

Secrecy On Ray's Extradition

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WASHINGTON — James Earl Ray, accused slayer of Dr. Martin Luther King, may be flown secretly to the U.S. from London once details of his extradition are arranged.

Attorney General Ramsey Clark has placed top priority on the safe return of Ray to stand trial on a murder charge placed by Memphis authorities.

A secret flight, possibly in a military plane, would enhance the prospects of bringing him back unharmed, officials believe. Extreme security precautions will be taken.

The Justice Department may seek to return Ray under a federal fugitive warrant issued after his escape from the Jefferson City, Mo., prison early in 1967.

This might speed the extradition process, it is believed since there is no question about the conviction for armed robbery that landed him in jail.