

# Ray Says He Has Addresses and Phone Numbers of

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MEMPHIS, Oct. 30—James Earl Ray testified today that he had "addresses and telephone numbers" of others involved in events leading to the assassination of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in 1968, but that he had never given most of this information to his lawyers. He said he had kept the names of some of his witnesses secret because he thought the names might get back to agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and that the F.B.I. might harass them.

Mr. Ray said he gave one telephone number to the lawyer, Percy Foreman of Houston, who pleaded him guilty to Dr. King's murder, but that Mr. Foreman did not press him for names.

Mr. Ray is seeking to withdraw the guilty plea he entered in March, 1969, contending that he was coerced by Mr. Foreman into falsely admitting the murder of the civil rights leader.

### Hearing Near End

A hearing on the question before Federal District Judge Robert M. McRae Jr. is drawing to a close. The Judge has indicated it will take him several weeks to reach a decision.

Mr. Ray, who left the stand this afternoon after about 10 hours of testimony, did not give details of the "conspiracy" to assassinate Dr. King, who at the time of his murder was not only the nation's most noted civil rights leader but also a Nobel Peace Laureate.

The most detailed information came from Arthur Hanes, a former mayor of Birmingham, Ala., who was Mr. Ray's lawyer until he was dismissed on the eve of Mr. Ray's scheduled trial in November, 1968. Mr. Foreman replaced Mr. Hanes as Mr. Ray's attorney.

Mr. Hanes, a former F.B.I. agent and once a contract employe of the Central Intelligence Agency, was reluctant to tell Judge McRae what Mr. Ray had told him, but the judge ruled that he must do so.

Mr. Hanes said that he had asked "James Earl Ray a hundred times: 'Did you fire the shot that killed Dr. King?' and his invariable answer was 'No.'"

He said that Mr. Ray told him that he had come to Memphis in April, 1968, at the direction of "Raoul," who had been described as a blond Latin whom Mr. Ray met in Canada in 1967 after Mr. Ray had escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary.

Mr. Ray said in statements

smuggled from the Shelby County Jail by Mr. Hanes in 1968 for the Alabama author William Bradford Huie, that "Raoul" had promised him \$12,000 and new identity papers to help him on some major crime that "Raoul" never specified.

Mr. Hanes testified that Mr. Ray had told him that while he was on his way to Memphis he spent the night of April 2, 1968, two days before the assassination—in Mississippi. Mr. Hanes said that "James Earl Ray told me that

the gun he had bought at the Aero-Marine Supply Company was taken from him at a motel in Mississippi, and that he never saw it again until it was thrown down on the street in Memphis tied to his suitcase," Mr. Hanes said.

A rifle Mr. Ray bought in Birmingham was found outside the murder scene in Memphis.

The lawyer said that Mr. Ray had told him that he was given "a note with the address of a rooming house in Memphis and told to be there at 3 o'clock" on

the afternoon of April 4. He said that when Mr. Ray got to Memphis he became lost, and that he parked his car seven or eight blocks from the rooming house at 422½ South Main Street and walked to the rooming house, arriving 15 minutes late.

"There his contact contacted him," Mr. Hanes said.

He said that after Mr. Ray had rented a room as directed, he was told to go get the car and park it in front and them to buy a pair of binoculars.

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## Others Involved in Events

After this had been accomplished, Mr. Ray was told to leave the rooming house and to go to a nearby saloon and drink beer while "Raoul" bathed, shaved and changed clothes, Mr. Hanes said.

Mr. Hanes said that Mr. Ray, after drinking several beers, was standing on the sidewalk outside the rooming house about 6 o'clock when the shot that killed Dr. King was fired.

"Raoul" came out of the rooming house and threw the rifle and Mr. Ray's suitcase

down on the sidewalk, Mr. Hanes said. "Jimmy said he knew somebody had been shot, and he knew he was in trouble and he fled," Mr. Hanes said.

Mr. Hanes said the only information he was able to pry out of Mr. Ray about "Raoul" was that he had reddish blond hair.

Mr. Hanes's son and law partner, Arthur Hanes Jr., also testified today, saying that "I felt then and I still feel there was a conspiracy involved in this killing."

## Leading to King Killing

He said that when he and his father were dropped as Mr. Ray's attorneys two days before the trial was to have opened, that they were ready to give him a vigorous defense.

Mr. Ray has testified that he dismissed the two Haneses because they did not want him to take the witness stand and because he thought they were most interested in promoting the sale of the book that Mr. Huie was writing about the assassination. Mr. Hanes's testimony that

Mr. Ray told him that he was on the sidewalk outside the rooming house when Dr. King was killed is significantly different from the version that Mr. Ray said he had given to Mr. Hanes.

Mr. Ray said he had told his lawyers that he was a mile away from the scene and that he had witnesses to prove it.

Mr. Foreman has declined to come to Memphis to testify, but a 208-page deposition he made is to be read into the record on Friday.