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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-203)

DATE: 6/7/68

FROM : SA BOYD D. ADSIT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

During the 4½-hour interview of Mrs. HOMER LANE BIGELOW by SAs PAUL E. BUSH and BOYD D. ADSIT on May 24, 1968, voluminous notes were taken. In addition to the information set forth in an FD-302, these notes contained additional background information on Mrs. BIGELOW, her former husbands, and some of the individuals of whom she speaks. They are being placed in the 1-A Section of this file and are subject to destruction at such time as the case is closed.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-203)

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FROM : SA GEORGE M. MALONEY

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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Re Butte teletype to Denver 6/5/68.

On 6/5/68 COP RANDALL ~~WILSON~~ WILSON (NA), Sheridan, Wyo. PD advised that his department had received the teletype referred to in referenced teletype and that the information contained therein was immediately furnished to all patrol cars in the City of Sheridan as well as Sheriff and Highway Patrol units.

As of this date the search for the individual and vehicle described in referenced teletype has been unproductive however Chief Wilson stated his efforts are continuing and he will immediately contact the FBI should this vehicle or individual be located.

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**Memorandum****TO : SAC (157-203)****DATE: 6/11/68****FROM : SA GEORGE M. MALONEY****SUBJECT: MURKIN**

Re SA Hornback memo to SAC 5/31/68 and SA GUSTAFSON memo to SAC 6/1/68.

On 6/6/68 Deputy Sheriff KENNETH FALL, Gillette, Wyo. advised that BERNARD FRANKLIN BEARDSLEY is personally known to him and is definitely not identical with JAMES EARLY RAY. He said that BEARDSLEY is a long time resident of Newcastle, Wyo. and has recently moved to Gillette to accept a job driving a truck for one of the oil companies in the area. He has had a valid Wyo. operators license for a number of years but was required to obtain a chauffeurs license for his new job.

On 6/6/68 BOBBY GENE COLLINS was located by the writer at his trailer near Gillette, Wyo. and eliminated through a comparison of physical descriptions and fingerprints.

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TO: DIRECTOR  
 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (P)  
 RE: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to Los Angeles 5/29/68 and  
 Los Angeles airtel to Director 6/3/68, relative to  
 EDGAR EUGENE BRADLEY.

Bureau authorization requested to interview  
 BRADLEY only for specific purpose of ascertaining his  
 whereabouts on dates in question. Reasons for request  
 as follows:

In past contacts, including contact on 5/31/68,  
 BRADLEY always expressed highest admiration for Director  
 and FBI. He has invariably offered full assistance and on  
 5/31/68 specifically stated would be glad to furnish all  
 information to establish whereabouts on dates in question  
 or any other dates should it become necessary.

Extensive investigation would be required to  
 verify his whereabouts if do not use his assistance. Note  
 that BRADLEY promptly learned of recent investigation,  
 as mentioned referenced Los Angeles airtel. Since he has  
 offered full assistance, then should investigation proceed  
 without prior contact with him, he would undoubtedly feel  
 his offer was ignored. Since allegations of New Orleans  
 District Attorney GARRISON are uppermost in BRADLEY's mind,  
 embarrassment to Bureau could follow if he took his own  
 inference that such investigation pertains to GARRISON's  
 allegations.

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Embarrassment might also arise should GARRISON learn of current investigation about BRADLEY, since GARRISON might infer this supports his position in some way.

It is felt that most discreet verification of alibi could be undertaken on basis of information received directly from BRADLEY, since it would allow fewest possible contacts and minimize possible embarrassment. Los Angeles holding investigation in abeyance.

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FROM MINNEAPOLIS (157-450) 5P

MURKIN

PAUL BRIDGEMAN, FORMER INMATE, MSP, JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, ADVISED HE MET RAY IN PRISON IN NINETEEN SIXTY-FOUR. LAST SAW RAY FIRST TO MIDDLE OF FEBRUARY, LAST, IN KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, AT OLD FORTRESS BAR. BRIDGEMAN CLAIMS HE WAS APPROACHED BY GIRL WHO ASKED HIM IF HE WAS PAUL AND WHEN HE ANSWERED YES, SHE TOLD HIM HER NAME BEVERLY HILL AND THAT JIMMY WANTED TO SEE HIM. HE ADVISED HE FOLLOWED HER OUTSIDE AND MET RAY. RAY DRIVING NINETEEN SIXTY-THREE T-BIRD, LIGHT BLUE WITH PLATES WHICH WERE WHITE WITH RED LETTERS. TOLD BRIDGEMAN HE NEEDED SOME MONEY. BRIDGEMAN CLAIMS HE HAD ABOUT FIFTY-ONE DOLLARS ON HIM AND GAVE RAY THIRTY-FIVE DOLLARS. AFTER HE GAVE RAY MONEY, RAY SAID, "I'LL SEE YOU"

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THIS WEEKEND", AND LEFT. BRIDGEMAN CLAIMS THIS WAS LAST AND ONLY TIME HE SAW RAY SINCE RAY'S ESCAPE MSP.

HE DESCRIBED BEVERLY HILL AS FEMALE, WHITE, TWENTY-THREE, FIVE FEET TWO TO THREE INCHES, ONE ONE ZERO POUNDS, BLOND, ATTRACTIVE, WHO APPEARED FAMILIAR TO HIM AND POSSIBLY IS PROSTITUTE.

WHILE AT MSP, BRIDGEMAN TOLD RAY HE HUNG OUT AT OLD FORTRESS AND HIGH HAT BARS IN KANSAS CITY AND THAT IS WHY RAY KNEW HOW TO FIND HIM. BRIDGEMAN RECALLS DISCUSSING WITH RAY WHILE AT MSP A JOYCE MARTIN, AKA JOYCE WILLIHAM, ONE THREE THREE FIVE SOUTH MINNIE STREET, SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA, WHO WAS DESCRIBED BY BRIDGEMAN AS "GOOD PEOPLE" FOR A CON ON THE RUN. SHE WORKED AT KINGS INN IN COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA.

RAY ALSO MENTIONED A DI RANGO'S OR RANGØ'S IN LOS ANGELES CHINA TOWN AS A DOPE HUSTLING PLACE. RAY TALKED LOT ABOUT MORANNAN (PH) WHO OWNED PLACE CALLED PUSSY CAT A GO-GO ON GAS LIGHT SQUARE IN ST. LOUIS. BRIDGEMAN FELT RAY WELL KNOWN AT THIS NIGHT CLUB AND GOOD INFO CONCERNING RAY CAN BE OBTAINED THER.

RAY ALSO MENTIONED A "JOINT" ON SOUTH BELDEN OR BELVAR IN

Jim Falls  
prison road

Ray Kern  
Cordova

Earl West  
Cater Res

S. H. K.  
Leland Res

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DENVER, COLORADO, WHERE BRIDGEMAN FELT RAY WOULD BE WELL KNOWN.

BRIDGEMAN MENTIONED FOLLOWING AS BEING FRIENDS OF RAY:

GEORGE GILL, SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA; JIMMY POE, SEVEN ONE EIGHT TWENTY-SEVENTH PLACE, NORTH GRANITE CITY, ILLINOIS; BILL RUSSELL, TWO FIVE TWO THREE WARREN, ST. LOUIS.

BRIDGEMAN DENIED EVER BEING OUT OF U.S. AND DENIED KNOWING ANYTHING CONCERNING RAY'S WHEREABOUTS. BRIDGEMAN DESCRIBED RAY AS BEING A PRETTY COOL CON WHO MANAGED TO OBTAIN INGREDIENTS, I.E., RAISINS, SUGAR, YEAST, WHICH HE USED TO MAKE INTOXICANTS WHILE AT MSP, MAJORITY OF WHICH HE SOLD TO OTHER INMATES. BRIDGEMAN EXPRESSED OPINION RAY WOULD BE CAPABLE OF MURDER BUT ONLY IF THERE WAS MONEY INVOLVED. RAY HAD STRONG DISLIKE FOR NEGROES AND REFUSED TO ATTEND VARIOUS SPORTING EVENTS WHILE AT PRISON DUE TO FACT MAJORITY OF TEAM CONSISTED OF NEGROES.

BRIDGEMAN ADVISED RAY AT ONE TIME MENTIONED WANTING TO GO TO BRAZIL AND ALSO EXPRESSED INTEREST IN CASTRO GOVERNMENT OF CUBA. HE ALSO MENTIONED WANTING TO GO TO AUSTRALIA BECAUSE HE FELT THERE WERE NO NEGROES IN AUSTRALIA.



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DENVER, ATTEMPT TO LOCATE BAR ON SOUTH BELDEN OR BELVAR AND CONDUCT ANY INDICATED INVESTIGATION IN EFFORT TO DEVELOP INFO CONCERNING RAY.

KANSAS CITY, WILL ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY BEVERLY HILL AND CONDUCT ANY INDICATED INVESTIGATION AT OLD FORTRESS BAR AND HIGH HAT BAR.

LOS ANGELES, WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW JOYCE MARTIN, ONE THREE THREE FIVE SOUTH MINNIE STREET, SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA FOR ANY INFO SHE MAY HAVE CONCERNING RAY. WILL ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY AND INTERVIEW GEORGE GILL, SANTA ANA. WILL ATTEMPT TO LOCATE THE DI RANGO'S OR RANGO'S IN LOS ANGELES CHINA TOWN AND CONDUCT ANY INDICATED INVESTIGATION CONCERNING RAY.

OMAHA, WILL ATTEMPT TO LOCATE IOWA AUTO REGISTRATION FOR BEVERLY HILL.

ST. LOUIS, WILL INTERVIEW BILL RUSSELL, TWO FIVE TWO THREE WARREN AND MAKE INQUIRY AT PUSSY CATA A GO-GO FOR INFO CONCERNING RAY.

SPRINGFIELD, WILL INTERVIEW JIMMY POE, SEVEN ONE EIGHT TWENTY-SEVENTH PLACE, NORTH GRANITE CITY, ILLINOIS.

JACKIE KLINE, GIRL FRIEND OF BRIDGEMAN, ALSO INTERVIEWED

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BUT COULD FURNISH NO ADDITIONAL INFO CONCERNING RAY.

ALL OFFICES EVALUATE INFORMATION FURNISHED BY  
BRIDGEMAN AND FURNISH MINNEAPOLIS WITH ANY PERTINENT INFO  
BECAUSE CONTACT BEING MAINTAINED WITH BRIDGEMAN AND KLINE.  
BRIDGEMAN WILL BE QUESTIONED CONCERNING HIS ALLEGED MEETING WITH  
RAY IN OKLAHOMA WHEN RAY HAD PLENTY OF MONEY

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# King Slaying Conspiracy Checked

By THOMAS TALBURT  
Scripps-Howard Staff Writer

**WASHINGTON, June 10**—The FBI's top assignment Sunday was to find out whether the suspected slayer of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was part of a conspiracy—and where the suspect got the estimated \$12,000 he spent in the last nine months.

Speculation that Dr. King was killed by a hired gunman has risen since the accused assassin, James Earl Ray, was arrested Saturday in London—after flying there from Lisbon en route to Brussels.

Federal officials said they could not rule out the possibility of a conspiracy "until we find the source of his funds and establish who his associates, if any, were."

Conservative estimates are



Talburt

that Ray spent at least \$12,000 between Aug. 30, 1967—when he paid \$1195 cash in Birmingham for a white Ford Mustang—and his arrest Saturday.

The FBI said he traveled 19,000 miles in the Mustang, spent \$700 for bartending and dancing lessons in California earlier this year, took trips to Mexico and Canada, where he attended a locksmith school, and later paid more than \$150 cash in Birmingham for the rifle and telescopic sight officials say were used in the King slaying.

Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark, appearing Sunday on the American Broadcasting Co. TV program Issues and Answers, reasserted that thus far there is no evidence of a conspiracy.

"We continue to investigate every shred of evidence, every lead, and if there was a conspiracy it will be discovered," Clark said.

Clark added that Ray was a man who "lived a life of crime, who obtained funds through crime, and I think we can reason that there is a very plausible possibility as to the source of his funds."

**Other investigators said the money Ray spent so freely for travel and to frequent run-down nightclubs and bars might have come from a bank robbery in his hometown of Alton, Ill.**

Ray escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary on April 23, 1967.

11 weeks later, on July 13, two men robbed an Alton Bank of \$27,000. They have never been found, and officials said Sunday that a witness to the robbery believes Ray may resemble one of the robbers.

If a positive identification is made by the witness, when Ray is extradited to the U.S. on a murder charge filed by Memphis authorities in the King slaying, the source of Ray's funds may be explained.

Meantime, the FBI is checking points in England, Portugal, Belgium and Canada in an attempt to find whether he had money stashed away in these countries.

Asst. Atty. Gen. Fred M. Vinson Jr., flew to London and conferred with Scotland Yard authorities Sunday. He also saw Ray in the Cannon Row Police Station, but would give reporters few new details.

**Because the U.S. and Britain have an extradition treaty covering murder cases, it appeared there would be no serious difficulty getting Ray back to face a murder charge in Memphis.**

But U.S. officials in London said it might take a week, and possibly much longer, to get Ray back to the U.S. because of legal technicalities.

Three days later, on April 8, Ray rented a room in Toronto and stayed in the city for a month.

But investigators have not been able to learn how he got from Atlanta to Canada in the midst of one of the greatest manhunts in U.S. history.

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# Ray Had Lived In West London

By JOHN BALL

London Express Staff Reporter

**LONDON, June 9**—Information reached Scotland Yard Sunday night that James Earl Ray, the man wanted by the FBI in connection with the assassination of Negro civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, had been living secretly in West London since mid-May.

Police have traced four addresses where Ray had stayed. They believe that at one time he was in company with another man. This man's description has now been flashed throughout the World.

Contrary to early information that Ray arrived by plane early on Saturday morning, FBI agents and Scotland Yard officers were able to confirm that he arrived from Lisbon on his second visit to London two weeks ago.

The itinerary of his movements are now known.

He went to Mexico just after Dr. King was killed in Memphis, April 5, on April 24 he obtained a passport in Ottawa in the name of Ramon George Sneyd. On May 7 he left Toronto for London, arriving the next day.

## Second Passport

The exact number of days he remained is unknown but he was next heard of in Lisbon on May 16.

He went to the Canadian Embassy and got a second passport.

Between then and May 20 he is now known to have flown

back to this country—and again he vanished.

The search for Ray mounted but it was not until a week ago that FBI and Scotland Yard men, working secretly, discovered the name under which he was traveling and were able to tell police forces throughout Europe.

Early Saturday morning, special branch men were making undercover checks at London Airport when they spotted the name "Sneyd" typed on a passenger list for the 11:50 a.m. flight from Heathrow to Brussels.

Detective Chief Supt. Tommy Butler, head of the Flying Squad, and Detective Chief Inspector Ken Thompson left Scotland Yard and raced to the Airport.

## Airport Lounge

By the time they arrived Sneyd's luggage had been loaded into the aircraft.

As he walked from the main airport lounge with the other passengers, Thompson stepped in front of the man. A few seconds later he was taken to a private room.

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# Speedy Extradition Sought in Ray Case

**LONDON, June 9—(AP)—**Asst. U.S. Atty. Gen. Fred M. Vinson Jr. visited James Earl Ray in a heavily guarded police station Sunday, then began moving to get the accused killer of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. back to the United States as quickly as possible. As he did, a new element of mystery in the case arose.

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

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

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

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



UPI CABLEPHOTO  
Asst. U.S. Atty. Gen. Fred M. Vinson Jr. talks to reporters outside the American Embassy in London Sunday after arriving to "expedite the extradition" of James Earl Ray from England to the U.S.

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

Clark said Vinson's top priorities in his mission are to see that Ray is as secure as he can be—that nothing happens to him—and that he is returned to the United States for trial as soon as possible.

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

He said he is working with Tennessee Gov. Buford Ellington, Vinson and British officials

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on the question of extradition if that proves necessary.

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

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

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

A Yard spokesman said Ray was under constant surveillance.

"This is a big fish," he told a caller.

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## Speedy Extradition Sought for Ray

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

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

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

Legal sources said that to extradite Ray, American authorities would have to submit an

application at Bow st. Court for the provisional arrest—to keep him in the British-American extradition treaty.

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

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# Details Leading to Arrest of James Earl Ray Given

By JOHN G. WARNER  
United Press International  
British European Airways Flight 075 from Lisbon rolled up to the cavernous international terminal at London's Heathrow Airport, the whine of its triple jets dying abruptly, and disgorged its 96 passengers.

Most of them, British businessmen and tourists returning from the Continent, trudged up the ramp and joined lines for customs and passport checks.

## TURNED AWAY

One of the passengers, a slight, dark-haired man with horn-rimmed glasses and an oddly protruding left ear, turned away and strode toward the transient lounge, where travelers could wait between flights.

Nervously, he reached up and tugged at his ear. His light raincoat flapped against his legs, hiding the bulge of the pistol in his pocket.

It was 7:50 a.m. in London Saturday. The leaden skies and chill air would soon give way to warm and welcome sunshine.

## NATION STUNNED

It was 2:50 a.m. in New York, a city steeped in grief for Robert F. Kennedy. The United States was in mourning, stunned by an assassin's bullet for the second time in 65 days, for the third time in four and a half years.

It was 1:50 at Memphis, Tenn., where wilted wreaths and a marble plaque mark Room 306 at the Lorraine Hotel. It was there, on April 4, that the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was slain, and the massive manhunt for his killer was all but forgotten in the

fresh grief of Kennedy's death.

As the passenger from Lisbon hurried toward the transient lounge, a burly man with an official air stepped beside him, gently took his arm, and asked him to step into a nearby office. Inquiries, he explained, needed to be made.

## DOZENS WATCHED

Around the vast terminal, dozens of men watched tensely. Hundreds more noticed nothing. Calmly, the passenger from Lisbon allowed himself to be steered into the office, ending the greatest manhunt of the century.

Eight hours later, Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark in Washington announced the arrest of the man accused of assassinating the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

James Earl Ray, the small-time, Midwestern thug charged in Memphis with King's murder, was whisked from Heathrow Airport to the 19th century Cannon Row Police Station by Chief Supt. Thomas Butler, head of Scotland Yard's Flying Squad.

## CHARGE MADE

He was charged with carrying a concealed weapon, obtaining a Canadian passport by fraudulent means and warned that anything he said might be used against him.

His arrest, the result of a dozen Canadian Mounties spending 15 nights rummaging through passports, answered some of the questions of how James Earl Ray disappeared.

But the man still is shrouded in mystery.

Ray, it was revealed, arrived in Montreal on April 8, four days after King died. He left there on May 6, bearing a shiny new passport issued in the name of Ramon George Sneyd.

Ramon George Sneyd is a Toronto policeman. But Ray apparently produced a fake birth certificate, showing that he was Sneyd, and listing Sneyd's actual parents.

## NEVER HEARD OF RAY

Policeman Sneyd, his superiors, say, never heard of James Earl Ray outside the investigation.

Neither did Eric S. Galt, who lives about two miles from Sneyd in the Toronto suburb of Scarborough. But it was under the name of Eric Starvo Galt, the FBI says, that Ray purchased in Birmingham, Ala., the .30-06 rifle that killed King.

The real Galt's middle name is St. Vincent. He is 52, 12 years older than Ray. But he is roughly Ray's height, and roughly his weight. He has a scar on his forehead and a scar on his palm. So does James Earl Ray.

"There were so many similarities," said Eric St. Vincent Galt, "that I was afraid someone might be tempted to think I really was the one and would take a potshot at me."

## LOOSE LAWS

The simplest explanation, authorities think, is that someone in Canada is adapting iden-

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ties for sale to persons who want to make use of the nation's loose passport laws.

Ray—traveling as Galt—visited Canada at least once before King was killed. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police revealed that he appeared in Montreal in September 1967 and spent six weeks there. This trip to Canada was not mentioned by the FBI when it issued its warrant for Ray although it mentioned his trips between Birmingham and New Orleans, Atlanta, Los Angeles and Mexico.

Ray turned up in Toronto April 8—four days after King was killed—and rented a room under the name of Paul Bridgeman. Not surprisingly, a man named Paul Bridgeman lives not far from Constable Sneyd and his neighbor, Eric S. Galt. **PLANE TICKET**

He purchased, for \$345, a plane ticket from Toronto to London through the Kennedy Travel Bureau. The agency handled all the details—including mailing his two fuzzy photographs and his faked birth certificate to Ottawa to get his passport in the name of Sneyd.

Mrs. Lillian Spencer, who sold him the ticket, said he “made absolutely no impression on me at all. He completely faded into the wallpaper.”

Police refused to speculate in detail on how Ray, without considerable and expert assistance, could have faked a birth certificate—using the name of a real man and his parents—so quickly.

“He must have had access to some confidential information not generally available to the public,” said Toronto Deputy Police Chief Bernard Simmons. **LEFT TORONTO**

Ray departed Toronto on May 6 and, on May 8, he appeared in Lisbon, Portugal.

He took a \$2.10-a-day room in the Hotel Portugal and, according to the clerk there, “behaved like a rich tourist, spending the nights in night clubs and coming back late, sometimes at 6 in the morning.”

But Inspector Jose Paco said Ray behaved like any normal tourist and “did nothing worth

attracting our attention.”

On May 16 he walked into the Canadian Embassy in Portugal, complained that his name was misspelled on his passport, and demanded another. The passport read Sneya, he pointed out, and it should have been Sneyd. Officials agreed and gave him a new one. He went away with the old one, too.

The next day he left Lisbon, and his movements from May 17 until his arrest Saturday have not been revealed—although he evidently spent the week before his arrest in London.

A London reporter said a man who identified himself as George Sneyd called him several times wanting to know how he could become a soldier of fortune in Angola. The reporter said he gave him an address in Brussels.

#### **TICKET TO BRUSSELS**

Ray had a ticket to Brussels when he was arrested at Heathrow Airport. If he was, indeed, the caller, he must have made only an overnight return to Lisbon from London.

The alert for Ramon George Sneyd was issued last week. It came after a dozen Mounties launched a massive search through the more than 200,000 Canadian passports issued since Ray's September visit to Montreal.

They worked only at night and on weekends—keeping their

search secret even from employees of the Passport Department. They set aside every passport bearing a picture that remotely resembled the FBI photographs of Ray. One of those was of Sneyd, and when it proved to be fraudulent, the FBI, Scotland Yard and Lisbon police were alerted.

#### **OTHER SOURCES**

There were, apparently, other sources of information. A spokesman for the Mounties said they had learned “Ray had traveling plans” and were ready for an arrest as early as Friday.

How officials knew Ray was on the move may never be known. He was taken to the old police station at Cannon Row, where he became the only guest in the jail, occupying a small, windowless cell.

Memphis greeted his arrest with considerable joy, officially. Witnesses, however, seemed reticent.

Christine Kelly, manager of the motel where a man identified as Ray spent the night before King's slaying, said, “I couldn't identify him from the beginning and still can't.”

“I'm too busy to care whether they caught him or not,” she said.

Mrs. Bessie Brewer, who soared to brief fame when police determined the assassin fired the fatal shot out the bath-

room window of her flophouse, was equally hesitant.

“I don't know if I'll have to testify,” she said. “I never could recognize him. I haven't heard anything about it in a long time. I've been so busy I haven't paid any attention.”

A resident of Memphis, learning of Ray's arrest, said that “now we'll find out what was behind it.” But Ray's convict buddy recalled his taciturn nature and ventured the opinion that “if anybody was in it with him, he'll take the secret to his grave.”



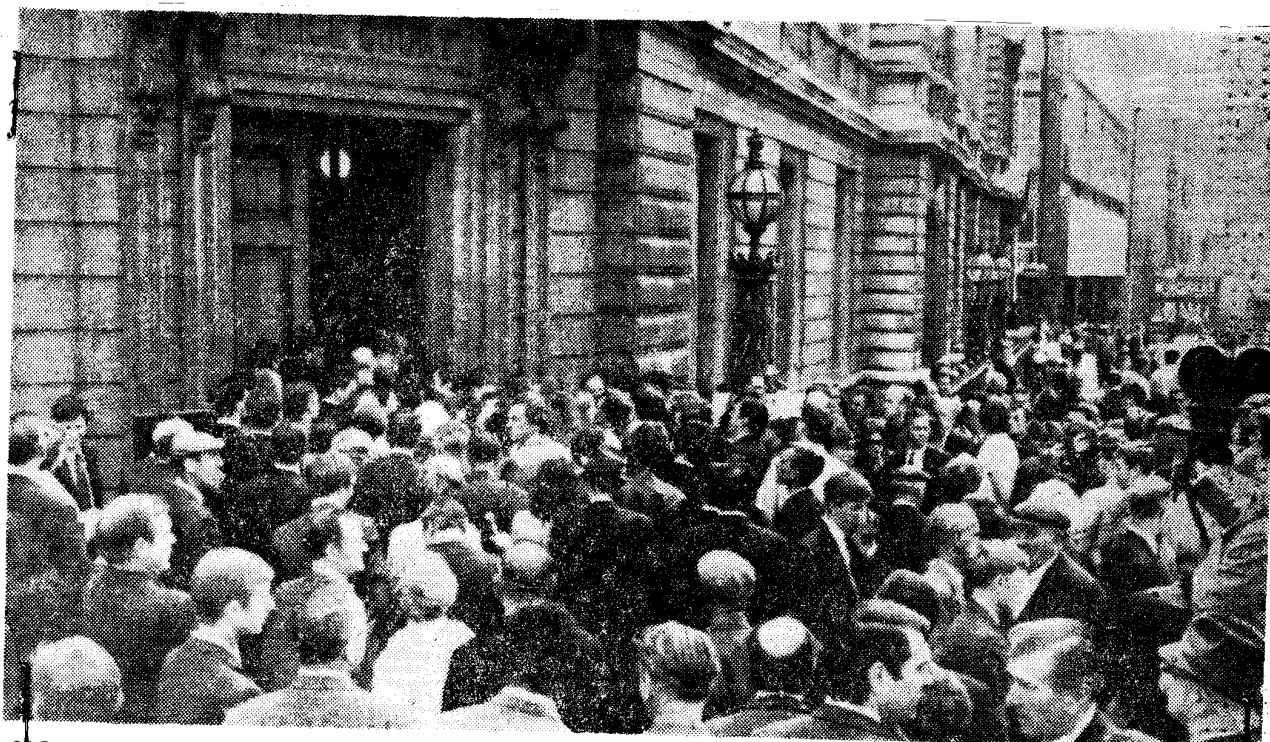
**JAMES EARL RAY**

He tugged ear nervously.



**RAMON SNEYD**

Fugitive used his name.



**CROWDS SURGE TO ENTER BOW STREET POLICE COURT FOR ACCUSED ASSASSIN'S LONDON ARRAIGNMENT**  
 James Earl Ray, suspected killer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., was ordered held in jail until next Monday. UPI Telephoto

## Memphis Aides Promise Tight Guard for Suspect

MEMPHIS, Tenn. —(UPI)— Secretive swiftness apparently will be the order of the day when, and if, James Earl Ray, the accused assassin of The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., is returned to Memphis to stand trial for murder.

District Atty. Gen. Phil Canale indicated he would participate actively in Ray's trial.

Canale, Shelby County Sheriff William Morris and City Police Director Frank Holloman said Ray most likely would safely behind bars here before the world learned of his return.

It was reported that Morris will bear the chief responsibility for Ray's safety.

This led to the conclusion that the prisoner would be lodged in the four-story, gray concrete Shelby County Jail with its five county criminal courtrooms. It would be one of those courtrooms where Ray would appear both for arraignment — he was indicted for first-degree murder May 7 — and, eventually, for trial.

# U.S. Gets Warrant For Ray's Return

LONDON, June 10—(AP)—The U.S. Government obtained Monday night a provisional British warrant charging James Earl Ray with the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., clearing ground for a formal application in the next day or two for Ray's return to the United States.

The move followed a calm and impassive appearance by Ray at a perfunctory, 2-minute British court session during which he was assigned a British lawyer in what legal experts said could be his first move to fight extradition for trial.

It was the first bit of legal sparring in a case capable of spiralling into months of argument if the suspect contests the U.S. Justice Department request to extradite him "very soon." Legal sources said the earliest possible date for Ray's return would be June 28, but arguments could run into August if there is a battle.

## Make Formal Application

Quick movement was already delayed Monday when Ray, 40, was ordered held without bail by Chief Magistrate Frank Milton, for a hearing June 18. The issuance of the warrant followed.

Asst. U.S. Atty. Gen. Fred M. Vinson Jr. is

expected to make formal application to Britain's home secretary for extradition as soon as he receives the necessary documentation from the United States.

The home secretary, James Callaghan, will forward the application to the chief magistrate at Bow Street Court who will consider whether

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the documentary evidence submitted by Vinson would be substantial for extradition. The application is expected to reach the court on Tuesday.

Ray will then have 15 days to apply for a writ of habeas corpus.

Under British law and the 1935 treaty of extradition between Britain and the United States, the home secretary cannot surrender Ray to U.S. authorities before 15 days have passed.

Security measures so tight that even lawyers submitted to frisking, were in effect when Ray, husky and straight shouldered, was brought into court Monday. No one except the police and legal officers had seen Ray since his arrest Saturday when he tried to board a plane for Brussels.

## Carried Loaded Gun

Under the name Sneyd, Ray was charged with using a false passport with that name and carrying an unlicensed, loaded gun. There was no mention in court of the name Ray or of the American charges against him.

Sitting a few feet from the suspect was Vinson, who went directly from the court to a second day of consultations with British officials in his effort to speed up Ray's extradition.

U.S. legal officials in London had said earlier "the process toward extradition is already in motion and we hope to get him back to the United States very soon."

Ray is sought on an American federal war-

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# U.S. Gets Warrant for Ray's Return

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 rant charging that he took part in a conspiracy to deprive Dr. King of his civil rights. He is also charged by a Tennessee court with first-degree murder in the slaying of King in Memphis, April 4.

The suspect was flanked by two policemen as he faced the bench. For security reasons, Ray did not mount the raised witness stand. A cordon of police stood between him and the gallery in back of the room, providing a human shield against any possible attempt on Ray's life.

A score of policemen stood against the walls, eyeing the spectators, who included a few Negroes and four women.

Ray looked the picture of holiday health — well tanned, his straight black hair combed back and tinged with gray at the temples.

He wore a dark blue suit with brown checks and a blue shirt. He stood quietly with his hands

folded behind his back. He didn't turn his head, and seemed to ignore the 100 or so reporters, police and spectators crammed into the back of the court.

Detective Supt. Thomas Butler, in a low voice, named Ray as Sneyd and listed the charges. He then asked for a "remand" — that Ray be held in custody — until June 18. This is a normal procedure used while the British prosecution prepares its case.

The judge accepted Ray's written application for a lawyer, who was later named as Michael Dresden. His office refused to comment on the case.

Before Ray left the court, Milton asked in a barely audible voice if he wanted legal restrictions on press coverage lifted.

Ray replied firmly: "No, sir."

Milton then asked Ray: "Do you have anything to say?"

Again, the firm answer: "No, sir."

Milton ordered Ray held for a further hearing next Tuesday and the prisoner was swiftly escorted out of the courtroom and into a van believed headed to the top security Brixton Prison.

About 300 spectators and reporters had lined up for more than two hours in the warm sunshine before the great oak

doors to Bow Street Court swung open just after 10 a.m. The crowd surged forward but was blocked by a dozen plainclothesmen.

The onlookers and reporters were admitted one by one and searched from head to toe for concealed weapons. Only the first 100 were admitted.



## Superb Police Work

ONLY THE TRIAL can confirm whether or not the suspect in the murder of Dr. Luther King is the right man.

But the international police diligence, patience and skill which led to the capture of James Earl Ray, alias Eric Starvo Galt, alias Ramon George Sneyd, has to go into the books as one of the most remarkable crime searches in many years.

FBI had been looking for Ray since April 20, after a spate of intensive detective work pin-pointed the identity of the man they wanted. Police all across the United States had been involved in the hunt, and when it seemed possible Ray might have slipped out of the United States, police forces in other countries were informed.

There were no passport requirements for Americans visiting Canada and it was fairly easy for Ray to "go north."

But the Royal Canadian Mounted Police lived up to their reputation for relentless pursuit. They combed 200,000

applications and turned up Ray's picture on request for a Canadian passport under the name of Sneyd. The FBI and the British were alerted, among others.

Britain's famed Scotland Yard made the capture as the result of typical perseverance. Ray was caught at an airport trying to leave the country.

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THIS FELLOW OBVIOUSLY is no ordinary suspect. Whether or not he had confederates, his trail marks him as a cunning character.

In any case, we think the FBI, the Mounties and Scotland Yard deserve special commendation. And only hope that similarly skillful police co-operation will lead to the arrest of other wanton killers—the three men, for instance, who gunned down Abder Rayyan, a South Side Chicago merchant. Police could detect no motive but since Rayyan was a Jordanian immigrant, it was possible the killing was intended as revenge for the assassination of Sen. Kennedy.

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## U.S. Agents Trailed Suspect in Portugal

By London Express Service

**LISBON, June 10—American Secret Service agents are believed to have trailed James Earl Ray, the Dr. Martin Luther King killer suspect, all the time he was "hiding" in Portugal.**

They hoped he would lead them to contacts in an organization which they now believe planned and paid for the shooting of the Negro leader. Whenever he walked out of the back street, \$2-a-day-Hotel Portugal he was shadowed by an agent.

And when he flew to London it is understood the trail was taken up with the help of Scotland Yard Special Branch men.

Ray, who was posing as Ramon George Sneyd, sometimes stayed away all night from his hotel. Every person he talked to even in casual conversation on his mystery trips are being quizzed by FBI men working closely with Portugal's intelligence officers.

At the Bar Bohemia hostesses and barmen recognized his photograph as the quiet

American who became a regular customer.

One hostess, Dina Dore, said: "He didn't have much conversation. He sat in a corner sipping a few glasses of beer. He came in a number of evenings and stayed about an hour each time."

Banks and money exchange companies in the city are checking any transfer of large sums to Brussels where Ray was heading when he was arrested at London Airport Saturday morning.

During his 9-day stay in Lisbon he is believed to have contacted organizations that recruit mercenaries for Biafra and Angola.

A dossier on Ray's trip to Europe and the description of his acquaintances is being compiled to be flown to Washington.

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Date June 4, 1968

ROBERT DALE PORTER was interviewed at the Sheridan County Jail, Sheridan, Wyoming.

PORTER stated that he recalled JAMES EARL RAY very well stating that he was in jail with him on two separate occasions. PORTER stated that he was confined in the Missouri State Penitentiary from July of 1961 to September of 1962, and again from March of 1964 to December of 1967. He stated that RAY was in the Missouri State Penitentiary when he first got there in July of 1961 and he knew him from that time until the time of RAY's escape which he believes was in about April of 1967. PORTER stated that while they were not cell-mates, they were both assigned to the same walk and therefore did get to know each other rather shortly after his arrival at the Missouri State Penitentiary.

PORTER stated that he was in maximum security at the time when RAY escaped, however, he did hear through the prison grapevine that RAY "went out the front gate." He said he does not know whether RAY was wearing a uniform or civilian clothes at this time.

PORTER stated that he never made any statements such as an ex-guard had obtained a uniform used by RAY in his escape. He said that RAY was a friend of an ex-guard by the name of JOHN STOUT, but that he doubted very seriously if STOUT would have provided the uniform. He said that STOUT supplied amphetamines to RAY and many others in the State Penitentiary, but doubted very seriously if he could have provided a uniform. He said this because STOUT was assigned to duty at the honor farm which was outside the confines of the prison proper. He stated that the guards were not allowed to carry packages into the prison and were STOUT to try to come into the prison with a uniform he would made to leave it at the prison laundry just inside the gates. He did point out however, that there would be absolutely no problem at all for a convict to steal a uniform or a suit of civilian clothes from this prison laundry. He said that it was run entirely by convicts and that there was no guard in the laundry at all. He said that any convict in the yard would have access to this

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laundry and there would be no problem at all for a convict to lift a uniform or a suit of clothes off one of the racks and hide it where he could later get it.

With regard to STOUT, PORTER said that it was his belief that STOUT was requested to resign in about March or April of 1967, after he was "set up" by a convict, GEORGE RUSSELL. PORTER said that RUSSELL was trying to get in good with the prison authorities and made a deal with STOUT for him to take a watch of RUSSELL's out to a watch repair shop. He demanded a receipt and when STOUT gave RUSSELL a receipt for this watch, he, STOUT, turned it over to prison officials who thereafter requested STOUT's resignation. PORTER said that he does not believe that the prison authorities were ever aware of STOUT's activities with regard to supplying amphetamines and other barbiturates to the convicts, although he was probably the biggest operator in the prison.

PORTER said that it was his opinion that STOUT did not assist RAY in effecting his escape, but feels quite certain that RAY, after escaping, would have looked up STOUT for assistance.

PORTER said that other workers in the Missouri State Penitentiary who supplied the convicts with amphetamines and did other favors for them, were (FNU) WHITE, a Negro kitchen steward and (FNU) SHEPPARD, also a kitchen steward.

With regard to his recollections of RAY, PORTER said that he was a very quiet man who did not associate with many of the convicts. He said that he has known RAY on occasion to use amphetamines, but never saw him use any narcotics. He said that RAY never discussed with him or to his knowledge, anyone else, his plans for an escape and said that on one or two prior unsuccessful escape attempts, even his co-workers were not aware of his plans. He said that undoubtedly RAY's best friend in the Missouri State Penitentiary was NEIL AEBY. He said that he thought that AEBY had just been released from the Missouri State Penitentiary and is presently in the Cole County Jail, Jefferson City, Missouri, fighting extradition to Texas on another charge.

The following description of PORTER was obtained through observation and interview:

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Race:	White
Sex:	Male
DOB:	<input type="text"/>
Height:	72 inches
Weight:	175 pounds
Eyes:	Blue
Hair:	Brown
Occupation:	Laborer
Residence:	103 $\frac{1}{2}$ East Bremer, Waverly, Iowa

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# Security on Ray Tightened

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LONDON —(AP)— James Early Ray, the escaped convict accused of slaying the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., was transferred under police guard Tuesday to Wandsworth Prison where security has been tightened since one of Britain's Great Train Robbers went over the wall four years ago.

Wandsworth is considered a safer place for Ray than Brixton Prison where Ray has been held since his arrest Saturday.

U.S. legal experts worked on plans to take Ray quickly and safely back to the United States for trial and police on both sides of the Atlantic tried to learn if Ray had help in his four-nation flight.

American authorities took the first formal step toward extradition Monday night by obtaining a provisional British warrant charging Ray with the murder of King on April 4 in Memphis, Tenn.

In Nashville, Tenn., Gov. Buford Ellington signed "all necessary papers" required for Tennessee's request that Ray be returned to stand trial for murder. The extradition papers were forwarded to the U.S. State Department, a spokesman for the governor said.

American authorities have not yet interrogated Ray and legal experts say he can veto any attempt to do so as long as he is in British custody.

Ray at his first court appearance Monday was assigned a British lawyer at his own request and ordered held without bail for another hearing June 18 on the passport and gun charges.

If extradition proceedings are brought, the court will require evidence of a case against Ray and he will then have 15 days to appeal to the High Court. If Ray's lawyers raised points of law there, a further appeal might be made to the House of Lords and the process could take months.

In the two months American authorities searched for Ray following King's assassination April 4 in Memphis, Tenn., he went from the United States to Canada on April 8, to London May 6 and to Lisbon May 8. He left his Lisbon hotel on May 17 and appeared again in London on May 28.

Police in those countries sought anyone who might have known or helped Ray, and authorities in Canada also tried to learn how Ray obtained information on the three Toronto men whose names he used as aliases.

All three men have dark hair and are about the same height and weight as Ray.

Ramon George Sneyd, whose name Ray used on his passport, is a Toronto constable. Paul

Bridgman, whose name Ray used at one Toronto rooming house, is a consultant teacher with the Toronto Board of Education.

Ray first was sought under the name Eric Starvo Galt. Eric St. Vincent Galt, a Toronto warehouse foreman, has a signature which looks like Eric Starvo Galt. He uses the middle initials St. V., but with small zeros instead of periods.

Galt and Ray have similar scars, in the middle of the forehead and on the palm of the right hand.

## Mounties Searching For Aides of Ray

By RAY BIGGART

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TORONTO — The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) are searching for three people who allegedly were connected with James Earl Ray during the month he stayed here.

The three are a fat man who came to one of Ray's rooming houses with an envelope for Ray; a husky, fair-haired man with whom Ray drank beer several times in a sleazy tavern; and a woman who, one source said, applied for one of Ray's phony birth certificates and said she was his aunt.

The Mounties say they doubt Ray managed here without help.

"He didn't do all this without help," an RCMP inspector said. "We know he had help, but we don't yet know much about it."

The police here point to Ray's knowledge of the loopholes in Canada's passport laws and in the regulations on the issuing of Ontario birth certificates. Police say Ray probably had someone go through back newspaper files before he arrived here, to pick out the names he would use. Police also revealed Monday that Ray crossed the border to this country at Fort Erie, Ontario, across the Niagara River from Buffalo. They say he came in a car, but they won't say if he was alone or accompanied by someone.

They say the crossing was made four days after The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was shot.

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# Police Weigh Chance Ray Had Aid in Escape

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TORONTO — Police investigators are weighing the "important possibility" that James Earl Ray, the man accused of killing the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., had important, perhaps underworld, accomplices helping him make his escape to Europe through Canada.

Ray is being held in London on a provisional extradition warrant which charges him with King's murder. American officials hope to present the case against him Thursday, leading to extradition to Tennessee where he would stand trial.

Canada's Royal Canadian Mounted Police has decided that Ray on his own could hardly have worked so fast and successfully during his month in Toronto.

"He didn't come cold into the city. There was help of some kind," said a spokesman. He noted that many Canadians, seeking passports and related documents in the normal way, often complain that it takes longer than the two weeks it took Ray.

Police sources noted that Ray used loopholes known to espionage agents and other underworld figures to enter and leave the country. Ray had money. He had also been in Canada a year ago. He lived in Montreal for a while last July, signing an apartment lease under the alias of Eric S. Galt, a name he also used in Los Angeles.

The real Eric S. Galt is a supervisor with Union Carbide in Scarborough, a community in metropolitan Toronto.

One mystery confronting the police is how it happened that the three men whose names Ray used as aliases all live within a few blocks of each other. They are Galt, Paul Bridgman, a consultant teacher with the Toronto Board of Education and Ramon George Sneyd, a constable of the Toronto Police Force.

All three men — Galt, Bridgman and

Sneyd — bear certain resemblances, police say, to Ray. All three have dark hair as does Ray. They are about Ray's height — 5-foot-10 inches. Ray is reported to weigh 174 pounds. Galt weighs 172 and Bridgman 190. Galt is 54 but passes for a man much younger. Bridgman and Sneyd are 35. Ray is 40.

When Ray was arrested in London he was carrying two Canadian passports issued to Ramon George Sneyd. When he first came to Toronto on April 8, four days after the King slaying, Ray used the name of Paul Bridgman and obtained a birth certificate in this name.

Police say they do not know how Ray obtained vital statistics about Bridgman and Sneyd. But this need not have been difficult. He could have obtained the data from birth announcements in Toronto newspapers.

Police say Ray intended to get his passport in Bridgman's name, but after obtaining the appropriate birth certificate and passport photo found that this man already held a passport. How did he find this out? The investigators are trying to learn the answer.

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# FBI Muzzles Reports About Ray

By **THOMAS TALBURT**  
Scripps-Howard Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, June 11—The FBI, anxious to protect its case against the accused assassin of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., has moved to stem the flow of information—possibly dealing with vital evidence—uncovered during the continuing investigation here and in other countries.

FBI agents serving as liaison with local police in Great Britain, Canada and other countries have tried to discourage these officers from divulging too much about their efforts to learn whether the key suspect, James Earl Ray, was part of a conspiracy.

For the last two days, federal officials here have sidestepped virtually all questions about developments that have come to light since Ray's arrest Saturday in London.

And the profuse flow of information from Canadian and British police sources that followed Ray's arrest appeared to be drying up Tuesday when a United Press International dispatch from London told of reporters "trying to pierce a strict information blackout."

U.S. officials were concerned that a misplaced word might later lead the Supreme Court to throw out a conviction against Ray or might in some way jeopardize proceedings to return him to this country for trial.

Enforcement officials also are keenly aware of the American Bar Assn.'s stand against releasing evidence prior to trial.

Mayor Sam Yorty of Los Angeles was sternly criticized last week by California officials, including the state attorney general, for releasing details of a diary allegedly kept by Sirhan Sirhan, the accused assassin of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

The veil on new information was lifted long enough Tuesday night for officials to straighten out confusion over one aspect of events that led to Ray's arrest.

Though it was reported initially that Ray was arrested after arriving in London from Lisbon to board a connecting flight to Brussels, the official version now is that he had returned to London from Lisbon May 17 and when arrested Saturday was preparing to board a flight to Brussels.

This raised the question of Ray's activities in London from May 17 to last Saturday—when it was thought originally he had been in Portugal.

The FBI's silence in the aftermath of Ray's arrest has left a multitude of other questions unanswered, some of which were raised by partial disclosures attributed to police in other countries.

## Lack Answers

In some instances officials here apparently do not yet have the answers, but in others great caution is being used to avoid disclosing what may prove to be key evidence.

One puzzle is how Ray got out of this country.

Canadian police were reported to have disclosed that Ray entered Canada at Ft. Erie, Ontario, across the Niagara River from Buffalo on April 8—four days after Dr. King was slain in Memphis.

The Canadians were quoted as saying he entered the country in a car, but would not divulge whether he was alone.

## Money Stashed

U.S. officials, who will neither confirm nor discount this report, disclaim any knowledge of how Ray got from Atlanta to Canada during the most intensive manhunt in U.S. history. It was disclosed weeks before his arrest that Ray was in Atlanta on April 5, the day after Dr. King was slain, but the gap until he showed up in Toronto

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on April 8 has not been explained.

Similarly, reports from Europe that Ray had money stashed in a Swiss bank have not been explained, nor has speculation that he received money and an unusual amount of help in obtaining a fraudulent passport in Canada before flying to London.

**It has been pointed out, however, that even if Ray got help to leave Canada, it would not necessarily point to a conspiracy to kill Dr. King, though it could lead to charges of abetting a fugitive or being an accessory after the slaying.**

The deepest mystery is where Ray got the \$12,000 or more officials say he spent in the last nine months. It has been noted that a bank in Ray's hometown of Alton, Ill., was robbed of \$27,000 soon after Ray escaped from the Missouri state penitentiary in April 1967.

Though the description of one of the two robbers roughly resembles Ray, the bank bandits were masked and so, barring a confession, the robbery may never be solved.

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Date June 6, 19681

Mr. HAROLD B. MOTT, 684 Ogden Street, Denver, Colorado, advised that he has known ROBERT EDWARD BYRNE since at least high school days in New York. He stated that he has absolutely no reason to think that BYRNE is connected with any criminal activity, syndicate or otherwise. He stated that it was common knowledge among the group that knew BYRNE that he was in Lubbock, Texas, at the time of the death of MARTIN LUTHER KING for the purpose of settling the estates of his recently deceased mother and brother.

He advised that he knows that Mrs. BIGELOW is upset because BYRNE has started running around with another woman. He believes that Mrs. BIGELOW is rational but upset, and "ought to have her skull examined." He stated that undoubtedly the allegations concerning BYRNE came from her and he considers them ludicrous.

MOTT stated that BYRNE is inclined to kid a lot if he has been drinking and if he made any statements at all, he is sure that it was because of his drinking. He knows that BYRNE is not motivated by any racial feelings.

He stated BYRNE has never made any statements to him which could in any way be interpreted as connecting him with any criminal syndicate, any gun-running activity, or with MARTIN LUTHER KING's death.

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Mr. FRANK F. BACHELLER, Bacheller Real Estate, 666 Sherman Street, Denver, Colorado, advised that he has known ROBERT EDWARD BYRNE for approximately fifteen years, and that he has no reason to believe that BYRNE is involved in any criminal activity, syndicate or otherwise. He stated he has never indicated to him or in his presence that he has ever killed anyone or is a professional killer. He commented that BYRNE does drink a lot and does make rather wild statements while drunk. On one such occasion, he recalled that BYRNE made some mention of a plane crash while he was a Marine pilot. Mr. BACHELLER said he has no reason to think that any of BYRNE's associates in the oil business, such as HAL HALE or BUD SIMMONS, are in any way connected with criminal activities. He advised that BYRNE has never mentioned the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, as far as he knows.

He stated in his opinion, anyone attempting to connect BYRNE with KING's death is spreading the most far-fetched story he has ever heard of.

Mr. BACHELLER stated he is not really well acquainted with Mrs. HOMER LANE BIGELOW, and that any judgment he would make of her would be superficial, but if she was the source of this information, he would have considerable reason to question her emotional stability. He stated that since learning of BYRNE's intention to marry GENEVIEVE BYRNE, she has indicated a vindictive attitude and has become emotional at times. He stated this was very evident when he found her at BYRNE's apartment recently at the time he stopped by to take BOB BYRNE to lunch. He stated she alleged that she knew something about BOB and would fix the marriage. He said there was no mention made by her of killing BOB and herself while he was present, but he later learned from someone, whose identity he cannot now recall, that she had made the statement.

He said that to attempt to calm her down, he stopped by her house later in the afternoon, just to let her talk.

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During her conversation, she claimed that BYRNE had been with a syndicate for twenty years and was a hired killer. He stated she made no mention of his being connected with MARTIN LUTHER KING's assassination. He told her at the time that she had to be out of her mind. He said she is not in the same social group with him and he has purposely avoided her ever since.

BACHELLER said he recalled the trip to Acapulco, Mexico, and he is of the belief that it was a vacation trip which they took with Mr. and Mrs. HAL HALE. He also recalled seeing pictures of the trip after their return, but cannot recall specific pictures.

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Mr. ROBERT EDWARD BYRNE, 1234 Clarkson Street, Apartment #7, Denver, Colorado, advised at the outset of the interview that he felt interviewing Agents were contacting him because of comments made by Mrs. HOMER LANE BIGELOW, known to him as "KIRK," with whom he had been going for the past several months and who was attempting to make trouble for him ever since he had informed her that he was going to marry GENEVIEVE BYRNE, the wife of his deceased twin brother. He stated that in his opinion, KIRK BIGELOW is a "very sick" woman emotionally, and, as the "woman scorned," is determined to do all she can to upset his marriage to GENEVIEVE. He stated that she is too late as far as his marriage is concerned because over the past weekend, he married GENEVIEVE in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and they were presently honeymooning at the Broadmoor Hotel there. He stated that he had returned to Denver, Colorado, with GENEVIEVE for the purpose of appearing in court in Jefferson County with his attorney, JAMES HEYER, for two reasons: 1) for the purpose of contesting the attempts of his ex-wife, who is now Mrs. JAMES S. ROBB, who with her new husband is attempting to secure the adoption of their three children; and 2) for the purpose of packing his furniture and belongings for the trip to Lubbock, Texas, where he intends to take up residence. He stated that he and GENEVIEVE were leaving for Lubbock, Texas, via the Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs in the next few minutes.

Mr. BYRNE categorically denied that he was in any way involved in or had knowledge of MARTIN LUTHER KING's assassination. He stated he had been in the Marine Corps for five years as a pilot and while he saw no combat duty, he was at one time stationed in Cuba. He stated that he was in no way involved in any gun-running operation to Cuba at any time.

Concerning RAY RYAN, he stated that RYAN is a very wealthy individual who is one of the charter members of the Mount Kenya Safari Club in Africa, and who has financial interests in several oil ventures. He said as far as he

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knows, RAY RYAN is in no way connected with any criminal activity. He recalled that some years ago, RYAN was the victim of a proposed kidnapping plot on the West Coast and because of that, he could have mentioned that his life and safety was still in danger. He stated that he worked in affiliation with RYAN and with another wealthy oil promoter, HAL HALE, when RYAN and HALE were partners in the New Drilling Company, Denver, Colorado, a few years ago.

BYRNE advised that he knows HAL HALE quite well and has frequent business dealings with HALE in the field of oil. He stated he does not believe that HALE is in any way involved in any criminal activity.

He stated there is another wealthy individual who lives on an island between Miami and Miami Beach whose name is JIMMY BREUILS (he was not sure of the spelling of BREUILS' name), and BREUILS is also in the oil business, and is known to RAY RYAN and HAL HALE. He said as far as he knows, BREUILS is not involved in any criminal activity.

BYRNE continued by stating that last fall and winter, he and HALE were responsible for drilling several oil wells in Kansas and during this period of time, HALE invited him and Mrs. BIGELOW, BYRNE's girl friend, to accompany the HALEs on a vacation to Acapulco, Mexico. He said that in late December, they did make the trip, meeting the HALEs and Mr. and Mrs. FAWCETT of Ashdown, Arkansas, at a vacation house in Acapulco which HALE had rented. He emphasized that the trip was a vacation trip but, of course, he and HALE, who were associated in oil dealings, did discuss some business on the trip. He denied that any meetings were held where criminal activities were planned. He recalled that during one business discussion with HALE, a slight argument developed about an oil deal wherein HALE wanted him to handle it in a way that he did not desire. He stated that he did mention to Mrs. BIGELOW that he had a problem, but he did not go into detail as to what the

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problem was because he made it a practice to avoid talking business with her since she fancied herself as an investor and a business woman, which she is not, and he did not want her becoming involved in any of his business dealings.

He also recalled that she brought up the subject of marriage which she had discussed on previous occasions and in the conversation, indicated that if he did not marry her, her daughter JENNIFER would be hurt. He said he told her he did not want to hurt JENNIFER, but he was not going to marry her.

BYRNE stated that the yacht ULTIMA II arrived during the early part of their stay in Acapulco, and it came up in conversation among the vacationing group on more than one occasion. He understood from HAL HALE that RAY RYAN was supposed to have arrived in Acapulco aboard the yacht and that HALE had seen RYAN on the street in Acapulco on one occasion. He said he had no specific knowledge that RYAN was present inasmuch as he never did see him. He stated that he and Mrs. BIGELOW did take out a sailboat and did circle the yacht, taking a few pictures. He said to the best of his recollection, only two pictures of the yacht were taken--one of a full view of the yacht and the other a close-up of a section of the yacht, showing a red speedboat tied to it. He stated that upon his return to Denver, the pictures were developed and when he picked them up, he observed that only these two pictures of the yacht were in the group.

Concerning the pictures, BYRNE stated that he once had possession of all the pictures and negatives, but on some occasion, Mrs. BIGELOW took both the pictures and the negatives. He stated that he kept none of them.

Later, after Mrs. BIGELOW was informed by him that he was going to marry GENEVIEVE, she came to his apartment and left three of the pictures and each of these pictures were of Mrs. BIGELOW, BYRNE, and a sailfish that he had caught. On this



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occasion, Mrs. BIGELOW was greatly distressed at his intention to marry GENEVIEVE, and according to BIGELOW, she stated that "in no way was he going to get to marry GENEVIEVE; that she was going to kill him and then herself." He stated that during the time she was in his apartment, a friend of his, FRANK F. BACHELLER, arrived at the apartment to take BYRNE to lunch and would know of Mrs. BIGELOW's upset condition.

BYRNE recalled the visit to the residence of his attorney, JAMES HEYER, on which he and Mrs. BIGELOW took the pictures of the Acapulco trip to show HEYER. He also recalled that he and HEYER were at that time working on a mining deal which involved individuals in Dallas, Texas, and during the evening, they contacted their business associates in Dallas. He stated because he did not want Mrs. BIGELOW becoming involved in the deal, he asked her to leave the room so they could hold their conversations on the telephone in privacy. He commented that the business proposition "never jelled."

He stated that all of his activities in Texas were in connection with his mother's illness and death, and in connection with his brother's death. He stated that several meetings were held with Air Force officials at Reese Air Force Base, near Lubbock, and he and GENEVIEVE found it necessary to travel to the headquarters of the Air Force at Randolph Air Force Base, near San Antonio. He said on that trip, they stayed with Colonel SAM KYLE, in San Marcus, Texas, a friend of GENEVIEVE's deceased husband, and who did them the courtesy of checking into the details of JOE BYRNE's death. He recalled that while he was in Texas, Mrs. BIGELOW frequently called and wrote to him. He stated it was obvious from her state of mind during the calls that she was mentally disturbed. In both the telephone calls and letters she accused him of immoral activities with GENEVIEVE. He stated he destroyed the letters immediately upon reading them.

BYRNE stated he has known Mrs. BIGELOW since approximately last summer and met her through KATHY RAE and HAROLD

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MOTT. He stated he has known MOTT since the fifth grade. He stated that he is extremely sorry he ever made her acquaintance because of her emotional instability. He said she tells people that she is worth millions when, in fact, she is not. He learned that prior to taking up with him, she dated and occasionally lived with one GUS NYBURG, a dishonest individual with whom BYRNE had had dealings in the past, and who took money from Mrs. BIGELOW, according to her.

BYRNE stated that at least most of the events that were brought up by interviewing Agents did take place, such as the trip to Acapulco, Mexico, his trip to Lubbock, Texas, and the visit to JAMES HEYER's residence, but that incorrect information had been added to what took place during the events. He stated that he is willing to assist the FBI in any way to clear the matter up, and that in the future, he can be reached at 4801 - 29th Street, Lubbock, Texas.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, DENVER (157-203) (P)

FROM : ASAC JOHN F. MORLEY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 6/10/68

At 10:15 a.m. this morning I was contacted by SAC JOE GAMBLE of the Birmingham Office.

Mr. GAMBLE stated it was extremely important that the Bureau get in touch with one JOHN DESHAZO immediately. GAMBLE said DESHAZO is a very material witness in the prosecution of JAMES EARL RAY.

Mr. GAMBLE said DESHAZO is supposed to be in the Denver vicinity in the company of one VERNON MC GRAW, who just graduated from the Air Force Academy. He stated Miss SARA BATCHELDER, telephone 279-7381, Golden, Colorado, allegedly had more information concerning the current whereabouts of DESHAZO and MC GRAW. GAMBLE also indicated that the two were supposedly in ~~Eldorado~~, Colorado, on Saturday, June 8, and were supposed to depart from Eldorado today. He did not have a specific location in Eldorado for them.

Immediately contacted Miss SARA BATCHELDER who stated she resides at 2342 Braun Court in Golden. Miss BATCHELDER stated she is acquainted with MC GRAW and DESHAZO and they were traveling in MC GRAW's 1968 TR 4 with unknown Alabama license tag, which car is a convertible with a white top. She said they stayed at the Gold Miner Hotel in Eldorado in care of DOTTIE and DON MARTIN. Upon leaving these two advised Miss BATCHELDER that she could contact MC GRAW in care of General Delivery at the Hamilton Air Force Base in San Francisco in about a week. She indicated that she recalled them stating they were going through Taos, New Mexico, on their way to California, but general plans were very indefinite.

After talking to Miss BATCHELDER I attempted to contact the MARTINS (telephone 258-3504) at the Gold Miner Hotel in Eldorado, but was advised by care taker that HAROLD P. MARTIN and his wife were away for most of the day. The care taker said no one else was at the hotel and he did not have access to the hotel directory.

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At 12:30 I recontacted SAC GAMBLE, gave him the above information, told him we would maintain contact with Miss BATCHELDER and would contact the MARTINS as soon as possible, and he, in turn, stated he would attempt to get the Alabama License Tag number for MC GRAW's car and recontact me.

At 1:40 p.m. SA NEAL SHANAHAN, Birmingham, contacted SAC WERNER and said MC GRAW's car has a 1967 Triumph TR 4, dark green with 1968 Alabama Tag 3-18337. SHANAHAN advised DESHAZO is 6', 170 pounds, medium build, dark hair, dark horn-rimmed glasses, medium complexion, soft accent, and said DESHAZO has been very cooperative in this matter. It is noted SAC GAMBLE also said that DESHAZO has been very cooperative.

The information received from SHANAHAN was furnished to Colorado State Patrol Superintendent GIB CARRELL by SAC WERNER at 2:55 p.m. with the request that CARRELL put out an APB throughout Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, Nevada and California with the request that if the car is located DESHAZO be requested to immediately contact the FBI Office at Birmingham, Alabama, Area Code 205, telephone number 322-7710. It is noted during the above interval I made several attempts to contact the MARTINS, but no answer was received to my call.

At 3:10 p.m. I contacted Mrs. PHILPOT, who was at the Cadet Locator Center, Air Force Academy, and she said the only information they had on VERNON MC GRAW was his leave address of 3874 Johnstown Drive, Montgomery, Alabama, and he will be assigned to the 3615th Student Squadron, Craig Air Force Base, Alabama, as of August 26.

At 3:30 p.m. I contacted SAC CHARLIE BATES, San Francisco Office, and requested him to place a stop at Hamilton Air Force Base for MC GRAW in view of the information received from Miss BATCHELDER.

I then contacted SAC GAMBLE in Birmingham, gave him a rundown on the situation, as well as stops placed as of the current time, and requested him to be sure to let us know should DESHAZO contact the Birmingham Office so the stops could be removed. He indicated he would do so.

At 3:50 p.m. I finally contacted Mrs. MARTIN and then she called Mr. WERNER to advise she had information from DESHAZO and MC GRAW that they might be in care of the Hatch

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River Expedition, Vernal, Utah, for the purpose of taking a raft ride on the Colorado River. It is noted that SAC GAMBLE in his original call to me mentioned this possible raft ride.

Mrs. HATCH of the Hatch River Expedition, telephone 801-789-3813, was then contacted by SAC WERNER and after checking her records Mrs. HATCH recontacted me at 4:35 p.m. to say she had no record of MC GRAW or DESHAZO.

She indicated the Western River Expedition in Vernal also has raft rides, but she had contacted that organization with negative results.

Mrs. HATCH suggested that FRANK BETTS, Acting Chief Ranger in Utah, telephone 602-638-2419, might possibly have additional information concerning people currently taking raft rides on the Colorado River.

At 4:40 p.m., in the absence of Mr. BETTS, I spoke to GEORGE VANDERLIPPE, Chief Ranger, South Rim of the Grand Canyon in Arizona. VANDERLIPPE said a raft excursion commencing June 8 to terminate June 17 was due at the Phantom Ranch on June 11 and he would place a stop at the ranch in case either MC GRAW or DESHAZO were on that expedition. VANDERLIPPE told me that JACK MOREHEAD, Chief Ranger, Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, Page, Arizona, 602-645-2471, might possibly have the names of the people on the current raft excursion.

At 4:55 p.m. I contacted Mr. JACK MOREHEAD and he said he would check his records on the matter and recontact me.

I also subsequently advised SA VINCE JONES that MC GRAW and DESHAZO may possibly be in the Meeker, Colorado area based on information furnished to SAC WERNER by Mrs. MARTIN.

At 5:25 p.m., SAC BATES called to say he had placed a stop at Hamilton Air Force Base pursuant to my request.

At 6:08 p.m. Mr. JACK MOREHEAD, Ranger Station, Craig, Arizona, mentioned above, called me to advise they had checked their passenger list in the names of MC GRAW and DESHAZO and they were not on the list, and the car of MC GRAW was not in the available parking spaces at Craig. At 6:25 p.m. I called SAC GAMBLE and brought him up to date on this matter.

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At 11:40 a.m. 6/11/68 I was contacted by ASAC RALPH RAMPTON of the Birmingham Office. RAMPTON said Supervisor ED MC DONNOUGH of the Bureau had just called Birmingham to ascertain the status of attempts being made to locate JOHN DESHAZO.

RAMPTON said he was unacquainted with the case and I, therefore, gave him the full contents of my memo above and the fact that I had furnished information to SAC GAMBLE on the evening of 6/10/68.

ASAC RAMPTON then said SAC GAMBLE was unavailable on a speech and after my briefing of him he said he would recontact MC DONNOUGH.

I recontacted the State Patrol to verify that the bulletin requested had been disseminated and Mr. SALAZAR told me that the information concerning DESHAZO, MC GRAW and MC GRAW's car was disseminated by LETS message on the afternoon of June 10, 1968, to the following states and was rebroadcast again today: Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming, Idaho, North Dakota, South Dakota, Colorado, New Mexico, and Arizona.

The message which was read to me by SALAZAR indicated DESHAZO was to call collect to the Birmingham Number of the FBI (FBI was not mentioned in the teletype). The message carried an urgent classification and signed by Chief GILBERT CARREL.

I thanked SALAZAR for the very efficient message dissemination by the CSP.

*Re Broadcast on 6/11 by Salazar*

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Addendum

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At 2:30 p.m. today I contacted Mr. GEORGE VANDERLIPPE (mentioned above on page 2 of my memorandum) and he said he had checked today at the Phantom Ranch and was advised DESHAZO and MC GRAW were not on the current expedition that arrived there today. Pursuant to my request he said he still had a stop placed at the ranch should they turn up.

At 3:15 p.m. Mrs. PHILLIP (DOTTIE) MARTIN (mentioned on page 2 of my memorandum) contacted me. She said since she spoke to Mr. WERNER yesterday she had heard that MC GRAW and DESHAZO had been in Boulder on Sunday afternoon when they contacted a "Mr. HATCH" concerning a possible raft expedition on the Colorado River and HATCH, in turn, allegedly told them to contact his nephew, TED HATCH, in Vernal, Utah, concerning the matter. Mrs. MARTIN now said that MC GRAW and DESHAZO indicated when they left her hotel in Eldora they were going to return to Eldora after they had been on the raft expedition. I again requested her to be sure to notify us should she ascertain any further information concerning these two men.

At 3:30 p.m. I again contacted Mrs. HATCH of the Hatch River Expedition in Vernal, Utah (mentioned above on page 2 of my memorandum). Mrs. HATCH said that she and her husband, TED, after my call of yesterday had been thinking about the matter and her husband seemed to recall two male individuals had contacted him on Monday and asked whether they could join a raft expedition he is organizing for June 12, and TED told them they could join that expedition. Mrs. HATCH said TED is currently in Page, Arizona, arranging for that expedition which will leave early in the morning of June 12. She said her husband is in care of the Page Boy Hotel at Page, Arizona, 602-645-2416.

At 4:10 p.m. I was contacted by Supervisor RICHARD LONG of the Civil Rights Section of the Bureau who asked me the current status of this matter and I gave him the information set forth above.

I then contacted the Page Boy Hotel and I was advised by the desk clerk that while TED HATCH is registered there he was currently out arranging for the above-mentioned 6/12/68 raft expedition and I requested that he contact this office collect tonight and ask for me so that he could be advised of the possible identity of the two men who are to join his expedition tomorrow since they could be MC GRAW and DESHAZO.

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At 9:35 p.m., 6/11/68, Mr. TED HATCH contacted me from the Page Boy Hotel in Page, Arizona. (See last paragraph on page 5).

Mr. HATCH said he now recalled that two individuals, who could have been McGRAW and DESHAZO, had contacted him on or about last Sunday and asked whether they could join his next Colorado River either four day or ten day raft trip. Mr. HATCH said it is his policy to have payment in advance for such expeditions but in this case he told the two men that they could come to Lee's Ferry (which is near Page, Arizona) at 9:00 a.m., Standard Time, Page, Arizona, on 6/12/68, and they could pay him at that time and join the expedition. Mr. HATCH emphasized he was not positive these two individuals were in fact DESHAZO and McGRAW.

I again emphasized to Mr. HATCH the importance of our getting in touch with DESHAZO and having DESHAZO call Birmingham, Alabama, telephone 322-7711, and HATCH said he still had the number in his possession from my previous call to him on June 10, and he would certainly give the message to DESHAZO if in fact he did show up.

I then recontacted SAC JOE GAMBLE of the Birmingham Office at 9:45 p.m., gave him the above information concerning the possibility that DESHAZO might join the above expedition on June 12, and he again had been requested to contact the Birmingham Office. Mr. GAMBLE again expressed appreciation for this information as well as having kept him advised of details to date. Mr. GAMBLE also said he was going to relay this information to the Bureau and would **emphasize** to them that it was only a possibility that one of the two individuals was in fact DESHAZO.

At 7:21 a.m., June 12, SAC GAMBLE called me and said he had given the above information to the Bureau and the Bureau now wanted to know who the nearest USA was to the vicinity of Page and Lee's Ferry, Arizona. I advised him in all probability he would be in Flagstaff, Arizona, or definitely in Phoenix, but I did not know since we do not cover Arizona. He said the Bureau is still very concerned about locating DESHAZO and he thought everything was being done to effect such location. I told him I was



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going to again contact Mr. HATCH this morning and emphasize the importance of this matter and would be in touch with GAMBLE should he get additional information.

At 7:45 a.m., I recontacted the Page Boy Hotel in Page, Arizona, but HATCH was away temporarily and I requested that he call me back.

At 8:04 a.m., SAC GAMBLE called and said the Bureau now wants DESHAZO to contact STEPHEN J. POLLACK, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, after DESHAZO has talked to the Birmingham Office. I told GAMBLE I had a call in for HATCH and was waiting to hear from him.

At 8:08 a.m., Mr. HATCH called and said he had not seen the people totaling 100, who are going on this expedition today, and did not know yet whether DESHAZO was with them. I again emphasized the importance of contacting this individual and Mr. HATCH said he would call me whether or not DESHAZO is on the trip and if he is would certainly give him the message to call Birmingham.

HATCH said the trip will consist of a four day expedition and a ten day expedition, and on the fourth day the people on the trip can be contacted through the Phantom Ranch at the south rim of the Grand Canyon, telephone number 602-638-2302. He said the fourth day would be Saturday, June 15. Those on the ten day trip, after the expedition leaves the Phantom Ranch, can only be contacted by helicopter through arrangements with Mr. TED HATCH through his office in Vernal, Utah.

After this call from HATCH, I passed that information on to SAC GAMBLE.

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RE: Robert Edward Byrne

On May 24, 1968, during the interview of Mrs. HOMER LANE BIGELOW, 4331 East Mexico Street, Denver, Colorado, Mrs. BIGELOW made available 102 colored photographs which she stated were pictures taken during their trip to Acapulco. Among the photographs was a full view of the yacht ULTIMA II, and a close-up view of a portion of the yacht with a reddish-mahogany speedboat tied to it. No crewmen were visible in either picture.

On May 24, 1968, the following Police Department record, number 53936, FBI number 909511A, was obtained from the Denver Police Department, Denver, Colorado, by SA THOMAS H. WISEMAN. This record relates to ROBERT EDWARD BYRNE, and shows that on October 1, 1954; August 3, 1956; August 24, 1957; and October 16, 1964, BYRNE was arrested for drunkenness and was fined \$10.00 in each instance, the first three fines being suspended. On June 1, 1966, he was arrested for investigation of Driving under the Influence, which charge was changed to violation of Colorado State Code 6107. This charge was dismissed on April 5, 1967, and was reduced to a charge of reckless driving, for which BYRNE paid a \$75.00 fine. The record further reflects that on January 27, 1968, he again was arrested but the charge and disposition is not recorded.

The Police Department record indicated that BYRNE is a white male, 6'5" tall, 198 pounds, born on [redacted] in New York City, New York. The record contained a letter from Detective Sergeant C. M. MYERS, New Jersey State Police, mailed on August 15, 1956, which indicated that on October 23, 1951, BYRNE was charged with Atrocious Assault and Battery, but the charge was dismissed in court in Egg Harbor Township, Bargain Town, New Jersey.

The record also contained a letter from Mr. FRANK E. SULLIVAN, Atlantic City, New Jersey, Police Department, postmarked August 15, 1956, which indicated that on April 23, 1949, BYRNE was charged with investigation of Assault and Battery, which charge was dismissed April 25, 1949, in Municipal Court.

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