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New Date Is Set For Ray Hearing

A hearing on James Earl Ray's petition for a new trial was reset to May 29 by Criminal Court Judge William H. Williams yesterday.

Arguments at the hearing will also cover a motion by Ray's attorneys to have physical evidence in the case produced for them.

The delay was necessary to give prosecutors time to file a legal answer to a 45-page amendment to Ray's appeal under the post-conviction act. Arguments on the petition had been scheduled to be heard yesterday.

Ray is serving a 99-year-sentence for the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. He pleaded guilty to the killing in a court appearance last year-