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McVeigh's Sister Predicted 'Revolution' Before Blast

BUFFALO—Timothy James McVeigh's sister said at a Christmas party before the Oklahoma City bombing that a "revolution" was coming and her brother would play a role, according to court documents unsealed yesterday.

An FBI agent said in the documents that two witnesses claimed to have heard Jennifer McVeigh's remarks on Dec. 23, 1994.

Both witnesses said Jennifer McVeigh, who was studying to be a teacher at Buffalo State College, spoke repeatedly about overthrowing the government. One witness quoted her as saying: "There's going to be a revolution, and

you're either going to be with us or against us. I know I'm going to be ready."

"You'll see in either April or May something big is going to happen with my brother," the witness said. "I don't know what it is, but it's going to be big."

Timothy McVeigh is charged with Terry Lynn Nichols in the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Oklahoma City federal building that killed 168 people and injured more than 500.

At the request of the Buffalo News, a federal judge unsealed the FBI affidavit. Agent Gregory Jennings said in the affidavit that the reliability of both witnesses, neither identified, was "unconfirmed but unchallenged."

King Family Seeks New Ray Trial

■ ATLANTA—Araid that the truth about

the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s 1968 assassination will die with James Earl Ray, King's family is asking that he be tried.

"The lack of a satisfactory resolution to questions surrounding the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. has been a source of continuing pain and hardship to our family," Dexter King, a son of the civil rights leader, said at a news conference with his two sisters, his brother and his mother, Coretta Scott King. "Every effort must be made to determine the truth."

Over the years, King said, "because of the painful nature of this tragedy, we have reluctantly ignored it, stayed away from it." But now, with Ray dying from cirrhosis of the liver in a Nashville prison, they want the full truth known, King said.

Ray, 68, pleaded guilty to killing King and was sentenced to 99 years in prison but later recanted his confession.

Ever since a sniper's bullet cut down King on the balcony at a Memphis motel, several theories have surfaced as to who was responsible. A 1978 congressional report concluded Ray shot King but said a St. Louis-based conspiracy was behind the slaying.

Dexter King said he has always believed that others were involved in the slaying.

For Ray to get a trial, his attorneys must prove there is new evidence that could exonerate him. Next week, a judge in Memphis will hear arguments from Ray's attorneys for new scientific tests on the rifle believed used in the assassination.