

EXHIBIT NO. 4--ANCILLARY AFFIDAVIT OF JAMES EARL RAY

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I, JAMES EARL RAY, being first duly sworn, depose as follows:

1. I was arrested in London, England on June 8, 1968, and charged with the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King. While in prison in London prior to my extradition on July 19, 1968, I was kept under constant surveillance. Even when my attorneys came to see me, guards were present and within earshot. The presence of these guards intruded upon private communication between me and my attorneys.

2. After my extradition was ordered, I asked Mr. Hanes, my attorney, to accompany me on the flight back to the United States. I did this because I was afraid that otherwise the FBI agents on board might falsely attribute some incriminating statement to me. However, the United States Government refused to allow him to accompany me.

3. I was placed upon a military plane and flown to Memphis, Tennessee. When the plane landed, I was placed in a straight jacket. In Memphis I was taken, in the straight jacket and heavy chains, to the Shelby County Jail. There I was lodged in a group of cells which had been reconstructed for me. My cell consisted primarily of a bunk and an adjacent toilet. A closed circuit television camera affixed to the wall photographed the length of the cell. Another camera, directed on or about the toilet, photographed the breadth of the cell.

4. Bright lights were directed to all parts of my cell 24 hours a day for the next eight months. Because the windows of my cell were covered with iron plates, I was unable to distinguish night from day.

5. In addition to being bathed in constant light, day and night, I was also subjected to continuous noise. The guards on duty at my cell watched a television set which was placed just out-

side my cell. When the television set was not on, the guards listened to their radios. Although I requested many times that the television set be removed, the prison officials refused to do so.

6. These conditions affected me physically. Eventually I became extremely nervous. I also began to suffer nosebleeds and continuous headaches. These were the first such nosebleeds and headaches I ever had in my life.

7. The presence of T.V. cameras and microphones meant that I had absolutely no privacy at all. I was particularly disturbed by the fact that I could not use the toilet without being photographed by the T.V. cameras.

8. This constant surveillance also affected my ability to communicate with my attorneys. I could never be certain that the microphone in my cell was not picking up our conversations.

9. During my confinement in London and Memphis, I was not permitted to receive my regular mail. I now know that some of the mail which was sent to me but never reached me was intended to help in my legal defense.

James Earl Ray

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STATE OF TENNESSEE
 COUNTY OF DAVIDSON

Before me this 17 day of OCT., 1972, deponent, JAMES EARL RAY, has appeared and signed this affidavit, first having sworn that the statements made therein are true.

My commission expires on AUG. 9, 1975.

[Signature]

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