

House Assassin Unit To Quiz Ray In Prison

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WASHINGTON — Lawyers from the House assassination committee will head to Tennessee's Brushy Mountain prison next week for an interview with James Earl Ray, the man who pleaded guilty to the 1968 shooting of Martin Luther King Jr.

Congressional delegate Walter Fauntroy, D-D. C., said yesterday chief committee counsel Richard Sprague will head to the prison where Ray is serving a 99-year sentence for the King assassination.

As he has for nine years since his guilty plea, Ray told CBS Tuesday night he did not shoot King. And he indicated he was on the payroll of a man he knew only as "Raoul."

Committee member Fauntroy also said a Remington rifle alleged to have been the King death weapon would be test fired next week and the bullets compared with one taken from King's body.

Fauntroy said Sprague's interview with Ray would probably be one of several and the committee would later want him to testify formally under oath.