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The Ray Case: 3 Key Questions Remain Unanswered

By THOMAS TALBURT Scripps-Howard Staff Writer

Despite the flood of disclosures about James Earl Ray since he was captured in London, three key questions remained unanswered today.

• Where did Ray, suspected assassin of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., get the estimated \$12,000 he spent in the last nine months?

Investigators suggest he may have been one of two still-unidentified masked men who robbed a bank of \$27,000 in Ray's hometown, Alton, Ill., soon after Ray escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary on April 23, 1967.)

• How did Ray manage to get from Atlanta, where he was seen April 5 — the day afterDr. King was slain in Memphis — to Toronto where he rented a room April 3?

(A report he was seen entering Canada by auto at Ft. Erie, Ont., has been dismissed by authorities as "poppycock." It's more likely he flew from Atlanta to Toronto, tho this never has been officially confirmed.)

• How did Ray know the names and other particulars about three — possibly four — Toronto residents whose names he used as aliases?

(Investigators say Ray could have obtained this information from the Vital Statistics Bureau in Toronto. The FBI says Ray previously visited Canada in the summer of 1967 and took a sixweek course in locksmithing in Montreal. Whether he also visited Toronto a year ago has not been disclosed.)

U.-S. authorities still doubt Dr. King's death was the product of a conspiracy, the they won't rule it out until they have what they consider rock-hard proof.

Here, chronologically, is what is known publicly of the trail left by Ray:

April 4 — Minutes after Dr. King is shot, police in Tennessee and surrounding states launch a search for a white Mustang in which it's believed his killer escaped Memphis.

April 5 — At dawn in Atlanta, Ray abandons a white Mustang registered to him. He takes two taxi rides covering an area of only a few blocks near downtown Atlanta's Peachtree Street. Then he vanishes.

April 8 — Ray rents a room in a shabby \$9-a-week rooming house in Toronto and stays there until April 19. He uses the alias, Ramon George Sneyd. Later, while applying for a passport to go to Europe, Ray even uses the birth date and parents' names of Raymond George Sneyd, a Toronto constable, who bears a striking resembiance to Ray Mr. Sneyd tells police he never heard of Ray before.

BRIDGEMAN

While getting a passport picture taken, Ray identifies himself at a Toronto photo shop as Paul Bridgeman. The real Paul Bridgeman is a consultant to the Toronto Board of Education. He also says he never heard of Ray before.

April 11 — FBI agents in Atlanta find Ray's abandoned white Mustang on a housing development parking lot.

April 15 — Agents search an Atlanta rooming house where Ray had stayed before going to Memphis. At the rooming house he was known as Eric Starvo Galt. It later develops that an Eric St. Vincent Galt, who also resembles Ray, lives in northeast Toronto near Mr. Sneyd and Mr. Bridgeman.

(It's also suspected that still another alias used by Ray when he checked into the Memphis rooming house from which the fatal shot was fired, was the name of yet another Toronto resident — John Willard.)

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April 17 — The FBI identifies Dr. King's suspected assassin as Eric Starvo Galt. Two days later, on the basis of a thumbprint found in the Atlanta rooming house and other evidence, Galt is identified as Ray.

May 6 — Ray leaves Toronto and files to London aboard a British Overseas Airways Corp. jet. Altho he has purchased a round-trip ticket, he cashes in the return portion in London.

May 7 — Ray flies to Lisbon and, using the name Sneyd, checks into a third-class hotel where he stays until May 17 when he flies back to London

The dates from May 17 to May 28 constitute a still-questional to piece of the puzzle. Officials say Ray probably was in London this entire period, but conceivably could have returned to Lisbon. A London rooming-house operator says kay rented a room from her for three nights during this period, but her statement is unconfirmed.

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May 28 — Ray turns up at the New Earl's Court hotel in London's West End. Several days later he moves to the Pax hotel in London's rundown Pimico district.

June 8 — Ray checks out of the Pax and goes to London's Heathrow Airport to board a flight to Brussels. When arrested at the airport his possessions include fraudulent passports he obtained in Canada and Portugal, a loaded pistol and 70 pounds (\$168).

With Ray under arrest, attention focuses on proceedings in London to have him returned to the U. S. to face a murder charge in the King slaying.

Canadian police, seeking a "fat man" seen giving ray an envelope the day before he went to a Toronto travel agency to buy the round-trip ticket to London, discover this part of their investigation is a dead end.

The unidentified man, who went to police after reading of the search for him, had found a letter Ray had written seeking a job in Toronto. Ray apparently had dropped it in a phone booth. The man simply had been a good samaritan, Canadian police say, and returned it to Ray at his rooming house.

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ST. LOUIS, June 14 (AP)—A brother of James Earl Ray, a suspect in the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., said to day ne will apply Monday for a passport so he can visit his brother in Louidon.

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The brother, John Larry Ray, 35, said he was attempting to contact Houston lawyer Percy Foreman to ask him to represent James.

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Mr. DeLoach

DATE: June 14, 1968

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FROM : A. Rosen

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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 in view of the fact the Attorney General has stated that he wanted Pollak to divorce himself from other work and to supervise this case. The Attorney General also asked that Pollak be kept advised of pertinent information in this case. The material contained in the attached memorandum has been taken from cablegrams and teletypes, and Pollak is being informed that the information is based on preliminary communications and complete details will be incorporated in reports setting forth results of investigation.

Material being disseminated includes information on a briefing given by the Wandsworth Prison Director of Security to Assistant Attorney General Fred M. Vinson, Jr., of the Criminal Division who has been in London on the extradition aspects, regarding security provisions relating to Ray. Vinson was reportedly returning to Washington and is to brief the Attorney General on his activities in London on June 14, 1968. The Director of Security, Wandsworth Prison, has requested information on Ray's prison activities for his

assistance in connection with security, which available information will be furnished.

Assistant Attorney General Pollak is also being advised of reported efforts by two individuals, one identifying himself as a "Mr. Adam" of "Newsweek" in London, and the other identifying himself as an American lawyer interested in Ray's case, to ascertain the identity of and to contact Ray's British attorney. Ray's British attorney is a Mr. Eugene of the firm

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of Michael Dresden and Company of London, England. "Mr. Adam" is not known to the American Embassy as a member of the "Newsweek" staff in London.

At the request of New Scotland Yard, we are conducting appropriate record checks on one Frederick J. Schwartz, the American attorney who indicated an interest in Ray's case, and results will be furnished to the Yard, and the Department.

We are also advising Assistant Attorney General Pollak of additional investigation at Toronto which has developed nothing of pertinence, and also that the Metropolitan Toronto Police Department is releasing to the press information that the "mysterious fat man" had been located and is not of significance to the investigation. The identity of the "mysterious fat man" is not being revealed to the press by Toronto authorities. Included in the letter to Mr. Pollak is also information regarding an anonymous letter concerning an alleged plan to take the subject Ray from authorities upon his arrival in the United States. This letter is being forwarded by the New York Office for appropriate processing and any information of pertinence developed will be run out.

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.

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RE JOHN LARRY RAY:

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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 was cancelled and Passport Number 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 passor travel or future plans. He was assisted in filling out the forms by Counselor Assistant Mrs. Manuela Texelra Lopes.

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Mrs. Lopes was vacationing at a distant point in

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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.



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SEE NOTE ON REVERSE SIDE

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

In reviewing Ray's past activities it is noted that (1) he has a penchant for self-improvement courses including correspondence courses, (2) he frequently replies to magazine advertisements and (3) he consulted two psychologists in Los Angeles for hypnotic treatments for the purpose of learning to relax, gaining self-confidence, overcoming shyness and learning to talk to people. Therefore, it is felt there is a good possibility Ray would reply to the following advertisement if it could be brought to his attention.

SELF-HYPNOSES

REC 36 A leading psychologist has perfected a simple, positive method of relaxing, gaining confidence, overcoming shyness and effectively communicating with others. Quick, simple, home 4 study course. Results guaranteed or your money back. Reasonable cost. For free details with no obligation, write P. O. Box...

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Since the above advertisement guarantees benefits sought by a large percentage of the population, the advertisement could draw a great many replies. Ray's answers to other advertisements have been distinctive, however, as he uses a typewriter and types only in upper case letters.

The use of such an advertisement does not appear to violate postal laws as there is no intent to defraud. Complaints might be made to the Postal Inspectors, however, either by persons answering the advertisement who receive no reply or by Better Business Bureaus or

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ACTION:

- 1. Upon approval, Liaison Section will contact the Chief Postal Inspector without identifying the case involved and obtain his clearance to publish such an advertisement designed to solicit a reply from a particular fugitive.
- 2. A study is being made of Ray's reading habits to select the most likely vehicles for attracting his attention. Upon completion and with clearance of the Postal Inspector, arrangements will be made to run the advertisement.

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIV DIVISION

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

The attached indicates the London Bureau of Washington Post will run a personal ad to the effect, "Anyone having knowledge of where-abouts of Ramon George Sneyd between May 17-28, 1968, to contact London Office Washington Post."

Noted that subject returned from Lisbon to London on May 17, 1968, and as of May 28, 1968, he registered at Pax Hotel, London, England. His whereabouts from May 17, to May 28, 1968 has not been determined.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM

SAC, SPRINGFIELD (66-1175)

RE:

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Re telephone call from Section Chief C. L. MC GOWAN, May 24, 1968, and telephone call from No. 1 Man, J. G. KELLY, May 29, 1968.

The above telephone calls were received in the Springfield Office in the late afternoon.

Upon receiving instructions from Mr. MC GOWAN on May 24, 1968, with regard to the possible connection between the MURKIN subject JAMES EARL RAY and the possibility of his involvement in the Bank of Alton robbery of July 13, 1967, I immediately contacted SA ROBERT C. HAINES, SRA of the Alton Resident Agency. I furnished the information to SA HAINES and emphasized the importance of the investigation.

SA HAINES had previously been in contact with SA
JOSEPH DOBSON of the St. Louis Office at which time he learned
that the reliability of JOHN EUGENE GAWRON was not known.
For this reason and the fact that the Alton Bank was closed
at the time I spoke with SA HAINES and was not open for business
until Monday, May 27, 1968, SA HAINES displayed the clothing
bearing laundry marks and also the shotgun to the Bank of
Alton witnesses on Monday, May 27, 1968.

Because of the pessibility that RAY was connected with the robbery of the Bank of Alton and because the physical evidence recovered three weeks subsequent to the robbery has not been definitely established as being connected with the robbery of the bank, we desired to be on as firm ground as

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possible in submitting the evidence for comparison insofar as at least a tentative identification by the witnesses concerned. At the same time SA HAINES displayed photographs of RAY and his known associates in an additional effort to determine if any of the pertinent witnesses might identify RAY or his known associates.

I had instructed SA HAINES that as soon as the pertinent investigation was completed that he was to proceed to the headquarters city with the evidence so that the evidence could be submitted to the FBI Laboratory as Mr. MC GOWAN had instructed.

SA HAINES arrived in the Springfield Office on Tuesday morning at which time he reviewed portions of the file and then prepared item Q3, a Van Heusen shirt, item Q6, a man's brown trousers, and slides of hair samples prepared by the Laboratory of hair recovered from previously submitted evidence An airtel was prepared dated May 28, 1968, advising the Bureau that under separate cover, registered mail, these items of evidence were being submitted to the Laboratory for a determination of any similarities or identification between the two cases. In the same airtel the Memphis Division was requested to submit items of clothing bearing laundry marks and hair samples recovered in the MURKIN investigation for comparison with the above items.

We are continuing the investigation to develop additional information concerning that furnished by GAWRON.

The Springfield Office has been very conscientious in its effort to develop information in the MURKIN case, particularly since JAMES EARL RAY was reportedly born in this area. Because of this we have felt that the answer to RAY's whereabouts may be developed in our division. This investigation's importance has been continuously emphasized in this division.

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AIRMAIL

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Mr. Jack D. Bollinger
Security Advisor
The Gulf Companies
Gulf House
2, Portman Street, W.I.

London, England

Dear Mr. Bollinger:

I have received your letter of June 11th concerning our investigation of James Earl Ray. It was indeed thoughtful of you to write and my associates join me in thanking you for your generous remarks.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Correspondent appears to be a former Special Agent who EOD as a fingerprint clerk 8/6/51 and was appointed as a Special Agent 7/21/52. He resigned 5/2/58 and was not recommended for reinstatement at the time of separation because he was on probation for failure to properly safeguard Bureau property. In 1954 he underwent extensive psychiatric treatment which was diagnosed acute anxiety. He resigned because his wife desired permanent home. Special Agent John Minnich is assigned as Legal Attache in London.

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LONDON OFFICE

June 11, 1968.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice. Washington, D.C., U.S.A.

Dear Sir:

I wish to offer my congratulations for a job well done upon the arrest of the suspected murderer of Dr. Martin Luther King. I can well imagine the number of man hours spent on this assignment by Special Agents nationwide, but I am particularly aware of the esteem and high regard held for Mr. John Minnich and his staff in London by members of Scotland Yard. This well deserved regard certainly played a part in the excellent cooperation received from Scotland Yard.

The arrest of this suspect in London has proven the troubles our country is suffering know no national boundaries, but more important the close cooperative effort of law enforcement agencies in at least three separate nations has shown that men can work together in the interest of right. intensified a light of hope that had been flickering in the gloom of present times.

> EX-115 Yours truly REC. 89

Jack D. Bollinger Security Advisor

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Mr. John Minnich, Office of the Legal Attache

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Submitted herewith for information of the Bureau and completion of its files in instant case is copy of affidavit furnished by CHARLES CUITMA STEPHENS. In addition to 24 py of affidavit, a Kerox copy of Exhibit #1 is attached so that the Bureau can identify the areas in which STEPHENE said various activities took place of which he is cognizant.

It is felt other items described as exhibits in the affidavit are self-explanatory.

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NOTE:

New Scotland Yard has advised thattSchwartz, currently residing in London, had contacted the court appointed attorney for James Earl Ray stating that he, Schwartz, had an academic interest in the case. New Scotland Yard requested background information re Schwartz which is being furnished in instant cablegram.

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