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TO DIRECTOR FBI (62-117290) PRIORITY 629-21

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UNCLAS E F T O

MURKIN.

ALEX EIST, FORMERLY NEW SCOTLAND YARD - COMPLAINANT.

REFERENCE IS MADE TO COMMUNICATIONS IN BUFILE, HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS. (BUFILE 62-117293) (HSCA).

ON 6/20/78, ALEC EIST, OWNER GREEN MAN PUBLIC HOUSE, SIX MILE BOTTOM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE, ENGLAND, TELEPHONE 247, TELEPHONED AMERICAN EMBASSY, LONDON, ASKING FOR FBI. CLAIMED WORKED WITH LEGAT OFFICE WHEN WAS WITH FLYING SQUAD OF NEW SCOTLAND YARD (NSY). AS SUCH WAS IN ON APPREHENSION OF JAMES EARL RAY IN LONDON AND WAS WITH HIM THEREAFTER CONTINUALLY. KNOWS THERE IS CERTAIN CONTROVERSY IN THE CASE AND LOTS OF NEWSPAPER REPORTING CONCERNING RAY. HE IS ABOUT TO MAKE A MOVE IN THIS MATTER, "A FINANCIAL" MOVE BUT WANTS TO TALK TO SOMEONE FROM LEGAT OFFICE FIRST OUT OF LOYALTY. REFUSES TO COME TO LONDON.

EIST WELL KNOWN TO NSY, FORMERLY WITH FLYING SQUAD AND BELIEVED PARTICIPATED IN RAY ESCORT. SUSPENDED FROM NSY AND RECENTLY ACQUITTED OF CORRUPTION CHARGES. CONSIDERED CONTROVERSIAL AND

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DISAFFECTED. NSY DOES NOT CONSIDER HE COULD HAVE INFO OF VALUE AS NOT PART OF INTERROGATIONS, NEVER ALONE WITH RAY AND ANYTHING OF INTEREST WOULD HAVE BEEN FORWARDED IN REPORTS FURNISHED AT THE TIME.

CONSIDERED HE HAS SOME SORT OF INFORMATION DEROGATORY TO NSY WHICH WILL TRY TO PEDDLE TO LEGAT OR PRESS.

NEVERTHELESS UACB WILL BE CONTACTED AND ADVISED TWO LEGAT PERSONNEL WILL MEET WITH HIM IN CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

NO INDICATION THIS RELATED TO PROPOSED HSCA VISIT TO LONDON. MATTER WILL BE COORDINATED WITH NSY.

CIRRECTION - FIRST LINE OF MESSAGE - NAME IS ALEC NOT "ALEX"

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : File

FROM : RSC

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 6/21/78

This matter was discussed 6/21/78 with Commander Anthony Lampard, C-5 and Det. Chief Supp. Brian Worth. Regarding the proposed visit of the House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) they have had no recent correspondence. All their correspondence has been through the Home Office, who presumably has been in contact with HSCA. Their last communication was in May and they were anticipating a visit of the HSCA in June. The Home Office was advised that NSY was agreeable to furnishing officers as witnesses for the HSCA under certain conditions but would not make any reports available. Home Office relayed a list of officers it was desired to interview together with a longer list of civilian potential witnesses. NSY replied that they could not answer for the civilians and that only two of the officers on the list are currently with NSY. They agreed to make Peter Elliott, then Sergeant now Det. Chief Insp. available, and if absolutely necessary, Phillip Birch, of Special Branch, however under the condition that someone from the Home Office be present. Butler who headed the investigation is dead, and other officers named are dead or retired. Apparently HSCA was asking that the civilians be contacted and NSY opposed ~~xxxx~~ doing this. *W 658*

Alec Eist is not known to them as figuring in this investigation and does not appear on the HSCA list. He is known to them as a very active officer and a very controversial officer. He was clever and knowledgeable about the underworld but involved in questionable activities and altho acquitted of charges brought against him was medically retired. He left under a cloud and is no doubt unsympathetic to NSY. Caution should be exercised in dealing with him.

Det. Chief Insp Peter Elliott, Clapham Station, tel 824 525 knew Eist and recalled that Eist formed part of the escort for Ray from prison to the airport. He also possibly was part of an escort on court appearances. However he played no significant role in the matter, did not participate in interrogation, would never have been alone with Ray and had Ray furnished any information of value such as an accomplice, would have had to have reported such information at the time for inclusion in the report forwarded to the U.S. Elliott is certain that at the time there was no evidence of anyone else being involved with Ray and there was a thorough inquiry. Elliott was present at all interviews.

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*Lampard + Elliott adv. 6-23-78  
the interview all favorable*

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TO DIRECTOR ROUTINE 640-23

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UNCLAS E F T O

MURKIN.

RELONTEL JUNE 21, 1978.

ON JUNE 22, 1978, ALEXANDER EIST, WILLOW COTTAGE, NINE HIGH STREET, WEST WRATTING, CAMBRIDGESHIRE, ENGLAND, WHO IS A FORMER METROPOLITAN POLICE, LONDON, OFFICER, WAS CONTACTED AT HIS REQUEST.

EIST ADVISED THAT WHILE A DETECTIVE SERGEANT WITH THE METROPOLITAN POLICE, LONDON, HE WAS ASSIGNED FOR APPROXIMATELY FOUR MONTHS TO GUARD JAMES EARL RAY WHILE HE WAS INCARCERATED IN ENGLAND, AND DURING HIS APPEARANCES IN COURT, ETC., IN CONNECTION WITH HIS ARREST IN ENGLAND AS A RESULT OF THE MURDER OF REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING. EIST RECENTLY READ IN THE NEWSPAPERS THAT THE U. S. CONGRESS WAS REVIEWING THE FBI INVESTIGATION OF THE KING CASE, INCLUDING A POSSIBLE CONSPIRACY THEORY.

EIST NOTED THAT DURING HIS STAY WITH RAY, HE DEVELOPED A CLOSE RAPPORT, AND AT NO TIME DID RAY EVER GIVE ANY INDICATION OF ANYONE OTHER THAN RAY HIMSELF AS BEING INVOLVED IN THE MURDER OF KING; RATHER, RAY INDICATED THE EXACT OPPOSITE AND BRAGGED THAT HE

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WAS PROUD OF THE FACT HE ALONE WAS ABLE TO KILL KING. EIST ADVISED HE WAS VERY IMPRESSED WITH THE FBI HANDLING OF THE RAY CASE DURING EIST'S ASSOCIATION WITH IT, AND WOULD BE AMENABLE TO INTERVIEW BY ANYONE REGARDING HIS ASSOCIATION WITH RAY.

NO PERTINENT INFORMATION DEVELOPED DURING INTERVIEW, AND COMPLETE RESULTS OF INTERVIEW WILL BE FORWARDED AT LATER DATE.

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EMBASSY OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
Grosvenor Square  
London, England

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June 28, 1978

Re: Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING

9 On June 22, 1978, Assistant Legal Attaches DENNIS R. DICKSON and ROBERT A. KEANE, traveled to Cambridgeshire, England, to contact Mr. ALEXANDER EIST, Willow Cottage, 9 High Street, West Wratting, Cambridgeshire, England, at his request. EIST is the publican at the "Green Man" pub, Six Mile Bottom, Cambridgeshire, England. EIST advised that he was formerly employed by the Metropolitan Police, London, and has recently retired.

During his employment with the Metropolitan Police, one of his assignments was to guard and escort JAMES EARL RAY who was arrested in London, England, in connection with the assassination of Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING. EIST stated that during the approximately four months when RAY was incarcerated in England awaiting extradition to the United States it was EIST's assignment to be present in the cell with RAY and to escort him weekly to the court for remand hearings.

EIST advised that as a result of having spent so much time with RAY he developed a very close rapport and RAY became very talkative with him. RAY admitted that he had escaped from a Missouri prison by hanging on to the undercarriage of a prison laundry vehicle or garbage truck.

With regard to the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, RAY on many occasions admitted that he killed KING and on no occasion did RAY ever indicate that there was an accomplice with him, but rather he expressed and even bragged that he was proud of the fact that he alone was able to kill KING. RAY stated that the only mistake he made was that upon leaving the boarding house he was carrying the rifle he used to kill KING and spotted a police officer in the area. He subsequently dropped the rifle in the doorway to a shop and continued on his way, knowing full-well that his prints were on the weapon and that the investigation would subsequently lead to him.

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RAY indicated that he was a loner and did not associate with anyone else and that the only person he received assistance from was his brother, believed by EIST to be his elder brother, and according to RAY his brother accompanied him on several robberies subsequent to his escape from the Missouri prison.

EIST stated that he had recently been in conversation with a U. S. Air Force major who is stationed in England and upon hearing that EIST was involved in the RAY case suggested that EIST should sell his story to a newsman. EIST advised that during his assignment with RAY he reported to his superiors any comments made by RAY and thus the appropriate authorities were in possession of all pertinent information. He did not desire to contact any newsmen regarding his story, however, was willing to be interviewed by any official authority regarding his association with RAY in England.

The above interview was conducted by Assistant Legal Attache DENNIS R. DICKSON, in the presence of Assistant Legal Attache ROBERT A. KEANE, on June 22, 1978.





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TO DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM LEGAT, LONDON (88-228) (RUZ) *15*

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ReLONtels 6/21 & 23/78.

Enclosed herewith are five copies of an LHM dated 6/28/78, setting forth results of interview with ALEXANDER EIST, Cambridgeshire, England.

EIST advised he had recently read in the newspapers and heard on the radio that the U. S. Congress was reviewing the FBI investigation of the KING case to include the possible conspiracy theory and for this reason EIST contacted Legat, London, advising that at no time during his association with RAY was there ever any indication of an accomplice with RAY and that he was willing to be interviewed by any authority regarding his knowledge of RAY. He advised he was very impressed with the FBI's handling of the RAY case in England including the thorough interviews and tight security that was afforded RAY. He noted that any pertinent comments by RAY to him during his incarceration in England was reported to his seniors.

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TO DIRECTOR (62-117290) PRIORITY 863-22

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UNCLAS E F T O

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RE LONDON AIRTEL TO DIRECTOR DATED 6/28/78, AND COMMUNICATIONS IN BUREAU FILE 62-117290, RE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA).

AS FBIHQ IS AWARE HSCA STAFF MEMBERS EDWARD M. EVANS, PROF. CHARLES ROGOVIN AND ROBIN LINDLEY WERE RECENTLY IN LONDON FOR TWO WEEK PERIOD CONDUCTING INTERVIEWS IN MURKIN CASE.

RELONAIRTEL FURNISHED RESULTS OF INTERVIEW WITH ALEXANDER EIST, CAMBRIDGESHIRE, ENGLAND. WHEN STAFF MEMBERS IN ENGLAND THEY ALSO INTERVIEWED EIST.

ON 8/21/78, EIST APPEARED AT AMERICAN EMBASSY, LONDON, SEEKING ADVICE AS TO METHOD OF BRINGING SLANDER SUIT AGAINST MARK LANE, COUNSEL FOR RAY. EUROPEAN AND BRITISH NEWSPAPERS HAVE GIVEN FRONT PAGE COVERAGE TO INFORMATION FURNISHED BY EIST TO HSCA AND ALSO ALLEGATIONS OF LANE THAT EIST HAD BEEN IMPLICATED IN CORRUPTION AND JEWEL ROBBERIES WHEN HE WAS OFFICER WITH NEW SCOTLAND YARD (NSY).

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EIST ADVISED HE HAS BEEN BESEIGED BY CBS, BBC AND BRITISH NEWSPAPERS SINCE THE ALLEGATIONS APPEARED.

EIST ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT WHETHER HE WILL BE CALLED BEFORE COMMITTEE DURING HEARINGS AND IF HE WOULD HAVE COUNSEL AVAILABLE TO COUNTER ANY CHARACTER ALLEGATIONS MADE AGAINST HIM. EIST SUGGESTS HAVING HIGHT RANKING NEW SCOTLAND YARD OFFICER PRESENT TO COUNTER ALLEGATIONS. ADDITIONALLY EIST ADVISED HE HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH A FORMER LONDON " DAILY MAIL" CRIME REPORTER, OWEN SUMMERS, WHO RECALLS PRIOR CONVERSATIONS WITH EIST DURING TIME EIST WAS INVOLVED IN RAY INVESTIGATION. EIST REQUESTED HIS CONCERN BE RELAYED TO MR. EDWARD M. EVANS, HSCA.

IN ADDITION, AMERICAN EMBASSY, LONDON, IN RECEIPT OF BILL FOR \$200.00 U. S. DATED 8/16/78, FROM HARRY COUNSELL AND CO., COURT REPORTERS, 61 CAREY STREET, LONDON, FOR STENOGRAPHIC FEE INCURRED BY STAFF MEMBERS, HSCA.

LEGAL LIAISON AND CONGRESSIONAL AFFAIRS UNIT, LEGAL AFFAIRS DIVISION, REQUESTED TO CONTACT EVANS AND ADVISE OF EIST'S CONCERNS AND INFORM EVANS OF OUTSTANDING CHARGES.

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## Ray pride at murder described by ex-Yard man

From Our Own Correspondent  
Washington, Aug 18

A retired detective chief inspector from Scotland Yard has told congressional investigators that James Earl Ray claimed credit in London for the assassination of Dr Martin Luther King, the American civil rights leader, in Memphis, Tennessee, 10 years ago.

The evidence by Mr Alexander Eist, who was a sergeant with Scotland Yard's flying squad in 1968 when Mr Ray was arrested in London, apparently came as a complete surprise today to Mr Ray and his lawyer Mr Mark Lane. After Mr Eist's 20,000-word statement, given earlier this month, was read to a congressional hearing here, Mr Ray said it was the most damaging evidence presented against him, but that it was totally false.

Mr Lane, who had left the hearing room while the statement was being read, returned to say that the committee's action in submitting such a statement as evidence was utterly irresponsible and outrageous.

In his statement Mr Eist said that he had spent a considerable time with Mr Ray after his arrest in London and before he was extradited to the United States to stand trial for the murder of Dr King. During this period Mr Ray began to look on him "as the only friend he had in the country", Mr Eist said.

Mr Ray was a man with "great criminal cunning", Mr Eist said. He was shrewd and "a complete nutcase". During their conversations Mr Ray had made it clear that he hated blacks and at one stage said he wanted to get to Africa to shoot some more of them.

According to Mr Eist, Mr Ray seemed to want to become a "national hero" and appeared to be mad for publicity. He had mentioned a gun and explained that he threw it away with his fingerprints still on it, Mr Eist said. He recalled Mr Ray laughing about the possibility of a prison sentence and mentioning that he was interested in making a lot of money out of his case, at one stage \$500,000 (£250,000) and on another occasion \$250,000.

Asked whether Mr Ray had ever said he shot Dr King, Mr Eist said: "During the question of conversation, he definitely—he did not actually come out with it—but it was there in the conversation that he had done it. He was quite proud of it."

Mr Eist believed Mr Ray had acted alone in shooting Dr King.

He was certain that Mr Ray would have mentioned other participants.

After reading the statement a member of the committee explained that because the interview with Mr Eist had taken place quite recently, he could not speak for its veracity. It was at that stage that Mr Lane returned to the hearing chamber to challenge Mr Eist's credibility.

The Ray hearing had reopened today with Mr Lane accusing congressional investigators of distorting evidence to try to prove that his client had stalked Dr King for several days before his assassination.

He said he believed there was a deliberate effort by the committee "to deceive us and the American people".

His accusation centred on a change-of-address form allegedly made by Mr Ray in Los Angeles in March, 1968, giving a new address in Atlanta, Georgia, and a newspaper article stating that Dr King intended to travel eastwards. The two documents were submitted yesterday by Mr Louis Stokes, the committee chairman.

Objecting to the documents, Mr Lane pointed out that the change-of-address form was dated a day earlier than the newspaper article, rather than a day later as Mr Stokes had implied. The objection, to which Mr Stokes did not respond, was upheld.

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London, England

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TO DIRECTOR (62-117290) PRIORITY 913-07

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RELONTEL 8/22/78.

IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF BUREAU WOULD ADVISE BY RETURN  
TEL AS TO REQUEST MADE CONCERNING PAYMENT OF \$200.00 FOR  
STENOGRAPHIC FEE INCURRED BY STAFF MEMBERS, HCUA, DURING PERIOD  
THEY WERE IN LONDON.

AMERICAN EMBASSY, LONDON, WILLING TO PAY FEE BUT MUST HAVE  
A FUNDS CITATION IN ORDER TO KNOW WHO TO CHARGE FOR THIS AMOUNT.

PLEASE ADVISE.

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Cmdr Lampard - C-5  
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SUBJECT: STAFFDEL EVANS

1. MESSRS. EDWARD EVANS, LOUIS PARISI AND JEROME CULLINS, STAFF INVESTIGATORS OF THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS, WILL TRAVEL TO LONDON FOR PURPOSE OF INTERVIEWING FORMER BRITISH METROPOLITAN POLICE IN CONNECTION WITH THE COMMITTEE'S INVESTIGATION INTO THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE DEATH OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMMITTEE HAS WRITTEN TO SCOTLAND YARD REQUESTING ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING INDIVIDUALS STAFFDEL WISHES TO INTERVIEW. EMBASSY WILL RECALL THAT EDWARD EVANS WAS IN LONDON INTERVIEWING WITNESSES DURING JULY-AUGUST OF THIS YEAR WITH COMMITTEE STAFF MEMBERS CHARLES ROGOVIN AND ROBIN LINDLEY.

2. STAFFDEL WILL ARRIVE LONDON OCTOBER 26 AT 0830 ON PA-106 AND DEPART ON/ABOUT NOVEMBER 1 TO RETURN TO U.S. RESERVE ONE DOUBLE AND ONE SINGLE AT MODERATELY PRICED HOTEL IN MARBLE ARCH AREA AND CONFIRM BY CABLE ASAP.

3. STAFFDEL IS AUTHORIZED PER DIEM AND ACTUAL TRANSPORTATION COSTS FOR ENTIRE TIME IT SPENDS IN LONDON. FUNDING AUTHORIZATION WILL FOLLOW BY SEPTTEL. NEW SOM  
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*Irvin Auten will advise what hotel by end of day.  
Also Selfe will have money available by 10-25-78.  
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1 single available at Selfridge Hotel £ 37.00 per day  
1 double at " Hotel £ 49.00 per day.*

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STAFFDEL EVANS

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OREP (STAFFDEL EVANS)

SUBJECT: STAFFDEL EVANS: AUTHORIZATION

REF: STATE 266628

1. THERE FOLLOWS BELOW AUTHORIZATION FOR STAFFDEL'S VISIT TO LONDON AND EXPLANATION OF NEW FUNDING PROCEDURES FOR CONGRESSIONAL TRAVEL.

2. AUTHORIZATION: PROVISIONS OF CA-10315 DTD 10/16/72 APPLY. USE OF STATE ACCOUNT [REDACTED], ALLOT. [REDACTED] OR [REDACTED] ACCOUNT WHERE AVAILABLE EQUIVALENT TO US DOLS 75 PER DAY OR MAXIMUM RATE OF USG PER DIEM ALLOWANCE, WHICHEVER IS GREATER, PLUS ACTUAL TRANSPORTATION COSTS AUTHORIZED BY HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS.

3. COMPLETE FISCAL INSTRUCTIONS REFLECTING NEW LEGISLATION (SECTION 22, PL-95-384 ENACTED 9/26/78 WHICH AMENDS SECTION 502 (B), MUTUAL SECURITY ACT OF 1954) ARE BEING DEVELOPED. UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, PROCEDURES STATE 123593 DTD 5/27/77 CONTINUE WITH EXCEPTION THAT ALL CHARGES PREVIOUSLY MADE AGAINST [REDACTED] NOW SHOULD BE CHARGES AGAINST ACCOUNT [REDACTED], ALLOT. [REDACTED] SUCH CHARGES WILL BE REPORTED ON SF-1221 AND FS 478 FOR OFFICE OF FINANCE, DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

4. THE NEW LAW ALSO PROVIDES FOR PAYMENT OF PER DIEM EXCEEDING EQUIVALENT US DOLS 75 IN THOSE COUNTRIES WHERE THE MAXIMUM RATES OF PER DIEM ALLOWANCES ESTABLISHED IN THE U.S. GOVERNMENT STANDARDIZED REGULATIONS ARE GREATER THAN EQUIVALENT US DOLS 75 PER DAY, EXCLUSIVE OF THE ACTUAL COST OF TRANSPORTATION.

5. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT POSTS PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT TELEGRAPHICALLY (A/BF/OF, INFO H) ALL THE NECESSARY INFORMATION CONCERNING THE USE OF LOCAL CURRENCIES, ITEMIZED AS CHARGES TO EITHER [REDACTED] ACCOUNT OR [REDACTED] ALLOT. [REDACTED] INDICATING PER DIEM, TRANSPORTATION, AND OTHER OFFICIAL PURPOSES, AND DETAILED BY COMMITTEE AND BY EACH MEMBER OR EMPLOYEE OF A CODEL OR STAFFDEL AS SOON AS AVAILABLE AFTER DEPARTURE OF THE TRAVELLER(S). THE DEPARTMENT WILL TRANSMIT THIS INFORMATION ON A TIMELY BASIS TO THE CONGRESS TO ENABLE THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES, MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES TO MEET THE THIRTY DAY AND QUARTERLY REPORTING DEADLINES AS REQUIRED BY THE NEW LAW. CHRISTOPHER

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FROM: State

NO: 268787

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AMERICAN EMBASSY  
LONDON

Date: October 23, 1978

TO: CCA/L - Mr. Clark

VISIT TO LONDON OF Staffdel Evans, October 26 - November 1

You have been designated Control Officer for the above visit.

A copy of the pertinent telegram (or airgram) is attached for your action.

On the reverse side of this page is a guidance list to assist you in connection with your responsibilities as Control Officer for this visit.

If your visit includes a Senator, Congressman, Cabinet Officer or State Governor, special requirements must be met involving the Ambassador and/or the Deputy Chief of Mission. See paragraph 1 of the guidance list on the reverse of this memorandum for a description of these additional requirements.



Michael M. Conlin  
Counselor for Administrative Affairs

ATTACHMENT(S):

cf: AMB  
DCM  
Chief of Section  
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## GUIDANCE FOR VISIT CONTROL OFFICERS

The proper, comprehensive, and professional handling of official visitors to this Post is viewed as one of the most important facets of the conduct of our business. The degree of support provided to visitors is often the sole means by which these visitors judge our operations, since in many cases the only contact a visitor has with this Mission is through his Control Officer. Control Officers for official visitors are selected from all offices within the Mission; the Administrative Counselor will make such selections based upon substantive need or organizational affiliation of the visitor. Although every visit poses different sets of problems, all share certain common needs. In an attempt to ease the burden on Control Officers, the paragraphs below reflect certain types of common support given to visitors. It is incumbent upon Control Officers to resolve any questions concerning responsibilities or handling procedures prior to the arrival of your visitors.

### **1. Visits Involving Senators, Congressmen, Cabinet Officers or State Governors:**

The Embassy especially welcomes visits by these distinguished officials, as such trips enable them to observe major developments in the world and to see first hand the work of Embassy officials responsible for carrying out American objectives and programs in the United Kingdom. Control Officers for visitors of Ambassadorial and higher rank should inform the Ambassador's Staff Aide of the anticipated arrival and departure dates and the nature of the business the traveler intends to conduct in London. For detailed guidance concerning service requirements to travelling Congressional Delegations, see the attached State Department Airgram (72 State A-10315).

**2. Visitor Transportation:** It is normal practice here for our motor pool to provide arrival and departure transportation to official travelers with the rank of Assistant Secretary or above. When vehicles are available, we also endeavor to extend transportation to travelers of Ambassadorial level. To arrange for the use of a motor pool vehicle, please call the Dispatcher on extensions 358 or 371.

**3. Special Airport Handling:** Arrangements for special handling at Heathrow Airport can be made through A/VIS, extensions 347/348. **You should not make these arrangements directly.** In the event a requirement arises after office hours, and Miss Auten (Home Telephone: 624 3519) is unavailable, you should call Miss Fran Cobb (Home Telephone: 992 6803). Only if these two individuals are unavailable should you directly contact the airline, in which case you should ask for their "Special Facilities Office."

**4. Funds:** In the vast majority of Congressional visits (Codels and Staffdels), special Congressional funds are authorized for use of the visitors. Control Officers should make arrangements in advance with the Embassy Cashier, extensions 277 or 278, to draw these funds for payment on the last workday prior to the visit. If accommodation exchange is desired by travelers, contact the cashier for assistance.

**5. Hotel Reservations:** Hotel reservations must be arranged through A/VIS (extensions 347 or 348). **You should not make these arrangements directly.**

**6. Onward Transportation or Reconfirmation of Travelers Ticketing:** Control Officers should contact A/VIS (extensions 347 or 348) for assistance. **Control Officers should not contact Air Carriers directly.**

**7. Embassy Response to Incoming Cables Concerning Visits:** Assigned Control Officers should respond within 48 hours to any incoming cable traffic concerning their visitors. Their response should include at a minimum hotel reservations made, the name, office and home telephone number of the Control Officer, and as much other information requested in the incoming cable as possible. If subsequent information is to be transmitted at a later time, the Control Officer's cable should so state.

**8. Miscellaneous:** Visitors may request use of Military PX's and Commissary facilities in the London area. The US/UK Status of Forces Agreement precludes use of these facilities by individuals not formally assigned to duties in the U.K. This fact should be carefully explained to any visitors requesting such privileges, and any problems in this regard should be addressed to LCDR Jerry Morgan, COMMAVACTS/UK, extension 07-523.

# Am Embassy London

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STAFFDEL EVANS

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OREP (STAFFDEL EVANS)

SUBJECT: STAFFDEL EVANS

REF: STATE 266628, EVANS/CLARK TELCON OF OCT. 24

EVANS, PARISI AND CULLINS UNABLE TO ARRIVE LONDON OCT. 26;  
 THEY NOW PLAN TO ARRIVE MON., OCT. 30 AT 0830 ON PA-106.  
 PLEASE CHANGE RESERVATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE AT  
 BRITANNIA HOTEL TO OCT. 30 THROUGH NOV. 5. PLEASE INFORM  
 RICHARD CLARK. VANCE  
 BT  
 #1964

2:35 PM - 10/26/78

EVANS and party will be staying at  
 55 Lancaster Gate, Apartment 7,  
 telephone 723-7371. rn

*Evans taken to Airport 11-3-78  
 PA 107  
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 other guys leave Monday.*

TO OCT 26 07 *STATE*  
 FROM:

NO: *271964*  
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## Select Committee on Assassinations

U.S. House of Representatives

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

October 13, 1978

Sir David McNee, Q.P.M.  
Commissioner  
Metropolitan Police  
New Scotland Yard  
Broadway  
London SW1 10BG  
England

Attention: Chief Superintendent John Newig  
Special Assistant to the Commissioner

Dear Sir David:

In connection with this Committee's investigation into the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., we once again need and request your assistance in carrying out our Congressional Mandate.

Our Chief Investigator Ed Evans, is planning a trip to London, tentatively commencing on October 25, 1978. The purpose of the trip is as follows:

### Interviews

1. Nicholas Birch - present or former member of Metropolitan Police;
2. Ted Fuller - present or former member of Metropolitan Police;
3. Member of the Metropolitan Police who prepared the Identification Kit on James Earl Ray; and
4. Member of Metropolitan Police who did the fingerprint comparison between the latent print found on the demand note recovered at the Fulham Branch of the Trustee Savings Bank and the thumb print of James Earl Ray.

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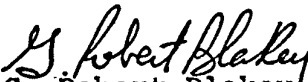
Information or records on the following:

1. Dates and times during the extradition proceedings that James Earl Ray was removed and returned to custody at Wandsworth Prison.

Mr. Evans has been in telephonic communication with Superintendent Frank Cater regarding these matters and this letter is submitted formalizing our requests.

Our next public hearing are scheduled to commence November 9, 1978, and we would appreciate any effort on your part to expedite this matter.

Very truly yours,

  
G. Robert Blakey  
Chief Counsel and  
Director



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SUBVOUCHER No. ....

DATE October 25, 1978

Received in cash from AMERICAN EMBASSY, LONDON  
\*Two hundred fifty three pounds and 87 (£253.87) for the following:

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE  
ON ASSASSINATIONS

By Louis PARISI 30-oct-78  
(Signature of Vendor/Agent)

Title Staff Investigator  
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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE  
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By Edward EVANS 30-oct-78  
(Signature of Vendor/Agent)

Title Staff Investigator  
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ON ASSASSINATIONS

By Jerome CULLINS-S 30-oct-78  
(Signature of Vendor/Agent)

Title Staff Investigator  
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October 31, 1978

Detective Chief Supt. Brian Worth  
C-5  
New Scotland Yard

Dear Brian:

In furtherance of our conversation of October 31 I am forwarding to you herewith a copy of a letter furnished to me on this date by Chief Investigator Ed Evans. As noted that his letter from the House Select Committee to the Commissioner about interview in the U.K. The letter was previously forwarded to the Commissioner's Office and no doubt has been made available to the Home Office but Mr. Evans requested a special copy be made up and forwarded to the Home Office official who is handling this matter. Hence the enclosure.

Sincerely,

C  
Richard S. Clark  
Legal Attache

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ATTENTION: FOIPA SECTION

HAROLD WEISBERG V. U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, ET AL, CIVIL ACTION  
75-1996, U. S. DISTRICT COURT, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, WASHINGTON, DC.

REBUTEL 10/31/78.

AS REPORTED IN LEGAT, LONDON TEL 8/18/76 (BUFILE 100-106670)  
FILES AND REFERENCES IN LONDON DESTROYED IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
EXISTING INSTRUCTIONS. THE ENTIRE SUBJECT OF BRITISH COOPERATION  
IN THE RETURN OF JAMES EARL RAY TO THE U. S. HAS BEEN DISCUSSED  
AT LENGTH WITH NEW SCOTLAND YARD (NSY) RECENTLY IN CONNECTION  
WITH THE CURRENT AND PAST VISITS OF INVESTIGATORS OF THE HOUSE  
SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA). IT IS CLEAR FROM THESE  
CONTACTS THAT THIS IS AN AREA OF EXTREME SENSITIVITY AND NSY IS  
COOPERATING WITH THE HSCA ONLY WITHIN VERY STRICT PERIMETERS  
ESTABLISHED BY THE HOME OFFICE.

NSY TAKES THE POSITION THAT ALL PERTINENT DOCUMENTS WERE  
FORWARDED TO THE UNITED STATES CONTEMPORANEOUSLY UNDER APPROPRIATE  
CAVEATS.

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THEREFORE NEITHER NSY NOR THE HOME OFFICE KNOW THE CONTENTS OF THESE DOCUMENTS AND BOTH ARE KNOWN TO BE ADVERSE TO PUBLIC RELEASE OF DOCUMENTS ESTABLISHING OFFICIAL BRITISH POLICE COOPERATION WITH THE FBI IN THIS MATTER.

LEGAT, LONDON STRONGLY FEELS THAT NO EXCEPTION WOULD BE GRANTED. ANY DECISION WOULD NECESSARILY BE BY THE HOME OFFICE AND NOT NSY AND ANY PETITION FOR EXAMXXXX EXCEPTION WOULD NECESSARILY HAVE TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY COPIES OF THE DOCUMENTS IN QUESTION.

NSY AND HOME OFFICE ARE KNOWN TO BE CATEGORICALLY OPPOSED TO SUCH REVELATIONS. ANY PETITIONS FOR EXCEPTION WOULD HAVE TO INCORPORATE THE EXACT MATERIAL BEING CONSIDERED.

THEREFORE, BUREAU SHOULD FURNISH COPIES OF THE DOCUMENTS TO LEGAT, LONDON, IF THEY WISH THE MATTER PURSUED FURTHER.

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FM DIRECTOR FBI (190-709)

TO LEGAL ATTACHE LONDON ROUTINE 1312-31

LEGAL ATTACHE OTTAWA ROUTINE 711-31

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UNCLAS E F T O

HAROLD WEISBERG V. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, ET AL.,  
CIVIL ACTION 75-1996, U.S. DISTRICT COURT, DISTRICT OF  
COLUMBIA, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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CAPTIONED LAWSUIT WAS FILED UNDER FREEDOM OF INFORMATION  
ACT (FOIA). SUIT RESULTED FROM PLAINTIFF'S REQUEST FOR  
DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER  
KING, JR. DURING THE COURSE OF THE REVIEW AND PROCESSING  
OF THE MURKIN FILE AT FBIHQ, DOCUMENTS WERE LOCATED WHICH  
ORIGINATED WITH RCMP AND NEW SCOTLAND YARD. COPIES OF  
THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS WERE FURNISHED TO THE BUREAU THROUGH  
LIAISON IN LONDON AND OTTAWA. HERETOFORE, THESE DOCUMENTS  
HAVE BEEN DECLARED EXEMPTED UNDER THE FOIA (TITLE 5,

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UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552 (B)(7)(D)). THEY ARE NOT CLASSIFIED AND PRIMARILY CONCERN THE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION OF JAMES EARL RAY. THE WITHHOLDING OF THESE DOCUMENTS HAS BEEN CONSISTENT WITH THE EXPRESSED POLICY DESIRE OF BOTH RCMP AND NEW SCOTLAND YARD THAT DOCUMENTS ORIGINATING WITH THEIR AGENCIES AND PROVIDED AS AN ASSISTANCE TO THE FBI NOT BE RELEASED UNDER THE FOIA AND PRIVACY ACTS.

IN VIEW OF THE HISTORICAL INTEREST IN THE ASSASSINATION OF DR. KING, THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE HAS REQUESTED A CONTACT WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF RCMP AND NEW SCOTLAND YARD RELATING TO COPIES OF THEIR DOCUMENTS CURRENTLY IN THE FBIHQ MURKIN FILE. IT IS TO BE DETERMINED WHETHER A SPECIFIC EXCEPTION CAN BE MADE WHICH PERMITS THE RELEASE OF THEIR DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO THE ASSASSINATION OF DR. KING.

COPIES OF THE DOCUMENTS CAN BE PROVIDED OTTAWA AND LONDON BY FBIHQ IF NEEDED. MURKIN FILE NUMBERS ARE:  
HQ 44-38861, LONDON 88-7, OTTAWA 44-4.

SUTEL RESPONSE FOLLOWED BY A LETTER FROM APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL TO DIRECTOR, FBI. COVER COMMUNICATION FOR LETTER

PAGE THREE DE HQ 0060 UNCLAS E F T O

SHOULD BE ATTENTION: FOIPA BRANCH. THIS TELETYPE, YOUR  
RESPONSE, PLUS FOLLOW-UP COMMUNICATIONS MAY BE PRESENTED  
IN U. S. DISTRICT COURT.

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FBI

Date: 7/26/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: LEGAT, LONDON (88-72) (P)

MURKIN

ReBucab 7/23/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau is copy of New Scotland Yard report containing all information concerning the activities of subject while in London from 5/7/68 to the date of his apprehension 6/8/68. Also contained in the report is summary of investigation conducted by New Scotland Yard in this matter. This report was officially handed to Assistant Legat on 7/25/68 and it may be disseminated to Tennessee authorities for assistance in preparing their case for prosecution.

Also enclosed for the assistance of Bureau supervisors are three copies of a list of London communications to the Bureau in this matter. These are in the form of cables and airtels, and any information contained therein can now be disseminated to Tennessee authorities with the exception of that in London airtel dated 7/16/68. This airtel enclosed items furnished to this office by New Scotland Yard on a confidential basis, and included letters from subject to various individuals in the U. S., as well as prison warders' reports.

In regard to the prison warders' reports, this office has officially directed a communication to the Assistant Under-Secretary of State for Prison Affairs asking for all prison staff reports of pertinence in this matter, and when they are received officially they can in turn be furnished to Tennessee authorities.

- ③ - Bureau (Encls. 4)  
1 - Liaison (direct)  
1 - London

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Approved:

56 AUG 12 1968

Special Agent in Charge

Sent

- 1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Vinson - C  
1 - Memphis

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# Memorandum

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: June 21, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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

Attached are copies of 12 items which have been made available on an unofficial and confidential basis by New Scotland Yard to the Legal Attache, London. Copies are being furnished the Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General and Attorneys General Pollak of the Civil Rights Division and Vinson of the Criminal Division. The Department is also being advised that this information is not to be disseminated outside the Department.

Included in the attached material is a report to the Detective Chief Superintendent of New Scotland Yard relative to the local charges pending against the subject in England. Documents are also included to support the report, as well as a certificate of vaccination, a copy of the registration at New Earls Court Hotel, London, where Ray stayed, pages of notes apparently in Ray's handwriting, statements of two women who are hotel employees, a copy of a memorandum of the Kennedy Travel Bureau giving details of Ray's flight from Toronto to London and a currency exchange voucher. Also included is a document captioned "Silencers" which is a detailed discussion of the theory and specifications of silencers for firearms, which was found in the subject's luggage.

The statement contained on page eight, item 38, of the report to the Detective Chief Superintendent indicates that U. S. authorities have made tentative arrangements for Ramon George Sneyd to travel to England to testify if necessary. The real Ramon George Sneyd is a police officer in Toronto, Canada. New Scotland Yard has been advised that the FBI is making no arrangements, and this information is also being furnished to the Department.

Enclosures

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach  
RE: MURKIN

Briefly, the report of the British investigation shows the subject arrived in England on 5-7-68 and left the same day for Lisbon, Portugal, returning to London 5-17-68. On 6-8-68 he purchased a single ticket to Brussels and presented himself at the Immigration desk. The act was witnessed by Detective Sergeant Philip Birch who asked the subject to accompany him to an office in the airport where he later searched the subject and discovered a .38 caliber revolver loaded with five rounds of ammunition. He was questioned intensively concerning his identity and that the British believed his name was not Sneyd but Ray, alias Galt, and was wanted in the United States for serious criminal offenses, including murder. The accused had been standing up, but when he heard this, he suddenly sat down, put his head in his hands, and said, "Oh God." He added after a moment or so, "I feel so trapped."

Legat, London advised 6-20-68 that although the material was furnished on a confidential basis, it could be forwarded to the Department if the Department is properly cautioned.

ACTION:

The attached letterhead memorandum should be forwarded to the Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General, and Assistant Attorneys General Pollak and Vinson.

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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, headquarters 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 luggage 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.

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The complete manifest for the flight taken by the subject from Toronto to London has been obtained. Efforts are being made to obtain from Lisbon the manifest for the flight from Lisbon to London and Scotland Yard has access to the microfilm manifest of subject's flight from London to Lisbon. The three manifests will be cross-checked in a search for common passengers.

Written apparently by RAY on a South Africa Air Line schedule found in his luggage are the words "Cinco tres cinco zero quatra una," This is Portuguese for the number 535041. Legat, Paris, has instituted inquiries to determine if this is a Lisbon telephone number and, if so, to identify the subscriber and determine if the subscriber has any connection with the subject.

Scotland Yard is interviewing flight crews on the flights taken by RAY from Toronto to London and from London to Lisbon. This has been substantially completed with negative results, and will be concluded as soon as personnel on overseas runs are available for interview. Legat, Paris, has previously arranged for interview of the flight crew on RAY's flight from Lisbon to London.

Scotland Yard's investigation to date has not developed any indication of RAY's having had any associate or significant contact in London.

Exhaustive checks have been made of immigration and airline records. No record has been found to indicate RAY left England between 5/17/68 and 6/8/68.

The statement in the first paragraph of this airtel regarding reports received on an unofficial and confidential basis refers only to items numbered 1, 5, 7 and 8.

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To: Legat, London (88-228)

From: Director, FBI (190-709)

HAROLD WEISBERG V. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
ET AL., CIVIL ACTION 75-1996, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT,  
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Re Butel 10/31/78, and Lontel 11/1/78.

Enclosed herewith are copies of documents contained in FBIHQ Murkin files which should be reviewed by appropriate Home Office Official for possible release in captioned lawsuit and to the public under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Document No. 1

London airtel to Bureau dated 6/14/68, to which was attached copies of 12 items received from New Scotland Yard (NSY) (FBIHQ serial 44-38861-4695).

Document No. 2

Memorandum A. Rosen to DeLoach dated 6/21/68, to which was attached 12 items received from NSY (FBIHQ serial 44-38861-4662).

Document No. 3

London airtel to Bureau dated 7/26/68, to which was attached an NSY report plus other items received from NSY (FBIHQ serial 44-38861-4982).

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Document No. 4

In file this document has no Bureau communication as a cover. It is captioned, "Extradition of James Earl Ray, Judgement of Mr. F. Milton." This document includes other NSY material (FBIHQ serial 44-38861-3760).

Per Lontel, it is recognized that NSY and the British Home Office are known to be adverse to public release of documents establishing cooperation with the Bureau in this matter. However, it is necessary for purposes of captioned lawsuit to have a specific response addressing the attached documents.

Where available, the attached documents included the cover communications. These cover communications are included for information purposes only.

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LEGAT, LONDON:

Will contact appropriate Home Office Official for the position of the British Government as to the releasability of attached documents. The response should be followed by an official letter pursuant to instructions included in Butel 10/31/78.

November 16, 1978

HAROLD WEISBERG v. U. S. Department of  
Justice, ET AL; Civil Action 75-1996  
U. S. District Court, District of Columbia  
Washington, D. C.

This lawsuit was filed under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). The suit resulted from Plaintiff's request for documents pertaining to the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

During the course of review and processing at FBI Headquarters the enclosed documents were located which originated with New Scotland Yard.

These documents have been declared exempt under FOIA (Title 5, U. S. Code, Section 552(B)(7)(D)).

These documents are not classified and primarily concern the original investigation of JAMES EARL RAY. The withholding of these documents was consistent with the policy that documents originated by New Scotland Yard and provided as an assistance to the FBI not be subject to release under the FOIA and Privacy Acts.

Copies of the documents in question are attached and described as follows:

Document #1 - Commences with report of Metropolitan Police, June 13, 1968;

Document #2 - Commences with statement of ANNA ELIZABETH THOMAS;

Document #3 - Commences with report of Metropolitan Police, July 22, 1968;

Document #4 - Extradition of JAMES EARL RAY

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In connection with this suit appropriate British authorities are to be approached to determine whether a specific exemption can be obtained permitting the release of these documents.

A written reply directed to the Director, FBI is solicited noting that this reply may also be presented to the court.

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Office of Legal Attache  
American Embassy  
London W1A 1AE

November 16, 1978

Commander A. W. Lampard  
C-2 Branch  
New Scotland Yard

Re: HAROLD WEISBERG v. U. S. Department  
of Justice

Dear Tony:

Enclosed herewith are documents received here November 15, 1978, from FBI Headquarters.

I am also enclosing a blind memorandum explaining the reasons for the forwarding of these documents. As noted our Department of Justice has requested contact with appropriate British authority to determine if a specific exemption can be made permitting the release of their documents relating to this matter.

Presumably this would be the province of Home Office. We are asked to reply and to follow with a letter from the appropriate official to the Director of the FBI. This letter and any response may be presented in U. S. District Court.

Sincerely,

Richard S. Clark  
Legal Attache

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## Dr King's assassin called racist

From David Cross  
Washington, Nov 9

Mr Alexander Eist, a retired British police inspector, gave evidence here today that James Earl Ray, the convicted assassin of Dr Martin Luther King, appeared to be "completely antiblack" during various conversations they had about ten years ago.

Mr Eist was a sergeant with Scotland Yard's Flying Squad in 1968 when Mr Ray was arrested at Heathrow airport. He was given the task of guarding Mr Ray during the two months he was held in London before his extradition.

A statement given by Mr Eist in congressional investigations earlier this year had implied that Mr Ray had con-

fessed to the murder. Mr Eist told investigators on that occasion that although Mr Ray "did not actually come out with it... it was there in the conversation that he had done it".

During today's public cross-examination here, Mr Eist did not claim that Mr Ray had privately pleaded guilty to him. He did say that Mr Ray had admitted throwing away a gun with his fingerprints on it when he panicked at the sight of a policeman or a police car shortly after the shooting.

Mr Eist was appearing before a session of the assassinations committee of the House of Representatives which today resumed its hearings into the killing of the civil rights leader in Memphis, Tennessee, in March, 1968. Mr

Ray has firmly denied a part in the shooting of Dr King.

Mr Eist said that Mr Ray had said the American authorities could charge him only with conspiracy in the shooting and that he expected a short sentence. Mr Ray seemed "quite proud" about all the publicity he would get when he returned to the United States, and on several occasions had said he was going to make a lot of money out of the situation.

Asked about Mr Ray's attitude to race, Mr Eist said that it was "very obvious to me he was completely antiblack". He used derogatory terms like "nigger" in talking about blacks and had said on one occasion that he had tried to get into Africa "to kill some more of them".

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BEFORE NSY AND HOME OFFICE MAKE DETERMINATION RE RELEASE OF  
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## Man tells of \$50,000 offer to kill Dr King

From David Cross  
Washington, Nov 29

A former car dealer from St. Louis, Missouri, told a Congressional hearing here today that he was offered, but refused, \$50,000 to kill Dr. Martin Luther King, the civil rights leader.

Mr. Russell Byers, who was giving evidence to the assassinations committee of the House of Representatives, said the offer was made by two Missouri business acquaintances several months before Dr. King was shot in Memphis, Tennessee, in 1968. He was told the money would be provided by a "secret southern organization" and understood the offer to be a "dead serious" one.

He named the acquaintances as Mr. John Kauffmann, whom he described as a stolen car dealer and drug manufacturer, and Mr. John Sutherland, a patent lawyer. Both men are now dead but their wives have told committee investigators they know nothing about the alleged plot to assassinate the civil rights leader.

Under cross-examination today, Mr. Byers said he had told no one of the alleged offer until after the death of Dr. King and the subsequent conviction of James Earl Ray, the suspected assassin. Years later he mentioned it to two of his lawyers who advised him to keep quiet about it.

Mr. Byers's story came to light earlier this year when the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) was going through its files on the assassination of Dr. King. The bureau found a letter from an FBI informant in St. Louis who wrote about the offer in 1973. But the information was never apparently followed up until very recently, by the Congressional committee.

The committee is particularly interested in the alleged offer because a brother-in-law of Mr. Byers, Mr. John Spica, was serving a murder sentence in a Missouri prison at the same time as James Earl Ray. The inference is that Mr. Ray might have known there was a price on Dr. King's head.

During his testimony today, however, Mr. Byers categorically insisted he had never mentioned the offer to his brother-in-law.

Mr. Byers was opening the final three days of public hearings into the death of Dr. King, which are concentrating on an investigation of the various conspiracy allegations which have arisen over the years.

He was brought to Washington under heavy guard and testified on the understanding that he would be immune from prosecution. Earlier this year he was arrested on charges of a St. Louis museum.

taking part in the burglary of position is expected to testify before the committee on Friday. He is Mr. John Ray, a brother of the convicted killer who was arrested on assault and burglary charges earlier this week. The committee will be looking at allegations that members of Mr. Ray's family also took part in the shooting of Dr. King.

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