

Complete Transcript of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Assassination Conspiracy Trial November 15 to December 8, 1999

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- [Mrs. Coretta Scott King](#), wife of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., currently - Founder, The Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change, Inc.
 - [Dr. Cobey Smith](#), founder, The Invaders (Black Organizing Project) - 1968, educator consultant (current)
 - [Mr. Charles Cabbage](#), Executive Secretary, The Invaders
 - [Mr. John McFerren](#), founder, Fayette County Civic & Welfare League and local businessman
 - [Mr. Nathan Whitlock](#), taxicab driver, musician
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 - [Mr. Charles Hurley](#), advertising manager, National Food Stores, Memphis (1968), Division Manager, Save-A-Lot Food Stores (current)
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 - [Ms. Olivia Catling](#), neighborhood resident around Lorraine Motel
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 - [Mr. James Lesar](#), lawyer, represented James Earl Ray (1970-76), currently specializes in Freedom of Information Act litigation
 - [The Honorable Andrew J. Young](#), Executive Vice President of SCLC (in 1968), currently Chairman, GoodWorks International, LLC
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- [Ms. Bobbie Balfour](#), Jim’s Grill, employee, currently a cook
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 - [Mr. Royce Wilburn](#), master electrician (1968-present), brother of Ms. Glenda Grabow
 - [Mr. Sidney J. Carthew](#), merchant seaman, British Merchant Navy, via teleconference deposition in 1999
 - [Mr. Joe B. Hodges](#), Memphis Police Department, dog squad (1968), retired
 - [Rev. James Orange](#), Executive Staff, SCLC, via previous affidavit
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- [Mr. Jerry William Ray](#), brother of James Earl Ray
- [Ray Alvis Hendrix](#), Corps of Engineers, U.S. Government on the Dredge Oakerson
- [William Zinny Reed](#), salesman for photography firm in Memphis area
- [Mr. Willie B. Richmond](#), captain, Memphis Police

- Department - Internal Affairs, retired
- [Mr. Douglas Valentine](#), author, *The Phoenix Program*
 - [Mr. Carthel Weeden](#), Memphis Fire Department (1968), construction company owner (currently)
 - [The Honorable Rev. Walter E. Fautroy](#), SCLC Washington, DC Chapter Director (1968), later chair of the Congressional Subcommittee investigating the Assassination, pastor
 - [Ms. April R. Ferguson](#), attorney, one of the post conviction defense attorney for James Earl Ray.
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