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Finding, Keeping James Earl Ray Costs 1.6 Million

**FBI Spent 1.4 Million For
Global Hunt; County
Tab Is \$200,000**

By CHARLES EDMUNDSON

The FBI spent \$1,400,000 to catch James Earl Ray, charged with the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King, and Shelby County is spending a reported \$200,000 to guard him in prison and give him a fair trial.

These figures were gleaned in Washington and at the Shelby County Courthouse yesterday as contractors pushed forward with new security reinforcements at the County Jail.

The new security measures revealed yesterday are a \$2,937.60 contract for the Auto Glass Co., 619 Madison, to install a bullet-proof glass cage in the entrance way to the jail and the purchase, several days ago, of a padlocked steel box in which Ray's meals are delivered to his cell as a guarantee against poisoning.

Sheriff William N. Morris declined last night to approve the \$200,000 extra-cost estimate for Shelby County until he has had time to add various contract figures. But an informed source said that is "very close to the mark." It is only half, he noted, of the \$400,000 extra cost Los Angeles County says it is having to foot for the protection of Sirhan Sirhan, charged with the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

Also revealed in the August issue of Reader's Digest were new details of how the FBI, deploying 3,014 agents in a search covering five countries, was able to arrest Ray 34 days after he is charged with having shot Dr. King to death on the balcony of the Lorraine Hotel.

A vital clue, it was revealed, was a laundry mark on a 50-cent undershirt left in a blue travel bag found in a doorway near 222½ South Main, the boarding house from which the fatal shot is said to have been fired.

The FBI first ascertained, with help of the laundry industry, that the machine making the laundry mark was manufactured in Syracuse, N.Y. Because of a peculiarity in the machine, the manufacturer was able to say it had been sold to a Los Angeles laundry.

This clue, plus Los Angeles service station stickers on the inside panel of the white Mustang abandoned in Atlanta, permitted the FBI to concentrate its search in the Los Angeles area. Ray's likeness was found in a group photo of a graduating class of the International School of Bartending.

A road map from the Mustang contained the first clear fingerprint of the suspect. By now it was evident the man sought was a white fugitive from justice, probably a prison escapee, between 25 and 50 years old. With this information, the FBI was able to limit its comparison of fingerprints to only 2,000 of the 82 million persons whose fingerprints are kept in the FBI files.

On the morning of April 19 an examination of FBI Record Card No. 405,942G, the 702nd looked at showed their man was a Missouri State Prison escapee named James Earl Ray. On June 8 Ray was arrested at a London airport as he attempted to leave the country. Ray was flown to Memphis Friday.

Admitting to his real name for the first time since his arrest, Ray was arraigned in Shelby County Criminal Court Monday. His trial was set for Nov. 1.

Sheriff Morris says he is determined Memphis "shall not be another Dallas" referring to the slaying of Lee Harvey Oswald, charged with killing President John F. Kennedy, in a Dallas jail in 1963.

Thick new steel doors have been installed at certain jail passageways. A picture and sound-recording tape machine has been provided to take identification of all who enter the courtroom where Ray was arraigned and the one where he will be tried.

Ray's cell has been air conditioned, presumably to benefit principally the round-the-clock guard. Television monitors provide an additional constant watch.

A month ago Squire Jimmie McIntyre of Germantown moved for the County Court to ask the Department of Justice to repay the county for the extra cost of guarding and trying Ray.

Squire Baker said yesterday Washington appears unwilling to do this but that he hasn't given up hope.

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passing circumstances.

They said they would station uniformed officers and plain clothes detectives at the Colosseum permanently in an effort to stamp out a situation which one government official has denounced as "scandalous."

The Vatican newspaper L'Osservatore Romano, took up the issue Saturday and said the Colosseum has become a "cove of vice" and a scene of acts that are "absolutely abominable."

The newspaper urged authorities to seal off the Colosseum with gates and permit entry at night only to tourists.

A government official said tourists, especially young girls, are frequently accosted in the Colosseum by youths who commit lewd acts and then flee.

NAACP To Meet Today

The Memphis branch, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, will hold its regular monthly meeting at 4 p.m. today at Mt. Olive C.M.E. Cathedral at the corner of Linden and Lauderdale.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

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FROM : SAC, KANSAS CITY (157-772) C

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SUBJECT: DEMONSTRATIONS RESULTING FROM
THE ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN
LUTHER KING, JR.
RACIAL MATTERS

Reference Kansas City letter to Bureau 5/31/68.

One copy of this letter and one copy of referenced letter are being furnished the Philadelphia Office for information.

On 7/29/68 Mr. GEORGE COREY, 3816 Mersington, Kansas City, Missouri, advised he lives directly across the street from 3815 Mersington and that he does not recall anyone by the name of BERNARD SLATER or any person with a similar name ever living at 3815 Mersington. Mr. COREY said that the present owner of 3815 Mersington is CLARENCE SCROGGINS, who used to live several doors north at 3810 Mersington when he was married and has recently moved across the street to 3815 Mersington. Mr. COREY said that SCROGGINS since his divorce is seldom home and has not been at home for approximately a month although the furniture is still in the house. Mr. COREY said that he has never heard of a VERA HUNTER or VERA GILES ever living at 3815 Mersington. Approximately a month ago there was a man from Illinois who drove a 1961 Cadillac bearing an Illinois tag who stayed at 3815 Mersington for a few days; however, he does not recall the description of this individual other than the fact that he was a Negro.

Mr. COREY said he has known the SCROGGINS family for several years and has never heard either SCROGGINS or SCROGGINS' divorced wife ever refer to anyone by the name of BERNARD SLATER.

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On 7/29/68 Mr. GRANVILLE C. SMITH, JR., 3814 Mersington, Kansas City, Missouri, advised that he has lived across the street from 3815 Mersington for approximately 10 years and knows the owner of that house, CLARENCE SCROGGINS, who had previously resided at 3810 Mersington. Mr. SMITH said that he has never heard anyone by the name of BERNARD SLATER ever living in the neighborhood and has not heard the name of either VERA HUNTER or VERA GILES as ever having lived at 3815 Mersington.

On 7/28/68 Mr. OSCAR P. WESLEY, U.S. Post Office carrier [REDACTED], Station D, 31st and Indiana, Kansas City, Missouri, advised he has been the regular carrier in the vicinity of 3815 Mersington for five years and knows most of the permanent residents in the neighborhood. Mr. WESLEY said that he recalls seeing a Negro male on two or three occasions who was staying at 3815 Mersington who identified himself as BERNARD SLATER. SLATER on several occasions inquired about mail but he has not seen SLATER at 3815 Mersington for approximately two months and has no idea where he came from or where he has gone since there is no one currently living at 3815 Mersington. The owner of the house, Mr. CLARENCE SCROGGINS, is divorced and has not been at home for several weeks although there is furniture still in the house. Mr. WESLEY said he does not know whether SLATER is related in any way to CLARENCE SCROGGINS or whether SLATER is just a friend, or just what the situation is. WESLEY said he has never heard of a woman by the name of VERA HUNTER or VERA GILES and is quite certain that no one by this name has ever lived at 3815 Mersington. SLATER is described as a Negro male, approximately 30 years old, dark complexion, 5'7", 145 pounds, and apparently single. WESLEY did not know whether SLATER had an automobile and could furnish no other information concerning SLATER other than the fact that he is no longer at 3815 Mersington.

Since investigation does not indicate BERNARD SLATER is in the Kansas City area, no additional investigation will be conducted and this matter is considered closed.

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Re Richmond airtel 7/26/68 concerning information
 furnished by ROBERT C. CALLAHAN concerning "BUDDY" JENSEN.

Re: JOHN A. JENSEN, aka "Buddy" Jensen

New Haven should contact Mr. JENSEN and have him
 clarify the source of his remarks as to what meetings he attended
 where the deaths of MARTIN LUTHER KING and Senator ROBERT F.
 KENNEDY were discussed. FD-302 should be submitted.

Richmond is requested to submit interview of CALLAHAN
 on FD-302 to Los Angeles, as well as interview of FRANK
 GOODPASTURE.

Additional leads to interview ARTHUR IRWIN at Lima,
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 until results of contact with JENSEN are known.

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By CHARLES EDMUNDSON

With the advice and consent of a special bar association committee, Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle yesterday surrounded the approaching trial of James Earl Ray with a strict five-point order designed to guarantee the defendant a fair trial.

Judge Battle coupled his order with pointed criticism of statements made by persons ranging as high as the attorney general of the United States. Besides criticizing Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark, the order cites as prejudicial to a fair trial statements made by Arthur J. Hanes of Birmingham, Ray's chief counsel, Russell X. Thompson, under consideration as co-counsel for the defense, and Sheriff William N. Morris.

Singled out were Mr. Hanes' statements that Ray is a "victim of a Communist left-wing conspiracy" and that his client's "rights are being trampled and his privacy invaded" in the Shelby County Jail.

Mr. Thompson was reproved for a statement Saturday that he believes Ray "innocent." Sheriff Morris was criticized for having given at a press

conference Friday details of extra expenses Shelby County must foot for Ray's security.

All these statements were made after Judge Battle issued his orders of July 18 and 23, sharply delimiting publicity statements regarding the Ray case. Clark was cited for a statement made several weeks ago that the Justice Department regards Dr. King's murder not as the product of a conspiracy but the work of one man.

Judge Battle found the attorney general's statement "in probable violation of the principles set out by the United States Supreme Court in *Shepard vs. Maxwell*." In 1966 the Supreme Court reversed the conviction of Dr. Sam Shepard of Cleveland, Ohio, charged with killing his wife, on the ground widespread newspaper publicity had prejudiced a fair trial.

Judge Battle enjoined attorneys in the Ray case, personnel of the attorney general's office and the sheriff's office and other public employees from expressing a personal belief in the guilt or innocence of the accused.

He also prohibited statements on the preparation or

conduct of the trial or the techniques or strategy of defense or prosecution.

Also prohibited are statements regarding jurors or potential jurors, the merits of possible evidence, credibility of intended witnesses, or the treatment, acts or attitudes of Ray himself.

The Public's Right to Know Committee of the Mid-South Chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalism society, gave a statement taking issue with Judge Battle's stricture against Sheriff Morris for revealing extra expenses entailed in upgrading security for Ray as a prisoner in the Shelby County Jail.

"Certainly," the statement said, "the cost to taxpayers of confinement and security measures and conditions of jail life are matters of interest to the public and not directly related to the trial. As such they are suitable for public comment by an elective official."

The statement was signed by the committee's co-chairman, Jefferson Riker of The Commercial Appeal staff and Norman Brewer of WMC-TV.

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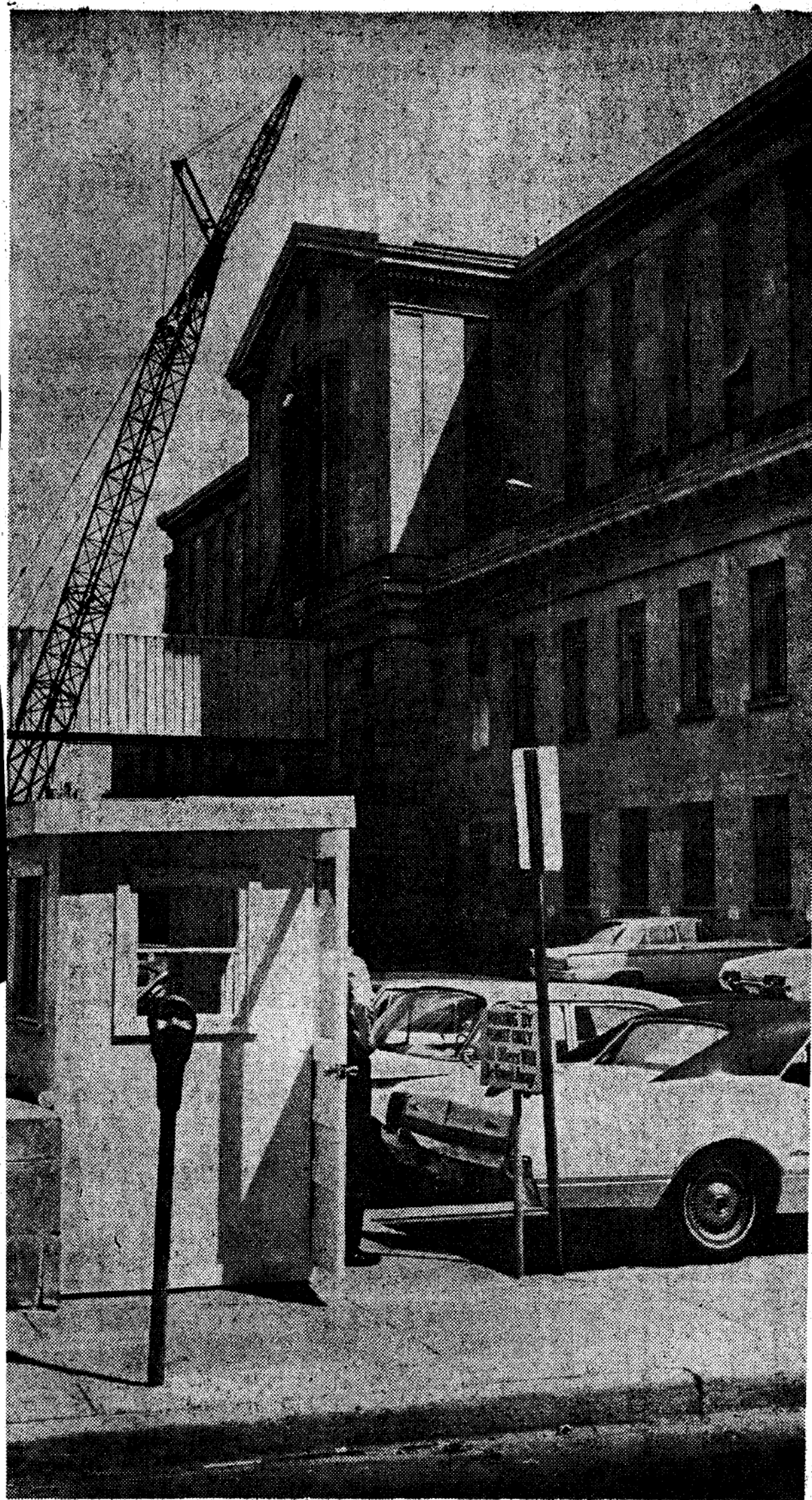
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More Precautions At Jail

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Battle Issues 5-Point 'Fair Trial' Order

By CHARLES EDMUNDSON

With the advice and consent of a special bar association committee, Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle yesterday surrounded the approaching trial of James Earl Ray with a strict five-point order designed to guarantee the defendant a fair trial.

Judge Battle coupled his order with pointed criticism of statements made by persons ranging as high as the attorney general of the United States. Besides criticizing Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark, the order cites as prejudicial to a fair trial statements made by Arthur J. Hanes of Birmingham, Ray's chief counsel, Russell X. Thompson, under consideration as co-counsel for the defense, and Sheriff William N. Morris.

Singled out were Mr. Hanes' statements that Ray is a "victim of a Communist left-wing conspiracy" and that his client's "rights are being trampled and his privacy invaded" in the Shelby County Jail.

Mr. Thompson was reproved for a statement Saturday that he believes Ray "innocent." Sheriff Morris was criticized for having given at a press

conference Friday details of extra expenses Shelby County must foot for Ray's security.

All these statements were made after Judge Battle issued his orders of July 18 and 23, sharply delimiting publicity statements regarding the Ray case. Clark was cited for a statement made several weeks ago that the Justice Department regards Dr. King's murder not as the product of a conspiracy but the work of one man.

Judge Battle found the attorney general's statement "in probable violation of the principles set out by the United States Supreme Court in *Shepard vs. Maxwell*." In 1966 the Supreme Court reversed the conviction of Dr. Sam Shepard of Cleveland, Ohio, charged with killing his wife, on the ground widespread newspaper publicity had prejudiced a fair trial.

Judge Battle enjoined attorneys in the Ray case, personnel of the attorney general's office and the sheriff's office and other public employees from expressing a personal belief in the guilt or innocence of the accused.

He also prohibited statements on the preparation or

conduct of the trial or the techniques or strategy of defense or prosecution.

Also prohibited are statements regarding jurors or potential jurors, the merits of possible evidence, credibility of intended witnesses, or the treatment, acts or attitudes of Ray himself.

The Public's Right to Know Committee of the Mid-South Chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalism society, gave a statement taking issue with Judge Battle's stricture against Sheriff Morris for revealing extra expenses entailed in upgrading security for Ray as a prisoner in the Shelby County Jail.

"Certainly," the statement said, "the cost to taxpayers of confinement and security measures and conditions of jail life are matters of interest to the public and not directly related to the trial. As such they are suitable for public comment by an elective official."

The statement was signed by the committee's co-chairman, Jefferson Riker of The Commercial Appeal staff and Norman Brewer of WMC-TV.

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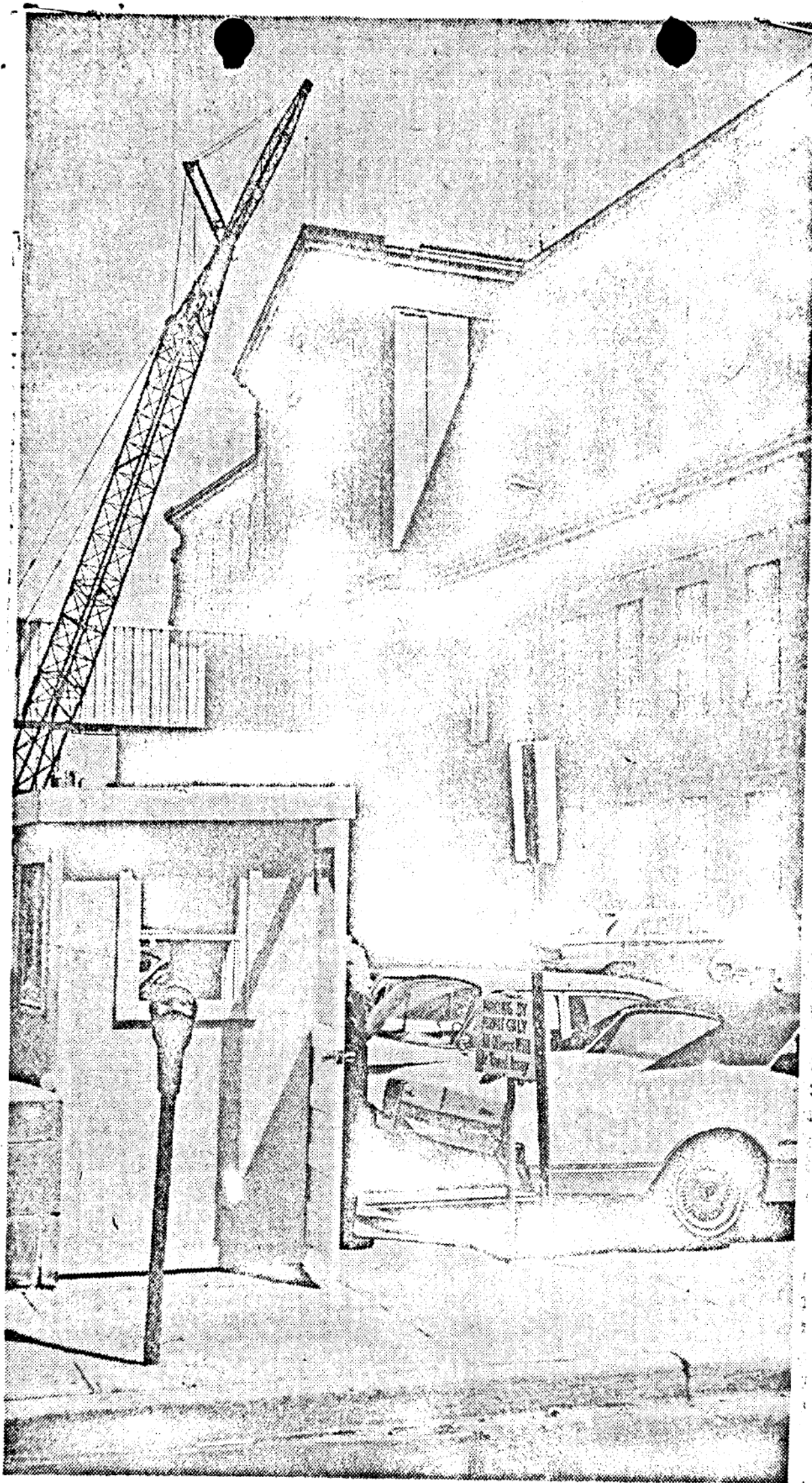
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More Precautions At Jail

The constantly changing scene around the Shelby County Jail yesterday featured guard houses at corners around the Criminal Courts Building, which contains the jail. At the same time, workmen used a crane to

begin installing more steel screens and plates over windows in the jail where James Earl Ray is waiting for trial in the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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Cost data set forth below represents the best figures available, based partially on estimates, from July 1-31, 1968.

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	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Overtime</u>	<u>Total</u>
Special Agent	42	10	52
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III. Unusual Costs: None

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Enclosed for the Bureau is copy of New Scotland Yard report containing all information concerning the activities of subject while in London from 5/7/68 to the date of his apprehension 6/8/68. Also contained in the report is summary of investigation conducted by New Scotland Yard in this matter. This report was officially handed to Assistant Legat on 7/25/68 and it may be disseminated to Tennessee authorities for assistance in preparing their case for prosecution.

Also enclosed for the assistance of Bureau supervisors are three copies of a list of London communications to the Bureau in this matter. These are in the form of cables and airtels, and any information contained therein can now be disseminated to Tennessee authorities with the exception of that in London airtel dated 7/16/68. This airtel enclosed items furnished to this office by New Scotland Yard on a confidential basis, and included letters from subject to various individuals in the U. S., as well as prison warders' reports.

In regard to the prison warders' reports, this office has officially directed a communication to the Assistant Under-Secretary of State for Prison Affairs asking for all prison staff reports of pertinence in this matter, and when they are received officially they can in turn be furnished to Tennessee authorities.

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