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[James Earl Ray's brother Jerry Ray said] in Chicago that Ray did not shoot King but was used by a rich southern party. "I don't think he did it," Jerry Ray said in the one-and-a-half minute interview. Ray said his brother, who escaped from Missouri state penitentiary in Jefferson City., Mo., last year after serving seven years on a 20-year sentence for armed robbery, had never shot or pistol-whipped anyone, even in an armed robbery attempt. He said his brother was interested only in money in such attempts. Ray also said his brother had never expressed any feelings against Dr. King, civil rights, or Negroes, and claimed his brother is a quiet man who wouldn't bother anyone. Those comments ^{tonight} ~~came~~ from the brother of James Earl Ray, 32-year-old Jerry Ray in Chicago.