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Author Wins Right to Interview

A federal judge ordered the Bureau of Prisons yesterday to permit an author to interview John Larry Kay, brother of convicted assassin James Earl Ray, at the federal penitentiary at Marion, Ill.

U.S. District Court Judge Frank J. Murray in Boston ruled that the bureau's denial of access to the inmate violated the First Amendment rights of George McMillan, who is writing a book on the slaying of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

John Ray, 39, who is serving an 18-year prison term for a 1970 bank robbery, has been quoted as saying his older brother told him "I am not the only one in on this." indicating that the 1968 murder was the result of a conspiracy.

In Nashville, James Ray failed in his effort to block his transfer from a state prison to a federal penitentiary. U.S. District Court Judge L. Clure Morton on Wednesday denied Ray's petition for a temporary restraining order blocking the move.

Ray's Brother