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Ending, Keeping James Earl Ray Costs 1.6 Million

Spent 1.4 Million For Global Hunt; County Tab Is \$200,000

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The FBI spent \$1,400,000 to
catch James Earl Ray,
charged with the murder of
Martin Luther King, and
Shelby County is spending a
total of \$200,000 to guard him
in prison and give him a fair
trial.

These figures were gleaned
from Washington and at the Shel-
by County Courthouse yester-
day as contractors pushed for-
ward with new security rein-
forcements at the County Jail.
The new security measures
revealed yesterday are a
\$37.60 contract for the Auto
Glass Co., 619 Madison, to in-
stall a bullet-proof glass cage
at the entrance way to the jail
and the purchase, several days
ago, of a padlocked steel box
which Ray's meals are de-
livered to his cell as a guaran-
tee against poisoning.

Sheriff William N. Morris
declined last night to approve
the \$200,000 extra-cost esti-
mate for Shelby County until
he has had time to add various
contract figures. But an in-
formed source said that is
very close to the mark. His
only half, he noted, of the
\$100,000 extra cost Los Angeles
County says it is having to foot
the protection of Sirhan
than, charged with the as-
sination of Senator Robert
Kennedy.

Also revealed in the August
issue of Reader's Digest were
new details of how the FBI,
deploying 3,014 agents in a
search covering five countries,
was able to arrest Ray 34 days
after he is charged with hav-
ing shot Dr. King to death on
the balcony of the Lorraine
Hotel.

A vital clue, it was revealed,
was a laundry mark on a 50-
cent undershirt left in a blue
travel bag found in a doorway
near 222½ South Main, the
boarding house from which the
fatal shot is said to have been
fired.

The FBI first ascertained,
with help of the laundry indus-
try, that the machine making
the laundry mark was manu-
factured in Syracuse, N.Y. Be-
cause of a peculiarity in the
machine, the manufacturer
was able to say it had been
sold to a Los Angeles laundry.

This clue, plus Los Angeles
service station stickers on the
inside panel of the white Mus-
tang abandoned in Atlanta,
permitted the FBI to concen-
trate its search in the Los An-
geles area. Ray's likeness was
found in a group photo of a
graduating class of the Inter-
national School of Bartending.

A road map from the Mus-
tang contained the first clear
fingerprint of the suspect. By
now it was evident the man
sought was a white fugitive
from justice, probably a prison
escapee, between 25 and 50
years old. With this informa-
tion, the FBI was able to limit
its comparison of fingerprints
to only 2,000 of the 82 million
persons whose fingerprints are
kept in the FBI files.

On the morning of April 19
an examination of FBI Record
Card No. 405,942G, the 702nd
looked at, showed their man
was a Missouri State Prison
escapee named James Earl
Ray. On June 8 Ray was ar-
rested at a London airport as
he attempted to leave the
country. Ray was flown to
Memphis Friday.

Admitting to his real name
for the first time since his ar-
rest, Ray was arraigned in
Shelby County Criminal Court
Monday. His trial was set for
Friday.

Sheriff Morris says he is de-
termined Memphis "shall not
be another Dallas" referring
to the slaying of Lee Harvey
Oswald, charged with killing
President John F. Kennedy, in
a Dallas jail in 1963.

Thick new steel doors have
been installed at certain jail
passageways. A picture and
sound-recording tape machine
has been provided to take
identification of all who enter
the courtroom where Ray was
arraigned and the one where
he will be tried.

Ray's cell has been air con-
ditioned, presumably to bene-
fit principally the round-the-
clock guard. Television moni-
tors provide an additional con-
stant watch.

A month ago Squire Jimmie
McIntyre of Germantown
moved for the County Court to
ask the Department of Justice
to repay the county for the
extra cost of guarding and
trying Ray.

Squire Baker said yesterday
Washington appears unwilling
to do this but that he hasn't
given up hope.

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