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James Earl Ray - Story by Martin Waldron (NYTimes 2 Apr, filed King) on Arthur J. Hanes, former attorney for Ray, and William Bradford Huie, Ray's biographer; both in New York to promote articles they had written, probably those in Look Magazine 15 Apr, although Times does not say so.

Hanes says that when Ray went to Memphis 3 Apr 68 it was to try to sell rifles to Cuban exiles and that he did not know Martin Luther King was to be shot the following day. Both Hanes and Huie say Ray's visits to New Orleans would bear more investigation. Hanes: "The only show of emotion, apprehension or concern which Ray showed was when we went over the list of state's witnesses from Louisiana. He was terrified." Waldron says names of witnesses Tennessee had planned to call if Ray came to trial was never made public. Ray is known to have been in Louisiana at least three times before King was killed - Oct and Dec 67 and Mar 68.

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