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FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

June 11, 1968

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John Edgar Hoover, Director

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FBI File No.
Lab. No.

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San Diego

Reference:

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6/7/68

Request comparison of the WILLIAM A. MARSHALL signatures on Q343 and Q344 with the known handwriting of HOWARD MASON BIRRELL, JR., FBI #1971469

Result of examination:

Because of the lack of comparable letters and letter combinations for a satisfactory examination, it could not be determined whether the "William A. Marshall" signatures on Q343 and Q344 were prepared by HOWARD MASON BIRRELL, JR., FBI #1971469.

If available, additional known handwriting of BIRRELL may permit a more definite opinion.

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MRS. CLARENCE BIRRELL, CHULA VISTA, CALIFORNIA,

ADVISED FROM READING EXPLOITS OF WILLIAM A. MARSHALL IN NEWS
PAPERS AT CHULA VISTA, SHE FEELS MARSHALL IDENTICAL WITH HER

BROTHER IN LAW HOWARD MASON BIRRELL, JR., FBI NUMBER NINE

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AND REQUESTED TUFTS TO PURCHASE HIM A CHEAP AUTOMOBILE.

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FOR INFORMATION BIRRELL RECENTLY RELEASED AND IS ON FEDERAL PAROLE, U.S. PROBATION AND PAROLE OFFICE, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

W. C. Sullivan

FROM

SUBJECT: MURKIN.

DATE: June 10, 1968

Tele, Room Holmes Gandy -

At 11:45 a.m., 6/9/68, John Minnich, Legat, London, telephonically advised Special Agent Howard H. Wallace, Jr., that Assistant Attorney General Fred M. Vinson, Jr., held an extemporaneous press conference on the steps of the United States Embassy in London. The conference was covered by television and news representatives. Vinson reiterated that he was in London to check security arrangements concerning James Earl Ray and to make sure that such were maximum. He further stated that he was also there to expedite extradition of Ray. He praised New Scotland Yard's handling of the case. Although it was not known whether Vinson was asked whether he had seen Ray, Vinson had agreed with the press officer at the Embassy to say, if he was asked, he saw Ray in his cell but did not speak to him. The above donference was held at 4:40 p.m. London time, 11:40 a.m. our time on 6/9/68. The above information was furnished immediately upon receipt to the Supervisor on duty in the General Investigative Division for appropriate handling.

At 12:03 p.m. John Minnich, Legat, London, telephonically advised that he had been in contact with one of his press sources who told him Assistant Attorney General Vingon had advised at the above press conference that he would not discuss what tactics would be used to return Ray to the United States. Vinson paid tribute to New Scotland Yard and the FBI. He said he had seen Chief Superintendent Butler at New Scotland Yard and had seen Ray but he had not talked to him. Vinson did not know if he, Vinson, would attend court 6/10/68. Vinson was asked if he was going to return to the United States on the same plane as the subject. Vinson's reply was that It with New Scotland Yard said he would have further talks with New Scotland Yard 16 JUN 19 1968 the subject. Vinson's reply was that 'it was doubtful. He

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1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach

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RECOMMENDATION:

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND NEW YORK
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15 JUN 19 1968

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June 17, 1968

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Honorable Brady Black
Fditor and Vice President
The Cincinnati Enquirer
617 Vine Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Dear Mr. Black:

FOR REVIEWALL COME ALLIERY DELIVERY (SEE BUFILE 62-117290)

Special Agent in Charge Morgan has furnished me the editorial, "The Ray Apprehension," which appeared in the June 12th issue of your paper.

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It is reassuring to know of your approval of our work in the case involving James Earl Ray. Your high regard, not only for the work of the FBI but also for the other law enforcement agencies which gave such splendid cooperation in this investigation, is gratifying.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Mr. Black is on the Special Correspondents' List, and our relations with this newspaper have been cordial.

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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 6/12/68

Attention: Crime Records Division

FROM: SAC, Cincinnati (157-1893)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed is an editorial taken from the Cincinnati Enquirer dated 6/12/68, page 6, captioned "The Lay Apprehension."

BRADY BLACK is the Editor, and he points out the arrest of the prime suspect comes as an immense relief to those who had begun to fear that the KING assassination might go unpunished, and its accomplishment is a tribute to the FBI and to the other agencies whose assistance it enlisted.

Bureau may desire to send a letter to SAC Contact BRADY BLACK, Editor and Vice President, The Cincinnati Enquirer, 617 Ving Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202.

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The Ray Apprehension

THE LONDON ARREST of James Earl Ray came last weekend as the culmination of perhaps the most prodigious manhunt in the nation's recent history.

Now begins the painstaking business of returning Ray to the jurisdiction in which the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. occurred.

Just as there was widespread impatience with the long and complex procedure through which the prime suspect was tracked down, so will there now be widespread impatience with the equally complex procedures through which he will be returned to stand trial in Memphis.

First of all, Ray must face charges of entering Britain on a false passport and with a concealed weapon. And the offense on which the Federal Bureau of Investigation entered the case—the denial of Dr. King's civil rights—is not one on which he is extraditable. Ray, of course, is also wanted for the completion of a prison term in Missouri.

Even when all of the legal knots are unraveled and the case against Ray presented, there will be dozens of questions to which the nation and the world will want answers.

Was the assassination of Dr. King the handiwork of one man—Ray or someone else? Or did it involve an elaborate conspiracy in which the actual assassin was only a part? And where did Ray obtain the \$12,000 he is alleged to have spent during the months preceding Dr. King's assassination?

As the legal steps unfold, as authorities seek answers to these and related questions, it is an important matter that Ray be accorded his full measure of constitutional rights, lest a technical error contribute to an ultimate denial of justice.

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On the other hand, Mrs. ALMENA LOMAX, while residing in Tuskegee, Ala., acquired a reputation as a fanatic. Her Tuskegee Tribune made many irresponsible charges against leading citizens of the community, both Negro and white, particularly against those seeking to bring about racial harmony through bi-racial groups. Her paper supported the militant actions of Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), which then was gaining a foothold at Tuskegee Institute.

In the letter accompanying the referenced airtel, Mrs. LOMAX characterizes her expressions as "scuttlebutt." Upon review, her letter does not appear to make any accusation that ex-sheriff HARVEY SADLER was connected with the slaying of Dr. KING; rather it is speculated that the WALIACE forces might be responsible for the slaying because they profitted therefrom. SADLER is associated with this alleged "plot" only in that he has been a WALIACE supporter in the past.

There does not appear to be any more basis for interview of former Sheriff SADLER than for interview of GEORGE WALLACE or other WALLACE supporters. UACB no interview of SADLER will be conducted.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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Mr. DeLoach

DATE: June 13, 1968

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A. Rosen

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1 - Mr. DeLoach 1 - Mr. Rosen 1 - Mr. Mohr 1 - Mr. Bishop

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

Reference is made to Mr. DeLoach's memorandum to Mr. Tolson dated June 10, 1968, in which Assistant Attorney General Stephen J. Pollak made inquiry concerning whether Laboratory reports were included in FBI investigative reports which had already been sent to the Department of Justice in the United States Attorney's Office in Memphis and Birmingham. Mr. DeLoach told him he felt these reports were included as this was the usual procedure; however, a check would be made concerning this point. This was in conversation with Mr. Pollak on June 9, 1968.

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Mr. Nathan Lewin, of Mr. Pollak's Office, was advised June 9, 1968, that his department was sent eight reports and the identity of these reports was verified. He was also advised that the Laboratory findings based upon evidence left near the scene of the crime were included in the reports of Memphis authorities in his possession. Mr. Lewin was also advised that copies of the report were furnished the United States Attorney in Birmingham in view of the fact Federal process was obtained from Birmingham. He was specifically advised that reports were not furnished the United States Attorney in Memphis as process was not obtained there.

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To:

Legat, Ottawa

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)
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According to recent accounts by newspapers regarding the activities of the subject during his stay in Toronto, Canada, the names of Eric St. V. Galt, Paul Bridgeman and Ramon George Sneyd have appeared. It is possible that a common denominator exists as to the reason subject Ray has assumed each of these names while in Toronto. It is also possible that subject was in Toronto after his escape on April 23, 1967, up to the middle of July, 1967, at which time he appeared in Montreal, Canada.

Legat Ottawa will consider requesting the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to conduct background investigations of the three individuals heretofore named considering that the three individuals may have, in one particular spot at a certain time, all did business at one particular bank or any item that would put the three of them in one location. Legat Ottawa, in the request, should consider if Galt had a checking account and examine the same to determine when he did, in fact, discontinue signing his name as Eric St. V. Galt.

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The investigation is being suggested to Legat Ottawa is being done in light of the fact that the alias used by Ray of names of Galt, Bridgeman and Sneyd possibly originated from Toronto, Canada, and it is proper that a common denominator will exist as to the reason why these names were used.

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RE BUFFALO TELEPHONE CALL TO BUREAU THIS DATE.

ROBERT JOHNSTONE, REPORTER, "TORONTO STAR," TORONTO, ONTARIO,

CANADA AFTERNOON NEWSPAPER, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED BUFFALO OFFICE

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NO INFORMATION IN THIS CONNECTION WAS GIVEN TO JOHNSTONE.

DURING THIS TELEPHONE CALL, JOHNSTONE ADVISED THAT "TORONTO STAR" EXPECTS TO RELEASE WITHIN THE NEXT TWENTY FOUR HOURS DETAILED STORY ESTABLISHING ASSOCIATION BETWEEN JAMES EARL RAY AND MINUTEMAN ORGANIZATION. ACCORDING TO JOHNSTONE THEY HAVE ESTABLISHED THAT FOR PERIOD OF TWO WEEKS TO A MONTH DURING EXPO SIXTY SEVEN RAY LIVED WITHIN ONE BLOCK OF ONE KNOWN MEMBER OF MINUTEMAN ORGANIZATION.

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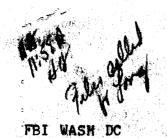
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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Mr. DeLoach

DATE: June 14, 1968

FROM

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This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, ${\bf Jr}_{\bullet}$

ASAC Wason G. Campbell of the Buffalo Office has telephonically furnished the following information:

Robert Johnstone, a reporter for the "Toronto Star" a daily Toronto, Canada, newspaper, contacted the Buffalo Office this afternoon (June 14, 1968) and requested detailed background information concerning Robert DePugh, the former Minutemen official currently being sought as a Bureau fugitive for bank robbery (conspiracy). No information was furnished to Johnstone.

During the contact, Johnstone stated he is about to break a story tying James Earl Ray in with the Minutemen. He stated that through inquiry he has established that an unnamed Minuteman, whom he declined to identify, has resided in the same block in Montreal as Ray-did during the time of the world's fair, Expo 67. Allegedly this unnamed Minuteman was in contact with Ray during this period.

Johnstone added that the unnamed Minuteman was represented by an attorney who sometimes allowed him to answer Johnstone but on other occasions advised him against doing so.

According to Johnstone the unidentified Minuteman has now left Canada and is back in the United States.

ASAC Campbell advised that Johnstone is the son of a former Toronto Police officer but that the indices of the Buffalo Office contain indirect matrix adentifiable with him.

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Memo Rosen to DeLoach RE: MURKIN

It should be noted that our investigation established that Ray resided at 2589 Notre Dame Rue, Montreal, Canada, from July 18 through approximately August 25, 1967. At that time he falsely claimed that he was employed at Expo 67.

In connection with the foregoing, Inspector Louis Pantry, Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) telephonically advised today (June 14, 1968) he had received a call from Bob Reguly, Washington correspondent of the newspaper "Toronto Mail Star." Reguly mentioned that he was trying to obtain information relative to one Jules Rocco Kimball. Reguly claimed Kimball had been in New Orleans and associated with Ray in New Orleans, as well as with Ray in Canada, place in Canada not indicated. He likewise alleged Kimball impersonated a Secret Service Agent in New Orleans and was supposed to be doubling as an agent in Klan activities. Bureau files were checked relative to Kimball and there is nothing based on the information available identifiable with him.

Inspector Pantry advised Reguly has written several exposes wherein he has been critical of authorities including the story concerning Bertha Munsinger, the German girl who was associating with a member of the Canadian cabinet a few years ago. He also wrote an expose concerning a Bureau fugitive, Hal Banks, who was located in Canada and his whereabouts was known to both the RCMP and the FBI, but an arrest could not be made pending necessary legal ramifications. This case could not be readily identified in Bureau files without additional research. Reguly's article indicated it requires a newspaper man to locate Hal Banks.

Inspector Pantry advised his office in Canada has no knowledge of any association of Kimball and Ray while Ray was in Canada.

ACTION:

Pertinent information set forth above as furnished by Johnstone was furnished by the Buffalo Office to the RCMP at Toronto which is checking the matter out.

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Memo Rosen to DeLoach RE: MURKIN

Bureau files are being checked in an effort to identify the unnamed Minuteman referred to by Johnstone. Legal, Ottawa has been advised of information furnished by Johnstone and instructed to follow the matter closely with the RCMP.

New Orleans is being instructed to conduct appropriate inquiry concerning Kimball's possible association with Ray.

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Legal Obstacles to Ray's Extradition Seen

Special Correspondent of THE NEWS

London, June 14-The lawyers for James Earl Ray in any extradition fight could conceivably claim that the slaying of American civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. was "political."

Speculation about such a possibility grew today when the respected British magazine The Economist commented that "the case is likely to spotlight the complexities of British extradition law, long overdue for revision."

A hearing of the United States' application for Ray's return may be held in Bow St. police court next week.

Tre magazine said it rad sot bees the intention of Parliament to exclude political assasination from the extradition act when it was passed in 1870, but that the lawmakers "failed to use language restricting the scope of the concept in this way."

"All Sorts of Problems"

The Economist's legal correspondent said today that despite the order by Home Secretary James Callaghan yesterday authorizing extradition proceedings against Ray, the Missouri penitentiary escapee accused of the April 4 assassination of King in Memphis, Teph., "all sorts of complicated problems could still conceivable arise." Coccivable arise. noted that "if concerned is merely suspected of the crime there is no machinery under the extradition act for his surrender. If evidence 19f the mal's guilt could only be pos duced after the American author-

ities have interrogated him, then a request for his surrender would

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"In any event, the act permits the person sought to argue that the offense with which he is charged is an offense of a political character, a concept of the utmost vagueness."

If Ray waived extradition he could be returned to the U.S. within a week. But if his courtappointed British attorney uses all the delaying procedures available under British law Ray could be a strong the strong transfer of the st stave off extradition for at least six weeks—pissibly much longer. Solicitor Michael Eugene, named by Metropolitam Orief Magistrate Frank Milton to represent Ray, told The News he expected a hearing on the extradition order to be held at Bow St. on Thuesday, at the same time that a hearing is scheduled on British charges of possessing an unregistered firearm and a false Canadian passport.

The American Reaction

American Spid Shey

would be pleased by such a speedy

hearing, but they had expected

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as scheduled on Tuesday and the request for tradition to come up late in the week, or possibly not until the following week. Solicitor Eugene declined to say whether he would fight extradi-

Ray, in Wandsworth Prison, was reported to be talking freely about his activities in Britain in the three weeks before his arrest last Saturday.

But Scotland Yard detectives pointedly refrained from questioning him about King's murder to avoid complicating the ease against him in the United States.

American FBI agents have refrained for the same reason from asking permission to question him.



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The saga of James Earl Ray, as told by United States authorities, has brought to the attention of the general public what has apparently been well-known to every crook and spook worthy of the name. Canada, it seems, is the place to go if you're anxious to establish a new identity and to get the credentials necessary for a quick international getaway.

Ray, so the official account goes, left the United States shortly after the assassination of Martin Luther King and headed north of the border. In no time at all, he had the documents in hand to prove that he was Ramon George Sneyd of Toronto and a passport identifying him to the world as a Canadian citizen.

The exact procedure to be followed in establishing this instant citizenship may well have been learned by Ray during his term in prison. In any event, it was, it seems, common knowledge in criminal

and spy circles that Canada's passports are easy to come by. They have, according to some accounts, become the diplomatic equivalent of Panamanian ship registry among those who, for one reason or another, are not anxious to bother with a lot of bureaucratic questions and answers.

Canada has, in the wake of the Ray case, ordered a study of means by which the illegal traffic in passports can be curbed. Perhaps a system of regional passport offices, similar to that in the United States, will replace the present mail order setup whereby all passports are issued from Ottawa, with no requirements for an applicant's appearance before any official. Surely some new method must be devised — and promptly — that will honor Canada's dedication to individual liberty, and at the same time stem the flow of undesirables to and from the North American continent.

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Ray Extradition **Faces Hurdles**

LONDON UPI—Efforts to return James Earl Ray to the United States for trial in the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. may run into a sea of delay and difficulty because of Britain's complex extradition laws, legal sources said today.

The language of the 1870 law is vague on the subject of political assassination, the sources said, and it will require U.S. authorities to present strong evidence that Ray is responsible for the civil rights leader's

death.

The legal sources said framers of Britain's extradition laws sought to exclude political assassination from offenses of a "political character"—and therefore not subject to extradition-but

the language used was vague.

They also said that if U.S. authey also said that it U.S. authorities are permitted to question Ray in his prison cell prior to the extradition hearing it could jeopardize their case.

They must go before the court with prima facie evidence of his guilt not just suspicion—before

guilt—not just suspicion—before he can be sent to America, the sources said.

Lawyers from both nations planned to meet Monday to set a date for the hearings on America's extradition request,

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