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Dear Harolds

Herewith the copy as promised..... it's in rough shape, so don't worry about semantics.....but grateful for the check on the facts.....

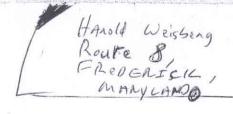
I also want to make it as strong as possible, so I'm hoping you won't insist on the 'I believe' over his fear of being murdered in jail. In fact, looking back over your book after you mentioned it on the telephone, you come out much harder than just 'believing' in it....

Anotherpoint....I wanted to use the bit about the bundle being planted before the killing, although I see in my notes if twas off the record..... you off course have the okay on what goes in, but grateful again if you can let this m stick... it's phrased, I think to keep away any trouble over it.....

great meeting you the other day, and look forward to hearing from you soon....

bestest,

Dick



Blurb: Weisberg.

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A former Senate investigator, Harold Weisberg is the author of the recently published book "Frame_Up: The Martin Luther King/James Earl Ray Cese". It is the result of two years investigation into the assassination of King, and it concludes Ray the alleged killer was invocent clespite pleading guilty to that/Rayshas indeed. making maximum that ChineD

Here, exclusively for ENQUIRER readers, Weisberg tells why Many Ray was forced into his recent attempt to break prison - and why Ray is appealing for a new trial.

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James Earl Ray ... l.

By Harold Weisberg

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Feer that he want be permanently silenced by the rest killers of black civil rights leader Martin Luther King caused James Earl Ray to make his abortive prison break on May 3.

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Bay, despite/pleading guilty to the murder of King and

being sentenced to 99 years in jail, did not do the shooting.

From my exhaustive invetigations, I am certain that there was a conspiracy to kill King, but that Ray was only a decoy.

No evidence make taxes makes exists which could have convicted Eay of the crime. But in the haste to gain a conviction, our law enforcement agencies chose to mammam ignore this.

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Bay now wants to prove his innocence. But he knows that he can do this only by living to go to court again.

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He is appealing for a new trial - his most recent but appeal was turned down - and he knows he faces a long successful.

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He has never, ever talked about whome he was associated with in Memphis on April 4, 1968, the day King was shot. It is very possible that he will never name themax - it would not be necessary to do so am in showing his innocence in any new trial.

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But he has a very real fear that these people, who did kill King, want him silenced.

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It is a fear he has had ever since he was arrested,

a fear underlined by threats on his life, and the knowledge that

violence in jail is a way of life.

Although I know of no acts of violence against Bay in the Brushy Mountain State Frison in Tennessee//I know the possibility of his being murdered is constantly on his mind. Murders in Jail are not uncommon. They can easily be arranged.

This knowledge, combined with the long period he must

factors in his attempted) Ail Greater

A proven expert in hiding out, Ray undoubtedly felt he would outside prison walls to have been safer miniconducting his fight to prove his innocence.

My own mefforts to find out the truth in the killing have of King have involved a two year on-and-off legal battle mam with Memphis court authorities, the U.S. Attorney General's first office, and even Ray's own lawyers.

Although all I was seeking were matters of public record, I have been continually liedy too by these people - including top federal officials denying the existence of documents for all for the federal officials denying the existence of documents which they later have been forced to produce through my legal action.

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As well as obtaining these documents, I have personally interviewed or caused to be interviewed, witnesses in Memphis, New Orleands, California, and London, England.

My conclusions in analysing all this information are that James Earl Ray was framed, not only by his associates, but by our own law enforcement agencies in weing convicted of King's murder.

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Although he was in Memphis at the time of the killing, and undoubtedly engaged in some kind of criminal activity, there is no evidence that this activity involved the killing King.

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On March 10,1169, of when Hay pleaded guilty to the murder of King, it was

on the ill-advice of his lawyers that it was the only way to

escape the electric chair.

Had he pleaded not guilty, them there is no way

the prosecution could have proven he hadxaxambaha

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the rooming house from where the assassin's shot is alleged to

Brewer, nor Charles Stephens, a lodger, two 'witnesses' who beauminance and an analysis and the man who killed King, can positively identify

that man as Ray. Now Breezes seed the souldn't

Ray's fingerprints were found only on easily
movable objects, such as beer cans and a pair of binoculars. They
were never found in the room he was alleged to have rented nor

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The rifle that Ray allegedly used to kill King - found in a shop doorway after the killing - was planted in the doorway minutes from before King was killed. I have spoken to people who could have testfied to this

No ballistics evidence could be produced to tie in this rifle with the bullet which killed King.

The prosecution knew all this when they accepted

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a plea of guilty from Ray.

But Ray, an escaped convict whom they could undoubtedly prove was in the Memphis area - although not in the rooming house - at the time of the killing, was a perfect the law enforcement agencies.

patsy for them. His plea of guilty, brought through fear of killing was perfect the law enforcement agencies.

patsy for them, his plea of guilty, brought through fear of killing case without delving into the possibility of conspiracy.

There is no doubt in my mind that Ray was set up as a decoy by the people who really committed the crime. That 'Evidence' was planted to implicate him.

And it suited the pum purposes of our justice to accept that evidence without question.

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found is not, in fact, authentic and was later staged by the police.			
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