
Link Killer Of King to Conspirator

Washington (AP) — A House Committee on Assassinations report says its investigators have obtained uncorroborated testimony that James Earl Ray received instructions from a secret conspirator during his flight after the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Delegate Walter Fauntroy of the District of Columbia, Democratic chairman of the subcommittee probing King's slaying, said the information came from "a very reliable source" who talked with Ray, now serving a 99-year prison term. Fauntroy stressed that the testimony had not been corroborated.

Fauntroy said the witness told the investigators "that there was someone with whom he (Ray) was to get in touch in Portugal."

The testimony is cited in a 25-page report approved by the full 12-member committee as one of two examples of leads the panel feels must be pursued in its investigation into the assassinations of Dr. King and President John F. Kennedy, Fauntroy said.

The other example is the previously reported recollection of former CIA employees regarding the agency's surveillance of Lee Harvey Oswald in Mexico City less than two months before JFK's assassination.

The report will be presented to the House in January as justification for the committee's proposed one-year \$6.5 million budget.