

JAMES RAY  
MEMPHIS COUNTY JAIL  
Memphis, TENN.



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To, Hon. W. Preston Battle  
Judge of the Criminal Court  
Memphis, Tennessee.

8-9-68

Dear Judge;

Sometime in the near future I expect to have an attorney file a libel suit against some publications, in order to do this I or a member of my family will have to engage another attorney as Mr. Arthur Hanes my attorney over the charge I am presently being held on is to busy. The reason I am writing you is I am having trouble getting a visit from my brother to discuss this legal matter with my brother as you can see by the enclosed letter he has been here twice and couldn't see me because of a technicality that I didn't ask to see him, one brother did get in but was only permitted to stay 10 or 15 minutes, not long enough to discuss the legal question. Therefore in view of the seriousness of the charge against me would you issue an order for a single 1 hr. visit. Thanks.

Sincerely  
James E. Ray

OVER

IN ORDER FOR MY BROTHER TO GET HERE  
HE HAS TO TRAVEL APP. 900 MI. HERE+BACK, ST. LOUIS.

DEAR SHERIFF;

A.N. ATTORNEY FROM SAVANNAH GEORGIA,  
MR. J. B. STONER WILL BE UP TO SEE ME  
IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND I WOULD APPRECIATE  
IT IF YOU WOULD LET HIM IN. HE'S BEEN  
ENGAGED BY ME AND SOME MEMBERS OF  
MY FAMILY TO HANDLE SOME LIBLE CASES.

T.HANKS

James E. Ray

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ALSO IF I GET ANY MAIL WOULD YOU  
HOLD IT FOR ONE OFF MY BROTHERS  
WHO WILL PICK IT UP WHEN THEY  
VISIT ME.

THANKS  
J. Ray

SHERIFF MORRIS

I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF  
YOU WOULD LET THE FOLLOWING IN

JERRY RAY - BROTHER  
FLOYD RAY - BROTHER

I don't know the price on this letter

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e.j.m.

H. Smith

I probably won't write but a few letters while I am here, therefore I don't think it necessary for me to send any list to the Attorney General and have a long delay while he decides if my letters can go out. Also I believe under federal law I can send write to anyone I wish but that you have a right to censor for security reasons.

I would also like for you to let my brother in if he comes here to see me. His name is John Ray.

If there is any conflict I would very much like to get it settled as soon as possible

Thanks

J. Ray

To: Mr. Morris Shrift

Please give my money to Mr. Hones  
my att. so he can convert it into  
U.S. currency.

James E. Ray

This date I received 30<sup>00</sup> from Mr Arthur  
Hones for James E. Ray.  
Lt. B. J. Smith



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: October 2, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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Huie again contacted our Birmingham office and wanted to exchange information with us. We previously advised our Birmingham office not to "bargain" with him. He did advise that Ray had plastic surgery performed at Los Angeles in May of 1968 (subsequent to assassination), and he had copies of the Doctor's records. Huie also advised that Ray and one Alex Borman were allegedly in Chicago for several weeks and Borman is connected with the assassination. Huie stated this information furnished to FBI in Los Angeles and Chicago, and he plans to call the Bureau on October 2, 1968 for background on Borman.

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Director, FBI

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McGowan  
Long

Voucher Covering Cost of Airplane --  
Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

In response to verbal instructions received from Mr. F. A. Long, Acting Chief, Budget and Accounts Branch, Justice, there is attached a voucher, for payment from Departmental funds, in an amount of \$9,214.60 received from Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, erroneously billed to this Bureau. This voucher covers flight of the plane from the United States to England to pick up James Earl Ray, subject, and return him to the United States. All arrangements for this flight were made by representatives of the Department of Justice. Furthermore, since the plane was used to transport a prisoner, the funds of this Bureau are not available for payment of this voucher.

Enclosure

1 - Mr. Rosen (Direct)

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NOTE: Mr. F. A. Long advised this office voucher would probably be paid from Department funds and that the State of Tennessee had promised to reimburse the Department.

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713PM DEFERRED 10-1-68 RJM

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) BIRMINGHAM MEMPHIS (44-1987) (PLAINTEXT)  
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

VIA TELETYPE

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WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE HAS NOT CONTACTED THE LA OFFICE TO  
DATE.

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343 PM URGENT 10-1-68 JGA

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 AND MEMPHIS 44-1987

FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740

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REBUAIRTEL SEPTEMBER ELEVEN, SIXTYEIGHT.

ON INSTANT DATE, WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE, AUTHOR, HARTSELLE, ALABAMA, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED SA WILLIAM H. LEE, DECATUR, ALABAMA RA, AND ADVISED SUBJECT RAY HAD PLASTIC SURGERY MAY FIVE LAST AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, AND HE HAS XEROX COPIES OF DOCTOR'S RECORDS WHICH HE WILL FURNISH IF WANTED. HUIE STATED HE FEELS ALEX BORMAN OR BORMANN, FORMER INMATE MISSOURI STATE PRISON WITH SUBJECT RAY, IS CONNECTED INSTANT CRIME AS INFORMATION RECEIVED BORMAN AND RAY WERE IN CHICAGO, ILL., AREA TOGETHER FOR PERIOD OF SEVERAL WEEKS. HUIE STATED ABOVE INFORMATION HAS BEEN FURNISHED FBI LOS ANGELES AND CHICAGO. HUIE EXPRESSED DESIRE OF BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON ALEX BORMAN, STATING HE PLANS TO CALL BUREAU OCTOBER TWO NEXT FOR THIS INFORMATION.

NO PROMISES OR SUGGESTIVE ENCOURAGEMENT INDICATED TO HUIE.  
AIRMAIL COPIES TO CHICAGO AND LOS ANGELES.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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RE BIRMINGHAM TEL OCTOBER ONE, SIXTYEIGHT.

BUREAU ATTENTION DIRECTED TO KANSAS CITY REPORT DATED  
MAY FIFTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT, PAGE FORTYSEVEN THEREOF. REREP CONTAINS  
INTERVIEW WITH GEORGE BEN EDMUNDSON, FORMER TOP TEN WHO USED  
NAME ALEXANDER PETER BORMANN WHILE IN CANADA. KANSAS CITY REPORT  
SETS FORTH EXTENSIVE INTERVIEW WITH EDMUNDSON WHEREIN EDMUNDSON  
DENIES HAVING HAD ANY DEALINGS WITH JAMES EARL RAY INSIDE OR  
OUTSIDE PENITENTIARY. P.

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FROM : Stephen J. Pollak  
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D.J. 144-72-662  
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*SAC Jensen  
advised 10/1/68  
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Buffalo  
LHM

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Tell JENSEN TO GET Report to US Re  
INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT

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(Copies to Office checked)

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RE: **MURKIN**

- ☒ For information    ☐ Retention optional    ☐ For appropriate action    ☐ Surep. by \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.
- ☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA \_\_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks: **For your information. Attached are the following:**

1. Reports of RCMP.
2. Copy of Buffalo memorandum.
3. Reports from Legat Paris (4).

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Mr. DeLoach

October 1, 1968

A. Rosen

1 - Mr. DeLoach

1 - Mr. Rosen

1 - Mr. Malley

MURKIN

1 - Mr. McGowan

1 - Mr. Long

**SYNOPSIS:**

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr. With reference to the dissemination of investigative reports in this case to Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County, Tennessee, there has been absolutely no delay in furnishing pertinent reports to him on our part. With Departmental approval we furnished a copy of our prosecutive summary report, as well as ten additional investigative reports to Mr. Canale. These reports contain the information of evidentiary value to the prosecution of the state violation involved.

Since the Department did not authorize us to furnish the results of our fugitive investigation to locate Ray, such reports were not furnished to Mr. Canale at that time. Although these reports did not pertain directly to the prosecution of the state violation it appeared to us they might be of value to Mr. Canale since they clearly established his fugitive status and his use of various aliases to avoid apprehension. Consequently by memorandum dated 9/18/68, we raised the question with the Department as to whether such fugitive reports should be forwarded to Mr. Canale. To date we have received no reply from the Department, although on 9/30/68, D. Robert Owen of the Civil Rights Division advised he intends to proceed to Memphis on 10/1/68, to discuss the case with Mr. Canale and prior to his departure will advise us what additional reports should be furnished Mr. Canale.

Mr. Canale has advised our Memphis Office that the purpose of his letter was to "needle" the Department into taking action. He stated the cooperation between his office and the FBI has been extraordinary and he realizes the delay in furnishing pertinent reports is attributable solely to the Department and not to the FBI.

**ACTION:**

Upon receipt of authorization from the Department, we will disseminate the designated reports to Mr. Canale.

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By memorandum dated July 24, 1968, we advised the Department that Mr. Canale had contacted our SAC in Memphis and stated that in a conversation with Assistant Attorney General Fred M. Vinson of the Criminal Division, Vinson had informed Canale that he, Canale, might desire, for information purposes, to obtain additional investigative reports prepared by us in this matter. In this same memorandum we requested the Department to advise us which specific reports it desired be furnished to Mr. Canale.

In accordance with authority set forth in Department memorandum August 6, 1968, we furnished Mr. Canale ten additional investigative reports, as well as original documents provided to us by the Department relating to the extradition proceedings of Ray.

These reports, as well as the prosecutive summary reports contained the information of evidentiary value to the prosecution of the state violation involved.

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Mr. Canale has informed us that he has experienced no delay by the FBI in furnishing him pertinent reports, in fact he has stated that the cooperation between his office and the FBI has been extraordinary. Mr. Canale stated he is well satisfied with the reports presently in his possession, as they contain the facts and evidence pertinent to the prosecution of the case in state court. He stated he is, however, desirous of obtaining reports relating to the fugitive aspects since they clearly establish Ray's fugitive status and his use of various aliases to avoid apprehension. He further advised that the only purpose of his letter was to "needle" the Department into taking action, and he realized the delay in furnishing pertinent reports is attributable solely to the Department and not the FBI.

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September 27, 1968

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Hon. Stephen J. Pollak  
Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Rights Division  
Dept. of Justice  
Washington, D. C. 20530

Dear Mr. Pollak: In Re: State of Tennessee vs.  
James Earl Ray

As you probably know, we have been doing extensive pre-trial work getting ready for the trial in the above styled matter on November 12, 1968. Prior to this time, we have received a number of investigative reports from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, but there are some reports which we desperately need in preparing for this case which have not yet been tendered to us. In some instances, we have received laboratory reports pertaining to certain physical evidence, but have not received the field reports which would indicate to us who recovered the evidence that was examined in the laboratory, and how and by whom same was transmitted to the laboratory for examination. Of course, we have to keep intact the chain of evidence in presenting this material at the trial.

It is urgently requested that, as soon as possible, this office be furnished with any and all available investigative reports originating and emanating from the following localities, whether such reports have been submitted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, local law enforcement, or agencies outside the continental United States.

I make specific reference to the need for reports from the following localities:

Chicago, Illinois  
New York City  
Canada  
London, England (We do have the  
Scotland Yard report.)

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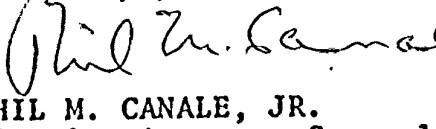
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Also, since the last report submitted to this office from field offices of the Federal Bureau of Investigation dated May 17, we have received no reports since that date, and we would like to have the results of any supplemental investigations. I refer specifically to the possible supplemental investigations from Atlanta, Georgia, Los Angeles, California, Birmingham, Alabama, New Orleans, Louisiana, Kansas City, Missouri, and Newark, New Jersey.

Thanking you for your assistance in this matter, I  
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Sincerely yours,

  
PHIL M. CANALE, JR.  
District Attorney General

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CC: Hon. Ramsey Clark  
Attorney General of the U.S.  
Dept. of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

CC: Hon. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
506 Old P. O. Bldg.  
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Mr. DeLoach

A. Rosen

MURKIN

September 27, 1968

1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
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1 - Mr. McGowan  
① - Mr. Long  
1 - Mr. Bishop

SYNOPSIS:

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr. Judge W. Preston Battle, Memphis, Tennessee, issued a court order on September 18, 1968, for the defense to inspect, copy or photograph items and documents of evidence in relation to trial of James Earl Ray on state charges, which include penal records and psychiatric reports of Ray. Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., who is handling the state's prosecution advised order is in reference to evidence now in possession of Memphis Police Department, and he does not intend to exhibit to the defense any reports contained in our investigative reports furnished to him by us. Representatives of Mr. Canale were in our laboratory reviewing evidence recovered by us and in our possession. Any evidence they request and we turn over to them will be subject to inspection by the defense. The Department has advised it will no doubt be necessary to turn over some of our evidence to Memphis authorities. Evidence recovered by Memphis is under very strict control of Mr. Canale.

ACTION:

This matter is being followed closely, and the Department is being furnished a copy of the court order.

BACKGROUND:

Judge W. Preston Battle, Criminal Court of Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, issued a court order on September 18, 1968, for the defense to inspect, copy or photograph items and documents of evidence in relation to the trial of James Earl Ray on state charges. The items and documents of evidence includes firearm, automobile and objects found therein, guest registers of hotels, motels and rooming houses, penal records of Ray,

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psychiatric reports of Ray, television sets, binoculars, or other tangible objects purportedly used or handled by Ray. The judge in this court order denied the defendants motion to produce ballistic and weapons test.

Mr. Phil M. Canale, State Attorney General, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, who is handling the state's prosecution advised the order is in reference to the evidence now in possession of his department as recovered at the scene of the assassination by the Memphis Police Department. It is noted that the court order cites penal records of Ray and psychiatric reports. Reports such as these are contained in the results of investigative reports furnished to Mr. Canale, with Departmental approval. In relation to this Mr. Canale has advised the court order does not refer to the investigative reports furnished to him and he does not intend to exhibit these to the defense.

Three representatives from Mr. Canale's office were in our laboratory reviewing the evidence recovered by us and which is in our possession. According to Mr. Canale, when any of our evidence is turned over to them at their request, the Defense has the legal right to inspect this evidence. There appears to be nothing objectionable in this, as the Department has advised that it will no doubt be necessary to turn some of our evidence over to the Memphis authorities.

Mr. Canale has advised that Arthur J. Hanes, attorney for James Earl Ray, has inspected some of the evidence in possession of Memphis authorities and Hanes has not made any requests whatsoever for inspection of evidence in the FBI's possession. Mr. Canale has further advised the evidence as recovered by the Memphis Police Department is under his own very strict control and the utmost security is being maintained to insure the evidence is preserved.

IN THE CRIMINAL COURT OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE

STATE OF TENNESSEE

VS.

No. 16645  
(Murder)

JAMES EARL RAY, Alias

O R D E R

This cause having come on for hearing on September 6, 1968, on defense Motion for Discovery, the Court having heard arguments of counsel for the State of Tennessee and for the defense, and being otherwise fully advised in the premises,

It is, therefore, ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED as follows:

The defense Motion for Production of books, papers, documents and tangible objects is hereby granted as to the following: Any fire-arm or other weapon belonging to Defendant or allegedly used in committing the crime charged; Any automobile allegedly owned or operated by Defendant and any and all objects found therein; Documents, particularly guest registers, pertaining to any hotel, motel, rooming house or other purported place of residence, temporary or permanent, of Defendant from April 23, 1967, until June 8, 1968, and of the alleged victim of the crime charged from March 25, 1968, through April 4, 1968; Any photographs in possession of the Attorney General purportedly showing Defendant or others sought in connection with the crime herein charged; Penal records of Defendant, including any and all medical, optometric, or psychiatric reports contained therein or produced while Defendant was in custody of any authority; Any military records of Defendant in the possession of the Attorney General, including results of medical, optometric, or psychiatric tests and results of proficiency tests; Passports, visas and applications therefor; Manifests, passenger lists, tickets, or other documents pertaining to transportation of or travel by Defendant; Any fingerprints found on tangible objects

named or produced herein; Any fingerprints used or displayed in any search for Defendant; Expended slugs from a firearm, or fragments thereof; Bullets, hulls, shells or casings, expended or unexpended; Maps, television sets, binoculars, or other tangible objects purportedly used or handled by Defendant; Logs and records of calls made over the radio network of any law enforcement agency of Shelby County, Tennessee, during the period of April 4, 1968 through April 5, 1968; The names and addresses of all witnesses for the State in this cause; Any and all statements, signed or unsigned, attributed to or purportedly made by Defendant and ~~any and all statements made in the presence of the Defendant to which note of his reaction was made~~; Any bank or trust company records pertaining to Defendant, his accounts or transactions by or concerning him.

The Attorney for Defendant shall be allowed to inspect, copy, or photograph the above named items and documents at such reasonable time, place and manner as shall be mutually convenient to the Attorney for the State and the Attorney for Defendant; The terms of such inspection shall remain under the supervision and control of the Court.

The Defendant's Motion to Produce ballistic and weapons tests and reports thereof is hereby denied as being the work product of a law enforcement officer or Attorney for the State.

Done this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1968.

C. W. Austin Bates  
Judge, Division 3, Criminal Court of Shelby  
County, Tennessee

OK Robert K. Dwyer  
Executive Atty Gen

9/18/68  
affirmed by  
Arthur J. Hines  
Attorney for  
Defendant



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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P  
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Submitted herewith for the assistance and information of the Bureau is copy of the order issued in instant case dealing with evidence. It is noted the order was not prepared until 9/18/68.

In addition, there are submitted herewith copies of six letters. Five of these were prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, two being written by RAY to his brother JERRY, one to J. B. STONER, one to ARTHUR HANES, and one to a firm of solicitors in London. The sixth is a copy of letter received by subject RAY from his brother JERRY.

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Mr. Robert K. Dwyer, Special Assistant to the District Attorney of Memphis, Tennessee; Mr. James Beasley, Assistant District Attorney; and Mr. John Carlyle, Investigator for the District Attorney's Office, today, visited the Identification Division and discussed with Fingerprint Examiner George J. Bonebrake what his testimony will be at the trial of this case in Memphis scheduled to begin November 12, 1968.

Mr. Dwyer and Mr. Beasley expressed their opinion that the fingerprints of James Earl Ray, taken following his return to Memphis, will not be admissible and requested that all latent fingerprint identifications be charted using fingerprints of Ray taken following his arrest in London. These prints are now on file in Memphis in the District Attorney's Office and will be forwarded to the Identification Division by registered mail on September 27, 1968.

Mr. Dwyer believes that the prints of Ray taken in Memphis will not be admissible as they were taken after he was placed in custody and represented by counsel.

Mr. Bonebrake will subsequently be advised when to appear in Memphis.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

For information.

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① - Mr. Rosen

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**Re: MURKIN**

**standards in connection with document testimony and may simplify the problem of authenticating known writing. In this particular connection, at their request, we will prepare a report directed to the local prosecutor setting forth results of our follow-up examinations and comparisons.**

**RECOMMENDATION: None. For information.**

**LIST OF EVIDENCE PERTINENT TO FORTHCOMING  
TRIAL OF JAMES EARL RAY**

**Document Section -**

<b>Q86</b>	<b>Registration card of New Rebel Motel</b>
<b>Q262</b>	<b>Application for School Admittance</b>
<b>K5</b>	<b>Access to Safe Deposit Box, contract, ledger card and undated letter</b>
<b>QC288</b>	<b>Canadian Money Order</b>
<b>Q134</b>	<b>Enrollment form - Locksmithing</b>
<b>Q215</b>	<b>Envelope postmarked Canada to Locksmithing</b>
<b>Q216, Q219,</b>	<b>Bank of American money orders</b>
<b>Q221, Q223</b>	
<b>Q326, Q327</b>	<b>Coupon of Modern Photo Bookstore, handwritten letter dated 9/26/67</b>
<b>Q130 - Q131</b>	<b>Three typewritten letters</b>
	<b>Order blank from Superior Bulk Film Company</b>
<b>Q258, Q259</b>	<b>Interview card, enrollment agreement - Dance Studio</b>
<b>Q141</b>	<b>Provincial Motel registration card</b>
<b>QC367</b>	<b>Hand printed note signed "Ramon George Sneyd"</b>
<b>Q236</b>	<b>Post Office Department Application for Delivery form</b>
<b>Q260</b>	<b>Change of Address form</b>
<b>Q173</b>	<b>Change of Address order, 1/25/68</b>
<b>Q337</b>	<b>Post Office Department Form 1503(Application for Delivery of Mail Through Agent)</b>
<b>KC4</b>	<b>Photos of transfer of 1967 Alabama license, tag receipt, Application for Alabama driver's license</b>



**Firearms: -**

- Q1** .30-06 Springfield caliber Remington "Gamemaster" slide-action rifle, Model 760, Serial Number 461476, with Redfield telescope sight, Serial Number A17350, with clip
- Q2** .30-06 Springfield caliber Remington-Peters cartridge case
- Q4-Q12** Nine .30-06 Springfield caliber cartridges (five Remington-Peters and four R-A-55) in Peters cartridge box, Index Number 3033
- Q64** Bullet from body
- Q71** Board from windowsill in bathroom
- Q72** .243 Winchester caliber Remington bolt-action rifle, Model 700, Serial Number 283749 from Aeromarine Supply Company

**Hairs and Fibers -**

- Q1** Rifle box for Browning .243 Winchester caliber rifle, Serial Number 474425
- Q13** Large green and brown cloth
- Q15** Zipper bag
- Q26** White and yellow towel
- Q29, Q30** Pair of black socks
- Q38** Hairbrush
- Q56** Undershorts
- Q55** Dark blue short-sleeved sweat shirt
- Q57** One white fitted sheet
- Q58** One black and white shirt jacket
- Q59** One pillowcase



Hairs and Fibers (continued) -

Q100	One fitted sheet with yellow thread
Q102	One pair of size 34 walking shorts
Q103	Rug from trunk
Q104	Pillow from trunk
Q105	Styrofoam container from trunk
Q114	Vacuum sweepings from front passenger side floor
Q115	Vacuum sweepings from left front floor
Q116	" " " rear floor
Q117	" " " trunk
Q206	Green sofa pillow
Q207	Bed sheet
Q208	Bed sheet
Q243	Piece of brown thread with needle
K487	Head hair sample from James Earl Ray



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RECOMMENDATION: None. For information.