

MLK CHRONOLOGY

July 1968 (continued)

- 6 Ray's lawyer maps strategy
- 11 Man listed as Ray kin freed in drunk case
- 15 Ray to appear in court tomorrow for routine custody hearing, London
- 15 Letter ends doubt Sneyd is really Ray
- 17 Ray decides drop extradition battle
- 17 NY Post: Ray may be flown U.S. tonight; Secret plans for return Ray pursued
- 19 NY Post: Rep. Brown (R-Ohio) asks study of int'l questions raised by MLK/RFK murders
- 19 NY Post: (Cover) Ray's Back! First photo Ray in handcuffs
- 19 NY Times, by Anthony Lewis: Ray on U.S. plane leaves Britain, takeoff pt. secret
- 18 Ray charges dropped in Britain, clearing way to U.S. extradition
- 20 Ray meeting with lawyer behind screen of guards
- 22 Ray pleads innocent
- 22 Doctor says Ray feared harm (psychiatric report)
- 22 Drew Pearson: Where Ray Got The Money: Suggests Ray in 7/13/67 bank robbery
- 22 Drew Pearson: King plot theory exploded by FBI
- 23 Lawyer admits "Sneyd" is James Earl Ray
- 27 Ray trial security plan is outlined
- 30 Judge imposes strict press rules for Ray
- 30 Ray's lawyer carried gun on jail visit

August 1968

- 13 Chas. Q. Stephens, witness in MLK killing, seeking freedom, held at penal farm

August 1968 (continued)

- 20 Chicago (AP): Plot to kill candidates claimed; security officials mum
- 22 NY Post: Man who saw King's killer, Charlie Q. Stephens, is released
- 22 RFK aide Walter Sheridan says bribe offered in Hoffa case
- 22 NY Post, Jimmy Breslin, column "The Last Kennedy"
- 22 (New Orleans) Ex-Detectives suspended during secret investigation of administrative violations (Torn, LeBlanc, Parta, Eisemann)
- 22 New coroner will ask four aids to stay
- 22 Evans and Novak column: Boggs in platform dispute
- 23 Coroner Dr. Carl H. Rabin won't request aides to stay, he says
- 27 St. Petersburg Independent: Mark Lane tells of "Threats" on his life, at press conference after radio broadcast; 2 threats against him Houston "2 weeks ago"

September 1968

- 3 NY Post: Sirhan Wants to air his Anti-Zionist Views, by George Lardner Jr.
- 3 NY Post: Gregory and Mark Lane on peace ticket
- 5 NY Post: Column by W. A. McGaffin, "The Violence Probe," suggests LBJ motive is to preempt the investigative field with a commission under his control
- 5 Gurvich theft hearing is continued
- 7 NY Times: by Martin Waldron. Judge says weapons charge against Ray may be dropped
- 7 " UFO in sky over Madrid eludes Spanish air force
- 9 " Coast movie scrutinized for clue on assassination of RFK; documentary film made by students being studied by L.A. police
- 11 NY Post: Press group wants Sirhan "unlocked"
- 11 NY Post: Closeup, column on Marc Raskin
- 12 " Newspaper gives a Phd the third degree: story on LBJ's friend J.H. McCrocklin of HEW, mentions Greg Olds
- 12 NY Post, Bribery investigation ordered in Hoffa case, mentions Walter Sheridan
- 12 Midlothian Mirror, reprint of Marjorie Field critique of Epstein on Garrison
- 12 Marcello gets jail term, fine, for assaulting FBI agent
- 13 NO States Item, Editorial, Gremillion unfit; should resign
- 13 " Ray may never testify--Lawyer, Arthur Hanes Sr. says.
- 18 " 4 are cited in Ray case ban on news
- 17 " 4 detectives are dismissed by Giarrusso for accepting money to withhold evidence in a burglary case

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Sept. 1968

- 10 Jules Feiffer "Uncle Sam" cartoon, New Republic, "I Kill"
- 18 Newsweek, story on Esquire 35th anniversary, says, base rate of \$1000 an article
P.29 The Kennedys: Ted's Return
P.20 LBJ memoirs, asking price one million
- 26 Miami Herald, Garrison seeks attorney's diary: Florida Asst Attny General Seymour Gelber, previously provided Garrison with excerpts from the diary, says 90% of it deals with Nat'l States Rights Party
- 30 NOSI: Court holds 4 in contempt for Ray case Comments--Hanes, an investigator, 2 reporters
NOSI: Supposed CIA office at Ann Arbor is hit by blast, Washington sends investigators

October 1968

- 1 NOSI: Fortas nomination put aside by Senate
NOSI: Judge says Ray security will remain tight
- 2 NOSI: Refuse to review Gremillion ruling
NOSI: Aubrey Young suit against LIFE dismissed (re phonecalls Marcello)
- 3 NOSI: Kohn asks probe of link Marcello to Sapir; also, Gremillion ordered plane
Ray publicity review asked by newsmen
Miami Herald: Sirhan's trial may be delayed to 1969
- 4 Editorial, An Office Compromised, on Gremillion as embarrassment to Louisiana
Partin appears before Hoffa grand jury; Probe of Chicago riots recessed for 2 months
NO DA's office charge dropped against ex-cop, Goldman case shelved, re Blanchard
Sapir seeks Kohn probe, hopes to address jury
- 5 Probe asked of Marcello, Sapir contact; also, Drop charge in babysitter death case
- 5 Washington Daily News: The gag in the Ray case (editorial)
- 7 TIME: Page 61, story on James Earl Ray trial; story on Warren and Supreme Court
- 9 Garrison to ask probe of Kohn
- 10 NY Post: Chicago and that "assassination plot" re Daley and Chicago police vs FBI
- 10 Council eyes Kohn's call for Sapir hearing; Hoffa jury recesses in bribe probe
- 10 Garrison denies owing LL&T stock
- 11 Secret service protection for Mrs. JFK until death or remarriage voted by Senate
- 11 Council refuses to probe Sapir; Legalopinion on hearing faulty, Kohn
- 11 9 Cubans charged in bombings; Anti-Castro terrorism alleged; ex-doctor accused--Miami
- 11 NY Post: It looks like Warren will stay on bench for a while; Ening the LBJ era
- 12 NY Post: Dallas today--The more things change...
- 14 NOSI: Sirhan trial set on Dec. 9, defense delay request granted
- 17 NY Post: Mrs. JFK refuses to comment on story she will marry Onassis
- 17 NOSI: Garrison asks denial of Shaw plea
- 19 NOSI: Onassis is getting wish--link to JFK
- 21 NY Post: RFK on JFK: Inside view of 1962 Cuban missile crisis published
- 21 Nat'l Observer: Mood in Memphis is curiosity as State prepares trial of James Earl Ray
- 22 NY Post: Sirhan's brother approved house search, lists among items taken from bedroom
"two cleaning patches and nitro powder solvent"
- 22 NY Post: (earlier edition) Sirhan search issue in court, does not mention cleaning stuff
- 23 NYP Editorial: Counterattack against the gun lobby
- 23 NOSI: Jackie Onassis, rise and fall of legend
- 23 9 Cubans seized; death plot alleged in 13 bombings, arrested in NYC (same group as Miami)
- 24 Report 1967 job, called missing link in Ray case; Jackie's gems stun party
- 24 US Attny. Louis LaCour declines comment on Garrison statement that federal govt probing
Garrison's personal financial affairs, to discredit him; Garrison refusing cooperate
with IRS claiming it is obvious harrassment
- 24 NEWSWEEK: Cover story on Jackie Onassis; see also RFK on Cuban missile crisis
- 25 N.Orleans barmaid indicted on perjury count, mentions Alcock, Plotkin

October 1968

25 LI Press: Single bullet killed JFK, hit Connally, Dr. Kohn K. Lattimer says
27 Miami Herald: One-bullet JFK data supported, Professor Lattimer believes WR findings
28 NYP: Huie says a second suspect faces arrest in King murder
28 NYP: Defense says prosecution framed 3 in N.J. murder
28 NYP: Elmer Gertz book "Moment of Madness" on Ruby to be published 11/24/68
28 LOOK dated 11/12/68 first installment of Huie's exclusive on James Earl Ray
29 NYP: Ray is quoted on \$12,000 offer, on Huie LOOK story
30 Professor Luis Alvarez gets Nobel Prize for chemistry; he was expert for CBS on WR
30 Doctor says "Galt" (James Earl Ray) had plastic surgery
30 NYP: Jimmy Breslin column on Shanker and school strike
30 NYP: Convict testifying in N.J. murder, suspended police Sgt. De Grott among those charged
30 NYP: Ray linked to plastic surgery in Los Angeles
31 NOSI: P.2—MLK aide James Bevel subpoenaed to appear trial James Earl Ray
31 Garrison subpoenas industry "spy" Fred Lee Crisman of Tacoma, Washington, to appear
before N.Orleans grand jury 11/21/68, charges Crisman "cover role" of a "minister
working with Gypsies" Garrison claims he developed evidence indicating relationship
between Crisman and "persons involved in the assassination" of JFK, per Alcock

November 1968

1 LAFF: Mark Lane at California State College, Long Beach, speech, noon, no admission charge
4 NYPost: Clairvoyant Boston terrier predicted a Republican (Nixon) will win election
P. 32: RFK secretary finds D.C. grim
5 NOSI: LOOK, Huie, may be cited for contempt in James Earl Ray case
6 NOSI: Nixon is President-Elect; Prisoner slashes wrist as Judge Haggerty looks on
Black magic crooner stabbed by "friend" while performing; Church says Jackie bad girl
7 NYFP: Reprint of Nixon's "farewell" to press after defeat in election for Governor Calif.
8 NYP: Story on rules of succession before 1/5/69, what would happen if Nixon should die
8 LAFF: Garrison uncovers new figure in JFK assassination, by Steve Burton, on Crisman
8 Miami Herald: Garrison says IRS probing him on 3 fronts; Marguerite Oswald to ask new probe
9 Extradition of Edgar Eugene Bradley refused by Gov. Reagan
9 LA Times: Reagan refuses to extradite Bradley
10 Wash.Eve.Star: Ditto
10 Miami Herald: Bradley invites Garrison to coast
11 NOSI: Ray trial not seen until after holidays; Foreman replaces Hanes
11 Nixon assassination plot suspects held; Ahmed Rageh Namer of Yemen and 2 sons held
11 NYP Cover: U.S. Probes Nixon "Plot"; Page 4, Breslin column "The Plot Suspects"
11 NYP Page 2: Delay seen likely for Ray trial; Foreman famous for his fees
11 LOOK dated 11/26/68 with second installment Huie on J.E. Ray; also cover story Rose Kennedy
12 NOSI: Ray trial postponed until 3/3/69; Page 17: Nixon plot witness to tell story
12 NYP: Behind Ray's decision to change lawyers; says, Hanes contends Ray only a decoy
13 NYP: Nixon suspects' relatives in Yemen do not believe it
NYP: Ray trial sets record for security; P. 4, Boston seeks killers of 3 in Civil Rights off.
P. 48: Dirksen says Nixon may act on Warren; P.54: Max Lerner "Death Plots"
14 NYP P. 37, by R.J. Donovan: JE Hoover seen staying—if he wants the job
P. 50, Wm.F. Buckley column on Edward M. Kennedy and K dynasty
14 NOSI: Senator asks audit on Gremillion
14 Midlothian Mirror: says Harry Dean Thomas, husband of Tippit widow, in Dallas hospital
in critical condition from a severe beating, has ruptured artery of brain
13 NOSI: 3 Arabs indicted in anti-Nixon plot
13 LATimes: Bradley will seek indictments over conspiracy "information" supplied falsely
by N.Hollywood Valley residents
13 NOSI: Kohn seeks dismissal of Sapir charge
14 NYFP: First in series of articles on how detect electronic eavesdropping

November 1968

- 15 NYP: Jackie and Ari glitter into London; Clayton Fritchey column says JFK in 1963 swung sharply away from confrontation and toward coexistence, LBJ in 1964 secretly going over plans to step up the war as soon as elected
P.54: Van Horne column on Nixon and the headshrinker; Drew Pearson column predicts probe of absentee House voters "almost certain to result in a whitewash" and two clerks will be made scapegoats
- 15 NYP: Ray's lawyer runs into a legal snag, may be grounds for change of venue
P. 24: UN staff gets a pay raise
P.4: Plot suspects stay in jail amid doubts about tip on plot vs Nixon
P.7: LBJ wounded by charges he lied about his Vietnam policy in 1964 election
P.5: JEH meets with Nixon; Warren reported ready retire; P.6: Is JEH to quit?
- 15 NOSI: Bklyn. DA denies plot tip doubts in Nixon alleged conspiracy;
Strange "ticking star" found by astronomers, Frank Drake rules out artifacts because of volume of energy generated (billion x more than all energy output on earth)
- 15 LAFP: Two-way radio rednecks defend Bradley vs Garrison (page 8)
- 16 NYP: Oswald seen too paranoid to enter plot, per Dr. J.W. Hamilton of U of Cincinnati
- 17 Miami Herald Tropic magazine: Long feature article on Huie and James Earl Ray story
- 17 " " : 100 saw shooting, Sirhan attorney concedes
- 17 Wash.Post Parade magazine, feature article by Jack Anderson: Assassins on the Loose mentions Miami tape
- 18 NYP: Will Otto Otepka be "rehabilitated" at State Dept?
- 19 NEWSWEEK dated 11/25/68: Page 22, Dallas after 5 years
Page 34: Nixon "plot" Page 37: Ray trial switch, Huie series in Look
P. 111, WDSU vs Garrison Page 116D, review of Jim Bishop book on 11/22/63
- 20 NYPost: When JFK sensed the shadow of death; Family rites set for Kennedys;
P. 2: For the Kennedys, a time to prey; P.9: Africa eases stand on PTs
- = P.24: Astronaut rebuts Sir Bernard Lovell on moon trip
P. 109: WBAI to broadcast "A Shot Rang Out" sound collage events of 11/22/63
Channel 13, Jim Bishop to be interviewed; Arlington, 24 million mourners later
P.24: The Kennedy humor, column by Mary McCrory; P. 27: LBJ's yesterday and tomorrow
P.54: Van Horne column "The Time of the Assassin"

December 1968

- 1 Esquire: Article on Clay Shaw by James Kirkwood
- 2 NYP: Part VI of condensation of Jim Bishop book (Day JFK Was Shot)
- 2 " Breslia column on Daley/Lindsay; Walker Report on Chicago police riot
- 3 " Article re Khrushchev book/a CIA job?
- 3 " Grant Cooper joins Sirhan defense
- 5 " Arabs seek aid for Sirhan
- 6 Time: Review of Bishop book
- 6 NYP: Items on Mme. Onassis; TV rebuttal of Daley; Mars shot
- 10 " Items on EMK; Walker report; UFO sighting
- 10 NYT: Trial of Clay Shaw assured; supreme court refuses block action
- 11 CBS/TV News: (7-7:30 p.m.) Garrison asks trial Shaw begin 1/21/69, day after Nixon inauguration, in hope federal government will end efforts to block him; Claims government did everything from offering him judgeship to harassment re tax returns
- 12 Mid.Mirror: Editorial re: firing of Bill Boxley; also, letter to editor from "critic"
- 13 LAPP: Item on Dick Gregory/Mark Lane "inauguration" 3/9/69
- 19 NYFP: Items on Boxley; Shaw trial
- 19 NYP: Items on CIA; FBI; J. Edgar Hoover
- 25 NOSI: High court murder plot probed by FBI in Ohio
- 26 Grand jury probes breakout of 21 convicts in New Orleans; D.A. says panel to fix blame
- 26 Man is killed in scuffle with New Orleans police officer
- 26 Drew Pearson: U.S. investigates Onassis bankers
- 27 2 more prison escapees recaptured; 16 still at large
- 31 Garrison shifts quest for death photos, carrying fight to Washington
- 31 Taping of Sirhan trial is vetoed
- 31 Paris Flammonde book on Garrison, review copy, received

March 1969

- 7 WINS/CBS Radio news item 2-3 p.m. says Huntsville, Ala., paper reports James Earl Ray will plead guilty, get 99-year sentence, as only way averting death penalty
- 7 NOSI: James Earl Ray to plead guilty, Alabama newspaper says
- 8 NYT: Ray said to plan plea of guilty; deal for 99-year term hinted, would mean no chance for prosecution to present evidence of conspiracy
- 8 NOSI: Ray's hearing to be on 3/10/69; quiet on report of guilty plea
- 9 NYT: Ray must face jury trial even if he pleads guilty
- 10 NYT: Rumors in Memphis that Ray has decided plead not guilty
- 10 NYP: Cover "Ray Admits Killing MLK" Ray at hearing suddenly rose, said he did not agree with DA Canale or Foreman on "no conspiracy," Judge Battle seemed stunned
- 10 NOSI: Ray given 99 years on guilty plea; says he does not agree was no conspiracy
- 11 NYT: Editorial--Tongue-tied justice. Aborted trial Ray is shocking breach of faith with the people. Judge Battle treated whole matter as if it was a routine murder case. Nothing but outrage and suspicion can follow. Ray says publicly he does not go along with "no conspiracy." What a mockery of justice! "Unless proceedings are convened in court...we shall never know the adjudicated truth. There should be no Warren Commission necessary--a month or a year from now--to still our doubts..."
- 11 NYT: Ray admits guilt in MLK death, suggests a plot. Judge sets 99-year term. U.S. will continue inquiry but high officials do not believe was a conspiracy
- 11 NYT: Puzzlers in Ray case--Who received duplicate driver's license in his absence? Police radio report of 3 men in white Mustang? Where did he get \$15,000 or more? What motive? What about "Raoul"? How able get passport in Canada? etc.
- 11 NYT: (p.16) Transcript of Ray's remarks that he does not agree with Ramsey Clark and J.Edgar Hoover; reviews all evidence in case. Other stories same page --Change of pleas called realistic and essential. On the crime blotters, Ray was a solitary drifter
- 11 NYP: Ray and King--Is it Over? Memphis says yes, widow says no
Editorial, The case is Not Closed; Too many indications of broader conspiracy
- 11 NOSI: Ray sentenced to 99 years; doubts aired in MLK murder
- 11 NOSI: The King case--Unfortunate that the entire story has not been told
- 12 NYT: Ray starting 99 year term, assigned to maximum security section. Photo of Ray hiding face as enters State Prison Nashville. Rising speculation re plot
- 12 NYP: Ray eyewitness Chas. Q. Stephens says there was no second man. Columns by Lerner (Ray: History's loss) and H van Horne (The Assassin Within) mentions LHO
- 12 WASH. Post: Mrs. King and SCLC cleared disposition Ray case. Editorial (99 Years)
- 12 NOSI: King death conspiracy probed by Eastland's Senate Internal Security sub-committee
- 13 NYT: Several books on Ray case planned, 1st to be out next week. Lists books by Wm. Bradford Huie; Clay Blair, ex SEP; Gerold Frank (Boston Strangler) got \$100,000 advance from DDay; G.E. McMillan, free-lancer Atlanta; and J.D. Squires, Nashville newspaperman. Huie dismisses conspiracy claims by Ray.
- 13 NYP: Ray--Sorry I Pleaded Guilty. Justice Dept. also sorry Ray allowed make plea. New doubters include Eastland, Hanes, and Rep. C. C. Diggs, Jr. (D-Mich) Negro, who called on Nixon revive WC to investigate Ray/MLK case

March 1969

- 13 NOSI: Ray quoted saying he was not alone; brother says Foreman refused to pursue any conspiracy angle
- 14 WallSt.J: Conspiracy theories in MLK, Kennedy assassinations may get new airing by new committee to investigate assassinations, led by citizens critical of the WR, accusing govt of elaborate cover-up; among directors--Garrison
- 14 NYT: Ray's brother says he is sure there was a plot to kill MLK; says there was someone else in on this deal but was washed up by FBI; Ray has 2nd thoughts, wishes he had undergone full trial
- 14 NYT: Meeting is planned--Jack Greenberg, NAACP Legal Defense Fund, will meet on 3/17/69 with Russell X. Thompson, Memphis lawyer, who claims has evidence of a conspiracy in MLK killing
- 14 NYT Editorial: "Marketing Murder" (criticizes macabre rush of free-lancers to cash in by doing books on Ray and the "participation of defense attorneys in strange contingency fees for murder facts." Names Hanes/Huie/Foreman, says, investigation by ABA is needed)
- 14 NYP: Ray's 2nd thoughts on plea may be too late
- 15 NYT: Prosecution verified many of Ray's statements; more clothes purchases; had camera in London; moved to New Orleans
- 15 NYP: A mystery call--John McFerren, negro market-owner, overheard a Memphis businessman on phone discuss killing MLK on balcony and payment \$5000 by his brother in New Orleans; told police 4 days after killing, they discount story
- 15 NOSI (Bernard Gavser): Ray deal carefully negotiated; Mrs. King, Ramsey Clark, concurred
- 16 NYT: Co-counsel (public defender) feels Ray may have received \$\$\$ help before slaying Hugh Stanton says Ray was "dumb man" doesn't see how could be someone did not help him, at least with \$\$\$
- 16 NYT (Sidney Zion): Ray's plea--a storm of controversy over conspiracy issue
- 17 NYT: Ray judge Preston Battle says truth is hidden, doubts if trial would have produced the answers
- 17 NYT book review: Further confusion in Ray case--review of Clay Blair book
- 17 NYP: Lawyer here to unfold evidence of MLK plot; Russell X. Thompson to meet with NAACP Jack Greenberg; Mrs. King pleads again for continued investigation
- 17 NOSI: King conspiracy known, Rev. Bevel says
- 17 NEWSEEEK: Who killed MLK?
- 17 HARD Xs: FBI quietly reentered MLK murder case after Ray sentenced; agents picking up threads; trail expected lead to New Orls.
- 18 NYT: Prison no. on radio Ray left behind overlooked after MLK murdered; A new committee says evidence was ignored (press conference by Fensterwald; members his committee listed) Bevel charges lack of guard, prior knowledge by Memphis Police
- 18 NYT: Lawyer tried by Kentucky bar; critic of judge; accused 9 counts contempt
- 18 NYP: The King conspiracy theory--an analysis
- 19 NYP: Tennessee group asks probe of MLK killing, presses for investigation by a WC
- 19 NOSI: Ray to seek new hearing on MLK case plea
- 20 NYT: Ad for Clay Blair book on Ray
- 20 NYT: Ray asks review of his guilty plea

March 1969

- 22 NYT: Rightist/segregationist J. B. Stoner hired as Ray lawyer, will help with plea
- 22 NOSI: Ray visited by new lawyer J.B. Stoner, bids for trial
- 23 NYT: Ray tells lawyer he did not kill MLK was was pressured into guilty plea
- 23 NYT: Ray brother assails Foreman, quotes Ray as saying he pressured him plead guilty
- 24 NYT: Foreman denies pressuring Ray
- 24 NYP: Foreman tells of film bid
- 24 NATION Editorial: Case not closed (seems regret general scepticism re lone assassins) No conspiracy in Memphis courtroom to suppress truth via 99 years
- 24 NEWSWEEK: Unsettling doubts; Ray--99 years, no explanations
- 24 NOSI: \$175,000 said offered for Ray story film rights, by Carlo Ponti to Huie, per Foreman; Jerry Ray accuses Foreman coercion of Ray; Stoner says KKK connections will be helpful to Ray's case
- 25 NYT: Deal to film Ray life story denied by Ponti's lawyer
- 25 NYP: Drew Pearson--gives reassurance was no plot, just Ray alone
- 25 NOSI: Drew Pearson--conspiracy discounted by FBI
- 25 NOSI: Report of Ray plea change, retrial, called confused
- 27 NOSI: Ray is denied a meeting with new lawyer, Richard J. Ryan

April 1969

- 1 NYT: Judge W. Preston Battle dies of heart attack; accepted Ray plea in 99-yr deal
- 1 NYT: Huie thinks Ray killed MLK for status; says in LOOK, no evidence of conspiracy; Foreman agrees; but Hanes still thinks there was a plot
- 1 NYP: Judge's death clouds Ray case; had vacation and physical check-up just before 3/10/69 hearing
- 1 NOSI: Judge in Ray case dies; new trial eyed; medical examiner (Dr. J. T. Francisco) who also did MLK autopsy says Battle died of heart attack
- 2 NYT: Hanes links Ray to files for Cuban exiles
- 2 NYP: Judges at odds on new Ray trial
- 2 Wsh.E.St: Second letter by Ray to Judge Battle is discovered; notice of intention to appeal for reversal
- 3 NYT: Letter to Editor, by Professor H.W. Ehrmann, Dartmouth College; indignant at Ray "loner" nonsense; says deal for 99 years another shameful chapter USA judicial history--an outright refusal discover the truth; court procedures Memphis, shocking
- 3 NOSI: Ray hires third lawyer to aid retrial bid; Judge Arthur Faquin, Jr., named to succeed late Judge Battle as presiding judge in Ray case; new lawyer for Ray is Richard Ryan

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April 1969

- 5 NYT: Articles on first anniversary of MLK murder
- 5 Wash.POST: Editorial, mildly calls for full disclosure ("Status of JER")
- 6 Wash.Eve.STAR: Ray and new lawyer Richard J. Ryan discuss new trial
- 8 NYT: A retrial for Ray asked in Memphis by new lawyers J.B. Stoner, R.W. Hill, R. Ryan; claim Ray was exploited, pressured by ex-lawyers
- 8 NYP: Ray signed over \$165,000 to Foreman, per new trial motion filed Memphis
- 8 WES: Ray scores lawyers in new trial petition
- 9 NYP: Ray told British detectives he acted alone, hated negroes
- 11 NOSI: Ray asks pact with Foreman be voided; writer deal also at issue; R.W. Hill, Jr., acting for Ray, asks nullification his contract with Huie
- 15 LOOK: Conspiracy or Not? Why Ray killed MLK--Huie, Hanes, Foreman opinions
- 16 NOSI: Ray hearing set for 5/26/69 (on motion for new trial)
- 17 NYT: Judge sets 5/26/69 to hear Ray plea for new trial; in civil suit, Ray charges Hanes and Huie collusion to exploit him for money reasons

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May 1969

- 20 NYP: Plot to kill James Earl Ray told in phone tip to prison. State Corrections Commissioner, Harry S. Avery, Nashville, says he traced the call and identified the caller; but Director of Bureau of Criminal Identification, W.E. Hepton, says it is news to him
- 21 NYP: Ad for "The Assassin Who Gave Up his Gun" novel by E.V. Cunningham "A famous black minister and a revered world leader die...illuminates what may be the terrifying truth behind...events..."
- 22 NOSI: James Earl Ray suit alleges Foreman, Huie and Hanes violated his rights
- 23 NYT: Ray suit accuses 3 of violating his civil rights
- 26 NYP: Ray may take stand in bid for trial
- 26 NOSI: New trial for Ray is denied by Judge Arthur Faquin, on ground Ray had waived all rights
- 27 NYT: Ray fails in move for second trial, judge rules he gave up right of appeal
- 27 NYP: Ray lawyer R.J. Ryan vows new move; will take case to State Court of Appeals
- 27 NOSI: Ray returned to cell after trial is denied
- 31 SR "Criminal Record": Mini-review of "Strange Case of James Earl Ray" by Clay Blair Jr.

June 1969 *

- PLAYBOY: Various items or mentions of MLK assassination
- RAMPARTS: Article by Bill Turner, "Reviewing the Ray Case"
- 1 NYT: Dismissed Tennessee aide confirms an offer to Ray. Harry Avery claims Governor admitted he was fired as State Corrections Commissioner for offer he made to Ray to place any hidden money in a trust fund

* Items during June 1969 re FBI wiretap of Martin Luther King listed in RFK/Sirhan Chronology, also in omnibus Chronology

June 1969

- 25 NYP: Wiretap dispute, Carl Rowan comments on J. Edgar Hoover and RFK/MLK
- 25 NOSI: Bail case probe opens tomorrow; Garrison intends own probe of Ward, bailbond affair
- 25 NOSI: Committee charges that Garrison ignores crime data
- 25 NOSI Editorial: Public hearing on crime urged, asks City Council be forum
- 25 NOSI: Drew Pearson on RFK and MLK wiretap affair
- 25 NOSI: Oser sworn in as Orleans district judge, thanks Garrison for opportunity
- 26 NYP: Warren—the summing up; An intimate view of Jackie by her secretary
- 26 NYP: Wm. Buckley column "The King Phone Tap"
- 26 NOSI: Garrison before jury as bribe probe opens; payment affidavits in bail case revealed
- 27 NYP: Public honor for Warren. Reagan files Goldberg's Sirhan plea. NET-TV to examine record of Warren Court
- 30 NYP: Miscellaneous items on wiretap of MLK; Warren; Finch and Knowles; Jacqueline and jewelry; Herbert Marcuse, accused of being CIA agent; EMK plans quiet European tour
- 30 HARD TIMES: Item on CIA report on ABMs (not necessary, Nixon/Kissinger hysterical)
- 30 NOSI: Charges of police brutality ruled out by Giarrusse after DA investigation; Tschombe dies in Algerian jail
- 28 NOSI: Letters to editor, re: crime, Iver Trapolin. Editorial re Finch, Knowles. Sentencing set in perjury case of barmaid Betty Jones, in strangulation of baby-sitter, ex-cop City Hall Report, column by David Snyder, says mayoral candidate Landrieu "was positive about not endorsing DA Garrison" for re-election

July 1969

- 1 NOSI: Claim bail forfeits topped 1 million; Asst DA Numa Bertel argues 4 dismissal of case
An interview with Earl Warren.
- 1 NYP: For LIFE magazine a taste of hard times. Edward J. Ennis elected chairman ACLU.
Column "Hoover and RFK" by Frank Mankiewicz & Tom Braden. Item re Ramsey Clark & bugging.
- 1 LAD.HOME JOURN: Condensation of book by Mary Gallagher on Jackie Kennedy
- 3 NYP: Art Buchwald on old and new Nixons in case of Knowles. Drew Pearson, on Otto Stepka.
Profile of Jacques Levy. Editorial on Knowles. Kempton on Nixon, Frank Shakespeare.
- 3 NOSI: Garrison appeals ruling against forcing Shaw lawyers to testify vs Tom Bethell
Ward seeks recusal of judge in bond case. Trapolin says crime is No. 1 social ill.
Parish grand jury resumes investigation of Charles Ward bribery case. Bail case
jurist has conflict of interest, US attorney Connick says.

July 1969

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- 4 NOSI: 2 lawyers indicted in Charles Ward bail bond case; Garrison turns down recusal offer by federal judge in \$1 million bail bond case
- 5 NOSI: Tom M'boya assassinated on Nairobi street. Drew Pearson on Jackie and jewels. Jackie and spending.
- 5 NEW REPBL: Alexander Bickel "RFK as History" also articles on wiretapping etc (filed NR)
- 7 NOSI: Garrison bail records attacked as inaccurate by bail bond company
- 10 NOSI: Edgar Eugene Bradley files \$1.5 million libel suit vs Mark Lane, San Diego AIC and A. George Abbott, Prescott Nichols, LA Free Press and Art Kunkin, NY FP, and others
- 10 MID.MIRR: Death by suicide of LBJ cousin Bert Peck, ex-deputy sheriff Dallas fired by Bill Decker, later employed as guard by Clint Murchison
- 13 NYT: Howard Rusk on WHO report on problems of adolescents. Items on assassination of Tom Mboya; Knowles and AMA; migraine headaches; Cuba; Che; jail study in S.Africa.
- 12 NOSI: Trapolin to miss crime meeting. Mystery grows as 4th boat found crewless (London AP)
- 13 NYT: Loch Ness gremlins plague yellow submarine; oceanographer delays hunt to repair craft
- 14 NOSI: Schiro drops Trapolin panel
- 14 HARD TMS: Dallas Blues by Tom Miller, on DPs and blacks
- 15 NOSI: Charles R Ward enters race for D.A. on note of change "to restore confidence" and move away from political expediency for personal gain; tough law-and-order approach
- 16 NOSI: Apolle heads for the moon. MCC move attacks Garrison, fights vs Kohn grand jury appearance
- 17 NOSI: Crime probers hear New Orleans police detective as grand jury continues inquiry
- 18 NOSI: Russians say no Luna 15/Apollo conflict. US refuses help state bring back wanted Teamster Union official from Texas. Kohn says Garrison honored no-harrassment pledge. Kohn asked to re-appear before grand jury.
- 20 BOSTON GLOBE (Sunday): Features include Kurt Vonnegut article; huge section on moon.
- 20 Boston GLOBE: Ted Kennedy escapes, woman dies as car plunges into pond. Police seek leaving-the-scene complaint. Many pages of stories on EMK, Mary Jo Kopechne, politics
- 21 NOSI (entire issue kept): EMK charged in auto case. African arrested in Mboya murder. Apollo heroes blast off, leave moon for linkup.
- 21 NYT (entire issue): MAN WALKS ON MOON. EMK to face charge in crash for leaving site. Item on Abe Fortas, Douglas, etc. Many items on latest Kennedy disaster.
- 22 NOSI: Ted, wife offer prayers at victim's funeral. No evidence of foul play in death of Rev. A.D. Williams King, younger brother of Martin Luther King
- 23 NOSI: Kennedy's license suspended over mishap; guests said to be unaware of accident until Saturday morning.
- 24 NOSI: Opponents rip Garrison, charge Shaw case hurt crime war. Charges pend in slaying of "candidate" Clyde Johnson, killed yesterday by shotgun blast on doorstep of home of Ralph McMillan, who was arrested on open charge.
- 24 NOSI: Edgartown officials say Kennedy accident probe not ended by a long shot. Evans/Novak column "Teddy's silence dismays friends" (Also: page 1 banner headline story "Moon Men Home")

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- 25 TIME: Items on EMK car accident and death of Mary Jo Kopechne, lunar landing, Mary Calderone, Greater Philadelphia Magazine, wiretaps, Venice and AMA (filed TIME)
- 25 NYP: Ted Kennedy pleads guilty; EMK's day in court; other EMK items, also, item on Jacqueline
- 27 NYT: Review of the Ted Kennedy affair, with editorial and columns by Reston, Wicker Also item on Boston WHA ("marked by polktical incidents") and GOP aide found dead in car with bullet wound, no weapon found, on mysterious death of Franklin Williams
- 28 NYT: Crowd applauds as EMK leaves church
- 28 NOSI: Partin declined immunity, McKeithen offer for testimony
- 28 NOSI: Aaron Kohn is sued by bondsman in Mafia link; \$75,000 defamation suit filed by Nich Christiana
- 28 NOSI: Ted reported confining aims to U.S. Senate; 7 coed murders unsolved, no leads in latest slaying; Plot claims disputed by Manila paper; Jackie is 40; editorial on police integration
- 28 NEWSWEEK: A tragic turn for EMK, says his "closest associates are known to have been powerfully concerned over his indulgent drinking habits, his daredevil driving, and his ever-ready eye for a pretty face." (filed with magazines)
- 29 Cincinnati Enquirer: Editorial on the Kennedy Drama ("...people have been manipulated...")
- 30 NOSI: EMK attends funeral of father of Burke Marshall. Column by Mankiewica "Teddy's Ordeal is not ended"
- 30 NOSI: Dr. King's brother drinking before death; medical examiner says blood had high alcohol content. Items on Drs. Sheppard (to try professional wrestling) and Christian Barnard (divorced) and on Mariner photos of Mars
- 31 MID.MIRR: Editorial on deaths nos. 62-67: Clyde Johnson, exstwhile Baton Rouge witness for Garrison, reported beaten 2/18/69 then shot to death 7/23/69. Rev. A.D.W. King, brother of MLK, found dead in swimming pool 7/21/69. Mary Jo Kopechne, who is allegedly linked indirectly to Carole Tyler, secy to Bobby Baker, also, Robert Kerr and Herman Brown...mentions also Roy Cohn, LBK. Letter to editor anti-EMK; also item on link between HL Hunt and Edward Teller.
- 31 NOSI: Orleans can't keep Garrison for another 4 years and survive, Connick says
- 31 NOSI: Variety of items re EMK/Mary Jo Kopechne—2 Parish priests advised vs autopsy, per parents, who say also that EMK 3 days after the fatal accident was still sobbing, so broken up he could not talk; column, "Ted hurt but has chance to emerge as his own man," by Nick Thimmesch; Ted leaves political trap, by Evans/Novak; letters to editor, EMK insulted intelligence of people, his behavior was cowardly, unmanly; front page story "Won't seek presidency in '72—Ted"
- 31 NOSI: US officials invited before crime probe by Parish Grand Jury
- 31 CBS/TV News Item: Dr. Thomas Noguchi, medical examiner (coroner) Los Angeles, reinstated after finding by civil service board of insufficient evidence to sustain charges made against him
- 31 NY TIMES Editorial, "Mr. Kennedy's Response": highly critical of EMK, gaping holes in story, atmosphere of calculation, effort to escape questioning

- 1 LIFE: The fateful turn for Ted Kennedy. Grave questions about his midnight car accident. (Filed with magazines)
- 2 NYT: State superior court denies request for inquest made by DA Edmund Dinis in EMK/ Mary Jo Kopechne drowning; women remember two cars at Kennedy cookout; letters to editor re EMK; other items: motorcyclist charged in slaying of coed, Michigan; and variety of items on Mars and the Moon
- 2 NYP: 2nd judge denies Ted case inquest; item on Jackie Onassis, 40th birthday; Woman in the news--Helen Tyra, probation officer for Ted; Rowland/Evans column says Richard Goodwin was uninvited by EMK (allegation subsequently retracted); same column has report on FBI Hoover refusal to testify on crime
- 2 NYP: Quiz cyclist in other six coed killings
- 2 NYP: Page feature on Ruth Gordon, mentions Jones Harris, home in Edgartown, Mass. Column on Navy rebel mentions FBI Hoover
- 2 SAT.REV: Review of RFK, A Memoir, by Jack Newfield; also, review of the Warren Court (filed with magazines)
- 3 NYT: Variety of miscellaneous items (Prisoners and Medicine, by Howard Rusk, on abuses and commercial medical research; ex-PIO at Havana contends 1962 missile crisis inflated; 50 in Saigon arrested in alleged espionage; oil industry; DD 2; ex-cop re "cooping" and two Illinois judges quit over report (of corruption)
- 3 NYT: Items on Mars, the Moon; special section on the moon
- 3 NYT: DA Dinis asks second court for Kennedy case inquest; EMK losing public esteem according to Gallup poll; Kennedy aftermath; A special kind of grief in Massachusetts.
- 4 NYT: Miscellaneous items on unmanned space probes, report by 23 scientists; pro-ABM petition signers, many from defense industries; Christian Crusade/BJ Hargis to build "college"; Fire Island enclave charged with racism; US soldiers disillusioned. Also: Moon, Mars items
- 4 NYT: Poll finds public forgiving of EMK. Bloodstains led to Michigan arrest.
- 4 NOSI: Garrison perjury case dismissed; Attorney RJ Zibilich, co-opted DA for 1 case only, has dismissed an affidavit by Dean Andrews charging Garrison with perjury
- 5 NOSI: Bonding firm ban is imposed; judges cite outstanding debt. \$637,325. forfeited bail not collected by Garrison. Garrison, Ward give bail views in backlog controversy, Ward blames priority given to probe of JFK assassination by DA
- 5 NOSI: Drew Pearson, column on EMK ("Mary Jo's face haunting memory")
- 5 NOSI: Others said involved in 7 Ann Arbor murders
- 6 NYT: Ex-commander and 7 Green Berets arrested for premeditated murder, conspiracy Ruling awaited in Kennedy/Kopechne case. Movements of Ann Arbor suspect investigated. Mariner 7 sending back Mars photos.
- 6 NYP: Green berets--a murder charge. Police chief Arena sure EMK erred on time. Mars photos. Links traced from cyclist to 5 coeds. Radio schedule/Barry Gray, Milton Helpert
- 6 NOSI: Kennedy accident inquest to be held, DA Edmund Dinis tells press.
- 6 NOSI: Serious trouble indicated for bail bond system, re Garrison/Ward/Connick; Mrs. EMK appears in public first time since accident; 8 green berets charged with murder. Gervais (Pershing) disputes Chas. Ward. EMK cancels European tour.
- 7 NYT: Inquest planned in EMK/Kopechne case. Suffolk moves to exhume body of Mafia leader. Friend of Michigan suspect is arrested. Items on Mars/moon dust samples.