

FBI Wants to Protect Its Case

# Blackout on Ray Sought

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The FBI, anxious to protect its case against the accused assassin of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., has moved to stem the flow of information — possibly dealing with vital evidence — uncovered during the continuing investigation here and in other countries.

FBI agents serving as liaison with local police in Britain, Canada and other countries have tried to discourage these officers from divulging too much about their efforts to learn whether the key suspect, James Earl Ray, was part of a conspiracy.

For the last two days, Federal officials here have sidestepped virtually all questions about developments that have come to light since Ray's arrest Saturday in London.

### NEWS CLAMP

And the profuse flow of information from Canadian and British police sources that followed Ray's arrest appeared to be drying up yesterday when a United Press International dispatch from London told of newsmen "trying to pierce a strict information blackout."

U.S. officials were concerned that a misplaced word might later lead the Supreme Court to throw out a conviction against Ray or might in some way jeopardize proceedings to return him to this country for trial.

Enforcement officials also are keenly aware of the American Bar Associations stand against releasing evidence prior to trial.

Mayor Sam Yorty of Los Angeles was sternly criticized last week by California officials, including the State Attorney General, for releasing details of a diary allegedly kept by Sirhan Sirhan, the accused assassin of Sen Robert F. Kennedy.

The veil on new information was lifted long enough last night for officials to straighten out confusion over one aspect of events that led to Ray's arrest.

### OFFICIAL VERSION

That it was reported initially that Ray was arrested after arriving in London from Lisbon to board a connecting flight to Brussels, the official version now is that he had returned to London from Lisbon May 17 and when arrested Saturday was preparing to board a flight to Brussels.

This raised the question of Ray's activities in London from May 17 to last Saturday — when it was thought originally he had been in Portugal.

The FBI's silence in the aftermath of Ray's arrest has left a multitude of other questions unanswered, some of which were raised by partial disclosures attributed to police in other countries.

In some instances, officials here apparently do not yet have the answers, but in others great caution is being used to avoid disclosing what

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