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Springfield, Illinois November 26, 1968

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1967; however, he passed his examinations on June 12, 1967.
On June 21, 1967, RAYNS was issued Operator's License
and this license describes him as 5 feet
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Memorandum

Mr. DeLoach

FROM A. Rosen MURKIN

DATE: November 21, 1968

1 - Mr. DeLoach 1 - Mr. Rosen

1 - Mr. Malley

1 - Mr. McGowan

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1 - Mr. Bishop

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

Mr. David Horowitz of the World-Union Press, United Nations, New York, directed a letter to us stating that the young man shown in the Warren Commission Exhibit photograph number 2632 seems to resemble the photograph of Ray as appearing in the November 26, 1968, issue of "Look" magazine (circulated November 12, 1968). Mr. Horowitz's letter was acknowledged by the Director.

Correspondent's reference to Warren Commission Exhibit number 2632 is a photograph of former Chief of Police Curry of Dallas, Texas Police Department holding a press conference on the third floor corridor of the Memphis Police Department, press conference televised sometime between period of 11/22-24/63. This photograph appears on page 232 in the Warren Commission Report.

It is noted that James Earl Ray was incarcerated in the Missouri State Penitentiary from March 17, 1960, to his escape on April 23, 1967. It is further noted that the photograph as contained in the Warren Commission Report as referred to by Mr. Horowitz was taken in November 1963; therefore, it is not possible for Ray to be included in this photograph.

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Mr. David Horowitz
Room 373, Press Section
World-Union Press
United Nations, New York 10017

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Dear Mr. Horowitz:

I have received your letter of November 13th and its enclosure. I am grateful for the interest which prompted you to bring this matter to my attention and I wanted you to know of my appreciation.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles disclose last outgoing to Horowitz in August, 1963, on Director's notepaper. He has been a special correspondent at the United Nations for American Association of English and Jewish Newspapers. He is a syndicated columnist and his column appears in 35 newspapers in U.S., Canada, Israel, and other countries. He enjoys a good reputation and favorably reviewed the Director's books. Upon approval of this letter, it is recommended it be forwarded to the General Investigative Division for any additional action deemed necessary. Bufiles disclose no record concerning World-Union Press.

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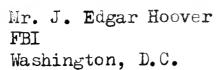
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DAVID HOROWITZ

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13 November 1968



Dear Mr. Hoover:

I may be entirely wrong, but it seems to me that the expression, that is, the facial 'contemplative' look of the young man shown in the Warren Commission Exhbit photo No. 2632 (at the right) seems to resemble that of Ray now up for trial in Memphis for the alleged assassination of Martin Luther King.

I have noted this for some months now, but more so this week on the basis of a photo of Ray appearing in the current issue of LOCK.

It is important, in this connection, to take into consideration Ray's plastic surgery.

Perhaps your office ought to determine who the man is - shown in the Exhibit 2632.

All best wishes.

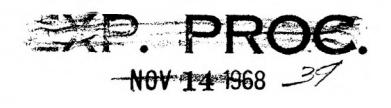
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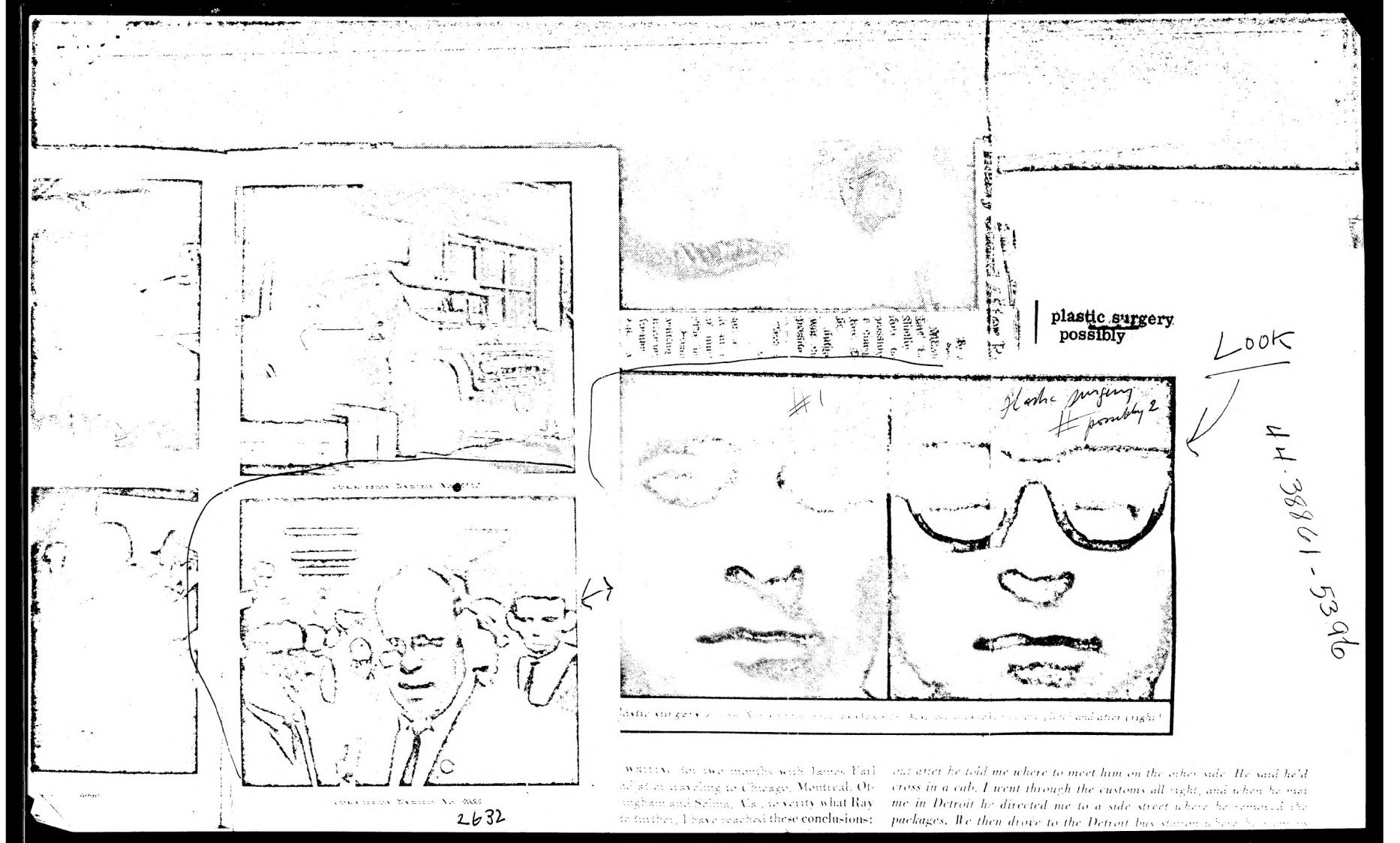
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