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613 PM URGENT 7-17-68 DND

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) ATTN: ASST. DIRECTOR A. ROSEN
FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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SET OUT BELOW ARE NAMES OF TWELVE INDIVIDUALS BEING USED BY SHELBY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, MEMPHIS, IN CONNECTION WITH GUARDING SUBJECT RAY. INDICES MEMPHIS AND JACKSON OFFICES CONTAIN NO IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION. IT IS REQUESTED BUREAU SEARCH ITS INDICES ON THESE INDIVIDUALS:

CLIFFORD A. BALLARD, WM, THREE ZERO THREE ZERO CHURCHILL,
DOB [REDACTED], GASTONIA, N. C. EX-105 REC-58 44-38861-4874
SAMUEL TAYLOR BELL, WM, FOUR ZERO SIX ONE WARD AVENUE, DOB
[REDACTED], MEMPHIS, TENN.

WARNER J. BERRY, WM, ONE FIVE FOUR FOUR REBECCA, DOB [REDACTED] JUL 23 1968
[REDACTED], CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

EULTON L. COBB, WM, THREE EIGHT NINE NINE TESSLAND ROAD,
DOB [REDACTED], UNION COUNTY, MISS.

WILLIAM A. DU FOUR, WM, THREE ZERO FOUR FOUR COLEMAN, DOB
[REDACTED], WYANDOTTE, MICHIGAN.

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[REDACTED], BLYTHEVILLE, ARKANSAS.

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[REDACTED], MEMPHIS, TENN.

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✓ JOE DAVID WRIGHT, WM, FOUR NINE NINE FIVE PRINCETON, DOB
[REDACTED], MEMPHIS, TENN. *7/19/68 RD*

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(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) (MAIL)
KANSAS CITY (44-760)

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN, RE: CLIFFORD W. EDMONDSON

RE KANSAS CITY AIRTEL, JULY TWELVE LAST, AND BUAIRTEL,
JULY FIFTEEN LAST.RECORDS MPRC, SLMO, REVEAL EDMONDSON, AFSN [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], SERVED IN USAF JUNE TWENTYFIVE
FIFTYSIX TO JULY TWENTYSIX FIFTYEIGHT AND DISHONORABLY DIS-
CHARGED AS AIRMAN THIRD CLASS PURSUANT TO SENTENCE OF GENERAL
COURT-MARTIAL.ON DEC. TWELVE FIFTYSEVEN EDMONDSON WAS CONVICTED BY
GENERAL COURT-MARTIAL AT GOOSE AFB, LABRADOR, FOR ON OR ABOUT
JUNE TWENTYTHREE SIXTYSEVEN, WITH PRE-MEDITATION, MURDERED
ANOTHER AIRMAN, BY MEANS OF SHOOTING HIM WITH A FORTYFIVE
CALIBER PISTOL. SENTENCED DISHONORABLE DISCHARGE, FORFEITURE1 - St. Louis
① - Bureau
1 - Memphis (44-1987)
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OF ALL PAY AND ALLOWANCES, AND CONFINEMENT AT HARD LABOR FOR THE TERM OF HIS NATURAL LIFE, HOWEVER, ON OCT. TEN SIXTYSEVEN PURSUANT TO DIRECTION OF SECRETARY OF AIR FORCE, FINDINGS AND SENTENCE WERE SET ASIDE. HE WAS RELEASED FROM CONFINEMENT AT MEDICAL CENTER FOR FEDERAL PRISONERS, SPRINGFIELD, MO.


EDMONDSON RECEIVED DIAGNOSIS "SCHIZOPHRENIC REACTION, PARANOID TYPE, CHRONIC, WITH ACUTE EXACERBATION AS CHARACTERIZED BY AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A LIFE HISTORY WHICH DEMONSTRATES THE ENCIPIENT SEEDS OF A SCHIZOPHRENIC TYPE PERSONALITY WITH THE EVIDENCE OF MOUNTING PARANOID TYPE OF REACTION THROUGHOUT THE YEARS CULMINATING IN A GROSS PSYCHOTIC DISORGANIZATION AT THIS TIME WITH ONLY PARTIAL AMALIORATION SEEN CURRENTLY." RECORDS INDICATED EDMONDSON HAD MADE TWO SUICIDE ATTEMPTS AND THAT IN SIXTYTHREE ELECTROSHOCK THERAPY WAS INITIATED FOLLOWING SELF-MUTILATION ATTEMPT.

DETAILED AIRTEL FOLLOWS.

AIRMAIL COPY SENT MEMPHIS.

IN VIEW OF THE CRIME FOR WHICH EDMONDSON CONVICTED AND HIS MENTAL CONDITION HE SHOULD BE APPROACHED WITH CAUTION.

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227PM URGENT 7-18-68 DMJ

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR DATED JULY SEVENTEEN
LAST.

CANVASS OF APARTMENTS IN ROOMING HOUSES VICINITY OF
THE ALTON BANK CONTAINING APARTMENTS AND ROOMING HOUSES ON
BROWN AND EDWARDS STREETS CONTACTED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.
NO INDICATION JAMES EARL RAY KNOWN OR EVER RESIDED IN
THOSE NEIGHBORHOODS.

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UNIT OFFICES IN CHICAGO, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS.

THOSE RECENTLY ARRIVED.

NO INDICATION OF JAMES EARL RAY KNOWN OR EVER RESIDED IN

ALCOHOL AND DRUGS DIRECTOR CONTACTED WITH MEMPHIS OFFICE.

THE ALCOHOL AND DRUGS DIVISIONS AND ROOMING HOUSES ON

CANVAS OF APARTMENTS IN ROOMING HOUSES VICINITY OF

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RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR DATED JULY SEVENTEEN

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FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-281)

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

ADMIN. MESSAGE 1-13-68 DWT

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: July 18, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Martindale

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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I talked with John Minnich in London and advised him of the departure of the plane for Lakenheath Air Base. All arrangements have been rechecked and found to be in order.

Minnich verified the fact all local charges have been dropped; that the extradition order will be signed by the Home Secretary at 6:00 p. m. , London time, 1:00 p. m. , Washington time, today. Minnich has stated the Home Secretary has indicated it will be necessary for him to make an announcement concerning the signing of the order at 6:30 p. m. , London time.

Minnich has established a contact point at the airfield where he will be stationed in ample time to recheck all arrangements and to be available for any contact which the Bureau may need to make with him.

You will be advised of any further developments.

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK

RE: [illegible]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. TROTTER *clb*

DATE: 7-18-68

FROM : S. F. Latona *sf*

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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FINGERPRINT FROM LONDON, ENGLAND, BANK ROBBERY IDENTIFIED AS FINGERPRINT OF JAMES EARL RAY

This case concerns the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Identification Division received from Legat, London, England, two photographs of latent print on a bag bearing words "PLACE ALL 5-10 POUND NOTES IN THIS BAG," used in Fulham bank robbery, London, England.

The latent fingerprint has been identified as a fingerprint of James Earl Ray.

A copy of the incoming airtel from Legat, London, is attached.

General Investigative Division, Memphis Division, and Legat, London, have been advised.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information. *W*

44-38861

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

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) PERSONAL ATTENTION
FROM: LEGAT, LONDON (88-72) (P) ASST. DIRECTOR ROSEN
MURKIN

Re Lonairtel 7/3/68.

Enclosed are documents as follows:

- (1) Photograph of note on paper bag beginning "Place all...."
- (2) Photograph of note on bag, "Put All."
- (3) Two photographs of latent print on bag.
- (4) One copy of telegram from American Embassy, London, to Department of State dated 7/3/68 pertaining to desire of ARTHUR J. HANES to visit RAY in prison.

Concerning robbery of the National Provincial Bank and the bank in Devon & Cornwall, Plymouth, mentioned in referenced airtel, Chief Superintendent TOM BUTLER, New Scotland Yard, advises RAY has been eliminated as a suspect in both.

Concerning the Fulham bank job BUTLER advises he will not see RAY regarding this. BUTLER has been advised by the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) to let this matter rest until RAY is on his way out of England. The DPP advises that

C.C. Bishop

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if BUTLER were to see RAY on this and RAY denies it, then a charge of armed robbery would have to be placed against RAY. Armed robbery cannot be heard in Magistrate's Court but must go to the Central Criminal Court (CCC). The CCC has a crowded calendar and a charge of armed robbery against RAY could result in a delay of six to eight weeks in his ultimate removal. BUTLER advises he will attempt to get an admission out of RAY when he transports him to the airport for removal to the U. S.

Concerning HANES, he did arrive in England on 7/5/68 and he saw RAY on that date. He returned to the U. S. on 7/7/68. Newspaper clips pertaining to HANS submitted by routing slip to the Bureau.

Sources at New Scotland Yard advise they are in process of preparing overall report re investigation this matter, and I hope to obtain unofficial copy by end of this week, with official copy to follow.

At the discretion of the Bureau, all or any of the foregoing may be disseminated to Department of Justice.

Bureau will be kept advised of developments.

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1:01 PM URGENT 7-19-68 MEM

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (1P)

MURKIN.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU JULY EIGHTEEN, LAST.
CANVASS OF APARTMENTS AND ROOMING HOUSES VICINITY THE
BANK OF ALTON COMPLETED TODAY; DISPLAY OF PHOTOGRAPHS OF
JAMES EARL RAY UNPRODUCTIVE.

SI SIXTEEN FOURTEEN DASH C CONTINUES AT ROCKFORD,
ILLINOIS.

MAIL COPIES TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS. P.

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TO DIRECTOR (100-441100) FROM SAC, NEW YORK (100-158000) (P)
RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND NEW YORK OFFICE JULY 18, 1968.
SUBJECT: MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; CIVIL RIGHTS.
ON JULY 18, 1968, NEW YORK POLICE DEPARTMENT ADVISED THAT
OFFICER OF NEW YORK POLICE DEPARTMENT HAD BEEN ADVISED THAT
AN INDIVIDUAL HAD BEEN ADVISED TO CONTACT JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, JR.

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ADMINISTRATIVE (100-221) (10)

TO DIRECTOR (100-221)

FROM SAC, NEW YORK (100-158000)

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The Attorney General

July 23, 1968

Director, FBI

JAMES EARL RAY

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

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MARK RAY

It is noted that a complaint was filed before the United States Commissioner at Birmingham, Alabama, on April 17, 1968, charging the subject, as Eric Starvo Galt, with a violation of Section 241, Title 18, United States Code.

It is our understanding that prosecution of the above charge is no longer possible in view of the fact that this offense was not cited in the order of extradition. It is requested that we be advised as to whether this is correct and if this is so, it is suggested that the Department arrange for the immediate dismissal of the Federal complaint.

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1 - The Deputy Attorney General

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

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RE M.L.R. Long J.C.
FOR REVIEW AT FBIHQ AND/OR DELIVERY
TO HSCA RE REQUEST DATED 5/3/78
(SEE BUFILE 62-117290)

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK
SUBJECT: [illegible]
RE: [illegible]

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Memorandum

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TO : Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: JUL 11 1968

FROM *WV*: Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

SUBJECT: James Earl Ray

Mr. Tolson	_____
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Attached you will find an "Eyes Only" memorandum I have prepared for the Attorney General concerning arrangements to bring the above subject back to the United States. I have discussed most of these details with Mr. Rosen and some of them with Mr. Minnick.

I have also made arrangements for Mr. Rosen and myself to inspect one of the C-135 aircraft late next week to examine the accommodations.

I will appreciate any comments or suggestions you may have in regard to the proposed arrangements.

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

Attachment
ENCLOSURE

Since all of attached has been agreed to by Rosen & Minnick, please bring by them. Place into force & effect at once.

DECLASSIFIED 1/4/77
PER MICHAEL E. SHARREN, JR.
OPR, H.S.D.-J-1 3002.
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Memo Rosen to DeLoach
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WAS IN TO SEE TO THE PROSECUTION OF THE CASE.
I AM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

OVER THE TWO YEARS OF THE PROSECUTION OF THE CASE.
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EYES ONLY

The Attorney General

July 11, 1968

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

James Earl Ray

This is an interim report on plans being formulated for the transportation of James Earl Ray from the time we get custody in England until he is turned over to authorities in Shelby County, Tennessee. This is in the form of an interim report for we are still actively working on several aspects of the plan. I would suggest that only you, myself and Tully be aware of these plans here in the Department, and Mr. Rosen of the FBI has told me that only those persons in the Bureau necessary to the plan will be acquainted with it.

1. Aircraft - I discussed our requirements with Secretary of the Air Force Brown who designated John Steadman, General Counsel of Air Force, as the person responsible for working out the details. I have conferred with Mr. Steadman and Col. Burleson, who has operational command of the Special Air Missions force. S.A.M. has available five C-135 aircraft, a transport version of the Boeing 707, which can fly non-stop from London to Memphis with five hours of reserve cruising time. The trip from London to Memphis in one of these planes will take approximately 10 hours. This plane can easily land at the Memphis Naval Air Station, but there are only two airports near London from which it can take off-- Heathrow, the commercial air field and Mildenhall, a military field about 60 miles from London. Regardless of which air field is used, there will be necessity for security measures between Wandsworth Prison and the airport, and Heathrow, the commercial airport, would pose many additional security problems. Therefore, my recommendation is that the military airport be used, even though it means an additional 40 minutes of road travel. The Air Force will need 24-hours notice and proposes to fly a C-135 from Andrews Air Force Base to the military airport near London with a double crew on board (approximately 14 men). They propose to have an acceptable cover story for their flight and will land near London approximately two hours before the anticipated trip back, which will give them adequate time to refuel and service the plane. The crew will be chosen at the last minute from approximately 110 airmen, all of whom have Top Secret clearance. The crew will not know the purpose of the mission.

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At the London end, only Major General Lawrence S. Lightner, Commanding General of the Third Air Force, South Ruislip, London, and one aide of his will be advised of the mission. Gen. Lightner is in Washington and will be briefed by the General Counsel of the Air Force prior to his departure for London late this week. John Minnick, Legal Attache at our Embassy in London is to contact Gen. Lightner some time the week of July 15 in order to work out such details as the need to be met at the gate of the military base and escorted directly to the aircraft.

The plane itself appears to be ideally suited for this sort of mission. The crew quarters and bunks are forward and the aft compartment seats 16 persons. The only problem is the presence of the galley at the rear of the aircraft which will necessitate one or two stewards going through the aft compartment several times during the flight.

On the return flight the aircraft will file a flight plan for an east coast airport, but will overfly that airport and proceed to the Memphis Naval Air Station.

The trip should be planned in order to arrive in Memphis during the middle of the night. Optimum departure time from the London airport would be midnight, with an arrival time in Memphis of 4 a.m.

2. Exit and Entry Arrangements - The Air Force advises that it will probably not be necessary to have the crew of the plane processed at either end for they will not leave the military base in London. It will be necessary, however, to have the escort officers and Ray processed.

At the London end, the Consul General of our Embassy will issue a certificate of identity to Ray. The Legal Attache, Mr. Minnick, will make arrangements to have the escort party and Ray processed out of England.

At this end, Commissioner Farrell of INS has advised me that upon a few hours notice, he can have one representative at a place of our choice equipped to handle the immigration, public health, and custody requirements for entry into this country.

3. Ground Transportation - At the London end, Mr. Minnick will have the responsibility of coordinating with Scotland Yard and prison authorities in order to afford secure transportation from the prison to the airport. Depending upon circumstances at that time, consideration is being given to

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a decoy transport or other means whereby Ray's departure from prison can be camouflaged.

At the Memphis end of the trip, the authorities are only being told that Ray's prison quarters should be ready late in July. Bureau of Prisons representatives have gone over with me and with Shelby County officials detailed plans for Ray's detention there. These appear to be very satisfactory to all concerned.

The FBI plans to send one of the escort officers to Memphis some time within the next week. He, together with the SAC in Memphis, will work out detailed arrangements for the transport of Ray from the airport to jail, as well as the precise place where custody will be transferred to state authorities (either at the airport or at the jail).

4. Personnel

A. Escort party - At present, plans call for the escort party to consist of 4 FBI agents, with Mr. Minnick in charge. One of the agents included in the party will be a gentleman who is thoroughly familiar with the entire investigation.

B. Physician - The Air Force will furnish a flight surgeon for the flight. He will give Ray a physical as soon as the aircraft is boarded and in turn will examine him just prior to surrender of custody to state authorities in Memphis.

C. Aircrew - As previously stated, approximately 14 persons will be selected to crew the plane out of a pool of 110 men at Andrews. In the nature of things these men cannot be selected until we give the 24-hour notice required by the Air Force. This means that the crew cannot be given a comprehensive security check, but this appears to be balanced off by the fact that all have Top Secret clearance and none will know the nature of the mission until just before the plane takes off from London for the return trip.

5. Miscellaneous

A. Food - Food required on the aircraft for the trip from London will be supplied by Mr. Minnick, Legal Attache, for Ray and the escort party. There will be no cutlery and only paper plates, paper cups, etc., will be used.

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B. Restraining Devices - These will be used. The FBI tentatively tells me they plan to use handcuffs, leg irons and a lead chain. Furthermore, Ray will never be out of the sight or reach of at least two of the escort party.

C. Escort Party - The names of the escort party must be furnished to the State Department for inclusion within a letter from our Ambassador in London to the Home Office just prior to the final execution of the extradition order.

D. Clothing and Search of Ray - Mr. Minnick, Legal Attache, will be responsible for furnishing a complete change of clothes for Ray. He will be stripped entirely of his present clothing upon boarding the aircraft, will be strip searched, and will be given the new clothing for the trip back. Mr. Minnick will arrange to receipt for any personal belongings with the prison authorities in London and in turn will obtain a receipt when custody is surrendered in Memphis. He will also have a document signed by the state authorities in Memphis acknowledging receipt of custody of Ray.

E. Arrangements with Memphis Naval Air Station - No advanced notice need be given to the Air Station of the intent to land there. Depending upon arrangements for transfer of custody and transport of the prisoner from the Air Station to the jail in Memphis, however, it may be necessary to liaison (just in advance of the landing) with the Commanding Officer of the Air Station.

F. Extradition Order - The last formality in the extradition process is the signing of a formal order by the Home Secretary in England. I intend to take up with him, either personally or through the Embassy, the possibility of this order being executed late one evening following which the transfer of custody can be made, with no publicity being accorded the order until the following day, when presumably the prisoner will be safely in Shelby County.

G. Press - There should be absolute secrecy with respect to our plans and our timing. With luck, we can get away from London without public knowledge. If there should be a leak, we can still maintain the security of the trip between the prison in London and Mildenhall airport. There have already been inquiries of the Department and of the Embassy by the press and these have been handled with a "no comment". However, we should prepare, well in advance, a press release, as to which we can fill in dates and issue a release once Ray is safely ensconced in the Shelby County jail.

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I have prepared only an original and two copies of this memorandum. I would suggest that you keep your copy in your safe. My copy is in my safe and I am sending the other copy to Mr. Hoover with the request that it be held closely.

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The Attorney General

July 15, 1968

Director, FBI

JAMES EARL RAY

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES

AND FIELD OFFICES

ADVISED BY SLIP(S)

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In connection with our discussion concerning the plans for the transportation of subject James Earl Ray upon his being ordered extradited from England, I wish to advise you that steps have been taken to put into effect those plans which will implement the FBI's responsibility in this matter.

In this connection, our Special Agent in Charge of the Memphis Office has conferred with the Sheriff of Shelby County concerning his detailed arrangements for transporting Ray from the Memphis Naval Air Station to the Shelby County Jail. He has also advised our Memphis Office of his detailed plans concerning detention arrangements with special reference to security aspects. I will advise you of these arrangements as soon as the details are received from our Memphis Office. Any information coming to our attention affecting the security of Ray will be brought to the attention of the Sheriff.

With reference to the removal of the prisoner, I have assigned four Agents completely familiar with our plans to receive the prisoner from the British authorities upon his delivery by them to the Air Force plane. Our Agents will then be able to request the Air Force flight surgeon to immediately give the prisoner a physical examination. In this connection, Mr. Vinson has indicated in his memorandum of July 11, 1968, that an Air Force flight surgeon will be furnished for the flight.

Inasmuch as the Sheriff has planned to transport the subject from the Naval Air Station to the Shelby County Jail and in line with our concern for the security measures instituted by the Sheriff, I have instructed an Agent completely familiar with our plans to proceed to Memphis a couple of days in advance of Ray's arrival to check over the procedures which have been instituted.

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

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442611) FROM SAC, NEW YORK (100-100000) (P)
RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU, JULY 12, 1968, CAPTIONED AS ABOVE.
FOR INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THE
MATTERS HANDLED BY THE NEW YORK OFFICE SINCE THE LAST REPORT WAS
SUBMITTED TO THE BUREAU ON JULY 12, 1968:
1. ON JULY 12, 1968, THE NEW YORK OFFICE RECEIVED A TELEPHONE
CALL FROM AN INDIVIDUAL WHO STATED THAT HE HAD INFORMATION
REGARDING THE LOCATION OF A CERTAIN INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: July 12, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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In accordance with the Director's instructions, there is attached hereto a memorandum to the Attorney General, with a copy to Vinson, to the effect that the Director has, in accordance with his conversation with the Attorney General, immediately issued instructions to go forward with the appropriate plans in order to carry out the Bureau's responsibilities insofar as the transportation of subject James Earl Ray from London to the United States is concerned. We will also advise the Attorney General that he will be informed of the proposed arrangements at the jail and of its security, in addition to the plans of the Sheriff for the take over of subject Ray from the FBI at the Naval Air Station in Memphis.

For your information, the Memphis Office has been instructed to immediately obtain this information and the plans of the Sheriff for the transportation of the prisoner from the Naval Air Station to the jail and his subsequent plans concerning the detention of the individual in the Shelby County Jail. Memphis has also been instructed to keep in touch with the situation so as to know of all intelligence that would be of value in preventing any overt act against Ray after he is placed in the custody of the Sheriff.

The Director's comment to the Attorney General that there would be three Special Agents and an Air Force physician accompanying Ray, rather than four Agents, is correct, according to my understanding. It is also pointed out that in accordance with the Director's instructions, ASAC Harold Light was not being sent to Memphis inasmuch ~~as the Director~~ had approved sending only one man to Memphis to look things over and this would be about two days prior to Ray's arrival rather than sometime next week as Vinson has indicated.

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Vinson's memo said four & since that was our commitment I want it kept.

Memorandum
to Mr. DeLoach 7/15/68
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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

With reference to Vinson's memorandum to the Director which was received subsequent to the Attorney General's visit, Vinson sets forth several items which are entirely new insofar as details are concerned.

The details concerning the arrangements on the aircraft, the identity of the Major General who will maintain liaison with Minnich, the selection of the air crew are new items which have not been discussed in detail. The other items mentioned have been brought up generally in discussions but no final decision was reached. For example, as to whether an Air Force physician would be used, we had previously advised you that an Air Force surgeon would be more desirable than a Public Health physician.

Vinson had never reached a definite decision as to whether he would ask the Bureau to transport the subject from the Naval Air Station to the Shelby County Jail and had specifically asked that the Bureau inquire concerning the Sheriff's intentions. When this was discussed with Vinson on July 10, 1968, and pursuant to the Director's instructions, I called the SAC at Memphis concerning this and he advised me as reflected in my memorandum of July 11, 1968, that the Sheriff had made detailed plans concerning the transportation and detention of Ray.

It is also pointed out that the other matters which have been referred to by Vinson have previously been the subject of memoranda showing that these items were being considered. At no time did I represent to Vinson that any discussion with him was other than for the purpose of being aware of the plans which he had made in order to assist us in carrying out our responsibility. No commitment was made to Vinson except for those matters which were specifically approved in memoranda heretofore submitted.

ACTION: Memorandum to the Attorney General is attached.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: July 17, 1968

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I met with Vinson concerning arrangements for the flight. He advised me he had spoken to Colonel Burleson and suggested I call him concerning the arrangements.

In the meantime, he said he wanted to advise me of tentative arrangements by the Home Secretary who is supposed to announce after the group is airborne that the extradition order has been signed. Vinson said he was saying this with tongue in cheek because he does not know whether this actually will be held by the Home Secretary or released just as soon as he signs the order.

I asked him when the Agents would depart. He said there is a probability of departing tomorrow and most likely on Friday.

I called Colonel Burleson in order to get him before the close of business and said Vinson had suggested I touch base with him. I advised him our Agents were ready to proceed and wanted to know where they were supposed to report. He said they should report to the MAT Terminal Building at Andrews Air Force Base between 9:30 and 9:45 tomorrow morning; that the plane would be at this terminal. It is Air Force Plane 4129. I gave him the names of the three Agents who would depart and stated Harold Light would be in charge of our party.

I advised him that Light would want to talk to the Flight Commander. Colonel Burleson said he would be at Andrews and would introduce Light to the Commander. I advised the Colonel that Light had certain plans with reference to the handling of the prisoner and so forth and would want to brief the Flight Commander. He said he would arrange for this.

The question of whether the flight would take place tomorrow was raised. Colonel Burleson said there was a 90% chance that it would leave tomorrow. (There is a possibility the President may want this plane for the Hawaiian trip.)

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There will be an air flight surgeon on board. Burleson was advised that he would need to examine the prisoner upon arrival at the air base, take care of any emergency in flight, and give him a physical examination upon arrival in the U.S. All food will be supplied by the Air Force.

With reference to the arrangements Vinson has made, he advised me that Colonel Burleson was to have a cover story for the flight.

Vinson asked about arrangements in London, and I advised him Minnich had been in touch with the General and had established necessary liaison for the handling of the prisoner.

Vinson stated he would alert Immigration Commissioner Farrell tomorrow to have a man available at the air base when it is definitely known that the prisoner will be returned.

Vinson also advised me J. J. Clark of the Bureau of Prisons will be in Memphis. He has previously looked over the facilities and will be there when the prisoner arrives. Vinson said he was obtaining the names of the employees of the Sheriff's Office who were assigned for special guard duty of the prisoner. He said the Bureau of Prisons men had previously checked on these persons and found them to be satisfactory; however, he would like to have a name check made through our files. He will furnish the names and date and place of birth of the various individuals. This will be handled when the names are received.

Vinson advised me he had planned to have a press release which was to be made when the prisoner was received at the Sheriff's Office. He said he was going to have Sessions of the Department get in touch with Bishop's office concerning this.

He advised me the plane will return from Memphis to D.C. and consequently our Agents will be able to return on the plane.

Vinson stated in his conversation with Burleson earlier today prior to my call, the question of payment for the craft was brought up and this was the first time it was mentioned. The Colonel indicated he thought it would run around \$10,000 and there was no further comment made of this by Vinson to Burleson. Vinson mentioned to me that, of course, the

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Department had no funds. I told him the Bureau had no funds for this transportation that I knew of and that insofar as we were concerned I was going to let the matter stand as is until some further comment was made. He said the question of funds came up because he asked Colonel Burleson whether the plane was coming back to Washington in which event the Agents could stay on the plane. It was at that time he said Burleson brought up the fact the Department of Justice was paying for the plane anyway so as many men as desired could get on the plane at that time. No mention was made to me concerning payment for the plane when I talked with Burleson.

ACTION:

Our Agents have been alerted and will be at Andrews in the morning at the designated time.

Minnich has been advised of the probability for his information only and Minnich has again advised me that all arrangements have been completed and he merely needs to know the time of arrival and is prepared to go forward with all of the arrangements that have been perfected.

The Department has insisted on making all arrangements. The Department should bear the expense.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 7/17/68

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Legat Minnich called from London to advise that Arthur Hanes, attorney for Ray, saw subject Ray today. Minnich does not know the substance or nature of the conversation.

Minnich stated that all of the press services are running wild with speculation as to when Ray is going to depart, where he will depart from, and so forth. Minnich indicated we should be expecting all sorts of stories concerning this matter but insofar as he knows - it is all speculation.

Hanes has advised the press that the Department of Justice is blocking his efforts with respect to his relationship with subject Ray, his client. According to Minnich the above position will probably be amplified by the press.

The Consul General advised Minnich today that in conversation with Hanes he had pointed out to Hanes that the Department of Justice, namely Vinson, regretted that Hanes could not be allowed to accompany the subject; that Hanes would understand the reason why; and that insofar as Hanes activities on behalf of his client in Britain were concerned, the Department of Justice had no control over this.

Arrangements have also been made for Assistant Legal Attache Alden McCray to be in contact with the Bureau in the absence of Minnich when he departs from London.

I inquired of Minnich if any details were available concerning British plans for transporting the prisoner. He advised me that in view of the open line he would prefer not to give me all of the details but assured me he has gone over all of the arrangements and is thoroughly satisfied with security, etc. He did explain in guarded language that the prisoner would probably be moved when final notice was received that he was going to depart for the U. S. to an intermediate point under proper security measures and that this point would be near the final

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departure point, namely Lakenheath Field. This would facilitate in assuring that the prisoner would get to the departure point without any difficulty. Minnich feels that all of the arrangements which have been made are entirely satisfactory.

ACTION:

If there are any changes in the situation in London, you will be advised.

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Minnich called from London to advise me that Hanes is in London and has seen the Consul General at the U. S. Embassy. He is now in the process of holding a press conference and is furnishing information to the press concerning his activities. He is indicating that he has requested permission to accompany Ray on the flight back to the United States, that Ray is waiving any appeal and he wants to get back and get things over and done with. Minnich said Hanes has indicated his request of the Department of Justice has been to see his client alone and, if not, to accompany him on the plane.

The Consul General has advised Minnich that the Consul General told Hanes he knew of no arrangements for Hanes to accompany the subject. Hanes also mentioned that if all his requests are denied he would want to see his client just as soon as he arrives in the United States.

Minnich has also been in touch with General Lightner in London and all arrangements have been finalized so far as Minnich is concerned. Minnich has also advised the General of Hanes' desire to see the subject and that Hanes would probably make numerous protestations about getting on the base. Minnich has advised the General that Hanes has not been given any permission to interview the subject. The General said that Hanes would not be allowed on the base nor near the aircraft.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
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RE: [Illegible]

On July 16, 1968, [Illegible]

Very truly yours,

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TO : MR. TOLSON

FROM : C. D. DE LOACH

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Legat Minnich called me at 1:30 p.m. this afternoon. He wanted to report on the latest information he had received in captioned case. He stated that previously the defense attorney, Arthur Hanes, had written the Attorney General (AG) to indicate that he did not want his client to be interviewed. He also stressed in his letter to the AG that he, Hanes, desired space on the plane bringing his client back to the United States. Minnich stated he understood that the AG, in effect, had advised Hanes that insofar as space was concerned, this would be impossible.

Minnich stated that Hanes called the AG today to indicate that he was proceeding to London and that he wanted to fly back with his client. Minnich told me it was his understanding that the AG had replied that this was impossible. I interrupted Minnich to tell him that I had just returned from lunch and did not know of these details. Mr. Rosen advised me that the Director had called him asking several questions and had indicated the above information. He was also advised that the Director was very definitely opposed to Hanes being allowed on the plane and would object very strenuously to it.

Insofar as the appearance this morning in court by subject Ray, Minnich stated that this was a simple remanding procedure whereby Ray was legally held over by the British authorities for another eight days based upon his violations of British law. This was a necessary procedure every eight days so that the subject can be legally held under British law. This procedure has nothing to do with subject's extradition. The entire hearing lasted some 30 seconds this morning.

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Minnich was asked about the timing of the subject's departure. It was indicated that we were particularly concerned with getting him out of London once authority had been given to do this. It was pointed out that the Director did not want any delays chargeable to the FBI in connection with the transportation to the United States.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-157344)
SUBJECT: [Illegible]

Re New York letter to Bureau dated 7/15/68.
Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) dated and captioned as above.
The LHM contains information regarding the activities of [Illegible] and [Illegible] in the New York area.
It is requested that you advise the Bureau of any further information received regarding this matter.

Very truly yours,
[Illegible Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

DeLoach to Mr. Tolson
Re: MURKIN

Minnich stated that his best estimate of the situation is that the Minister of the U. S. Embassy will be informed by the Home Secretary as to when the extradition order will be signed. Minnich understands that Vinson has been in touch with the Minister and that just as soon as the Minister learns of the time that the order will be signed, he will be in a position to call Vinson and alert him. Under the present plans, the Minister believes he will know at approximately midnight on Wednesday, July 17, 1968. This will be around 7:00 p. m. Washington time. Minnich understands that Vinson is to receive a call around 7:00 p. m. from the Minister alerting him to the fact that the extradition order will be signed the following morning, which will be Thursday, July 18, 1968.

In this connection it is noted that if the order is signed on Thursday morning, in order to get the subject out of London that evening, it would be necessary for the plane to leave the United States no later than 9:00 a. m. Thursday morning, July 18th. It would appear that the Air Force would therefore have to be alerted so that it can be prepared to depart on schedule. We have previously been informed by Vinson that the Air Force needs 24 hours advance notice. This being true, then Vinson should alert the Air Force no later than tomorrow morning.

I told Minnich that I felt this answered the questions that the Director had raised, but in the event there were any additional questions, I would be back in touch with him immediately.

ACTION:

In view of the above information, it is suggested that we call Vinson and tentatively pose the question as to whether or not the Air Force should be put on notice as of tomorrow morning, July 17, 1968. As things now stand, this would certainly seem to be in order.

yes. *R* */D* *L. P. W.*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Martindale

DATE: July 15, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Martindale

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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Vinson advised me he received a call this morning from the Consul General in the Embassy in London in connection with this matter.

He said that apparently a committee or board of the British Government has to approve any appeal that is taken to a higher court. Apparently they considered the matter over the week end and the committee has disapproved the request of Ray's counsel to appeal this case on the basis that it was frivolous. Apparently this decision will be appealed and it should be acted upon sometime this week. However, if the appeal committee upholds the board's or committee's decision, then the order could become final and the U. S. Government would have to move earlier than was anticipated.

He said he was uncertain about his conversation because he did not trust telephone lines and he was going to be in touch with the Consul General later today and will get more details.

It is noted that Minnich has already advised me in more detail concerning this matter.

Vinson also asked whether we had had a chance to look over his memorandum. I told him we had and just as soon as the entire matter had been approved by the Director he would be advised. He wanted to know whether his memorandum created any serious objections and I said I did not know of any serious problems at this time.

He mentioned that Colonel Burleson, who is handling this matter for the Secretary of the Air Force and the General Counsel of the Air Force, would not be back in Washington until Wednesday and this might create a problem because he had been familiar with the Air Force arrangements and no one else.

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