PRISON INTERVIEW

Ray's Lawyer

LONDON (AP)—James Earl Ray's American lawyer talked with him in prison today and said he got "names and other leads" to build a case for the defense of the accused assassin of Martin Luther King Jr.

Arthur J. Hanes, of Birmingham, met with Ray for an hour in an interview room at

hour in an interview room at Wandsworth Prison. Hanes said afterward he found the conditions somewhat restric-

BRITISH prison officials did not permit him an interview in confidence such as is usually accorded a British lawyer, ne said.

Hanes and Ray were separated by a glass screen. Hanes said that when he wanted to exchange something confi-dential with Ray he would either whisper or write or pass notes to him via a prison guard.

The Alabama lawyers said he was beginning to build his case and organize a defense for the day that Ray might be extradited to stand trial for the murder of the American civil rights leader.

"Our meeting was most fruitful and beneficial," Hanes said. "We got to know each other better. He is relaxed and feels good. He is

perfectly rational, sane and lucid."

HANES SPOKE to reporters on emerging from the prison. He said he had no cause to complain about the restrictions, because "that's the system here."

Apparently alluding to se-curity, Hanes said:

"I think the procedure over here is rather good. There have been people hurt in other cases like this and I didn't like that at all."

Hanes declined to give any details about the names or other information Ray had given him. He also refused to answer a question about Ray's political orientation.

Hanes said he plans to leave London tomorrow and did not foresee another trip to Britain to interview Ray unless the

need arises.

He said Ray had been receiving many messages of support from the United States and he is grateful for