

De Soto

The FBI was never able to find where it could prove James Earl Ray spent the night of April 2, 1968.

James Earl Ray spent the night of April 3, 1968 at the Rebel Motel.

James Earl Ray told "Arnold Weisberg that he had spent the night of April 2, 1968
(This is just south of the Memphis city limits.)
at the De Soto Motel, De Soto County, Mississippi. and Weisberg printed Ray's letter in
his book Frame-Up.

The Department of Justice has the book Frame-Up and represents that it has used
the index to that book.

Immediately after Dr. King was killed the FBI checked the motels of the Memphis
area.

The FBI has provided no copy of any record reflecting that it checked the De Soto
Motel for Ray's presence there.

The FBI did trace a bag and beer found in what is said to be Ray's bungle to a
minnor shop near the De Soto Motel.

Ray's shaving kit was traced to the Whitehaven "exall Drug Store, which is very
close to the De Soto Motel.

from FBIHQ files
When the FBI represented that it had complied with his FOIA requests/Weisberg in-
formed the FBI that it had provided no record of its investigation at the De Soto Motel.

Weisberg also informed the FBI that he had checked at the De Soto Motel himself and
had located two maids who stated they had been questioned by the FBI the day After Dr.
King was killed and that the motel manager confirmed this.

Thereafter and until now the FBI had provided no record of its investigation of Ray's
registration and presence at the De Soto Motel the night of Aoril 2, 1968.