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NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—A lawyer for James Earl Ray today asked U.S. District Court Judge William E. Miller to void Ray's contract with the lawyer who represented him when he pleaded guilty to the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

At the same time, the attorney asked for nullification of Ray's contract with William Bradford Huie, Alabama author, for the story of Ray's life. Several stories relating to this contract have appeared in *Look* magazine.

Robert W. Hill Jr. of Chattanooga, Tenn., asked a preliminary injunction against Percy Foreman of Houston, the lawyer, and Huie. He asked for an early hearing on an injunction against "any and all contracts and powers of attorney" negotiated with Ray.

Ray, serving a 99-year sentence in King's death, now is seeking a new trial on a charge of first-degree murder.

Hill became associated in Ray's case after Ray announced he had fired Foreman. Ray made the announcement after he pleaded guilty March 10 at Memphis.