

Bounty Talk \$1 Million-- Ray Cellmate

DALTON, Ga. (AP)—James Earl Ray was quoted by a former fellow inmate yesterday as saying he would be willing to kill Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. for a \$1 million bounty.

Ray, 40, is sought in connection with the April 4 assassination of King in Memphis.

Raymond Curtis, 40, now in Whitfield County jail here, discussed Ray while awaiting action on appeal of a murder conviction.

Curtis said the talk about a bounty on King's life came up while both he and Ray were prisoners at the Missouri state penitentiary at the time of John F. Kennedy's assassination Nov. 22, 1963, in Dallas.

"Another boy said, 'Well, there's a million-dollar bounty to get King.' King was running his mouth pretty good then. Ray said, 'If there is a million-dollar bounty on King, I believe I can collect it,'" Curtis said.

No new developments were reported yesterday in the nationwide search for the fugitive.

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