

Memorandum for Messrs. Tolson, DeLoach, Rosen, Bishop June 20, 1968

I told the Attorney General that the men who were in London were back here, as one man's father had a serious heart attack. I said one is Special Agent Zeiss, whom he may remember, and the Attorney General said he did, that he was a close friend of his father's and his son knows him, too. I said he will be on the plane and so would John T. Minnich. The Attorney General commented this would be ideal.

The Attorney General asked how we thought Ray got the three names he used. I said this again shows his astuteness as all three are living people residing in Canada who never knew him and never heard of him. I said on the other hand, Ray spent last year, when he was wandering around the country, a great portion of the time in Canada and I thought he was planning this thing and seeking a double identity like Sneyd, Galt, and Bridgeman and checking out those names so if there were any check made on his application for a birth certificate, they could ascertain such a person existed. I said this shows his shrewdness. I said I think we are dealing with a man who is not an ordinary criminal in the usual sense, but a man capable of doing any kind of a sly act. The Attorney General said he was exceptionally clever.

I said Sirhan Sirhan is a different individual as he is a fanatic and killed Robert Kennedy because he spoke in favor of Israel and this fellow being an Arab became intensely bitter against Kennedy and felt he should be killed, which he did, but he is a fanatic and Ray is not a fanatic in that sense. I said I think Ray is a racist and detested Negroes and Martin Luther King and there is indication that prior to the Memphis situation, he had information about King speaking in other towns and then picked out Memphis. I said I think he acted entirely alone, but we are not closing our minds that others might be associated with him and we have to run down every lead.

I said we are getting more crank letters and letters about other people who are going to be killed who are in high office, such as Senator Edward Kennedy, et cetera. I said one does not realize how many nuts are loose in this country until we have a case like this. The Attorney General said it brings them out. I said we have to be careful of all of them; that we take about three away a week who come to my office who complain about persecution and sometimes they are armed and we send them to the hospital and then they are sent to St. Elizabeth's and in two or three months they are back on the streets. The Attorney General said we are going to have to find new ways to deal with that problem as it is not effective now. I said it

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is a problem for the psychiatrists but they are apparently doing little to cure them, but they are mentally unbalanced. The Attorney General said it is a public safety problem now. I said I do not favor the view that the country is depraved and all that. I said I think we have a great block of fine people in this country; that there may be some depraved citizens, but it is not a depraved society. The Attorney General said he thought there was too much emphasis today in the press that society is sick; that it is the fashionable thing to do.

I said I hoped the new Commission the President has appointed will keep a balanced viewpoint as to that because the other Commission went far astray in regard to white racism. I said there is racism but not as predominantly as the Kerner Commission found it to be. The Attorney General said he had never found it so. I said as an example take the meeting yesterday (Solidarity Day); that more than 50% of those who attended were white and it was not predominantly Negro. The Attorney General said that was surprising to him and he felt better to see it that way. I said this shows that white racism is not as predominant as we have been led to believe. I said I hope the Eisenhower Commission when they get around to their findings view it with an unemotional attitude. The Attorney General said there are some good people on the Commission. I said it seems it should be done without emotionalism or crying fire. I said I get annoyed with the editorials about our sick society as I do not believe there is such a thing in this country although there are some sick citizens. The Attorney General said that if I could make this point in the Law Enforcement Bulletin on the Director's page, he thought it would be helpful. I said I have been working on that just recently; that the idea was given to me by McGill of the Atlanta Constitution. I said he had a fine editorial about the attacks on the FBI because we had not found the King murderer after two months and the cracks that we were not trying to find him and then he quoted several verses of the Bible which portrayed Christ as not interested in the poor, but it showed again that there is always an effort to tear down and destroy. I commented that I thought there was a tendency to debunk our Patriots in history. I said it was that sort of thing that I thought drove President Johnson from running for a second term and the Attorney General agreed.

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I mentioned the Students for a Democratic Society as a minority group dominating and the Attorney General said it was a tiny group. I said it is a bad group and it played a big part yesterday at this meeting as they attended but it was just like the Columbia University thing. I said that was staged by only about thirty individuals who closed the university which has thousands of students. The Attorney General said they are a pretty clever and effective group and have to be watched carefully. I said they are more effective than out and out communists. The Attorney General said they are doing more harm. I said they are moving into every area they can and we have been watching them closely and we have some good informants. The Attorney General said he thought that is really vital because they are a dangerous group.

The Attorney General expressed his appreciation and said he would keep me posted on this registration of guns.

Very truly yours,

J. E. H.

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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BY	J. E. H.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: June 21, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

1-Mr. DeLoach
1-Mr. Rosen
1-Mr. Malley
1-Mr. McGowan
1-Mr. Long

1-Mr. Conrad
1-Mr. Bishop
1-Mr. Gale
1-Mr. Mohr
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SUBJECT: MURKIN

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Assistant Attorney General Vinson called with reference to the above-entitled matter involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr. He said he has been in touch with British lawyers, believes they will further stipulate as to the identity of subject Ray; however, this has not been firmed up to the point that he is in a position to advise the Bureau that Latent Fingerprint Examiner George Bonebrake will not be needed in London to testify. Vinson said he is going to make one more pass at this matter with the British and will either be in touch with the Bureau today or tomorrow concerning whether Bonebrake is needed.

He said inasmuch as the Department and the Bureau are going to be involved in devising some plans for the travel of Ray from London to the United States, he had been instructed by the Attorney General to get some background on the prison security in Tennessee and thought he had this pretty well lined up inasmuch as some men had been in Tennessee for several days looking over the security there.

Insofar as transporting the subject is concerned, he said that is going to be primarily one for the FBI and he wanted to know whether we could get together on Monday to talk over such things as the most desirable time to leave London, the possibility of private airfield, and other matters which would allow Ray to be taken from London quietly because he felt the British press were even more aggressive than the press here in the States.

I inquired as to whether he had taken any steps with reference to the suggestions concerning the use of military aircraft and the other matters which were set forth in the memorandum that was sent to the Attorney General yesterday. He said he had seen something on it. I told him a copy was designated for him. He said the alternative would be to hire a commercial aircraft but, of course, this presented some problems.

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touch with the British Consul on tomorrow concerning whether Bowdlerize
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 the British that Patent Engineering Examiner George Bowdlerize will
 not be seen through up to the point that he is in a position to square
 with further, especially as to the identity of subject Paul Bowdler, this
 is. He said he has been in touch with British lawyers, however they
 the above-mentioned matter involving the subject of Martin Luther King.

Assistant Attorney General Murchison called with reference to

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
Re: MURKIN

I advised him we would like to know the Department's decision with reference to the matters raised yesterday.

ACTION:

It is suggested we find out what Vinson has in mind on Monday. As he indicated, he wanted me to see him on this and then it can be determined what steps need be taken. Obviously, if we are going to use military aircraft our problems can be greatly reduced and we, of course, will have much more control over the situation than if we went by commercial aircraft.

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ENCLOSURE

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: June 21, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Attached are copies of 12 items which have been made available on an unofficial and confidential basis by New Scotland Yard to the Legal Attache, London. Copies are being furnished the Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General and Attorneys General Pollak of the Civil Rights Division and Vinson of the Criminal Division. The Department is also being advised that this information is not to be disseminated outside the Department.

Included in the attached material is a report to the Detective Chief Superintendent of New Scotland Yard relative to the local charges pending against the subject in England. Documents are also included to support the report, as well as a certificate of vaccination, a copy of the registration at New Earls Court Hotel, London, where Ray stayed, pages of notes apparently in Ray's handwriting, statements of two women who are hotel employees, a copy of a memorandum of the Kennedy Travel Bureau giving details of Ray's flight from Toronto to London and a currency exchange voucher. Also included is a document captioned "Silencers" which is a detailed discussion of the theory and specifications of silencers for firearms, which was found in the subject's luggage.

The statement contained on page eight, item 38, of the report to the Detective Chief Superintendent indicates that U. S. Authorities have made tentative arrangements for Ramon George Sneyd to travel to England to testify if necessary. The real Ramon George Sneyd is a police officer in Toronto, Canada. New Scotland Yard has been advised that the FBI is making the arrangements, and this information is also being furnished to the Department.

Enclosures

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

Briefly, the report of the British investigation shows the subject arrived in England on 5-7-68 and left the same day for Lisbon, Portugal, returning to London 5-17-68. On 6-8-68 he purchased a single ticket to Brussels and presented himself at the Immigration desk. The act was witnessed by Detective Sergeant Philip Birch who asked the subject to accompany him to an office in the airport where he later searched the subject and discovered a .38 caliber revolver loaded with five rounds of ammunition. He was questioned intensively concerning his identity and that the British believed his name was not Sneyd but Ray, alias Galt, and was wanted in the United States for serious criminal offenses, including murder. The accused had been standing up, but when he heard this, he suddenly sat down, put his head in his hands, and said, "Oh God." He added after a moment or so, "I feel so trapped."

Legat, London advised 6-20-68 that although the material was furnished on a confidential basis, it could be forwarded to the Department if the Department is properly cautioned.

ACTION:

The attached letterhead memorandum should be forwarded to the Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General, and Assistant Attorneys General Pollak and Vinson.

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Central Office,
New Scotland Yard,
London,
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PROVINCE OF ONTARIO, CANADA
BIRTH CERTIFICATE M033785

NAME
SNEYD, RAMON GEORGE

DATE OF BIRTH
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BIRTHPLACE
TORONTO

REGISTRATION DATE
OCT. 15, 1932

YORK CO.
REGISTRATION NUMBER
32-05-020428

ISSUED AT TORONTO.
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ONTARIO, CANADA.

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Certified Extract from birth registration (REGISTRAR GENERAL)

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MR RAYON GEORGE SNEYA					
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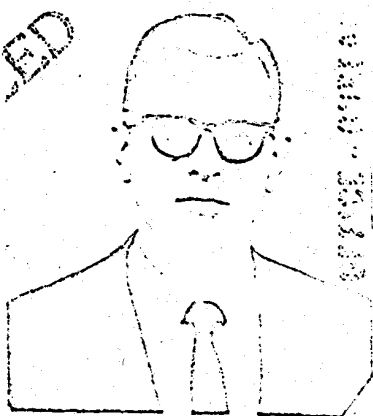
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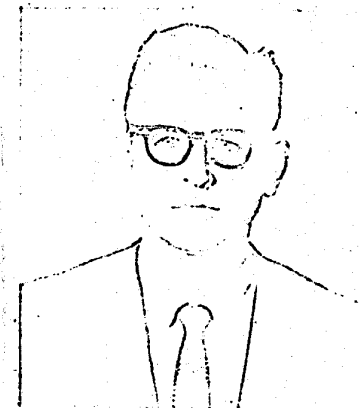
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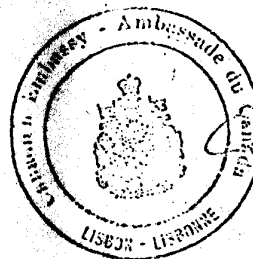
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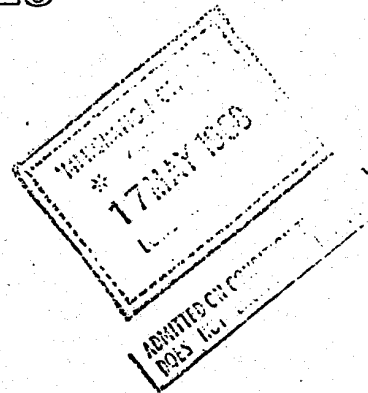
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CERTIFICATS INTERNATIONAUX
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ISSUED BY

QUARANTINE SERVICE
DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL HEALTH
and WELFARE, CANADA

ISSUED TO—DELIVRÉ À

RAMON GEORGE SNEYD

PASSPORT NO. OR TRAVEL DOCUMENT NO.
NUMÉRO DU PASSEPORT OU DE LA PIÈCE JUSTIFICATIVE

D.F. 909324

Q.S. 2006

International Certificate of Vaccination or Revaccination Against SMALLPOX
Certificat International de Vaccination ou de Revaccination Contre la VARIOLE

This is to certify that Je soussigné(e) certifie que	<i>Dr. Ramon H. Sneyd</i>	Date of birth Né(e) le	Sex Sexe
Whose signature follows Dont la signature suit	<i>Ramon H. Sneyd</i>		

Has on the date indicated been vaccinated or revaccinated against smallpox with a freeze-dried or liquid vaccine
certified to fulfil the recommended requirements of the World Health Organization.
A été vacciné(e) ou revacciné(e) contre la variole à la date indiquée ci-dessous, avec un vaccin lyophilisé ou liquide
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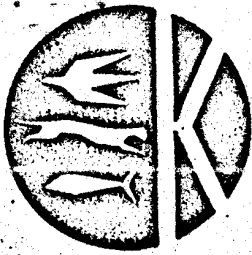
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1b	Read as successful Prise Unsuccessful Pas de prise				
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3	Revaccination	<i>D. C. H. H. H.</i>	<i>107 No 692</i>		
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7	Revaccination				

The validity of this certificate shall extend for a period of three years, beginning eight days after the date of a successful primary vaccination or, in the event of a revaccination, on the date of that revaccination.
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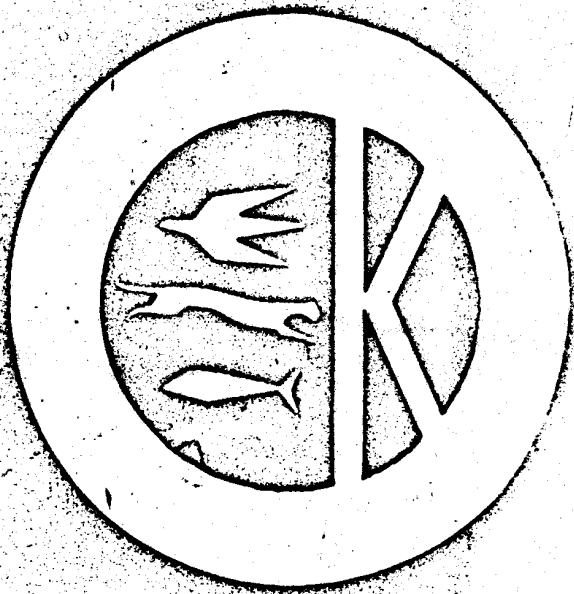
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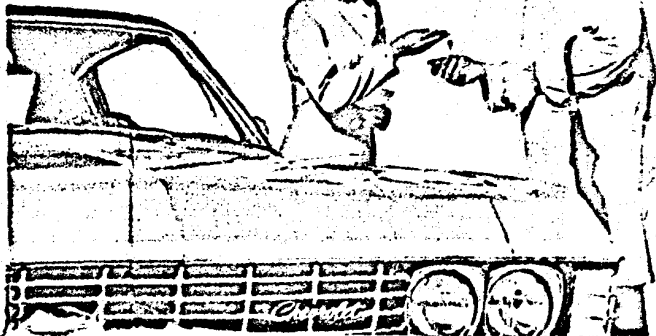
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BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Various types of silencing devices have long been used with varying degrees of success on nearly all types of small arms. The Maxim patent silencer (illustrated below) was widely used before silencers were declared illegal in the U. S. under the National and Federal Firearms Acts. It was supposed in principal to impart a spin to the exiting muzzle gas, thus preventing the muzzle blast and resultant noise. Other common types attempted to bleed off the gas after it was captured in chambers at the muzzle, usually with complicated arrangements of flutter valves or other devices. Perhaps the most common and indeed the most efficient design is patterned after the automobile muffler, in which the gas is captured in a chamber at the muzzle, and escapes slowly from the chamber through the same holes it entered, or through exit holes positioned at opposite sides.

LEGAL NOTE: Due to the effective use of silenced firearms by poachers and assassins, many countries have stringent legal control of any type of firearm silencing device. Indeed, in the United States they fall under the purview of Title 22, Foreign Relations, Chapter 1, Department of State Regulation 108.425-Revised Sub-chapter M, Section 121.01, Category 1, Paragraph (c) in that they are listed as an implement of war requiring a special license for importation. They also come under the purview of Part 179 of Title 26, Code of Federal Regulations (National Firearms Act) in that they are defined as a firearm requiring a special \$200 tax stamp plus federal registration upon manufacture or change of ownership. Application for the tax stamps and registration is obtained from the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Unit, Internal Revenue Service, U. S. Treasury Department. Should one make such a silencing device without proper exemption (available to Police and other authorized agencies) he is liable to the tax, plus the interest and penalties thereon, in addition to possible criminal liability for penalties under Section 5861, I. R. C.

MECHANICAL THEORY: The noise on cartridges which travel slower than sound comes from the blast of hot expanding gas bursting from the muzzle, or around the breech in a revolver. A device which effectively captures this blast of gas and releases it slowly enough will therefore silence the firearm, at least in theory. There are exceptions to this, however, which must be noted. The more obvious are open-breeched weapons such as a revolver or revolving rifle, which allow a blast to escape around the cylinder. Indeed, even unlocked breech weapons such as sub-machine guns allow a flash to escape from the ejection port. The British Sten and the American M-3 were both fitted with rudimentary silencers which proved effective for special missions in spite of this minor defect, however.

The second notable exception becomes apparent when one considers that not all cartridges can be silenced, as projectiles which leave the muzzle faster than the speed of sound (about 1140 f. p. s.) create a noise of their own as they travel through the air, and the partial vacuum they leave behind creates noise when the air rushes back in. Therefore, we will hereafter consider only those cartridges which can be obtained factory loaded to velocities below the speed of sound (many other cartridges may also be hand-loaded to suitable velocities, but since the possibilities are innumerable they will not be dealt with here). The most common cartridges in the silenceable category are: .22 CB Cap, .22 Short, .25 & .32 Auto, .32 S & W, .32 S & W Long, .32 Short Colt, .32 Long Colt, .32-20 Winchester, .38 S & W, .38 S & W Special, .38 Short Colt, .38 Long Colt, .38 ACP, .380 Auto, 9MM Luger (Parabellum), .38-40 Winchester, .41 Short, .41 Long Colt, .44 Special & Russian, .44-40 Winchester, .45 ACP, .45 Long Colt, .455 Webley (Eley) Revolver, .455 Webley (Eley) Automatic; plus a wide selection of shotgun cartridges loaded with solid balls.

Although the above-mentioned Maxim silencers attempted to stop the noise by not only capturing but also breaking up and giving spin to them, the most effective silencers have been the captive type, whether of the complicated "bleed-off" valve-release or the simple "automobile muffler" type. The most effective cartridge selection is obviously one with the heaviest possible projectile traveling at the lower velocity, such as the .45 ACP.

or .45 Long Colt. The favorites of professional poachers are single-shot rifles firing .43 or .45 rifle cartridges loaded to low velocities. The rifle has the additional advantage that its longer barrel tends to minimize the muzzle blast, as most of the powder is completely burned before it reaches the muzzle.

It is also obvious that since the purpose of the silencer is to capture the gas and release it slowly, the smaller caliber arms will need only a smaller chamber in which to contain this captured gas than does a larger cartridge with its resultant larger volume of escaping gas. The .22 "scratch" pistols used a silencer which was approximately one inch in diameter and eight inches long. The British Sten was fitted with a silencer which encircled the barrel and was about 2 1/2" to 3" in diameter. A .45 ACP weapon should have a chamber about 3" in diameter and at least 4" long in order to be effective and safe. It must be remembered that these escaping gases are under strong pressure, and the silencer must be very sturdily designed and constructed in order to withstand the working pressures involved. Certain modern designs have incorporated an outer chamber which is constructed of heavy rubber, which expands to contain the volume of gas at the instant of firing, but which is compact and not liable to burst and throw dangerous shrapnel. An old trick of country crow hunters is to put a baby-bottle nipple on the end of his .22, which is good for several rounds before it becomes too ragged to be effective.

As the length of the barrel is important due to the fact that a longer barrel allows the powder to be completely burned before the blast reaches the muzzle, it is readily seen that the faster-burning pistol powders (such as Hercules Bullseye) are more practical, since they accomplish the same thing in a shorter, more compact barrel.

"BLEED-OFF" DESIGNS: The "bleed-off" systems will be mentioned only in passing, as they are less practical, less safe and much more complicated in design than the more popular "automobile muffler" types. These must by their nature be built to much closer tolerances and constructed to withstand greater pressures than other types. This is largely due to the fact that they divert the gas pressure first to the pressure chamber through small check valves, then from the chamber through other small valves into the atmosphere, or in some designs merely through small exit ports. In these designs, the chamber is usually not filled with any type of acoustical packing. As these are more complicated to design and build, they are favored by neither designers nor gunsmiths. A schematic diagram is shown below to illustrate the principal of operation -- it is not intended as a blueprint for jack-knife gunsmiths who would break the law and jeopardize their safety with a soldered booby-trap.

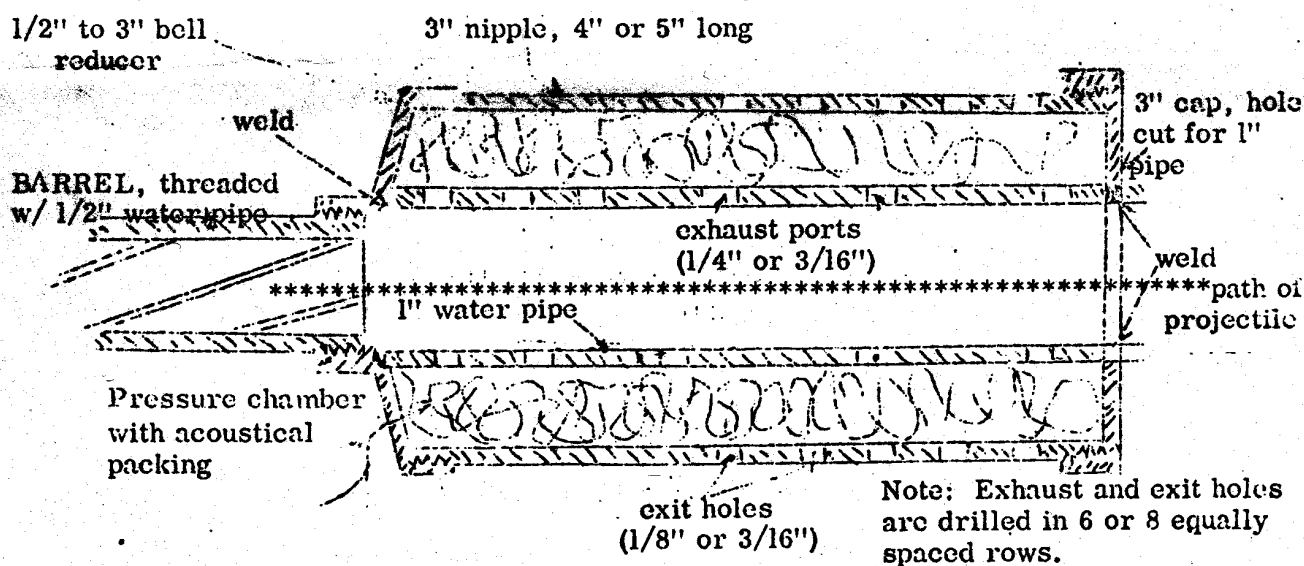
AUTOMOBILE MUFFLER" DESIGNS: The effectiveness of this design depends on a pressure chamber of sufficient size and strength to capture the expanding gases from the burning gunpowder and allow a drop in pressure before the projectile leaves the muzzle of the gun. Therefore, these are usually fitted to the muzzle, although in the case of certain designs they telescope the barrel and the gas entry ports are just forward of the chamber (as in some designs built for the Sten and US M-3; the design for the Sten even allowed the pressure to drop to a point where the projectile left the muzzle at less than the speed of sound). The part of the barrel which is covered by the pressure chamber is slotted or perforated to allow the gases to enter freely. This chamber is usually packed with some type of acoustical deadening material (such as coarse spun glass, steel wool, bronze wool, etc.). This design, although very simple, serves a two-fold purpose in that the gases are baffled as they enter and exit the chamber, and the high pressure which causes the objectionable muzzle blast is lowered before the projectile leaves the barrel. For these and other reasons, this design has proved to be the most practical and satisfactory in use. It is well to note here that although these silencing devices seem very simple in design, they must be built to withstand tremendous pressures in use, and their construction should not be undertaken by any unqualified or unskilled persons merely because they have access to the necessary tools and machinery and a low regard for the laws involved.

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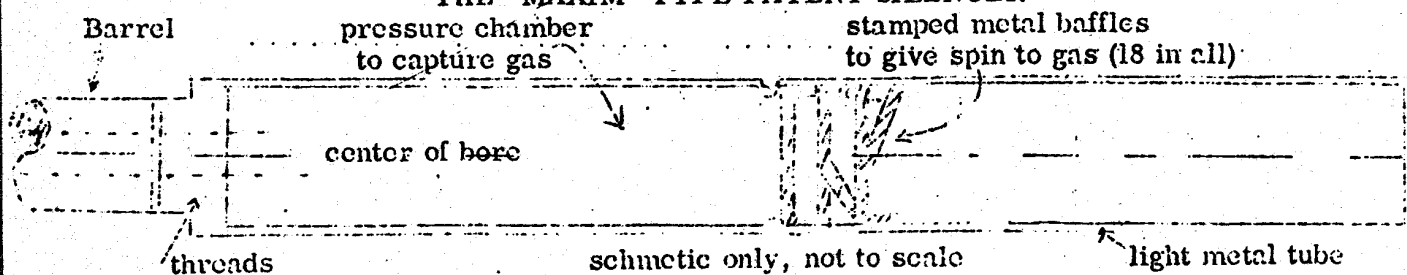
For the sake of simplicity the below representative plan is of a silencer attached to a .45ACB caliber M-3 "Greasegun" sub-machinegun. This weapon is ideal in that it has a handily protruding barrel, solid construction and a good cartridge. To be truly effective, the pressure chamber must have a volume in excess of 25 cubic inches (the smaller it is, the more sturdily it must be constructed, as the pressure will be greater). This is accomplished in a chamber 3" in diameter and about 4" long, but these proportions may be altered to conform to the particular weapon, as long as the volume remains the same or larger. For the sake of safety, a silencer of the captive type should be wrapped with heavy canvas or glass cloth in case of a rupture, and for insulation, as nearly all silencing devices grow quite hot under sustained fire. Also, great care must be taken that the inside of the silencers align perfectly with the bore before a round is ever fired, and for this reason it is wise to have this inner wall larger than the bore and projectile size.

As it is usually impractical within the limits of existing regulations for the individual to construct silencing attachments, a very practical and inexpensive device may be constructed from a small crate about two feet square, from which is suspended cloth strips held with chicken wire on the inside in a circular lining which acts as an acoustical deadening device but does not actually attach to the weapon; this being very practical for indoor ranges when placed around the muzzle of the arm, or suspended from the ceiling for pistol shooting. As this sort of arrangement is more of a muzzle-blast muffler and is away from the muzzle by a foot or so on all sides, it has the advantage of not interfering with and sights.

Additional information on silencers may be obtained from: "Pistols, Rifles and Machine Guns", Maj. W. G. B. Allen, English Universities Press; "The World's Submachine Guns", Thomas Nelson, International Small Arms Publishers, Cologne; and the "Gun Digest" 1964 18th Edition.

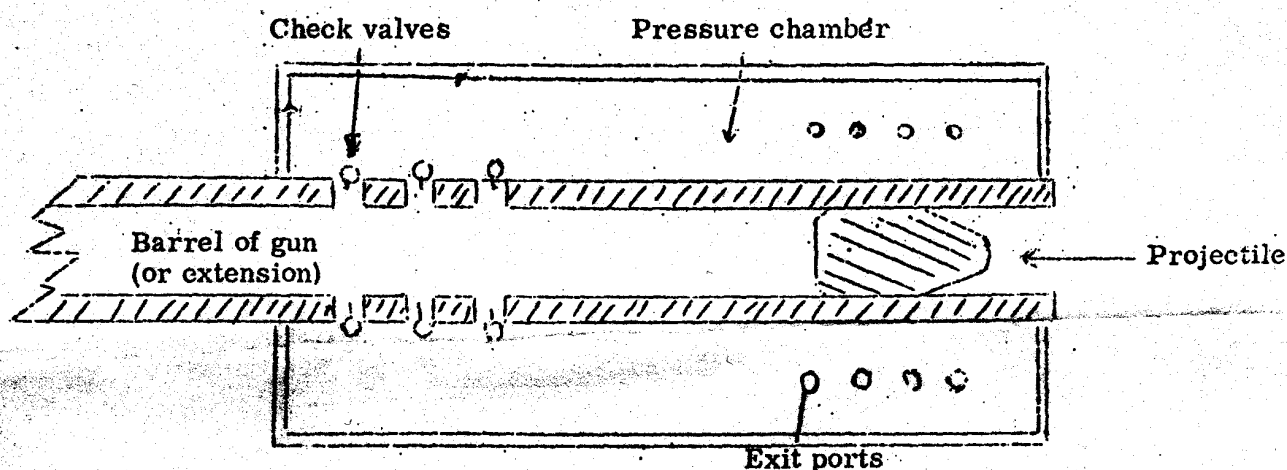


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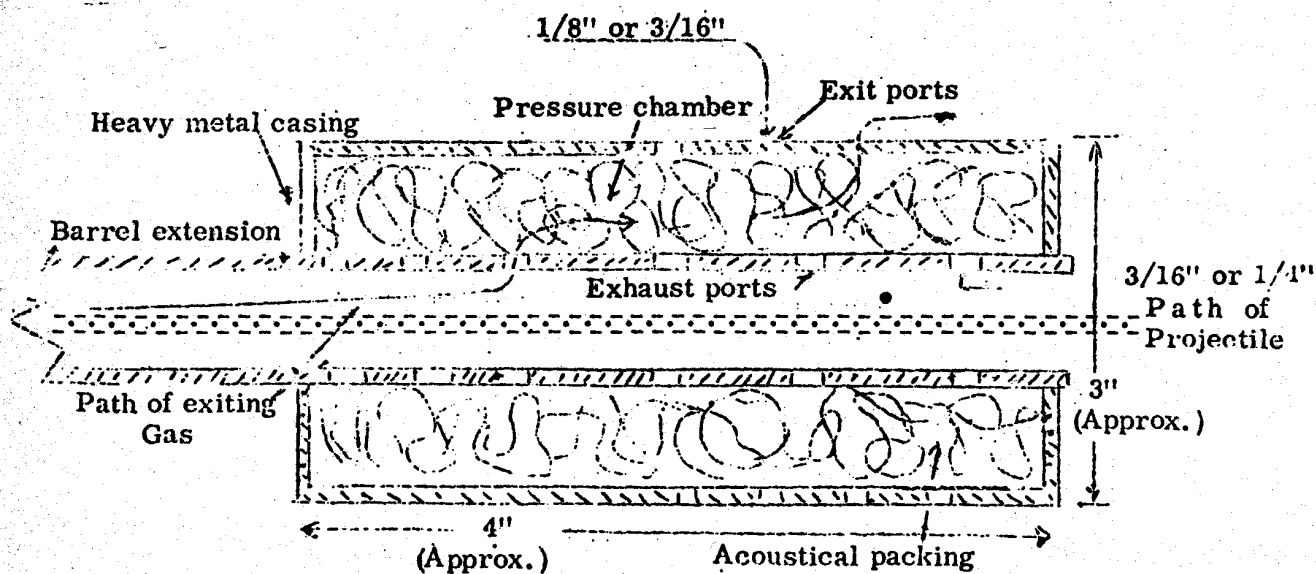


RESUME: Thus far we have learned that the silenced firearm is preferably of large bore and low velocity, closed-breech design (such as an automatic pistol or rifle); it has the longest possible barrel; the cartridge is best if as heavy as possible, and loaded to velocities less than 1140 f.p.s.; a fast-burning powder is preferable in order to lessen the length of barrel necessary for complete burning. The following schematic diagrams illustrate the principles involved in the various silencers, and show how effective silencers are built by authorized, competent gunsmiths:

"BLEED-OFF" SILENCER, SCHEMATIC



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201/68/94

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To Detective Chief Superintendent.

1. Ramon George SNEYD, C.R.O. No. 44372/63, born on [REDACTED], an American National, of no fixed address, stands remanded, in custody, until 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday, the 18th June, 1968, to Bow Street Magistrates' Court, charged with the following offences:-

- (1) That you did on the 8th June, 1968, at London Airport without lawful authority use for the purposes of the Aliens Order, 1953, a forged passport.

CONTRARY to Article 25(3) of the Aliens Order, 1953.

- (2) That you, not being a person exempted from the requirements of the Firearms Act, 1937, on the 8th June, 1968, at London Airport, have in your possession a firearm, namely a .38 'Liberty Chief' revolver and 5 rounds of .38 ammunition to which Part I of the said Act applies, and did not hold a Firearms Certificate at the time.

CONTRARY TO Section 1 of the Firearms Act, 1937.

2. Before dealing with the evidential facts of this case, I will first make mention of the circumstances which existed prior to the arrest of SNEYD.

3. On the 4th April, 1968, at Memphis, Tennessee, United States of America, Doctor Martin Luther KING, a coloured Civil Rights Leader, with a large following of supporters in many parts of the world, was assassinated by a gunman.

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4. As the result of enquiries, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D.C., identified the assassin as James Earl RAY, a convicted criminal and a fugitive from Missouri State Penitentiary since the 23rd April, 1967, where he was serving a sentence of twenty years imprisonment for robbery.

5. On the 7th April, 1968, a Warrant for murder was filed in the State Court, State of Tennessee, naming James Earl RAY as the murderer of Doctor KING.

6. On the 17th April, 1968, a Federal Warrant was issued at Birmingham, Alabama, charging RAY, as Eric Starvo GALT, with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a Citizen (Title 18 U.S. Code Section 241). Another Federal Warrant was issued charging RAY with Interstate Flight to avoid confinement for robbery.

7. Enquiries carried out on behalf of the Federal Bureau of Investigation by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Toronto, revealed that RAY had caused a false application to be made for a Birth Certificate in the name RAMON GEORGE SNEYD, born in Toronto on the

8. Having obtained this, he presented it to support his application for a Canadian Passport at the Bureau of Passports, Ottawa, on the 24th April, 1968. It must be mentioned here that, in consequence of a clerical error made by the staff of the Passport Bureau, Canadian Passport No. D.J. 909324 was issued to the accused, but showing his surname as SNEYD.

9. On the 6th May, 1968, using this Passport, RAY travelled from Toronto to London by British

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Overseas Airways Corporation. He arrived on the 7th May, 1968, and later that day went along to the offices of the Corporation, situated in Regent Street, London, W.1, and changed his return half ticket to Toronto for a single ticket to Lisbon, Portugal. There is nothing unusual in itself in this action. It will, of course, be appreciated that most of this information was not available to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

10. The assistance of this Force (Central Branch) was sought on the 4th June, 1968, by Mr. John MINNICH, F.B.I. agent attached to the American Embassy, London, and enquiries were commenced by other officers and myself.

11. These confirmed the flight to London on the 6/7th May, 1968, and the later flight to Lisbon on the 7th May, 1968, by British European Airways, using the B.C.A.C. ticket. This is quite normal procedure, for the two airlines operate reciprocally. At this juncture we were unable to establish whether "SNEYA" had left Lisbon, although it can now be said that he, in fact, returned to London on the 17th May, 1968. Enquiries regarding his activities in Lisbon and elsewhere outside the United Kingdom are in hand by agents of the F.B.I.

12. It was decided to send out a Port Warning requesting that if a man named SNEYA or SNEYD, possessing the relevant Passport (details of which we now had) presented himself at Immigration Control, he be detained and this office informed forthwith.

13. On Saturday, the 8th June, 1968, at London Airport Terminal No.2, the accused, having

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purchased a single ticket to Brussels; presented himself at the Immigration Desk and offered for examination TWO Canadian Passports, one in the name "SNEYA" and the other in the name SNEYD.

14. This action was witnessed by Detective Sergeant Philip BIRCH, of Special Branch, who, recalling the Port Warning, queried the two Passports. He discovered that the one in the name "SNEYA" was that referred to in the Port Warning, whilst the second, Serial No. Y.T. 602294, had been issued on the 16th May, 1968, in Lisbon to Ramon George SNEYD.

15. Quickly realising the position, the officer asked SNEYD to accompany him to an office in the Airport used by Special Branch officers. Here, he later searched SNEYD and discovered in his right hand hip trousers pocket a .38 revolver, loaded with five rounds of ammunition.

16. It is worthy of mention that the revolver was loaded in the very correct "safe" position, in that the hammer was at rest immediately upon the empty chamber. One merely pulls the trigger, the next chamber is presented and the bullet discharged. When one realises his background, it is odd that SNEYD did not take a more active move in this direction. It may well be, of course, that he believed the second Passport, supported by the Birth Certificate, would be sufficient to stifle any suspicion entertained about his identity. This belief is strengthened when it is realised that he could not know the information uncovered by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police was in the possession of only a selected few officers,

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in this building, at London Airport, and other ports.

17. When Detective Sergeant BIRCH asked SNEYD about his possession of a loaded firearm, the accused offered the excuse that, as he contemplated travelling to Africa, he felt a need of the weapon.

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18. Mr. Kenneth Leonard HUMAN, Immigration Officer at London Airport Terminal 2, was present at the time the accused was detained and can corroborate that part of the officer's testimony.

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19. SNEYD was interrogated in the office at London Airport by Detective Chief Superintendent BUTLER and myself shortly after 1 p.m.

20. He asserted that his name was SNEYD and that he was a Canadian citizen who was born in Toronto on the [redacted] This facet was deliberately dealt with in an extremely brief fashion, for obvious reasons, and the questioning centred upon the possession of the revolver and ammunition.

21. He admitted that the weapon was his property and that he was travelling to Brussels. When pressed about the necessity of carrying a firearm in the Belgian capital, he added that he was considering travelling on to Rhodesia and that "things are not too good there just now".

22. He admitted that he had no Firearms Certificate for the weapon, and was told that he would be detained and taken to Cannon Row Police Station. He was cautioned and quite clearly understood what was meant by the caution.

23. The accused was brought to Cannon Row Police Station and detained whilst enquiries were continued.

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24. At 4.45 p.m. Mr. BUTLER and I again saw SNEYD in a cell. He was told that there was every reason to believe that he was not a Canadian citizen, but one of American origin. He replied, "Oh, well, yes I am". He was then told that there was reason to believe his name was not SNEYD, but RAY, alias GALT, wanted in the United States for serious criminal offences, including murder in the course of which a firearm was used.

25. The accused had been standing up, but when he heard this, he suddenly sat down on the seat in the cell, put his head in his hands, and said, "Oh, God". He added after a moment or so, "I feel so 'trapped'".

26. He was again cautioned, and then said, "Well, yes, I shouldn't say anything more now. I can't think right". He was obviously engaged in some mental struggle, and when we left the cell, again dropped his head in his hands.

27. He was charged at 5.20 p.m. with the two charges already outlined. They were read over to him and he was formally cautioned, and made no reply.

28. His finger prints have now been checked with copy fingerprints of James Earl RAY, sent by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. They prove beyond doubt that SNEYD and RAY are one and the same.

29. The accused appeared at Bow Street Metropolitan Magistrates' Court on Monday, the 10th June, 1968. A successful application was made for a remand in custody until 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday, the 18th June, 1968, with no evidence

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being given. Legal Aid was granted forthwith.

30. It is now known that the defence will be handled by Michael BRESDEN and Co., Solicitors, of No.32, Tavistock Street, W.C.2 (telephone number 240.1436). It is believed that they intend to brief Roger FRISBY, of Counsel.

31. There would seem to be no defence to the two charges already preferred against the accused.

32. The American authorities are most anxious to secure the extradition of the accused to the United States with the minimum of delay, in order to launch proceedings against him for the murder of Doctor KING.

33. With this in view, the American Embassy has instructed ROWE and MAW and Co., Solicitors, of Stafford House, Norfolk Street, W.C.2, to watch their interests. This firm have already made a successful application at Bow Street Metropolitan Magistrates' Court for a provisional Warrant.

34. In addition to the evidence which can be given by Detective Sergeant BIRCH, Mr. HUMAN, Mr. BUTLER and myself, the following individuals are also available if required.

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35. Detective Chief Inspector Arthur BRINE, of Fingerprint Department, can say he has compared the fingerprints of SNEYD and those of James Earl RAY sent to us by the F.B.I., and that they are identical.

36. Mr. George BONEBARKE, Senior Fingerprint Officer attached to the F.B.I., Washington, D.C., is competent to give fingerprint evidence of RAY's identity. No difficulty will be experienced in securing his attendance here.

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37. The Canadian Passport No. D.J. 909324 was issued to Ramon George SNEYA (clearly intended to be SNEYD) in Ottawa. It is worthy of mention that there is, in fact, a Ramon George SNEYD, who is a Police officer serving in Toronto, Canada. This man has never held a passport, never applied for one, and, in fact, has never been outside Canada at any time.

38. The United States authorities have already made tentative arrangements for this officer to travel to this Country, if this step is considered necessary.

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39. The enquiries concerning the issue of the Canadian Passport No. Y.T. 602294 at the Canadian Legation (or Embassy) in Lisbon are being carried out by an agent of the F.B.I. in that Country. The result is awaited. It is not thought anything relevant to this case will emerge.

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40. ~~Mr. John McGAFFERTY~~, Senior Experimental Officer attached to the Metropolitan Police Forensic Science Laboratory, Holborn, has examined the .38 revolver taken from RAY's hip pocket. He can say that the firearm is in good condition and that the barrel shows fouling by firing, but not necessarily of recent origin. He can also confirm that the weapon constitutes a firearm under the provisions of the Firearms Act, 1937, Part 1.

41. At the time the accused was interrogated at Cannon Row Police Station, Detective Sergeant David DIXON was present. This officer has since gone on Annual Leave, and his pocket book is not available at present. He can, if required,

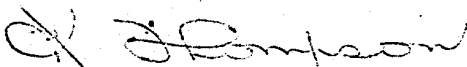
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corroborate what Mr. BUTLER and I can say about this interview.

42. Enquiries are still in hand to trace the movements of RAY whilst in this Country. Much has already been done, but the enquiry is far from complete. In any event, the information, although helpful to the American Authorities, do not affect this particular matter.

43. I ask that copies of this report, together with copy statements, etc., be forwarded to the office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, in order that a representative attend Court to conduct the prosecution on the remand hearing.

44. Form 153 submitted on the 10th June, 1968.


Detective Chief Inspector.
(K. THOMPSON).

Statement of: Anna Elizabeth THOMAS

Age of Witness (if over 21 enter "over 21") Over 21

Occupation: Hotel Proprietress

Address: Pax Hotel, 126 Warwick Way, London, S.W.1.

I am the proprietress of the above mentioned hotel. I live here with my husband and I have been proprietress of the hotel for one year. I let off four of my rooms to paying guests. On Wednesday 5th June 1968 at about 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. a man speaking with a Canadian or American accent called at my hotel asking to rent a room for three nights. The man was wearing a fawn raincoat and glasses that appeared to have dark lenses. He was about 5' 10", slim build with a slim face. I told him that the price was 30/- a night. He agreed to the price and he gave me a £5 note and I gave him 10/- change plus my hotel card. I then showed him into room number 2 on the ground floor, he closed the door. Before he went to his room he told me he was a Canadian and he came from Toronto and he looked very tired. On Thursday morning at 7.45 a.m. I brought his breakfast. I knocked on the door but his door was locked from the inside as I tried the key in the lock. I left the breakfast outside the door. After I had walked away a few paces he opened the door took the tray in and locked the door. On Thursday afternoon at about 4. p.m. I went

up to his room, let myself in with a key and the man was lying on the bed reading. I came to collect my visitors book which I had previously asked him to sign. I picked the book up without looking inside it and I said to him, "What is your name?" He said, "Sneyd". He opened his wallet and showed me a plane ticket. He said, "I have a flight booked for Germany." I left the room and I did not see him at all that day. On Friday I again took up his tray for breakfast and left it there. About 10.0 a.m. Friday I again went to his room and told him that I had to move him to room 3 because of a prior booking of Room 2. I think I caught a glimpse of him on Friday evening when he was going upstairs. I then did not see him again until Saturday morning about 9.30 a.m. I saw him rushing out of the hotel and jump into a taxi, he was carrying a small air flight bag which he had over his shoulder. He was not carrying a suitcase. During the time he was here he had 4 phone calls. He had two calls from a woman from B.E.A. who asked for Mr. Sneyd. The first call was on Wednesday night when the caller asked that I leave a message for him regarding a 7/- coach fare. The second B.E.A. call again from a woman on Thursday morning when she asked me to leave a message for Mr. Sneyd regarding the availability of a flight to the Continent. On Thursday evening a lady phoned asked for Mr. Sneyd, she sounded American, she left no name or message. The last call was on Friday morning from a man who left no name or message. On Friday morning a white post card came addressed to

Mr. Sneyd. I did not read it however I discovered that Sneyd had not signed the visitors book, but this is not unusual in the hotel. From the photographs I have seen of Sneyd I would not recognise him but the one in the News of the World was the nearest but he is now older. I would recognise the man if I saw him again.

This statement, consisting of 3 pages each signed by me, is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated the 10th day of June, 1968.

(Signed) A. E. Thomas

Signature witnessed by John Whitham
Detective Constable

Statement of: Janet Elizabeth NASSAU MISS
Age of Witness (if over 21 enter "over 21") 21 years
Occupation of Witness: Hotel Receptionist
Address: Flat 9, 29 Earls Court Square, S.W.5.
373 5433 (373 6131)

I am the receptionist of the New Earls Court Hotel, 36 Penywern Road, S.W.5. I have been so employed for two weeks. The procedure when a visitor comes to the hotel is for them to sign the visitors book first. I have examined the visitors book, and on the 28th May 1968 a man who signed the book as RAMON E. SNEYD giving the address "Toronto Canada" booked room No. 54 at the hotel. I produce the visitors book showing the entry. I have been shown by Detective Chief Inspector Thompson a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY which I positively identify as the man SNEYD who stayed at the hotel. SNEYD was a very shy man and because of this I tried to help him. I explained currency differences and talked to him generally. He used to go out most days but never said where he went. Whilst he was at the hotel he did not receive any mail or telephone calls. I can remember that on the 4th June 1968, he made two telephone calls which I know were made to the Daily Telegraph Newspaper. The gist of the conversation by SNEYD was as follows: "About eight to ten days ago he had read in the Telegraph about a man, (he mentioned the name but I cannot

remember it) who had been deported from "POGO LAND" and he (SNEYD) wanted to know the man's address. He was most persistent in the enquiry to trace this man. Because he was so incoherent nobody seemed able to help him. I now remember that the man who was deported was a Captain or Major. In the end I think he got this man's address. I do not know who he spoke to at the Daily Telegraph.

Sneyd eventually left the hotel on Wednesday, 5th June to go to the Air Terminal. He paid his bill in English currency. I have been shown a receipt No. 59 in the name Mr. Sneyd. This refers to the £10 deposit he paid on the 28th May 1968 when he first came to the hotel. I can remember that at some stage of Sneyd's stay he asked me how much the bill would be as he would have to get English currency to pay for it. There is no record at the hotel that he has stayed here on more than the one occasion.

This statement, consisting of 2 pages each signed by me is true to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I make it knowing that if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated day of 1968.

(Signed) J.E. Nassau

Statement taken down in writing and signature witnessed by me in the presence of Detective Chief Inspector Thompson, P. Elliott, Detective Sergeant

DATE OF ARRIVAL	NAME	ADDRESS	IN FULL	NATIONALITY	ROOM No.	DATE OF DEPARTURE
28/5/68	Donna D. Lynch	Toronto Canada		Canadian	54	-
27/5/68	Mr. M. Mackay	Glasgow Scotland		British	51	29/5/68
28/5/68	William D. Hart & Son	P.O. Box 700, Pittsburgh, Pa. U.S.A.		USA	70	-
28/5/68	W. J. Finner	2000 E. 1st St.		British	29	29.5.68.
28/5/68	John A. Horney	6, Clonilla Avenue, S.C.R.	Kilmarnock	Irish	33	29/5/68.
28/5/68	A. Ross	6 Clonilla Avenue, S.C.R.		British	52	29/5/68
28/5/68	R. Quinn	76 Parkside Rd		"	53	"
28/5/68	David F. Otley	4340 W. 5375 St. KERN, UTAH 84118 - U.S.A.		AMERICAN	55	31/5/68
28/5/68	John A. Quinn	4840 61st St. Atlantic	USA	AMERICAN	43	"
28/5/68	James P. Quinn	4840 61st St. Atlantic NY	USA	"	43	"
28/5/68	Jennifer Mark	8 Rose Hill Port Isaac	N Cornwall	BRITISH	13	"
28/5/68	ROCHE Giamme	62 Av. J. F. Kennedy SCEAUX	FRANCE (42)	FRANCE	35	"
29/5/68	Barry Keck	71 Lamerden Gosport.		"	34	"
29/5/68	William J. Quinn	56, Torano Road Berranmore		"	"	"
	William J. Quinn	151/1, Lamerden Gosport	Edin.burgh	British	23	"
	John A. Quinn	Glasgow Scotland		"	9	"
	John A. Quinn	Edinburgh - Scot	Scotland	"	29	"

S T A T E M E N T of: Ian COLVIN, Chief Foreign
Leader Writer, The Daily Telegraph, London, E.C.4.

On the afternoon of June 4th, 1968, I found a note on my typewriter written by my temporary secretary to say that Mr. Raymond Sneyd had telephoned and would telephone again. He did that, I think about 5 p.m. that day. The voice came up :

"This is Raymond Sneyd". He said he was a Canadian with a brother who had been in Angola, with whom he wished to get in touch. As his brother was a mercenary could I give him the telephone number of Major Alastair Wicks, so that he could get advice on the way to find his brother?

I was aware that Major Wicks had last year been troubled by informants who posed as mercenary volunteers and afterwards denounced his attempt to get volunteers for Biafra. So I offered instead to get Major Wicks to phone him. Would he give me a number? Mr. Sneyd gave me a telephone number which I later discovered to be that of the New Earl's Court Hotel in Penywern Road and an extension number which corresponded to the room that he occupied.

I telephoned to Major Wicks, passed the telephone number to him and asked whether he recognised the name. Wicks did not and for that reason did not take up the contact. I thought no more about it and on Thursday, 6th June, I found a

second note on my desk at the Daily Telegraph, to say that Mr. Raymond Sneyd would telephone again. He came through again in the same voice and style - "This is Raymond Sneyd". I asked - had he been telephoned by Major Wicks? Sneyd said that he had since changed his hotel and then set about discussing his problem with me. He was no nearer moving on to join his brother, he said. All the officials had been unhelpful. I asked him more about his brother - how was he missing? ~~Mr. Sneyd~~ then said that his brother was not really missing, though he had not heard from him for four months. The fact was that he would like to join him and become himself a mercenary. Mr. Sneyd did not revert to enquiring for Major Wicks and seemed content to discuss his problem with me instead. As I had just published a book about Mr. Tshombe in which the mercenary force in the Congo is frequently mentioned, this did not strike me as extraordinary, and as the man seemed to be in some sort of troubled state of mind, I was patient and listened. Now and then the conversation was interrupted, as he was telephoning from a call box. I said to him that the mercenary forces had largely left Africa. He might find the remnants of them in Belgium and Jean Schramme was certainly there. There were ex-servicemen's associations and welfare organisations for the former settlers in Africa who might put him in touch with his brother. I had no idea of their addresses but mentioned to him the name of a research editor on Congo affairs, M. Jean Gerard - Liebor's of CRIPS, the Centre de Recherches et Informations Sociales et Politiques who could

tell him where to inquire next. Mr. Sneyd took care to note this name and appeared to be writing it down, as he got me to spell it out.

It occurred to me that I did not have the address of CRISP in the office and so offered to send him a postcard that evening with the address from my home. He mentioned the Pax Hotel, Warwick Way, as his address. I said I knew the street in Pimlico and would write as soon as I could find the address of CRISP.

On Thursday evening I reflected that this visitor might be a nuisance to M. Liebois and that it was perhaps not correct to pass on a total stranger in this way, especially as his manner and purpose gave an odd, almost unbalanced impression, so on Friday, at 2.30 p.m., I simply posted a postcard suggesting that he consult the Belgian Embassy or the Consular Section of the British Foreign Office about his brother. This postcard was returned to me by the Post Office on the following Monday, 10th, as having insufficient address. The card was handed over by me to Chief Inspector Thompson at Scotland Yard the same afternoon.

It was on reading the Sunday newspapers on the 9th that I realised that the suspect arrested at Heathrow must be the same Raymond Sneyd who had been telephoning to me. I told Mr. S. R. Pawley, Managing Editor of the Daily Telegraph and set out in a taxi to find the Pax Hotel, which was not listed in the telephone book. One hotel in Warwick Way had a sign without a name and on enquiring there

I was told by the proprietor, Mrs. Anna Thomas, that this was the Pax Hotel. I had previously telephoned the hotel number that Sneyd had first given me and this proved to be the New Earl's Court Hotel in Penywern Road.

Mrs. Thomas admitted me. She said that Mr. Sneyd had spent Thursday and Friday there and had left on Saturday morning. She thought that he had simply walked down from B.O.A.C. air terminal, she said later, and that her hotel was one of the first in sight. Until I mentioned his arrest Mrs. Thomas did not refer to it. She then said that he had made a bad impression on her, was nervous, furtive, locked his bedroom door at night and stayed in bed most of the day. He had laundered his own clothes in his room, had a lot of newspapers, and tore up a lot of papers. Mrs. Thomas went to the trouble to turn out her dustbins for me and I advised her to keep anything she recovered thus for the police. I then discussed with her how to keep the name of her hotel quiet as I did not wish, and nor did she, to have every reporter in London there later that night. She told me that she was ex-directory, that the Post Office would not give her number and that the name of her hotel was on her cards only. As to the lack of a sign, she was having a sign made and had meanwhile borrowed the glass HOTEL sign. I asked why she did not have her hotel in the telephone book. She replied that she did not want to have people who had lived in her hotel ringing her up and bothering her. She did not bring me in to see her husband,

but asked him through the door of a basement room whether he thought the photographs in the Sunday newspapers resembled their visitor. "It could be him" she remarked, "though he is much thinner in the face. The eyes are the same".

From this I assumed that the Thomases had noticed the reports about Raymond Sneyd earlier in the day and not simply heard his identity from me.

I asked about his departure. He had been trying to leave for Germany, Mr. Thomas said, on the Friday and a B.E.A. Ground Staff girl had rung up to tell him of a change of flight schedule and to remind him that he had not paid his coach ticket. Had he received a postcard from me before he left? I asked. She thought and said she remembered "something white" arriving for him in the Saturday morning post, which he had probably taken with him. The postcard, as I stated above, had never been delivered, but at the time of this conversation I did not know that.

As to how Mr. Sneyd found his way to me in the first place, I am still unclear. I do not believe that he just rang the Daily Telegraph foreign room, but that he was acting on advice that the paper had recently published something about mercenaries or about Major Wicks, and that he was seeking the address or telephone number of a mercenary officer in London. Indeed his first words to me related to this. I am now trying to work out what person could have put Sneyd up to this enquiry, whether he might have read some old cutting or picked up my recently

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published book about Mr. Tshombe and the mercenaries from a bookstall. If I have a likely idea, I will be in touch with Chief Inspector Thompson again.

Signed: Ian Colvin
51 Cadogan Place,
S.W.1.
11.6.68

This statement, consisting of ten pages, each signed by me, is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it, knowing that if it is tendered in evidence I shall be liable to prosecution, if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated the 11th day of June 1968

Signed: Ian Colvin
"/ John Whitham
Detective Constable
New Scotland Yard