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(FIRST OF TWO PAGES--GEVORGYAN REPORT)

(E. GEVORGYAN REPORT: "THE SECRET OF KING'S MURDER")

(TEXT) NEWYORK, 21 TWENTY ONE NOVEMBER--UP TO NOW THE AMERICAN
AUTHORITIES HAVE PERSISTENTLY MAINTAINED THAT THE BLOODY REPRISAL
AGAINST THE NEGRO CIVIL RIGHTS STRUGGLE LEADER, MARTIN LUTHER KING,
WAS CARRIED OUT ON 4 FOUR APRIL IN MEMPHIS BY A LONE ASSASSIN.

THIS JULY JAMES EARL RAY, THE MAN SUSPECTED OF KING'S MURDER,
WAS HANDCUFFED AND TAKEN IN A BULLETPROOF SUIT FROM ENGLAND TO THE
UNITED STATES. HE WAS LODGED IN THE COMFORTABLE PRISON CELL THAT
HAD BEEN RESERVED FOR HIM IN THE CITY OF MEMPHIS, WHERE HE RESIDES
TO THIS DAY. APART FROM LAWYERS, THE PRISON AUTHORITIES DO NOT

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INTERVIEW OF THE PUBLIC FROM THE REAL PERPETRATORS OF KING'S DEATH.
AT EXPOSES THE ATTEMPTS OF THE AUTHORITIES TO DISTRACT THE
THEY ARE COMPLICATED. MATERIAL HAS NOW APPEARED IN THE AMERICAN PRESS
GENERAL HANLEY CLARK'S STATEMENT THAT KING'S MURDER WAS UNCONNECTED
ALL THESE QUESTIONS PLACE IN SERIOUS DOUBT U.S. ATTORNEY
HIS CROSS SAFELY TO EUROPE, AND TRAVEL THROUGH VARIOUS COUNTRIES
CLARK FROM MEMPHIS TO CANADA AFTER KING'S MURDER, GET A FOREIGN PASSPORT
LONE, IF HE HAD NO MONEY, HOW COULD THE ENGLISH PRISONER HAVE
PRISON MAY HARDLY WORKED, BUT HE LIVED IN GRAND STYLE. IF RAY ACTED
ESCAPED FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PRISON. AFTER HIS ESCAPE FROM
WAS A PUBLISHED IS UNCLAS
OFFENCE, ON 27 TWENTY-THIRD APRIL 1967 NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN HE
WAS THAT SEVERAL YEARS AGO RAY WAS CONVICTED OF A CRIMINAL
ALL THOSE PRESENT IN THE HALL ARE THOROUGHLY SEARCHED. IT IS WELL
ALONG ABOUT NEAR RAY, WHEN (IT APPEARS AT PRELIMINARY) NOT HEARING

CONCLUSION THAT ALREADY ON 15 FIFTEEN AUGUST 1967 SIXTY SEVEN

ON THE BASIS OF THE INFORMATION GIVEN BY RAY, HUGH DRAWS THE

WRITES THAT ALL THE FACTS AS REPORTED BY RAY HAVE BEEN CORROBORATED.

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MEXICO TO CHECK THOROUGHLY THE DETAILS GIVEN IN RAY'S NOTES. HIGH

FROM MADE MANY TRIPS THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES, CANADA, AND

AGAINST KING CAME ABOUT.

INTO THE CONSPIRACY AND HOW THE PREPARATIONS FOR A RESPIRAL

WHILE IN PRISON IN MEMPHIS. THEY RELATE HOW RAY WAS DRAGGED

PLAN. IN THESE ARTICLES HUGH CITES NOTES THAT RAY HAD GIVEN TO

ASSASSINATION APPEARED TO BE THE RESULT OF A CAREFULLY PREPARED

AND WRITER WILLIAM HIGH, WHO CONVINCEDLY SHOWS THAT KING'S

HAS PUBLISHED IMPARTIAL ARTICLES BY THE NOTED AMERICAN JOURNALIST

IN TWO RECENT ISSUES THE FACE-CIRCULATION U.S. AND THE LOOK

AFTER ESCAPING FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PRISON, RAY WANTED TO LEAVE THE UNITED STATES AND GO TO A COUNTRY UNBOUND BY ANY TREATY TO RETURN CRIMINALS TO THE UNITED STATES. FOR THAT RAY HAD TO HAVE MONEY, DOCUMENTS, AND A FOREIGN PASSPORT. IN AUGUST 1967 NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN RAY MANAGED TO MAKE HIS WAY TO CANADA, FROM WHENCE HE INTENDED GOING ON TO ANOTHER COUNTRY.

RAY HUNG ABOUT THE PORT EMPLOYMENT OFFICE IN MONTREAL, BUT CONTINUALLY GOT THE REPLY: "THERE IS NO WORK." HE TRAILED SAILORS WHO WERE A BIT TIGHT IN THE HOPE OF STEALING DOCUMENTS FROM THEM. IN THE DOCKSIDE "NEPTUNE" TAVERN HE TOLD HIS BOOZING COMPANIONS THAT "IT IS SLIGHTLY UNPLEASANT FOR ME IN THE UNITED STATES; I HAVE TO EARN MONEY AND GET DOCUMENTS, AND FOR THAT I COULD DO ANY WORK WHERE NO GREAT RISK IS INVOLVED."

A FEW DAYS LATER A MAN OF ABOUT 35 THIRTY FIVE, WHO CALLED
HIMSELF PAUL, STARTED TAKING AN INTEREST IN RAY. PAUL PROPOSED

THAT, IN RETURN FOR MONEY AND DOCUMENTS, RAY SHOULD HELP IN

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CARRYING OUT CERTAIN PLANS."

PAUL MADE THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS: SEVERAL DAYS LATER RAY WOULD

GO TO WINDSOR IN CANADA TO MEET PAUL AND TAKE SEVERAL PACKAGES

OVER TO DETROIT (IN THE UNITED STATES); FROM DETROIT RAY WOULD SET

OFF FOR BIRMINGHAM (ALABAMA) AND THERE AWAIT FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS

FROM PAUL.

PAUL PROMISED RAY THAT AFTER SEVERAL WEEKS OR MONTHS OF

"JOINT ACTIVITY" HE WOULD PAY HIM 12,000 TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS,

GET RAY A PASSPORT AND OTHER DOCUMENTS, AND HELP HIM TO "GET

TO ANY POINT ON EARTH." RAOUL DEMANDED THAT RAY ASK HIM () QUESTIONS.

"I HAD SWORN NEVER TO RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES," RAY WRITES.

"BUT I HAD NO MONEY. I COULD NOT RISK COMMITTING A NEW CRIME. I

COULD NOT GET ON ANY SHIP, I COULD NOT GET HOLD OF ANY DOCUMENTS,

AND SO THAT IS WHY I SAID TO RAOUL: 'OK., I'LL MEET YOU IN MONROVIA.'"

FOR TAKING THE CONTRABAND PACKAGES OVER TO DETROIT, RAY GOT

750 SEVEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS FROM RAOUL AND THE TELEPHONE

NUMBER OF A SECRET ADDRESS IN NEW ORLEANS. SUBSEQUENTLY, RAY SET

OUT FOR BIRMINGHAM.

AFTER MEETING RAY IN BIRMINGHAM SEVERAL DAYS LATER, RAOUL

HANDED OVER TO HIM 3,000 THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS, PART OF WHICH HAD

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BEEN SET ASIDE FOR BUYING A "MUSTANG," IN WHICH RAY LATER CARRIED OUT

HIS TRIP AROUND THE UNITED STATES AND IN WHICH HE FLEW FROM MEMPHIS

ON 4 APRIL AFTER KING'S ASSASSINATION.

RAY STAYED IN MEXICAN RESORTS UNTIL THE END OF NOVEMBER.
THOUSAND DOLLARS TO RAY AT THEIR NEXT MEETING.
RAYON. RAYON PROMISED TO HAND OVER DOCUMENTS AND TO PAY TWELVE
RAYON HAD INSTRUCTED, RAY GOT 2,000 TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM HIS
MEXICO. FOR BRINGING ANOTHER BATCH OF CONTRABAND INTO MEXICO, AS
A REWARD FOR HIM TO BE AT THE BORDER BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND
ON 5 FIVE OCTOBER RAY GOT A LETTER IN BIRMINGHAM FROM RAYON WITH
THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS JUST TO TAKE DRUGS ACROSS A BORDER.
RAY HAD BOUGHT IN BIRMINGHAM, BECAUSE NOBODY WOULD HAVE GIVEN ME
SEEMS TO ME THAT THE QUESTION HAD ALREADY BEEN DECIDED BEFORE THE
STATE (21 TWENTY FIRST AUGUST 1967 NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN). IT
WILL BE WHEN I TOOK THE PACKAGES FROM CANADA TO THE UNITED
"I SUPPOSE," RAY WROTE (THAT I WAS BRAGGING INTO) "I SELECT TO

AFTER RELAXING ON THE COE PEACHES, HE APPEARED IN NEW ORLEANS

ON 15 FIFTEEN DECEMBER FOR THE NEXT MEETING WITH PAOL.

S. PAOL HANDED OVER 2,500 TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS TO RAY,

HE TOLD HIM THAT IN TWO OR THREE MONTHS' TIME THEY "WILL HAVE TO DO

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VE THING MORE." "WHEN I ASKED HIM WHAT IT WAS," RAY WRITES, "HE

OLD ME THAT I HAD PROMISED NOT TO ASK ANY QUESTIONS."

AT THE BEGINNING OF MARCH THIS YEAR A PLASTIC FACIAL SURGERY

OPERATION WAS CONDUCTED ON RAY IN LOS ANGELES. ON 15 FIFTEEN MARCH

PAOL GAVE RAY INSTRUCTIONS TO GO BY CAR TO SELMA. ON 23 TWENTY

3 MARCH RAY SIGNED INTO THE "FLAMINGO" HOTEL THERE. THIS HOTEL

ON EDWARD PETTUS (AS TRANSLITERATED) BRIDGE, WHICH HAS PASSED INTO
THE HISTORY OF THE STRUGGLE FOR NEGRO CIVIL RIGHTS. MORE.

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TASS REPORTS JAMES EARL RAY SENTENCING

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[APR] New York March 11 TASS—James Ray who assassinated Martin Luther King has been sentenced to a 99-year prison term. The trial was held in Memphis, Tennessee, where Martin Luther King, leader of the Negro movement of the United States, was killed almost a year ago. Ray pleaded guilty to the charge of murdering Martin Luther King.

According to the press, all the trial was a kind of a "deal" between the prosecution and the defense. Their aim was to save Ray from the death penalty. It has been officially announced at the trial that only one man was involved in the assassination of Martin Luther King. The authorities, thus, disregarded the opinion of many representatives of the public that the Negro leader had fallen victim to a racist conspiracy.

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AB Memo No. 9605
24 April 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

ATTENTION : [REDACTED]

SUBJECT : Identi-Kit Composite of James Earl Ray

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2. We are forwarding, for your information, a copy of the composite, along with the photographs and list of stations received from your office.

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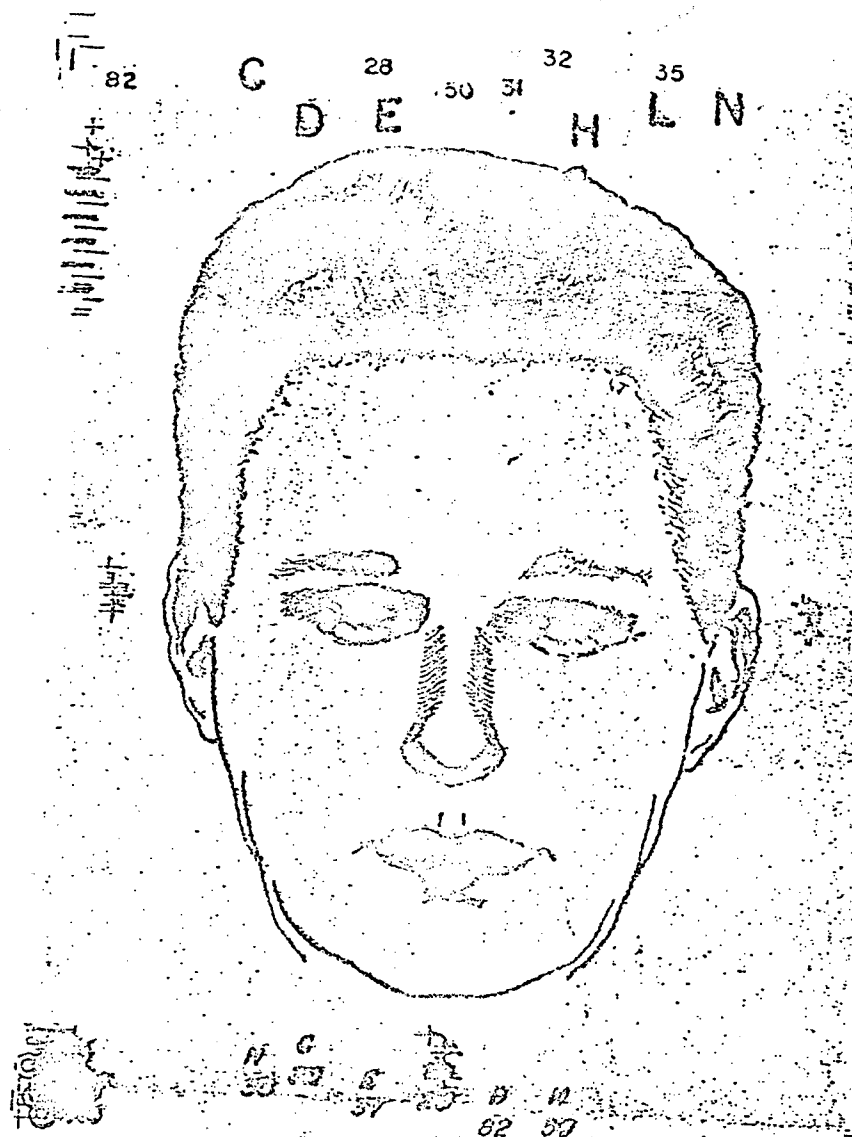
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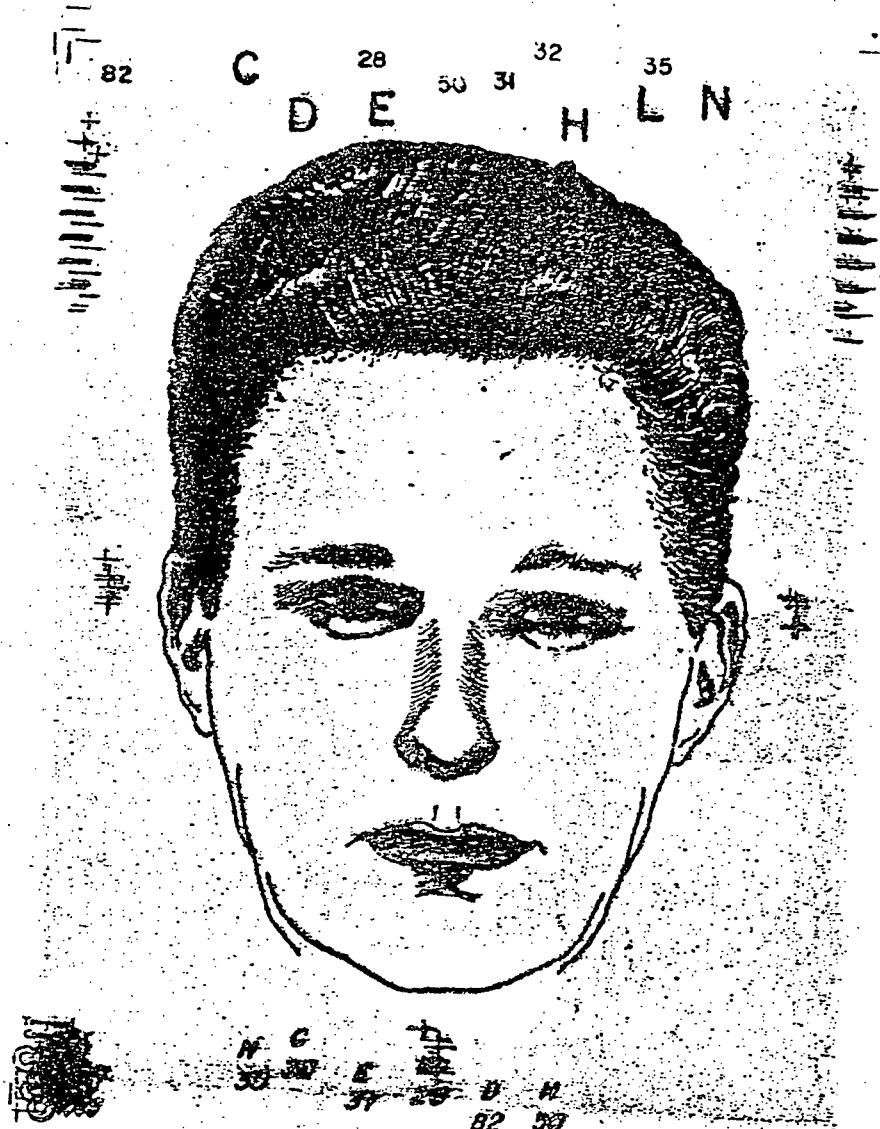
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