

STRICT GROUND RULES LAID DOWN

Ray Awaits First Meeting With Lawyer Since Return

MEMPHIS (AP)—James Earl Ray, tucked safely behind the most elaborate security screen ever seen here, awaits the first meeting with his lawyer since being removed from a London jail.

The lawyer, Arthur Hanes of Birmingham, Ala., arrived by plane from New York shortly before midnight yesterday, quickly got into a car and drove to a downtown hotel—escorted by six policemen.

Hanes told newsmen here he had talked briefly with Ray shortly before his client was handed over to United States authorities for the Thursday flight to Memphis.

AFTER BEING searched and passed through cordons of heavily armed, helmeted sheriff's deputies, Hanes presumably will be admitted to the third-floor cell block where Ray, charged with the April 4 assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., is confined in the Shelby County jail.

Quarter-inch steel plates cut off light and air from the windows, and the hum of newly installed air conditioners provides a quiet background for the talks.

There is a telephone at hand, and in the corridor there is a sandbag-lined steel box—the re-

ceptacle for any bomb or explosive device that might be smuggled past all the guards and security.

Ray, arrested in London June 8, was taken to the jail just before dawn yesterday after a secret flight aboard a U.S. Air Force jet from Britain. Hanes, who caught a later flight to the United States, protested the decision that prevented him from accompanying Ray.

NO DATE HAS been set for an arraignment for Ray, and Hanes is expected to work this out with Judge Preston Battle, who will preside at Ray's trial, and the prosecution. Ray must enter a plea at the arraignment.

It was learned that Judge Battle does not expect to set a ground rules for the trial, trial date at the time of the arraignment, but will give opposing counsel time to determine when they are ready.

Battle has laid down strict sharply limiting news and photo coverage and forbidding all the principals—and even employes of the court building—from making any comments about the case. A copy of this order had not been served on Hanes when he arrived in New York from London.

In an interview at Kennedy Airport in New York, Hanes al-

luded to "powerful forces at work" to divide Americans against themselves.

"It has been shown that there is such a thing as an international Communist conspiracy and you must admit they are working in this country," he said.