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WASHINGTON. - James Earl Ray apparently has won his battle to obtain records of his British extradition hearing from the U.S. Department of Justice.

Bernard ("Bud") Fenster-wald, Jr., a member of Ray's present legal team, says he was permitted to view the documents and asked for copies.

The defense counsel considers these papers-mainly affidavits of witnesses presented at the hearing-vital to winning a new trial for the man convicted of the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King.

It's believed that the defense will compare the affidavits from England with testimony from Ray's murder trial.