MEMPHIS PRESS-SCIMITAR, Oct. 15, 1980:

PETROS, Tenn. (UPI)--James Earl Ray, serving a 99-year sentence for the slaying of civil rights leader MLK more than 12 years ago, has sent in an application to vote in the Nov. 4 general election, it was discbsed today.

John Parish, Gov. Lamar Alexander's press secretary, obtain the information from Correctinn Dept. officials after a request was made by UPI.

Ray had told authorities at Brush Mountain State Prison at Petros in East Tenn. that he did not wish the info to be released on whether or not he had applied for an absentee ballot.

Parish said Ray had sent in an application to vote by absentee in Knox County, Tenn.

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