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# Counsel For Ray Files Questions

An attorney representing James Earl Ray in a civil suit in federal court against his former attorneys and a magazine writer has filed a series of questions concerning past articles and a planned book about the case.

Attorney J. B. Stoner of Savannah, Ga., filed more than 20 questions seeking information from former Ray attorney Arthur H. Hanes of Birmingham, on dealings concerning publication of stories on the Ray case.

The questions go into the business relationship between Mr. Hanes, Percy Foreman of Houston, Texas, another former attorney of the convicted slayer of Martin Luther King Jr., and writer William Bradford Huie of Hartselle, Ala.

The questions must be answered within 15 days.

Ray, serving a 99-year term for the slaying of Dr. King, seeks to restrain the defendants from "further exposure of the alleged facts" surrounding the case.

A hearing has been set for Dec. 1 on the request for an injunction by Ray.

In Nashville yesterday, a state House committee voted to let the controversy involving Harry Avery, former corrections commissioner, to "lie in peace."

The group, however, decided that a study should be made of the Tennessee Bureau of Criminal Identification, the agency whose report about Avery's plans to write a book about Ray led to his dismissal as corrections commissioner.

Members of the House State and Local Government Committee agreed to "study the TBI and set guidelines as to what it can and cannot do." W. E. 'Bud' Hopton, TBI director, refused to turn the report of the investigation into the Avery matter over to the House committee.

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