St. The BOAC menticest referred to in Pers. 32 showed SHETD as a passenger on Flight 600, however, their menticest for the proposed return flight on 21-5-56 did not list this name. This information was relayed to Ottawa by telephone and we believe was beststance to Scotland In determining that AAT had exchanged the return portion as detailed in Fars. 33.

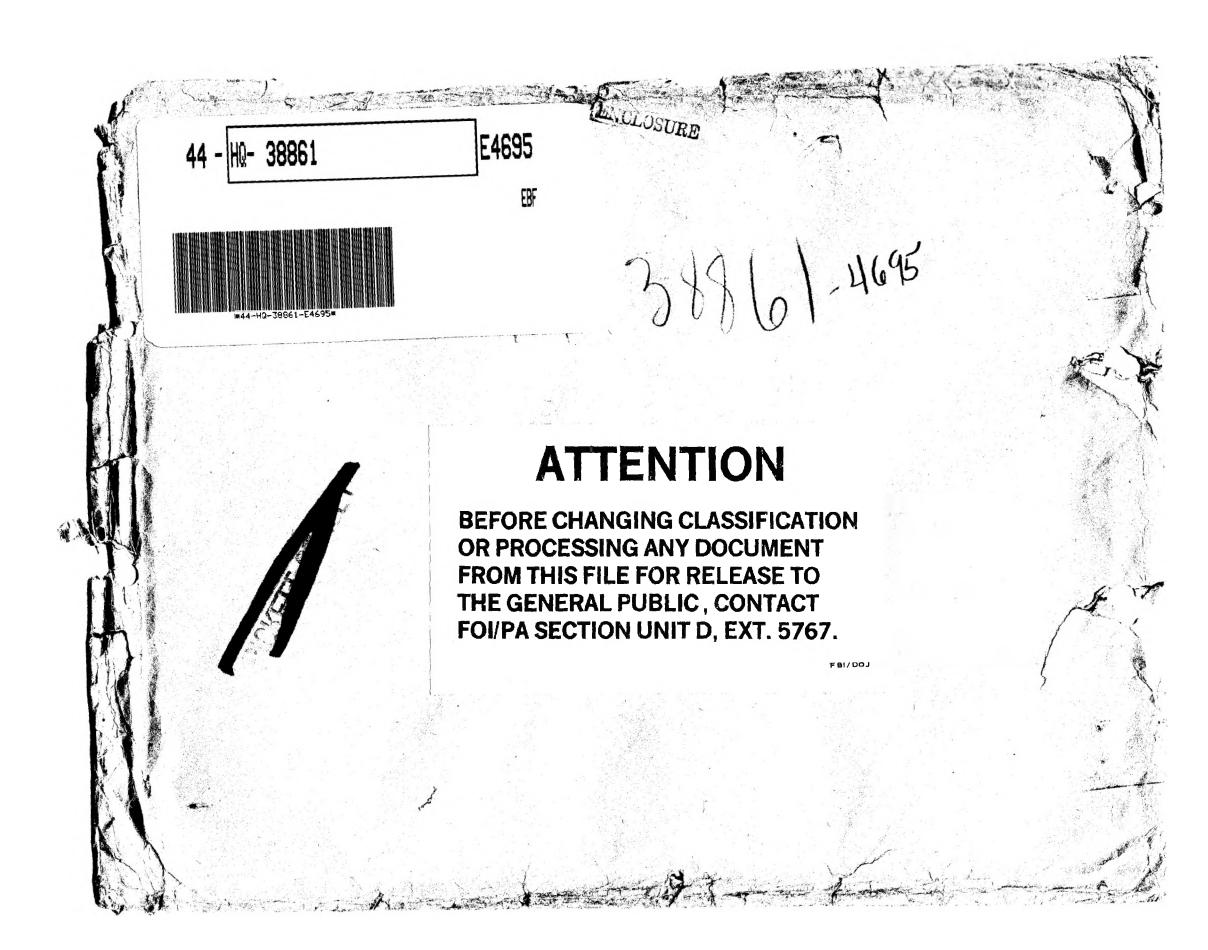
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### MURKIN PROJECTS INSTITUTED

- 1. Passports On May 14, 1968, Washington Field has instituted the review of approximately 2,153,000 passports issued to U. S. Citizens since March 1, 1967. It is anticipated that this project will be completed on June 21, 1968. We are reviewing these at the rate of 20,000 per day. Through the Department of State, Rhodesian authorities are checking their records for any information regarding individuals entering the country from April 5, 1968, to the present date. This, of course, is not limited to citizens of the United States but is including Mexican and Canadian individuals. Our Legat in Ottawa advises that the Canadian authorities are checking the issuance of passports from Canada as it is possible that subject obtained a Canadian passport.
- 2. Safety Deposit Boxes. We are presently checking individuals having access to safety deposit boxes at banks in numerous field divisions. The subject rented a safety deposit box in Birmingham, Alabama, and it is possible that he rented a safety deposit box in a city in which weaknow he resided. Subject has not been known to utilize/checking of savings accounts, and it appears that his business is done strictly with a safety deposit box.
- 3. Cash Withdrawals We presently have under consideration obtaining the identity of individuals making cash withdrawals in excess of \$10,000 in numerous field divisions. It is possible that subject is involved in a conspiracy and a pay-off resulted therefrom. In order to run this matter out we are checking for all withdrawals in excess of \$10,000.
- 4. Drivers' Licenses Each division covering state capitals is ascertaining if a drivers license was possibly issued to the subject. We know that subject presently holds a valid drivers license from the State of Alabama under name of Eric S. Galt. The possibility exists that subject by another name other than currently known, obtained a drivers license.
- 5. Locksmithing Institutions Investigation is underway to determine if subject presently taking a lock-smithing course from firms in United States offering same.

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In view of fact that subject was interested in a locksmithing course, it is possible that he is taking a course under another name or through another company other than the Locksmithing Institute in Little Falls, New Jersey. We have determined the identity of companies other than the one in Little Falls, New Jersey, and investigation is presently underway at each of these companies.

- 6. Unsolved Bank Robberies All divisions have been requested to exhibit photograph of subject Ray to appropriate witnesses in unsolved bank robberies. At the present time we do not know the source of subject's funds. The possibility exists that subject is also the subject of an unsolved bank robbery case and this could be his source of funds.
- 7. Ascertaining long distance telephone calls of certain relatives of subject as well as certain former associates of subject. The possibility exists that subject will endeavor to get in touch with relatives as well as former associates by long distance telephone, and we should be in a position to determine origin of call.
- 8. Circularization to Salvation Army Centers and other rescue mission centers throughout the United States. These are being circularized as it has been known that subject resided in low type rooming houses, and it is also possible that he may seek aid in these types of missions.
- 9. Distribution of a circular to more than 14,000 laundry and dry cleaning establishments throughout the United States. Subject, in the past, has utilized the services of dry cleaning laundries extensively, and it is, therefore, possible that he will utilize these services in the future.
- 10. Determination of magazine or publication which subject Ray habitually read in order to place an ad in such a magazine for possibility of surfacing Ray. The Postal Inspectors are currently reviewing this matter to determine if postal regulations are being complied with in the phrasing of the ad.
- 11. The State Department is presently sending information regarding Ray's fugitive status to all of their consulates or embassies in the event any inquiry is received by their personnel in a foreign country. The possibility always exists that subject may make an inquiry at a consulate and also may seek aid.

- 12. All offices covering points of departure from United States, including border points, have been alerted to conduct appropriate checks and place appropriate stops. The subject, in the past, has been known to be in Canada, as well as Mexico; and we should be in a position to determine if he crosses these borders.
- 13. Circularization of bus companies and other transportation facilities. The subject, if and when he departs areas, could utilize public transportation facilities.
- 14. We have instructed the field in their daily contacts at country clubs, bar, prostitutes to exhibit Identification Order of subject Ray. The subject, in the past, has consorted with prostitutes, has taken a bartending course and has voiced an interest in working at country clubs. We have instructed our offices to exhibit Identification Order to the above in the event contact has been made by him.
- 15. Informants are continually being alerted as to any possible whereabouts of subject Ray.
- 16. Field divisions are continually publicizing the fugitive status of Ray through various news media. In connection with this we have publicized Ray's photograph and information regarding his fugitive status in several publications of various industries.





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SUBJECT: EXTRADITION JAMES EARL RAY

THE MAGISTRATE OF BOW STREET COURT MR. FRANK MILTON CONVENED COURT TUESDAY JUNE 18 AT 10 130 AM. THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTION ADVISED THE COURT AT THE OPENING OF THE HEARING THAT HE HAD COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT AS EXTRADITION CHARGES AGAINST SNEYD WERE PENDING THEY TOOK PRECEDENCE OVER THE ENGLISH CHARGES AND THEREFORE REQUESTED THAT SNEYD BE REMANDED IN CUSTODY FOR THE MAXIMUM PERIOD UNTIL THE EXTRADITION HEARING WAS CONCLUDED. THE COURT AGREED, THE MAGISTRATE FORMALLY REMANDED SNEYD ALIAS RAY IN CUSTODY FOR THE MAXIMUM PERIOD. THE MAGISTRATE STATED: THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO SEETTHE EXTRADITON HEARING CONCLUDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND PREFERABLY WITHIN THE PERIOD THAT RAY IS REMANDED IN CUSTODY ON THE ENGLISH CHARGES, THE MAGISTRATE SUGGESTED THE DATE OF THURSDAY, JUNE 27, FOR THE HEARING. BOTH NIGEL GRAHAM MAW, COUNSEL FOR THE U.S., AND DEFENSE COUNSEL, ROGER FRISBY, AGREED TO THIS DATE AND THE MAGISTRATE SO ORDERED THE HEARING TO BE HELD ON THE 27TH OF JUNE. 211-38861- NIGEL GRAHAM MAW, COUNSEL FOR THE U·S·, THEN FORMALLY READ THE CHARGES QUOTE JAMES EARL RAY, MEREINAFTER CALLED THE DEFENDANT DED SUSPECTED AND ACCUSED OF THE COMMISSION OF THE CRIME NOT MURDER, TO WIT ON 4 APRIL 1968 IN SHELBY COUNTY, STATE OF TENNESSEE 18 1968 DID: UNDAWFULLY, FELONIOUSLY, WILLFULLY, DELIBERATELY, PREMEDITATELY AND OF HIS MALICE AFORETHOUGHT KILL AND MURDE

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ROGER FRISBY, DEFENSE COUNSEL, WISHED TO MAKE A STATEMENT WHICH MR. SNEYD ASKED HIM TO MAKE. FRISBY REFERRED TO THE JUNE 10 LONDON TIMES HEADLINES WHICH STATED QUOTE U.S. JUSTICE DEPARTMENT CHIEF INTERVIEWS KING CASE MAN UNQUOTE FRISBY CONTINUED THAT MR. SNEYD STATED THAT HE WAS NOT INTERVIEWED BY MR. VINSON NOR ANY OTHER U.S. OFFICIAL. FRISBY ADVISED THAT COUNSEL WAS AUTHORIZED TO STATE BY CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT THOMAS BUTLER METROPOLITAN POLICE THAT AT NO TIME WAS MR. SNEYD INTERVIEWED BY MR. VINSON OR ANY OTHER AMERICAN OFFICIAL. MR. NAW, COUNSEL FOR U.S., CONFIRMED THIS STATEMENT. HEARING ADJOURNED UNTIL JUNE 27.

IN DISCUSSION WITH MAW PRIOR TO THE HEARING, HE ADVISED EMBASSY OFFICIAL WHO ALSO PRESENT AT HEARING THAT DEFENSE COUNSEL STATED OFF THE RECORD REPEAT OFF THE RECORD THAT HIS ONLY ARGUMENT IN THIS CASE IS ON THE GROUNDS THAT IT IS A POLITICAL EXTRADITION. MAW ALSO ADVISED THAT IN DISCUSSIONS WITH DEFENSE COUNSEL CASE WOULD BE COMPLETED ON 27TH.

IN ADDITION, TWO WARRANTS FOR ARREST WERE ISSUED BY THE COURT ON JUNE 13. COPIES WILL BE FURNISHED DEPT. SOONEST. BRUCE

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1. DESPITE EXTENSIVE PUBLICITY IN INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE PRESENCE IN PORTUGAL FOR SOME DAYS IN MAY OF ALLEGED KILLER OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, THERE HAS STILL BEEN NO MENTION IN LOCAL PRESS OF THIS FACT.

2. NONETHELESS BY LAST WEEKEND INTERNATIONAL PRESS
REPORTERS HERE HAD WIND OF PORTUGUESE ANGLE OF STORY
AND HAD BEEN JOINED BY FAIRLY LARGE GROUP OF REPS FROM
ENGLISH AND AMERICAN PRESS, MAGAZINES AND TV SEEKING
DETAILS. INITIALLY THESE REPORTERS WERE FRUSTRATED
BECAUSE OF DIFFICULTY TRACING RAY/SNEYD'S ACTIVITIES
DURING HIS STAY AND INABILITY TO FIND ANY SOURCES OF HARD INFO. EVENTUALLY REPORTERS DUG OUT NAME OF LOCAL HOTEL WHERE RAY, UNDER NAME OF SNEYD, HAD BEEN STAYING
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4. OTHER ANGLE WAS THAT RAY/SNEYD CAME HERE TO INVESTIGATE POSSIBILITY OF ENLISTING AS MERCENARY GIVEN ALLEGED REPUTATION OF LISBON AS CENTER FOR MERCENARY RECRUIT-MENT. WE DO NOT RPT NOT KNOW WHAT RAY/SNEYD MAY HAVE DONE ALONG THESE LINES NOR DO WE KNOW WHAT REPORTERS MAY HAVE FILED IN THIS CONNECTION. FONMINISTRY OFFICIAL TOLD EMBOFF THAT CIRCULATION OF THIS PARTICULAR RUMOR IN INTERNATIONAL PRESS WAS ONE REASON WHY GOP HAD WITHHELD ANY STATEMENT OF FACTS TO PRESS UNTIL JUNE 12. HE ADDED GOP HAD ALSO WISHED TO GIVE APPROPRIATE AGENCIES ADEQUATE TIME TO CHECK AVAIL—ABLE FACTS.

5. FONMINISTRY INFO DIRECTOR CALLED IN LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL PRESS REPS JUNE 12. REPORTERS WERE GIVEN BRIEF FACTUAL ACCOUNT, INCLUDING DATES WHEN RAY/SNEYD HAD BEEN HERE, ISSUANCE SECOND CANADIAN PASSPORT BY CANADIAN EMBASSY LISBON, THAT PIDE HAD BEEN COOPERATING WITH FBI WHICH HAD SENT REP TO LISBON TO CHECK INTO RAY/SNEYD'S STAY HERE, THAT GOP HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF HIS STAY HERE AT THAT TIME, AND TH, T THERE WAS NOTHING UNUSUAL! ABOUT HIS ACTIVITIES HERE AS FAR AS AUTHORITIES COULD DETERMINE. PORTUGUESE REPORTERS APPARENTLY STILL PREVENTED BY CENSORSHIP FROM PUBLISHING ANY MENTION OF RAY/SNEYD'S PRESENCE IN PORTUGAL. GP-4. WELLMAN

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### SUGGESTED LEADS BY DIVISION NINE

#### ITEMS ALREADY HANDLED

Item number is that used on over-all list furnished by Division Nine.

Item No. 1 Circularize bus companies, such as Greyhound and Trailways, etc.

Action This circularization was covered in the normal circularization suggested to the field in distributing IO's and Wanted Flyers.

Item No. 2 Circularize coin-operated laundries

Action We are already affording intensive contact with and circularization of laundries in areas that Ray has been known to visit or reside and have distributed circular letters to more than 14,000 laundries throughout the country. Most coin-operated laundries do not have an attendant present and any IO or Wanted Flyer left on individual coin-operated laundry premises would probably be appropriated by the first patrons. In view of this aspect, it is not feasible to circularize coin-operated laundries.

Item No. 3 Check out all new (since 3/67) bank safety deposit box subscribers

Action We are already conducting logical check of bank safety deposit box subscribers, as well as ascertaining identities of such subscribers in Birmingham and Atlanta banks who made entries into their boxes in the period immediately following the shooting. This is for the purpose of checking out these individuals in light of the possibility that the subject, if he had such a box, could have made withdrawal after the shooting.

Item No. 7 Expand Wanted Flyer (Spanish) coverage to Brazil and other South and Central American countries JUN 20 1968

Action We have already furnished Wanted Flyer in Spanish language, as well as Wanted Flyer and IO in the English language to our Legats in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and Mexico City, Mexico, which arranged for appropriate distribution in South American and Central American cities. Moreover the arrangements have been made with the State Department to furnish such material to our consultants throughout the free world.

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Item No. 8 Check out "banana boats" and "tramp steamers" of freighters leaving New Orleans and other southern ports since 4/5/68.

Action The New Orleans Office has already checked out appropriate shipping organizations and other logical checks along these lines have been made.

Item No. 10 Check British Passport and Visa Office for information regarding persons who applied for visas to visit Great Britain or its possessions.

Action The Washington Field Office is already conducting a monumental review of over two million passport applications, and the Legats in Mexico City and Ottawa are maxing appropriate passport checks made in Mexico and Canada respectively. The Australian Embassy has also been checked on passport information on Ray, and the Rhodesian and New Zealand authorities have been alerted to any possible travel of Ray into those countries.

Item No. 14 Check airline and steamship manifest records at New York and INS at San Francisco. These records are held 120 days.

Action Immediately upon identification of the subject as Galt and later as Ray, all offices covering points of departure from the United States, including border points, were alerted to conduct appropriate checks and place appropriate stops. INS records have been thoroughly reviewed and no information has been developed on the subject.

Item No. 15 Utilize former prison mate or informant sending him to Mexico to frequent haunts Ray talked to him about in prison.

Action We had already handled this lead and Legat, Mexico City continues to utilize the sources and investigative informants to the maximum.

Item No. 16 Check recent new Social Security Number applicants of men in the forty-year bracket.

Action In view of the fact that this case does not involve a deserter, Selective Service, or Internal Security matter on which matters Bureau Source Four is usually contacted

for pertinent Social Security information and in order not to compromise this source, it has been recommended that the Liaison Section request Social Security information on Ray and also on new male applicants between the ages of 35 and 45 since 4/4/68, from the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare.

Item No. 17 Contact (circularize) all shrimp fishing vessels working Gulf of Mexico. Fishing companies on Gulf Coast control such fleets.

Action We have already handled the logical aspects of this suggestive lead.

Item No. 19 Circularize spot labor or part time labor employment agencies such as Manpower, Inc., since Ray stayed at second rate rooming houses, etc., in which neighborhood these agencies usually exist.

Action Manpower, Inc. offices are not necessarily confined to lower class neighborhoods but many are located in the business office section of cities, however, we have instructed pertinent offices to circularize in second class rooming house areas as well as areas where rehabilitation houses and missions such as the Salvation Army establishments and the like are located.

Item No. 20 Place stop with any companies which Ray may have given as references on any previous employment applications.

Action This lead has already been handled.

Item No. 21 Circularize any trades he may have learned while in prison.

Action While in prison Ray merely stacked loaves in the bakery which would not qualify him as a baker. We have circularised and conducted appropriate inquiries at places such as dancing schools, bartending schools, locksmith schools, as well as places where he has obtained merchandise indicating an interest in a particular field.

Item No. 22 Have Identification Order, Wanted Flyer and summary of Ray's fugitive status furnished to State Department for dissemination to all of their consulates or embassies in the event any inquiry is received by their personnel in a foreign country.

Action This has already been handled.

Item No. 23 Bank robbery fugitive Fred Leister went from Canada to Tanganyika where he surrendered to State Department. Find out how he arranged this since it is believed that he did not have a passport.

Action We have explored the possibility of individuals entering another country without a passport. This is possible, however, it seems extremely remote. In a review of a file concerning the subject of a Federal Reserve Act case, it was determined this individual entered Rhodesia from Canada; however, the subject did have an American passport. We are presently checking the issuance of Canadian passports. A file review has been instituted regarding Fred Leister allegedly in Tanganyika from Canada as it was believed he did not have a passport.

Ztem No. 24 Check embassies in Canada and Mexico where Ray is alleged to have gone after escape from prison to determine if he made any inquiries at these other foreign embassies in effort to obtain travel papers to their countries.

Action This lead has already been handled.

Item No. 25 Recheck with locksmith school and with any other places from where Ray might have received correspondence or literature to determine if, since the murder of King, he has corresponded with them possibly under another name. Check all new correspondents.

Action This lead has already been handled.

Item No. 25a Have check made of ads for courses appearing in the pulp magazines known to have been read by Ray

Action This lead has already been handled.

Item No. 27 Look into feasibility of checking Western Union records during the pertinent period, particularly with reference to possible transmittal of substantial sum 46 a recipient in the Atlanta area.

Action This lead has already been handled.

Item No. 29 Through State Department alert police authorities in South Africa, Congo, Angola with thought that Ray may show up in one of those areas and offer himself as a white mercenary.

Action We have already arranged with the State Department to have copies of IO's and Wanted Flyers furnished all American embassies and consulates throughout the free world.

Item No. 30 Attempt to identify Ray's associates and fellow soldiers while he was serving in Germany and conduct any logical investigation thereafter with the thought that he may have remained in contact with individuals residing in Germany. Areas which he frequented while in the Army in the European Theater should be checked out as possible areas to which he might return.

Action Identities of some of Ray's possible associates while in the Army serving in Germany have been obtained, but since about twenty years have elapsed since his having been in the Army, efforts to contact these individuals are being held in abeyance at this time. We have instructed Legat in Bonn, Germany to make appropriate inquiry at the places of assignment of Ray while he was in the Army in Germany.

Item No. 31 Circularize Salvation Army centers and other Rescue Mission centers throughout the country.

Action This lead has been handled.

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## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

San Diego, California May 23, 1968

POSSIBLE THREAT AGAINST ROBERT F. KENNEDY, PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE, SPEECH AT CHULA VISTA, CALIFORNIA, MAY 20, 1968

On May 20, 1968, THOMAS E. JOHNSON, San Diego County Sheriff's Office, El Cajon Substation, telephonically contacted the San Diego Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and furnished the following information:

JOHNSON advised that he had been contacted by a fourteen-year-old boy named 781 Monserate Avenue, Chula Vista, California. Told him that while he was getting ready to leave the area in front of the Chula Vista library where ROBERT F. KENNEDY had just spoke, he was approached by a man who resembled JAMES EARL RAY. This man asked where and when KENNEDY was to speak again. When told that he did not know where and when KENNEDY was to speak, this individual then asked him the location of a good place to eat with a telephone. The felt that the man with whom he spoke looked very similar to a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY appearing in a recent issue of the Chula Vista "Star News."

Mr. WILLIAM DORREVIR, "Citizens for Kennedy," KENNEDY Campaign Headquarters, San Diego, California, was contacted on May 20, 1968, at which time he advised that ROBERT F. KENNEDY had departed the San Diego, California, area en route to Los Angeles, California.

Mr. DOBREVIR was advised of the information furnished by and he stated that he would relay this information to the KENNEDY Campaign Headquarters at Los Angeles, California.

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POSSIBLE THREAT AGAINST ROBERT F. KENNEDY, PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE, SPEECH AT CHULA VISTA, CALIFORNIA, MAY 20, 1968

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San Diego, California May 23, 1968

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JOHNSON advised that he had been contacted by a fourteen-year-old boy named 781 Monserate Avenue, Chula Vista, California. Told him that while he was getting ready to leave the area in front of the Chula Vista library where ROBERT F. KENNEDY had just spoke, he was approached by a man who resembled JAMES EARL RAY. This man asked where and when KENNEDY was to speak again. When told that he did not know where and when KENNEDY was to speak, this individual then asked him the location of a good place to eat with a telephone. The felt that the man with whom he spoke looked very similar to a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY appearing in a recent issue of the Chula Vista "Star News."

Mr. WILLIAM DOEREVIR, "Citizens for Kennedy," KENNEDY Campaign Headquarters, San Diego, California, was contacted on May 20, 1968, at which time he advised that ROBERT F. KENNEDY had departed the San Diego, California, area en route to Los Angeles, California.

Mr. DOEREVIR was advised of the information furnished by the stated that he would relay this information to the KENNEDY Campaign Headquarters at Los Angeles, California.

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Enclosed are a number of reports which have been made available on an unofficial and confidential basis by New Scotland Yard. These reports should not be disseminated outside the Bureau. The items are numbered for ready reference and discussed below.

(1) Report of Detective Chief Inspector K, THOMPSON to Detective Chief Superintendent dated 6/13/68.

This document is in effect a prosecutive summary in connection with the prosecution of subject for entering England with a false passport and unlawfully carrying a gun. It is noted that on page 2, item 7, the report states the RCMP conducted investigation on behalf of the FBI which revealed RAY had caused a false application to be made for a birth certificate.

It has been pointed out to New Scotland Yard that no information concerning a false application for a birth certificate had been furnished them by the FBI, and Scotland Yard advised that this information had been obtained by them through direct liaison with the RCMP in London.

On page 8, item 38, it is stated the U.S. authorities have made tentative arrangements for RAMON GEORGE SNEYD to travel to England to testify, if necessary. Scotland Yard has memorto m. Deloaphice ENCLO. BEHIND FILE

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been advised that no arrangements have been made by the FBI, and it has been determined that the statement in the report actually is based upon information received by Scotland Yard directly from the RCMP.

(2) Copies of documents used by Scotland Yard to support the above report.

These documents include copy of the birth certificate in the name of RAMON GEORGE SNEYD and copies of the two passports obtained by the subject.

- (3) Certificate of Vaccination.
- (4) Copy of registration at New Earls Court Hotel, London, showing registration of RAMON G. SNEYD on 5/28/68.
- √ (5) Statement of IAN COLVIN, columnist, The Daily Telegraph, London.

Scotland Yard advised that Major ALISTAIR WICKS, head-quarters in Lisbon, is believed to be engaged in obtaining weapons for revolutionary elements in South Africa. The Yard has made arrangements to interview WICKS on a confidential basis in London and the results will be promptly furnished. The Yard has been advised that the subject was never in direct contact with WICKS, and COLVIN advised the Yard that he had never furnished RAY the address of WICKS or any address in Belgium where contact might be made with mercenary elements.

- (6) A page of notes, apparently in RAY's handwriting, which was on his person when arrested. "FLE 4342" is the telephone number of the London Daily Telegraph.
- √ (7) Statement of ANNA ELIZABETH THOMAS.

It is noted that RAY allegedly tore up a number of papers while staying at the Pax Hotel. Scotland Yard advised that specific and intensive investigation failed to corroborate this and an exhaustive search failed to locate any torn papers that may have come from RAY. Scotland Yard representatives who have interviewed Mrs. THOMAS do not consider her to be a reliable witness. No air flight bag such as she described has been found. RAY is only known to have had one piece of luggage, which is a large

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zipper fabric bag designed to carry two or three suits and a large number of accessories. In a search for other luggage Scotland Yard has checked every luggage room and every locker of every transportation station in London.

- √ (8) Statement of JANET ELIZABETH NASSAU.
  - (9) Memorandum of Kennedy Travel Bureau for Mr. R. Sneyd giving details of his flight from Toronto to London and copy of his ticket envelope. These were in the subject's luggage.
  - (10) Currency exchange voucher of Lloyds Bank Limited.

This document shows that on 5/30/68 RAMON SNEYD exchanged 15 South African rand for £7-13-10 in British currency. This would be approximately \$17.50 in American money. The voucher does not identify the branch of the bank involved, and these branches are most numerous in London. The Yard has attempted to identify the branch at which this transaction occurred without success.

(11) A 4-page document captioned "Silencers."

This is a detailed discussion of the theory and specifications of silencers for firearms, which was found in subject's luggage.

(12) Classified advertisements found in RAY's wallet at the time of his arrest.

This is a torn piece of a London newspaper containing several classified ads, including one for cheap flights to South Africa by International Air. Scotland Yard has conducted investigation at International Air and has determined that there is no record of subject's having contacted that firm, nor are personnel of the firm familiar with subject.

Scotland Yard is continuing extensive investigation to develop subject's activities between 5/17 and 5/28/68. They also are sending an officer to every institution in London which has either banking facilities or safe deposit boxes to determine if the subject opened a bank account or rented a safe deposit box while he was here.

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The complete manifest for the flight taken by the subject from Toronto to London has been obtained. Efforts are being made to obtain from Lisbon the manifest forthe flight from Lisbon to London and Scotland Yard has access to the microfilm manifest of subject's flight from London to Lisbon. The three manifests will be cross-checked in a search for common passengers.

Written apparently by RAY on a South Africa Air Line schedule found in his luggage are the words "Cinco tres cinco zero quatra una," This is Portuguese for the number 535041. Legat, Paris, has instituted inquiries to determine if this is a Lisbon telephone number and, if so, to identify the subscriber and determine if the subscriber has any connection with the subject.

Scotland Yard is interviewing flight crews on the flights taken by RAY from Toronto to London and from London to Lisbon. This has been substantially completed with negative results, and will be concluded as soon as personnel on overseas runs are available for interview. Legat, Paris, has previously arranged for interview of the flight crew on RAY's flight from Lisbon to London.

Scotland Yard's investigation to date has not developed any indication of RAY's having had any associate or significant contact in London.

Exhaustive checks have been made of immigration and airline records. No record has been found to indicate RAY left England between 5/17/68 and 6/8/68.

The statement in the first paragraph of this airtel regarding reports received on an unofficial and confidential basis refers only to items numbered 1, 5, 7 and 8.

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### To Detective Chief Superintendent.

1. Ramon George Map, C.R.O. No. 44372/63 born on an American National, of no fixed address, stands remanded, in custody, until 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday, the 18th June, 1968, to Bow Street Magistrates' Court, charged with the following offences:-

1) That you did on the 8th June, 1968, at London Airport without lawful authority use for the purposes of the Aliens Order, 1953, a forged passport.

# CONTRARY to Article 25(3) of the Aliens Order, 1953.

(2) That you, not being a person attention from the requirements of the Firential Act, 1937, on the 6th June, 1983, at London Airport, have in your possession a firearm, namely a .38 'Liberty Chief' revolver and 5 rounds of .38 ammunition to which Part I of the said Act applies, and did not hold a Firearms Certificate at the time.

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- 2. Before dealing with the evidential facut of this case, I will first make mention of the circumstances which existed prior to the arrest of SNEYD.
- 3. On the 4th April, 1968, at Memphis, Tennessee, United States of America, Doctor Martin Luther KING, a coloured Civil Rights Leader, with a large following of supporters in many parts of the world, was assassinated by a gunman.

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- 4. As the result of enquiries, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D.C., identified the assassin as James Earl RAY, a convicted criminal and a fugitive from Missouri State Penitentiary since the 23rd April, 1967, where he was serving a sentence of twenty years imprisonment for robbery.
- 5. On the 7th April, 1968, a Warrant for murder was filed in the State Court, State of Termessee, naming James Earl RAY as the murderer of Doctor KING.
- 6. On the 17th April, 1968, a Federal Warrant was issued at Birmingham, Alabama, charging RAY, as <u>Pric Starvo GALA</u>, with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a Citizen (Title 13 U.S. Code Section 244). Another Federal Warrant was issued charging RAY with Interstate Flight to avoid confinement for robbery.
  - 7. Enquiries carried out on behalf of the Federal Bureau of Investigation by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Toronto, revealed that RAY had caused a false application to be made for a Birth Certificate in the name RAMON GRORGE STATE born in Toronto on the
  - 8. Having obtained this, he presented it to support his application for a Canadian Passport at the Bureau of Passports, Ottawa, on the 24th ... April, 1968. It must be mentioned here that, in consequence of a cherical error made by the staff of the Passport Eureau, Canadian Passport No.

Was issued to the accused, but showing Ramon Gtallt D. SKELA.

9. On the 6th May, 1968, using this Passport, MAY travelled from Toronto to London by British

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DOC. No.2. Pages 2-5. Overseas Airways Corporation. He arrived on the 7th May, 1968, and later that day went along to the offices of the Corporation, situated in Regent Street, London, 3.1, and changed his return half ticket to Toronto for a single ticket to Lisbon, Portugal. There is nothing unusual in itself in this action. It will, of course, be appreciated that most of this information was not available to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

10. The assistance of this Force (Central Branch) was sought on the 4th June, 1968, by Mr. John MINNICH, F.B.I. agent attached to the American Embassy, London, and enquiries were commenced by other officers and myself.

These confirmed the flight to London on the 6/7th May, 1968, and the later flight to Lisbon on the 7th May, 1968, by British Baropean Mr. aye, using the B.C.A.C. ticket. This is quite normal procedure, for the two airlines operate reciprocally. At this juncture we were unable to establish whether "SNEYA" had left Lisbon, although it can now be said that he, in fact, returned to London on the 17th May, 1968. Enquiries regarding his activities in Lisbon and elsewhere outside the United Kingdom are in hand by agents of the F.E.I. It was decided to seem out a Port Marning 12. requesting that if a man named SNEYA or SNEYD, possessing the relevant Passport (details of which we now had) presented himself at Immigration Control, he be detained and this office informed forthwith.

13. On Saturday, the 8th June, 1963, at London Lipport Torminal No.2, the accused, having

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DOCS. 2 Pages 2-5. purchased a single licket to Brussells, presented himself at the Immigration Deak and offered for examination TWO Canadian Passports, one in the name "SNEYA" and the other in the name SNEYD.

14. This action was witnessed by Detective Sergeant Philip BIRCH, of Special Branch, who, recalling the Port Warning, queried the two

Passports. He discovered that the one in the name "SNEYA" was that referred to in the Port Warning, whilst the second, Serial No. had been issued on the 16th May, 1958, in Lisbon to Ramon George SNEYD.

- 15. Quickly realising the position, the officer asked SNEYD to accompany him to an office in the Airport used by Special Branch officers. Here, he later searched SNEYD and discovered in his right hand hip trousers pocket a .jo revolver, loaded with five rounds of ammunition.
- was loaded in the very correct "safe" position, in that the hammer was at rest immediately upon the empty chamber. One merely pulls the trigger, the next chamber is presented and the bullet discharged. When one realises his background, it is odd that SMAYD did not take a more active move in this direction. It may well be, of course, that he believed the second Passport, supported by the Birth Certificate, would be sufficient to atifle my suspicion entertained about his identity. This belief is strengthened when it is realised that he could not know the information uncovered by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police was in the possession of only a selected few officers,

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in this building, at London Airport, and other ports.

- 17. Men Detective Sergeant BIRCH asked SNEYD about his possession of a loaded firearm, the accused offered the excuse that, as he contemplated travelling to Africa, he felt a need of the weapon
- 13. Mr. Kenneth Leonard HUMAN, Immigration Officer at London Airport Terminal 2, was present at the time the accused was detained and can corroborate that part of the officer's testimony.
- 19. SNEYD was interrogated in the office at London Airport by Detective Chief Superintendent EUTLER and myself shortly after 1 p.m.
- 20. He asserted that his name was SNEYD and that he was a Canadian citizen who was born in Toronto on the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Phis facet was

Tashion, for obvious reasons, and the questioning centred upon the possession of the revolver and ammunition.

- 21. He admitted that the weapon was his property and that he was travelling to Brussels. When pressed about the necessity of carrying a firearm in the Belgian capital, he added that he was considering travelling on to Rhodesia and that "things are not too good there just now".
- 22. He admitted that he had no Firearms
  Certificate for the weapon, and was told that he would be detained and taken to Cannon Row Police Station. He was cautioned and quite clearly understood what was meant by the caution.
- 23. The accused was brought to Cannon Row Police Station and detained whilst enquiries were continued.

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- 24. At 4.45 p.m. Mr. BUTLER and I again saw
  SNEYD in a cell. He was told that there was every
  reason to believe that he was not a Canadian
  čitizen, but one of American origin. He replied,
  "Oh, well, yes I am". He was them told that
  there was reason to believe his name was not SNEYD,
  but Try, alias GALT, wanted in the United States.
  for serious criminal offences, including murder in
  the course of which a firearm was used.
- 25. The accused had been standing up, but when he heard this, he suddenly sat down on the seat in the cell, put his head in his hands, and said, "Oh, God". He added after a moment or so, "I feel so trapped".
- 26. He was again cautioned, and then said, "Well, yes, I shouldn't say anything more now. I can't think right". He was obviously engaged in some mental struggle, and when we left the call, again dropped his head in his hands.
- 27. He was charged at 5.20 p.m. with the two charges already cutlined. They were read over to him and he was formally cautioned, and made no reply.
- 28. His finger prints have now been checked with copy fingerprints of James Earl RAN, sent by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. They prove beyond doubt that SNEYD and RAY are one and the same.
- 29. The accused appeared at Bow Street
  Metropolitan Magistrates' Court on Monday, the
  10th June, 1968. A successful application was
  made for a remand in custody until 10.30 a.m. on
  Tuesday, the 15th June, 1968, with no evidence

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being given. Legal Aid was granted forthwith.

30. It is now known that the defence will be handled by Michael DRESDEN and Co., Solicitors, of No.32, Tavistock Street, W.C.2 (telephone number 240.4436). It is believed that they intend to brief Roger FRISBY, of Counsel.

- 31. There would seem to be no defence to the two charges already preferred against the accused.
- 32. The American authorities are most anxious to secure the extradition of the accused to the United States with the minimum of delay, in order to launch proceedings against him for the murder of Doctor KING.
- instructed ROWH and MAW and Co., Solicitors, of Stafford House, Norfolk Etreet, M.C.2, to watch their interests. This firm have elready made a successful application at Bow Street Metropolitan Magistrates' Court for a provisional Warrant.

  34. In addition to the evidence which can be given by Detective Sergeant BIRCH, Mr. HUMAN, Mr. BUTLER and myself, the following individuals are also available if required.
- 35. Detective Chief Inspector Arthur BRINE, of Fingerprint Department, can say he has compared the fingerprints of SMBYD and those of James Earl PAY sent to us by the F.B.I., and that they are identical.
- 36. Mr. George BONEBARKE, Senior Fingerprint Officer attached to the F.B.I., Washington, D.C., is competent to give fingerprint avidence of RAM's identity. No difficulty will be experienced in securing his attendance here.

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issued to Ramon George SNEYA (clearly intended to be SNEYD) in Ottawa. It is worthy of mention that there is, in fact, a Ramon George SNEYD, who is a Police officer serving in Toronto, Canada.

This man has never held a passport, never applied for one, and, in fact, has never been outside Canada at any time.

38. The United States authorities have already made tentative arrangements for this officer to travel to this Country, if this step is considered necessary.

Canadian Passport No. \_\_\_\_\_\_ at the Canadian Legation (or Embassy) in Lisbon are being carried out by an agent of the F.B.I. in that Country. The result is awaited. It is not thought anything relevant to this case will emerge.

hO. Mr. John McCAFFERTY. Senior Experimental

40. Mr. John McCAFFERTY, Senior Experimental Officer attached to the Metropolitan Police Forensic Science Laboratory, Holborn, has examined the .36 revolver taken from RAY's hip pocket. He can say that the firearm is in good condition and that the barrel shows fouling by firing, but not necessarily of recent origin. He can also confirm that the weapon constitutes a firearm under the provisions of the Firearms Act, 1957, Part 1.

44. At the time the accused was interrogated at Cannon Row Police Station, Detective Sergeant David DIMON was present. This officer has since gone on Annual Leave, and his pocket book is not available at present. He can, if required,



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corroborate what Mr. BUTLER and I can say about this interview.

42. Enquiries are still in hand to trace the movements of RAY whilst in this Country. Euch has already been done, but the enquiry is far from complete. In any event, the information, although helpful to the American Authorities, do not affect this particular matter.

43. I ask that copies of this report, together with copy statements, etc., be forwarded to the office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, in order that a representative attend Court to conduct the prosecution on the remand hearing.

44. Form 153 submitted on the 10th June, 1958.

Detective Chief Inspector.

(K. THOMPSON)

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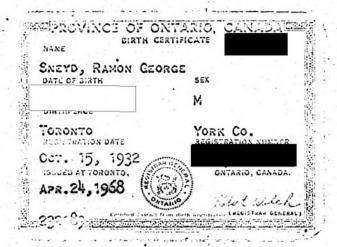
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STATEMENT of: Ian COLVIN, Chief Foreign Leader Writer, The Daily Telegraph, London, E.C.4.

On the afternoon of June 4th, 1968, I found a note on my typewriter written by my temporary secretary to say that Mr. Raymond Sneyd had telephoned and would telephone again. He did that, I think about 5 p.m. that day. The voice came up:

"This is Raymond Sneyd". He said he was a Canadian with a brother who had been in Angola, with whom he wished to get in touch. As his brother was a mercenary could I give him the telephone number of Major Alastair Wicks, so that he could get advice on the way to find his brother?

I was aware that Major Wicks had last year been troubled by informants who posed as mercenary volunteers and afterwards denounced his attempt to get volunteers for Biafra. So I offered instead to get Major Wicks to phone him. Would he give me a number? Mr. Sneyd gave me a telephone number which I later discovered to be that of the New Earl's Court Hotel in Penywern Road and an extension number which corresponded to the room that he occupied.

I telephoned to Major Wicks, passed the telephone number to him and asked whether he recognised the name. Wicks did not and for that reason did not take up the contact. I thought no more about it and on Thursday, 6th June, I found a

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second note on my desk at the Daily Telegraph, to say that Mr. Raymond Sneyd would telephone again. He came through again in the same voice and style -"This is Raymond Sneyd". I asked - had he been telephoned by Major Wicks? Sneyd said that he had since changed his hotel and then set about discussing his problem with me. He was no nearer moving on to join his brother, he said. All the officials had been unhelpful. I asked him more about his brother how was he missing? Mr. Sneyd then said that his brother was not really missing, though he had not heard from him for four months. The fact was that he would like to join him and become himself a mercenary. Mr. Sneyd did not revert to enquiring for Major Wicks and seemed content to discuss his problem with me instead. As I had just published a book about Mr. Tshombe in which the mercenary force in the Congo is frequently mentioned, this did not strike me as extraordinary, and as the man seemed to be in some sort of troubled state of mind, I was patient and listened. Now and then the conversation was interrupted, as he was telephoning from a call box. I said to him that the mercenary forces had largely left Africa. He might find the remnants of them in Belgium and Jean Schramme was certainly there. There were ex-servicemen's associations and welfare organisations for the former settlers in Africa who might put him in touch with his brother. idea of their addresses but mentioned to him the name of a research editor on Congo affairs, M. Jean Gerard - Liebor's of CRIPS, the Centre de Recherches et Informations Sociales et Politiques who could