

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen *Ed*
FROM : C. L. McGowan *Ed*
SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: June 12, 1968

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

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C At 10:35 p. m., 6-12-68, Assistant Attorney General Stephen J. Pollak, Civil Rights Division, telephonically contacted Extra-Duty Supervisor H. E. Helgeson. He advised that in connection with preparations of affidavits in Memphis, the Department urgently needed six copies of the New Rebel Motor Hotel registration card signed by Eric S. Galt. Pollak asked if we could have these copies flown to Memphis to be available to Departmental Attorney C. Harold Flannery on the morning of 6-13-68.

SA James Mortimer of the Laboratory was contacted and he made available six copies of this registration card.

ACTION:

Washington Field Office was instructed to make arrangements to have these copies delivered to Memphis on the next available flight. SAC Jensen, Memphis, was alerted to the arrival of these documents and was instructed that they should be delivered to Departmental Attorney Flannery.

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FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

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In view of subject RAY's apprehension, Birmingham is not submitting a report reflecting investigation to locate RAY since report submitted by SA HENRY A. SNOW, Birmingham, 5/20/68. No future report is contemplated unless future action might warrant it.

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FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1981)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. DeLOACH *DL*

FROM : A. ROSEN *AR*

SUBJECT : MURKIN

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At 9:45 a.m. today Mr. Pollak, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, called to advise me that they are still interested in Charlie Q. Stephens from whom they would like to get an affidavit. He is the individual who was in the rooming house in Memphis occupied by subject Ray at the time of the commission of the offense. A memorandum has been submitted to the British authorities, however, they plan to submit a supplementary memorandum in affidavit form upon locating Stephens.

According to Pollak, attorney Flannery is now in Memphis and will be in touch with the Memphis office. Pollak said he understood Stephen's wife was a invalid. I said this was true but I did not know whether she is still living or not and the last we had on Stephens he was living on skid row. I advised Pollak we would let him know just as soon as Stephens or John Webster De Shazo has been located.

De Shazo is the individual who was in the gun shop in Birmingham and picked Ray from a photograph as the individual who purchased the gun in question. De Shazo is presently on a vacation trip in Colorado and Arizona. We have leads out for him and are trying to locate him.

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: June 12, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

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Former Agent J. L. Schmit of American Airlines, New York, called to extend congratulations on the occasion of the apprehension of James Earl Ray. He said he knew this represented a lot of hard work over an extended period of time and wanted the Bureau to know he enjoyed reading about it.

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861

FROM BOSTON 157-644

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RE BOSTON TEL TO BUREAU JUNE TEN LAST.

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CAMBRIDGE, MASS., ADVISED TODAY RESULTS OF COMPUTER AND MANUAL
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RAY. RECORDS MAINTAINED BY CORP. FILED BY SERIAL NUMBER ONLY
AND NOT BY NAME.

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Mr. Stephen J. Pollak
Assistant Attorney General

June 13, 1968

Director, FBI

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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(SEE BUFILE 62-117200)

This is to confirm information furnished to you by SA Richard E. Long on June 12, 1968, and also to furnish you additional information subsequently received in this matter. The information set forth herein is based on preliminary communications and complete details will be incorporated in reports setting forth results of investigation.

The following information was furnished to you by Mr. Long on June 12, 1968:

When the subject James Earl Ray was arrested on June 8, 1968, by New Scotland Yard in London, England, the following items were found in his possession:

A .38 caliber "Liberty Chief" revolver of Japanese make; a Polaroid 220 camera; an RCA transistor radio; a light tan raincoat believed purchased on May 6, 1968, in West Toronto, Canada; a brown wool suit with a label bearing the name "Eric Galt" and the date "July 21, 1967"; a blue oxford cloth shirt of Canadian manufacture and bearing a laundry mark; a sport jacket and trousers; a receipt dated May 2, 1968, for \$345 on an invoice from the Kennedy Travel Bureau, West Toronto, Canada, for R. Sneyd, 962 Dundas Street, West Toronto, and passport photographs of the subject from the Arcade Photo Studio dated April 11, 1968.

He also possessed a mimeographed booklet entitled "How to Hypnotize" by Dr. Adolph F. Lonk, Lonk Institute of Hypnotism, Palatine, Illinois; a paper match book from the New Gorevale Restaurant, West Toronto; a can of spray deodorant bearing English and French label from Steinbergs; birth certificate and receipt for certificate issued April 24, 1968, to "Sneyd, Ramon George, DOB [redacted]" International Certificate of Vaccination issued by Canadian Department of National Health and Welfare, April 29, 1968, bearing name A. Y. Boyd, M.D., Toronto Health Officer, and a wallet with 60 pounds in five pound notes.

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NOTE: See Rosen to DeLoach memorandum dated June 13, 1968, entitled, "MURKIN."

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It is to continue information furnished to SA Richard A. Jones on June 12, 1958, and also to furnish you additional information subsequently received in this matter. The information set forth herein is based on continuing communications and reports which will be incorporated in reports setting forth results of investigation.

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When the subject James Earl Ray was arrested on June 8, 1968, by New Scotland Yard in London, England the following items were found in his possession:

Canada. For H. Ensey, 262 Dundas Street West Toronto and
\$348 on an invoice from the Kennedy Travel Bureau, West Toronto
apport traced and recovered a receipt dated May 9, 1967, for
shipment of Canadian manchester and bearing a laundry label
"Katie Call" and the date "July 31, 1967". A kind's extent of both
labels; a brown wool suit with a label bearing the name
can raincoat believed purchased on May 2, 1968, in West Toronto
label; a Polaroid \$20 camera; an RCA transistor radio; a light
A-22 caliber "Liberty Call" revolver - all items

He also presented a photograph book of entities to the President by Dr. Ralph E. Smith, Institute of Hygiene, Chicago, Illinois; a paper read by him from the University of Chicago, Illinois; a book of essays, "The American Revolution," by Dr. Ralph E. Smith, Institute of Hygiene, Chicago, Illinois; and a book of essays, "The American Revolution," by Dr. Ralph E. Smith, Institute of Hygiene, Chicago, Illinois.

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NOTE: See Rosen to DeLoach memorandum dated June 12, 1962.

Mr. Stephen J. Pollak

Appropriate investigation is being conducted relative to various items set forth above.

Mr. Long also advised you of efforts being conducted to trace the binoculars recovered with other items near the scene of the shooting of Martin Luther King, Jr. Mr. Corda York, Sr., of the York Arms Company, Memphis, Tennessee, advised that a review of his records located an invoice dated October 31, 1967, wherein the York Arms Company received from D. P. Bushnell and Company, Incorporated, Pasadena, California, a shipment of 7 x 35 Banner binoculars. Mr. York stated this order was placed on October 20, 1967, for six pairs of binoculars to be placed in snap top cases. The binoculars were shipped on October 30, 1967, according to the invoice; and the billing date was listed as October 31, 1967.

Mr. York said he received other 7 x 35 Banner binoculars in January, 1968, and April, 1968, but these were wide angle binoculars and retailed for a higher price. He also said that if salesman Ralph Carpenter had to go to the window showcase to remove the pair of binoculars, they were in all probability the last pair in stock. He said they reorder periodically from D. P. Bushnell and Company, Incorporated, as the supply diminishes. Mr. York said there is no record kept by his firm or received from the Bushnell Company identifying the binoculars by serial number. A review of the York Arms Company's records fails to indicate a subsequent invoice showing purchases of 7 x 35 Banner binoculars in snap top cases since the invoice dated October 31, 1967. A review of the stock on hand did show one pair of the 7 x 35 binoculars which retailed at a price of \$39.95. According to Mr. York these binoculars were identical to those sold by salesman Ralph Carpenter in this matter even though they were in a zipper type case rather than the snap top case. Mr. York said most of his customers purchasing binoculars preferred the snap top case and he has exchanged cases to satisfy customers. He is of the opinion this might have happened in this instance.

As Mr. Long previously advised you, an individual using the name of R. W. Trotter telephoned the Pentagon in Washington, D. C., on June 7, 1968, and claimed he was the killer of Martin Luther King, Jr., and knew the girl in the polka dot dress who was at the scene of the shooting of Senator Kennedy in Los Angeles. Trotter denied making the telephone call and denied having any information concerning the murder of Dr. King or Senator Kennedy. He has a general reputation in Cunningham, Tennessee, his place of residence, of being unreliable, untrustworthy and an alcoholic.

Mr. Stephen J. Pollak

Mr. Long also furnished you information regarding the individual referred to in Toronto newspapers as the "fat man" who reportedly delivered an envelope to the subject while Ray was living at 962 Dundas Avenue, West Toronto. The Metropolitan Toronto Police Department advised that the "fat man" accompanied by his wife, contacted that agency and identified himself as Robert McDouldton of Toronto who has been employed as a salesman for a paint supply company for the past eight years and who worked in the Dundas Avenue area.

Mr. McDouldton explained that in early May of this year, he had used a public telephone booth in the vicinity of 962 Dundas Avenue and found an envelope there addressed to Sneyd at the Dundas Avenue address. He thereafter took the envelope to that address and gave it to Sneyd in the presence of Sneyd's landlady. He stated the envelope contained a Toronto postmark with no return address and he had the impression it contained some kind of application for a job.

The landlady viewed McDouldton and identified him as the "fat man" to whom she had previously referred. Appropriate Canadian authorities are satisfied that McDouldton is a reputable citizen and that he has no knowledge of nor is he involved with the subject. These authorities advised they are committed not to divulge McDouldton's identity and requested that this commitment be honored and no information be released even acknowledging that the mysterious "fat man" has been located.

In addition to the foregoing information furnished by Mr. Long, SA Hunter Helgeson telephonically advised you on the evening of June 12, 1968, that Charles Q. Stephens, the "vino" who was a witness in the rooming house in Memphis when the shooting occurred, had been located in Memphis, Tennessee, by FBI Agents. A Department Attorney on the scene was in the process of arranging to interview Stephens and is to obtain an appropriate affidavit.

In accordance with your request of SA Helgeson on June 12, 1968, copies of the registration card from the New Rebel Motor Hotel signed by Eric S. Galt have been expeditiously forwarded to Memphis to be furnished to Department Attorney J. Harold Flannery in connection with the obtaining of certain affidavits.

Mr. Stephen J. Pollak

The following additional developments are being furnished for your information.

The .38 caliber revolver Ray had in his possession at the time of his apprehension in London was sold to Robert Tatum, a gun dealer, of Mableton, Georgia, on October 11, 1966, by the Liberty Arms Company and Solinger Cutlery Company, Montrose, California. Mr. Tatum has advised that on December 3, 1966, he sold the gun for \$50 to Walter E. Spain of Birmingham, Alabama.

Walter E. Spain has confirmed he purchased the weapon from a gun dealer located just outside of Atlanta, Georgia, after seeing an advertisement in an Atlanta paper. Sometime in the spring of 1967 he gave the revolver to his father, Walter Leon Spain, in partial payment of a debt. Walter Leon Spain has advised that because of financial difficulties following his being hospitalized in August, 1967, he began selling personal items among which was the revolver he obtained from his son. The items were sold by placing advertisements in Sunday editions of the "Birmingham News." On the Sunday his advertisement appeared regarding the revolver, he received a call from a man who was interested in the gun and subsequently sold the weapon to that man for \$65. The purchaser paid for the weapon with two \$20 bills, two \$10 bills, and a \$5 bill. Walter Leon Spain did not give the buyer any receipt nor did he obtain from the buyer any information as to his identification, residence, or employment. Mr. Spain furnished neither ammunition nor papers for the gun.

Mr. Spain could recall only that the buyer was driving a late model white or light-colored automobile, but could furnish no further description. He described the buyer as a white male about 40 to 45 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches or 5 feet 9 inches tall, weighing 170 to 175 pounds, having dark hair slightly graying at temples. Mr. Spain selected a photograph of Ray which was taken in California in January or February of 1968 as "resembling the man" who bought the weapon, but could not make a positive identification of Ray as the purchaser.

It has been determined that an advertisement for the .38 caliber revolver placed by Mr. Spain appeared in the October 1, 1967, issue of the "Birmingham News."

Mr. Stephen J. Pollak

Information was previously received that Ralph M. Carpenter, the York Arms Company employee who sold the binoculars to the subject, is presently confined to a mental institution. Dr. Max West, the physician in attendance on the floor of the Tennessee Psychiatric Institution and Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee, where Mr. Carpenter is a patient, has stated that in his opinion Mr. Carpenter is competent when he is not involved in his current disorder described as "manic depressive." Dr. West has advised that in his opinion Mr. Carpenter's present condition should have no bearing on his previous identification, or information furnished relative to this case although a defense attorney might try to make something out of it.

With respect to inquiries in Portugal, it has been learned that Ray was in Lisbon May 8 - 17, 1968, where he stayed in the Hotel Portugal. He reportedly consorted with local women and occasionally visited various Lisbon bars. One prostitute was located who spent one night with Ray but she could furnish no pertinent information. Ray returned to London on May 17, 1968, as established by airline records and official records of the Portuguese and British Governments.

Ray is presently being held in Wandsworth Prison under unprecedented security provisions. He had been held in Brixton Prison but was transferred by heavily guarded convey to Wandsworth Prison which is more secure on June 11, 1968.

Scotland Yard is continuing extensive investigation to develop information on his activities in London but has not yet been able to determine Ray's whereabouts in London prior to May 28, 1968, when he took a room at the New Earls Court Hotel. On June 5, 1968, he moved to the Pax Hotel where he stayed until the date of his arrest on June 8, 1968. The receptionist at the New Earls Court Hotel stated Ray was very shy and although she indicated a willingness to establish a close relationship with him, he did not seem receptive.

Among Ray's effects at the time of his arrest was a four page memorandum or article setting out a detailed description of the theory and specifications regarding silencers for firearms.

You will be kept advised of pertinent developments.

1-Mr. Rosen
 (Mr. Long
 2260)
 1-Mr. Conrad
 1-Mr. Griffith
 1-Mr. Mortimer
 1-Lab File

6/5/68

Airtel

To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

Subject: MURKIN
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 OO: Memphis

Re San Diego Teletype 5/31/68 requesting comparison of the questioned "William A. Marshall" material with signatures and fingerprints of JAMES HAROLD WARREN, FBI #4250617, and JACK WETHINGTON, FBI #616317C.

Because the available signatures of WARREN and WETHINGTON are not comparable with the "Marshall" signatures on Q343 and Q344, it could not be determined whether either of these individuals prepared the "Marshall" signatures.

Latent results separate.

Laboratory report follows.

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 1 Los Angeles (44-1574)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-441100)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-157100) (P)
SUBJECT: MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.;
RE: NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU, JUNE 5, 1968.

ENCLOSED FOR THE BUREAU ARE TWO COPIES OF A
LETTER FROM THE NEW YORK OFFICE TO THE NEW YORK
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, DATED JUNE 5, 1968,
AND TWO COPIES OF A LETTER FROM THE NEW YORK
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, DATED JUNE 5, 1968.

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, AND BIRMINGHAM
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

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RE LOS ANGELES TEL TO BUREAU, ATLANTA, AND MEMPHIS
JUNE TEN LAST.

WHEN JAMES EARL RAY APPREHENDED LONDON, HE HAD IN HIS
POSSESSION THIRTYEIGHT CALIBER LIBERTY CHIEF REVOLVER,
SERIAL NUMBER SEVEN ONE FIVE, MANUFACTURED BY MIROKU FIREARMS
MANUFACTURING CO., JAPAN.

MILA SVOBODA, OWNER, LIBERTY ARMS CO. AND SOLINGER CUTLERY
CO., MONTROSE, CALIF., ADVISED JUNE TEN LAST LIBERTY CHIEF
REVOLVER, SERIAL NUMBER SEVEN ONE FIVE MANUFACTURED BY MIROKU
FIREARMS CO., JAPAN, RECEIVED AT MONTROSE, CALIF., SEPTEMBER
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SIXTYSIX UNDER INVOICE FROM SOLINGER CUTLERY, MONTROSE,
CALIF. REVOLVER ONLY ITEM IN THAT SHIPMENT. LIBERTY REVOLVERS
MADE EXCLUSIVELY FOR LIBERTY ARMS CO. AND THIS GUN DESCRIBED AS
THIRTYEIGHT CALIBER SNUB-NOSE.

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ON JUNE ELEVEN SIXTYEIGHT, ROBERT TATUM, ONE ONE EIGHT EDWARDS ST., MABLETON, GA., ADVISED HE PURCHASED THIRTYEIGHT CALIBER REVOLVER, SN SEVEN ONE FIVE JAPANESE MAKE FROM THE SOLINGER CUTLERY CO., MONTROSE, CALIF., FOR FORTY DOLLARS, ON OCTOBER ELEVEN SIXTYSIX. ON DEC THREE SIXTYSIX, HE SOLD THE GUN FOR FIFTY DOLLARS TO WALTER E. SPAIN, TWO NINE ZERO FOUR FORTY SECOND AVE., BIRMINGHAM, ALA. HE OBTAINED SPAIN'S NAME AND ADDRESS FROM A DRIVER'S LICENSE AND DESCRIBED SPAIN AS WHITE MALE, THIRTY TO THIRTYFIVE, WITH BROWN HAIR. ADVISED SPAIN NOT IDENTICAL TO RAY AFTER VIEWING PHOTOS.

BIRMINGHAM INTERVIEW SPAIN AND TRACE OWNERSHIP OF ABOVE MENTIONED REVOLVER.

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AND DESCRIBED BEAUFIELD AS WHITE MALE. THIRTY TO FORTY FIVE. WITH
HE OBTAINED BEAUFIELD'S NAME AND ADDRESS FROM A BEAUFIELD'S LICENSE
BEAUFIELD. TWO FIVE ZERO FOUR FOUR SECOND FIVE. BIRMINGHAM. WVA.
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KORDESS. SMITH. FOUR FIFTY DOLLARS. ON OCTOBER SEVEN SIXTYEIGHT. ON TWO
IN SEVEN ONE FIVE FORTY FIVE NAME FROM THE FORTY FIVE SMITH CO.
ST. MURKIN. ST. ADVISED HE PURCHASED FORTY FIVE SMITH BEAUFIELD.
ON THREE SEVEN SIXTYEIGHT. BEAUFIELD. ONE ONE FIFTY FIVE

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

MURKIN

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM JUNE
ELEVEN LAST.

WALTER E. SPAIN, RESIDENCE TWO NINE ZERO FOUR FORTYSECOND ST.,
NORTH, BIRMINGHAM, ALA., STATED TODAY THAT HE AND HIS FATHER, WALTER
LEON SPAIN, PURCHASED A NEW LIBERTY CHIEF SNUB-NOSED THIRTYEIGHT
CALIBER REVOLVER IN DECEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTYSIX, FROM A GUN DEALER
LOCATED JUST OUTSIDE OF ATLANTA, GA., AFTER SEEING GUN DEALER'S
ADVERTISEMENT IN AN ATLANTA PAPER. SOMETIME IN THE SPRING OF
NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, SPAIN GAVE THE REVOLVER TO HIS FATHER IN
PARTIAL PAYMENT OF A DEBT OWED TO THE FATHER, AND THE FATHER, IN
THE FALL OF NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, SOLD THE GUN. SPAIN SAID HE DOES
NOT KNOW NAME OF PURCHASER, AND WAS NOT PRESENT AT TIME OF SALE.

BIRMINGHAM INDICES AND RECORDS OF BIRMINGHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT
NEGATIVE RE WALTER E. SPAIN.

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BIRMINGHAM INDICES AND RECORDS OF BIRMINGHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT
NOT KNOWN NAME OF PURCHASER 12-16-68 BUREAU AT TIME OF SALE

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BIRMINGHAM DEPT. OF JUSTICE TO THE BIRMINGHAM AND THE BIRMINGHAM IN

NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT. GAVIN GAVE THE BIRMINGHAM TO HIS BIRMINGHAM IN
ADVERTISEMENT IN AN ALABAMA PAPER. SOMETIME IN THE SPRING OF
FOURTEEN ONE THIRTY OF ALABAMA. GAVIN GAVE THE BIRMINGHAM TO
SOMETIME IN DECEMBER. NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT. BORN A GAVIN DEPT.
FROM GAVIN. PURCHASED A NEW FIVE-FOUR CHIEF GAVIN-ROSE IN BIRMINGHAM
NORTH. BIRMINGHAM. GAVIN. TODAY THAT HE AND HIS BIRMINGHAM. MAILER
MAILER E. GAVIN. RESIDENCE TWO NINE ZERO FOUR FORTYSECOND ST.
BIRMINGHAM 3521.

RE ALABAMA TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM 10-1-68

WEEKLY

FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1140)

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1981)

END BY AIRMAIL 6-15-68 CEB

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WALTER LEON SPAIN, NUMBER THREE GLEN IRIS PARKWAY, BIRMINGHAM, TODAY SAID THAT IN AUGUST NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, HE HAD BEEN CONFINED TO A HUNTSVILLE, ALA. HOSPITAL AND UPON RETURN TO BIRMINGHAM RESIDENCE, WAS IN FINANCIAL STRAITS. BECAUSE OF THIS, HE BEGAN SELLING PERSONAL ITEMS TO MEET OBLIGATIONS, AMONG WHICH WAS THIRTYEIGHT CALIBER LIBERTY^R SNUB-NOSE REVOLVER HE HAD RECEIVED FROM HIS SON IN THE SPRING OF NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN. HE SOLD THESE ITEMS BY PLACING ADVERTISEMENTS IN THE SUNDAY EDITIONS OF "BIRMINGHAM NEWS." ON A SUNDAY HIS ADVERTISEMENT RE ABOVE DESCRIBED REVOLVER, WHICH INCLUDED HIS RESIDENCE PHONE NUMBER, APPEARED IN "BIRMINGHAM NEWS," HE RECEIVED CALL FROM MAN INQUIRING ABOUT GUN AND HOW TO FIND RESIDENCE OF SPAIN. ABOUT HOUR LATER THIS MAN CAME TO SPAIN'S RESIDENCE. THIS MAN SAID HE HAD BEEN LOOKING FOR A GUN OF THE TYPE SPAIN WAS OFFERING FOR SALE. HE THEN EXAMINED GUN, ASKED THE PRICE AND WHEN TOLD "SIXTYFIVE DOLLARS," HE SAID HE WOULD TAKE IT. MAN THEN GAVE SPAIN TWO TWENTY DOLLAR BILLS, TWO TEN DOLLAR BILLS AND A FIVE DOLLAR BILL. SPAIN DID NOT GIVE THE BUYER ANY RECEIPT, NOR DID HE OBTAIN FROM THE BUYER ANY INFORMATION AS TO IDENTIFICATION, RESIDENCE OR EMPLOYMENT. THE BUYER LEFT WITH THE GUN IN HIS HAND, AND NOTHING ELSE. SPAIN FURNISHED NEITHER AMMUNITION NOR PAPERS FOR

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THE GUN.

THE BUYER HAD PARKED HIS CAR ON THE STREET IN FRONT OF SPAIN'S RESIDENCE, WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED FIFTY FEET FROM SPAIN'S FRONT DOOR. SPAIN COULD ONLY RECALL THAT THE BUYER WAS DRIVING A LATE MODEL WHITE OR LIGHT COLORED CAR, NO OTHER DESCRIPTION. THE BUYER INDICATED HE WAS FROM THE WESTERN PART OF BIRMINGHAM AND THAT HE WANTED TO KEEP THE GUN AROUND HIS HOUSE. SPAIN DESCRIBED THE BUYER AS A WHITE MALE ABOUT FORTY TO FORTYFIVE YEARS OF AGE, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES OR FIVE FEET NINE INCHES TALL, WEIGHING ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY TO ONE HUNDRED SEVENTYFIVE POUNDS, DARK HAIR, SLIGHTLY GRAYING AT THE TEMPLES, HAD LOCAL (ALABAMA) ACCENT, WAS WEARING SPORT SHIRT AND SLACKS, COLORS UNRECALLED, NO GLASSES. SPAIN WAS SHOWN ALL AVAILABLE PHOTOGRAPHS OF JAMES EARL RAY AND HE CHOSE THE PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN IN CALIFORNIA IN JANUARY OR FEBRUARY, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT (IN CONTRAST TO BARTENDING SCHOOL GRADUATION PHOTOGRAPH) AS "RESEMBLING THE MAN" WHO BOUGHT THE ABOVE DESCRIBED GUN FROM SPAIN, BUT SPAIN WOULD NOT MAKE A POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION OF RAY AS THE PURCHASER. SPAIN WAS POSITIVE THE GUN WAS SOLD THE SAME DAY ADVERTISEMENT FOR SAME APPEARED IN THE NEWSPAPER.

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SPAIN SAID HE WAS CONTACTED BY FBI AGENTS ON APRIL SEVEN LAST IN CONNECTION WITH A NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION AND SHOWN ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OF KING'S KILLER. AT THE TIME HE ADVISED AGENTS THE DRAWING REMINDED HIM OF SOMEONE HE MAY HAVE SEEN PREVIOUSLY, BUT WAS UNABLE TO FURNISH ANY OTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THIS PERSON. AFTER VIEWING PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY AND BEING QUESTIONED BY FBI TODAY ABOUT HIS SALE OF THE THIRTYEIGHT CALIBER SNUB-NOSED REVOLVER, SPAIN STATED HE WAS NOW ABLE TO CONNECT THE SALE WITH THE DRAWING IN THAT THE PERSON DEPICTED IN THE DRAWING REMINDED HIM OF THE PERSON TO WHOM HE HAD SOLD THE REVOLVER.

ALL SUNDAY ISSUES OF THE "BIRMINGHAM NEWS" FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, REVIEWED TODAY AND ONLY ONE ADVERTISEMENT FOR A THIRTYEIGHT CALIBER REVOLVER PLACED BY SPAIN LOCATED, THAT BEING IN THE OCTOBER ONE, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, ISSUE.

AT THE TIME GUN WAS SOLD BY SPAIN, RAY WAS IN POSSESSION OF NINETEEN SIXTYSIX WHITE MUSTANG, AND WAS LIVING AT TWO SIX ZERO EIGHT HIGHLAND AVENUE, BIRMINGHAM, WHICH IS TWO AND TWO-TENTHS MILES FROM RESIDENCE OF WALTER LEON SPAIN. IT IS ALSO NOTED THAT SPAIN'S RESIDENCE IS WITHIN HALF MILE OF ONE NINE ZERO SEVEN SOUTH

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ELEVENTH STREET, WHICH IS ADDRESS USED BY RAY, AS HARVEY LOWMEYER,
WHEN PURCHASING RIFLE AT BIRMINGHAM, MARCH TWENTYNINE, NINETEEN
SIXTYSEVEN.

BIRMINGHAM INDICES AND RECORDS BIRMINGHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT
NEGATIVE RE WALTER LEON SPAIN.

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WHEN PURCHASING RIFLE AT BIRMINGHAM MARCH TWENTYONE NINETEEN
EIGHTEEN STREET WHICH IS ADDRESS USED BY BOB AS NABLER FORMERLY
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1 - Foreign Liaison (cleared through G. Day)
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long

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CABLEGRAM

URGENT

TO LEGATs, LONDON
PARIS

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

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MURKIN

WASHINGTON NEWSPAPER CARRIES STORY BEARING UPI DATELINE LONDON, JUNE THIRTEEN, CONCERNING SUBJECT. FOLLOWING INFORMATION INCLUDED IN THE STORY: "RAY ARRIVED IN BRITAIN MAY EIGHT. HE HURRIED OFF TO LISBON TO PICK UP SOME MONEY TRANSFERRED FROM A SWISS BANK ACCOUNT, ACCORDING TO SCOTLAND YARD SOURCES."

LEGATs LONDON AND PARIS CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INQUIRY TO DETERMINE IF RAY DID OBTAIN MONEY AND SOURCE THEREOF.

ARTICLE ALSO HAD THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: "A SECOND MAN APPEARED WITH RAY WHEN HE CHECKED IN." THIS REFERS TO RAY'S ARRIVAL ON MAY TWENTYEIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT, AT NEW EARL'S COURT HOTEL.

LEGAT, LONDON CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INQUIRY TO IDENTIFY THIS INDIVIDUAL.

MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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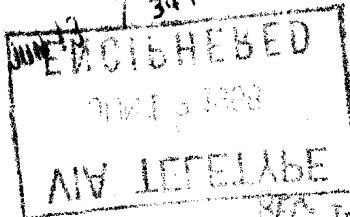
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1 - Mr. McGowan

TO LEGAT LONDON

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

NEW YORK OFFICE TODAY RECEIVED ANONYMOUS HAND-
WRITTEN LETTER DATED JUNE TEN LAST RELATING TO ALLEGED
PLAN TO TAKE SUBJECT FROM AUTHORITIES UPON HIS ARRIVAL
IN UNITED STATES. PEOPLE INVOLVED ALLEGEDLY EXPRESSED
SELVES AS BEING UNDAUNTED, ANTICIPATE LARGE PROTECTIVE
FORCE BUT WILL NOT BE STOPPED AND EXPECT TO LOSE SEVERAL
MARTYRS IN ATTEMPT. REPORTEDLY HAVE ANTICIPATED
POSSIBILITY RAY'S SURPRISE RETURN, AND ALLEGEDLY HAVE WATCHERS
EVERY CONCEIVABLE AIRPORT INCLUDING AIR FORCE LANDING
AREAS. LETTER BEING SUBMITTED FOR APPROPRIATE HANDWRITING
FINGERPRINT EXAMINATIONS RESULTS OF WHICH WILL BE
FURNISHED YOUR OFFICE AND MEMPHIS. COPY TO MEMPHIS AMSD.

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1 - Foreign Liaison Unit (cleared through G. Day)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

DATE: 6/14/68

FROM : SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re FREDERICK JOHN SCHWARTZ

Re Legat teletype to Bureau 6/13/68; WFO airtel to Bureau 6/13/68; LHM dated 6/13/68 and captioned "FREDERICK JOHN SCHWARTZ"; WFO teletype to Bureau and Los Angeles 6/13/68.

Enclosed for Memphis are two (2) Xerox copies of each of above referenced communications.

FOR INFO MEMPHIS.

1 CRU

- ② - Bureau
 - 2 - Memphis (44-1987) (Enc.8) (INFO)
 - 1 - WFO
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Mr. Stephen J. Pollak
Assistant Attorney General

Director, FBI

June 15, 1968

1 COPIES MADE, DATE 5-18-78 BY
TUB:SPS RE MURKIN
FOR REVIEW AT FBIHQ AND/OR DELIVERY
TO HSCA RE REQUEST DATED 5-16-78
(SEE BUFILE 62-117290)

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.

Brigadier M. S. R. Maunsell, Director of Prison Security, Wandsworth Prison, where Ray is presently confined, requested that if available, he be furnished prison background information relating to Ray. Officials of Missouri State Penitentiary made available to the FBI records of Ray which have in turn been forwarded to our Legal Attache in London and will be furnished to Brigadier Maunsell. These records were made available on a strictly confidential basis and Brigadier Maunsell will be so informed.

Sources in England have advised that at Magistrate Court on June 18, 1968, the Magistrate will announce that the extradition hearing will take place on June 21, 1968. The public prosecutor will then ask for adjournment on local charges. On June 21, 1968, if the defense is ready, the extradition hearing will commence. Should the defense ask for more time he will be given until June 27, 1968, and if the hearing does not actually start until June 27, 1968, the Magistrate is prepared to sit on June 29, 1968, (Saturday) in order to expeditiously dispose with the matter.

Under the name Ramon George Sneyd, the following charges are pending against Ray in England:

"(1) That you did on the 8th June 1968 at London Airport, without lawful authority use for the purpose of the Alien's Order 1953, a forged passport. Contrary to Article 25 (3) of the Alien's Order 1953.

"(2) That you, not being a person exempted from the requirements of the Firearms Act, 1937, did, on

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NOTE:

See Memorandum, Rosen to DeLoach, dated June 15, 1968, entitled 'MURKIN' FJH:jlh

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the 8th June 1968, at London Airport, have in your possession, a firearm, namely a .38 'Liberty Chief' revolver, and 5 rounds of .38 ammunition, to which Part 1 of the said Act applies, and did not hold a firearms certificate at the time.

Contrary to Section 1 of the Firearms Act. 1937."

The June 13, 1968, issue of "The Washington Daily News" contained an article on page one wherein it is stated, "Ray arrived in Britain May 8. He hurried off to Lisbon to pick up some money transferred from a Swiss bank account, according to Scotland Yard sources."

For your information New Scotland Yard has no knowledge of any money allegedly transferred to Ray from a Swiss bank account.

The same article also stated, with reference to Ray's arrival at the New Earls Court Hotel, "A second man had appeared with Ray when he checked in. Jane never saw him again. Ray left June 5, carrying the airline flight bag he always clutched, possibly containing the Liberty Chief pistol he was arrested with Saturday." "Jane" is identified as Jane Nassau, a hotel clerk at the New Earls Court Hotel.

Investigation conducted in England indicates Ray arrived alone at the New Earls Court Hotel.

As you were previously informed, New Scotland Yard advised that Frederick J. Schwartz, born [redacted] at Detroit, Michigan, and currently residing in London, has contacted the court appointed attorney for Ray stating that he, Schwartz, has an academic interest in the case. Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory indicates Frederick J. Schwartz is an associate of the law firm of Dahlstrum, Walton and Butts, Los Angeles, California.

Records of the Los Angeles Police Department reveal that Frederick John Schwartz was arrested on July 8, 1967, on a traffic warrant and forfeited bail of \$5. That individual indicated his occupation as attorney with "Dahlstrum and Butts." The same individual was arrested on December 1, 1960, on a violation of California Penal Code 459 when he allegedly took six pairs of men's socks from a West Los Angeles department store. The charge was changed to petty theft on

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December 2, 1960, and subsequently reduced to malicious mischief to which he entered a plea of guilty and was given a suspended sentence of six months, six months probation and a \$100 fine. The same individual was also arrested on May 5, 1956, and charged with "joy riding, delinquent" and was "turned over to parents."

The records of the California State Bar, Los Angeles, California, reveal Mr. Schwartz was admitted to the California Bar on January 5, 1965. No inquiries have been made to the California Bar by British legal authorities concerning his legal background.

June 15, 1968

Airtel

- 1 - Foreign Liaison (Cleared with
SA Graham Day)
- 1 - Mr. Long

To: Legat, London

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

ReLegat, London cablegram dated June 13, 1968.

Enclosed for Legat London are two copies of extract from Kansas City report of May 15, 1968, concerning records obtained from the Missouri State Penitentiary in specific reference to subject Ray's incarceration. Included in this document will be a physical report, background, and an evaluation by the psychiatrist.

These records were furnished to the Bureau by officials of Missouri State Penitentiary with the understanding that they will be a matter of strict confidence. If a copy of these records is furnished to Brigadier M. S. R. Maunsell, Director of Prison Security, it should be with specific understanding that these records are furnished for his use and should not be disclosed to outside sources.

It is to be noted that subject, since his escape from Missouri State Penitentiary on April 23, 1967, took a locksmithing course from a company in Little Falls, New Jersey. He was sent eight lessons and the degree of his proficiency or his grades are not known. It is, therefore, not possible to evaluate his lock-picking ability.

It has been reported by several individuals, particularly prison associates of Ray, that he was a user of amphetamine type drugs. The method of saturating a cloth with amphetamine type drugs, method of

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Airtel to Legat, London
RE: MURKIN

recovering such drugs after the cloth has dried, and how Ray's clothes could be cleaned to insure any drugs in cloth are removed, this is not positively known. The possibility exist that amphetamine drugs can be placed in a solution of alcohol or ether, the cloth completely saturated with solution, and this would result in quick drying, and the drugs then adhere to cloth. This could then possibly be recovered by the cloth being placed in another solution of possibly alcohol. It appears there is no positive means of insuring that the clothes could be cleaned to remove the amphetamine drugs due to the varience in chemicals used and different methods. If a problem presents its concerning Ray having drugs in his clothing, the possibility exist that he could be issued a new suit of clothing. This way, it would insure that he would not carry drugs outside of England.

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NOTE:

Director of Prison Security where Ray is incarcerated in London, England, has requested information concerning medical history of subject, details of subject's escape, records of violence against prison staff and other available information that would be of value to prison authorities. We have extracted pages from a Kansas City report and transmitted same to Legat, London, for the furnishing to Director of Prison Security. This will be furnished to him with the specific understanding that these records are furnished for his use and should not be disclosed to outside sources.

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Date: 6/12/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (44-371) (P)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re San Diego teletype dated 6/11/68.

Seattle files reflect investigation conducted at request of Detective JOHN DERMODY, Bunco Detail, Seattle PD, who on April 7, 1966, advised that GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER, Seattle PD No. 62308, had allegedly taken between \$550 and \$600 in money from Dag's Restaurant, 3111 Rainier Avenue South, and had flown to Florida where he is alleged to have come from. LETSINGER was described as follows:

DOB	[REDACTED]
POB	Macomb, Missouri
Height	5'5"
Weight	169 pounds
Build	Stocky
Complexion	Medium
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Peculiarities	Roman nose
Scars & Marks	Tattoo "GLADYS 1900" on right shoulder

Seattle files further reflect that no UFAP process was issued inasmuch as GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER was arrested at Jacksonville, Florida, on April 11, 1966, and was returned

③ - Bureau
 1 - Memphis (44-1987)
 1 - San Diego (Enc 5)
 2 - Seattle
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 Special Agent in Charge

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The above information has been telephonically furnished to the San Diego Office to SA ARNOLD W. O'BRIEN on June 12, 1968, by SA DEAN C. ROLSTON.

There is being forwarded to the San Diego Office three copies of the Seattle Police Department arrest record, one copy of FBI Identification Record under number 584742F and a photograph of GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER.

6-10-68

Airtel

To: Legat, London

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Enclosed are letters addressed to Sir John Waldron, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, New Scotland Yard, and to two of his men expressing appreciation for their outstanding work in connection with the apprehension of James Earl Ray. You should personally present these letters with my sincere appreciation. Also enclosed are copies for your file.

Enclosures (6)

1 - Foreign Liaison Unit - Enclosures (3)

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The enclosed are copies for your information.
 Enclosed are two letters and two copies of a letter
 in connection with the apprehension of James Earl Ray, known
 to two of the men apprehended, whose names are given in the
 Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, New York City.
 Enclosed are letters referred to in the above.

REMARKS

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

TO: SAC, NEW YORK

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June 10, 1968

Sir John Waldron, K.C.V.O.
Commissioner
Metropolitan Police
New Scotland Yard
London, S.W. 1, England

Dear Sir John:

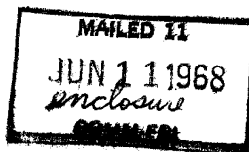
Hearty congratulations to you and your staff on the identification and apprehension in London of James Earl Ray who is wanted in connection with the assassination of Martin Luther King.

Your assistance has been magnificent in every respect. I want you to know of our most sincere gratitude, and I have written directly to Detective Chief Superintendent T.M.J. Butler and Detective Sergeant Phillip Birch to express my personal thanks and those of all my associates for the superb achievements of your men. Copies of my letters are enclosed. Their efforts certainly were in keeping with the highest traditions of the law enforcement profession.

With deepest appreciation,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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NOTE: Bufiles contain prior cordial correspondence with Sir John.
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June 10, 1968

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Detective Sergeant Phillip Birch
Metropolitan Police
New Scotland Yard
London, S. W. 1, England

Dear Sergeant Birch:

On behalf of all of us in the FBI I would like to extend congratulations and appreciation for the excellence of your work in the investigation involving James Earl Ray. Your alertness in recognizing the alias under which this badly wanted fugitive was traveling and in promptly reporting his presence to your official superior led to Ray's apprehension.

Your actions in this matter were indeed in the highest tradition of good law enforcement and I wanted you to know of our gratitude.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

- 1 - London
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NOTE: Sergeant Birch is not identifiable in Bufiles. He was at the airport and saw the name on the airport manifest and recognized Ray's alias from previous briefing. He reported this information to his superior, which led directly to Ray's apprehension.

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June 10, 1968

Detective Chief Superintendent T. M. J. ~~Butler~~, M.B.E.
Metropolitan Police
New Scotland Yard
London, S.W. 1, England

My dear Chief Superintendent:

It is indeed a pleasure to express to you my sincerest appreciation for your untiring and outstanding efforts in the investigation, identification, and apprehension of James Earl Ray. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank through you Detective Superintendent William C. Marchant, Detective Chief Inspector Kenneth J. Thompson, Detective Inspector John H. W. Morris, and Detective Sergeant Peter A. Elliott for the individual exemplary roles which they played in this matter. I am writing separately to Detective Sergeant Phillip Birch to thank him for his efforts.

Without the wholehearted excellent cooperation of each of you the location and arrest of this badly wanted fugitive would not have been possible. This is but another fine example of the close relationship which exists between our Departments and shows what teamwork can do on an international basis.

I wish you would convey my sentiments to each of the officers named above and thank them on behalf of my associates for a job well done.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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