

Q Started interview with vague comment that Ray was appealing. Did F know abt it?

"No I'm sure he is I<sup>3</sup> sure he always will. but I didn't know anything about it." He asks for more details. Is told Ray seeking evidentiary hearing.

F: "well he wasn't supposed to see the evidence, he was in jail. I saw them. There was no way for him to see them because no man was in more maximum security."

Q. Did he need such tight security?

well the sheriff seemed to and he was responsible for him. I have no criticism of the officers in (pause) or the judge. Before I agreed to plea ray guilty i wrote him a long letter and i made him acknowledge it before a not~~ray~~ public that he wanted to plea guilty. I protected myself against this <sup>D</sup> sort of thing. ray knows that he'd be under the death penalty now if we hadn't worked this out . its the same agreement that attorneys for sirhan ~~si~~han worked out between the district atty. and the defense lawyers. but the trial judge in the sirhan case refused. "e wanted to see case tried/ As a result sirhan is still under. the death penalty and ray is still alive and not facing it.

" as long as he can keep being a name and not a number he will keep trying it (appeals) he told me he would do it but not for a couple of years. In fact he told me he would not be in prison more than two years if he had to do more than two years he didn't care."

He said in two years if I<sup>8</sup>m still in the penitentiary--meaning if he doesn't escape--he would bring suits. he started filing or repudiating his plea in less than three days.

"This is characteristic . this man is app. 38 years old of those years app. 70 per cent has been spent behind the bars. he is typical of

X all such people. most of us second only to saving our lives, self-realization is the second most fundamental, being important, being

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being known, He just responding to that elemental instinct.

Was that what got him started?

"it's what got Oswald started, it's what got James Earl Ray started, it's what got Sirhan started." goes into a long list of assassins all way back to J. Wilkes Booth.

It's the explanation for all such people whom life has passed by. people who want to become famous by attaching themselves to a famous event.

What abt conspiracy?

"there no way on earth for anybody ever to have been involved with James Earl Ray except one of his brothers. we checked out every possibility. the federal government had already spent \$440,000 checking it, before I got into the case. I checked out every possible defense that Ray could have and arrived at the conclusion that he...(breaks off sentence)

"as a matter of fact he/// "Ray wanted to be caught. Ray would have never have been caught if he hadn't wanted to be caught. Ray got away. All he had to do was take this little bundle that he had wrapped in his bedspread. he wrapped it up to keep from destroying fingerprints. his complaint to me (Goes into bit mentioned in clip abt. prints on gun barrel.) Under <sup>wear</sup> with laundry mark was there. Above all ~~there~~ there was a transistor radio with his no. from Jefferson City Mo. that was on ~~there~~ there. Wanted world to know.

He already had this escaped already figured out. They were not figured out for this case. Figured out for...as matter of fact figured out by another inmate of that penitentiary. He had all the passports, the visas long before there was any plan in his mind to kill King.

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Q. Did he dislike King or was it his name?

"He was anti-black. had been all his life. figured that everything is black and white, no in between shades. figured he automatically would be white hope. "

Then went into story abt "ay equating jury with Nixon\*Wallace votes

"It shows his thinking. he figured that wallace would be elected President and that he would immediately pardon him. this is a sample. any convict that spent that long (in or behind?) walls where thinking is done for him. or even any body who stays in the army that long or the navy (?!!!!)

"There's a bunch of klu kluxers down in savanna , ga. " who are seizing on every cause they can. bunch of bigot or fools. Publish klan literature. want to keep alive race friction. mentions stoner.

Q. what ever happened to movie? he goes into talk abt. book.  
"Book didn't pay for printing. no interest, except if there had been a conspiracy. thats why i think they were keeping it alive. it wld. have sold a lot of books. but a simple race killing.

I don't think you have a story. It will be going on when you're an old grey headed bearded man, "f the son of a bitch is still livin"  
he laughs.

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