

Bell Wants to Quiz Ray on King Killing

Washington

Attorney General Griffin Bell said yesterday he would like to question James Earl Ray about the murder of Martin Luther King Jr.

Bell was asked by reporters at a breakfast meeting whether he believes all possible evidence in the 1968 assassination of the civil rights leader has been assembled.

"I'd like to talk to Ray," Bell said.

Many questions remain unanswered about Ray's motive, his source of funds and other matters since he pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 99 years in prison without any evidence being brought out in a trial.

Ray refused to be questioned by Justice Department investigators who reviewed the FBI's probe of the slaying in Memphis. The investigators reported last week they could not find evidence of anyone having helped Ray in the assassination.

Marvil Wall, Justice Department public information director, said Bell would either like to interview Ray or have it done for him by someone who "would ask the right questions."

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