pistol which we would show was purchased from a Walter Le.

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.

The State would offer the testimony of Mr. Morris Quintal to identify this lease agreement signed by the defendant as Eric S. Galt and show the defendant did occupy the premises at 2589 Notre Dame East during the period July 18 through August 24, 1967.

Tracing the defendant's activities further would show through Mr. or Mrs. Klingeman their employment of the defendant under the name John L. Rayns from May 3 to June 24, 1967.

Various experts from the FBI Laboratory would be introduced to introduce the key testimony as follows:

George J. Bonebrake who has been working with fingerprints since 1941 would testify that at 5:15 a.m., April 5, 1968, he received these items from Memphis (which other proof has shown were picked up in front of Canipe):

- ·(1) That he found a print of sufficient clarity on this rifle.
- (2) Another print on this scope.
- (3) Found print on Afta Shave Lotion bottle (part of kit from Rexall.)
- (4) Found print on binoculars
- (5) Found print on Schlitz beer can.
- (6) Found print on front page of MEMPHIS COMMERCIAL APPEAL

Further he would testify that on April 17, 1968, he received this Map of Mexico heretofore described as coming from Garner's Rooming House and upon examination, he found two fingerprints as same.

tained when defendant delivered to Shelby County Jail and would testify that in his opinion all the before-mentioned prints were made by one and the same person to the exclusion of all other persons in the world.

That on May 6, 1968, he examined this Modern Photo · Bookstore coupon bearing Eric S. Galt, 2608 Highland, Birmingham, Alabama and found a thumb print identical with the left thumb print of James Earl Ray.

That further on August 27, 1968, he examined several checks from the Indian Trail Restaurant, payable to John L. Rayns, and found a print which he identified as being that of the defendant on one of the checks.

Robert A. Frazier, Chief of Firearms Identification Unit, at the FBI Lab with 27 years experience would testify as to his examination and test firing of this rifle, these cartridges, this hull from the chamber and the slug removed from Dr. King's body by Dr. Francisco and his conclusion in substance is as follows:

- (1) The death slug was identical in all physical characteristics to the 5 loaded 30.06 Springfield Caliber Remington Peters Cartridges found in the bag in front of Canipe's.
- (2) The Cartridge case had in fact been fired in

(3) That the death slug contained land and gain impressions and direction of twist consistent with those present in the barrel of this rifle.

***** That he also made microscopic comparisons between the fresh dent in the window sill from the bathroom and concluded it was made by an object with a rounded surface and flat end and contained the same type of microscopic marks as appear on the barrel of subject rifle.

That his examination of the 243 Winchester revealed that this rifle would not chamber and fire due to crusty material on the head or face of the bolt.

Morris S. Clark, expert in hair and fibers examination with the FBI Laboratory would testify as to how he prepared the from slides of fibers of this green bed spread and found the same type fibers on the sheets and sofa pillow removed from Room 5B.

Q206, 207, and 208.

That he found fibers of the exact same type on the following items recovered from the white mustang in Atlanta.

Q95 Sweat shirt

Q97 & 100 Sheets

Q98 Jacket

. Q99 Pillow case

Q102 Walking shorts

Q103 Rug from trunk

Q104 Pillow from trunk

Q117 Sweepings from car

That he prepared slides of hair from the hair brush (Q38) found in zipper bag with hairs found on the following items in the Mustang:

Q95 Sweat shirt Q100 Sheet
Q97 Sheet Q103 Rug from trunk

Q99 Pillow case Q114-117 Sweepings from Mustang and found them to have same characteristics in every respect.

He also compared with hair we would show to have been collected after Ray received a haircut here in jail and he would testify this hair from Ray had all the same characteristics as that from brush in bag left in front of Canipes, items above-mentioned from Room 5B and the items mentioned from the Mustang.

He would further identify this styrofoam container recovered from the mustang in Atlanta as being identical to the type used to package the Polaroid 230 camera (same type found in Ray's possession in London).

The State would also offer the testimony of James H. Mortimer, Examiner of Questioned Documents, commonly referred to as a handwriting expert and would show his examinations and conclusions as follows:

That the same person who prepared and signed the application and note under the signature Eric S. Galt (identified as the defendant in this picture and by Mr. Lau of the International School of Bartending Q261 & 262) also signed the registration card at the Rebel Motel Q86; signed the registration at the Provincial Motel in New Orleans Q141; and signed this motor vehicle transfer from Paisley to Galt and driver's license application in Birmingham under the name Eric Starvo Galt KC4, and to be the same person who signed the safe deposit box records in Birmingham K5 and also to be the same person who prepared this writing on the Modern Book Store coupon found to bear the thumbprint of Ray as heretofore explained and that he also wrote Eric S. Galt on an envelope introduced by Garner from Atlanta Q246. There were many other documents used in tracing and identifying the defendant but I felt the above to be the key ones of interest to you Gentlemen.

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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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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 PLEASE SUCH AS A RIGHT OF APPEAL.

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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 DID 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, MOMUMENTAL 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 PERFORED BY HIM ON THE BODY OF KING.

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	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.

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 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 EVEDENCE BEING DISCUSSED BY BEASLEY, THE WITNESSES AND BEASLEY UTILIZED THE 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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NEWSPAPER ARTICLE APPEARING IN COMMERCIAL APPEAL DATED

MARCH EIGHT, SIXTYNINE, STATES IN REFERENCE TO POSSIBLE NINETY
NINE YEAR SENTENCE IFRAY AGREES TO GUILTY PLEA COULD BE SERVED

COMPLETELY IN FIFTY YEARS AND SEVEN MONTHS. A CONVICTED MAN WOULD

BE ELIGIBLE FOR PAROLE AFTER FORTYEIGHT YEARS AND SIX MONTHS.

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COULD BE REDUCED TO THIRTYTHREE YEARS.

MEMPHIS FILES DISCLOSE COPY OF PRESIDENTIAL REQUEST FOR EXTRADITION OF JAMES EARL RAY FROM ENGLAND. IT INDICATES THAT RAY WAS CHARGED WITH THE CRIME OF MURDER AND CONVICTED OF THE CRIME OF ROBBERY WITH VIOLENCE (ROBBERY FIRST DEGREE BY MEANS OF A DANGEROUS AND DEADLY WEAPON). THIS DOCUMENT REQUESTS THAT JAMES EARL RAY BE RETURNED TO PROPER AUTHORITIES OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE AND/OR THE STATE OF MISSOURI.

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	QUARTERS TIME MARCH SIXTEEN, NINETEEN SEVENTYFIVE. BASED ON
	FACT THAT JAMES EARL RAY ESCAPED IN NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, IT
	WOULD APPEAR BASED ON THIS RECORD HE SOURS A MINIMUM OF THIRTEEN
	YEARS ON THE ORIGINAL SENTENCE.
	MEMPHIS DIVISION NOT AWARE OF ANY ADDITIONAL SENTENCES
	THAT MAY HAVE BEEN ADDED BECAUSE OF HIS PRIOR ATTEMPTED ESCAPES.
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	Criminal Court, Memph: to the state charge of	on March 10, 1969, in Shelby County is, Tennessee, entered a plea of guif murder in connection with the in Luther King, Jr., and was sentence ment for 99 years.
	who have been previous should advise them of individuals who contacts should be advised to o	you receive inquiries from any with sly subpoenaed in the state case, yo the above court proceedings. If an ct you desire any further details, t correspond directly with Mr. Phil M. torney General, Shelby County Courth
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In the event you receive any impairies from individuals who have been placed on notice superding their appearance in Houghie, you may advise them of the results of the court proceedings. If any individuals who contact you desire any further details, they should be advised to correspond directly with Hr. Phil H. Courie, Jr., State Attorney Command, Halley County Courthouse, Houghie, Tonnesse.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This is to advise the Bureau that the model of the area and buildings where MARTIN LUTHER KING was slain, which model was built by the Exhibits Section; was turned over to American Air Lines 6/12/69 to be shipped under Air Bill No. 001MEM7809723. The shipment consisted of three crates weighing a total of 1,118 pounds. The shipment will depart Memphis via American Air Lines at 4:55 P.M., 6/13/69, and will arrive Philadelphia, Pa., 10:10 P.M., 6/13/69. American Air Lines was unable to state whether or not deliveries are made on Saturday, the shipment will be delivered on Saturday, 6/14/69, to the FBI at 5th and H Street NW, Washington, D. C. If deliveries are not made on Saturday, it will be delivered the following Monday, 12/16/69.

The Bureau should bear in mind that this exhibit may ultimately be needed for trial purposes as it is entirely possible that the subject JAMES EARL RAY will eventually be granted a new trial. RAY's appeal for a new trial made in the Court in which he was sentenced has been denied. While he has not yet filed an appeal with a higher Court, it is definitely anticipated that he will do so, and in all probability this case will eventually be heard in the U. S. Court of Appeals if not in the U. S. Supreme Court. It is therefore suggested that the Bureau not dispose of this exhibit until such time as the subject has exhausted all of his appeals.

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