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MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE USA.
RAY, HEREINAFTER CALLED THE DEFENDANT, CONVICTED OF COMMISSION
OF THE CRIME OF ROBBERY WITH VIOLENCE TO WIT ON FEBRUARY 19, 1960
WAS SENTENCED FOR THE CRIME OF ROBBERY FIRST DEGREE BY MEANS
OF A DANGEROUS AND DEADLY WEAPON WITHIN THE JURSIDITION OF
THE USA UNQUOTE

ROGER FRISBY, DEFENSE COUNSEL, WISHED TO MAKE A STATEMENT WHICH
MR. SNEYD ASKED HIM TO MAKE. FRISBY REFERRED TO THE JUNE 10
LONDON TIMES HEADLINES WHICH STATED QUOTE U. S. JUSTICE
DEPARTMENT CHIEF INTERVIEWS KING CASE MAN UNQUOTE FRISBY CONTINUED
THAT MR. SNEYD STATED THAT HE WAS NOT INTERVIEWED BY MR. VINSON
NOR ANY OTHER U. S. OFFICIAL. FRISBY ADVISED THAT COUNSEL WAS
AUTHORIZED TO STATE BY CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT THOMAS BUTLER
METROPOLITAN POLICE THAT AT NO TIME WAS MR. SNEYD INTERVIEWED
BY MR. VINSON OR ANY OTHER AMERICAN OFFICIAL. MR. MAW, COUNSEL
FOR U. S., CONFIRMED THIS STATEMENT. HEARING ADJOURNED UNTIL
JUNE 27.

IN DISCUSSION WITH MAW PRIOR TO THE HEARING, HE ADVISED EMBASSY
OFFICIAL WHO ALSO PRESENT AT HEARING THAT DEFENSE COUNSEL STATED
OFF THE RECORD REPEAT OFF THE RECORD THAT HIS ONLY ARGUMENT IN
THIS CASE IS ON THE GROUNDS THAT IT IS A POLITICAL EXTRADITION.
MAW ALSO ADVISED THAT IN DISCUSSIONS WITH DEFENSE COUNSEL CASE
WOULD BE COMPLETED ON 27TH.

IN ADDITION, TWO WARRANTS FOR ARREST WERE ISSUED BY THE COURT ON
JUNE 13. COPIES WILL BE FURNISHED DEPT. SOONEST. BRUCE

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