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Ray Pleads Innocent To King Killing

By LAWRENCE MALKIN

Associated Press Writer

LONDON (AP) — James Earl Ray denied Thursday that he killed Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Fighting extradition to the United States to stand trial for the murder of the Negro civil rights leader, Ray professed innocence in Bow Street Magistrates Court.

The 40-year-old fugitive from the Missouri Penitentiary took the stand in his own defense after the U.S. government unveiled a carefully detailed case against

him as "the single hand" in the assassination at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tenn., April 4.

George Jacob Bonebrake, a fingerprint expert of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, testified he found Ray's prints on the rifle, telescopic sight and binoculars that were dropped at the doorway of a shop near the motel shortly after King was slain.

Under questioning by his court-appointed British attorney, Roger Frisby, Ray de-

clared in a soft, reedy drawl he had never met King and that he bore him no grudge.

"Did you kill Martin Luther King?" Frisby asked.

"No, sir," the prisoner replied.

Chief Magistrate Frank Milton, presiding in a gray suit with lots of white cuff showing, later adjourned the hearing until next Tuesday. It is expected to be completed then. Ray went back to prison.

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the United States told Milton of witnesses to the purchase of the rifle and of a disabled war veteran, Charles Stevens, 46, who said he heard the fatal shot fired from the common bathroom of a rooming house across South Main Street from the Lorraine Motel.

But Ray resisted moves to extradite him to stand trial for King's murder with all the legal ammunition provided by Britain's clouded extradition laws.

If the court's decision goes against him, Frisby is expected to appeal to a higher court on

the ground that King's assassination was a political crime, for which Britain does not permit extradition.

Frisby electrified the court by summoning Ray to the stand for a six-minute unsworn appearance.

"Call my client," he ordered.

Ray was formally addressed as Ramon George Sneyd, the alias under which he is held here on charges of entering Britain on a forged Canadian passport.

He sat rather than stood in the witness box to make less of a target in any attempt on his life and Scotland Yard detec-

tives clustered around him in a human screen. This was the exchange:

Frisby: Did you know Martin Luther King personally?

Ray: No, sir.

Frisby: Had you ever met him?

Ray: No, sir.

Frisby: Have you any kind of grudge against him?

Ray: No, sir.

Frisby: Did you kill Martin Luther King?

Ray: No, sir.

Asked by the court clerk to sign a summary of this for evidence, Ray turned to his lawyer and said: "How would I sign it?"

It went into the record unsigned. At no point during the hearing did his lawyer admit that the prisoner was Ray.

The U.S. case was presented by David Calcutt, a tall, bald British lawyer. It took him one hour and 10 minutes to tell the story.

The lawyers were dressed in

business suits, and so was the magistrate. None wore the traditional British lawyers' wigs because procedure and traditions in this police court are more informal.

This was Calcutt's version of the evidence against Ray, drawn from the documents submitted by the U.S. Embassy:

On March 29 Ray went into the Aero Marine Supply Co. in Birmingham, Ala., and bought a rifle with a telescopic sight from Donald Wood, the son of the owner.

The next day he came back and exchanged it for a Remington 760 rifle, Serial No. 461476, with a telescopic sight numbered A17350.

John Deshazo of Montgomery, Ala., another customer in the store, told FBI agents later that Ray — or a man he tentatively identified as Ray through pictures — had bought a rifle and said he was going hunting in Wisconsin with his brother or brother-in-law.

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Britain Returning Ray For Trial

By ANTHONY LEWIS
New York Times News Service

LONDON—A London court Tuesday ordered James Earl Ray returned to the United States to stand trial as the accused assassin of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The chief metropolitan magistrate, Frank Milton, gave his decision promptly after a second day of legal argument in the case. He said quietly:

"The accused will be put in prison to await extradition to the United States."

Ray can and will continue the legal fight against extradition. His lawyers made it known that within the 15 days allowed, they will apply in the Queen's Bench Division of the High Court of Justice for a writ of habeas corpus.

On that application the

lawyers will again be able to make their arguments that Ray should not be extradited. The chief claim is that the murder of King in Memphis on April 4 was a political act and hence outside Britain's extradition treaty with the United States.

If the application for habeas corpus fails, Ray's lawyers can seek leave to appeal to the House of Lords, which in its judicial capacity is Britain's highest court. Leave would have to be granted by the Queen's Bench Division or by the lords themselves.

The magistrates' decision in the small, crowded Bow Street courtroom seemed almost anticlimactic after the extended argument and the dramatic circumstances.

The court had actually recessed for lunch. Then, eight or

10 minutes later, policemen came out on the sidewalk and told a few reporters who were still standing there that the prisoner wanted to say something.

At Ray's request, Milton came back on the bench. Ray, standing between the plainclothesmen who guarded him closely, then made a rather wandering statement.

At one point in the statement Ray gave a possible clue to his political views. This was a comment that the case "will probably be given wide publicity in the United States, especially in the so-called liberal press."

Ray devoted most of his courtroom statements to a complaint that he had not been allowed to see Arthur J. Hanes, a former mayor of Birmingham, Ala., whom, he said, he had retained as a lawyer.

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Ray Got Word In Queen's English

By LYNN HEINZERLING
Associated Press Writer

LONDON (AP) — James Earl Ray nodded his head with an air of finality and said, "Yes, sir."

A detective grabbed his arm, and six others surrounded him and hustled him through the door of the Bow Street Magistrates Court.

Accused in Memphis, Tenn., of murdering Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. April 4, Ray had just heard Chief Magistrate Frank Milton reject his claim that the

assassination of King was a "political crime."

"The accused will be committed to prison to await extradition," the magistrate said.

Ray had been sitting hunched up on a narrow wooden bench with two detectives similarly hunched on each side. Behind him sat four more plainclothes men facing the press and the spectators in the 40-by 50-foot oak-panelled courtroom.

A half-dozen more headed by Chief Detective Supt. Thomas Butler stood around the court alert for every strange move. Ray seemed oblivious to all the security. He never turned his head to look behind him. Occasionally a big hand came up to cradle his chin.

All morning he had watched his English lawyer, Roger Frisby, try to persuade Milton that King was leader of a political movement and his death grew out of political motives.

The magistrate, in his summation, briskly cut through the long hours of argument, citation of precedents and reading of legal tomes. With Ray's eyes trained on him, Milton dropped the alias that Ray had used and addressed him openly as James Earl Ray.

"Although Dr. King was an apostle of nonviolence, violence sometimes resulted from the activities of himself and his supporters," the magistrate went on.

He said he found that the murder of King was "an individual act committed when there was no insurrection in ex-

ecution or, as far as anyone knows, in prospect in a country which is a democracy."

Ray followed every word of the magistrate's summation, delivered with the urbanity and traditional dignity of British courts. His attention seemed never to waver.

Milton said that if the case before him had been an English case he would have no hesitation in committing Ray to the Old Bailey for trial. The Old Bailey is the central criminal court. There was nothing to show that the shooting of King was part of a campaign, Milton said.

"All I know is that this accused man says he didn't do it," the magistrate said.

Ray showed how intently he had been following his lawyer's case at lunchtime. Court had adjourned and the judge had gone to his chambers when Ray, somewhere in the recesses of Bow Street, decided he wanted to make a statement.

All the spectators and most of the reporters had left the court. Milton came back to his desk, piled high with legal documents and books.

Standing between the inevitable detectives, Ray spoke evenly in his high-pitched voice. He protested again that he had never said, "Oh, God . . . I feel so trapped," as he was quoted by Butler last week.

He also complained that he had not been allowed to see an attorney, Arthur Hanes of Birmingham, Ala., who came to London to consult him.

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Ray Will Plead Not Guilty To Charges Of Killing King

By LAWRENCE MALKIN
Associated Press Writer

LONDON (AP) — James Earl Ray's American lawyer visited him for the first time Friday in a British prison and said afterward Ray will make a court fight against charges of slaying Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

"If this man comes to trial, if he's the man, he will plead not guilty. A plea of not guilty will be entered," Arthur J. Hanes of Birmingham, Ala., told newsmen at his London hotel.

He said also that Ray's health and mental attitude were good.

Hanes, denied the chance to see Ray during his first visit here last month, returned from Birmingham Friday after learning that British permission for a visit had been granted.

Accompanied by Michael Eugene, Ray's court-appointed British lawyer for the extradition proceedings here, Hanes took a taxi from downtown London to Wandsworth Prison in a southwest residential area of the capital.

Hanes and Eugene spent 35 minutes in an interview room with Ray. The British lawyer had to be with him because Hanes has no status as a lawyer in this country. Then Hanes left

and Eugene spoke to Ray about the British extradition order against him, which is coming up on appeal late this month.

The Alabama lawyer carefully avoided telling newsmen how he might plot Ray's defense.

"I will not try this man in the newspapers," he said.

But he did indicate he probably would fight any prosecution move for shifting the trial from Memphis, Tenn., where the Negro civil rights leader was shot down last April 4.

"Most of the other citizens of the United States have television and they have got a barrage of information on this case everywhere. I see no point in a change of venue," he said.

Asked about reports he might go for an insanity plea, he stressed that this was "just one of a hundred possibilities" under study.

He also insisted on referring to his client as Ramon George Sneyd, although a British magistrate has held that the prisoner's identity as Ray has been proved. Hanes said it would be up to the prosecution to prove it again in an American court.

He added that he had received three letters from the prison signed "R. G. Sneyd." In gener-

al, he said, they covered the man's request for legal representation and for an interview with the American lawyer.

"I have never seen this man before today," Hanes added.

His first remarks on emerging from the huge, nail-studded wooden doors of Wandsworth Prison were about Ray's general condition.

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~~Top Security~~ Is Planned For Ray Trial

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Officials preparing for what promises to be the biggest Tennessee trial since the famous "monkey trial" of 1925 are making strict security arrangements.

Officials said Thursday that plans are being made to make a voice and picture tape of every person attending the trial of James Earl Ray, charged with assassinating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. here on April 4.

This would be the first trial anywhere that such a security precaution has been required, Charles Holmes, public relations aide to Sheriff William N. Morris, said.

newsmen accredited to cover the trial, expected to be held in late fall, will be given identification cards bearing their photographs.

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Suspect's Brother Says He Hopes Ray Isn't Killed, Too

ST. LOUIS (AP) — A brother of James Earl Ray, who is charged with murdering Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., said Saturday he was "surprised" that Ray was captured in London and added he hopes Ray "lives to stand trial."

"If my brother did kill King, he did it for a lot of money. He didn't do anything if it wasn't for money. And those who paid him won't want him sitting in a courtroom telling everything he knows," said John Larry Ray, 34, operator of a St. Louis tavern.

"If he does live to stand trial," John Ray said, "I would like to see him get the same sentence as the guy who killed Rockwell." He referred to the 20-year sentence handed John Patler for the slaying of American Nazi party leader Lincoln Rockwell.

"A friend of mine in Canada called me around noon to tell me they had caught my brother in London," John Ray told an interviewer.

The brother made his comments in an interview with the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

London authorities said James Ray was carrying two Canadian passports when he was captured while going through customs.

"I wasn't surprised that he was in London, but I was surprised that he got caught," John Ray said, and added "I knew he wasn't dead."

The St. Louis Ray insisted that his 40-year-old brother, who escaped from the Missouri penitentiary last year while serving a 2-year term for armed robbery, is not a member of any

racist group.

John Ray was the last family member to see James Earl Ray before the elder brother escaped from the Missouri prison in April, 1967. He said he and another brother, 32-year-old Jerry, formerly of Chicago, were the closest to James than any of the 10 sisters and brothers.

"James would do anything for us and we for him, but he wasn't very sociable with strangers," the tavern operator said.

He described James Earl as "hot-tempered toward anyone that got on him."

Ray said before his fugitive brother entered the army he did not drink or smoke and was a hard worker.

"After he came back, he drank and didn't believe in working; the army changed his whole outlook on life," Ray said.

James Earl received a general discharge in 1948 for ineptness and lack of adaptability. He served a three-month term at hard labor while in the army for being drunk and breaking arrest.

Subsequent to his discharge, James Earl began amassing a police record and served terms in Los Angeles for burglary; Illinois prisons at Joliet and Pontiac for armed robbery in Chicago; the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth for postal money order forgery in Kansas City, and the Missouri prison for a \$120 St. Louis supermarket robbery in 1959.

Ray said he did not know whether James Earl did or did not shoot King and he could have been a fugitive for a simple reason.

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Memphis Plans For Return Of James Earl Ray

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By BEVERLY R. YOUNG
Associated Press Writer

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Police Director Frank Holloman, elated over the London capture of James Earl Ray, said Saturday immediate steps will be taken to return him here to stand trial for murder in the sniper slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Under normal procedure, Ray would be returned for trial in Criminal Court. How quickly the trial could be held or which judge would be assigned to the case could not be determined immediately.

Minutes after the news of Ray's arrest, city and county law enforcement officials began making plans for his incarceration here. Holloman said maximum security procedure would be observed but he declined to disclose where Ray would be held while preparations are being made for his trial.

Mayor Henry Loeb joined Holloman and civil rights leaders in expressing elation over the arrest.

"Great! I'm just delighted," said Loeb. "This is good news. I hope justice will be done. Anything that the city can do to see that the culprits brought to justice will be done."

"We certainly are glad to know the suspect has been caught," said Mrs. Maxine Smith, executive secretary of the Memphis branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

"However, the fact that Martin King is dead cannot be changed. We would certainly hope that as much time and effort would be put into the prevention of these atrocities as in the apprehension of this man."

King, the leading civil rights advocate of nonviolence, was shot by a sniper as he stood on a motel balcony April 4. He was preparing to lead a demonstration on behalf of 1,300 striking city garbage collectors.

The long walkout was settled, with the help of a presidential mediator, soon after King's death—and the workers, most of them Negroes, now are represented by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

"I hope he is safely brought to local authorities where he can be completely interrogated," said Gerald Fannion, West Tennessee director of the Tennessee Council on Human Relations. "I feel he was only the man who pulled the trigger. I feel sure there were others involved."

Holloman, former head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation office here, said the FBI and the Memphis Police Department had worked in close cooperation on the case.

"We are hopeful James Earl Ray will be brought to Memphis at the earliest possible date to stand trial for murder," Holloman said. "He will receive a fair and impartial trial."

There remained some question as to whether the public, outside of newsmen, will be able to attend the trial. The largest criminal courtroom in the city seats only 100.

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King Murder Suspect Is Arrested In London

Scotland Yard Nabs Ray On His Way To Brussels

WASHINGTON (AP) — James Earl Ray, a fugitive convict accused of slaying Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., was arrested in London Saturday as he was about to fly to Belgium, the FBI announced.

Scotland Yard detectives took Ray into custody at London Airport, ending a two-month manhunt that had spread through the United States, Canada, Mexico and parts of Europe.

The Justice Department announcement of the arrest came while Mrs. Coretta King, widow of the civil rights leader, was attending the New York funeral of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, another victim of an assassin's bullet.

She was told of the arrest as she left St. Patrick's Cathedral but had no public comment.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said Ray was carrying a fully loaded pistol but offered no resistance as he was seized before he could reboard a plane bound from Lisbon, Portugal, to Brussels.

British authorities charged the arrested man with using a false Canadian passport and with carrying a concealed weapon. He is to have a hearing on these charges Monday. Meanwhile he is held without bond under maximum security conditions at London's Cannon Row police station.

It was learned authoritatively that a check of Ray's fingerprints was used in identifying the arrested man as the long-time criminal wanted in King's murder. The arrest was made at 11:15 a.m. London time, 5:15 a.m. EDT.

Ray was wanted on federal charges of conspiracy to deny King his civil rights and on a first-degree murder indictment returned in Memphis, Tenn.

It is expected that extradition will be sought on the more serious charge of murder but the formal application is unlikely to be lodged with London authorities before Monday or Tuesday. Asst. Atty. Gen. Fred M. Vin-

son Jr., head of the Criminal Division of the Justice Department, was leaving on Saturday evening for London, the department said, to review on behalf of the United States the custody, protection and expeditious return to this country of James Earl Ray.

Memphis officials hailed the arrest and said Ray will be brought to trial as soon as possible.

It was in Memphis on April 4 (See NAB RAY, Page 14)

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that King was killed as he stood on the balcony of a motel talking to friends.

The search for his killer first turned up a suspect identified as Eric Starvo Galt but the FBI later said Galt really is Ray, a 40-year-old escapee from the Missouri State Penitentiary.

Ray was using the name Ramon George Sneyd when he was arrested Saturday and was carrying two Canadian passports issued in that name. He had obtained one in Ottawa on April 24 and the other from the Canadian embassy in Lisbon, Portugal, on May 16.

The announcement of his arrest was made in a statement issued at the Justice Department in the name of Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark and Hoover, neither of whom was present. No

questions were permitted at that time.

Among the questions raised by Ray's extensive travels since the shooting is where he got the money.

He had escaped from prison at Jefferson City about a year before King's murder. An extensive check of his activities during that year showed he rarely worked and had no apparent income but appeared to be well supplied with money.

The Canadian passports, he was carrying when arrested de-

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scribed him as 35, unemployed, born in Toronto and having no fixed address.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police, who worked closely with the FBI in the hunt for Ray, supplied the tip that focused the search on London. An RCMP spokesman said a check of Canadian passport files, begun soon after the FBI started looking for Ray, finally turned up one with a picture that looked like Ray. It had been issued to Sneyd and was found to be fraudulent.

There have been complaints from police authorities in the past that fugitives have been able to obtain Canadian passports too easily.

Hoover praised the cooperation of the Canadian police and Scotland Yard but said Ray's arrest was the direct result of an intensive investigation by the FBI that covered all 50 states, Canada, Mexico, Portugal, England and other countries.

As the trail appeared to grow dim there were complaints from civil rights leaders, particularly followers of King, that the G-men were not pursuing the investigation vigorously enough. Among law enforcement people there was some fear also that Ray had been killed by others involved in a conspiracy to murder King.

The FBI produced a massive file on Ray's activities up to the time of King's death and gathered such personal information

as that he was an avid dancer, liked beer and was a loner.

The detailed description furnished by the FBI led to mystery and confusion in the manhunt as many who claimed to have been the gunman after the shooting of King provided contradictory information. For example, some said the gunman was in his late 20s, in contrast to Ray's age of 40.

A chief source of speculation about the shooting has been that Ray was part of a group that plotted King's death with care, but no other persons are known to be involved at this point.

Ray had served seven years of a 20-year sentence for armed robbery when he escaped from prison. A fellow inmate at the time said Ray told him he would be willing to kill King for \$1 million.

Ray, the son of a laborer, had a long list of arrests for burglary, vagrancy, driving a car without an operator's license and forgery. He was a man of many aliases, including Eric Starvo Galt, John Willard, Harvey Lowmyer, James McBridge, James Walton, James O'Conner. And now, Ramon George Sneyd.

Hoover said Ray is being held under maximum security conditions in a London police station. It is expected he will be brought into court by London authorities Monday on the charges of false documentation and carrying a concealed weapon.

At the State Department, officials said they expect a formal request will be made for his return to the United States under a U.S.-British extradition treaty, which lists murder as one of the crimes for which extradition will be authorized.

Ray was reported wearing a sports jacket, flannel trousers, light raincoat and glasses when he deplaned from the Lisbon-Brussels flight at London.

He had checked his luggage through to Brussels when he boarded the plane at Lisbon but got off when the aircraft made a refueling stop in London.

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Ray's Court-Appointed Lawyers Prepare Appeal

LONDON (AP) — James Earl Ray appears in court Tuesday for a routine custody hearing while British lawyers prepare his appeal against an order extraditing him to the United States to stand trial as the accused assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The court-appointed lawyers expect to file the appeal on Wednesday in Britain's High Court on the grounds that the Negro civil rights leader's mur-

der was a political crime and therefore Ray is barred from extradition under British law. A hearing is tentatively set for July 29.

The hearing in Bow Street Magistrates Court Tuesday is expected to be brief. Under British court procedure, defendants held without bail must be produced in court every seven days to be given a chance to state any objections before a judge.

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Next Names Ray Move To Begin July 29

LONDON (NYTNS)—The next phase in James Earl Ray's legal effort to escape extradition to the United States for trial on the charge of murdering Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will begin July 29.

On that day the high court here will hear argument on a application for a writ of habeas corpus in Ray's behalf. The application is simply a device to obtain high court review of a magistrate's order that Ray be held for extradition.

Two or three judges will hear the appeal in what is called a divisional court of the Queen's bench division. The divisional court reviews decisions by magistrates and other lower tribunals.

Ray's lawyers are expected to renew their claim that he should escape extradition because the killing of Dr. King was a "political" offense. The 1931 Anglo-American Extradition Treaty excludes such offenses.

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Ray Abandons Extradition Fight

By ANTHONY LEWIS
New York Times News Service

LONDON — James Earl Ray, the accused assassin of Dr. Luter King Jr., has decided to give up his fight against extradition.

News of the prisoner's decision was learned Tuesday night. The British authorities have been informed.

British law allowed 15 days, from the time a magistrate ordered Ray held for extradition, for his lawyers to seek review of that decision in the high court. The

magistrate's ruling came on July 2, and the 15th and last day of the appeal time is today.

In all likelihood the Home Secretary, James Callaghan, will let today pass to be certain that Ray does not again change his mind. Originally his lawyers, after talking with him, had indicated that an appeal could surely be taken.

But once the deadline for appeal passes, swift action is expected. Callaghan will have to sign the extradition order

personally and will presumably consult with American representatives here about when and how Ray is to be taken back.

It is expected that Ray will be flown across the Atlantic in an official American plane of some kind. He will be in custody of federal agents until he gets back to the United States.

In the U.S., he is expected to be handed over to Tennessee authorities at once. He will face

trial in Memphis, where Dr. King was shot to death April 4.

The precise reason why the plan to fight the extradition move through all the British courts was abandoned could not be learned. But persons closely informed of the situation made clear that it was the prisoner's decision.

His lawyers had evidently informed him that his chances of forestalling a final extradition order were slim. Certainly,

when the Chief Pondon Magistrate, Frank Milton, decided the case on July 2, he gave no indication that it was a closed question.

Ray's lawyers had argued that the Anglo-American Extradition Treaty of 1931 should not be invoked because the killing of Dr. King was a political offense, which is exempted under the treaty. But the prisoner denied the killing, and the lawyers hence were in no position to suggest any political motive for the shooting.

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Ray And Lawyer Plan Case

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — James Earl Ray and his Birmingham, Ala., lawyer met in the Shelby County jail for the first time since Ray was turned over to American Authorities in the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King.

Arthur J. Hanes, former Birmingham mayor, went to the heavily guarded jail this morning. He was admitted to Ray's

steel-lined third-floor quarters after passing through cordons of shotgun-toting sheriff's deputies.

Hanes arrived in Memphis by plane from New York shortly before midnight Friday, after being denied a seat on the Air Force jet which returned Ray from London nearly 24 hours earlier.

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Judge In Ray Trial

Is Bench Pro

By DOUG STONE

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle, who will hear the murder trial of the man accused of killing Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., is known as a stickler for the law and for rigid courtroom behavior.

Battle, 60, a veteran judge, prosecutor and attorney, appears determined to apply this philosophy to the trial of James Earl Ray.

Already, the judge has issued a rigid "no publicity" order in connection with the trial—even before an arraignment date is set—which bars interviews by lawyers or anyone else connected with the trial. News coverage of the trial and events leading up to it will be sharply controlled and curtailed.

The short, double-chinned, heavyset judge is of the serious, frequently scowling, as he listens to a case. He often calls a recess to mull through legal volumes in chambers.

His friends say it was a shyness in his youth that led him to career in law. He enrolled in a speech school to overcome the handicap and discovers he had a flair for oratory.

Memphis attorneys say Battle, as a judge, still uses words sparingly, but their inflection is sharp and devastating when he feels a lawyer is engaging in grandstand tactics in the courtroom.

At the same time, Battle shows a compassionate patience with a witness or defendant who appears nervous or emotionally shaken.

He was appointed to the bench

when a new Criminal Court Division was formed in Memphis in 1959.

In his term on the bench, Battle has presided over many of the headline-making trials in Memphis.

These included the trial of grocery executive Louis F. Montesi, charged with the pistol slaying of his wife in 1965.

Battle's decisions are sometimes reversed and the Montesi case is an example.

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Ray Enters 'Not Guilty' Plea

By MARTIN WALDRON

New York Times News Service

MEMPHIS — James Earl Ray pleaded not guilty Monday to a charge that he murdered the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. last April 4.

His trial was set to begin Nov. 12. The date was picked to avoid the upcoming elections.

Ray's plea was entered by his attorney, Arthur J. Hanes, who said that the defendant also pleaded not guilty to a charge of carrying a dangerous weapon.

Ray did not speak during the

13-minute arraignment.

Other than newsmen and security guards, there were only a half-dozen spectators in the courtroom. One spectator was Robert G. Jensen, the special agent in charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation office in Memphis. Much of the evidence against Ray was gathered under Jensen's direction.

Ray was brought into the courtroom from the rear. He did not resemble his photographs. He appeared to be taller than Hanes, his at-

torney, who has given his own height as 6 feet.

After the prosecutor, Attorney General P.M. Canale Jr., had introduced Hanes and his son, Arthur J. Hanes Jr., to the court, Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle said:

"James Earl Ray, you are charged with first-degree murder and with carrying a dangerous weapon."

The defendant has never acknowledged that he is James Earl Ray. In London, he used the name Ramon George Sneyd, and Hanes has been referring to him by this name.

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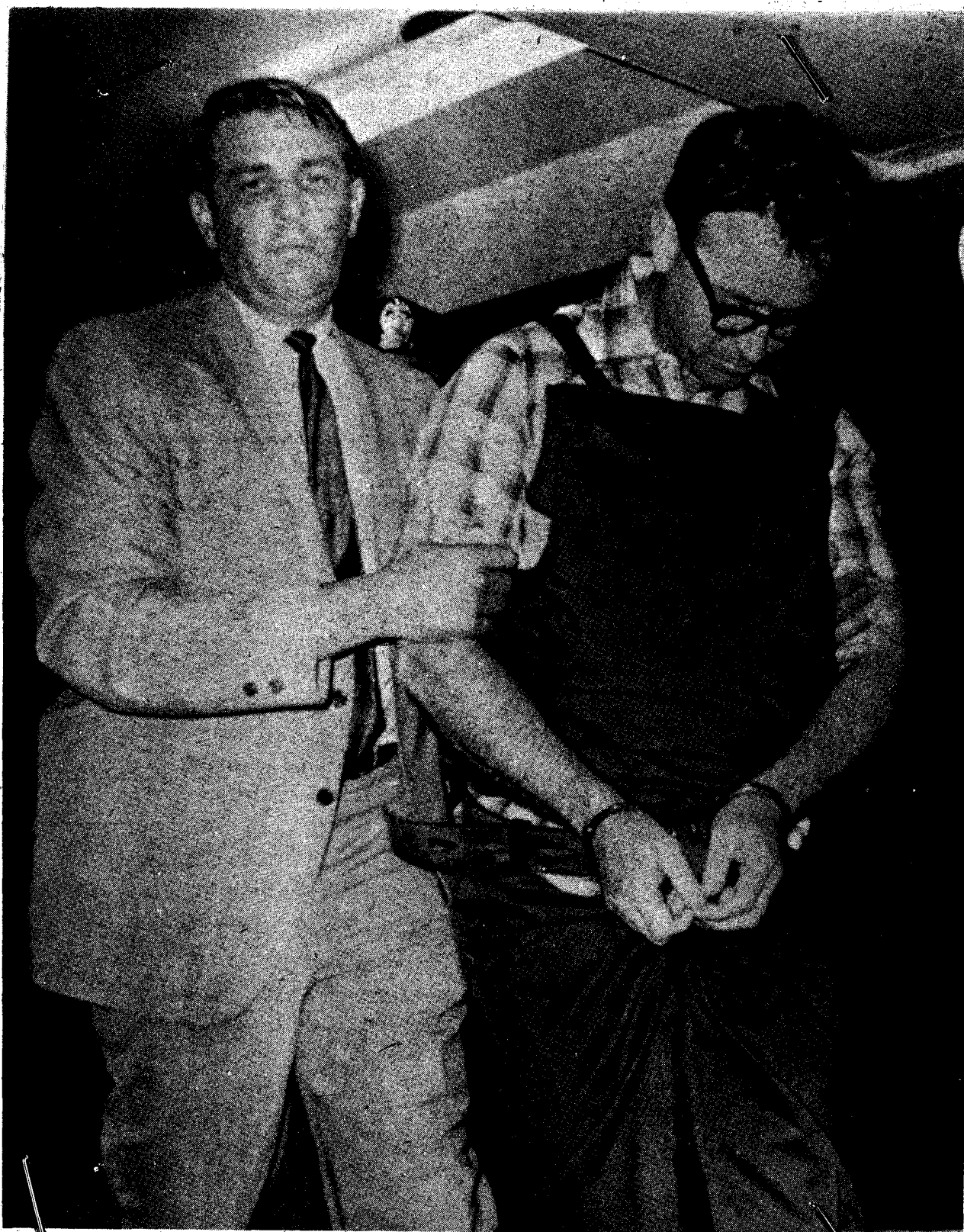
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The sheriff of Shelby County escorts James Earl Ray to his cell after his flight from London to Memphis, Tenn. Ray is handcuffed to a leather belt and is wearing a bulletproof vest. (AP Photo)

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<u>Informal gathering of leadership of Ponce</u> <u>Mission of MPIPR, Sunday, 7/21/68.</u>		134-801A-141

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3. Informant's written report translated by SJO Translator MARGARITA SOMOHANO.

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4. In clarification of his report, informant advised he was present at an informal meeting in the MPIPR Mission house on Sunday, 7/21/68, with CARLOS DE JESUS PEREZ and JULIO OCTAVIANI.

He said the Protestant minister referred to is from the church across the street from the Dr. Pilar Hospital in Ponce, Puerto Rico. Informant stated he will attempt to obtain the name of this clergyman.

5. Open 105-New on UNSUB, Minister Ponce, Puerto Rico, to determine activities and background information.

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July 23, 1967

Report

CARLOS DE JESUS PEREZ spoke at the MPI Mission in Ponce on Sunday, the 21st, at 2 pm. He explained that MONSIGNOR PARRILLA had decided to make the closing speech at the celebration of the "Grito de Lares" in the name of all the independentist organizations of the Island, and that, in addition, he promised to collaborate more intensely with the Puerto Rican Patriotic Vanguard Movement, a branch of the MPI.

Comments were also made about the Protestant Minister of the Church in front of the Dr. Pila Hospital, who had made secret statements of solidarity with the Patriotic Vanguard Movement. This minister is colored, has curly black hair, thick lips, thin, about 5'11 1/2". He agrees with the policy of the Negro leader, STOKELY CARMICHAEL and did not sympathize with the late Negro leader MARTIN LUTHER KING, due to this pacifist policy. This individual explains that his position as pastor of his church did not permit him to openly sympathize with the cause, but that he would collaborate in secret with the political training against the United States of America.

/s/ FELIX MONTILLA

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Memorandum

TO : ALL AGENTS

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FROM: *[Signature]* SAC, SAN JUAN (157-82)

SUBJECT: COMMEMORATION OF THE DEATH OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., 4/4/69
RACIAL MATTERS
DEADLINE: 3/26/69

The Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), the organization of the late Martin Luther King, Jr., is planning to commemorate the first anniversary of the death of King on 4/4/69 and days immediately preceding and following that date. A number of New Left organizations and antiwar groups have become involved in these plans and there are reports that black extremists, including the Black Panther Party, might also participate. Plans being considered include a vigil at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City; school boycotts; a national pause for four minutes at 6:00 PM on 4/4/69; days of confrontation in 30 cities, to be decided upon later, concerning alleged injustices in schools, welfare, law enforcement, politics, and the military. A commemorative march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, and possible Good Friday observances in New York and Washington, D. C., have also been considered as have Easter observances in Chicago, Illinois. Ralph Abernathy, President of the SCLC, has stated that the 4/4/69 observances will serve as a kickoff for the second phase of last year's Poor People's Campaign.

The Bureau has instructed that all information concerning plans in captioned matter should be promptly submitted Bureau by appropriate communication. All Agents should immediately contact their sources and informants and report any pertinent information received to SA NEWMAN by 3/26/69.

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TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR (100-106670)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., BUDED: DECEMBER 12, 1975.

FOR INFORMATION OF ALL OFFICES, THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE HAS INITIATED AN EXTENSIVE REVIEW EFFORT "TO LOOK AT ALL ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE FBI WITH RESPECT TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR." IT HAS INSTRUCTED BUREAU MAKE AVAILABLE FOR DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW ALL MATERIALS CONCERNING KING, HIS FAMILY, RELATIVES, FRIENDS AND ASSOCIATES, AND THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) (ORGANIZATION WHICH WAS HEADED UP BY KING), AS WELL AS THE FILE RELATING TO THE ASSASSINATION OF KING. ("ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; CIVIL RIGHTS," CODE NAME MURKIN, BUREAU FILE 44-38861.) MATERIAL TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, ALL COINTELPRO PROPOSALS, ACTIONS AND RESULTS OF ACTIONS; AND ALL REQUESTS, APPROVALS AND RESULTS, INCLUDING TAPES, TRANSCRIPTS AND LOGS, OF ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCES, WHETHER WIRETAP, MICROPHONE OR OTHERWISE.

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AS AN EARLY STEP IN THE DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW, IT HAS ASKED FOR AN INVENTORY OF ALL MATERIALS AVAILABLE BOTH AT HEADQUARTERS AND IN ALL FIELD OFFICES. THE PURPOSE OF THIS TELETYPE IS TO SOLICIT THE NECESSARY FIELD INVENTORIES. PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS WITH THE DEPARTMENT HAS NARROWED THE REQUEST AS TO "FAMILY, RELATIVES" TO INCLUDE ONLY IMMEDIATE FAMILY. AS TO "FRIENDS AND ASSOCIATES," DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED THAT AS THE REVIEW PROGRESSES, IT WILL DESIGNATE THE SPECIFIC INDIVIDUALS IT IS INTERESTED IN FOR REVIEW OF MATERIALS. THE FIRST SUCH INDIVIDUAL ALREADY DESIGNATED BY THE DEPARTMENT IS STANLEY DAVID LEVISON, BUFILE 100-392452. ✓ WHILE DEPARTMENT IS APPARENTLY CONSIDERING FILE REVIEWS IN THE FIELD, ALL THAT IS IMMEDIATELY DESIRED ARE FIELD INVENTORIES RELATING TO PERTINENT MAIN FILES ONLY.

FOLLOWING ARE INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF INVENTORIES BY ALL FIELD OFFICES.

FILES TO BE INCLUDED ARE:

1. MURKIN - BUFILE 44-38861.
2. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - BUFILE 100-106670.
3. IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS (EXCLUDING CHILDREN).
 - ✓ A. WIFE, CORETTA KING.

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B. FATHER, MARTIN LUTHER KING, SR.

C. MOTHER, (DECEASED) ALBERTA WILLIAMS KING.

D. BROTHER, (DECEASED) ALFRED DANIEL WILLIAMS KING;

MOST COMMONLY USED NAME A. D. KING.

E. SISTER, CHRISTINE KING FARRIS, AKA MRS. ISAAC FARRIS.

OF INDIVIDUALS LISTED UNDER 2 AND 3 ABOVE, PRINCIPAL BUFILE NUMBER ONLY FOR KING, JR., IS LISTED. THERE ARE NUMEROUS OTHER MAIN FILES ON KING, JR., AND IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS, MANY WITH THE INDIVIDUAL LISTED AS THE VICTIM RATHER THAN SUBJECT SUCH AS 9- AND 44- CASES. INSURE FIELD INVENTORY INCLUDES ALL MAIN FILES ON THESE INDIVIDUALS.

4. COMINFIL OF SCLC - BUFILE 100-438794.

5. COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS (CIRM) -
BUFILE 100-442529.

6. CPUSA-NEGRO QUESTION - BUFILE 100-3-116.

7. STANLEY DAVID LEVISON - BUFILE 100-392452.

IN PREPARING FIELD OFFICE INVENTORIES FOR ALL MAIN
FILES RELATING TO ABOVE, THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC ITEMS MUST

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BE INCLUDED: (A) FIELD OFFICE FILE NUMBER, INCLUDING OFFICE
PREFIX; (B) TITLE AND CHARACTER OF FILE; (C) VERY BRIEF
DESCRIPTIONS OF FILE CONTENTS, INCLUDING WHETHER IT CONTAINS
ANY TAPES, ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE LOGS AND/OR TRANSCRIPTS,
PHOTOGRAPHS, BULKY EXHIBITS AND ANY OTHER SIMILAR MATERIAL
WHICH IS IN ADDITION TO ROUTINE CORRESPONDENCE. IF ANY OF
THE ABOVE (TAPES, ETC.) IS NOTED, VERY BRIEFLY DESCRIBE.
INCLUDE STATEMENT DESCRIBING ALL SUBFILES RELATING TO THE
MAIN FILE; (D) ACCOUNT FOR SIZE/SCOPE OF FILE AND RELATED
MATTERS. FOR EXAMPLE, INDICATE NUMBERS OF SECTIONS AND
SERIALS IN FILE; VOLUME OF LOGS/TRANSCRIPTS AND BULKY EXHIBITS; ETC.

CONFINE INVENTORY AT THIS TIME TO MAIN FILES ONLY AND
DO NOT INCLUDE FILE REFERENCES.

FOLLOW OUTLINE AS ABOVE WITH APPROPRIATE HEADINGS.

PREPARATION OF INVENTORY MUST BE UNDERTAKEN IMMEDIATELY
AND GIVEN HIGHEST PRIORITY. REPLIES TO BE SUBMITTED BY NITEL
NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 12, 1975, USING CAPTION AS ABOVE
(NO CHARACTER TO BE USED), ATTENTION: INTD. IMPERATIVE
DEADLINE BE MET AS ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS ASSIGNED PROJECT
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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

REFERENCE BUREAU TELETYPE TO SAN JUAN, DECEMBER 9, 1975.

THE FOLLOWING INVENTORY WAS PREPARED BY THE SAN JUAN OFFICE
RELATIVE TO CAPTIONED MATTER:

SAN JUAN FILE 157-61. "MURKIN - CR." FILE CONTAINS RESULTS
OF SOURCE CHECKS, AGENCY CHECKS AND LEADS RELATING TO LOOK-ALIKES
OF JAMES EARL RAY IN PUERTO RICO AND THE U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS.
THE 1-A ENVELOPES CONTAIN PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY. NO TAPES, ELEC-
TRONIC SURVEILLANCE LOGS, AND/OR TRANSCRIPTS IN FILE. FILE CON-
TAINS 165 SERIALS.

SAN JUAN FILE 157-62. "REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,
MEMORIAL PROCESSION, ST. THOMAS, VIRGIN ISLANDS. RACIAL MATTERS."
FILE CONTAINS INFORMATION REGARDING EXPECTED CEREMONIES AND
POSSIBLE DEMONSTRATIONS COMMEMORATING THE DEATH OF KING. NO TAPES,
ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE LOGS AND/OR TRANSCRIPTS IN FILE. FILE
CONTAINS FOUR SERIALS.

SAN JUAN FILE 157-82. "COMMEMORATION OF THE DEATH OF MARTIN

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LUTHER KING, JR., APRIL 4, 1969. RACIAL MATTERS." FILE CONTAINS INFORMATION REGARDING EXPECTED CEREMONIES AND POSSIBLE DEMONSTRATIONS COMMEMORATING THE DEATH OF KING. NO TAPES, ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE LOGS, AND/OR TRANSCRIPTS IN FILE. FILE CONTAINS 12 SERIALS.

SAN JUAN FILE 100-6273. "COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, UNDERGROUND OPERATIONS (COMMUNIST ALBUM). IS - C." FILE CONTAINS A PHOTOGRAPH OF STANLEY DAVID LEVISON. NO TAPES, ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE LOGS, AND/OR TRANSCRIPTS IN FILE.

SAN JUAN FILE 100-6723. "SUMMER COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION AND POLITICAL EDUCATION SCOPE PROGRAM. INFORMATION CONCERNING. IS." FILE CONTAINS INFORMATION CONCERNING KING'S ATTEMPT TO INCREASE NEGRO VOTER REGISTRATION IN THE FUTURE. NO TAPES, ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE LOGS, AND/OR TRANSCRIPTS IN FILE.

SAN JUAN FILE 100-6741. "MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SM - C." FILE CONTAINS REFERENCE TO A SPEECH MADE BY KING IN SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO, BEFORE THE WORLD CONVENTION OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST. NO TAPES, ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE LOGS, AND/OR TRANSCRIPTS IN FILE.

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SAN JUAN INDICES CONTAINED NO REFERENCES TO CORETTA KING, MARTIN LUTHER KING, SR., ALBERTA WILLIAMS KING, ALFRED DANIEL WILLIAMS KING, OR CHRISTINE KING FARRIS. THE SAN JUAN INDICES ALSO CONTAINED NO REFERENCES TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., IN COMINFIL OF SCLC, BUREAU FILE 100-438794; COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS (CIRM), BUREAU FILE 100-442529; OR CPUSA - NEGRO QUESTION, BUREAU FILE 100-3-116.

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TO SAN JUAN (157-61)

FROM DIRECTOR (100-106670)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

REBUTEL DECEMBER 9 LAST AND URTEL DECEMBER 12 LAST.

LAST PARAGRPH YOUR TELETYPE LISTS PERSONS ON WHOM

"NO REFERENCES" YOUR FILES. DOES NOT LIST STANLEY DAVID
LEVISON ALTHOUGH HIS NAME MENTIONED ON PAGE 2. BUREAU REQUIRES
SPECIFIC STATEMENT AS TO WHETHER OR NOT SAN JUAN HAS MAIN
FILE ON LEVISON AND, IF SO, INVENTORY OF THAT FILE.

FROM CONTENT YOUR TELETYPE IT APPEARS YOU INTERPRETED
BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS TO LOCATE "REFERENCES" AS DISTINGUISHED
FROM MAIN FILES, LATTER BEING ALL THAT WAS CALLED FOR IN
REFERENCED BUREAU TELETYPE. THIS MAY ACCOUNT FOR LAST
SENTENCE YOUR TELETYPE THAT ZHERE ARE NO REFERENCES TO KING
IN THREE SPECIFIED FILES. BUREAU DESIRES INVENTORIES THOSE
FILES REGARDLESS FACT KING NOT MENTIONED IN THEM.

PROMPTLY SUBMIT SUPPLEMENTARY TELETYPE IN ACCORDANCE
WITH ABOVE. ALSO INCLUDE NUMBERS SECTIONS AND SERIALS YOUR
FILES 100-6723, 6741.

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 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BUDED: PAST.

REFERENCE BUREAU TELETYPE TO SAN JUAN, DECEMBER 9, 1975;
 SAN JUAN TELETYPE TO BUREAU, DECEMBER 12, 1975; AND BUREAU TELE-
 TYPE TO SAN JUAN, DECEMBER 15, 1975.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, THE SAN JUAN OFFICE
 MISINTERPRETED THE INITIAL INSTRUCTIONS RELATIVE TO CAPTIONED
 MATTER AS SET FORTH IN BUREAU TELETYPE, DECEMBER 9, 1975. THE
 FOLLOWING INVENTORY WAS PREPARED BY THE SAN JUAN OFFICE RELATIVE
 TO CAPTIONED MATTER.

SAN JUAN FILE 100-6837. "COMINFIL OF SCLC. BUREAU FILE
 100-438794." FILE CONTAINS INFORMATION FROM A SOURCE OF THE
 SPRINGFIELD DIVISION WHO WAS IN SAN JUAN AND WHO OVERHEARD A
 NEGRO MALE, POSSIBLY FROM CALIFORNIA, SPEAKING IN THE LOBBY OF
 THE HOLIDAY IN ON OR ABOUT DECEMBER 13, 1967. THIS NEGRO MALE
 STATED THAT ANOTHER NEGRO MALE, SUPPOSEDLY AN ASSOCIATE OF
 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., WAS TO "HIT" KING DURING THE WASHINGTON
 MARCH PLANNED FOR THE SPRING OF 1968 SO AS TO PLACE THE BLAME

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ON A WHITE MAN IN THE MARCH. BY "HIT", THE SOURCE TOOK THIS AS TO MEAN TO KILL KING. LEADS COVERED AT THE HOLIDAY INN PRODUCED THE NAMES OF SEVERAL NEGRO MALE GUESTS WHO HAD CHECKED OUT AND LEFT CALIFORNIA ADDRESSES. LEADS WERE SET FORTH FOR INTERVIEWS. NO TAPES, ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE LOGS AND/OR TRANSCRIPTS IN FILE. FILE CONTAINS FOUR SERIALS. (C)

SAN JUAN FILE 100-6702. "COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS (CIRM). BUREAU FILE 100-442529. (u) FILE CONTAINS INFORMATION FROM THE BUREAU CONCERNING NEW REPORTING AND INVESTIGATING REQUIREMENTS BY FIELD DIVISIONS CONCERNING CAPTIONED MATTER. FILE ALSO CONTAINS INFORMATION ON ATTEMPTS BY THE CPUSA TO INFILTRATE THE SCLC AND OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS GROUPS. FILE CONTAINS NUMEROUS SERIALS STATING THAT THE RECORDS OF THE SAN JUAN OFFICE CONTAINED NO PERTINENT INFORMATION REGARDING THIS CAPTIONED MATTER. FILE CONTAINS INFORMATION ON THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF PUERTO RICO AND ALSO ON A MEETING HELD BY THE CPUSA ON MAY 19, 1970, IN NEW YORK CITY. FILE CONTAINS NUMEROUS SOURCE CONTACTS WHICH ARE ALL NEGATIVE IN THE SAN JUAN DIVISION. NO TAPES, ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE LOGS, AND/OR TRANSCRIPTS IN

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FILE. FILE CONTAINS 51 SERIALS. (c)

SAN JUAN FILE 100-20-SUB 14. "CPUSA - NEGRO QUESTION. BUREAU FILE 100-3-116." FILE CONTAINS A CHANNELIZING MEMO FOR THE SAN JUAN OFFICE CONCERNING THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF PUERTO RICO. FILE CONTAINS INFORMATION ON THE CPUSA AND ITS WORK IN THE SOUTH. FILE CONTAINS INFORMATION ON THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF PUERTO RICO AND A MEETING IT HELD ON MAY 29, 1959. FILE CONTAINS INFORMATION ON THE 17TH NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE CPUSA HELD IN NEW YORK CITY IN DECEMBER, 1959. FILE CONTAINS INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ACTIVITIES OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. AND THE SCLC DURING DECEMBER, 1963, AND JANUARY, 1964. NO TAPES, ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE LOGS AND/OR TRANSCRIPTS IN FILE. FILE CONTAINS 23 SERIALS. (c).

THE SAN JUAN OFFICE CONTAINS NO MAIN FILE ON STANLEY DAVID LEVISON. SAN JUAN FILE 100-6723 CONTAINS FIVE SERIALS. SAN JUAN FILE 100-6741 CONTAINS TWO SERIALS.

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TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW, COST DATA.

REBUTEL DECEMBER 9, 1975. IN ORDER THAT COSTS INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH THIS MATTER MAY BE COMPILED, YOU ARE REQUESTED TO FURNISH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

1. MANPOWER: THE NAME, GRADE AND SALARY STEP, AND HOURS SPENT BY EACH EMPLOYEE WHO WORKED ON THIS MATTER.
2. UNUSUAL COSTS: ANY UNUSUAL OR OUT-OF-THE-ORDINARY COSTS. THESE COSTS SHOULD BE ITEMIZED AND THE COST OF EACH ITEM SHOWN SEPARATELY.

ALL REPORTS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE BUREAU, ATTENTION BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION, ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION. INITIAL REPORT IS DUE DECEMBER 31, 1975. FUTURE REPORTS ARE DUE BY THE FIFTH WORKDAY OF EACH MONTH, STARTING WITH FEBRUARY 1976.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW
COST DATA

Re Bureau teletype to All SACs, 12/12/75.

For the information of the Bureau, Special Agent
JOHN ALLEN PETERSON, GS 12, Step 3, spent five (5) hours
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