

Jesse Jackson To Visit Ray

CHICAGO (UPI) — Tennessee officials have granted permission for James Earl Ray, imprisoned for the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King, to be visited by another civil rights leader who was with King when he was killed.

The Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, president of Operation PUSH, said Friday authorities told him he could visit Ray at Brushy Mountain Penitentiary in Petros, Tenn., next week.

Jackson was an assistant to King, who headed the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, when King was

shot to death 10 years ago on the balcony of a Memphis, Tenn., motel.

Jackson said that some clergymen and others who believed Ray did not act alone in the slaying of Dr. King also want to meet with Ray.

"But the logistics and details won't be worked out until after the weekend, probably Monday," Jackson said.

Jackson and others have received letters from Ray saying he was innocent of King's assassination.

Ray originally pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 99 years in prison.