should insure that the return flight should be non-stop from point of origin in England to destination - Tennessee.

- 2. Effect arrangements for a medical doctor with all equipment he deems necessary to his profession to be on board the aircraft and to accompany the aircraft on its return flight. It should be understood the doctor is to be available only if needed and he should not be considered part of the escort. In this regard, his name should not be put on the extradition paper requiring names of escorting officers.
- 3. Make appropriate arrangements for Immigration, Customs and U.S. Public Health clearances at point of destination into the U.S. Advise where this is to be done. In this regard, a Certificate of Identity will be issued to RAY by the Consular Section, American Embassy, London. However, in order for his entry to be a legal one into the U.S., he must be cleared by the foregoing agencies.
- 4. Advise by name the persons RAY is to be released to and where the official release is to be made.
- 5. We recommend absolute and complete blackout on any news releases concerning arrival in U.S. until RAY is turned over to appropriate local authority. In this regard, it is appreciated that the Bureau may not have the final decision as to what press releases are made; however, we suggest that press coverage could be achieved through a lottery of press representatives and the desired solution would be to limit press and photographic coverage to one reporter and one photographer each, these individuals to be checked out security-wise and not be told the actual destination of the aircraft but merely to be available for a 24-hour period and then taken under police escort to the destination with no opportunity to communicate with any outside individuals.
- 6. Concerning official release of RAY to local authorities, the local officers who are to assume custody should be accompanied by a Bureau representative to whom they are known. It is suggested that lapel pins for escorting and receiving officials be used for identification purposes and that this office be furnished a supply of these pins or else a description of them.
- 7. Equipment needed in London which can either be sent or put on the craft to be used, provided the craft leaves from the U.S. to England, is as follows:

Lon 88-72 Two .38 revolvers with right-hand holsters, and ammunition. One restraining kit with locks and keys. If there are no restrictions, send body armour -Spooner vest - of a size that would fit subject's physical description. This to be used at any point from jail in London to aircraft at field, and from destination to jail in Tennessee. 8. At point of destination, authorities concerned should consider transporting RAY in a closed van with escorts front and Suggest a bullet-proof type vehicle be used, such as Brinks armored vehicle or similar type. Suggest we be permitted to make arrangements for the return flight to touch down at destination in the early morning hours (1 A.M. to 5 A.M.) provided this can be worked out with Air Traffic Control. A touchdown at this time would avoid a lot of local traffic and maintain much tighter security. Suggest that in all planning an alternate field be designated in England in the event fog or other conditions prevent the craft from setting down at the designated field. Similar arrangements should be made at point of destination. Suggest code words be used for flight, for fields

- 11. Suggest code words be used for flight, for fields to be used and for alternate back-up plan. In connection with any alternate plan, if it involves any other FBI Field Offices, they should be alerted.
- 12. In the absence of complete investigative knowledge of this matter, personnel now in this office are not aware as to whether there is any sound reason to believe the assassination involves a conspiracy by right-wing forces, a hostile intelligence service, etc. Consequently, for consideration, it is suggested if there is any evidence to indicate an attempt could be made against the craft when returning from England to the U.S. by any other aircraft in the air, give consideration to a fighter escort.
- 13. To insure that the Bureau is kept advised of the progress of the flight, arrangements will be effected in London to

block off a telephone line from the field used to this office and as soon as the craft is airborne, this office will be advised and will immediately advise the Bureau. It is suggested that the Bureau ascertain the location of the Communications set—up that will monitor communications from the aircraft and place an agent at this point to monitor the communications reprogress of the craft and to report this information to the Bureau or any other pertinent authority who should receive same.

- 14. The foregoing are recommended on the basis that a military craft and military air fields at both points will be utilized. However, if the craft is a chartered commercial craft, it is recommended that arrangements be made for the craft to arrive at a military field in England and to land at a military field at destination, again for obvious security reasons. To bring a commercial craft into Heathrow (London) Airport would create almost unsurmountable security problems, primarily due to the fact that we would be dealing with foreign civilian authorities who under these circumstances would undoubtedly generate miles of red tape which could not be overcome in a hurry.
- 15. If chartered commercial craft is used, arrangements similar to those suggested for the military craft should be put into effect and in addition, the crew should be carefully checked for security reasons. The craft should be thoroughly searched and checked and in this regard it should be determined that even though a chartered commercial craft, perhaps under the circumstances it could be manned by a military crew.
- 16. Any crew used, whether commercial or military, should not be told the reason for the flight or the destination until the craft is in the air.
- 17. The security of the craft used, if departing from the U.S. or the European Continent, should be insured in all aspects. At destination here two of the agent personnel now in this office will be awaiting its arrival, liaison will have been set up with the Commanding Officer and all security arrangements, such as putting the craft under a complete military security guard, checking of fuel, food, etc., will be arranged and the Commanding Officer will be requested to put a complete clampdown on the reason for the craft's arrival and any information concerning its departure.

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- . 18. A complete set of clothing, including shorts, tee shirts, pants (no metal buttons), shirts, shoes, socks, hand-kerchiefs and possibly a windbreaker type jacket will be purchased for RAY and when he is turned over to escorting officers at the aircraft, immediately upon being taken aboard, he will be afforded a strip-search and the new clothing given to him.
- 19. Food aboard the aircraft enroute to destination will be of a type that will not require the use of utensils, paper cups will be used and if the military cannot effect arrangements, escorting officers will do so, for the purchase of the food, water and soft drinks, at a place where its ultimate use could not possibly be ascertained.
- 20. As has existed since inception of this matter, close liaison will be maintained with Scotland Yard to insure security for transporting RAY from place of incarceration to the aircraft. In this regard, it is the responsibility of the British Government; however, we are in a position to make suggestions.
- 21. A complete log will be maintained regarding the operation from the time subject is delivered over to escorting officers until he is turned over to proper authorities at point of destination.
- 22. I strongly recommend that we be kept fully and completely advised of all arrangements being made in the U.S. so that we can make plans to dovetail into such arrangements.

The foregoing should not be considered complete or final in any way as continuous thought is being given to this matter, realizing the national importance of safely transporting RAY back to the U.S. Any observations or suggestions that the Bureau may have will be sincerely appreciated.

The extradition papers that I picked up at the airport did not contain on the form provided the names of the escorting officers. I recommend that the Bureau, through liaison, expeditiously have the names of the escorting officers provided to the Embassy. It is my understanding at this date that the escorting officers will be: GEORGE ZEISS, KENNETH BOUNDS, W. L. MARTINDALE, JOHN T. MINNICH and that I am to have the responsibility for the escort party. If I do not understand this correctly, I would appreciate the Bureau's advice.

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All information pertaining to security arrangements being effected and all planning pertaining to aircraft movement and transportation of subject at point of origin, point of destination, should be limited in distribution to only those officials in the U.S. and local government who need to know. It is suggested some consideration may be given to maintaining a list of individuals who are furnished information concerning these plans. In this regard, in order to restrict distribution, I will send all communications from London to Assistant Director ROSEN in a sealed envelope marked "Personal and Confidential", via diplomatic pouch. Consequently, where copies of communications are normally sent to the Liaison Section at the Bureau, no such copies will be disseminated on this planning.

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I called Minnich with reference to the attached and gave him the name of George Bonebrake as the individual who had handled this matter and who would be able to testify if needed. Minnich said he does not know whether the English authorities will need him in connection with the local charges of false passport and carrying concealed weapons, nevertheless, he wanted to render them all possible assistance.

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No Detective Chief Suremintendent.

1. Ramon George SNEWD, O.R.O. No. 14572/61.

born on ______ an American National, of no fixed address, stands remanded, in custody, until 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday, the 18th June, 1968, to Bow Street Magistrates' Court, charged with the following offeness:-

(1) That you did on the 8th June, 1960, at London Airport without lawful authority use for the purposes of the Aliens Order, 1953, a forged passport.

CONTRARY to Amticle 25(3) of the Aliens Cross. 1953.

(2) That you, not being a person themsted from the requirements of the Birsards Act, 1937, on the Sth June, 1933; at London Airport, have in your pessession a firearm, namely a .38 'Liberty Chief' revolver and 5 rounds of .38 ammunition to which Part I of the said Act applies, and did not hold a Firearms Certificate at the time.

CONTRARY TO Section 1 of the Wilmer Mas Act, 1-37.

- 2. Before dealing with the evidential facts of this case, I will first make mention of the eircumstances which existed prior to the arrest of SNEYD.
- Jo On the bth April, 1968, at Hemphia, Perhapses, United States of America, Doorer Hertin Enther RING, a coloured Civil Rights Leader, with a Lorge following of supporters in Many parts the world, was assausingted by a gunnan.

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- 4. As the result of eaguaries, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D.C., identified the assessin as James Earl RAM, a convicted criminal and a fugitive from Missouri State Penitentiary since the 23rd April, 1967, where he was serving a sentence of twenty years imprisonment for robbery.
- 5. On the 7th April, 1958, a Marpant for miritary was filed in the State Court, State of Membesses, naming James Earl RIM as the murderer of Dooter RIMG.
- 6. On the 17th April, 1968, a Federal Warrant was issued at Birmingham, Alabama, charging R.M. as <u>Brig Starro GALM</u>, with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a Citizen (Title 10 U.S. Code Section 244). Another Federal Marrant was issued charging RAM with Interstate Flight to avoid confinement for robbery.
- 7. Enquiries carried out on behalf of the Federal Bureau of Investigation by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Toronto, revealed that RAY had caused a false application to be made for a Birth Certificate in the name RAMON GROPPEN ALLIE born in Toronto on the
- 8. Having obtained this, he presented it to support his application for a Canadian Passport at the Eureau of Passports, Ottawa, on the 24th April, 4968. It must be mentioned here that, in consequence of a clerical error inde by the staff of the Passport Eureau, Canadian Passport he.

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- 9. On the 6th May, 1968, using this Passport . I travelled from Mordnto to London by Fritish

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500. Mol2. Pages 2-3. Overceas Airways Corporation. He arrived on the 7th May, 1968, and later that day went along to the offices of the Corporation, situated in Regent Street, London, N.1, and changed his return half ticket to Toronto for a single ticket to Lisbon, Portugal. There is nothing unusual in itself in this action. It will, of course, be appropriated that most of this information was not evailable to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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

These confirmed the flight to London on the 6/7th May, 1968, and the later flight to Liston on the 7th May, 1968, by British Buropean Airways, using the B.O.A.C. ticket. This is quite normal procedure, for the two airlines operate reciprocally. At this juncture we were unable to establish whether "SWEMA" had left Misbon, although it can now be said that he, in fact, returned to London on the 17th May, 1968. Enquiries regarding his . activities in Lisbon and elsewhere cataide the United Kingdom are in hand by agents of the P.B.I. It was decided to some out a Port Marning 12. requesting that if a man named SNEMA or SNEMD, possessing the relevant Passport (devails of which . we now had) presented himself at Emmigration Control, he be detained and this office informal

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purchased a single debto to Brussells, presented himself at the Immigration Desk and offered for examination TWO Canadian Passports, one in the name "SWEYA" and the other in the name SWEMD.

14. This action was witnessed by Detective Bergeant Philip BIROM, of Special Branch, who, recalling the Port Marning, queried the two Passports. He discovered that the one in the name "SWEYA" was that referred to in the Port Marning, whilst the second, Serial Mo. Y.T. 602294, had been issued on the 16th May, 1958, in Lisbon to Ramon George SWEMD.

- asked SHMMD to accompany him to an office in the Airport used by Special Branch officers. Here, he later searched SWEMD and discovered in his right hand hip trousers pocket a .38 revolver, loaded with five rounds of ammunition.
- was loaded in the very correct "safe" position, in that the hammer was at rest immediately upon the empty chamber. One merely pulls the trigger, the next chamber is presented and the bullet discharged. When one realises his background, it is odd that SHAND did not take a more active move in this direction. It may well be, of course, that he believed the second Passport, supported by the Birth Jertificate, would be sufficient to stifle may suspicion entertained about his identity. This belief is strengthened when it is realised that he could not know the information uncovered by the Royal Canadian Hounted Police was in the your sould not only a selected flow officers,

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- AT. Then Detective Corgeont NIROH asked SAIND about his possession of a louded firearm, the accused offered the encuse that, as he contemplated travelling to Africa, he felt a need of the weare.
- 10 Mr. Membeth Leonard HUMAN, Immigration Officer at London Airport Terminal 2, was present at the time the accused was detained and can corroborate that part of the officer's testimony.
- 19. SHEMD was interrogated in the office at London Airport by Detective Chief Superintendant DUMBER and myself shortly after 1 p.m.
- 21. He admitted that the weapon was his property and that he was travelling to Brussels. When pressed about the necessity of carrying a firearm in the Belgian capital, he added that he was considering travelling on to Phodesia and that "things are not too good there just now".
- 22. He admitted that he had no Firearms
 Contificate for the weapon, and was told that he would be detained and taken to Carmon Row Police
 Station. He was cautioned and quite clearly
 understood what was meant by the caution.
- 23. The accused was brought to Cannon Row Police Station and detained whilet enquiries were

ammunition.

24. At 1.45 p.m. Mr. BUTLER and I again saw

SKEYD in a cell. He was told that there was every
reason to believe that he was not a Canadian
citizen, but one of American origin. He replied,

"Oh, well, yes I am". He was that told that
there was reason to believe his name was not SMEMD,

buy I, alias GALT, wanted in the United States.

for soricus criminal offences, including murder in
the course of which a firearm was used.

25. The accused had been standing up, but when he heard this, he suddenly sat down on the seat in the cell, put his head in his hands, and said, "Oh, God". He added after a moment or so, "I feel so 'trapped".

26. He was again cautioned, and then said, "Jell, yes, I shouldn't say anything more now. I can't think right". He was obviously engaged in some mental struggle, and when we left the cell, again dropped his head in his hands.

27. He was charged at 5.20 p.m. with the two charges already outlined. They were read over to him and he was formally cautioned, and made no reply:

28. His finger prints have now been checked with copy fingerprints of James Barl RAL, sent by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. They prove beyond doubt that SMHYD and RAY are one and the same.

29. The accused appeared at Bow Street
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being given. Begal Fid was granted forthwith.

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

- It. There would seem to be no defence to the two charges already preserved against the accused.
- 32. The American authorities are most anxious to scure the entradition of the accused to the United States with the minimum of delay, in order to launch proceedings against him for the murder of Doctor KING.
- 33. With this in view, the American Embassy has instructed ROWE and MANN and Co., Solicitors, of Stafford House, Norfolk Street, M.C.2, to watch their interests. This firm have already made a successful application at Bow Street Metropolium Magistrates' Court for a provisional Warrant.

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

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- 57. The Canadian Passport No. D.J. 909324 was issued to Damon George MEMA (elearly intunded to be SHEMD) in Ottawa. It is worthy of mention that there is, in fact, a Reman George SHEMD, who is a Police officer serving in Poronto, Canada.

 This man has never hold a passport, never applied for one, and, in fact, has never been outside Canada at any time.
- 36. The United States authorities have already made tentative arrangements for this officer to travel to this Country, if this step is considered necessary.

The enquiries concerning the issue of the

- Canadian Passport No. Y.T. 602294 at the Canadian Legation (or Embassy) in Lisbon are being carried out by an agent of the F.B.I. in that Country. The result is awaited. It is not thought anything relevant to this case will emerge. Mr. John McCAFFERTY, Senior Experimental 40. Officer attached to the Metropolitam Police Forensic Science Laboratory, Holborn, has enamined the .36 revolver taken from RAY's hip pockets . Ho . can say that the firearm is in good condition and that the barrel shows fouling by firing, but not necessarily of recent origin. He can also confirm that the weapon constitutes a firearm under the provisions of the Firearus Act, 1937, Part 4.
- if.. At the time the accused was interrogated at Cannon Row Police Station, Devictive Cargoniu David DIMON was present. This exlicer has since yone on Annual Leave, and his pocket book is not available at present. He can, if required,

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corroborate what Hr. BUTLER and I can buy about this interview.

A2. Enquiries are still in hand to trace the movements of RAM whilst in this Country. Inch ha already book done, but the enquiry is far from complete. In any event, the information, although helpful to the imerican Authorities, do not affect this particular matter.

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

Lh. Form 153 submitted on the 10th June, 1968.

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

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

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

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

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

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

tell him where to inquire next. Mr. Sneyd took care to note this name and appeared to be writing it down, as he got me to spell it out.

address of CRISP in the office and so offered to send him a postcard that evening with the address from my home. He mentioned the Pax Hotel, Warwick Way, as his address. I said I knew the street in Pimlico and would write as soon as I could find the address of CRISP.

On Thursday evening I reflected that this visitor might be a nuisance to M. Liebois and that it was perhaps not correct to pass on a total stranger in this way, especially as his manner and purpose gave an odd, almost unbalanced impression, so on Friday, at 2.30 p.m., I simply posted a postcard suggesting that he consult the Belgian Embassy or the Consular Section of the British Foreign Office about his brother. This postcard was returned to me by the Post Office on the following Monday, 10th, as having insufficient address. The card was handed over by me to Chief Inspector Thompson at Scotland Yard the same afternoon.

It was on reading the Sunday newspapers on the 9th that I realised that the suspect arrested at Heathrow must be the same Raymond Sneyd who had been telephoning to me. I told Mr. S. R. Pawley, Managing Editor of the Daily Telegraph and set out in a taxi to find the Pax Hotel, which was not listed in the telephone book. One hotel in Warwick Way had a sign without a name and on enquiring there

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I was told by the proprietor, Mrs. Anna Thomas, that this was the Pax Hotel. I had previously telephoned the hotel number that Sneyd had first given me and this proved to be the New Earl's Court Hotel in Penywern Road.

Mrs. Thomas admitted me. She said that Fr. Sneyd had spent Thursday and Friday there and had left on Saturday morning. She thought that he had simply walked down from B.O.A.C. air terminal, she said later, and that her hotel was one of the first in sight. Until I mentioned his arrest Mrs. Thomas did not refer to it. She then said that he had made a bad impression on her, was nervous, furtive, locked his bedroom door at night and stayed in bed most of the day. He had laundered his own clothes in his room, had a lot of newspapers, and tore up a lot of papers. Mrs. Thomas went to the trouble to turn out her dustbins for me and I advised her to keep anything she recovered thus for the police. I then discussed with her how to keep the name of her hotel quiet as I did not wish, and nor did she, to have every reporter in London there later that night. She told me that she was ex-directory, that the Post Office would not give her number and that the name of her hotel was on her cards only. As to the lack of a sign, she was having a sign made and had meanwhile borrowed the glass HOTEL sign. I asked why she did not have her hotel in the telephone took. She replied that she did not want to have people who had lived in her hotel ringing her up and bothering She did not bring me in to see her husband,

but asked him through the door of a basement room whether he thought the photographs in the Sunday newspapers resembled their visitor. "It could be him" she remarked, "though he is much thinner in the face. The eyes are the same".

From this I assumed that the Thomases had noticed the reports about Raymond Sneyd earlier in the day and not simply heard his identity from me.

I asked about his departure. He had been trying to leave for Germany, Mr. Thomas said, on the Friday and a B.E.A. Ground Staff girl had rung up to tell him of a change of flight schedule and to remind him that he had not paid his coach ticket. Had he received a postcard from me before he left? I asked. She thought and said she remembered "something white" arriving for him in the Saturday morning post, which he had probably taken with him. The postcard, as I stated above, had never been delivered, but at the time of this conversation I did not know that.

As to how Mr. Sneyd found his way to me in the first place, I am still unclear. I do not believe that he just rang the Daily Telegraph foreign room, but that he was acting on advice that the paper had recently published something about mercenaries or about Major Wicks, and that he was seeking the address or telephone number of a mercenary officer in London. Indeed his first words to me related to this. I am now trying to work out what person could have put Sneyd up to this enquiry, whether he might have read some old cutting or picked up my recently

published book about Mr. Tshombe and the mercenaries from a bookstall. If I have a likely idea, I will be in touch with Chief Inspector Thompson again.

Signed: Ian Colvin 51 Cadogan Place, S.W.1.
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This statement, consisting of ten pages, each signed by me, is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it, knowing that if it is tendered in evidence I shall be liable to prosecution, if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated the 11th day of June 1968

Signed: Ian Colvin

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Age of Witness (if over 21 enter "over 21") Over 21 Occupation: Hotel Proprietoress
Address: Fax Hotel, 126 Tarwick Way, London, S.W.1.

I am the proprietoress of the above mentioned hotel. I live here with my husband and I have been proprietoress of the hotel for one year. I let off four of my rooms to paying guests. On Wednesday 5th June 1968 at about h p.n. to 5 p.m. a men speaking with a Canadian or American accent called at my hotel asking to reat a room for three nights. was wearing a fewn reincost and glasses that appeared to have dark lenses. He was about 5' 10", alim build with a slim face. I told him that the price was 30/- a night. He agreed to the price and he gave me a 25 note and I gave him 10/- change plus my hotel card. I then showed him into room number 2 on the ground floor, he closed the door. Before he went to his room he told me he was a Canadian and he came from Toronto and he looked very tired. On Thursday morning at 7.45 s.m. I brought his breakfast. I knocked the door but his door was looked from the inside as I tried the key in the lock. I left the breakfast cutside the door. After I had walked every a few puces he opened the door took the tray in and locked the door. On Thursday afternoon at about it, p.m. I went

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up to his room, lat speels in with a key and the men was lying on the bod resding. I came to collect my visitors book thich I had previously asked him to sign. I picked the book up without looking incide it and I said to him, "That is your neme?" "Ne said, "Sneyd". He opened his wallet and showed me a plane ticket. He soid, "I have a flight booked for Cercany." I left the room and I did not see his at all that day. On Friday I again took up his tray for breakfast and left it there. About 10.0 a.m. Friday I again went to his resm and told him that I had to move him to room 3 because of a prior booking of Room 2. I think I caught a glimpse of him on Friday evening when he was going upstairs. I then did not see him again until Saturday morning about 9.30 a.m. I saw him ruching out of the hotel and jump into a taxi, he was carrying a small air flight bag which he had over his shoulder. He was not carrying a suitcose. During the time he was here he had 4 phone calls. He had two calls from a woman from B.E./. who asked for Mr. Encyd. The first call was on Wednesday night when the coller asked that I leave a message for him regarding a 7/- coach fare. The second B.T.A. call again from a woman on Thursday Torning when she asked me to leave a message for Mr. Sneyd regarding the availability of a flight to the Continent. On Thursday evening a a lady phonei usked for Mr. Sneyd, she counded American, she left no nume or message. The last call was on Friday morning from a new who left no none or message. Friday corning a white hest card came addressed to

that Sneyd had not signed the visitors book, but this is not unusual in the hotel. From the photographs I have seen of Sneyd I would not recognize him but the one in the Hews of the World was the nearest but he is now older. I would recognize the men. if I say him again.

This statement, consisting of 3 pages each signed by me, is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it saything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Duted the 10th day of June, 1968.

(Signed) A. T. Thomas

Signature witnessed by John Whithan Detcative Constable

Statement of: Janet Elicabeth NABBAU MISS
Age of Witness (if over 21 enter "over 21") flyears
Compation of Titness: Hotel Receptionist
Address: Flat 9, 29 Tarls Court Square, 8.7.5.
375 5435 (373 6431)

I on the receptionist of the New Maris Court Hotel, 36 Panywern Road, S.W.5. I have been so employed for two weeks. The procedure when a visitor comes to the hotel is for them to sign the visiters book first. I have examined the visitors book, and on the 28th Tay 1965 a sen the signed the book as RAMON E. SLEYD giving the address "Toronto Canada" booked room No. 5h at the hotel. I produce the visitors book showing the entry. I have been shown by Detective Chief Inspector Thompson a photograph of JAMES WARL RAY which I positively identify as the man SNEYD who stayed at the hotel. SHEYD was a very shy man and because of this I tried to help him. I explained currency differences and talked to him generally. He used to go out most days but never said where he went. Whilst he was at the hotel he did not receive any mail or telephone calls. I can remember that on the 4th June 1968, he made two telephone calls which I know were made to the Daily Telegraph Newspaper. The gist of the conversation by SHETD was as follows: - "About eight to ten days ago he had road in the Tolograph about a man, (he mentioned the name but I cannot

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remember it) who had been deported from "FOGO LAMD" and he (BHEYD) vanted to know the man's address. He was most persistent in the engliny to trace this man. Because he was so incoherent nebody accord able to help him. I now remember that the man who was deported was a Captain or Major. In the end I think he got this man's address. I do not know who he spoke to at the Daily Telegraph.

Sheyd eventually left the hotel on Wednesday,

5th June to go to the Air Terminal. He paid his bill

in Inglish currency. I have been shown a receipt No. 59

in the mase Mr. Sneyd. This refers to the \$10 deposit

he paid on the 23th May 1958 when he first came to the

hotel. I can remember that at some stage of Sneyd's

stay he asked he how much the bill would be as he would

have to get English currency to pay for it. There is

no record at the hotel that he has stayed here on sore

than the one occasion.

This statement, consisting of 2 pages each signed by me is true to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I make it knowing that if it is tendered in evidence. Ishall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be felse or do not believe to be true.

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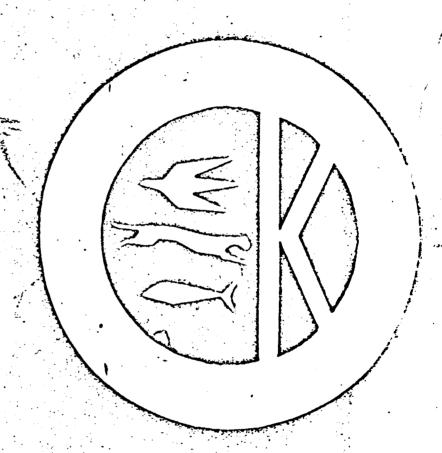
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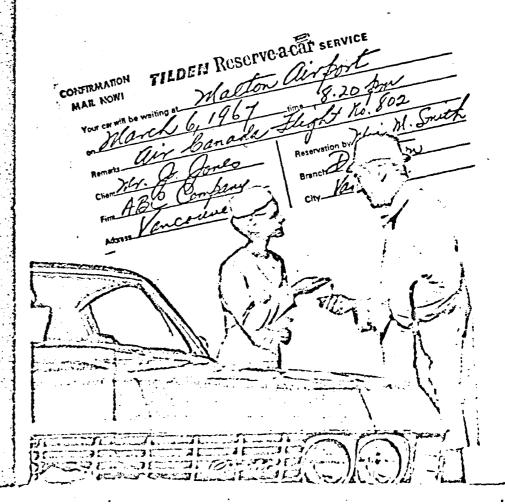
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BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Various types of silencing devices have long been used with varying degrees of success on nearly all types of small arms. The Maxim patent silencer (illustrated below) was widely used before silencers were declared illegal in the U.S. under the National and Federal Firearms Acts. It was supposed in principal to impart a spin to the exiting muzzle gas, thus preventing the muzzle blast and resultant noise. Other common types attempted to bleed off the gas after it was captured in chambers at the muzzle, usually with complicated arrangements of flutter valves or other devices. Perhaps the most common and indeed the most efficient design is patterned after the automobile muffler, in which the gas is captured in a chamber at the muzzle, and escapes slowly from the chamber through the same holes it entered, or through exit holes positioned at opposite sides.

LEGAL NOTE: Due to the effective use of silenced firearms by poachers and assassins, many countries have stringent legal control of any type of firearm silencing device. Indeed, in the United States they fall under the purview of Title 22, Foreign Relations, Chapter 1, Department of State Regulation 108.425 Revised Sub-chapter M, Section 121.01, Category 1, Paragraph (c) in that they are listed as an implement of war requiring a special license for importation. They also come under the purview of Part 179 of Title 26, Code of Federal Regulations (National Firearms Act) in that they are defined as a firearm requiring a special \$200 tax stamp plus federal registration upon manufacture or change of ownership. Application for the tax stamps and registration is obtained from the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Unit, Internal Revenue Service, U.S. Treasury Department. Should one make such a silencing device without proper exemption (available to Police and other authorized agencies) he is liable to the tax, plus the interest and penalties thereon, in addition to possible criminal liability for penalties under Section 5861, I.R.C.

MECHANICAL THEORY: The noise on cartridges which travel slower than sound comes from the blast of hot expanding gas bursting from the muzzle, or around the breech in a revolver. A device which effectively captures this blast of gas and releases it slowly enough will therefore silence the firearm, at least in theory. There are exceptions to this, however, which must be noted. The more obvious are open-breeched weapons such as a revolver or revolving rifle, which allow a blast to escape around the cylinder. Indeed, even unlocked breech weapons such as sub-maching guns allow a flash to escape from the ejection port. The British Sten and the American M-3 were both fitted with rudimentary silencers which proved effective for special missions in spite of this minor defect, however.

The second notable exception becomes apparent when one considers that not all cartridges can be silenced, as projectiles which leave the muzzle faster than the speed of send (about 1140 f.p.s.) create a norse of their own as they travel through the air, and the partial vacuum they leave behind creates noise when the air rushes back in. Therefore, we will hereafter consider only those cartridges which can be obtained factory loaded to velocities below the speed of sound (many other cartridges may also be hand-loaded to suitable velocities, but since the possibilities are inn umerable they will not be dealt with here). The most common cartridges in the silenceable category are: .22 CB Cap, .22 Short, .25 & .32 Auto, .32 S&W, .32 S&W Long, .32 Short Colt, .32 Long Colt, .32-20 Winchester, .38 S&W, .38 S&W Special, .38 Short Colt, .38 Long Colt, .38 ACP, .380 Auto, 9MM Luger (Parabellum), .38-40 Winchester, .41 Short, .41 Long Colt, .44 Special & Russian, .41-40 Winchester, .45 ACP, .45 Long Colt, .455 Webley (Eley) Revolver, .455 Webley (Eley) Automatic; plus a wide selection of shotgun cartridges loaded with solid balls.

Although the above-mentioned Maxim silencers attempted to stop the noise by not only capturing but also breaking up and giving spin to them, the most effective silencers have been the captive type, whether of the complicated "bleed-off" valve-release or the simple "automobile muffler" type. The most effective cartridge selection is obviously one with the freaviest possible projectile traveling at the lower velocity, such as the .45 ACP.

or .45 Long Colt. The favorites of professional poachers are single-shot rifles firing .43 or .45 rifle cartridges loaded to low velocities. The rifle has the additional advantage that its longer barrel tends to minimize the muzzle blast, as most of the powder is completely burned before it reaches the muzzle.

It is also obvious that since the purpose of the silencer is to capture the gas and release it slowly, the smaller caliber arms will need only a smaller chamber in which to contain this captured gas than does a larger cartridge with its resultant larger volume of escaping gas. The .22 "scratch" pistols used a silencer which was approximately one inch in diameter and eight inches long. The British Sten was fitted with a silencer which encircled the barrel and was about 2 1/2" to 3" in diameter. A .45 ACP weapon should have a chamber about 3" in diameter and at least 4" long in order to be effective and safe. It must be remembered that these escaping gases are under strong pressure, and the silencer must be very sturdily designed and constructed in order to withstand the working pressures involved. Certain modern designs have incorporated an outer chamber which is constructed of heavy rubber, which expands to contain the volume of gas at the instant of firing, but which is compact and not liable to burst and throw dangerous shrapnel. An old trick of country crow hunters is to put a baby-bottle nipple on the end of his .22, which is good for several rounds before it becomes too ragged to be effective.

As the length of the barrel is important due to the fact that a longer barrel allows the powder to be completely burned before the blast reaches the muzzle, it is readily seen that the faster-burning pistol powders (such as Hercules Bullseye) are more practical, since they accomplish the same thing in a shorter, more compact barrel.

"BLEED-OFF" DESIGNS: The "bleed-off" systems will be mentioned only in passing, as they are less practical, less safe and much more complicated in design than the more popular "automobile muffler" types. These must by their nature be built to much closer tolerances and constructed to withstand greater pressures than other types. This is largely due to the fact that they divert the gas pressure first to the pressure chamber through small check valves, then from the chamber through other small valves into the atmosphere, or in some designs merely through small exit ports. In these designs, the chamber is usually not filled with any type of acoustical packing. As these are more complicated to design and build, they are favored by neither designers nor gunsmiths. A schematic diagram is shown below to illustrate the principal of operation — it is not intended as a blueprint for jack-knife gunsmiths who would break the law and jeopardize their safety with a soldered boobytrap.

AUTOMOBILE MUFFLER" DESIGNS: The effectiveness of this design depends on a pressure chamber of sufficient size and strength to capture the expanding gases from the burning gunpowder and allow a drop in pressure before the projectile leaves the muzzle of the gun Therefore, these are usually fitted to the muzzle, although in the case of certain designs they telescope the barrel and the gas entry ports are just forward of the chamber (as in some designs built for the Sten and US M-3; the design for the Sten even allowed the pressure to drop to a point where the projectile left the muzzle at less than the speed of sound). The part of the barrel which is covered by the pressure chamber is slotted or perforated to allow the gases to enter freely. This chamber is usually packed with some type of acoustical deadening material (such as convec spin glass, steel wool, bronze wool, etc.). This design. although very simple, serves a two-fold purpose in that the gases are baffled as they enter and exit the chamber, and the high pressure which causes the objectionable muzzle blast is lowered before the projectile leaves the barrel. For these and other reasons, this design has proved to be the most practical and satisfactory in use. It is well to note here that although these silencing devices seem very simple in design, they must be built to withstand tremendous pressures in use, and their construction should not be undertaken by any unqualified or unakilled persons merely because they have access to the necessary tools and machinery and a low regard for the laws involved.

SILENCERS...

1/2" to 3" bell.

For the sake of simplicity the below representative plan is of a silencer attached to a .45AC? caliber M-3 "Greasegun" sub-machinegun. This weapon is ideal in that it has a handily protuding barrel, solid construction and a good cartridge. To be truly effective, the pressure chamber must have a volume in excess of 25 cubic inches (the smaller it is, the more sturdily it must be constructed, as the pressure will be greater). This is accomplished in a chamber 3" in diameter and about 4" long, but these proportions may be altered to conform to the particular weapon, as long as the volume remains the same or larger. For the sake of safety, a silencer of the captive type should be wrapped with heavy canvas or glass clothin case of a rupture, and for insulation, as nearly all silencing devices grow quite hot under sustained fire. Also, great care must be taken that the inside of the silencers align perfectly with the bore before a round is ever fired, and for this reason it is wise to have this inner wall larger than the bore and projectile size.

As it is usually impractical within the limits of existing regulations for the individual to construct silencing attachments, a very practical and inexpensive device may be constructed from a small crate about two feet square, from which is suspended cloth strips held with chicken wire on the inside in a circular lining which acts as an acoustical deadening device but does not actually attach to the weapon; this being very practical for indoor ranges when placed around the muzzle of the arm, or suspended from the ceiling for pistol shooting. As this sort of arrangement is more of a muzzle-blast muffler and is away from the muzzle by a foot or so on all sides, it has the advantage of not interfering with and sights.

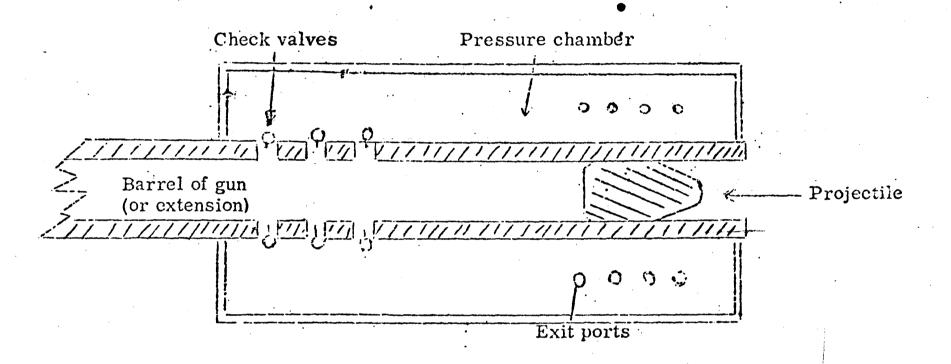
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RESUME: Thus far we have learned that the silenced firearm is preferably of large bore and low velocity, closed-breech design (such as an automatic pistol or rifle); it has the longest possible barrel; the cartridge is best if as heavy as possible, and loaded to velocities less than 1140 f.p.s.; a fast-burning powder is preferable in order to lessen the length of barrel necessary for complete burning. The following schematic diagrams illustrate the principles involved in the various silencers, and show how effective silencers are built by authorized, competent gunsmiths:

"BLEED-OFF" SILENCER, SCHEMATIC



"AUTOMOBILE MUFFLER" SILENCER (SIDE VIEW)."

Heavy metal casing

Pressure chamber

Exit ports

Barrel extension

Exhaust ports

3/16" or 1/4"

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Projectile

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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