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JAMES EARL RAY OUT OF JAIL ISOLATION

PETROS, Tenn., July 10 (AP)
—For the first time since
James Earl Ray was arrested
three years ago for slaying the
Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King
Jr., he has been allowed to
mingle with other prisoners—
both black and white. He had
been kept isolated under tight
security.

Warden Robert H. Moore of
Brushy Mountain State Prison,
the state's maximum security
prison, said Wednesday that
Ray, 40 years old, "will be
allowed the same privileges as
other prisoners."

These privileges, he said, in-
clude "mixing and mingling"
with 343 other convicts. The
prison's population is about 40
per cent black.

Warden Moore said he had
discussed the move with Ray,
who is serving 99 years after
pleading guilty to the sniper
slaying of Dr. King at Memphis
in 1968.

"I wouldn't have forced him
out into the prison population
if Ray had felt like he was
endangered," the warden said.



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