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Ray's Brother Is Granted Parole Effective Sept. 18

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John Larry Ray, a brother of convicted assassin James Earl Ray, has been granted a parole from a federal prison in Marion, Ill., where he is serving a bank robbery sentence, the Justice Department said yesterday.

Ray was granted parole effective Sept. 18 by the U.S. Parole Commission.

Originally Ray had been scheduled for parole June 14, but this was rescinded while the commission looked into complaints about possible perjured testimony given the House Assassinations Committee.

The complaint had been made by the panel, which is investigating the assassination of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., the civil rights leader. James Earl Ray, who pleaded guilty to the slaying but later recanted, is the key witness in current hearings by the committee.

John Larry Ray was sentenced to 18 years in prison in U.S. District Court in St. Louis in 1971. He was convicted of robbing the Bank of St. Peters in St. Charles County, Mo., on Oct. 26, 1970.