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MEMPHIS, Tenn. AP - Author William Bradford Huie said Wednesday he has been hired to write the life story of James Earl Ray who is charged with murdering Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Huie flew into Memphis Wednesday with Arthur Hanes Sr. of Birmingham, Ala., Ray's chief lawyer. He said he is under contract to both Ray and Hanes.

Huie, who has written in the past on the Ku Klux Klan, did not meet with Ray Wednesday but said he picked up 10,000 words Ray has written in longhand about himself.

Huie met with Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle who has declined to say if he will relax his rigid no-publicity order in the Ray case to allow Huie to meet with the prisoner.

Huie recently offered a \$500 reward to the first Alabama Negro who could prove he supports former Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace's bid for the presidency.

Ray is awaiting a Nov. 12 trial.

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