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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Chicago teletype to the Bureau, 8/23/68, indicating subject JAMES EARL RAY was employed under the name JOHN L. RAYNS, Social Security No. [REDACTED] for the period May 3, 1967 through June 24, 1967.

It is requested that Bureau permission be given to have Baltimore check Baltimore Source 4 for any additional employments under that Social Security number.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

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OO: Memphis

Re Bureau airtel 8/21/68 regarding "DONALD JAMES NISSEN, Parole Violator," a recently apprehended parole violator.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 4 copies of a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination to the U. S. Board of Parole.

Kansas City Office has been requested to interview LEROY MC MENAMAN and to submit results in a letterhead memorandum.

The identities of the FBI Agents who interviewed NISSEN on 6/2/67 are unknown to the Memphis Division, as are the identities of Agents who interviewed Mrs. SYBIL EURE on 8/2/67 and 5/13/68.

NISSEN was arrested and interviewed at St. Louis, Mo., 8/5/68, by SAs CLETIS B. BIDEWELL and G. WAYNE MACK.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-441100) FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-157111) (P)

RE: NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU, AUGUST TWENTY EIGHT LAST, CONCERNING ALLEGED VIOLATION OF CIVIL RIGHTS ACT, TITLE VI, BY NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES (DSS).

ENCLOSED FOR THE BUREAU ARE TWO COPIES OF A LETTERHEAD INQUIRY (LHI) DATED AUGUST TWENTY EIGHT LAST, AND TWO COPIES OF A MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, DATED AUGUST TWENTY EIGHT LAST.

THE LHI IS BEING FORWARDED TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, FOR INFORMATION. THE MEMORANDUM IS BEING FORWARDED TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, FOR INFORMATION.

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File No.

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August 27, 1938

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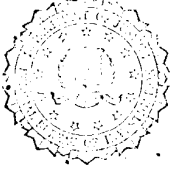
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Enclosed are original and one copy of newspaper clipping re captioned matter appearing in "Commercial Appeal" newspaper, Memphis, under date 9-7-68.

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Approved: *R. J. Jensen*
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Ray's Attorney Charges Holloman Hurts Task

By CHARLES EDMUNDSON

Attorneys for James Earl Ray, charged with killing Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., yesterday won nearly all their motions in Criminal Court to gain access to prosecution evidence but immediately announced more motions will be filed.

Arthur J. Hanes of Birmingham, chief counsel for Ray, charged Fire and Police Director Frank Hollomon with taking part in a "conspiracy of silence" blocking the defense from talking to prospective witnesses.

Mr. Hanes cited Capt. Charles G. Wardlow of Fire Station No. 2, near the Lorraine Motel where Dr. King was fatally shot April 4, as a prospective witness who said he had been told not to talk.

Mr. Holloman denied giving such an order.

"I told my men to check with the attorney general's office," Mr. Holloman said, "and that whatever is all right with them is all right with me."

Judge W. Preston Battle told Mr. Hanes to put his additional motions in writing. He set a hearing on the new motions for Sept. 18.

One of the motions, Mr. Hanes said, will seek to give him entrance to the room Ray is said to have occupied at a rooming house at 422½ South Main, from the bathroom of which the state claims the fatal shot was fired.

Judge Battle let Mr. Hanes argue at length that a "fog, a shroud of unfavorable publicity" has made it impossible for Ray to obtain a fair trial anywhere in the United States and then overruled a motion to quash the indictment.

"A juror acts in a quasi-judicial capacity," Judge Battle said. "I have been connected with the criminal courts since 1934. I have seen cases drenched with publicity. But I believe we have obtained fair and impartial jurors. My considered opinion is that we can do that in this case."

Judge Battle declined to issue a special order for witnesses to talk with Mr. Hanes. But he asked Memphis newspapers to note that his order on pre-trial publicity specifies that nothing in it is to inhibit conversations between prospective witnesses and counsel for the defense or prosecution.

Mr. Hanes protested to the court that the conditions of Ray's imprisonment — on the fourth floor of the Criminal Courts Building, just above Judge Battle's courtroom — constitute "cruel and inhuman treatment."

Judge Battle asked Mr. Hanes to put his complaint in the form of a written motion, to be argued, like the others, Sept. 18.

The trial is set for Nov. 12.

Judge Battle ordered Ray's attorneys to be given access to scores of pieces of evidence the state is expected to use in its effort to convict the 42-year-old defendant, who was not in the courtroom yesterday.

This evidence includes the deer rifle said to be the fatal weapon, now in the safe of Criminal Court Clerk J. A. Blackwell; fragments of the fatal bullet; passport and visa records used by Ray under the alias of Ramon Sneyd; fingerprints found on a road map and other objects left in a white Mustang, now garaged in Atlanta and said to be the escape vehicle.

Other evidence Hanes is to see includes penal records of Ray, military records, including his proficiency as a marksman, motel, hotel and travel records, bank records, statements made by Ray, and names and addresses of all prospective witnesses.

Hanes was denied access to FBI ballistic test results, but told he could test fire the impounded rifle and have his own tests made.

The names and addresses of prospective witnesses fill more than six typewritten pages, said Asst. Atty. James C. Beasley, who did most of the talking for the state.

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 4P

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RE MEMPHIS AIRTEL TO BUREAU, AUGUST TWENTY EIGHT,
LAST, FORWARDING ON^E A COPY EACH OF THREE MOTIONS FILED IN
SHELBY COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT (SCCC), MEMPHIS, BY
HANES AND HANES, ATTORNEYS FOR JAMES EARL RAY; AND
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR AL ROSEN'S TELEPHONE CALL TO MEMPHIS
DATE 9/10/68
THIS ~~ARTICLE~~ ^{DATE 9/10/68} ACCORDING TO THE SEPTEMBER SIX, INSTANT, ISSUE OF
THE^E COMMERCIAL APPEAL, A MEMPHIS DAILY NEWSPAPER, ATTORNEYS
FOR RAY HAD A TEN MINUTE MEETING WITH CHARLES QUITMAN
STEPHENS, PROSECUTION WITNESS, AND STEPHENS' ATTORNEYS,
MR. JAY FRED FRIEDMAN AND HARVEY GIPSON, IN FRIEDMAN'S
LAW OFFICE, MEMPHIS, AFTERNOON OF SEPTEMBER FIVE, LAST.
THIS ARTICLE RELATED THAT ARTHUR J. HANAS, RAY'S ATTORNEY,
WAS NOT SATISFIED WITH THE MEETING; HOWEVER, NEITHER
HANES NOR STEPHENS'S ATTORNEYS WOULD COMMENT ON WHAT
WAS SAID. HANES REMARKED THAT STEPHENS'S ATTORNEYS HAD
ARRANGED THE PRESENCE OF THE PRESS AND TELEVISION AT THE

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MEETING AND THAT HANES WAS SURPRISED AT THEIR PRESENCE AS HE DID NOT WANT THEM THERE AS "WE COULDN'T TALK WITH THEM THERE." STEPHENS' ATTORNEYS DENIED THIS ACCUSATION.

ON SEPTEMBER SIX, INSTANT, W. PRESTON BATTLE, SCCC JUDGE, MEMPHIS, DENIED DEFENDANT'S MOTIONS TO WITHDRAW PLEA AND TO QUASH INDICTMENTS FOR CARRYING DANGEROUS WEAPON AND FOR MURDER.

JUDGE BATTLE DID GRANT PORTIONS OF THE DEFENDANT'S "MOTION TO PRODUCE," A COPY OF WHICH WAS ENCLOSED WITH REAIRTEL. BATTLE INSTRUCTED THE SCCC CLERK TO ISSUE AN ORDER TO THAT EFFECT. THIS ORDER HAS NOT BEEN TYPED AS YET; HOWEVER, A COPY OF THE ORDER WILL BE OBTAINED AND FORWARDED TO BUREAU AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE.

ROBERT K. DWYER, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT, AG'S OFFICE. SHELBY COUNTY, MEMPHIS, WHO WAS PRESENT IN JUDGE BATTLE'S COURT FOR THE HEARING THIS DATE ADVISED THAT TO THE BEST OF HIS RECOLLECTION JUDGE BATTLE INSTRUCTED THAT DA'S OFFICE MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE DEFENSE ON SEPTEMBER

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EIGHTEEN, NEXT, THE WEAPON, AUTOMOBILE, ANY RECORDS OR DOCUMENTS RE RESIDENCY OF RAY BETWEEN PERIOD APRIL TWENTY THREE, LAST, AND JUNE EIGHT, LAST; RECORDS WHERE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., RESIDED BETWEEN MARCH TWENTY FIVE, LAST, AND APRIL THREE, LAST; PHOTOS OF RAY; PENAL RECORDS FOR RAY INCLUDING MEDICAL AND PSYCHIATRIC REPORTS; MILITARY RECORDS; PASSPORT AND VISA APPLICATIONS AND RECORDS OF ENTRY AND EXIT TO AND FROM THIS OR ANY OTHER COUNTRY; AND OBJECTS HANDLED BY DEFENDANT SUCH AS

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MAPS, PAPERS, AND SO FORTH. DWYER STATED THAT THE JUDGE ORDERED THAT THE EVIDENCE EXAMINED BY THE FBI BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE DEFENDANT; HOWEVER, THE DEFENDANT WAS NOT ENTITLED TO REPORTS CONCERNING THE OPINION OR CONCLUSIONS REACHED AS RESULT OF FBI EXAMINATION OF THE EVIDENCE.

DWYER STATED THAT THE ABOVE ITEMS WERE NOT THE ONLY ITEMS MENTIONED IN THE JUDGE'S INSTRUCTIONS TO THE SCCC CLERKS; HOWEVER THESE ARE THE ONLY ITEMS HE COULD RECALL AT THE PRESENT TIME.

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DURING THIS HEARING, ACCORDING TO DWYER, HANES CONTINUED TO CRITICIZE WHAT HANES REFERRED TO AS THE INHUMANE TREATMENT OF RAY BY THE SHELBY COUNTY SO, MAINLY THE FACT THAT THE SHERIFF HAS LIGHTS AND TELEVISION CAMERAS ON RAY TWENTY FOUR HOURS A DAY, THAT RAY IS SEGREGATED FROM OTHER PRISONERS, AND AT LEAST TWO GUARDS ARE CONSTANTLY WITH RAY AT ALL TIMES. HANES ALSO ACCUSED THE SHELBY COUNTY AG'S OFFICE OF INSTRUCTING PROSECUTION WITNESSES NOT TO CONFER WITH OR DISCUSS DETAILS OF THEIR TESTIMONY WITH DEFENDANTS'S ATTORNEYS.

A COPY OF THE ORDER ISSUED BY JUDGE BATTLE THIS DATE WILL BE FORWARDED TO BUREAU IMMEDIATELY UPON ITS AVAILABILITY. P. END.

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SAC, Memphis (44-38861)

September 6, 1968

Director, FBI

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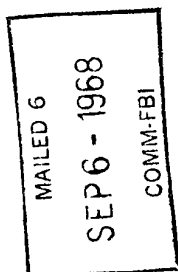
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Re Seattle letter to the Bureau dated 8-22-68.

Enclosed for your information is a copy of a self-explanatory LHM received from Seattle. This LHM is being disseminated to the Department.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

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Date: September 4, 1968
To: Director, FBI (44-38861)
From: Legat, Ottawa (44-4) (P)
Subject: MURKIN - COST DATA

Remylet 8-6-68.

During the month of August, the Legat spent five hours on Murkin with no undue expenses either in the way of travel or telephone calls.

Clerical personnel of the Ottawa Office spent a total of one hour on the Murkin case.

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Mr. Stephen J. Pollak
Assistant Attorney General

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Director, FBI

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ASSASSINATION OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Mr. William Bradford Huie was interviewed at his home in Hartselle, Alabama, at his request. He advised that while James Earl Ray was incarcerated in London, England, he (Huie) entered into a contract with Ray to write the true account of Ray's activities and background concerning the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. This contract is also of interest to Arthur Hanes, Ray's attorney, inasmuch as the cost of the trial, including attorney's fees, is dependent upon the commercial success of the contract. Mr. Huie has advised that to date he has invested approximately \$20,000 in this venture.

Mr. Huie further related he is in constant contact with Ray through Attorney Hanes in the form of written questions and answers by Ray. These items include names of cities, states, places, maps and individuals contacted by Ray, as well as activities from the date of his escape from prison to his apprehension in England.

Mr. Huie stated that he has been refused personal contact with Ray by Judge W. Preston Battle, the judge who will handle the trial. Mr. Huie further stated that he desires to obtain current nonpublicized photographs of Ray and he would be most willing to divulge all information he has received to date to the Bureau on a confidential basis provided his request could be met. Mr. Huie was advised that this Bureau would not attempt to influence, interfere with, or suggest action taken by state officials or courts.

On August 27, 1968, Mr. D. Robert Owen of your Division was advised that William Bradford Huie has obtained notes from James Earl Ray, and Mr. Huie is preparing an article in "Look" magazine based on these notes. Mr. Owen advised that he will consider the question of obtaining a search warrant or subpoena duces tecum for Mr. Huie's notes and/or calling Mr. Huie before a grand jury.

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Mr. Stephen J. Pollak

In view of the forthcoming state trial of Ray in Memphis, Tennessee, which is scheduled to start on November 12, 1968, the Department should give consideration to the urgency of reaching a determination as to the course of action it desires to follow in this matter.

Unless you promptly advise to the contrary, we will furnish this information to Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County, Tennessee, who is handling the state prosecution.

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Mr. Bishop	_____
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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561) 1P

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RE SPRINGFIELD TEL SEPTEMBER THREE LAST.

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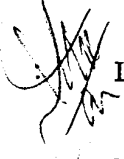
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (44-38861)

DATE: 9/3/68

FROM :  Legat, London (88-72) (P)

Attention Administrative Division

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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No cost for work done in MURKIN matter can be estimated for the month of August. Since subject departed London on 7/19/68 on extradition work in this case in London has virtually ceased.

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TO: Director, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: Legat, Tokyo (173-1) (RUC) Attn: ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION
MURKIN - COST DATA
ReBucab 7/2/68.

The Tokyo Office has no cumulative totals to reflect
in instant case for the month of August, 1968.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN
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 MURKIN 5-18-78 BY
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 (SAC, BIRMINGHAM)

On 9/1/68, WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE, Author, Hartselle, Alabama, was contacted by SAs WILLIAM H. LEE and STEPHEN L. CRABBE at his home in Hartselle upon his request. HUIE requested that this contact be kept in confidence for reasons depicted in the information furnished. He stated as follows:

While JAMES EARL RAY was incarcerated in London, England, he (HUIE) entered into a contract with RAY to write the true account of RAY's activities and background concerning the assassination of Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING. This contract is also of interest to RAY's attorney, ART HANES, inasmuch as the cost of the trial, including attorney fees, is dependent upon the commercial success of the contract. HUIE advised that to date he has invested approximately \$20,000 in this venture. He advised that he is in constant contact with RAY through Attorney HANES in the form of written questions and answers by RAY, which includes names of cities, states, places, maps and individuals contacted by RAY, as well as activities from the date of his escape from prison to his apprehension in England.

He stated that to date he has been refused personal contact with RAY by Judge W. PRESTON BATTLE, Trial Judge, State of Tennessee, Memphis. Also, he highly desires obtaining current non-publicized photographs of RAY of character type rather than mug shots or those depicting RAY in manacles.

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HUIE further advised he would be most willing to divulge all information he has received to date to the Bureau on a confidential basis, as well as all information he may receive in the future on a current basis, provided the two above requests could be met.

He requested that he be contacted at his residence in Hartselle, Alabama, to avoid divulging his contact with the Bureau in this matter. It was suggested to Mr. HUIE that the Bureau does not attempt to influence, interfere, or suggest action taken by state officials or courts.

The above is being furnished to the Bureau and Memphis for information and/or action deemed advisable.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P
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There are enclosed original and one copy each of
news clippings from "Commercial Appeal," Memphis, Tennessee, 9/4/68
and 9/6/68 in captioned matter.

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Hanes 'Not Satisfied' After Conference

By ROBERT KELLETT

Attorneys for James Earl Ray met yesterday with the man who has been characterized as the state's chief witness in its charges against Ray in the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King and came away apparently displeased with their initial confrontation.

Arthur J. Hanes of Birmingham said last night, "we were not satisfied and that is all we can say" about the brief 12:30 p.m. meeting with Charles Quitman Stephens.

He said he and his son, Arthur J. Hanes Jr., may have more to say about the meeting in the offices of Mr. Stephens' attorneys after a court session this morning in which they are to argue three preliminary motions they have presented in the defense of Ray.

The attorneys and Mr. Stephens met with attorneys Jay Fred Friedman and Harvey Gipson in Mr. Friedman's offices in the 100 North Main Building for slightly more than 10 minutes. None would comment about what was said.

"Mr. Hanes did most of the talking. You'd have to ask him whether or not he was satisfied with the meeting," said Mr. Friedman. "Part of the time we sat back there and waited for the TV people to go." He said he did not know whether Mr. Stephens would discuss the case with Ray's attorneys in any future meetings.

"We have no interest in Mr. Hanes' lawsuit," he said. "We've tried ours and ours is over. Whatever Mr. Stephens knows, we don't know and don't want to know."

Mr. Friedman and Mr. Gipson successfully represented Mr. Stephens in a habeas corpus action seeking his release from Shelby County Jail, where he had been held as a material witness under \$10,000 bond. Mr. Stephens is said to have seen a man leave a rooming house on South Main soon after the fatal bullet was believed fired from the building.

Part of the apparent chill in the meeting appeared to be a

result of the presence of press and television representatives when the Birmingham attorneys arrived for the meeting which had been set at Mr. Hanes request.

"They (Mr. Stephens' attorneys) notified them to be there," said Mr. Hanes. "We were surprised. We did not want them there. We were chagrined and just said we couldn't talk with them there."

"And Stephens' city bodyguards were outside the door. Whether or not they were eavesdropping, I don't know."

Mr. Friedman said he did not know how news representatives learned of the meeting in his office.

Mr. Hanes, who said he does not anticipate his client's being present when his motions are heard this morning, said "there is a possibility" that he

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will meet today with persons who are believed to be state witnesses in the case.

One county source said that although Ray may not be in court today, security measures will be carried out in accord with the court's extensive order "pretty much" as if Ray were there.

One of Mr. Hanes' motions to be heard today asks the court to dismiss the first degree murder charge against Ray on the ground that "pervasive and widespread publicity" has made it impossible for him to receive a fair trial anywhere in the United States.

The motion, filed Aug. 16, said further that radio and television network programs "so canonized and so depicted the victim of the crime (Dr. King)" that "widespread public outrage and hatred have been generated" toward Ray.

Another motion asks dismissal of a charge that Ray carried a dangerous weapon for the purpose of going armed.

The third motion asks Judge Preston Battle, who has set the Ray trial for Nov. 12, to direct Atty. Gen. Phil M. Canale to give defense counsel access to all records, physical evidence and witnesses the state expects to use in the trial.

Mr. Canale has agreed to furnish names and addresses of prosecution witnesses to the defense and to make available, with proper protection, some but not all of the 20-odd items of physical evidence the defense asked to see.

Mr. Hanes yesterday ended speculation that he might associate with a local attorney in the defense of Ray. "We plan to have no local associates and for that matter never did have such plans."

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

Hanes Says Ray Won't Appear

Court Moves Friday Won't
Require His Presence,
Attorney Says

By CHARLES EDMUNDSON
James Earl Ray, charged with slaying Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., will be absent from the courtroom Friday when defense and prosecution argue preliminary motions looking toward Ray's Nov. 12 trial.

Arthur Hanes, Ray's attorney, said at his office in Birmingham yesterday he will not have Ray in the courtroom. "His presence is not necessary for the argument of preliminary motions," Mr. Hanes said.

Mr. Hanes, accompanied by his son, Arthur Hanes Jr., co-consul for Ray, will fly to Memphis Thursday night. The hearing before Judge W. Preston Battle is set for 9:30 a.m. Friday.

One motion asks the court to provide the defense with access to all state witnesses and all items of physical evidence.

Atty Gen. Phil Canale has filed with the Criminal Court clerk his agreement to give the defense the names and addresses of its witnesses, several of whom are in voluntary protective custody. Mr. Canale agreed to give Mr. Hanes access to certain items of physical evidence, but indicated he will oppose an order to let the defense see all the evidence.

It appears that one contested item may be a fingerprint, said to be Ray's, found on a road map left in a white Mustang abandoned in Atlanta a day or so after Dr. King was shot here April 4. According to one report, the fingerprint conforms only to a certain number of the indices required for a positively identifiable fingerprint.

Mr. Hanes also may ask to see—and Mr. Canale may oppose his seeing—FBI ballistic studies of the fatal bullet in relation to the riflings of the barrel of the gun said to have fired the shot. The rifle was left on the sidewalk near 422½ South Main, minutes after Dr. King was shot on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel, a block east.

Also to be argued is a defense motion asking the court to quash Ray's indictment, on the ground that widespread publicity has made it impossible for a fair trial to be held anywhere in the United States.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) (P)
 MURKIN

Re Memphis airtel to Kansas City, 8-23-68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 4 copies of letterhead memorandum reflecting results of interview with LEROY MC MANAMAN. Enclosed for Atlanta and Memphis are 2 copies each of above letterhead memorandum.

The letterhead memorandum is being captioned "DONALD JAMES NISSEN" inasmuch as Kansas City was instructed to furnish results of this interview in a form suitable for dissemination to the U. S. Board of Parole.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Kansas City, Missouri

September 5, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

DONALD JAMES NISSEN

On September 3, 1968, Leroy Mc Manaman, FBI #1244125, was interviewed at the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, where he is currently incarcerated.

Mc Manaman advised that he was born on [redacted] in Liberal, Kansas. He advised that he has been in the penitentiary since 1963, for violation of the Harboring Statute. His prison number is 81371 and he expects to be released sometime during the year 1970.

Mc Manaman stated he was well aware of the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. and the subsequent apprehension of James Earl Ray. He advised he did not know Ray and knows of no one willing to pay a bounty to have King assassinated. He advised that he himself was not in sympathy with King's beliefs, but knows of no one connected with the Ku Klux Klan, had never heard of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi, did not know of \$100,000. price willing to be paid for his assassination, and certainly never made any remarks concerning this. Mc Manaman stated he knows of no one interested enough in Martin Luther King's travels to pay money for information concerning his itinerary and travel routes. He never heard of any organization, either inside or outside the prison by the name of Cooley Organization."

Mc Manaman went on to state that he did not know a Donald James Nissen. He was informed that Nissen came to Leavenworth Penitentiary during July 1965, for violation of the ITSMV statute and was subsequently paroled. Mc Manaman said there are thousands of prisoners here, many of who know him whom he does not know. He again stated he had never heard of Donald James Nissen. He observed a photograph of Nissen and again stated he did not remember ever seeing this individual. Mc Manaman advised he knows of none of his

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DONALD JAMES NISSEN

associates meeting the description of white male, 30-35 years old, 5'10", 165-170 pounds, blond hair cut medium short and slightly wavy who wears expensive clothes, and certainly knows of no one meeting this description who would have been in Atlanta in December of 1967, or who was willing to pay money for information regarding Martin Luther King, Jr.

Mc Manaman again stated that he knows of no one connected with the Ku Klux Klan and knows of no group willing to pay a bounty for King's assassination.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed for the Bureau are Xerox copies of the three documents described below. These were furnished by WILLIAM N. MORRIS, JR., Sheriff, Shelby County, Tenn., to SA ROBERT G. JENSEN, 8/23/68.

- (1) A map which purports to show how the subject escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary.
- (2) Letter addressed by the subject to his sister, Mrs. CAROL PEPPER, 2025 Belvue, Maplewood, Missouri.
- (3) List of questions, unanswered, which appear to have been prepared for the subject by WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE.

Since there is some question that this information may be privileged, it is not being disseminated and will not be put in a report.

This is furnished only for the Bureau's information.

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 IF THE WARDEN KNEW HOW I GOT
 OUT, ASK HIM HOW COME HE
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 REPORTED ME MISSING.

