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Mr. DeLoach

June 20, 1968

A. Rosen

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

MURKIN

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

There is attached a letterhead memorandum dated June 13, 1968, for the Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General, Assistant Attorney General Pollak of the Civil Rights Division and Assistant Attorney General Vinson of the Criminal Division, setting forth results of the investigation conducted in Portugal concerning James Earl Ray.

The investigation was conducted by the Portuguese International and State Security Police and was made available to our Legal Attache, Paris. The memorandum shows that Ray arrived in Lisbon, Portugal, on May 8, 1968, and departed Lisbon en route to London on May 17, 1968; that he was issued a new passport by the Canadian Embassy in Lisbon since the original passport allegedly misspelled the last name he was using as Sneya rather than Sneyd; that he displayed a Canadian birth certificate in the name of Ramon George Sneyd; that he frequented bars or night clubs where he could pick up girls and was in the habit of staying out late at night and sleeping late during the day; and that inquiry had been made at the Rhodesian Mission in Lisbon but that employees there failed to recognize the subject's photograph, and there was no record of any inquiry having been made by him. Investigation previously revealed that Ray had exhibited interest in going to Rhodesia. During the inquiries in Portugal, particular attention was given to attempting to determine if subject was alone or was accompanied by other individuals. It was ascertained he was alone in all instances except those described above.

ACTION:

The attached letterhead memorandum should be forwarded to the Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General, Assistant Attorney General Pollak and Assistant Attorney General Vinson.

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1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
The Attorney General - Mr. McGowan

June 20, 1968

1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Conrad
Director, FBI

1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Gale
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Trotter

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

On the completion of the extradition hearings in London, the problem of safely returning subject James Earl Ray to the United States is of great concern. In view of this, I want to bring your attention to certain matters which will arise in connection with the subject's transportation. These relate to the objective of expediting the return of Ray to the United States once the order of extradition has been finalized.

In view of the above, it is suggested consideration be given to immediately resolving certain problems which may arise.

It would appear that the use of military aircraft would be more desirable in order to afford appropriate security. Necessary arrangements will have to be made with the United States Air Force for the aircraft to be used, insuring that it is appropriately staffed and equipped for the mission involved. Arrangements should be made through the British authorities to accomplish any necessary immigration exit controls such as validating Ray's certificate of identity at the London prison where he is incarcerated.

Arrangements should be made for a medical doctor appropriately equipped to accompany the subject and the escorting officers. Arrangements should also be made in connection with his entry into the United States with necessary Immigration, Customs and United States Public Health authorities.

If military aircraft is utilized, greater control can be exercised upon arrival in the United States over the subject, as well as in departing from London. It would be most difficult to maintain such control and a high degree of security in the event he

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The Attorney General

is transported by commercial airliner. All personnel on military aircraft can be screened. This would be impossible upon commercial aircraft. It would also be most difficult to control the departure crowds as well as the arrival crowds which would assemble in the United States as well as in London.

The escorting officers should be equipped with proper written authority to escort the prisoner to be presented to the British authorities. This authority should be in such form as is acceptable to the British in order to avoid any delays in obtaining custody of the prisoner at the time of extradition.

It is obvious that in order to insure that the subject will not in any way harm himself that the proper restraining devices must be employed. Such devices must necessarily be used to the degree necessary and according to the judgment of the transporting officers.

Upon arrival, arrangements should be made at the final destination for subject Ray to be given a thorough medical examination as proof of his safe delivery in good condition to local authorities.

1 - The Deputy Attorney General

1 - Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

1 - Mr. Stephen J. Pollak
Assistant Attorney General

MEMO

Mr. DeLoach

June 20, 1968

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The extradition hearing in the matter involving the subject James Earl Ray is set for June 27. If successful there is a mandatory waiting period of 15 days within which the defendant has a right to file an appeal. After this is resolved, then there usually is a 5-day waiting period until the Home Office signs the papers making the order of extradition official and it can be expected there may be delays for several days after this for the order to be returned and so forth.

Once the above is resolved, the question of who will transport the prisoner and return him to the United States has not been resolved. It is recalled the FBI sent two Agents to London on short notice for the purpose of being available to return the prisoner to the United States with the assistance of the Legat and another Agent in London. These four would be available and could adequately handle the prisoner for such a return. It should be recognized that their presence in London was required on short notice in contemplation of a deportation proceedings. Such did not take place and in the meantime the Department through its insistence was successful in seeking a removal on the basis of an extradition proceeding. This is presently in the mill.

DOES THE FBI HAVE AUTHORITY TO TRANSPORT RAY

There is a real question as to whether the FBI has any authority whatsoever to return Ray to the United States following a successful extradition hearing. The request for extradition is based upon two charges: (1) that Ray is wanted for the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King, and (2) that he is an escapee from the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri. If either or both of these charges are supported, there is nothing that has been indicated to us by the Department which would suggest that we are to remove the subject.

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
Re: MURKIN

It is also doubted whether the Department has any authority to designate the transporting authorities. This, of course, would depend on the authorities demanding his return. As we understand it, the United States Government merely acts as a transmission belt through accepted diplomatic channels and uses the Department of Justice as the vehicle through which any request for extradition is brought about on behalf of the demanding authorities which in this case is the State of Tennessee and the State of Missouri.

We have no request from either of the above jurisdictions to bring Ray back to the United States on their behalf.

The responsibility for extradition is a great one and there is no doubt the FBI can effectively handle it. Nevertheless, there are these questions which must be resolved from a jurisdiction standpoint before Ray is returned. There is ample time to resolve these matters and it would appear to be desirable that these matters be resolved at this time well in advance so that appropriate steps may be taken by the transporting agency, whoever that may be.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

It is recommended that these matters be taken up with the Department and confirmed thereafter in writing so that the Bureau will know without equivocation and in writing our responsibility, if any, for the returning of Ray.

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Mr. Rosen

June 20, 1968

C. L. McGowan

- 1 - Mr. Rosen
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- 1 - Mr. Lofgren

MURKIN

At 4:55 A.M., today, Bureau Supervisor W. L. Martindale, on Special Assignment Legal Attache's Office, London, telephonically advised Extra-Duty Supervisor Kenneth A. Lofgren in response to Bureau Cable 88, which requested Legat, London, to submit a report suitable for dissemination to the Department, as follows:

Martindale pointed out that Legat, London airtel to the Bureau of June 14, 1968, enclosed pertinent Scotland Yard reports, and advised that their reports could be disseminated to the Department in confidence, but to no one else. With these Scotland Yard reports, and information hand-carried to the Bureau by Special Agent Bounds on June 19, 1968, Martindale stated the Bureau is up to date on all developments.

Martindale advised that due to the acute stenographic situation in Legat, London Office, an LHM will not be prepared and submitted as requested in re cable on the information in the previous reports from the Yard. As additional positive information is received from Scotland Yard, that data will be forwarded the Bureau by LHM's.

Martindale states this procedure will be followed unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau.

ACTION:

It is noted that Legat, London in his airtel of June 14, 1968, transmitting certain reports from New Scotland Yard, stated that they were furnished in confidence

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RE: MURKIN

by the Yard and were not to be disseminated outside the Bureau. In light of this, the Legat, London, was instructed by Bureau cable June 19, 1968, to submit information in form suitable for dissemination to the Department. In view of the lifting of the restriction previously imposed, we will now disseminate these reports from the Yard advising the Department that they are not to be disseminated outside the Department.

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MEMO

MR. TROTTER

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**FINGERPRINT TESTIMONY AT
EXTRADITION HEARING**

As you are aware, the testimony of the latent fingerprint examiner who effected the identifications with the fingerprints of James Earl Ray, has been requested in connection with the extradition hearing for Ray in London on June 27, 1968.

Fingerprint Examiner George J. Bonebrake is scheduled to arrive London at 8:05 A.M., on June 24, 1968. The attorneys in London have requested that Bonebrake be available for conferences two days prior to the hearing, and, inasmuch as all flights to London on June 24, 1968, are filled, it is necessary for the examiner to take a flight leaving Washington, D. C., the evening of June 23, 1968. Legat, London, advised by cablegram today.

Bonebrake is taking the following listed items as possible aids to his testimony:

- Charted enlargements illustrating the identification of latent fingerprints on the rifle, telescopic sight for the rifle, and the binoculars
- Photographs and negatives of all latent fingerprints identified with Ray
- Two original fingerprint cards and copies made from the microfilm of all fingerprint cards from the record of Ray, FBI #405942G
- Original notes of the examiner
- Necessary copies of these items

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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① - Mr. Rosen

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MEMO

Mr. DeLoach

June 19, 1968

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This case involves the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr., Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, requested that he be furnished available copies of reports previously sent to Mr. Stephen J. Pollak, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, concerning results of our investigation in this case.

We previously furnished Mr. Pollak of the Department as well as United States Attorney in Birmingham, Alabama, copies of eight individual reports. Of these eight reports furnished, we have extra copies of six of these and we are sending these six reports to Mr. Vinson in accordance with his request.

ACTION:

Attached for approval is a letter to Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr. transmitting the six reports.

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Delivered to MR. VINSON
5:40 AM 6/19/68

Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

June 19, 1968

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

In accordance with your request, enclosed are the following reports which reflect investigation conducted concerning the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Report of Special Agent Joe C. Hester dated April 17, 1968, at Memphis, Tennessee; report of Special Agent Leroy W. Sheets dated April 18, 1968, at Los Angeles, California; report of Special Agent Stephen N. Callender dated April 22, 1968, at New Orleans, Louisiana; report of Special Agent Joe C. Hester dated April 30, 1968, at Memphis, Tennessee; report of Special Agent John L. Puddister dated May 2, 1968, at Jackson, Mississippi; report of Special Agent Howard H. Rice dated May 13, 1968, at Newark, New Jersey.

These reports have been previously furnished to Mr. Stephen J. Pollak, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division of your Department, and the United States Attorney at Birmingham, Alabama.

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NOTE: See Memo A. Rosen to Mr. DeLoach, dated June 19, 1968, captioned Murkin, REL:cs.

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Mr. DeLoach

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John T. Minnich, Legat, London, advised that Agents Kenneth Bounds and George Zeiss will arrive at Dulles Airport at 5:15 p. m. tonight.

The Consul General of the American Embassy, Jack Herfurt, apparently is reporting any developments telephonically to Fred Vinson of the Department.

The British Attorney General, Sir Elwin Jones, conferred with U.S. Minister Kaiser and Herfurt and told them subject Ray was most uncooperative. He referred to the request that representatives of the American Government be allowed to interrogate Ray and indicated that there was little likelihood that this could occur prior to extradition on June 27; however, if the American Government would insist on interviewing Ray this would be given consideration to the extent that perhaps after extradition is ordered, assuming it is on June 27, he would favorably consider such a request.

John Minnich, Legat, wanted to know what position to take with reference to this. I advised him to make no comment with reference to his views but to point out that this matter is in the hands of the Department of Justice and any inquiry should be directed to the Attorney General of the Department of Justice.

Minnich stated that as a matter of cooperation Sir Elwin Jones wanted background information on attorney Arthur Hanes. We have previously advised him that he was a former Mayor of Birmingham, represented members of the Klan, and had been the defendants' attorney

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
Re: MURKIN

in the Luzzo Civil Rights case. This was a matter involving the killing of Mrs. Luzzo, who was working in the area on behalf of the civil rights movement. He said he specifically wanted to know whether he had a criminal record, date and place of birth, whether he has been issued a passport, and the passport number. I advised him that this would be checked and he would be advised.

Minnich inquired as to whether he could be furnished with the flight number and time of arrival of Fingerprint Expert George Bonebrake. Bonebrake's testimony is needed on June 27th in connection with the extradition and he plans to leave on June 25th. Flight number and time of arrival will also be furnished. It is noted the British authorities requested he be there two days prior to the hearing for a conference.

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For your information.

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Mr. DeLoach

June 19, 1968

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1 - Mr. Long

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

In a communication dated June 18, 1968, Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr., Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice, attached a telegram from the U. S. Embassy in Lisbon, Portugal, to the Department of State concerning the possibility of news stories in this country alleging United States authorities knew of Ray's presence in Portugal but took no steps to have him apprehended because of the weakness of the Portugal-United States extradition treaty.

No record has been located of any such news report in the files of this Bureau. This Bureau has at all times vigorously pressed this case both domestically and in foreign areas, through close cooperation with appropriate foreign authorities, in order to bring about the immediate apprehension of the subject whenever and wherever he might be located. The telegram from the American Embassy in Lisbon which was attached to the memorandum clearly states that reporters were unable to obtain anything in Lisbon other than local color.

On June 1, 1968, we learned that a Canadian passport was issued for subject in the name of Ramon George Sneyd for travel from Toronto, Canada, to London, England, on May 6, 1968. We learned that subject, on May 6, 1968, departed Toronto, Canada, and arrived in London, England, on May 7, 1968. He then departed London for Lisbon, Portugal, on May 7, 1968. It is to be noted that Ray returned from Lisbon to London, England, on May 17, 1968, and remained in London until his apprehension on June 8, 1968.

From the above it can be seen that Ray had already completed his travels to Lisbon, Portugal from London, England, and returned before the Bureau had received any information on his travels in this regard.

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Memo Rosen to DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

ACTION:

Attached for approval is a letter to Assistant Attorney General Fred M. Vinson, Jr., advising him in line with the above. We are also advising Mr. Vinson that a report concerning the details of Ray's apprehension in England is being obtained and will be forwarded to him on receipt..

Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

June 19, 1968

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. McGowan

1 - Mr. Long

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Reference is made to your memorandum of June 18, 1968, concerning possibility of news stories being reported in this country alleging that United States authorities knew of James Earl Ray's presence in Portugal but took no steps to have him apprehended because of the weakness of the Portugal - United States extradition treaty.

This Bureau has at all times vigorously pressed this case both domestically and in foreign areas, through close cooperation with appropriate foreign authorities, in order to bring about the immediate apprehension of the subject whenever and wherever he might be located. The telegram from the American Embassy in Lisbon, Portugal, which was attached to your memorandum, clearly states that reporters were unable to obtain anything in Lisbon other than local color.

For your information, on June 1, 1968, we first learned that subject was possibly issued a Canadian passport using the name of Ramon George Sneyd for travel from Toronto, Canada, to London, England, and return. Subsequent investigation determined that Ray returned to London, England, from Lisbon, Portugal, on May 17, 1968, which was prior to the date we learned of the Canadian passport.

A report concerning the details of subject James Earl Ray's apprehension in England is being obtained and will be forwarded to you upon receipt.

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NOTE: See memo A. Rosen to Mr. DeLoach, dated June 19, 1968, captioned Murkin, REL:cs.

Memo

Mr. Rosen

June 19, 1968

C. L. McGowan

1 - Mr. Rosen	1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Malley	1 - Mr. Lofgren
1 - Mr. McGowan	1 - Movement Section

MURKIN

At 4:15 a. m. today, Legat London, John Minnich telephonically advised extra duty supervisor Kenneth A. Lofgren that Special Agents George Zeiss and Kenneth L. Bounds, who are on special assignment in London will be returning to headquarters on Pan American, Flight 107, leaving London 2:30 p. m. today and scheduled to arrive at Dulles International Airport 5:15 p. m. today.

Legat Minnich requested that an Agent, preferably from Washington Field Office (WFO) meet Zeiss and Bounds at the airport, who can expedite their reentry, and who can promptly deliver an envelope with official papers to Mr. Rosen. Also it is desired for Mrs. Zeiss and Mrs. Bounds to be advised so they can meet their husbands at the airport. Legat was informed this would be done.

Accordingly, Special Agent Lofgren telephonically informed Mrs. Zeiss and Mrs. Bounds of the above and both stated they will meet their husbands at the airport.

RECOMMENDATION:

That WFO be contacted to handle the above assignment at the airport.

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: June 19, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

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1 - Mr. Trotter

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The attached memorandum is being furnished to Assistant Attorney General Stephen J. Pollak of the Civil Rights Division with a copy to Assistant Attorney General Fred M. Vinson, Jr., of the Criminal Division.

The Department is being advised of the closing of the tavern operated by the subject's brother, John Larry Ray, after three carloads of Negroes were reported to be observing the tavern; that the news report of his brother receiving a telephone call from a friend in Canada is false; that his brother is not planning a trip to London, contrary to press reports; that sources in England state his brother would not be given permission to visit the subject if he did come to England; that Attorney Arthur J. Hanes, Sr., of Birmingham, Alabama, intends to apply for a passport for himself and his son for travel to England in connection with his reported representation of the subject; and that the subject appeared in London on 6-18-68, on the local charges and was given a remand until 6-27-68.

Legat, London has also received information in the strictest confidence that Ray wrote the Birmingham, Alabama, Bar Association requesting assistance and suggested his letter be forwarded through former Birmingham Mayor Hanes. This apparently refers to Arthur J. Hanes, Sr. London sources also advised that the subject refused to see two Scotland Yard officers on 6-14-68 and stated he would refuse to see FBI Agents if they asked to see him. Since the information has been furnished in confidence, it is not being given the Department.

A telephone number written in Portuguese, which was among notes found in Ray's possession when he was arrested, has been determined to be the telephone number of the South African Embassy in Lisbon, Portugal. That Embassy has no

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach -
RE: MURKIN

knowledge of Ray. A check of banking institutions in Lisbon relative to Ray has been unproductive to date.

ACTION:

For your information. In accordance with the Attorney General's request that Assistant Attorney General Pollak be kept advised of pertinent developments, there is attached a letter to Mr. Pollak. This case is continuing to receive high priority attention. A copy is being furnished Mr. Vinson in accordance with his request of June 15, 1968.

Mr. Stephen J. Pollak
Assistant Attorney General

June 19, 1968

Director, FBI

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The following additional pertinent information is being furnished relative to captioned case. The material set forth herein is based on preliminary information and complete details will be incorporated in reports of results of investigation.

The Grapevine Tavern operated by the subject's brother John Larry Ray in St. Louis, Missouri, has been closed since early last week, according to John Larry Ray, for the safety of his patrons after Negroes in three automobiles were reported to be observing the tavern. John Larry Ray has also advised he has been hiding from newspaper reporters. He further stated that the news report of his receipt of a telephone call from a friend in Canada is false and that he knows no one in Canada.

John Larry Ray said that press reports of his planning a trip to London and reports of his intending to obtain a lawyer from Texas for the subject are false. He stated he has not heard from the subject but has written the subject to get in touch with Carol Pepper (sister of John Larry Ray and the subject) if the subject is in need of anything.

Sources in England have advised that if John Larry Ray travels to England he may not be given permission to land due to his criminal record. If he should be given permission to land, however, under the prison rules no one with a criminal record, even a relative, is permitted entry into the prison. As you were previously advised, John Larry Ray has a criminal record.

John Larry Ray is also of the opinion that the subject committed robberies for income during his travels.

Another of the subject's brothers, Jerry Ray, who formerly resided in Chicago, Illinois, is now in the St. Louis, Missouri, area and is using the name Jerry W. Ryan. It has been learned that he intends to leave for Memphis, Tennessee,

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NOTE: See Rosen to DeLoach memorandum dated 6/19/68, captioned.
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Mr. Stephen J. Pollak

where he plans to obtain employment and remain there until after the trial of the subject. Both of the subject's brothers intend to contact the subject as soon as possible after his arrival in this country.

Information has been received from the Passport Office, United States Department of State, that Arthur J. Hanes, Sr., an attorney from Birmingham, Alabama, has advised that he and his son, Arthur J. Hanes, Jr., will appear at the Passport Office, Washington, D. C., on the morning of June 19, 1968, to file application for passports. They plan to depart for London from Dulles Airport at 7 p.m., June 19, 1968. Arthur J. Hanes, Sr., previously informed the Passport Office that he has been asked to serve as counsel for the subject.

On June 18, 1968, the subject appeared before the local magistrate in London concerning the charges relating to his entering Great Britain with a false passport and illegal possession of a firearm. He was given a remand until June 27, 1968. The magistrate said the extradition proceedings should take precedent² over the local charges.

With respect to a telephone number written in Portuguese which was among notes found in Ray's possession when he was arrested, it has been determined this is the telephone number of the South African Embassy in Lisbon, Portugal. Inquiry has been made at the South African Embassy. They have no knowledge of Ray. All banking institutions in Lisbon were circularized for not only any bank account or safe deposit box, but also any letter of credit or other type of transaction. There have been no positive returns to date on this.

1 - Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr.,
Assistant Attorney General

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

June 18, 1968

Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

James Earl Ray

Attached is a telegram from our embassy in Lisbon, Portugal, to the Department of State concerning the above, and the possibility of news stories in this country alleging that United States authorities knew of Ray's presence in Portugal, but took no steps to have him apprehended because of the weakness of the Portugal - United States extradition treaty.

I would appreciate a report containing the details of Ray's apprehension in England, including when we learned of his travels to London and Lisbon.

I would appreciate it if this could be expedited, for it could have a remote bearing on the extradition hearing in London.

Confidential Attachment

MEMO

Mr. DeLoach

June 18, 1968

A. Rosen

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1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long

MURKIN

This case involves the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

PURPOSE:

To recommend that the prosecutive summary report be disseminated to the Department, United States Attorney at Birmingham, and Phil M. Canale, State Attorney General, Shelby County, (Memphis) Tennessee.

BACKGROUND:

Reports were prepared by the field setting forth results of the investigation in this case and eight separate reports were disseminated to the United States Attorney at Birmingham and the Department. The reports were disseminated to the United States Attorney at Birmingham in view of the fact that the United States Attorney there authorized Federal prosecution. No copies of the reports were disseminated to the United States Attorney at Memphis. The reports that were disseminated contained, among numerous items, a listing of items of evidence recovered and the results of the FBI Laboratory examinations of such items. These reports, as well as the prosecutive summary report, contain no information of a confidential nature and have been prepared suitable for dissemination.

On May 7, 1968, an indictment charging subject James Earl Ray with murder, was returned by the authorities in Shelby County, Tennessee. In light of this and due to the fact that they will no doubt prosecute Ray on charges of murder, a copy of our prosecutive summary report as prepared by Memphis should be transmitted to Mr. Phil M. Canale, State Attorney General, Shelby County, Tennessee, who will be handling the State prosecution. When copies of this report are disseminated, the receiving persons will be issued instructions that the report or the contents thereof should not be disclosed outside the receiving agencies, except for prosecutive purposes.

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. It is recommended that the prosecutive summary report be disseminated to the Department, United States Attorney at Birmingham, and Mr. Canale. (Copy attached for inspection.)

2. If approved, the attached airtel should be sent to SAC Memphis authorizing him to disseminate the report. Copies will be furnished to Assistant Attorneys General Pollak and Vinson.

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Airtel

1 - Mr. Long

To: SAC, Memphis

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Rerep of SA Joe C. Hester dated 6/10/68, at Memphis.

The prosecutive summary report prepared by SA Joe C. Hester at Memphis dated 6/10/68, is being disseminated to the Department. Memphis should disseminate a copy of this report to Mr. Phil M. Canale, State Attorney General, Shelby County, Tennessee, in view of the murder indictment outstanding against subject Ray. Memphis should also send a copy of this report to United States Attorney at Birmingham in view of the outstanding Federal process at Birmingham. Do not disseminate a copy of this prosecutive summary report to United States Attorney, Memphis.

Instructions should be specifically set forth that the reports or the contents thereof are not to be disclosed outside the receiving agency, except for prosecutive purposes.

1 - Birmingham (For Information)

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SEE Rosen to DeLoach memorandum dated June 18, 1968, captioned, "MURKIN."

DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (P)

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ReBuairtel 5/28/68.

Per instructions in ReBuairtel all banks in Dallas have been checked regarding persons entering safety deposit boxes during April, 1968. All persons making entry to safety deposit boxes during that month were eliminated as being identical with the subject.

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Mr. Rosen

C. L. McGowan

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MEMO
June 18, 1968

1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long

This is investigation into the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Investigation to date has not developed any concrete evidence of Ray's being involved in a conspiracy. Likewise, no information has been developed pinpointing the exact source of funds available to the subject. In order to thoroughly resolve the question of a possible conspiracy, Memphis and Birmingham have been instructed to initiate a specialized recheck.

Since subject on 3/29/68, purchased a gun in Birmingham, Alabama, in the afternoon and returned to the store early the following morning to exchange the gun, there is a good possibility that he may have stayed in Birmingham that night. (It is noted that on 3/24/68, he had rented a room in Atlanta, Georgia, and was there again, that we know of, on 3/31/68.)

ACTION:

SAC Gamble, Birmingham, was instructed on 6/17/68, to have Agents recheck registration cards, and other records at various motels, hotels and rooming houses in the Birmingham area in an effort to determine if subject can be identified as having been in Birmingham on 3/29/68, and further to determine if he was in contact with any other person at that time. Appropriate records, cards, etc. are to be furnished to the FBI Laboratory for handwriting comparison.

SAC Jensen, Memphis, was instructed to obtain a list of the guests of the Rebel Motel, Memphis, Tennessee, of 4/3/68, and forward this to the Birmingham Office. It is noted that Ray stayed at the Rebel Motel on 4/3/68, the night before the King assassination.

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: June 18, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

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SUBJECT: MURKIN

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Legat Attache's Office in London advised this morning that Ray, who is officially known as Sneyd in Britain, appeared before the local magistrate for about nine minutes this morning on the local charges outstanding against him. Those charges related to his entering Great Britain with false passport and illegal possession of a firearm. The magistrate gave him a remand until 6/27/68. The magistrate said the extradition proceedings should take precedent over the local charges. The defense counsel then referred to Section 3 of their Criminal Justice Act under which they can keep restrictions on the press regarding the proceedings. Defense counsel said he did not think this section applied to extradition proceedings so in order to make it perfectly clear, he did not want any restrictions imposed on press coverage.

The British Solicitor acting on behalf of the States of Tennessee and Missouri directed to the court the warrants outstanding against Sneyd for the murder in Tennessee and his conviction for robbery in Missouri.

The defense counsel then made reference to an article which appeared in the June 10, 1968, "London Times" headlined "United States Justice Department Chief interviews King Case Man."

Defense counsel for Sneyd said he was anxious to make it clear on behalf of Sneyd that Sneyd had not been interviewed by Assistant Attorney General Fred M. Vinson, Jr., or any other United States Government official. Defense counsel said he also had the permission of Chief Superintendent of the Metropolitan Police Department, Thomas Butler,

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Rosen to DeLoach memorandum
RE: MURKIN

that Butler confirmed the fact that Sneyd has not been interviewed. Butler confirmed the fact, however, that Vinson did visit Canon Row Police Station when Sneyd was held there. Further hearing on the extradition proceedings were also set for 6/27/68.

Legat Minnich summarized the above by saying that Sneyd's being remanded on the local charges coincides with the deferment of the extradition hearing. Accordingly, on 6/27/68, it is possible the local case will be further remanded until the extradition proceedings are finally resolved. When that occurs, the local charges will then be dropped.

Legat Minnich stated he understood that George Bonebrake, Identification Division expert, will appear at the extradition hearing and his presence is desired two days prior to the hearing date.

The act of the British courts has been included in the early morning radio newscast.

ACTION:

For information. This matter continues to be closely followed and you will be kept advised of any pertinent developments.

**No request has yet been received for Bonebrake.*

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TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: June 18, 1968

FROM : C. L. McGowan

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1 - Mr. McGowan

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Mr. Mohr
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SUBJECT: MURKIN

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

At 6:00 a. m. this date, the Legal Attache's Office London telephonically contacted extra duty supervisor Kenneth A. Lofgren. Bureau supervisor Wilbur Martindale, on special assignment in London, advised that with respect to the telephone number written in Portuguese per London airtel 6/14/68, it has been determined this is the telephone number of the South African Embassy in Lisbon, Portugal. Inquiry has been made at the South African Embassy. They have no knowledge of Ray. All banking institutions in Lisbon were circularized last week for not only any bank account or safe deposit box, but also any letter of credit or any other type of transaction. There have been no positive returns, so at this time it looks like that investigation will be negative.

According to Martindale, when Ray arrived in Britain from Canada, he had a round-trip ticket which he exchanged in London for a ticket to Lisbon and in that transaction, he got a voucher in the approximate amount of \$14. A stop had been placed earlier in Toronto with BOAC on that voucher. Since that voucher was found in Ray's possession when arrested, that stop can now be removed. Being handled.

Legat, Minnich advised that Ray appeared before the local magistrate today, 6/18/68, on the local charges outstanding against him. Those charges related to his entering Great Britain with false passport and illegal possession of a firearm. The hearing was continued until 6/27/68 and the magistrate said the extradition proceedings should take precedent over the local charges. Minnich stated the continuance on local charges coincides with the deferment of the extradition hearing. Accordingly, on 6/27/68 it is possible the local case will be further remanded until the extradition proceedings are finally resolved. When that occurs the local charges will then be dropped.

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McGowan to Rosen memorandum
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Fred M. Vinson, Jr., advised on 6/15/68 that in talking with the British prosecutor, Vinson was advised that they would like to have Bonebrake in London two days before the hearing. Vinson indicated he would advise on 6/18/68. Bonebrake has previously been alerted to the possibility of his having to appear at the extradition hearing.

Minnich further advised a cable will be sent to the Bureau today containing his recommendation as to whether or not Special Agents Wilbur Martindale, George Zeiss, and Kenneth L. Bounds should remain on the scene or should return to headquarters.

ACTION:

For information.

All aspects are being closely followed and you will be kept advised of developments.

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Mr. DeLoach

June 18, 1968

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John T. Minnich, Legat, London, called concerning reports that Arthur Hanes, an attorney in Birmingham, was flying to London to represent the subject. He wanted to know whether this was founded on fact.

I advised him there were indications that Hanes was applying for a passport and that he would be going to London with his son, who is also an attorney. I told him that Hanes was a former Agent, had been in the Bureau a couple of years, was a former Mayor of Birmingham, had represented defendants in the Liuzzo case, and is a Klan attorney.

I told him he was absolutely no good and to have no contact with him.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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The Department is being advised of the receipt of passport documents on the subject furnished by the Canadian Embassy in Lisbon, Portugal, and documents furnished by Portuguese authorities. These documents indicate that the subject applied for and received a new passport from the Canadian Embassy in Lisbon since the passport issued by the Canadian Passport Office in Ottawa on 4-22-68 carried his name as Ramon George Sneya instead of Sneyd.

These documents are being examined by the FBI Laboratory and handwriting comparisons are being made.

ACTION:

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Mr. Stephen J. Pollak
Assistant Attorney General

June 13, 1968

Director, FBI

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The following additional pertinent information is being furnished relative to captioned case. The material set forth herein is based on preliminary information and complete details will be incorporated in reports of results of investigation.

Mr. Aubrey Morantz, Second Secretary and Counsel, Canadian Embassy, Lisbon, Portugal, has furnished the following documents from his files:

(1) Carbon copy of memorandum from Canadian Embassy, Lisbon, to Canadian Passport Division, May 17, 1968, showing a new passport had been issued to Ramon George Sneyd on May 16, 1968.

(2) Application for Canadian passport executed by Ramon George Sneyd showing Passport Number [REDACTED] was cancelled and Passport Number [REDACTED] was issued May 16, 1968.

(3) Undated affidavit by Ramon George Sneyd to the effect that he had no guarantor available in Lisbon because he was only there on vacation.

Mr. Aubrey Morantz was interviewed and he explained that the subject, using the name Sneyd, appeared at the Canadian Embassy on May 15, 1968, to complain that there was an error in his Canadian passport issued at Ottawa on April 24, 1968, in that his name was shown to be Sneya. Arrangements were made to issue a replacement passport, which was given to the subject the following day, and his old passport was cancelled and returned to him. In his conversation with the subject, Mr. Morantz said that he made no mention of his activities in Lisbon or of his prior travel or future plans. He was assisted in filling out the forms by Counselor Assistant, Mrs. Manuela Teixeira Lopes.

Mrs. Lopes was vacationing at a distant point in Portugal and was therefore telephonically interviewed. She stated that when she assisted the subject in executing his passport application, he said he was staying in Lisbon only.

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one or two days and debated whether to bother to change his passport because he "did not want to spend all of his time waiting around the Embassy." A new passport was then issued the following day. The subject displayed a Canadian birth certificate in the name of Ramon George Sneyd. He needed a great deal of help in filling out the application, leading Mrs. Lopes to believe he did not have a good education. She cancelled the passport issued at Ottawa by stamping it "Cancelled" on each page.

In addition to the above, Mr. Jose Manuel Passo of the Portuguese International Police furnished the following documents:

(1) Entry card executed by Ramon George Sneya when he entered Portugal at Lisbon, May 8, 1968.

(2) Exit card executed by Ramon George Sneyd when he departed from Lisbon en route to London, May 17, 1968.

(3) Registration card for Ramon George Sneya at Hotel Portugal, Lisbon, dated May 8, 1968.

Mr. Passo advised that he had caused intensive but discreet inquiries to be made at the Hotel Portugal and had determined that the subject had checked out of the hotel shortly before his flight was to depart for London on May 17, 1968. He lived quietly and inconspicuously in the hotel, had no known associates and gave every appearance of being an ordinary tourist.

Inspector Antonio Rocha Fama, Immigration Officer at the Lisbon Airport has advised that he had checked Ramon George Sneyd out of Lisbon en route to London on May 17, 1968. He selected the photograph which the subject had used on the Ottawa passport as closely resembling Sneyd.

1 - Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
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Criminal Division

James Earl Ray;
Possible Defense Counsel

June 17, 1968

Mr. Tolson ☒
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I received a telephone call this morning from one identifying himself as Lee Bailey, an attorney. He stated that he had gotten a letter which purported to be from Ray requesting him to serve as defense counsel in connection with the murder indictment in Memphis, Tennessee. Bailey was calling me to see if I had any knowledge of the bona fides of the letter. He also stated that he intended to tell Ray that "Because of his (Bailey's) close relationship with Dr. King, he would consider handling the matter only if Ray's defense was that he did not commit the crime".

Upon my inquiries about the substance of the letter, Bailey stated that it contained a convict number, gave his address as the prison in which he is actually being held, and named his solicitor as Michael Dresden and Co., 32 Tavistock Street, London. The letter also indicated that the writer thought he would be returned to this country on about June 19. I confirmed to Bailey that the information contained in the letter was accurate with the exception of the June 19 date which was uncertain. Bailey indicated that he would call Ray's solicitors in London to discuss the matter.

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Mr. DeLoach

June 17, 1968

A. Rosen

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This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

On June 14, 1968, a communication was received from our Legal Attache in London dated June 9, 1968. This communication enclosed several documents as obtained by Special Agents Norman W. Philcox and Wilbur L. Martindale in Lisbon, Portugal, on June 8, 1968, from the Second Secretary and Counsel, Canadian Embassy. Among these documents was a memorandum from the Canadian Embassy, Lisbon, an application for Canadian passport executed by Sneyd and an undated affidavit prepared by Sneyd, an entry card executed by Sneyd when he entered Portugal at Lisbon on May 8, 1968, and an exit card executed by Sneyd when he departed from Lisbon en route to London on May 17, 1968.

The Second Secretary and Counsel was interviewed by our Agents in Lisbon and stated that subject Sneyd was assisted in filling out the forms by the Counselor Assistant Mrs. Manuela Texeira Lopes. Mrs. Lopes was vacationing at a distant point and was telephonically interviewed. Mrs. Lopes related that she assisted subject in executing his passport application and a new passport was issued the day after he first came in. She cancelled the passport issued at Ottawa by stamping it "Cancelled" on each page and clipping one inch from each of the inside pages. Investigation as revealed in this communication will be included in our memorandum on June 18, 1968.

Subsequent investigation has been sent in a pouch via Courier Service of the Department of State on June 14, 1968. Stops have been placed to insure that report is sent to Bureau immediately upon receipt by the State Department.

ACTION:

This is for your information and you will be advised of pertinent developments.

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MEMO

Mr. W. C. Sullivan

June 17, 1968

Mr. J. A. Sizoo

SA KENNETH L. BOUNDS
PERSONNEL MATTER

Reference is made to memorandum Shroder to Rosen 6/16/68, captioned as above.

Kenneth L. Bounds is presently on duty in London in connection with the Murkin case. Memorandum of 6/16/68, stated that Bounds' father was in hospital, Lebanon, Missouri, suffering from heart condition. Bounds was so notified.

At 10 pm 6/17/68, wife of SA Bounds advised family reports are that SA Bounds' father's condition has slightly deteriorated; however, she also has reports from the family that the father is holding his own. She specifically requested that SA Bounds call her in the morning so that she might discuss the general situation with him.

John Minnich, Legat in London, was immediately notified and requested to pass this information on to SA Bounds. Mrs. Bounds informed that her message had been passed on.

ACTION:

This matter is being followed closely.

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- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
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- 1 - Mr. Shroder
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. J.A.Sizoo
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With reference to Fred Vinson, my memorandum of June 14 reflected that Vinson was reportedly returning to Washington and was to brief the Attorney General on his activities in London on June 14, 1968.

Vinson called me on Saturday, June 15, 1968, on two occasions, which are reflected in memoranda dated June 15, 1968. Copies of these memoranda are attached.

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ASSASSINATION OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Mr. Nat Lewin, Second Assistant to Assistant Attorney General Stephen J. Pollak, Civil Rights Division of the Department, called at approximately 4:00 p. m. and advised the Department had a package of papers they desired to make arrangements to have delivered to London on June 14, 1968, at 8:00 p. m. The flight would be TWA Flight #704 leaving from Dulles Airport, and this flight arrives at London, England, at 8:05 London time at Heathrow Airport on June 15, 1968.

Arrangements were made with Supervisor Elmer Todd at Washington Field Office for this package to be picked-up at the office of Mr. Mark Felman, Assistant Legal Advisor, Room 5423, Main Street Department Building, in Washington, D. C., at 6:00 p. m. Instructions were given to Washington Field Office as soon as the identity of the pilot is ascertained, the Agent should contact our Duty Agent in Division 6, who will in turn advise our Legal Attache Minnich in London, England.

In addition, Mr. Lewin advised that as soon as we made firm arrangements for delivery of this package and would be in touch with our Legal Attache, he would like Mr. Jack Herfurt, the General Counsel of American Embassy in London, England, notified by Mr. Minnich. Mr. Lewin advised that he would furnish the FBI with a copy of every document transmitted to London, England.

Our Legal Attache Minnich was telephonically advised at 7:45 p. m. on June 14, 1968, by Duty Agent SA Hunter Helgeson, that a package would arrive by pilot at 8:05 a. m. London time, June 15, 1968, and he should notify Mr. Herfurt immediately as to the package arriving. Mr. Minnich stated that he would handle the entire matter.

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June 17, 1968

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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There have been reports in the press indicating that subject's brother, John Larry Ray, is planning to travel to England to visit James Earl Ray. Press accounts have indicated he intended to apply for a passport on June 17, 1968.

Prior investigation has indicated John Larry Ray visited James Earl Ray while the subject was in prison, on at least nine occasions, the last of which was April 22, 1967, the day before the subject escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary in Jefferson City, Missouri. John Larry Ray sent his brother money while in prison. He denies any knowledge of James Earl Ray's escape or knowledge of his whereabouts following his escape. By way of background on John Larry Ray, records of our Identification Division on John Larry Ray, FBI number 368 725 A, indicate he received a sentence of two to five years for second degree burglary on January 24, 1950, and served time in the Indiana State Reformatory, Pendleton, Indiana. He also served time in the Illinois State Penitentiary at Menard, Illinois, for larceny of a motor vehicle being received there on June 2, 1953, and later discharged on February 1, 1960.

The above information is being made available to appropriate British authorities in the event John Larry Ray attempts to visit the subject.

Carol Pepper, the sister of John Larry Ray and the subject, has advised that John Larry Ray does not have funds to make the trip, that she does not intend to furnish him funds and she doubts if he will make the trip to London.

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Mr. Stephen J. Pollak

Mr. Robert Johnson, Deputy Director, Passport Office, U. S. Department of State, advised that about 5:00 p. m. on June 14, 1968, the Passport Office in Washington, D. C., had been contacted by one Mr. Arthur Hanes, Sr., from Birmingham, Alabama. Mr. Hanes advised the Passport Office that he was an attorney and was going to London to represent Ray and wanted a passport for himself and his son whom he also described as an attorney. Mr. Johnson advised that he instructed his duty officer to inform Mr. Hanes that the Passport Office in New York would handle his request for a passport on Monday, June 17, 1968, since the Passport Office does not consent to issuing a passport to anyone on Sunday.

Mr. Johnson advised that Mr. Hanes, Sr. had stated his name as Mr. Arthur Hanes, Sr., that he was born October 19, 1916, in Alabama and that he is an attorney in Birmingham, Alabama. Mr. Hanes, Sr. said his son is Arthur Hanes, Jr., born April 18, 1942, in Texas, also an attorney in Birmingham, Alabama. According to the information furnished by the Passport Office, Mr. Hanes, Sr. was reportedly contacted by an unidentified British attorney on June 14, 1968, relative to representing James Earl Ray. Mr. Hanes, Sr. then reportedly claimed he had contacted "a Mr. Pollak" in the U. S. Department of Justice.

For your information, Arthur Jackson Hanes, Jr., born [REDACTED] at Birmingham, Alabama, represented defendants in the case involving the murder on March 25, 1965, of Viola Liuzzo, the woman from Michigan, who was in Alabama in connection with civil rights activities.

1 - Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

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June 17, 1968

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The following additional pertinent information is being furnished relative to captioned case. The material set forth herein is based on preliminary information and complete details will be incorporated in reports of results of investigation.

There have been reports in the press indicating that subject's brother, John Larry Ray, is planning to travel to England to visit James Earl Ray. Press accounts have indicated he intended to apply for a passport on June 17, 1968.

Prior investigation has indicated John Larry Ray visited James Earl Ray while the subject was in prison, on at least nine occasions, the last of which was April 22, 1967, the day before the subject escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary in Jefferson City, Missouri. John Larry Ray sent his brother money while in prison. He denies any knowledge of James Earl Ray's escape or knowledge of his whereabouts following his escape. By way of background on John Larry Ray, records of our Identification Division on John Larry Ray, FBI number 368 725 A, indicate he received a sentence of two to five years for second degree burglary on January 24, 1950, and served time in the Indiana State Reformatory, Pendleton, Indiana. He also served time in the Illinois State Penitentiary at Menard, Illinois, for larceny of a motor vehicle being received there on June 2, 1953, and later discharged on February 1, 1960.

The above information is being made available to appropriate British authorities in the event John Larry Ray attempts to visit the subject.

Carol Pepper, the sister of John Larry Ray and the subject, has advised that John Larry Ray does not have funds to make the trip, that she does not intend to furnish him funds and she doubts if he will make the trip to London.

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NOTE: See Memo Rosen to DeLoach, dated June 17, 1968, captioned MURKIN, FJH:cs.

MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

Mr. Stephen J. Pollak

Mr. Robert Johnson, Deputy Director, Passport Office, U. S. Department of State, advised that about 5:00 p. m. on June 14, 1968, the Passport Office in Washington, D. C., had been contacted by one Mr. Arthur Hanes, Sr., from Birmingham, Alabama. Mr. Hanes advised the Passport Office that he was an attorney and was going to London to represent Ray and wanted a passport for himself and his son whom he also described as an attorney. Mr. Johnson advised that he instructed his duty officer to inform Mr. Hanes that the Passport Office in New York would handle his request for a passport on Monday, June 17, 1968, since the Passport Office does not consent to issuing a passport to anyone on Sunday.

Mr. Johnson advised that Mr. Hanes, Sr. had stated his name as Mr. Arthur Hanes, Sr., that he was born October 19, 1916, in Alabama and that he is an attorney in Birmingham, Alabama. Mr. Hanes, Sr. said his son is Arthur Hanes, Jr., born [REDACTED] in Texas, also an attorney in Birmingham, Alabama. According to the information furnished by the Passport Office, Mr. Hanes, Sr. was reportedly contacted by an unidentified British attorney on June 14, 1968, relative to representing James Earl Ray. Mr. Hanes, Sr. then reportedly claimed he had contacted "a Mr. Pollak" in the U. S. Department of Justice.

For your information, Arthur Jackson Hanes, Jr., born October 19, 1916, at Birmingham, Alabama, represented defendants in the case involving the murder on March 25, 1965, of Viola Liuzzo, the woman from Michigan, who was in Alabama in connection with civil rights activities.

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