

N. J. Denies Report King Killer Is There

ASBURY PARK (N.J.) — (AP) — Asbury Park police said — and then denied — today they received an FBI report saying James Earl Ray, charged with the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., might be in New Jersey and associating with hippies.

Deputy Police Chief Thomas Flanagan told an Associated Press newsman, "The FBI has information he (Ray) may have settled in New Jersey. He may be associating with hippies."

Later Flanagan denied to the same reporter he ever made those remarks. In the interim an FBI official re-

ported he had talked with Flanagan.

Another newsman, Allen Warren, a reporter for the Asbury Park Press, said earlier he had seen an FBI wanted poster on Ray on a routine check of police headquarters.

He said he was flipping through "wanted" posters when he noted an alert underlined in red which said: "The FBI has reason to believe that James Earl Ray is associating with hippies in New Jersey."

Warren said when he went back an hour later the alert had been ripped from the bottom of the poster.