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**Hearing on New Trial
For Killer of Dr. King**

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A federal judge yesterday set October 22 for a special hearing to determine whether James Earl Ray is entitled to a new trial in the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

After a closed-door meeting with opposing attorneys, U.S. District Judge Robert McRae Jr. delayed the hearing from September 30 to give defense lawyers time to look at much of the physical evidence the state gathered

Ray, serving a 99-year sentence, contends he was coerced into pleading guilty to the King assassination because of financial arrangements between his former attorneys—Percy Foreman of Houston, Tex.; and Arthur Hanes Sr. of Birmingham, Ala.—and Alabama author William Bradford Huie. Royalties from Huie's book, "He Slew the Dreamer," were assigned to the lawyers for their fees.

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