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1. Did James Earl Ray plead guilty of his own volition?
2. Did the conditions and treatment to which Ray was subjected while in prison awaiting trial impair his physical and mental health and hence adversely affect his volition?
3. Did Percy Foreman coerce Ray into pleading guilty?
4. Did Foreman negotiate the guilty plea directly with Judge Battle? If so, did this affect Ray's volition?
5. Did the literary contracts between author William Bradford Huie and Ray's attorneys constitute a conflict of interest? If so, did this conflict affect the decision to plead Ray guilty?
6. Did any of Ray's attorneys conduct an adequate factual investigation into the merits of the State's case against Ray? If not, did this failure affect the decision to plead Ray guilty?
8. Is it clear, beyond a reasonable doubt, that Ray is guilty of First Degree Murder?