



JERRY RAY
Right handwriting



JOHN RAY
'Lots of names'

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Letter to Brother

Paper Says Ray Positively is Sneyd

Chicago

The Chicago Daily News said yesterday in a copyrighted story that a letter written by James Earl Ray to a brother removes any doubt that Ray and Ramon George Sneyd are the same person.

Sneyd was the name under which Ray was arrested June 5 in London in connection with the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King.

The Daily News said the letter was written to John Ray and was signed, "Lord R. G. Sneyd."

John Ray said the handwriting was his brother's and then added, "I don't know where he got the name of Sneyd but he had lots of names."

Asked about the title, "Lord," John Ray said, "That's probably his idea of a joke."

'LIANRS'

The Daily News published portions of the letter which in part read, "I could appeal my extradition hearing but I am getting tired of listening to these liars so I might close it up about Tuesday."

There was no indication which Tuesday the letter referred to. John Ray said he interpreted the letter as evi-

dence that his brother did not kill Dr. King who was shot to death on the balcony of a Memphis motel April 4.

James Earl Ray will appear in court in London today in a routine custody hearing on his appeal to avoid extradition.

Ray expects to file the appeal tomorrow in Britain's High Court, on the grounds that the Negro civil rights leader's murder was a political crime and therefore Ray is barred from extradition under British law. A hearing is tentatively set for July 29.

BRIEF

The hearing in Bow Street court today is expected to be brief. Under British court procedure, defendants held without bail must be produced in court every seven days to be given a chance to state any objections before a judge.

"If he really did it," John Ray said according to the Chicago Daily News, "he wouldn't be thinking about signing those extradition papers, would he?"

The letter was mailed to a married sister who lives in a suburb of St. Louis, the Daily News said. It was not dated.

U.S. officials working on obtaining Ray's extradition have said they are convinced

that Ray and Sneyd are the same person but the fact that the alias was used caused a point of legal confusion during the extradition hearings.

The letter also implied that Ray would have sufficient funds to finance his defense when he is returned to Memphis to stand trial.

"If you could," the letter said, "I would like for you to give the attorney Arthur Hanes (of Bof Birmingham, Ala.) \$600. You can get some of it off Jerry (another brother) and I will straighten it up with you when I get back."

Hanes, a former mayor of Birmingham, has agreed to defend Ray.

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Security Measures for Trial of Ray

Memphis, Tenn.

Every person who attends the trial of James Earl Ray will be recorded on visual and sound tape as a security precaution, it was disclosed last week.

Charles Holmes, who is acting as trial public relations advisor to Sheriff William N. Morris, confirmed the security arrangements for the expected fall trial for the man accused of murdering Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Identification cards bearing photographs will be issued to all newsmen covering the trial. More than 50 accreditations have been requested — and this is considered only the beginning.

The trial will be held in one of the five regular courtrooms here — the largest of which seats hardly more than 100 persons, in addition to trial principals. Most of the seats will be reserved for newsmen, officials say, but the families of Ray and King will be assured space.

Sheriff Morris said a number of the seats will be held for the public, even if all the newsmen cannot be accommodated.

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