

Former Aide to Dr. King To Hold Meeting With Ray

CHICAGO, Aug. 5 (AP) — The Rev. Jesse L. Jackson says he has received permission from the warden at the Brushy Mountain State Prison to meet next week with James Earl Ray, who was convicted of slaying the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Mr. Jackson, head of Operation PUSH, said yesterday that he set up the visit on behalf of a group of ministers concerned about unexplained details of the 1968 slaying.

He said that further details of the visit had not yet been worked out with Stonney Lane, the prison warden, but added that Mr. Lane had said he had no objections to the meeting.

Mr. Jackson said he would meet with Mr. Ray to hear what Mr. Ray expressed in a June 21 letter to Mr. Jackson: that he was innocent and that there was a conspiracy to kill the late civil rights leader.

Mr. Ray, 50 years old, pleaded guilty to killing Dr. King and was sentenced to 99 years in prison. He now says he is innocent and wants a chance to prove it.