed his court order regarding release of information concerning the case. He said interviews with persons connected with the case will be allowed as long as statements are not "prejudicial to a fair trial."

The ruling appeared made to order for Ray's attorney, Arthur Hanes, who has spoken with newsmen often but taken care not to comment on evidence, security arrangements or witnesses.

To some observers the news conferences Hanes has given are part and parcel of his case. The defense attorney has been quoted as saying he thought his defendant would get a fair trial in Memphis, indicating he has no plans to ask for a change of venue.

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Ray Being Held At Memphis

U.S. Returns Suspect In King Murder

Steel-Plated Cell Has Telephone And Air Conditioning

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (UPI)—James Earl Ray, the accused assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., was flown in secrecy from England today and lodged in a steel-plated cell equipped with air conditioning and a princess telephone.

Guarded by an army of police, the 40-year-old suspect arrived at the Shelby County Jail wearing a bullet proof vest and heavy dungaree-type pants which police referred to as "safety pants." His hands were

cuffed in front of him and the cuffs attached to broad belt which girthed his waist.

The cell door slammed shut behind him just 3½ months to the day that King was killed by a single sniper's bullet while he stood on the balcony of a Memphis motel.

RUSHED TO JAIL

The transfer took place aboard the airplane and the suspect then was rushed by armored car to the Shelby County Jail, where he was finally placed behind bars at 4:38 a.m. (Mobile Time).

Arriving just before Ray was Criminal Court Judge John Colten, who presumably would be the man to arraign Ray at the jail.

He is expected to be brought to trial in October.

Sheriff William M. Morris Jr., 55, upon assuming custody of Ray, said the suspect appeared to be physically fit.

Morris disclosed that Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle had been selected as the presiding judge in the case, but said the actual courtroom where the trial will be conducted "has not been selected."

Ray's place of confinement is a four cell suite with a lavatory of its own, a telephone and air conditioning. It has been newly (Continued on Page 6, Col. 6)

Ray Returned

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painted in green tones and equipped with two television monitors.

The TV monitors will permit police to keep a constant watch on Ray.

The security attending Ray's transfer from British to U.S. authority and incarceration here was as tight as federal and local officials could make it.

Ray was handed into U.S. custody in the dead of the night in London and put aboard a special C135 Air Force plane for the non-stop, nine hour flight across the Atlantic.

The plane left Lincoln Heath Airport 38 minutes past midnight and, because of the time difference, picked up five hours in the crossing. It landed at Millington Naval Air Station outside Memphis at 4:37 a.m. EDT.

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Up to this point Ray had been in federal custody, but 11 minutes after the plane landed, the suspect was turned over to the Shelby County Sheriff's Department.

Several minutes before the car arrived at the jail, more than a dozen sheriff's deputies, several armed with shotguns, lined the back entrance to the building. One minute later, an unmarked car roared up, and five men leaped out with submachine guns and stationed themselves at the entrance.

STRICT SECURITY

A county bus, purposely parked in front of the entrance as the armored car pulled up, obscured the view of newsmen, kept across the street by the strict security.

There were garbled shouts and a flurry of activity around the armored car. Then four minutes after it arrived, the car pulled away.

Ray, 40, whose arrest in London last month climaxed the most intensive manhunt in modern American history, was lodged in a four-cell suite in the gray, five-story jail in downtown Memphis. The windows of his third-floor suite were steel-plated and air-conditioning was installed, along with closed-circuit television so guards can watch his every move.

State troopers, sheriff's deputies, and policemen ringed the jail, some 20 blocks from the motel where King was shot down by a sniper last April 4; as he stood on a balcony. Authorities said the killer fired the rifle shot from the bathroom window of a flophouse across the street from King's room in the Lorraine Motel.

"Every possible measure is being taken to assure security during his (Ray's) incarceration and the upcoming trial," said Charles Holmes, public information director for Sheriff William Morris.

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In a new aspect of the case, the London Daily Sketch reported today that fingerprints of Sneyd had been matched against that of a gunman who robbed a London bank six weeks ago of about 100 pounds (\$240).

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RAY ENTERS MEMPHIS JAIL—Handcuffed to a leather belt and wearing a bulletproof vest, James Earl Ray was escorted into his cell at Memphis jail this morning by an aide of Shelby County sheriff's deputy. Ray was flown to the U.S. overnight from London to face charges in the murder of Martin Luther King. (Mobile Press Register AP Wirephoto)

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Report Is Due From Attorneys On Ray Case

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle convenes his court today to hear a report from a panel of attorneys on whether his edict limiting statements to newsmen by those involved in the James Earl Ray case has been violated.

Battle named the committee of eight Memphis lawyers Sunday after a weekend statement by Arthur Hanes, Birmingham attorney, that the man charged in the death of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is the victim of a "Communist left-wing conspiracy."

Hanes has said several times he fears for his safety because he is defending Ray, who goes on trial Nov. 12, charged with murder in the slaying of King.

Hanes met with Ray Saturday, then held a news conference at which he told of the "Communist conspiracy" and promised to reveal full details at the trial.

CALLS IT CRUEL

The former Birmingham mayor also lashed out at stringent security measures at Shelby County Jail, saying Ray's rights were being violated by such steps as around the clock observation of Ray by television cameras. He termed it cruel.

Hanes confirmed Monday that he carried a pistol while in Memphis. He has also been assigned a city police plainclothes bodyguard on Memphis visits.

"I had a gun on me," he said.

He said he made no secret of the gun being in his possession and willingly gave it up before visiting Ray's cell, then took custody of the weapon when he left.

Battle, the judge who will hear the Ray case, issued a 10-point court order on July 18, the day Ray was returned here from London.

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The ruling prohibits "interviews for publicity" or "extrajudicial statements" from attorneys, officers, witnesses and any other parties connected with investigation of the King death or trial of Ray. It has since been revised to statements "prejudicial to a fair trial by an impartial jury."

Hanes said Monday he did not know what the committee of attorneys was doing. "As far as I know, the committee may be checking on somebody else. I haven't heard any names mentioned."

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No 'Vest' Set For Ray

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Authorities say James Earl Ray will probably not have to wear a bulletproof vest when he stands trial in the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

"We do not anticipate any extra type of paraphernalia in the courtroom," Sheriff William N. Morris Jr. said Friday. "Our security will be of a perimeter type."

Morris, meeting with newsmen for the first full-fledged session since Ray was returned July 19 from England, indicated that getting into the courtroom when Ray is on trial will be most difficult.

Reporters covering the trial will be given special identification cards bearing their photographs and fingerprints. But they and other spectators will have to be searched and be video taped before being admitted.

Morris said Shelby County al-
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ready has spent about \$6,600 to provide special security for Ray and another \$50,000 worth of security work is going on at the jail—not directly connected with Ray's safety.

Costs directly attributable to keeping Ray safe range from \$3,000 for a closed-circuit television surveillance system to \$35 for a locked, stainless steel box in which his food is delivered to his cell.

The picture Morris painted of Ray, probably the most closely protected prisoner in Tennessee history, was of a man who is eating and sleeping well and getting his exercise.

"He does pushups and walks," Morris said. "He reads, plays gin rummy with his guards. He talks with his guards, but he doesn't discuss the case with anyone but his attorney."

And Ray's attorney, Arthur Hanes of Birmingham, Ala., agreed his client is fine. After spending two hours and 45 minutes with Ray Friday, Hanes said he was "in a good mood" and was "very optimistic. He had very little to complain about."

Morris said Ray had been examined by a physician "and the report would indicate he is in good condition." He said Ray eats the same jail food as the other prisoners "and on almost any given occasion he cleans his tray."

Only Hanes and Hanes' son, Arthur Jr., have visited Ray in his cell, Morris said. He said Ray and his attorneys would draw up a proposed list of visitors which the sheriff's department then would approve. Any visits will be in the cellblock where Ray is kept since Ray is not expected to leave there until his trial.

Morris said he understood Ray's two brothers were in Memphis, but said they had not asked to see Ray. Nor has Ray asked to see them, he said.

Ray has received some mail at the jail and a few of the letters contained money, Morris said. "There was one check for \$100," he said, but added that the total received was "much less than \$1,000."

When he was turned over to Shelby County officers at the Naval air station at Millington, north of Memphis, Ray had some money, Morris said, "English notes in the amount of about \$144."

None of the mail was threatening, Morris said, and there have been no threatening telephone calls to the sheriff's office or the jail. "We have received no threats on anybody's life," he said.

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RE MIAMI AIRTEL TO BUREAU, JULY FIFTEEN, LAST, AND MIAMI
AIRTEL TO BUREAU, JULY TWENTYFOUR AND TWENTYFIVE, LAST,
CAPTIONED KATHLEEN MADLYN AINSWORTH, AKA: ET AL, ATTEMPTED
BOMBING RESIDENCE OF MEYER DAVIDSON, TWO NINE ZERO FOUR
THIRTYSIX ST., MERIDIAN, MISS., JUNE THIRTY, SIXTYEIGHT,
BOMBING MATTERS.

WILLIAM SOMERSETT, FORMER SYMBOL INFORMANT WHO IS
NO LONGER CONTACTED BY THE MIAMI OFFICE, AND CHARACTERIZED
AS HAVING FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, AND
IN ADDITION HAS FURNISHED INFORMATION WHICH COULD NOT BE
VERIFIED OR CORROBORATED, ADVISED AS FOLLOWS TODAY:

ON JULY THIRTYONE, LAST, MARGARET CAPOMACCHIA, MOTHER
OF DECEASED, KATHLEEN AINSWORTH, CONTACTED HIM AND RELATED
THE FOLLOWING.

SHE IS UPSET AND DISTURBED WITH SIDNEY C. BARNES OF
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MOBILE, ALA., WHOSE WIFE, PAULINE, IS PRESENTLY AT THE HOME OF HER DECEASED DAUGHTER IN JACKSON, MISS. STATED SHE TOLD BARNES THE GUNS, PREVIOUSLY GIVEN TO SOMERSETT, WERE THROWN IN THE OCEAN. STATED THERE IS A LOT OF DANGER IN THIS CASE, NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED, AND SHE WANTS NOTHING TO DO WITH BARNES AND THE PEOPLE INVOLVED IN HER DAUGHTER'S DEATH. STATED TARRANTS (THOMAS A. TARRANTS, III), HER DAUGHTER AND FOUR OTHER MEN, IDENTIFIED AS HAWKINS, DUNN, HARPER AND WILSON, ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATH OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. STATED AUTOMOBILE IN WHICH HER DAUGHTER WAS KILLED WAS USED WITH ONE OTHER CAR BY THOSE INVOLVED. STATED THEY USED RADIO EQUIPMENT AND KATHY HELPED IN JAMMING POLICE CALLS. STATED THEY HAD UNKNOWN COLORED MALE HELP TO "SET UP KING." SAID SHOOTING WAS FROM TREES AND BUSHES IN VICINITY OF HOTEL AND THAT JAMES EARL RAY MAY HAVE HELPED TO PURCHASE THE GUN, BUT RAY DID NOT DO THE SHOOTING. AFTER THE SHOOTING, THEY REMAINED IN MEMPHIS, TENN., UNTIL THE FOLLOWING DAY, WHEN THEY DEPARTED FOR ATLANTA, GA. KATHY AND TARRANTS THEN PROCEEDED TO SOUTH CAROLINA, WHERE THEY REMAINED ABOUT ONE WEEK PRIOR TO GOING TO MOBILE, ALA., AND THEN TO JACKSON, MISS.

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IN FURTHER IDENTIFYING THE MEN INVOLVED, SHE SAID THEY ARE GOING TO TRIAL OR ARE CURRENTLY ON TRIAL THIS WEEK IN CONNECTION WITH THE BOMBING OF A REAL ESTATE OFFICE AND THAT THE POLICE INFORMANT IN THIS CASE REPORTEDLY RAN OFF WITH THE WIFE OF A KLANSMAN.

SOMERSETT ADVISED HE WAS UNABLE TO CLEARLY UNDERSTAND THE INFORMATION FURNISHED BY CAPOMACCHIA, WHO HE FEELS IS MENTALLY DISTURBED, AND HE HAS NO WAY OF EVALUATING THE INFORMATION, BUT IN VIEW OF THE TYPE OF INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED, IT IS REMOTELY POSSIBLE TARRANTS AND HIS ASSOCIATES IN SOME WAY MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH THE ASSASSINATION OF KING.

SOMERSETT ADVISED THAT HE WAS IN CONTACT WITH BARNES ON THE EVENING OF JULY THIRTYONE, LAST. BARNES ADVISED HE WAS LEAVING JACKSON, MISS., ON AUG. TWO, INST., AND REQUESTED SOMERSETT TO JOIN HIM. SOMERSETT DECLINED THE INVITATION AND RELATED THAT BARNES LIKES TO PUSH PEOPLE INTO THINGS WITHOUT BECOMING INVOLVED HIMSELF.

MIAMI IS NOT IN A POSITION TO EVALUATE THE ABOVE INFORMATION, HOWEVER, IT IS NOTED THAT ANTHONY CAPOMACCHIA
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AND HIS WIFE, NORMA, WHO HAVE BEEN INTERVIEWED IN MIAMI,
INDICATE THAT MARGARET CAPOMACCHIA HAS A MENTAL PROBLEM.

UACB, JACKSON, THROUGH EMPLOYMENT RECORDS AND INTERVIEW
WITH RALPH AINSWORTH, HUSBAND OF KATHLEEN, ESTABLISH THE
WHEREABOUTS OF KATHLEEN AINSWORTH DURING THE PERTINENT
PERIOD DURING AND FOLLOWING THE ASSASSINATION OF KING,
IN AN EFFORT TO ESTABLISH ANY VALIDITY IN THE ABOVE
INFORMATION.

JACKSON AND MOBILE SHOULD BE ALERT TO THE ACTIVITIES
OF BARNES, WHO REPORTEDLY IS LEAVING FOR JACKSON TODAY.

AIRMAIL COPIES FURNISHED ATLANTA AND BIRMINGHAM.

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Secrecy Tightened Around James Ray

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)—The cloak of secrecy around James Earl Ray was buttoned even tighter Tuesday under a new court order forbidding attorneys and other court officers from making virtually any comments in the case.

The order handed down by Judge W. Preston Battle forbids those connected with the case—regardless of how remotely—from granting interviews or holding press conferences.

It enjoined them from making any out-of-court comments on a specific list of subjects or "any and all other statements which may be prejudicial to a fair trial by an impartial jury in this case."

Specifically ruled out were any comments on legal strategy.

Battle, the judge who will preside over Ray's trial for murder in the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., acted after a committee of eight attorneys reported it found "probable cause" to believe his previous

no-publicity edict had been violated.

The committee's report said these probable violations arose from statements made by U.S. Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark; Sheriff William N. Morris Jr.; Arthur J. Hanes of Birmingham, Ray's attorney, and Memphis attorney Russell K. Thompson.

Battle had named the committee of attorneys on Sunday, one day after Hanes in an airport press conference here had charged that Ray's rights were being violated by the tight security precautions at the county jail.

Hanes also said King was slain here April 4 as part of a "Communist left-wing conspiracy" and that Ray was a victim of the same plot.

Morris was mentioned for statements he made during a press conference in which he discussed the cost of providing security for Ray "and the pris-

on's demeanor and attitude while in confinement."

The report pointed out that Clark, as U.S. Attorney General, is a "law enforcement officer" or "a lawyer participating in this case" through staff investigators. It said his statement "to the effect that there was no evidence of a conspiracy in the shooting" of King also probably violated the order.

The order, which Battle said was intended as a supplement to his earlier order "to avoid any possible misunderstanding," was directed specifically to all attorneys in the case, all law enforcement officers, all public officials who will participate in the trial in any manner, and all employees of the criminal courts building.

It specifically enjoined out-of-court statements about the case on Ray's guilt or innocence, plans, techniques or strategy for the trial; the jurors or potential jurors; the merits of the case or

any evidence; the credibility or information about any witnesses; or the treatment, acts and attitude of Ray.

Ray's trial is set for Nov. 12.

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FROM: JACKSON (157-9586)

MURKIN. CR. ¹⁵⁷⁻²⁶²⁷

IMMEDIATELY AFTER MURKIN OCCURRED, THE JACKSON DIVISION INITIATED IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION CONCERNING WHEREABOUTS OF SUSPECTS WITHIN THE JACKSON DIVISION INCLUDING BURRIS L. DUNN, JR., JOE DANIEL HAWKINS, AND J. L. HARPER, ALL OF WHOM ARE KNOWN TO THE BUREAU. INVESTIGATION THAT DATE INDICATED THESE INDIVIDUALS WERE IN THE CITY OF JACKSON.

ROBERT EARL WILSON, AT THAT PARTICULAR TIME WAS BEING SOUGHT BY HAWKINS, DUNN, AND HARPER, AS IT WAS KNOWN TO THEM THAT WILSON WOULD TESTIFY AGAINST THEM IN LOCAL BOMBING MATTERS AND FURTHER THAT WILSON HAD ELOPED WITH THE WIFE OF BURRIS L. DUNN, JR., AND TWO MINOR CHILDREN OF DUNN.

IT IS NOT CONCEIVABLE THAT WILSON COULD HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH THE THREE INDIVIDUALS IN ANY ACT AT THAT TIME.

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CONTINUOUS ATTEMPTS HAVE BEEN MADE THIS DATE TO LOCATE MRS. VERA BOUTWELL, PRINCIPAL OF THE SCHOOL IN WHICH KATHLEEN MADLYN AINSWORTH WAS EMPLOYED AT THE TIME OF MURKIN. THESE HAVE MET WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS AS BOUTWELL HAS BEEN UNAVAILABLE TODAY.

EFFORTS TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW RALPH AINSWORTH, HUSBAND OF DECEASED AINSWORTH, HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL TO DATE DUE TO FACT AINSWORTH IS ON VACATION AND IS AT THIS TIME EN ROUTE TO THE CITY OF JACKSON FROM SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA.

EFFORTS ARE CONTINUING TO ESTABLISH WHEREABOUTS OF DECEASED AINSWORTH AT TIME MURKIN OCCURRED THROUGH BOUTWELL AND RALPH AINSWORTH.

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RE MIAMI TEL AUGUST TWO AND JACKSON TEL AUGUST TWO LAST.

RALPH AINSWORTH, HUSBAND OF THE DECEASED KATHLEEN MADLYN
advised late PM 8/3 last that he
 AINSWORTH, AKA, RECALLED HIS WIFE CALLED HIM LATE AFTERNOON OF
 APRIL FOUR LAST REPORTING THAT THE NEWS HAD REPORTED MARTIN LUTHER
 KING HAD BEEN SHOT. LATER IN THE EVENING HE WAS WITH HIS WIFE
 AND IS POSITIVE IN HIS OWN MIND SHE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF THIS MURDER.

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Re Miami teletype to the Bureau, 8/2/68, setting forth information to Miami by WILLIAM SOMERSETT concerning MARGARET CAPOMACCHIA.

Mobile was requested to be alert as to activities of SIDNEY C. BARNES who reportedly was leaving for Jackson, Miss., 8/2/68.

SIDNEY CROCKETTE BARNES, 1379 East Riviera Drive, Mobile, Ala., is a bombing suspect of the Mobile Office and his activity has been covered in the past month by four different neighborhood sources. No information has been reported by these sources to indicate that BARNES was away from his residence just prior to or subsequent to the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING. These sources have furnished no information indicating that THOMAS A. TARRANTS, III or KATHLEEN AINSWORTH had stayed at the BARNES' residence.

In the late afternoon of 8/2/68, neighborhood source, Mrs. MARY LONGCRIER, 1382 East Riviera Drive, telephonically advised that at about 5:20 PM that date she had observed BARNES in his stationwagon which vehicle appeared to be packed as if BARNES was moving from the residence. She did not see Mrs. BARNES on that occasion.

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On the morning of 8/5/68, Mrs. LONGCRIER advised that BARNES had returned to his residence at 4 PM, Sunday, 8/4/68, and had left about 5 AM, 8/5/68, apparently enroute to work.

On 8/5/68, neighborhood source, Mrs. GERALDINE WILKINSON, 1383 East Riviera Drive, advised that both Mr. and Mrs. BARNES, according to Mrs. WILKINSON's daughter, were at their residence late in the afternoon of Sunday, 8/4/68, and left in their stationwagon which was loaded down. She had not seen them on the morning of 8/5/68.

It appears that BARNES may be moving, possibly to Miss., since he works in Miss. His activities are being followed in order to determine whether or not he moves and to determine any contacts which may have a bearing on this case.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)
MIAMI (44-1854)
JACKSON (157-9586)

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN. — 157-2627

RE MIAMI TEL TO BUREAU AUGUST SIX INSTANT.

FOR INFORMATION MIAMI, MEMPHIS AND JACKSON ARE HOLDING IN ABEYANCE ANY ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION CONCERNING INFORMATION BEING FURNISHED BY MARGARET CAPOMACCHIA PENDING MIAMI'S EXHAUSTIVE INTERVIEW WITH CAPOMACCHIA. INFORMATION BEING FURNISHED TO BUREAU BY A DISCREDITED INFORMANT AS COMING FROM A POSSIBLE MENTAL CASE WHO HAS NOT BEEN INTERVIEWED IS NOT SUFFICIENT BASIS FOR EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION IN THIS MATTER.

MIAMI SHOULD TAKE WHATEVER ACTION NECESSARY, INCLUDING AROUND THE CLOCK SURVEILLANCES ON KNOWN HANGOUTS, IN ORDER TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW CAPOMACCHIA. WHEN THIS HAS BEEN DONE, IF IT IS THE OPINION OF YOUR OFFICE THAT HER INFORMATION WARRANTS ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION YOU ARE REQUESTED TO THEN SET OUT LEADS FOR SAME. AM COPIES TO ATLANTA, CHARLOTTEE, MOBILE. 157-2627-597

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