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Ray Is Granted Request To End Brother's Visits

NASHVILLE, Sept. 4. — (UPI) — Acting on a request by James Earl Ray, Warden W. S. Neil issued orders Thursday prohibiting Jerry Ray from visiting his brother in his maximum security cell at the state penitentiary.

Neil said James Earl Ray made a written request two days ago that Jerry Ray "be taken off his visiting list, but left on the correspondence list." He said Ray gave no reason for the request.

Robert W. Hill of Chattanooga, one of Ray's attorneys, said Ray apparently is angered by statements by his brother in which Jerry Ray, in a St. Louis television interview, said James Earl Ray believes Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated by federal agents.

Meanwhile, a legislative committee in Nashville Thursday decided to take a look at a Tennessee Bureau of Criminal Identification report which led to the firing of former state Corrections Commissioner Harry Avery.

Avery was fired May 29 after a controversy grew over his handling of Ray and the condition of the prison system. The controversy concerning Ray surrounded reports Avery had interviewed Ray for the purpose of writing a book.

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