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FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861

MURKIN

SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY APPREHENDED AT LONDON,
ENGLAND, JUNE EIGHT INSTANT. DISCONTINUE EFFORTS TO LOCATE
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TO : SAC, MOBILE (157-2627)

DATE: 6/8/68

FROM : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReMOairtel, 6/4/68, with which there were furnished 289 IBM cards of new license holders in Birmingham territory.

These are being returned in view of recent Bureau instructions discontinuing this phase of the investigation and on the possibility that the cards may be needed by the Drivers License Division at Montgomery. They were checked for the two most recent aliases of subject--negative.

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U.S. Moves For Ray's Fast Return

Prosecutor Visits Man In Prison

Prosecuting Official Talks With Suspect In Dr. King Slaying

By MICHAEL R. CODEL
Associated Press Writer

LONDON (AP) — Asst. U.S. Atty. Gen. Fred M. Vinson Jr. visited James Earl Ray in a heavily guarded police station Sunday, then began moving to get the accused killer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. back to the United States as quickly as possible. As he did, a new element of mystery in the case arose.

Airport sources said that Ray, seized Saturday while trying to board a flight for Brussels, could have gone from the Lisbon plane that brought him to London directly to the transit lounge, and thus avoided immigration officers.

His capture indicated he left the transit lounge — either to meet someone or possibly to kill time — and consequently got caught.

Vinson talked with British authorities about Ray's extradition, a procedure which would take two to three weeks under normal conditions. But if Ray hired lawyers to challenge the action, the process could run considerably longer with an initial hearing and possible appeals.

Ray, 40, was being kept under tight security at Cannon Row police station in preparation for his appearance Monday morning at Bow Street Magistrate's Court. He will answer there to two charges growing out of his arrest at Heathrow Airport — traveling under a false passport and illegal possession of a firearm.

In Memphis, Tenn., where King was killed, Phil M. Canale, Shelby County attorney general, said Ray would be returned to stand trial for first-degree murder with all "deliberate speed."

In Washington, U.S. Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark said Ray has made no statement and would not be questioned except in a manner "in strict conformity to applicable legal standards."

Clark said Vinson's top priority (Page 8, Col. 5, RAY)

Ray

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ties in his mission are to see that Ray is as secure as he can be—that nothing happens to him—and that he is returned to the United States for trial as soon as possible.

NO TIME ESTIMATE

Clark said he could make no estimate of how soon Ray might be returned. He said it is possible Ray might waive extradition or that he might be deported under an "exclusion principle" of British law. Clark did not elaborate.

He said he is working with Tennessee Gov. Buford Ellington, Vinson and British officials on the question of extradition if that proves necessary.

Asked about a possible conspiracy in the murder of King, particularly in view of the suspect's expensive travel without known financial means, Clark said:

"We have to go on the evidence and facts. At this time we have no evidence of a conspiracy. If there was one, it will be discovered."

Clark said Ray "is a person who lived a life of crime" and it was plausible that he might have financed his travels that way.

Clark was interviewed on the ABC radio-television program "Issues and Answers."

A yard spokesman said Ray was under constant surveillance. "This is a big fish," he told a caller.

Ray, who disappeared for two months after King's assassination April 4, had a loaded pistol in his hip pocket when immigration officers seized him.

After arriving in London Sunday to "expedite the extradition," Vinson met at Scotland Yard headquarters with Chief Superintendent Thomas Butler, head of the flying squad that handled Britain's Great Train Robbery case, and Chief Inspector Kenneth Thomson. They were reported offering Vinson full cooperation in speeding the extradition process.

Talking with newsmen, Vinson declined to say if he would seek to return Ray on the federal charge of conspiring to deny King his civil rights or on a Tennessee charge that he murdered King.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

Pages 1A&8A, "THE
MOBILE REGISTER",
Mobile, Alabama.

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Author: MICHAEL R. CODEL
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MUST APPLY

Legal sources said that to extradite Ray, American authorities would have to submit an application at Bow Street Court for the prisoner's provisional arrest —to keep him in jail —under the British-American extradition treaty.

To support this, the court would require material evidence showing there was a case against Ray. The British court would weigh the evidence and grant leave for extradition if a magistrate agreed the evidence was material and justifiable. This, normally, would take two or three weeks.

Ray could contest the extradition application and possibly the evidence as well, provided he hired or obtained a lawyer. If a magistrate overruled that defense, Ray could appeal and the case would go to a higher court.

Under provisional arrest, Ray would have to appear before a magistrate once every seven days for police, under the habeas corpus principle, to show reason why he was still being held.

DEFINITELY RAY

The suspect was booked under the name of Ramon George Sneyd, the name which appeared on his false Canadian passport, but the Justice Department said he definitely was Ray.

An American Embassy official said Ray's extradition papers would include "all his known aliases," and that the name Sneyd would raise no problems in that respect.

The narrow street leading to Cannon Row police station, about 200 yards from the House of Parliament, was deserted Sunday, in marked contrast to the crowd which milled there after word of Ray's arrest was announced Saturday.

The iron gates leading to the station and the former headquarters of Scotland Yard were open and guarded by a pair of tall London bobbies. They denied entrance to newsmen, saying: "The desk sergeant is not available."

Hundreds of tourists passed by the entrance to Cannon Row, but none was seen venturing down the narrow street. Police signs blocked the path of automobiles.

Ray was seized by immigration officials at Heathrow Airport after he stopped over at 6:10 a.m. Saturday on a British European Airways jet from Lisbon. He was headed for Brussels.

At the immigration barrier for transit passengers, officials asked Ray to enter their office "for further inquiries" on suspicion that his Canadian passport was false.

Searching him they found the loaded revolver.

Police made their formal arrest at 11:15 a.m. five hours after Ray's arrival. But they kept

a close security clamp on him and repeatedly denied that they were holding him even after the announcement of his arrest came from Washington.

Scotland Yard confirmed the arrest later but a police statement gave the arrested man's name only as Ramon George Sneyd.

Chief Inspector Butler said: "Although the man claims to be Sneyd, his physical description is in fact identical to that of James Earl Ray."

Vinson told newsmen at London Airport earlier that people in America were "delighted" at Ray's arrest and that was greeted with "a great feeling of relief."

"We have been looking for him for a long time," Vinson said.

Vinson was asked whether he would apply for a voluntary or a compulsory extradition order.

"The easiest way is always the best one," he replied.

He gave the impression he did not anticipate any difficulty or much delay in bringing Ray back to the United States for trial.

It was learned that Ray had flown from Canada to London May 6 with a round-trip ticket but cashed in the return portion in exchange for passage to Lisbon and went right on to Portugal getting off in the British capital.

The FBI, with the help of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, had picked up Ray's trail in Canada —apparently after he left — and officers satisfied themselves a few days ago that the man bearing a passport in Sneyd's name was Ray.

It then became a matter of intercepting the bearer of the passport.

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

James Earl Ray's Steps In Canada Are Retraced

DORON TO (AP). — James Earl Ray spent two weeks of the month he lived in Canada in a black 10-by-12-foot room that had a television set, a "Home Sweet Home" design and a picture of a Christ.

The woman who was his landlady in April said she thought she recognized him at the time from a newspaper sketch of the man wanted in the murder of Martin Luther King Jr. But her husband told her she was wrong and so they forgot it.

Later, said Mrs. Adam Szpakowski, she walked into Ray's room to clean and found a newspaper folded open to the sketch. She said her suspicions were not aroused because "he was such a gentleman."

"How was I to know he was a bandit?" said Mrs. Szpakowski of the man who lived at her rooming house at 102 Ossington Ave. under the name of Paul Bridgman.

She said the man knocked on her door April 8, four days after the assassination of King in Memphis, Tenn., asked the weekly rate and handed over the first week's rent—\$10.

He had one suit of clothes, a raincoat and a small bag, she said.

Mrs. Szpakowski said the man she knew as Bridgman left his second-floor room about 8:30 a.m. every day, returned about noon and left again until after supper. She said he spent most evenings in his room.

"We never saw much of him," said Mrs. Szpakowski, a Polish immigrant. "He paid his rent and rarely spoke."

The man told her he was a real estate salesman, she said.

Mrs. Szpakowski said one letter arrived for him, addressed to Bridgman and bearing the return address of 70 Lombard St., Toronto—location of the provincial registrar's office, which issues birth certificates.

On Friday, Mrs. Szpakowski said, she saw Ray. She said she saw him in his room, she said, in the house and in the street.

Police now believe that King's accused assassin, captured in London Saturday with two Canadian passports was trying to assume the identity of a Canadian about 40 years old, Ray's own age.

Somehow, said Deputy Chief B. J. Simmonds of the Metropolitan Toronto Police, Ray was able to obtain enough information on a Paul Bridgman living in suburban Don Mills and Ramon George Sneyd, a Toronto constable, to apply for passports by mail in both their names. He eventually assumed Sneyd's identity.

"Our job now," Simmonds said, "is to ascertain how Ray got that information."

A Foreign Office source said Ray also was able to obtain a Canadian birth certificate. He did not say, however, under whose name.

H. F. C. Humphries, deputy registrar for Ontario Province, said Ray could easily have obtained a birth certificate. He said application forms require the name, place and date of birth of the person to be named in the certificate and the name of the person's parents.

That information, he said, can be obtained from birth notices and telephone directories.

Ray apparently knew that Bridgman was a consultant teacher with the Toronto Board of Education. He used the name Bridgman when he had passport photos made at Mabel Agnew's photographic studio April 11. Later, when Ray booked a flight to London, travel agent Lillian Spencer said he used the name George Sneyd, giving Bridgman as a person to be contacted in case of illness or accident.

The woman who took his picture at the photo shop, Margaret Makin, recalled only that the man she snapped looked like the "normal business representative type."

Before Ray left Canada, the police were apparently unaware of his presence in Toronto at the time — he took a room in another boarding house, a three-story building run by a Chinese woman, Mrs. Yee Loo. She barely speaks English.

She said Ray "never spoke to anybody. He came about four weeks ago with only a suit on his back and a newspaper in his hand."

Mrs. Loo said Ray gave his name as Sneyd, described himself as a hospital worker, took a back room for \$9 a week, stayed in the room all day and was out all night.

She said he was an ideal roomer—quiet, never used the telephone and received only one letter.

Ray's identity was uncovered after a month-long search of more than 200,000 Canadian passport photographs. The word was passed to the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation and law enforcement agencies in Europe.

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Page 8A, "THE MOBILE REGISTER", Mobile, Alabama.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

*In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.*

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

June 10, 1968

SAC, Mobile

RE: FUGITIVE PUBLICITY--CANCELLATION

As you know, JAMES EARL RAY, Identification
Order No. 4182, is no longer being sought by this Bureau.
Make certain that your publicity outlets are promptly notified
of the cancellation.

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Post Office Box 2128
Mobile, Alabama 36601
June 10, 1968

RE: JAMES EARL RAY

Dear Sir:

Material was furnished to you concerning James Earl Ray, who was a badly wanted fugitive being sought by the FBI and who was also on the FBI's list of "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives."

This is to confirm that Ray was apprehended at London, England, on June 8, 1968.

Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

W M Alexander
W. M. Alexander
Special Agent in Charge

- 75 - 1 each newspaper, Mobile territory
- 6 - 1 each TV station, Mobile territory
- 5 - 1 each WKRQ Radio, Mobile; WDIG Radio, Dothan; WPNX Radio, Phenix City; WTQX Radio, Selma; WAPX Radio, Montgomery

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Mobile, Alabama
6/10/68

MEMO ALL AGENTS:

RE: JAMES EARL RAY, aka -
FUGITIVE
IO #4182, WF #442-A "TOP TEN"
CR - CONSPIRACY;
UFAC - ROBBERY

JAMES EARL RAY apprehended at London, England,
6/8/68. Discontinue efforts to locate and remove all stops.

W. M. Alexander
W. M. ALEXANDER, SAC

50 - 1 each Agent
1 - SAC
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1 - Supervisor
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Location

Post Office Box 2128
Mobile, Alabama
June 12, 1968

Colonel Floyd H. Mann
Director
Department of Public Safety
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Floyd:

I would like to take this means of extending our thanks to you and officials of your Drivers License Division, particularly Major Bankhead Bates and his associates, for the fine cooperation given to us in connection with the investigation of James Earl Ray, who is accused of the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King.

As you know, one Eric Starvo Galt, subsequently identified as Ray, an escapee from the Missouri State Penitentiary where he was serving 20 years for armed robbery, bought a car in Birmingham and then applied for and was granted a drivers license in Alabama. Prior to the identification of Galt as Ray, Major Bates furnished copies of the application and other documents which were sent to Washington for handwriting comparisons.

With the thought in mind that Ray might have conceived the idea of establishing a new identity for himself after the shooting, the Drivers License Division made available to us all the applications for April and May 1968. We screened these for possible suspects and were in the process of conducting further investigation when Ray was apprehended in England.

1 - Addressee
cc: Major Bankhead Bates
Chief, Drivers License Division
Department of Public Safety
Montgomery, Alabama

① - Mobile (157-2627)

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The above, I feel, reflects the vast degree of cooperation existing between your department and ours, and I thought this might be of interest to you.

I am taking the liberty of designating a copy of this letter for Major Bates, and I would appreciate conveyance of our appreciation to all your employees who expended their time and effort in connection with this important matter.

I hope to see you on my next trip to Montgomery.

Sincerely,

W. M. Alexander
Special Agent in Charge

6/13/68

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Los Angeles airtel to Bureau, 5/27/68.

Referenced airtel suggested that the Mobile Office consider interviewing former Sheriff HARVEY SADLER for any information he might have concerning the assassination of KING. This lead was based upon a letter from Mrs. AIMEA LOMAX, Lomax Post and Tribune, Los Angeles, Calif., to SA LLOYD JOHNSON of the Los Angeles Office. In this letter, Mrs. LOMAX points out that former Sheriff HARVEY SADLER of Mason County, Ala., is a supporter of former Governor GEORGE WALLACE of Ala. She expressed the opinion that the KING assassination was plotted by the WALLACE forces "to provoke Negroes to riot to further WALLACE's political ambitions."

For the information of the Bureau and Los Angeles, former Sheriff HARVEY SADLER of Mason County, Tuskegee, Ala., during his term of office, was cooperative and forthright with the Mobile Office of the FBI. On more than one occasion, he was instrumental in averting violent confrontations between Negro marchers seeking to integrate white churches and opposing groups of white persons. At no time was he known to display a hostile attitude toward Negro citizens of that community.

3 - Bureau (RM)
2 - Los Angeles (44-1574) (RM)
2 - Mobile 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
CNC/mb
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NO 157-2627

On the other hand, Mrs. ALMENA LOMAX, while residing in Tuskegee, Ala., acquired a reputation as a fanatic. Her Tuskegee Tribune made many irresponsible charges against leading citizens of the community, both Negro and white, particularly against those seeking to bring about racial harmony through bi-racial groups. Her paper supported the militant actions of Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), which then was gaining a foothold at Tuskegee Institute.

In the letter accompanying the referenced airtel, Mrs. LOMAX characterizes her expressions as "scuttlebutt." Upon review, her letter does not appear to make any accusation that ex-sheriff HARVEY SADLER was connected with the slaying of Dr. KING; rather it is speculated that the WALLACE forces might be responsible for the slaying because they profitted therefrom. SADLER is associated with this alleged "plot" only in that he has been a WALLACE supporter in the past.

There does not appear to be any more basis for interview of former Sheriff SADLER than for interview of GEORGE WALLACE or other WALLACE supporters. UACB no interview of SADLER will be conducted.

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he can furnish names of individuals involved, but preferred not to give them over the phone. He stated that he feels certain that RAY will talk and he wants to avoid having to run from authorities. He stated that he will be available for interview, upon his return to Washington State. He indicated that he preferred to serve Federal time in prison, was invited to come to the office and stated that he would arrive shortly.

Caller has not appeared at Chicago Office as of 9:00 a.m., 6/11/68. During the call, he indicated that he was in the Chicago area and apparently was calling from a pay phone since the operator cut in advising that his initial time had been used up. He then stated that the \$1600 paid to him by BASS was in postal money orders. He would furnish no further information other than set forth above, but again stated that he would come to the Chicago Office this date.

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Date: 6/11/68

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (44-371)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN.

EARLY THIS MORNING, AN ANONYMOUS MALE CALLER WHO CLAIMED TO BE AN ESCAPEE FROM WASHINGTON STATE PRISON, WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON, CONTACTED CHICAGO OFFICE AND ADVISED THAT HE IS THE "FAT MAN" REFERRED TO IN THE NEWSPAPERS WHO HAD FURNISHED MONEY TO RAY. CLAIMS MONEY FURNISHED BY GENE BASS OWNER OF A MEAT PACKING COMPANY, DALLAS, TEXAS. CLAIMED BASS GAVE HIM SIXTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS AND HE THEN CONTACTED RAY ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS TO GIVE HIM MONEY OBTAINED FROM BASS.

CLAIMED CAN FURNISH NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED AND WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW UPON RETURN TO WASHINGTON. CALLER WAS REQUESTED TO COME TO CHICAGO OFFICE BUT HAS NOT YET SHOWN. CLAIMED PRESENTLY RETURNING TO PRISON VIA CAR.

SEATTLE AT WASHINGTON STATE PRISON. CALLER STATES ESCAPED IN FEBRUARY, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN. ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY AND FURNISH COMPLETE BACKGROUND, DESCRIPTION, ETC. DETAILED AIRTEL BEING FURNISHED MEMPHIS, ~~AND~~ DALLAS, ^{AND MOBILE.} NO INVESTIGATION

- ① - Mobile (157-2627) (AM)
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Approved: _____

Special Agent in Charge

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REQUESTED UNTIL VERIFICATION OF ESCAPE *And Identity.*

AM CCS TO DALLAS ~~XXX~~ MEMPHIS, AND MOBILE

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Special Agent in Charge

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Break In Slaying Case

The arrest of James Earl Ray, wanted in the slaying of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., had to compete with the funeral of Sen. Robert Kennedy in the headlines this past weekend but is was a welcome piece of news for most Americans.

This suspect in the Memphis slaying of the civil rights leader had been sought diligently by all law enforcement agencies since his linking with the event. The trail had led officers to Canada and his apprehension Saturday in London came a little over two months after the massive manhunt began.

Many had begun to suspect that Ray would never be captured alive--in fact, they thought he probably had been disposed of in order to keep investigators off the trail of anyone who might have been linked with him in the event it turned out to be the conspiracy that so many thought the slaying was.

It will only be a matter of time now until Ray (he was using an assumed name at the time of his arrest but U. S. officials stated there is no doubt as to his identity) is returned to the United States to face charges against him in the King slaying.

Meanwhile, the big effort will be to try to

track down the source of the big money Ray has been spending in travelling around this country as well as foreign countries. That information could turn out to be the biggest break in the case.

With the suspect in the case now in custody, complaints should subside about the FBI and other agencies and their efforts in the case. The detailed and methodical work of the FBI finally paid off, just as fair-minded persons knew it would. Only those with special axes to grind could have found any reason to voice any concern about the intention and efforts of U.S. law officials to solve this case.

With Ray's arrest, the two persons accused of the slayings of two of the three assassinations which have rocked this nation in the past few years will have their day in court--a day in which was denied the third one since the accused slayer of President Kennedy was himself assassinated before judicial processes could be completed.

We hope that these days in court will not be delayed too long. For Justice needs to be prompt as well as fair if it is to serve all of society.

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Opelika Daily News
Opelika, Ala.

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Edition: Evening
Author:
Editor: Wilbur L. Blackmon
Title: MURKIN
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Via AIRTEL AM
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TO: SAC, ALBANY
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P
MURKIN - 157-2627

In view of subject's apprehension, any office having outstanding leads or requests for circularization in any publication of any kind should cancel outstanding request now.

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- 2 Albany
- 1 All Continental Offices
- 1 Memphis

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Approved: *R. Jensen*
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SA'S ROBB, MERROW, CREASON,
MAXWELL, EVELAND, FRYE, ROBINSON
AND CATLIN (157-2627-~~SP3~~)(P)

FROM : SA JOSEPH T. BOSTON

SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: MEMPHIS)

DATE: 6/5/68

Re: NEW DRIVER'S LICENSES ISSUED
ALA. APRIL AND MAY 1968

The Bureau, by radiogram dated 5/22/68, instructed that all Offices covering State Capitols check at DLBs for all driver's license applications for the months of April and May, 1968 concerning all male Caucasians over 30 years of age and under 55 years of age in view of the fact that it is possible that subject RAY secured a driver's license using another name other than his known aliases. As result of reviewing these applications, it was instructed that appropriate investigation then be made to determine if any such individuals are identical with subject.

In contact with the Bureau 5/23/68, it was determined that we should consider only those white males in the 30 to 55 age limit who weigh 150 to 200 pounds and are from 5'8" to 6'1".

SA B. TIM MC COY on 5/27 and 28/68, reviewed the driver's license application records at Montgomery for the month of April and the first two weeks of May; the other two weeks of May will be available at a later date for checking.

Falling within the guidelines above, there were 206 new licensees within the Mobile Div. territory and an IBM card for each such licensee was obtained, which card reflects his name, address and description. In the event it is necessary, the original application is available at Montgomery which reflects the person's signature and employment data.

There was a total of 289 such licensees within the Birmingham territory, and these cards have been furnished to Birmingham for handling.

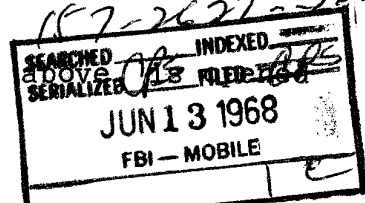
A separate sub-file, has indicated

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(8) one each, ROBB, MERROW, CREASON,
MAXWELL, EVELAND, FRYE, ROBINSON, CATLIN (Encls)

(7- Mobile Agents) (Encls.)



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for use in handling the investigation of these individuals. These IBM cards for the Mobile Div. have been broken down by RA's, and the cards applicable for each RA are furnished herewith to the SRA, who should see that logical investigation is immediately conducted to eliminate these individuals. Contact may be made with police and credit sources, informants or other established sources, employers, or, if necessary, interviews of the persons involved should be made for purposes of elimination. We should establish that each licensee is a legitimate individual and resident of the place listed and thus not possibly identical with subject RAY.

The investigation conducted should be reported by memo for this Sub-File 3.

Indicated below is information concerning the number of cards being furnished herewith to each SRA:

ROBB	37
MAXWELL	44
EVELAND	39
FRYE	17
MERROW	10
ROBINSON	4
CREASON	3
CATLIN	3

Attached to this memorandum for each of the above-named Agents is a sheet listing the names and addresses of the licensees being handled by each RA, such names being indexed for this sub-file.

There are 49 new licensees in the Mobile Headquarters City area which are being broken up further and assigned to specific Agents for handling.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

ATMORE RA

THOMAS JOSEPH CLAYBOURNE, 210--7th Ave., Atmore, Ala.

CHARLIE HALL, JR., P. O. Box 418, Flomaton, Ala.

WILLIAM FRANCIS CLARK, Rt. 1, Box 119, Atmore, Ala.

DAVID GEORGE NISEWONGER, Rt. 1, Box 40, Flomaton, Ala.

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'Big Fat Man' Is Added To Ray Mystery

TORONTO (AP) — A Toronto taxi driver says he picked up a "big fat man" May 2 across the street from one of the two rooming houses where James Earl Ray lived, the Toronto Star reported Wednesday.

The Star said Manuel Reis, 35, drove the man and a friend three blocks west to a bank where they got out.

Earlier this week, Mrs. Sun Loo, landlady at one of the houses where Ray lived, said a tall fat man came to her door and asked for Mr. Sneyd, one of the aliases used by Ray. She said the man gave Ray an envelope.

Ray, accused of slaying civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., was arrested in London Saturday. He arrived in Toronto April 8, four days after King was killed in Memphis, Tenn. Ray left Toronto by air May 6.

The newspaper said taxi cabs were called to 955 Dundas St. W. three times May 2. The address is directly across the street from No. 962 where Ray lived at the time.

Anthony Szczepura, a tenant at No. 955, was quoted as saying no one in his family called cabs that day.

The newspaper said Reis arrived at the Dundas Street location around noon and found two men waiting on the sidewalk in front of the house.

Reis also said he made a trip to pick up a fare at 932 Dundas St. W. on May 1 and the passenger looked like Ray. Reis found the fare standing on the sidewalk. No one at the address said a taxi was ordered that day, the newspaper said.

The Star said Reis took the passenger to a Westmount Avenue address.

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London Hastening Ray's Extradition

LONDON (AP) — The British government started speedy official action on a formal U.S. request Wednesday for the extradition of James Earl Ray to stand trial in Tennessee for the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

By the end of the day the application had cleared its first legal hurdle at the British Foreign Office.

But court formalities and appeals, if the 40-year-old escaped convict chooses to use them, could delay Ray's return up to six weeks or even longer should the case take some unexpected turn.

U.S. officials, headed by Asst. Atty. Gen. Fred M. Vinson Jr., chief of the Justice Department's criminal division, beat their self-imposed deadline for handing in the petition by one day.

READIED IN ADVANCE

But parts of the petition, which was at least an inch thick when it was handed in to the Foreign Office by U.S. Consul General Jack Herfurt, apparently had been readied in advance of Ray's arrest last Saturday at London Airport as he tried to board a plane for Brussels.

The petition contained a summary of some of the evidence against Ray in King's murder at a Memphis motel April 4. It also contained information on his escape from the Missouri State Prison while serving an armed robbery charge.

The U.S. government is seeking extradition on both counts and must satisfy a British judge that both would also be crimes under British as well as U.S. law.

The petition also contains fingerprints and other material to identify Ray as the man now being held under round-the-clock guard in London's Wandsworth Prison. Officially he is being held here as Ramon George Sneyd, travelling under a Canadian passport issued in that name and charged with passport offenses as well as carrying a loaded gun.

WITHIN REQUIREMENTS

Within hours after receiving the petition, the Foreign Office certified that the request fell within the terms of the 1931 extradition treaty between the two countries.

It then was sent to the Home Office, roughly comparable to the U.S. Justice Department.

There lawyers started a preliminary screening to ensure it established a case against Ray, as required by British law.

The Home Office said that if the petition is in order it should be in the hands of Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Frank Milton sometime Thursday.

Under normal procedure Milton would study the petition and schedule a hearing about a week after receiving it.

If Milton grants extradition, Ray has 15 days to appeal to the High Court, and another 14 days to take the case to the House of Lords if his lawyers want to challenge the order on a point of law.

Ray's court-appointed British lawyer refused all comment on his case. The lawyer, Michael Dresden, specializes in police court cases and was picked to defend him on the passport and gun charges. Ray could request another lawyer for the extradition hearing, and that would delay the case.

LEGAL AUTHORITY

So long as Ray is held here on passport charges, British police have legal authority to investigate his movements during his three weeks in London prior to his arrest. Scotland Yard is going that.

Jane Nassau, receptionist at

one hotel where Ray stayed, told a newsman that the police are looking for another receptionist who checked Ray into the hotel. The other girl now is on vacation, but Miss Nassau said Scotland Yard wants to find out if someone accompanied Ray when he arrived at the hotel.

The police investigation, carried out at the request and with the cooperation of the FBI, appears directed at determining whether evidence of a conspiracy to kill King can be turned up in London.

There was some suspicion here that Ray may have had an appointment to meet someone in London—perhaps a contact man—who never turned up.

Miss Nassau said Ray had originally been booked to leave the hotel on June 3 and then extended his stay for two more days. When she asked him why, he said: "I'm having trouble with my visa."

Then he moved across town to a secluded hotel with a private telephone number and stayed in his room for four days trying to arrange a flight out of London. By that time, police apparently were on his trail and closing in.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC MOBILE (137-315)

FROM : SA ROBERT W. McDONOUGH

SUBJECT: MO 62-C

DATE: 6/17/68

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Dates of Contact		
5/17/68, 5/28/68, 6/5/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
JOHN LAWSON PHILLIPS, aka		
ET AL. WSTA		MO 31-2391
ASsigned McDONOUGH		
CARROLL WELDON GATES, aka		
ET AL. WSTA; ITAR- P		
ASSIGNED McDONOUGH		MO 31-2417
Purpose and results of contact		
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	UNSUB, aka	
	Ann (LNU);	
	CGR - PROSTITUTION	MO 70-1533
	ASSIGNED McDONOUGH	
	WILLIAM APPLING;	
	ITAR - P	
	ASSIGNED McDONOUGH	MO 166-223
	MURKIN	
	ASSIGNED BOSTON	MO 157-2627
On 5/17/68, the informant stated that he had been out of contact for approximately a month inasmuch as he had been seriously ill and confined in the Mobile Infirmary for ten days.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	Coverage
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Re 31-2391, the informant, on 5/17/68, 5/28/68, and 6/5/68, advised that to his knowledge JOHNNIE PHILLIPS had not returned to the Mobile area and he stated that he never heard of a prostitute named GAILYN BETHEL working in the Mobile area.

Re 31-2412, the informant on 5/17/68, and 5/28/68, advised that he never heard of anyone named MARTIN OWENS being involved in prostitution activities. On 5/28/68, the informant stated he made a number of inquiries in a effort to identify OWENS with negative results.

Re 70-1533, the informant advised that he is not too familiar with Negro prostitution in the Mobile area, however, he stated that he never heard of any Negro prostitute named ANN (LNU) or a pimp named CLEE or CLEO as described in this case. The informant stated that he would make inquiries among his Negro sources in an effort to identify ANN and CLEE or CLEO.

Re 157-2627, the informant on 6/5/68, again stated that the name, aliases, photograph and description of JAMES EARL RAY were unfamiliar to him. Informant stated that to his knowledge the subject had never been involved in prostitution activities in the Mobile area.

Re 31-1731, the informant on 5/17/68, 5/28/68, and 6/5/68, advised that there were no unusual prostitution activities in the Mobile area at the present time.

On 5/28/68, the informant stated that the correct last name of the prostitute working for him at the Shady Banks Court Motel under the name of SHELIA is HEDLEY. He stated that he did not know whether or not that SHELIA was her correct first name. The informant stated also that SHELIA HEDLEY's husband is employed as a carpenter in Birmingham, Ala., where he continues to reside with their four or five children. The informant stated that his daughter-in-law, BEVERLY KNIGHT, is again working as a prostitute at the Shady Banks Court Motel. He stated that BEVERLY's twin sister, BECKY KNIGHT, recently married a man named MATT SMITH who is a student at South Alabama College. He stated that BECKY and her husband reside at Hillsdale Heights, a housing development rented through South Alabama College. According to the informant BECKY KNIGHT allegedly discontinued all of her prostitution activities after she got married, however, he stated that this is not true,

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commenting that she is stealing a great deal of his business by utilizing telephone numbers of good customers that she had when she worked as a prostitute at the Shady Banks Court Motel. Informant stated that he understood that BECKY KNIGHT has established a telephone clientele utilizing these old telephone numbers and meets her customers at various downtown hotels, motor courts, private homes, etc.

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Turner Tells Marchers

'King Was a Real Man'

BY BOB LABAREE

CHARLOTTE, N.C.--From the very beginning, SCLC leaders have insisted that the Poor People's Campaign is going to be non-violent.

And as the Southern leg of the campaign passed the half-way point this week, marchers were being reminded that the leaders still mean what they said.

Several times every day, Albert Turner, the leader of the Southern leg, has told the marchers that he expects everyone to follow the example of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. "We don't mean to take no brick-throwers

to Washington," he says.

Repeatedly, Turner and other leaders have warned that some people have joined the march "to mess it up."

"They gonna come up to you and urge you to fight back or throw a brick," Turner said one day this week. "As soon as you find 'em, let us know, and we'll put 'em off the bus right where we are." And don't look for them to be white, either," he added.

There is a good reason for not using violence against the white man, Turner said--"he's so good at it."

"He (the white man) knows how to deal with violence, but he doesn't know



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DR. KING

what to do with non-violence. He spends more every year for guns and arms than anything else--so that's his business. These violent folks are asking you to throw a brick at a machine gun. Now you know that ain't gonna get you nothin'."

When someone hits you, "it takes courage not to hit back," Turner said. "Dr. King--he was a real man. Any one can go through hell with hell to guard him. But it takes a brave man to walk through hell naked. That's what he did."

"The dreamer is dead," said Turner, "but they can't kill the dream. Can't nobody kill that but you."

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Additional contact has been had with informants
and sources in this Division, but no information pertinent
to this case has been developed. These negative informant
contacts have been recorded in instant Mobile file.

All other investigation set forth for the Mobile
Division territory has been conducted and reported to
Memphis. No stops are presently outstanding in this Division.

As all information has been reported, this case is
being considered RUC.

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MO 88-C	May 3, 1968	SA JOEL R. HITT
MO 192-C	May 3, 1968	SA JOEL R. HITT
IRVING JACK SUMMERS	May 24, 1968	SA RAYMOND J. MAXWELL
ALBERT J. LASSOSSE	May 16 & 31, 1968	SA W. W. VARDELL
JAMES J. HENDRY	May 24 & 31, 1968	SA JOHN C. McCLUNEY
MO 69-C	April 11, 19, 22, & May 20, 22, 27, 1968	SA ROBERT L. FRYE
MO 195-C	June 3, 1968	SA JOHN C. McCLUNEY
WILLIAM K. SMITH	May 20, 22, June 3, 4, 7	SA ROBERT L. FRYE
MO 163-C	May 17, June 5, 1968	SA ROBERT W. McDONOUGH
MO 59-C	May 16, June 4, 1968	SA ROBERT W. McDONOUGH

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"DEFENDER OF WHITES who slaughter blacks" is reputation of Arthur J. Hanes Sr. (right). He is at London news conference with his son Arthur Jr. where he announced he will defend James Earl Ray against

charges of murdering Dr. Martin Luther King. Hanes has rushed to the defense of whites who were charged with killing civil rights workers.

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Hanes Visits With Ray; Vows Fight

LONDON (AP) — James Earl Ray's American lawyer visited him for the first time Friday in a British prison and said afterward Ray will make a court fight against charges of slaying Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

"If this man comes to trial, if he's the man, he will plead not guilty. A plea of not guilty will be entered," Arthur J. Hanes of Birmingham, Ala., told newsmen at his London hotel.

He said also that Ray's health and mental attitude were good.

Hanes, denied the chance to see Ray during his first visit here last month, returned from Birmingham Friday after learning that British permission for a visit had been granted.

Accompanied by Michael Eugene, Ray's court-appointed British lawyer for the extradition proceedings here, Hanes took a taxi from downtown London to Wandsworth Prison in a southwest residential area of the capital.

Hanes and Eugene spent 35

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minutes in an interview room with Ray. The British lawyer had to be with him because Hanes has no status as a lawyer in this country. Then Hanes left and Eugene spoke to Ray about the British extradition order against him, which is coming up on appeal late this month.

The Alabama lawyer carefully avoided telling newsmen how he might plot Ray's defense.

"I will not try this man in the newspapers," he said.

But he did indicate he probably would fight any prosecution move for shifting the trial from Memphis, Tenn., where the Negro civil rights leader was shot down last April 4.

"Most of the other citizens of the United States have television and they have got a barrage of information on this case everywhere. I see no point in a change of venue," he said.

Asked about reports he might go for an insanity plea, he stressed that this was "just one of a hundred possibilities" under study.

He also insisted on referring to his client as Ramon George Sneyd, although a British magistrate has held that the prisoner's identity as Ray has been proved. Hanes said it would be up to the prosecution to prove it again in an American court.

He added that he had received three letters from the prison signed "R. G. Sneyd." In general, he said, they covered the man's request for legal representation and for an interview with the American lawyer.

"I have never seen this man before today," Hanes added.

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Ray's Appeal Set July 29

LONDON (UPI)—A British court said today it will hear James Earl Ray's appeal against extradition to the United States to stand trial for the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., on July 29.

The surprise announcement was made when Ray appeared at Bow Street Magistrate's Court on charges of violating British gun and immigration laws.

Ray was ordered to appear again July 16 to answer to the charges of carrying a loaded .38-caliber pistol and two forged passports, which got him arrested in the first place June 8. It was expected Britain might ignore the charges if Ray is extradited.

At the Bow Street Court, Chief London Magistrate Frank Milton asked if a date had been set for the appeal in Queen's Bench Division of the high court of justice.

"Yes sir, July 29," a court official replied.

Ray, whose extradition was ordered a week ago, appeared in court today to meet a British legal requirement that prisoners appear before a magistrate every eight days while they are held.

The announcement on the extradition appeal had been unexpected as the appearance today was supposed to deal only with the gun and passport charges.

Ray appeared in court under the name Ramon George Sneyd, the name listed on one of the two forged Canadian passports Scotland Yard detectives said they pulled from his coat along with the gun at Heathrow airport.

Ray swaggered into the courtroom without the dark hornrim glasses he wore when he was ordered extradited last Tuesday. His jaw twitched but he looked less jittery than in previous appearances.

The order Milton issued for Ray's extradition must be approved by Home Secretary James Callaghan even if Ray's appeal is turned down.

Ray's lawyer indicated he would file his appeal of the ruling in district court by early next week.

The lawyer said the British charges likely would "remain on file" if Ray were sent to the United States. This, he said, meant the charges might not actually be dropped in the American sense of the word but would remain active "for the discretion of the court."

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Tight Guard Set For Ray

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Officials preparing for what promises to be the biggest Tennessee trial since the famous "monkey trial" of 1925 are making strict security arrangements.

Officials said Thursday that plans are being made to make a voice and picture tape of every person attending the trial of James Earl Ray, charged with assassinating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. here on April 4.

This would be the first trial anywhere that such a security precaution has been required, Charles Holmes, public relations aide to Sheriff William N. Morris, said.

Newsmen accredited to cover the trial, expected
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to be held in late fall, will be given identification cards bearing their photographs.

The trial is scheduled to be held in one of the Shelby County Criminal Court courtrooms so Ray can be brought directly into the court through an underground corridor without being seen by the outside public.

A secondary security line is expected to be established to keep everyone without pressing business out of the Criminal Courts building.

Ray currently is in jail in London awaiting a hearing on his appeal of an extradition order.

"This is a serious matter," said Sheriff Morris, who is in charge of arrangements for the trial.

"There will be no carnival air here," Morris said. "The sheriff, the judges and the attorney general have been conferring at intervals for several weeks to assure a fair and orderly trial in a dignified atmosphere."

The trial will be conducted in strict keeping with established standards of dignity and justice," said Dist. Atty. Gen. Phil M. Canale, who will head the prosecution team.

Inspector Warren Cargill has been placed in charge of physical arrangements for the trial, and he is supervising the remodeling of the interior cell in which Ray would be housed if returned from London.

The largest Criminal Courts courtroom can seat slightly over 100 spectators, and a large number of the seats will be assigned to news media representatives covering the trial. Morris said, however, seats would be reserved for relatives of both Ray and King, and some would be kept for the general public.

No photographs will be allowed in the courtroom, although a ruling has not yet been made on whether pictures will be permitted in the corridors.

The last world-famous trial held in Tennessee was in the 1925 "monkey trial" in the little town of Dayton, a trial that tested the validity of a state law prohibiting the teaching of Darwin's theory of evolution in Tennessee public schools.

The law was upheld and was not repealed until 1967. Tennessee was criticized for what was termed the "carnival atmosphere" surrounding the trial in which John T. Scopes, a young biology teacher, was found guilty. Scopes was fined \$100 but never paid it because of a technicality.

The trial matched two of the nation's most famous trial lawyers — Clarence Darrow for the defense and William Jennings Bryan for the prosecution.

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Ray's Brother Receives Letter Said From Sneyd

CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago Daily News said Monday in a copyrighted story that James Earl Ray wrote a letter to his brother which indicates that Ray is the man being held in a London jail in connection with the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. under the name of Ramon George Sneyd.

Ray was arrested in London under the Sneyd alias, the name of a Canadian who says he does not know Ray.

The Daily News said John Ray received the letter, which was signed, "Lord R. G. Sneyd." John Ray said the handwriting was his brother's. As to the use of the title "Lord," John Ray said, "That's probably his idea of a joke."

The Daily News published portions of the letter, which read in part: "I could appeal my extradition hearing but I am getting tired of listening to these liars so I might close it up about Tuesday."

There was no indication which Tuesday he referred to.

John Ray said he believed the letter showed his brother did not kill King, who was shot to death April 4 on the balcony of a Memphis motel.

John Ray said: "If he really did it, he wouldn't be thinking about signing those extradition papers, would he?"

Although U.S. officials have said they are convinced that Ray and Sneyd are the same

person, the use of an alias caused a point of legal confusion during the extradition hearings.

John Ray said the letter was in answer to one he wrote to his brother, addressed to London's Heathfield Road Prison. The answering letter, undated, was sent to a married sister who lives in a suburb of St. Louis, the Daily News said.

The Daily News did not say where the Ray brothers were living.

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