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REFERENCE IS MADE TO MEMPHIS AIRTEL DATED NOVEMBER THIRTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT, AT WHICH TIME BUREAU FURNISHED COPIES OF SUMMONS FOR SAC, MEMPHIS, AND SA ROBERT FITZPATRICK, MEMPHIS DIVISION, TO APPEAR AS WITNESSES IN JAMES EARL RAY TRIAL. ALONG WITH SUMMONS WAS INFORMATION SETTING FORTH THAT SAC AND SA FITZPATRICK SHOULD DISREGARD DATE OF NOVEMBER TWELVE AS APPEARANCE DATE IN COURT. BOTH WERE TO BE NOTIFIED AT LATER DATE AS TO TIME OF PERSONAL APPEARANCE IN COURTROOM.

ON MARCH SEVEN INSTANT, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL ROBERT DWYER ADVISED THAT SAC SHOULD APPEAR MONDAY NEXT AT EIGHT A.M. IN HIS OFFICE. DWYER ADVISED THAT POSSIBILITY EXISTED THAT SAC MIGHT HAVE TO TESTIFY REGARDING INSTANT CASE. *as to what?*

UACB, SAC WILL APPEAR EIGHT A.M., MONDAY NEXT, IN OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL DWYER. P.

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach *DeLoach*

DATE: March 10, 1969

FROM : A. Rosen *Rosen*

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Long  
1 - Mr. Bishop  
1 - Mr. Sullivan

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

In connection with the scheduled appearance of James Earl Ray and his attorney, Percy Foreman, in State Criminal Court, Memphis, Tennessee, today at 9:30 a. m., the Executive Assistant to the State Attorney General, Shelby County, Memphis, has requested that SAC Jensen appear at his office this morning as the possibility exists that SAC Jensen may be called upon to testify in state court.

The State Attorney General desires to be fully prepared in the event Ray enters a guilty plea and if required, SAC Jensen will testify concerning receipt of evidence from Memphis Police Department and the chain of evidence; brief resume concerning extent of investigation conducted by FBI to identify Ray through fingerprints found on items of evidence; and brief statement that FBI investigation to date has not identified any other individuals in a conspiracy.

This was discussed with Mr. D. Robert Owen, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division of the Department, on 3-9-69, and Mr. Owen advised that SAC Jensen should appear as requested and he is personally giving authority to SAC Jensen to appear and testify. Mr. Owen also advised that a Departmental attorney will be in Memphis today to protect the Government's interest. SAC Jensen has been instructed to appear and if necessary testify along the lines set forth above.

ACTION: For information. You will be kept advised of all developments.

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1. Morris KERTZER Barrister was contacted this date, and he advised that he had no objection to me re-interviewing his client Claire KEATING as long as it was done in his presence. He arranged to have Mrs. KEATING in his office at 1.30PM, at which time she was interviewed.

2. Mrs. KEATING advised that RAY never gave any indication of hatred toward Negroes. The only time the subject was mentioned was during a conversation on the subject of Separatism in the Province of Quebec, when RAY said that they had a similar problem with Negroes in the South. Mrs. KEATING advised that RAY appeared to be neutral on the subject and did not express any love or hate of Negroes. She flatly denied telling William Bradford HUIE that RAY was very outspoken in his dislike of Negroes.

3. Mrs. KEATING advised that she is willing to be interviewed in Ottawa in the presence of her Lawyer by someone in Authority from Memphis, and if he can convince her that her evidence is material to the case, she will consider the possibility of appearing as a witness. Mr. KERTZER advised that he certainly would not allow his client to appear in Memphis as a witness, without first talking to someone from there in a position to tell them exactly what is involved.

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TO : Mr. DeLoach *DL*

DATE: March 7, 1969

FROM : A. Rosen *AR*

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Judge W. Preston Battle, Criminal Court, Memphis, Tennessee, has advised that Percy Foreman, attorney for James Earl Ray, requested permission to have Ray in court Memphis, Tennessee, at 9:30 a.m. Monday, March 10, 1969. Judge Battle expressed the opinion that Mr. Foreman desires to enter a guilty plea (state charge of murder) on Ray's behalf at that time, although, the Judge professed not to have specific information on this point. Judge Battle requested that this matter be given no publicity whatsoever.

ACTION:

This is for information. SAC, Jensen, is closely following this matter and will keep the Bureau advised.

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# Ray Hearing Set; Guilty Plea Hinted

By Jim Squires  
Special to The Washington Post

MEMPHIS, March 7—James Earl Ray has agreed to plead guilty to the murder of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and accept a 99-year prison sentence, sources close to the case reported tonight.

The agreement is expected to be disclosed Monday at a 9:30 a.m. hearing before Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle.

Battle, scheduled to preside at Ray's trial in April, said the special hearing was set at the

request of Ray's attorney, Percy Foreman of Houston.

Battle, Foreman and District Attorney General Phil Canale all declined to disclose the nature of the hearing. But both prosecution and defense sources confirmed reports that a long-negotiated agreement between Foreman and Canale on a "guilty plea" will formally be presented to Battle at that time.

The sources said the agreement provides that Ray plead guilty to first-degree murder in exchange for a recommendation from the district attorney's office for a 99-year sentence.

The agreement was reportedly completed late Thursday or early today. Foreman visited Ray for about five minutes this morning in the Memphis jail cell where he has been held under tight security since being returned here from London July 19.

Ray was arrested in London June 8 and charged with the murder of Dr. King, who was shot down on a motel balcony last April 4.

## Lawyer Fired

Sources close to Ray and to the prosecution said negotiations for a possible guilty plea have been under way since early January, two months after Ray fired attorney Arthur Hanes Sr. of Birmingham and hired Foreman to head his defense.

Memphis public defender Hugh Stanton, who was appointed by Battle to aid Foreman, is said to have made the first move but the district attorney's office refused to discuss it "as a mere possibility" and would not until Ray made a specific offer.

"Ray was definitely opposed to a guilty plea in the beginning," the source said. "But foreman is convinced a guilty plea is the only way that Ray

can be assured of escaping the death penalty."

The source said Foreman began trying to convince Ray of this "as soon as he (Foreman) found out what he had gotten into."

Asked today about the reported guilty plea, Foreman replied: "None of your business." Canale said only "no comment."

## TV Interview

(Foreman, in an interview today with correspondent Ed Rabel telecast on Walter Cronkite's CBS Evening News program, said, "It is the privilege of your media to speculate. It is my required duty under the orders of the court not to discuss anything concerning this case.")

(Judge Battle has issued strict orders on pretrial publicity to the principals in the Ray case.)

Author William Bradford Huie, Ray's biographer who has been extremely close to Hanes and Foreman, confirmed that the agreement had been reached and that Ray would enter a guilty plea.

It was learned that under the terms of the agreement Ray will offer the plea and a jury will be empaneled to impose the sentence. Jurors will be asked to abide by the recommendation of the court, which will be a 99-year prison term.

"The state will put on a sort of prima-facie case—three or four witnesses," the source said. "All the jury will have to do is confirm the sentence."

The process outlined by the source is mandatory under Tennessee law concerning pleas of guilty in capital cases. A newly enacted state law provides that Ray would be eligible to go before a board for parole consideration after serving 30 of the 99 years.

The state had said it would seek the death penalty for Ray. However, most observers, including the prosecution, doubted that the penalty would be levied.

Criminal juries have rarely ordered capital punishment in recent years and when they have, Tennessee governors have commuted them to 99 years. The last execution in the state was in 1960.

Ray's trial has been postponed twice, first when Ray fired Hanes last November 11 the day before it was scheduled to begin. It was reset for March 3, but Battle granted a second delay until April 7 at Foreman's request.

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## Unexpected Hearing

# Ray May Enter Guilty Plea

MEMPHIS, Tenn. March 8 (UPI)—An unexpected hearing set for Monday has touched off speculation James Earl Ray will plead guilty to the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Ray's attorney, Percy Foreman of Houston, declined comment on the sudden development, saying he is forbidden by court order from making any statements relating to the case.

But sources said Mr. Foreman may have asked for the hearing at 9:30 a.m. Monday to change Ray's plea from innocent to guilty in exchange for a 99-year prison sentence rather than let Ray face possible electrocution.

Judge W. Preston Battle granted the request yesterday. Ray had been scheduled to face trial April 7, a year and three days after a gunman cut down Dr. King as the civil rights leader stood on a motel balcony in this Mississippi River city.

Ray, arrested in London last June after a worldwide search, could face almost immediate trial if the plea is changed to guilty.

Court sources said a jury list is always ready

in Tennessee courts and that a jury could be empaneled swiftly. The prosecution, after establishing a connection between Ray and the assassination, could rest and ask for a 99-year prison sentence.

Such a sentence would not be assured, however. Altho the defense could concur and the judge might also recommend a 99-year sentence, it would still be up to the jury.

If such were the procedure, Mr. Foreman, one of the most successful criminal lawyers in the nation, would still need to draw on his powers of persuasion to save Ray's life.

When Ray comes to court Monday it will be his first public appearance since Feb. 14 when Mr. Foreman won a month's delay in the trial that was then scheduled to begin on March 3.

Ray had won his first continuance of the trial Nov. 12 when he switched attorneys, replacing former Birmingham, Ala., Mayor Arthur J. Hanes Sr. with Mr. Foreman.

Ray had been held in a specially fitted cell block of the Shelby county jail.

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## Deal for Ray Expected

Memphis, March 9 (UPI)—A deal for James Earl Ray to plead guilty to the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in return for his own life appeared in the offing today. The shift in plans for Ray's defense was expected to be announced at a court hearing tomorrow. If such a deal between the prosecution and defense is revealed, a short trial for the 42-year-old ex-convict is expected to begin almost immediately. However, the principals in the case—Ray, Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle, prosecutor Phil M. Canale and chief defense counsel Percy Foreman—refused to comment on the purpose of the hearing.



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## Asks Prints for Wall St.

Washington, March 9 (UPI)—Rep. John M. Murphy (D-N.Y.) said today he will introduce a bill this week to authorize the Federal Bureau of Investigation to exchange fingerprint data with national stock securities exchanges and related agencies. His bill would, in effect, establish a national fingerprint record clearing house sought by the securities industry. He said part of the industry's paperwork backlog is caused by "the specter of an underworld invasion of Wall Street."

## Sirhan Trial to Resume

Los Angeles, March 9 (AP)—The mind of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan comes under the analysis of psychiatrists tomorrow with the resumption of his trial for the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy. The nine-week trial was in recess today, prior to the psychiatric testimony which may determine whether the 24-year-old Sirhan goes to prison or the gas chamber.

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MEMPHIS, TENN.--HOUSTON ATTORNEY W. PERCY FOREMAN SURPRISED CRIMINAL COURT PERSONNEL TODAY WITH A REQUEST FOR A HEARING IN THE JAMES EARL RAY CASE AT 9:30 A.M. MONDAY.

FOREMAN ASKED THAT RAY BE PRESENT IN THE COURTROOM.

THE ATTORNEY'S REQUEST CAME ON THE HEELS OF RENEWED SPECULATION THAT RAY, SCHEDULED TO GO ON TRIAL BEFORE CRIMINAL COURT JUDGE W. PRESTON BATTLE APRIL 7, MIGHT CHANGE HIS PLEA TO GUILTY IN THE ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CRIMINAL COURT CLERK'S OFFICE SAID NO NEW MOTIONS HAD BEEN FILED IN THE RAY CASE, AND ADDED, "I DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THE HEARING UNTIL A NEWSMAN TELEPHONED TO ASK ABOUT IT."

FOREMAN REFUSED TO SAY WHAT HE PLANNED FOR THE HEARING.

THERE HAD BEEN SPECULATION PREVIOUSLY THAT RAY MIGHT CHANGE HIS PLEA. THE SPECULATION STEMMED PRIMARILY FROM A STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO PUBLIC DEFENDER HUGH STANTON SR., SHORTLY AFTER HE WAS NAMED TO AID FOREMAN.

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MEMPHIS--JAMES EARL RAY, HINTING A CONSPIRACY EXISTED,  
PLED GUILTY TODAY TO THE ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING.

RAY WAS THE ONLY PERSON INCOURT TO SUGGEST OTHERS MAY HAVE  
TAKEN PART IN THE APRIL 4, 1968 SNIPER SLAYING OF THE NOBEL PEACE  
PRIZE WINNER.

RAY PLED GUILTY IN A DEAL WITH THE PROSECUTION THAT HE  
WILL BE SENTENCED TO 99 YEARS IN THE TENNESSEE STATE PRISON AT  
NASHVILLE, INSTEAD OF TAKING THE CHANCE THAT A JURY MIGHT SENTENCE  
HIM TO DEATH IN THE ELECTRIC CHAIR.

A JURY OF 12 MEN, TWO OF THEM NEGROES, WAS SELECTED FROM THE  
FIRST 12 NAMES ON THE JURY LIST. EACH JUROR AGREED TO THE DEAL,  
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MEMPHIS--JAMES EARL RAY, INDICATING HE WAS PART OF AN ASSASSINATION CONSPIRACY, PLEADED GUILTY TODAY TO THE MURDER OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. AND WENT ON TRIAL IMMEDIATELY.

RAY MADE THE GUILTY PLEA IN RETURN FOR A GUARANTEED SENTENCE OF 99 YEARS IN PRISON, RATHER THAN TAKE THE CHANCE OF BEING CONVICTED AND SENTENCED TO DIE HAD HE GONE ON WITH HIS SCHEDULED APRIL 7 TRIAL.

A JURY OF 12 MEN, TWO OF THEM NEGROES, WAS SELECTED FROM THE FIRST 12 NAMES ON THE JURY LIST AND THE TRIAL STARTED. A JURY MUST TRY CASES INVOLVING THE GUILTY PLEA IN TENNESSEE, SINCE THE JURY SETS THE PENALTY. ALL 12 JURORS AGREED TO THE DEAL FOR A 99-YEAR SENTENCE.

RAY'S ATTORNEY, FAMED TRIAL LAWYER PERCY FORMEMAN, AND PROSECUTOR PHIL M. CANALE BOTH TOLD THE JURY THAT THEY WERE CONVINCED RAY ALONE KILLED KING WITH A RIFLE SHOT LAST APRIL 4, AND THERE WAS NO CONSPIRACY.

AT THAT POINT RAY STOOD UP.

"YOUR HONOR, I'D LIKE TO SAY SOMETHING. I AGREE WITH ALL THESE STIPULATIONS, BUT I DON'T AGREE WITH THESE THEORIES ON THE CONSPIRACY."

JUDGE W. PRESTON BATTLE ASKED RAY IF HE WAS TRYING TO CHANGE HIS GUILTY PLEA. RAY SAID "NO SIR," AND SPOKE NO MORE ABOUT THE CONSPIRACY.

RAY WAIVED ALL RIGHTS FOR APPEAL, FOR A NEW TRIAL OR FOR ANY OTHER LEGAL MANEUVERS IN EXCHANGE FOR THE 99-YEAR SETNTECE--WHICH HE SAID WAS ALL THAT HAD BEEN PROMISED HIM.

FOREMAN TOLD THE JURORS THAT "I NEVER EXPECTED, HOPED OR HAD ANY IDEA WHEN I ENTERED THIS CASE THAT I WOULD BE ABLE TO DO ANYTHING OTHER THAN SAVE THIS MAN'S LIFE. IT TOOK ME A MONTH TO CONVINCE MYSELF...THAT THERE WAS NOT A CONSPIRACY."

CANALE, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF SHELBY COUNTY, TOLD THE JURY, "WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE THAT THERE WAS ANY CONSPIRACY INVOLVED. IF AT ANY TIME THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT SUCH A CONSPIRACY IS INVOLVED WE WILL TAKE PROMPT ACTION."

THE FIRST WITNESS FOR THE STATE WAS THE REV. SAMUEL B. KYLES, A NEGRO MINISTER WHO WAS WITH KING THE EVENING OF APRIL 4. HE DESCRIBED THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE WINNER'S DEATH.

THE 41 REPORTERS AND 30 SPECATORS--FIVE OF THEM NEGROES--WHO FILLED THE SMALL COURTROOM WERE SEARCHED--INCLUDING THEIR SHOES--AND RECORDED ON A VIDEOTAPE CAMERA BEFORE THE TRIAL BEGAN. SECURITY WAS HEAVY THROUGHOUT THE BUILDING.

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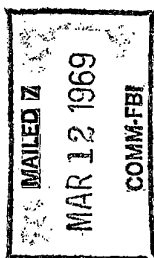
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For information of Offices receiving this communication, James Earl Ray on March 10, 1969, in Shelby County Criminal Court, Memphis, Tennessee, entered a plea of guilty to the state charge of murder in connection with the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., and was sentenced to a term of imprisonment for 99 years.

In the event you receive inquiries from any witnesses who have been previously subpoenaed in the state case, you should advise them of the above court proceedings. If any individuals who contact you desire any further details, they should be advised to correspond directly with Mr. Phil F. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County Courthouse, Memphis, Tennessee.



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NOTE:

The Offices as listed in this communication were previously advised of the scheduled date of trial for James Earl Ray in state court, Memphis, Tennessee. The purpose of advising was in the event the subpoenaed witnesses in the state contacted our offices.

This is to advise the respective offices of the guilty plea entered by Ray and to answer inquiries in the event they receive same.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach *JD*

DATE: March 11, 1969

FROM : A. Rosen *AR*

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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In connection with the Director's inquiry as to when Ray will be eligible for parole, the following is set forth:

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On March 10, 1969, in State Court, Memphis, Tennessee, James Earl Ray entered a plea of guilty to murder in the first degree in connection with the slaying of Martin Luther King, Jr. He was sentenced to a term of imprisonment for 99 years.

According to Memphis authorities, Tennessee State Law provides that Ray will be eligible for release on parole with good time and honor time added in 33 years. It is noted that in 1960, Ray was sentenced to imprisonment at St. Louis, Missouri, for a term of 20 years on charges of armed robbery, and he escaped on April 23, 1967. It would appear that based on this record he owes a minimum of 13 years to the State of Missouri on the armed robbery charge. *Long*

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Attached sets forth court proceedings at Memphis, Tennessee, 3/10/69 at which time James Earl Ray plead guilty to the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and received a 99 year sentence. Prosecution and defense both in agreement that investigation had revealed no conspiracy but Ray advised court he did not agree that no conspiracy existed. SAC Robert G. Jensen testified regarding handling of evidence and of extensive investigation conducted by FBI in this case. Mock-ups prepared by Exhibit Section, Administrative Division, were utilized by witnesses and prosecuting attorney. These mock-ups were well received and drew favorable comments from jurors, news media, members of the court and the public.

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861

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A HEARING OF THE JAMES EARL RAY MATTER WAS HELD BEFORE THE HONORABLE W. PRESTON BATTLE, SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE, CRIMINAL COURT JUDGE, MEMPHIS, DURING A.M., AND EARLY P.M., THIS DATE.

PERCY FOREMAN, ATTORNEY FOR RAY, PRESENTED A PETITION TO THE COURT WHEREIN THE DEFENSE AND PROSECUTION HAD AGREED TO A COMPROMISE SENTENCE OF NINETYNINE YEARS IN RETURN FOR RAY'S PLEA OF GUILTY TO MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE IN CONNECTION WITH THE MURDER OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. JUDGE BATTLE QUESTIONED RAY CONCERNING THE PLEA AND RAY AGREED THAT HE WAS VOLUNTARILY PLEADING GUILTY TO THE CHARGE. JUDGE BATTLE EXPLAINED TO RAY CERTAIN RIGHTS THAT RAY WAS WAIVING BY A GUILTY PLEA SUCH AS A RIGHT OF APPEAL.

THE NAMES OF TWELVE JURORS WERE THEN CALLED AND THESE JURORS WERE SEATED. JUDGE BATTLE EXPLAINED TO THE JURORS THAT A COMPROMISE HAD BEEN REACHED BY THE DEFENSE AND PROSECUTION TO A SENTENCE OF NINETYNINE YEARS FOR RAY IN RETURN FOR RAY'S PLEA OF GUILTY TO THE CHARGE OF MURDER IN

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THE FIRST DEGREE. ALL OF THE JURORS AGREED THAT THEY COULD FOLLOW THE SENTENCING RECOMMENDATION OF NINETYNINE YEARS.

PHIL CANALE, SHELBY COUNTY STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL, ADDRESSED THE JURY AND DURING HIS REMARKS STATED THAT THE EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED IN THIS MATTER FAILED TO REVEAL ANY EVIDENCE OF A CONSPIRACY IN THE SHOOTING OF KING. FOREMAN THEN ADDRESSED THE JURY AND DURING HIS REMARKS HE MENTIONED THAT IN JULY OF ONE NINE SIX EIGHT, RAMSEY CLARK, U. S. ATTORNEY GENERAL AND JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR, FBI, HAD PUBLICLY STATED THAT THERE WAS NO CONSPIRACY IN THE SHOOTING OF KING. FOREMAN STATED THAT IT TOOK HIM OVER A MONTH OF REVIEWING EVIDENCE AND TALKING TO RAY TO CONVINCE HIMSELF (MEANING THAT THERE WAS NO CONSPIRACY).

AS FOREMAN REACHED THE DEFENSE COUNSEL TABLE AND SAT DOWN, RAY ROSE TO HIS FEET AND ADDRESSED JUDGE BATTLE, STATING THAT HE DID NOT AGREE THAT THERE WAS NO CONSPIRACY IN THE WRITTEN SIXTEEN PAGES OF STIPULATIONS THAT HE HAD SIGNED. RAY THEN STATED THAT HE <sup>DID</sup> NOT AGREE WITH THE THEORIES OF RAMSEY CLARK, JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, CANALE AND

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FOREMAN (REFERRING TO THE FACT THERE WAS NO CONSPIRACY), JUDGE BATTLE ADDRESSED RAY, ASKING RAY IF HE WERE STILL PLEADING GUILTY TO CHARGE OF MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE AND RAY REPLIED "YES, SIR" AND SAT DOWN.

THE JURY WAS THEN SWORN AND TESTIMONY FROM FIVE WITNESSES WAS PRESENTED TO THE JURY BY THE PROSECUTION WITH NO CROSS EXAMINATION BY THE DEFENSE.

REV. SAMUEL B. KYLES, MONUMENTAL BAPTIST CHURCH, MEMPHIS, TESTIFIED THAT HE WAS A FRIEND OF KING FOR TEN YEARS AND WAS PRESENT ON THE BALCONY OF THE LORRAINE MOTEL IN MEMPHIS WHEN KING WAS SHOT.

CHAUNCEY ESKRIDGE, ATTORNEY, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, TESTIFIED THAT HE REPRESENTED KING FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS AND THAT HE WAS IN THE COURTYARD BELOW THE BALCONY OF THE LORRAINE MOTEL WHEN KING WAS SHOT.

DR. J. T. FRANCISCO, SHELBY COUNTY CORONER, MEMPHIS, TESTIFIED TO THE RESULTS OF THE AUTOPSY PERFORMED BY HIM ON THE BODY OF KING.

INSPECTOR N. E. ZACHARY, MEMPHIS POLICE DEPARTMENT, TESTIFIED THAT HE WAS IN CHARGE OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT  
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HOMICIDE DIVISION AT THE TIME KING WAS SHOT AND THAT HE PRESERVED CERTAIN EVIDENCE AT THE SCENE OF THE CRIME AND TURNED THIS EVIDENCE OVER TO ROBERT G. JENSEN, SAC, MEMPHIS FBI.

ROBERT G. JENSEN, SAC, MEMPHIS FBI DIVISION, TESTIFIED TO THE OBTAINING OF THE VOLUMINOUS EVIDENCE FROM INSPECTOR ZACHARY AND THE MANNER IN WHICH THE EVIDENCE WAS IDENTIFIED, PACKAGED AND FORWARDED TO THE FBI LABORATORY. SAC JENSEN TESTIFIED TO THE EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION THAT WAS CONDUCTED BY THE FBI AND OR ON BEHALF OF THE FBI THROUGHOUT THE U. S., MEXICO, CANADA, ENGLAND AND PORTUGAL, WHICH CULMINATED IN THE ARREST OF RAY IN LONDON, ENGLAND, ON JUNE EIGHT, ONE NINE SIX EIGHT.

E IN ADDITION, JAMES BEASLEY, ASSISTANT SHELBY COUNTY STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL, DESCRIBED TO THE JURY THE EVIDENCE THAT THE PROSECUTION COULD INTRODUCE, NAMELY THAT NAMED IN THE SIXTEEN WRITTEN PAGES STIPULATED TO BY BOTH DEFENSE AND PROSECUTION. BEASLEY WENT INTO GREAT DETAIL AS TO THE POTENTIAL TESTIMONY OF FBI EXPERTS FROM THE DOCUMENTS SECTION,  
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HAIRS AND FIBERS SECTION AND FIREARMS IDENTIFICATION UNIT OF THE FBI LABORATORY AND THE LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION OF THE FBI IDENTIFICATION DIVISION. THE STATE THEN RESTED ITS CASE AND THE DEFENSE DID NOT OFFER ANY <sup>EVIDENCE</sup> PROOF.

JUDGE BATTLE THEN REQUESTED THAT EACH MEMBER OF THE JURY RAISE HIS RIGHT HAND IF HE WAS AGREEABLE TO THE SENTENCE OF NINETYNINE YEARS. ALL JURORS RAISED THEIR RIGHT HAND.

JUDGE BATTLE THEN REQUESTED THAT RAY STAND UP AND THEN JUDGE BATTLE SENTENCED RAY TO SERVE A TERM OF NINETYNINE YEARS IN THE STATE PRISON AT NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE.

THROUGHOUT THE TESTIMONY OF THE FIVE WITNESSES PRESENTED BY THE PROSECUTION, AS WELL AS THE EVIDENCE BEING DISCUSSED BY BEASLEY, THE WITNESSES AND BEASLEY UTILIZED THE <sup>C</sup>MOCK UPS PREPARED BY THE EXHIBITS SECTION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION OF THE FBI. THE JURORS, NEWS MEDIA, MEMBERS OF THE COURT AND PUBLIC WERE ATTRACTED TO THE MOCK UPS AND MADE VERY FAVORABLE COMMENTS CONCERNING SAME UPON COMPLETION OF THE HEARING. THE HEARING ENDED AT TWELVE TWENTY P. M., THIS DATE. END.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) (ATTN: MR. A. ROSEN,  
 FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) ASSISTANT DIRECTOR,  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE  
DIVISION)

Attached hereto for the Bureau's information and assistance are two Xerox copies of the material presented by Asst. Attorney General JAMES C. BEASLEY, Memphis, Tenn., in the summation of the JAMES EARL RAY trial. It is noted that this material was stipulated to by PERCY FOREMAN, Attorney for JAMES EARL RAY, on 3/10/69. BEASLEY advised that this material had been discussed by FOREMAN with subject JAMES EARL RAY. BEASLEY said the only material appearing in the stipulation that RAY would not agree to was the item crossed out on the bottom of page 5 and at the top of page 6. Other than that, BEASLEY said JAMES EARL RAY accepted this material.

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In the trial of this cause the State of Tennessee would introduce witnesses who would testify in substance to the following facts and circumstances:

We would show through Mrs. Bessie Brewer, Resident Manager of the rooming house located at 422 1/2 South Main Street, that at between 3:00 and 3:30 p.m., April 4, 1968, she rented Room 5B to the defendant for one week at a rental of \$8.50 under the name John Willard.

That at approximately 4:00 p.m. the defendant purchased a pair of Bushnell binoculars from Mr. Ralph Carpenter at a cost of \$41.55 at the York Arms Company, located at 162 South Main.

That at approximately 4:30 to 4:45 p.m. a small white car was observed by Mrs. Elizabeth Copeland as it parked just south of Canipe's Amusement Company on Main Street. The sole occupant was a white man believed to be Mrs. Peggy Hurley's husband but when Mrs. Hurley looked, she noted the car to be a Mustang rather than the Hurley's Falcon. When Mrs. Copeland left at approximately 5:20 the white Mustang was still parked but no one was occupying <sup>it</sup> at that time.

In the meantime back upstairs, Charles Quitman Stephens who occupied the two-room Apartment 6B which adjoins 5B on the one side and the bathroom on another, heard activity in 5B, such as, the moving of furniture and also heard footsteps from 5B to the bathroom.

Willie Anschutz who lived on this floor made several attempts to get in the bathroom and inquired of Stephens as to who was using same.

At approximately 6:00 p.m. Charlie Stephens heard a loud noise from the bathroom, looked out his back window toward the Lorraine Motel, then went to the door and saw the back of a man going west down the hall, turning south, carrying a

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wrapped object in his right hand. He would testify this appeared to be the same man he had seen being shown Room 5B earlier by Mrs. Brewer.

Mr. Guy Warren Canipe, along with two customers, Bernell Finley and Julius Graham, were in Canipe's Amusement Company at 424 South Main when they heard a thud, observed the back of a man leaving the doorway in a southerly direction and moments later saw a white mustang pull from the curb and head north on Main Street.

Upon investigating, these men observed this green spread wrapped around a Browning shotgun box which was partly open, exposing the barrel of what the proof would show to be this 30-06 Remington Game Master Rifle with a Redfield Scope, also this blue zipper carrying case which contained:

- (1) Bushnell Binoculars and case
- (2) Box for same, York Arms sack and cash register receipt.
- (3) April 4, 1968, issue of COMMERCIAL APPEAL which carried story about Dr. King and where he was staying here in Memphis.
- (4) Various toiletry items including this case purchased on April 3 at Rexall Drugs in Whitehaven.
- (5) This transistor radio bearing 00416, the defendant's prison number at Missouri Penitentiary.
- (6) Tools purchased in Los Angeles
- (7) Two cans of Schlitz beer
- (8) A pair of men's shorts and undershirt.
- (9) Hair brush

Various officers from a TAC unit which had stopped at the Butler Street Fire Station for a short rest break converged on the scene.

A guard was placed on the before-mentioned evidence



until it was removed by Inspector N. E. Zachary, delivered to S.A.C. Robert Jensen and FBI Agent Robert Fitzpatrick who later that night boarded a plane for Washington, D. C. and delivered the evidence to the FBI Laboratory.

The proof would show that upon officers entering Room 5B, they observed a window on the south side of the room to be open with the curtain pulled back, the screen off and a straight-backed chair sitting at such an angle that the Lorraine Motel could be observed. Mrs. Brewer would testify a chest had been moved from in front of this window between the time she rented and the time she entered after the shooting.

Two leather or imitation leather straps were found in Room 5B which were found to fit the binoculars and carrying case found in front of Canipe's.

Pillows, coverings, etc., were confiscated as evidence and forwarded to the Laboratory.

The proof would further show that upon Homicide officers checking the bathroom they found marks in the bathtub consistent with shoe marks, the window in line with the Lorraine Motel to be open with the aluminum screen pushed off. Insp. N. E. Zachary observed what appeared to be a fresh indentation on the window ledge; he therefore ordered its removal and subsequent microscopic examination by Robert Frazier in the FBI Lab which revealed this indenture contained markings consistent with machine markings on the barrel of this 30-06 rifle.

In an intensive effort to locate and identify any and all white mustangs in the Memphis area a canvas of motels and hotels revealed a registration card at the Rebel Motel, 3466 Lamar Avenue, signed Eric S. Galt indicated he rented Room 34 at 7:15 p.m., April 3, 1968, left the following morning driving a mustang bearing Alabama License 1-38993 and showing an address of 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama.

The proof would further show through Ivan Webb that he observed the car parked in front of Room 34 the night of April 3 and morning of April 4, and it was white in color with Alabama License 1-38993 and had Mexican stickers on the window.

The rifle in the meantime was being traced through the manufacturer and distributor to Aeromarine Supply Company in Birmingham, Alabama.

The State's proof would show that on Friday, March 29, 1968, Mr. U. L. Baker of Aeromarine sold a Remington Caliber 243 Winchester rifle with a Redfield scope to the defendant using the name Harvey Lowmeyer. Capt. John DeShazo of the United States Air Force would be brought from his duty station in Japan to relate his conversation and identification of the defendant.

Donald F. Wood, Manager of Gun Sales, returned from lunch during the sale and later in the afternoon received a phone call from a person identifying himself as Harvey Lowmeyer inquiring about exchanging the 243 for a 30-06. Mr. Wood would testify he agreed to exchange the rifle requesting it be brought in at 9:00 a.m., Saturday. At 9:00 a.m. the defendant appeared with rifle and was told by Mr. Wood that he would mount the scope on the 30-06 and have it ready at 3:00 p.m. Promptly at 3:00 p.m. the rifle was picked up in this box along with a box of Peters shells.

Proof would show through Alabama Registration Records that the white mustang with license No. 1-38993 was formerly owned by William D. Paisley of Birmingham. Mr. Paisley would testify he sold this mustang to Eric S. Galt for \$1,995.00 cash on the morning of August 30, 1967, after having run an ad in the BIRMINGHAM NEWS. He was cautioned by Mr. Paisley about taking a licensed driver along when he applied for Alabama Driver's license and was told by Galt he would take a fellow at the rooming house.

Mr. Peter Cherpes, owner of the rooming house at 2608 South Highland would testify he rented room to Eric Galt on August 26, 1967, for \$22.50 per week including breakfast and supper, with this arrangement continuing through the first week of October when the defendant moved out. Our proof would further show that Mr. Cherpes accompanied Eric S. Galt to take his driving test and this exhibit of the driver's application reflects Mr. Cherpes driver's license number with the applicant's full name shown as Eric Starvo Galt.

The State would further introduce the change of 1967 registration on the mustang from Paisley to Galt and the issuance of 1968 License 1-38993 on October 2, 1967, to Eric S. Galt.

Officers of the Birmingham Trust National Bank would produce records covering a safe deposit box rented by Eric S. Galt on August 28, 1967.

The State's proof would show that from Birmingham the defendant, using the name Eric S. Galt, proceeded to Mexico remaining in that country until the middle of November, 1967, when he left for Los Angeles, California, where he rented Apt. 6 at 1535 North Serrano from Mrs. Margarita Powers.

Marie Martin of Los Angeles, California, would testify that while employed in the bar of the St. Francis Hotel on Hollywood Boulevard, she became acquainted with the defendant as Eric Galt. In mid-December she asked him to take her home which he agreed to do even after learning "home" was in New Orleans. That she subsequently introduced the defendant to her cousin Rita Stein and it was explained that Rita had to pick up her two children in New Orleans and bring them to Los Angeles. That it was eventually agreed for Charles Stein, brother of Rita, to accompany the defendant to New Orleans and return with the children. ~~That this agreement was on the condition that Marie~~

~~Martin, Charles and Rita Stein would register for George Wallace in California. Marie Martin would testify that the following morning the defendant picked the three up in his mustang and drove them to Wallace headquarters where they registered.~~

The State's proof would show through Charles Stein that he and the defendant left Los Angeles in the mustang and drove to New Orleans arriving December 17, 1967.

The State would show through records of the Provincial Hotel, New Orleans, that Eric Galt, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, checked into Room 126 on December 17 and checked out December 19.

The State's proof would further show that the defendant, Charles Stein and Rita's two children proceeded back to Los Angeles.

The State would <sup>show</sup> through Mary Lucy Pinela, Manager of Home Service Laundry, 5280 Hollywood Boulevard, that the defendant as Eric Galt was a customer from December, 1967, until March, 1968, and she would identify her laundry mark as being on the shorts and undershirt found in this blue bag dropped in front of Canipe's.

Rodney Arvidson would testify that Eric S. Galt attended his dance studio in Long Beach, California, from December 5, 1967, to February 12, 1968, and did not take further lessons because of a conflict with his classes at bartending school.

Through the testimony of Thomas Reyes Lau, the State would show the defendant, under the name Eric S. Galt, enrolled in the International School of Bartending in Los Angeles, attended from January 19, 1968, until March 2, 1968, when he graduated. This picture shows Mr. Lau and the defendant.

Dr. Russell C. Hadley of Hollywood, California, would testify as to the plastic surgery he performed upon the defendant's nose on March 5, 1968.

That on March 17, 1968, Eric S. Galt executed a postal change of address card from the St. Francis Hotel in Los Angeles to General Delivery, Atlanta, Georgia.

That enroute from Los Angeles to Atlanta, the defendant delivered a box of clothing and books to Marie Martin's daughter in New Orleans.

That he spent the night of March 22, 1968, at the Flamingo Motel in Selma, Alabama.

Mr. Jimmy Garner, operator of a rooming house at 113-14th Street, Atlanta, Georgia, would testify that he rented a room to the defendant under the name Eric S. Galt on March 24, 1968, and that he collected a second week's rent on March 31, 1968, at which time the defendant wrote his name on this envelope. That this was the last time Mr. Garner saw him, but when he entered the room on April 5, 1968, to change linen, he found a note in substance as follows "Got to leave town, had to go to Birmingham, left TV, pick up soon." The rent having been paid up until April 7, that on that date he rented the room to another party and left the TV and various other articles in the adjoining service room. That on April 14, 1968, he gave permission and opened the premises to a search by members of the FBI Atlanta Office.

Mrs. Annie E. Peters who operated the Piedmont Laundry located around the corner from the rooming house would testify that on April 1, 1968, clothing for laundry and cleaning was delivered to her by Eric Galt and subsequently picked up on April 5 around mid-morning. She would produce records and testify as to how she came to notify the authorities.

The State would further show that between 8:00 and 8:30 a.m., April 5, 1968, the white mustang in question was observed by several people including Lucy Cayton pull into the parking area of Capitol Homes in Atlanta, Georgia. A single

white man believed to be the defendant walked from this car and away from the area.

The State would show the mustang remained in this location until some of the residents had a call placed to the Atlanta Police Department.

Detective Roy Lee Davis of the Auto Theft Division was dispatched, arriving at approximately 3:00 p.m. He checked the license number Alabama 1-38993 and identification number and followed the standard procedure to determine if car was stolen. That upon this information being placed on the air and teletype service, it was found this was the car being sought as a result of the Memphis and Birmingham investigation.

The officers of Atlanta Police Department stood by until Special Agents of the FBI arrived and took custody of the car. Items from this car were taken by Agent Alden Miller to the FBI Laboratory in Washington.

- Q95 (1) Dark blue short sleeve shirt
- Q97-Q100 (2) Two sheets
- Q99 (3) Pillow case
- Q103 (4) Rug from trunk
- Q104 (5) Pillow
- Q114-117 (6) Sweepings from floor mats (*slides*)
- Q105 (7) Styrofoam case for Polaroid camera
- (8) Book entitled OPPORTUNITIES IN LOCKSMITHING
- (9) 1967 Alabama License 1 A 88354
- 1968 Alabama License 1-38993

Agent John Sullivan would identify several items recovered from the room formerly rented to the defendant by Jimmy Garner on April 15, 1968, with the permission of Jimmy Garner including:

- Q194 (1) Map of Mexico
- (2) Map of Atlanta with several areas marked

(3) Maps of Texas and Oklahoma; Maps of Los Angeles; Map of California; Map of Louisiana; Map of Arizona and New Mexico; Map of Birmingham

That he delivered these items along with this envelope on which the defendant had written the name Eric S. Galt obtained from Jimmy Garner to the FBI Lab in Washington.

The State's proof then shifts to Toronto, Canada, where we would show through Mrs. Adam Szpakowski that on April 8, 1968, the defendant under the name Paul Bridgman rented a room from her at 102 Ossington West in Toronto. That after the defendant moved from her establishment, a letter from the Office of the Register General addressed to Paul Bridgman was received and returned by her.

Mrs. Mabel Agnew of Toronto would testify that on April 11, 1968, she made passport photographs for the defendant under the name Paul Bridgman.

Mrs. Lillian Spencer of the Kennedy Travel Bureau would testify that the defendant under the name Ramon George Sneyd contacted her on April 16, 1968, made application for Canadian Passport and booked air trip to London to leave May 6 and return May 21, 1968, and that the defendant picked up his passport and tickets on May 2, 1968.

Mrs. Sun Fung Loo of 962 Dundas, Toronto, Canada, would testify the defendant rented a room from her on April 19, 1968, under the name of Sneyd.

The Honorable H. F. C. Humphries, Deputy Registrar of the Province of Ontario would testify and produce from official records:

(1) Letter signed Paul Bridgman dated 4-10-68, requesting copy of birth certificate, said certificate subsequently mailed to 102 Ossington Street and returned not claimed.

(2) Letter signed George Ramon Sneyd, dated 4-16-68 requesting copy of birth certificate be mailed to 962 Dundas.

(3) Identify the birth certificate card recovered from defendant at time of arrest in London.

The State would show the real Eric S. Galt to be a prominent businessman in Toronto; Paul Bridgman to be a consultant with the Toronto Board of Education and Ramon George Sneyd to be a member of the Toronto Police Department; that they are native Canadians, never knew the defendant, and although they lived in close proximity of each other did not know each other until the investigation of this case.

The State's proof would show the defendant flew to London, arriving on May 7, 1968.

Miss Monica Baker of London, ticket receptionist for B.O.A.C. would be brought over to testify that on May 7 she exchanged the return portion of the defendant's ticket for one to Lisbon, Portugal, and gave him a refund of \$14.89.

Inspector Jose Manuel Da Cunha Passo of the Portuguese National Police in Lisbon would testify and introduce official records reflecting the entry into Lisbon, Portugal by the defendant on May 8, 1968, and his exit on May 17, 1968, and further as to his residence in Hotel Portugal during this time.

Mrs. Manuela T. Lopes of the Canadian Embassy in Lisbon would testify about the defendant's application on May 15, 1968, to have the name corrected on his passport from Sneya to Sneyd. That this old passport was canceled and this new one with the spelling corrected was issued on May 16.

Antonio Rocha Fama working Airport Control checked the defendant's canceled and new passports on May 17, 1968, and allowed him to board flight for London.

The State's proof would further show that upon the



defendant's return to London as Ramon George Sneyd he lived at the Heathfield House Hotel May 17 to May 28. At New Earls Court from May 28 to June 5 and at the Pax Hotel from June 5 to June 8.

In the meantime after many hours of extra duty by members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, including comparing a picture of James Earl Ray with all passports, it was determined that the picture on the passport of Ramon George Sneyd was identical to James Earl Ray, although in the passport the defendant was wearing glasses.

Through the co-operative efforts in law enforcement; officials of New Scotland Yard and the Portugese International Police came into the search for Ramon George Sneyd.

Upon request for assistance in this case Chief Insp. Ron Burrows of New Scotland Yard set the investigation into action in London. All entry and exit points were notified and a special fugitive team was set up.

That while Det. Chief Insp. Kenneth Thompson and Det. Sgt. Peter Elliott were through extensive investigation learning the things I have heretofore mentioned, the defendant appeared at the Heathrow London Airport and attempted to board a flight to Brussels.

That at approximately 11:30 a.m., June 8, 1968, Det. Sgt. Philip Frederick Birch was seated next to the Immigration Officer checking passports when the defendant presented the two before-mentioned passports and immediately Sgt. Birch recognized the name and asked the defendant to accompany him to the office to check on the passports. That the defendant did so without any objection.

Sgt. Birch would testify he called headquarters and detained the defendant until the arrival of Chief Supt. Thomas Butler. That he searched the defendant and found this .38 caliber

pistol which we would show was purchased from a Walter Leon Spain in Birmingham, Alabama, the first week in October, 1967.

Also taken from the person of defendant:

Tickets BEA London to Brussels

" BOAC London to Toronto

Correspondence - Rifle Silencer Information

Chief Inspector Arthur Brine would be called as a fingerprint expert with over twenty-one years experience and would testify that he accompanied Supt. Butler to the airport, took the fingerprints of this defendant and verified he was one and the same person as wanted by the United States.

Chief Supt. Thomas Butler now retired after some thirty-four years with Scotland Yard would be presented to testify as to his arriving at Heathrow Airport around 1:00 p.m., June 8, 1968, examining two passports in name of Sneya and Sneyd, this pistol, verifying prints of defendant with Inspt. Brine, then confronting the defendant, cautioning him as to his rights and determining he had no certificate for the pistol.

He would testify that after conferring with American authorities, defendant was again advised of rights and acknowledged being James Earl Ray rather than Ramon George Sneyd.

From the luggage of the defendant numerous items would be introduced including:

(1) Polaroid camera which fits styrofoam box from Mustang found in Atlanta.

(2) This suit of clothes which Mr. J. B. Cloutier of Tip Top Tailors in Montreal Canada would testify was sold to E. Galt of 2589 Notre Dame St. on July 19, 1967.