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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-3886)
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Chicago teletype to Director dated 7/15/68, air mail copies to Memphis and St. Louis re let mailed from R.G. SNEYD to sister, St. Louis, Missouri.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau and offices designated are copies of the original letter as set out in referenced teletype. Included in this enclosure is the part of the letter that was deleted by the Chicago "Daily News" when publishing.

A copy of this letter was furnished by DON BARLETT (protect) Chicago "Daily News". He advised that the crossed out section of the letter reads as set out on the third page of enclosure. He also advised that JOHN RAY claimed that he did not understand this part of the letter.

The Bureau may desire to compare handwriting of enclosure with the known handwriting of the subject.

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Date 7/18/68**RE:****MURKIN**

☒ For information ☐ Retention optional ☐ For appropriate action ☐ Surep, by _____

☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.

☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA _____ dated _____

Remarks:

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TRANSLATION FROM FRENCH

Republic and Canton of Geneva

Department of Justice and
Police

Police Department
Safety

Geneva, June 15, 1968

REPORT BY INSPECTOR THOMKINS TO THE CHIEF OF THE SAFETY POLICE

PURPOSE OF INVESTIGATION:

Item No. 20-724, Federal Police Division, Bern, reference
B-12220 HPW.

Request to investigate the possibility of the presence in Geneva of
James Earl Ray.

On June 13, 1968, the Federal Police Division in Bern transmitted
to us by mail a request by the FBI dated June 4, 1968. The request was for the
identification of an American observed in the Landolt Restaurant one Saturday
evening toward the end of April. The subject answered the description of the
alleged assassin of Doctor Martin Luther King, a subject named:-

JAMES EARL RAY

alias

ERIC STARVO GALT
W. C. HERRON
HARVEY LOWMYER
JAMES O'CONNOR or O'CONNER
JAMES WALTON
JAMES WALYON
JAMES MC BRIDE
JAMES WILLARD
"JIM"

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In the first place, I wish to point out that according to the press, James Earl Ray was arrested in London on Saturday, June 8, 1968, under the following alias:

RAYMON GEORGE SNEYD

or

RAYMON GEORGE SNEYDA

The request of the FBI specified that their Washington office had received, on May 14, 1968, an anonymous telephone call from a man who claimed to be a journalist. This man had just had a conversation with certain persons who likewise desired to remain anonymous. These persons believed to have seen -- at the Landolt Restaurant in Geneva, one Saturday evening toward the end of April 1968 -- an American answering James Earl Ray's description. They furnished the following information:

The unknown subject had entered the restaurant with a man and an approximately forty-year-old woman with blond-tinted hair. The two persons in the unknown subject's company appeared to be Swiss. The American was well dressed and had a mid-west accent. His language was coarse and vulgar. He appeared to desire the services of a prostitute. The previously mentioned blond woman suggested a homosexual dressed up as a woman, but he replied that he wanted a woman. The American ordered expensive and exotic dishes which the restaurant personnel had to go get elsewhere. The personnel in attendance were very solicitous but did not appear to know the American. The unknown blond must have been acquainted with the maitre d'hotel because she kissed him before leaving the restaurant with her two escorts.

The inquiries made of Mr. Francis Longchamp, operator of the Landolt Beer Garden, 2 Rue de Candolle, near the University, did not provide confirmation of the facts described above. It is to be noted that the clientele is a very cosmopolitan clientele and that it includes many Americans, but the restaurant never had to send elsewhere for exotic dishes. As to the old maitre d'hotel who knows the employees and clientele very well, he has no recollection of having been kissed by a forty-year-old blond woman in the restaurant.

The same inquiries were made in the Buffet de la Gare des Eaux-Vives, whose operator is Mr. Charles Landolt, a chef specialized in Oriental dishes. It is a small restaurant just as renowned and with a clientele which is just as cosmopolitan (as the above beer garden). Regrettably enough, the book of table reservations from April 4 to April 20, 1968, has been destroyed. In this

restaurant, the customers are waited on by waitresses and there is neither a first-class chef nor a maitre d'hotel. However, the owner, wearing a chef's apron, remembers having been kissed several times by unknown females pleased with his cuisine.

Mr. Landolt made it clear that he had never had any exotic dishes brought into his place from the outside. Quite the opposite is true. People come to him to get them there because this is his specialty.

In short, with the information available to us, it has not been possible to establish the identity of the unknown American subject.

A search of our hotel reservation card file for the name James Earl Ray, his known aliases and the name Raymon George Sneyd or Sneyda has yielded no results. Even so, we wish to point out that from April 2 to April 4, 1968, the Hotel Intercontinental had a guest named:

James Cyril O'Connor
Born: [redacted] In Ceylon, Canada,
Residing at 180 Iowa Street, Ottawa,

stating he had arrived from London, passport number SP-21440.

I wish to recall that on April 30, 1968, Inspector Marchesi of the Federal Police informed our services that an American woman thought she had seen James Earl Ray in the company of another American woman on Saturday, April 27, 1968, at 2:00 p.m., in the Restaurant Movenpick, in Geneva. The inquiries made there yielded no results and no concrete element was picked up.

Mr. James Earl Ray is listed on the MSP 1967, page 933, item 7-4317, an arrest warrant has been issued against him, the charge is assault with a deadly weapon and suspicion of assassination committed in the United States. Prior to this listing, the subject had never been involved in cases handled by our services.

SIGNED:

E. (?) Thomkins

JAMES EARL RAY
born: [redacted]
Quincy or Alton County, Illinois
American, baker, laborer

Director, FBI (44-38861)

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Submitted herewith for the completion of Bufile instant case is a property list pertaining to subject this case. It is noted that Legal Attache JOHN T. MINNICH signed this list as being the data and material which he received from Scotland Yard. The second signature is that of SAC, who acknowledged receipt of same from Legat MINNICH, and the third signature is that of the Chief Jailer, Shelby County Sheriff's Department, H. L. PARKER, who received the material from SAC, Memphis. The original is being maintained in the Memphis file.

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To: SAC, New York

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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Legat, London has learned from New Scotland Yard that it has been determined that Ray under the name Ramon George Sneyd, stayed at the Heathfield House Hotel, 181 - 183 Cromwell Road, London, 5/17-28/68, the period previously unaccounted for relative to Ray's activities in England.

The proprietress of the Heathfield House Hotel, Mrs. Doris Catherine Westwood, advised that sometime after Ray checked out on 5/28/68, her husband deposited three \$10 American Express checks to their account at their bank. Neither she nor her husband can specifically recall but believe there is a possibility that these travelers checks could have been received from Ray.

It is not known whether it is possible for American Express, New York to check for any checks issued to Ray under the name Ramon George Sneyd without the check numbers, however, if it can be done, New York appropriately handle.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609) (RUC)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to New York dated 7/17/68, with copy for Memphis requesting New York to determine if American Express Company could check for any checks issued to RAMON GEORGE SNEYD without the check numbers.

Mr. CAMPBELL in Mr. LAWRENCE SHOEMAKER's Office, American Express Company, Inspector's Office, 351 Park Avenue South, New York, stated that a check by name only cannot be made.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTN: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR ROSEN

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

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Submitted herewith are photographs dealing with the incarceration of subject JAMES EARL RAY in the Shelby County Jail.

Photograph #1 depicts the doorway and the video camera setup that all visitors to courtroom must go by before being permitted to enter. Prior to being photographed and a permanent record made of photograph and voice, all visitors have been searched before coming through this door. A pass has been issued at this point to all visitors and a permanent written record made of this pass.

Photograph #2 is taken from the center of the Shelby County Courthouse and the table visible top center in rear of hall is the table on which the recording equipment mentioned in Photograph #1 is located. Visitors will walk down this corridor, down the stairs, and into the center of the lobby.

Photograph #3 discloses the approximate center of the lobby. The man to the left is ROBERT K. DWYER, Assistant Attorney General, the man in the center shaking hands is the Attorney General, PHIL CANALE, and the person to the right is Sheriff WILLIAM N. MORRIS, JR.

Photograph #4 is the corridor off the main lobby where all visitors and people entering the courtroom turn right

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as they have come down the stairs visible in Photograph #3. People are again checked at this table prior to entry into Judge W. PRESTON BATTLE's courtroom, which is the door just past the table.

Photograph #5 is a photograph of Sheriff MORRIS and subject JAMES EARL RAY.

Photograph #6 - Sheriff MORRIS advised that this was at the time he was explaining prison procedure and the rights of the subject to him.

Photograph #7, #8, #9, and #10 are photographs taken within the cell block occupied by JAMES EARL RAY immediately after his incarceration therein on the early morning of July 19.

Photographs #11 through #18 are varying poses taken by the Sheriff's Department of subject JAMES EARL RAY. No copies of these photographs are being maintained in the Memphis Office, and they are submitted primarily for the Bureau's information.

With the exception of Photograph #5, none of these photographs have been released by the Sheriff to the newspapers or the communications media. The Sheriff has advised that the photographs herein are furnished for the information of the Bureau.

H.M. Prison
Bundsworth
5-7-68

The Governor

059184. SNEYD. R.G. (Special Separate cell).

Sir.

During my tour of duty 13.30 - 21.30 the w/p has been respectful but at times appeared to be lost in thought, he made numerous notes in preparation for the next visit from his attorney.

Once again he mentioned his stay in Lisbon and stated that he stayed at the "HOTEL PORTUGAL" with the exception of the first night, he didn't say where that was spent.

In London he said that he had stayed in three hotels, the first was near the B.E.A. air terminal in Gloucester Rd. then he moved to the Lamb Court area and finally stayed near the B.O.A.C. air terminal at Victoria.

He made some comments on the interview with his attorney, nothing worth noting except his last remark which was, "Well I think they are all guessing at what happened, I am the only one who knows and until I tell them they can do much, so, they will have to wait until I get to America to find out." I asked him if he had told his attorney anything before and he replied, "No, I don't trust that room too much and I had to talk through the wire, with officers in the room."

At 20.30 hrs he retired to his cell.

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Here is Carol phone no. if
you can make a call - call this
No. (M I-59 152) ^{Maplewood, MO.}, also write to
me at her address John Ray
2025 Belvue
Maplewood, MO.

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frequency and giving false information causing them to go in the wrong direction.

At some stage in his movements he said that he had to greet him.

"I met a guy from what row and brought his social security card and took his identity." He did not enlarge on this.

E.C. Godden Offr.
E.C. GODDEN ✓

Sir,
Another uneventful tour of duty 9:30 AM to 5:30 AM.
The pris, as usual, slept well. Ashbull off.

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Dear Jimmy:

I will drop you a few lines to let you know what I have about you over there.

I'm calling the Lawyer that you have after Tuesday, and if you are going to stay a couple of months and if I can see you, I will drop over.

I call 'Perry Foreman' that well known Texas Lawyer, but he can only take your case if you ask him.

Judge Casey told the F.B.I. 3 weeks ago that they were going to reverse your sentence at Jeff. City, Missouri then I found the F.B.I. after I saw Howard of Missouri sent Epitaph paper after you. the F.B.I. told me to call the Judge and get it straight out.

also I have read where
they are getting a special
place ready in the morphine
joint for television cameras
I think I have had enough
publicity would there be any
way to prevent this or do
you think it necessary to prevent
it
that all I can think of at the
present

Sincerely

P. G. Sneyd

Brother phone no.

M.F. 59152 MAPLEWOOD MISSOURI

P.S. Keep letter for reference

Air Mail. 5

MR. ARTHUR J. HANES
ATTORNEY AT LAW
617 FRANK NELSON BLDG.
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA 35203
U. S. A.

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H. M. Prison.
Sandsworth.
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The Governor.

059184 SNEYD. R.G. (Special Separate cell)

Sir.

The a/n during my tour of duty 1-30 PM - 4-30 PM. spent his time reading until the exercise period when he joined in conversation on the differences on air and sea travel. Once exercise was over he again lay on his bed reading.

After tea he began discussing the fourteen months after his escape from Missouri State Prison, claiming that he firstly travelled to Montreal, Canada where he applied for a passport but did not get it, he also wrote to the U.S.A. for a correspondence course for Locksmiths but because of a customs check on the tools which arrived with the books etc. he had it returned for his collection at a later date. This he did while he was en route to Mexico some two months later.

From Mexico he travelled to California but could not remember how long he stayed in either place.

A suitcase which has been found with his fingerprints on it claims had not been in his possession for four months. A car was also mentioned which he believed the police had in some way connected with him and the assassin and acknowledged that it was his. He also admitted that he had been in ~~the~~ Tennessee at some time but did not say when.

Some mention was made of the man who made him get away from the shooting and successfully fooled the police by using a wireless tuned to the police
P.T.

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Mr. J. B. Stoner ✓
attorney at law
P.O. Box 6263
Savannah, Georgia
U. S. A.

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In replying to this letter, please write on the envelope:—

Number 059184 Name SNEYD

H. M. PRISON,
HEATHFIELD ROAD,
WANDSWORTH,
LONDON, S.W.13.

DEAR SIR;

6-29-68

I thought I would write you
in regard to my extradition
hearing which began Thursday.
They seem to be running for
a field and at this point I think
it quite of been a mistake to
contest extradition I won't go into
details as you probably have read
the details in the paper.
I suppose you read the paper
that my English attorney sent
you concerning Mr. Vernon press
conference. In my appearance on
there, Dept. Butler of Scotland
yard stated where Vernon left
off but I may correct some
of it Tuesday when the hearing
resumes. I read the letter you
sent me and I have no
intention discussing the case

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with anyone, I would also
like to say that I have
no intention of making any
oral statement just that
I have nothing to hide, but
I would rather tell my
version to a court of law.
I am also going to write att.
General Clark to this effect
as it will stop them from
dreaming up something while
they are holding me from
London to the U.S.
That was highly unusual for
the British government not
letting you visit me as they
have a special place for
so called security cases.
from what I gather from my
English lawyer the U.S. government
had something to do with
keeping you from seeing me.
Do you think it would be
worth while to take it up
with a Congressman?
Also I am writing my brother and
asking him to send you a
retainer. I'd discuss that further
when I see you.

Mr. Ramsey Clark
Attorney General, United States
Washington, D.C.
U.S.A.

In replying to this letter, please write on the envelope:—

Number 059184 Name SNEYD.

H.M. PRISON,
HEATHFIELD ROAD,
WANDSWORTH,
LONDON, S.W.18.

Dear Sir,

I am at present in detention at
the above listed address in London, England.
In the near future I will most
probably be deported to the United States.
The reason I am writing you is
that you will probably dispatch
agents to London to return me
to the U.S. and I would like
to have it on record now
that I have no intention of
making any oral statements nor
that I have anything to hide
but I would prefer to tell
my story to a judge & jury.
Therefore I would respectfully
suggest you send someone
with less imagination than
Mr. Vinson. I have also written
my attorney, Mr. Arthur Horne a
similar letter. Sincerely

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R. D. Sneyd.

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In replying to this letter, please write on the envelope:—

Number 059185 Name SNEYD

H. M. PRISON,
HEATHFIELD ROAD,
WANDSWORTH,
LONDON, S.W.18.

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Dear Mr. Stoner;

I was shown a letter yesterday (3 July) written by you on a legal pad which you represent, if I remember correctly, offering legal assistance in relation to the charge against me in the U.S. as you have probably read in the papers. I have retained Mr. Arthur Hones of Birmingham, Alabama, therefore I would rather wait until I return to the U.S. and get his advice before I take any other action. As far as my personal views on the case I am more concerned with the personal charges made against me by the leftist press than the murder charge. While in the past I haven't gone to much attention to the political side of papers

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it seems to me now that
they charge you with everything
they represent then try
to connect you with some
organization they disagree with.
In closing I would like to say
I appreciate your offer of assistance.
Also if you should write again
send it to me directly at the
prison as the other letter
you sent was dated the 14-June
and I did not receive it until
JULY-3-

Sincerely

Roman D. Sneyd

In replying to this letter, please write on the envelope:—

Number 059184 Name SNEYD

H. M. PRISON,
HEATHFIELD ROAD,
WANDSWORTH,
LONDON, S.W.18.

Dear John

I will just write you
a few lines to let you
know everything is alright.
I will probably be back
shortly. my way don't come
over for one you couldn't
get in, atty. Hones couldn't
and two ipis to expensive.
about judge Casey wanting
to reverse my case I
don't want it reverse I
will explain later but
you know that things
are not doing anything
to benefit me I expected
I would like for you to
give the atty Arthur Hones
£600.00 you can get some
of off Jerry and I will
over

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straighten it out with
you too when I get back.
You mention pig. Hones
this is a good attempt but
I will wait until I get back
as I want some attorneys
who can work together
so I will let Hones
decide or someone he thinks
would be best.

I cannot appeal my extradition
hearing but I am getting
tired of listening to these
lies so I will close
it up about Tuesday. Don't
discuss any part of this
case with anyone until
I get back especially the
libel part. I think pig
will have a good thing.
If you see for monche
or the tongs tell them
am O.K. Take it easy

Lord R. S. Ingh.

att. address.

Arthur J. Hones

617 Frank Nelson Bldg.

Birmingham Alabama, 35203

TELEPHONE 324 4531

Per Mail

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John Ray

2025 Belvue

Maplewood, Missouri

United States America

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In replying to this letter, please write on the envelope:—

Number 059184 Name SNYDER

H.M. PRISON,
HEATHFIELD ROAD,
WANDSWORTH,
LONDON, S.W.18.

DEAR SIR;

I AM AT PRESENT BEING HELD
IN WANDSWORTH PRISON AWAITING THE
COMPLETION OF AN EXTRADITION
HEARING AND PROBABLY DEPORTATION TO
THE U.S.A. ON THUR. 21-1968
MR. ARTHUR J. HANES MY ATTORNEYS
FROM THE UNITED STATES CAME
TO LONDON FROM THE U.S. TO
SEE ME. ONE OF THE REASONS
HE CAME HERE WAS TO CONSULT
WITH ME ABOUT A MURDER
CHARGE AGAINST ME IN THE U.S.
UPON MR. HANES ARRIVAL IN LONDON
HE CONTACTED MY ENGLISH LAWYER
MR. ROGER FRISBY AND ASKED MR.
FRISBY TO ARRANGE FOR HIM TO
VISIT ME AT THE PRISON. MR.
FRISBY THEREUPON REQUESTED
PERMISSION FROM THE HOME OFFICE
OVER

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4.

FOR MR. HANES TO CONSULT
WITH ME. THE HOME OFFICE
REFUSED ON THE GROUNDS
OF SECURITY THIS SEEMS A
VERY LAME EXCUSE AS THEY
HAVE A SPECIAL PLACE HERE
FOR JUST SUCH PURPOSES IT
CONSISTS OF A PARTITION OF A
SMALL WINDOW AND YOU TALK
THROUGH HEAVY SCREENS.
I THINK FORMER HOME SECRETARY
MR. SANDS WOULD CONFIRM THIS.
FURTHER ~~THE~~ POLICE AND OTHER
PEOPLE CAN VISIT ME.
THERE HAS BEEN MUCH EVIDENCE
GIVEN AT MY HEARING IN
MAGISTRATE COURT AND ITS POSSIBLE
MY CASE HAS BEEN PREJUDICED BY
NOT SEEING HIM SINCE THE
HEARING AND MY TRIAL IN THE
U.S. ARE INTERRELATED.
SINCE THESE CHARGES ARE
INTERRELATED I THINK IT IS
HIGHLY UNUSUAL FOR THE BRITISH
GOVERNMENT TO DENY ME THE
RIGHT TO SEE MY U.S.
ATTORNEY, EVEN IN THE
SO CALLED TORN COUNTRY
COUNTRIES YOU CAN HAVE

VISITORS FROM ONE'S OWN
COUNTRY. I HAVE WRITTEN
TO THE HOME OFFICE AND
DIDN'T EVEN GET AN ANSWER,
THEREFORE I AM WRITING YOU
WITH THE THOUGHT YOU MIGHT
MAKE INQUIRIES, AND IF THE
GOVERNMENT ACTION BE ILLEGAL
YOU MIGHT PREVENT IT FROM
HAPPENING IN THE FUTURE.

SINCERELY

Ramon George Sneyd.

MR. EDWARD HEATH, M.P.

HOUSE OF COMMONS

WESTMINSTER

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) PERSONAL ATTENTION
FROM: LEGAT, LONDON (88-72) (P) ASST. DIRECTOR ROSEN
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On 7/15/68 a source at New Scotland Yard gave me on an unofficial and confidential basis copies of documents, two copies of each enclosed as follows:

- (1) Letter from RAY to Attorney General RAMSEY CLARK.
- (2) Letter from RAY to J. B. STONER, Attorney, Savannah, Ga.
- (3) Letter from RAY to ARTHUR J. HANES.
- (4) Letter from RAY to EDWARD HEATH, Member of Parliament and Tory opposition leader.
- (5) Letter from RAY to brother, JOHN RAY.
- (6) Letter from JOHN RAY to RAY.
- (7) Prison Warder's report dated 7/5/68.
- (8) Prison Warder's report dated 6/17/68.

STONER, item 2, is believed to be identical with JESSE B. STONER, on whom the Bureau has considerable background information. Any investigation concerning him is left to the discretion of the Bureau.

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One copy of each of the documents may be furnished to the Department of Justice with the understanding they be considered classified CONFIDENTIAL and possession of them not be made known to any other sources. In this regard revelation outside the Bureau or Department would jeopardize my source.

Concerning items 7 and 8, I am exploring with sources the possibility of obtaining reports of this nature on an official basis, with permission to officially disseminate to the Department of Justice and the State of Tennessee.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

DATE: 7/26/68

✓ FROM : Director, FBI (44-38861)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Legat, London's airtel to Bureau dated 7/16/68. Enclosed for Memphis is a copy of re communication together with its enclosures.

This is strictly for the information of the Memphis Division and it is pointed out on page two of referenced communication that the information is classified confidential and possession of them should not be made known to other sources and in this regard revelation outside the Bureau or Department would jeopardize the Legat's source. The documents have been furnished to the Department.

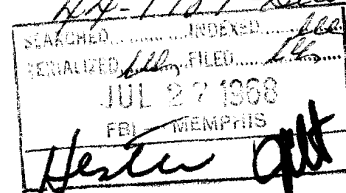
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From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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The Legal Attache in London has obtained information from a highly confidential source that subject James Earl Ray while incarcerated in a British prison, using the name of Ramon G. Sneyd, sent a letter to Mr. J. B. Stoner, Attorney-at-Law, Savannah, Georgia. This letter, dated 7/4/68, in essence stated that subject Ray was shown a letter written by Stoner concerning a legal fund which Stoner represents, and Ray advises that he has retained Mr. Hanes and would like to get his advice before he takes any action.

The letter continues by advising that Ray appreciates Stoner's offer of assistance.

It is possible that this Stoner is identical to one Jesse B. Stoner, who is Vice President of the National States Rights Party with headquarters in Savannah, Georgia. Stoner has been described as a racial rabble rouser.

In view of Stoner's association with the National States Rights Party, Savannah and Memphis should determine through contact with appropriate sources and informants if Stoner has had any further contact with Ray.

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Reliable sources at the Shelby County Jail have advised that subject RAY has had no additional contact, either personal or by mail, with JESSE B. STONER. It is also pointed out that there is no National States Rights Party activity within the Memphis Division.

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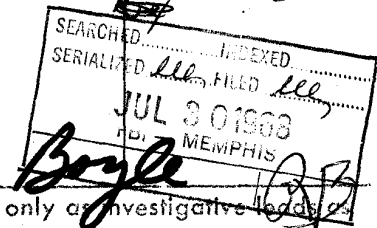
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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Army	James Earl Ray #16 163 129	February 19, 1946		
Sheriff's Office Los Angeles, California	James Earl Ray #B-119908	October 11, 1949 <i>44-1987</i>	suspicion of burglary	
Police Department Los Angeles, California	James Earl Ray #139648	October 11, 1949	suspicion 459 Penal Code (burglary)	8 months County Jail suspended; 2 years probation served; first 90 days County Jail; 146 December 30, 1949 Cs129438
Sheriff's Office Cedar Rapids, Iowa	James E. Ray #5937	April 18, 1950	vagrancy	
Police Department Alton, Illinois	James Earl Ray #7514	July 23, 1951	no operator's license - no State License - no City License	released to pay later
Police Department Chicago, Illinois	James Ray #D90696	May 6, 1952	robbery (Gun)	Grand Jury \$3000
Cook County Jail Chicago, Illinois	James Ray #131165	May 9, 1952	robbery	June 13, 1952 sentenced to penitentiary 1 to 2 years
State Penitentiary Joliet, Illinois	James E. Ray #32419	June 13, 1952	robbery	1 to 2 years
State Penitentiary Pontiac, Illinois	James E. Ray #19121	July 7, 1952 in transfer from Joliet	robbery <i>44-1987 Sub-M</i>	1 to 2 years March 12, 1954 discharged

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Sheriff's Office Edwardsville, Illinois	James Earl Ray #2640	August 30, 1954	burglary and larceny	
Police Department Hannibal, Missouri	James E. Ray #40714	March 23, 1955	investigation of breaking and entering Post Office	
State Highway Patrol Macon, Missouri	James Earl Ray #B-3376	March 23, 1955	cashing stolen postal money orders	released to Postal Inspector Kansas City, Missouri March 24, 1955
United States Marshal Kansas City, Missouri	James Earl Ray #12018	March 28, 1955	forgery United States Postal Money Order	sentenced to 15 months custody of Attorney General
Sheriff's Office Kansas City, Missouri	James Earl Ray #29637	March 28, 1955	Forgery - Government	July 7, 1955 3 years and 9 months
United States Penitentiary Leavenworth, Kansas	James Earl Ray #72498-L	July 7, 1955	Post Office Laws Forge Money Orders	3 years and 9 months May 20, 1958 conditional release March 31, 1959 maximum April 5, 1958 conditional release on charge of Post Office forgery Post Office Money Orders
Police Department Saint Louis, Missouri	James Earl Ray #81071	October 10, 1959	suspicion of robbery	

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Police Department Saint Louis, Missouri	James Earl Ray #81071	October 16, 1959	suspicion of robbery stealing and fugitive other authorities	
State Penitentiary Jefferson City, Missouri	Janes Earl Ray #00416	March 17, 1960	"TC" operating motor vehicle without permission of owner robbery first "b/m DDW" (2 charges)	20 years (20, 7, 5, concurrent) April 23, 1967 escaped
State Hospital Number 1 Fulton, Missouri	James Earl Ray #37045 C-5	September 8, 1966	Patient	
SO Memphis Tenn	James Earl Ray #39728	7-19-68	murder 1st deg	

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	WANTED: James Earl Ray for escape 4-23-67 (oper M/V w/o perm of owner; robb 1st deg b/m of a D & DW) (will extradite) Notify Warden SPen Jefferson City Mo inf rec 5-10-67 NO LONGER WANTED per inf rec 7-19-68			

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CC: Warden SPen Jefferson City Mo				

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	<p>WANTED BY BUREAU: James Earl Ray, aka James McBride, James Walyon, W C Herron, James O'Conner, Jim, for UFAC-Robbery First Fug Index #121426 Bu file #38-41730 O.O. Kansas City inf rec 7-27-67 CAUTION: ARMED AND DANGEROUS Chg Conspiracy Civil rights added Bu file #44-388861 changed O.O. Memphis changed per BM 4-25-68 NO LONGER WANTED per inf rec 7-19-68</p> <p>WANTED BY BUREAU: James Earl Ray aka, Eric Starvo Galt, W C Herron, Harvey Lowmyer, James McBride, James O'Conner, James Walyon, James Walton, John Willard, "Jim" for Civil Rights-Conspiracy Interstate Flight-Robbery per IO #4182 issued 4-20-63 CAUTION: RAY IS SOUGHT IN CONNECTION WITH A MURDER WHEREIN THE VICTIM WAS SHOT: CONSIDER ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS NO LONGER WANTED per inf rec 7-19-68</p> <p>FLASH BY BUREAU: James Earl Ray aka Eric Starvo Galt, W C Herron, Harvey Lowmyer, James McBride, James O'Conner, James Walton, James Walyon, John Willard, "Jim" If any inf or inq rec refer one copy of record to Top Ten Superv Crim Research Sec Div 8 Bu inf rec 6-10-68 (TO REMAIN ACTIVE UNTIL SUBJECT'S DEATH)</p>			
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John Edgar Hoover
Director

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Memphis

DATE: July 25, 1968

✓ FROM : Director, FBI (44-38861)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed for Memphis for information are the following documents:

1. A copy of an order signed by the President of the United States regarding the extradition of subject.
2. A copy of the custody log regarding James Earl Ray's flight returning him to the United States.
3. A copy of the conversation between Mr. Herfurt, Consul General attached to the American Embassy in London, and Arthur Hanes, Counsel for subject.

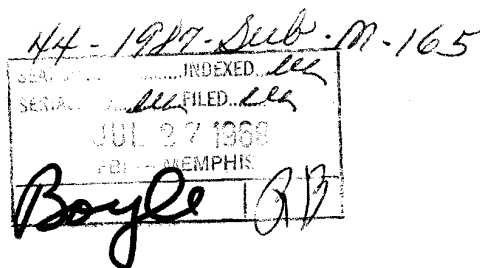
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July 11, 1968

To:-
Staff Superintendent E.A. Moss
Director, Central Records &
Communications Branch.

From:-
Staff Sergeant J.P. Polay
Identification Section

Re: James Earl RAY and aliases

On Tuesday, June 18, 1968, Cpl. J.S. DUNLOP of the R.C.M.P. "O" Division, Toronto, Ontario, contacted the Laundry and Dry Cleaning identification examiner of this branch in regard to attempting to identify a laundry mark which appeared on a shirt collar. The mark was described as an encircled C over the digits 24, and when records search had been completed, appeared to be of the type employed by personnel of Community Cleaners, 789 Dundas Street West, Toronto, Ontario.

Subsequently, Sgt FULLERTON and Cpl. DUNLOP, R.C.M.P. officers attended this section on Monday, July 8, 1968, producing photographs of two separate laundry marks. One of the photographs related to the mark previously described. The second photograph portrayed the mark EG-C83 which appeared to be on the waist band of a pair of underpants. The investigating officers were of the opinion that a positive identification had been made in regards to Community Cleaners in the case of the shirt and requested that an examination be made of the second mark.

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It is my understanding our examiner Mr. C.O. Byrne and the investigating officers are in complete agreement that both marks examined could have been made by personnel of Community Cleaners. I also believe that the investigating officers would like a report on this matter.

Respectfully submitted.

J. F. Foley
J.F. FOLEY, Staff Sergeant,
Identification Section.