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INFORMATION BULLETIN

January 16, 1969 1:00 P.M.

A meeting between Judge W. Preston Battle, Sheriff William N. Morris, Jr. and Charles Holmes, Press Officer, was held today to discuss the Sheriff's study of arrangements in the Sirhan trial and requests of the press.

Although most of the discussion must be considered confidential, it can be announced that a final decision was made to not allow closed circuit television transmission of the trial proceedings. However, a request from a national press committee for films and photographs of James Earl Ray in an area other than the courtroom will be given further consideration, according to Judge Battle and Sheriff Morris.

It was also announced after the meeting that Ray, accused of the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., will be present in the courtroom tomorrow (January 17, 1969) for the progress report required by Judge Battle of the defense attorneys. Attorney Percy Foreman will not attend the hearing because of illness. Ray will be represented by co-counsel Hugh Stanton, Sr., the Shelby County Public Defender.

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