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3. CHRU:	Mr. Dirks, DDS&T Mr. Redmond, DDS&T/FIO 6 F 56 H0 BY-1				action for this appeal as follows: <u>Mr. Wells, Mr. Dirks</u> ,
4.					Mr. Stevens and Mr. Blake Designated Action Member(s)
5. THRU:	Mr. Stevens, DDI Mr. Lawler, DDI/FIO 2 E 6104 HQ FX-4				should contact me within 48 hours should there be any objection to the case assignment.
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7.	Mr. Blake, DDA 7 D 26 HQ BX-4				regarding this case is: Mr. Ziebell
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9.	Mr. Ziebell, OGC 6-D-0120 - Hqs. BX-5				that staff work is completed and the case is ready for presentation (should such be required) at the
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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Mr. Gene F. Wilson Freedom of Information Coordinator Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. Wilson:

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On behalf of Mr. Harold Weisberg of Frederick, Maryland, I request access to the following:

1. All records pertaining to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

2. All records pertaining to the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

3. All records pertaining to James Earl Ray, under whatever name or alias.

4. All records on any alleged or suspected accomplice or associate in the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

5. All collections of published materials on the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

6. All analyses, commentaries, reports, or investigations on or in any way pertaining to any published materials on the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. or the authors of said materials.

7. All records, letters, cables, memorandums, routing slips, photographs, tape recordings, receipts, sketches, computer printouts or any other form of data pertaining to or in any way relevant to the foregoing requests for information, regardless of source or sorigin.

This request is made under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. §552, as amended by Public Law 93-502

Sincerely yours, James H. Lesar

21 JUN 1976

James H. Lesar, Esquire 1231 Fourth Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20024

Dear Mr. Lesar:

This acknowledges receipt of your letter of 11 June 1976 on behalf of Mr. Harold Weisberg requesting, under provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, access to any CIA records dealing with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and/or James Earl Ray and any of his alleged or suspected accomplices in Dr. King's assassination.

I shall arrange for a search of CIA files and shall be in further communication with you once the search has been completed and any records found reviewed for releasability under the Act.

As you may know, the heavy volume of Freedom of Information requests received by the Agency has resulted in processing backlogs. If we do not respond within the 10 working days stipulated by the Act, it is your right to construe this as a denial, subject to appeal to the CIA Information Review Committee. It would seem more reasonable, however, for us to continue processing your request and to respond as soon as feasible. Any denials of records could be appealed at that time. Unless we hear from you otherwise, we will assume that this is agreeable to you and proceed on this basis.

For your information, I am enclosing a copy of our fee schedule. If the charges seen likely to be considerable, I shall provide you with an estimate and perhaps require a partial payment in advance of processing.

Sincerely,

/s/GFW

## Gene F. Wilson Information and Privacy Coordinator

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Dear Mr. Lesar:

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You will recall that our letter of 21 June 1976 acknowledged receipt of your letter on behalf of Mr. Harold Meisberg requesting, under provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, access to any CLA records dealing with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and to those dealing with James Earl Ray and any of his alleged or suspected accomplices in Dr. King's assassination.

We find that we are unable to respond to your request as it now stands due to legal and regulatory restrictions on the release of personal information from official records. In that light, ploze be advised that we can proceed no further with your request unless and until we are in receipt of notarized statements of release from Mrs. Coretta King and James Earl Ray, respectively. These statements should be quito specific as to what areas of personal information are and are not authorized for release by this Agency to you and your client. If all information in our records is releasable, that should be so stated; if only such information as relates to specific incidents or to specific periods of time is releasable, these caveats should be clearly stated.

Finally, we must ask that you provide a statement of willingness to pay scarch and duplication fees as required by this request and in line with the fee schedule enclosed. It has been estimated that such charges could approach \$1000. Along with the notarized statements above, and the statement of willingness to pay all search and copying charges (or those up to an established limit), we would require a down payment of half the anticipated charges. Payment should be made to this office in the form of a check or money order payable to Treasurer of the United States.

Sincerely,

Gene F. Milson Information and Privacy Coordinator

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JAMES H. LESAR ATTORNEY AT LAW 1231 FOURTH STREET, S. W. WASHINGTON, D. C. 20024

TELEPHONE (202) 484-6023

## December 3, 1976

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Mr. Gene F. Wilson Information and Privacy Coordinator Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. Wilson:

13-00000

In response to your letter of November 30, 1976, Mr. Harold Weisberg has authorized me to state his willingess to pay search and copying charges up to the amount of \$1,000 if such charges are required by his Freedom of Information Act request for records pertaining to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his assassination. Because you require a down payment of half the anticipated charges, I enclose a check for \$500.00:

This payment of \$500.00 and any subsequent payments made in connection with this request are tendered with the express reservation that Mr. Weisberg does not waive his right to recover them.

C.I.A. regulations provide:

Records shall be furnished without charge or at a reduced rate whenever the Coordinator determines that waiver or reduction of the charge is in the public interest because furnishing the information can be considered as primarily benefiting the general public. The Coordinator also may waive or reduce the charge whenever he determines that the interest of the government would be served thereby. 32 C.F.R. §1900.25(a).

In accordance with this regulation, I call upon you to determine that it is in the public and governmental interest to waive search and copying charges incurred in connection with Mr. Weisberg's request. Enclosed herein is a copy of a letter to Deputy Autorney General Harold R. Tyler, Jr. which makes a similar request of the Department of Justice. The reasons expressed in that letter For granting a waiver are incorporated in my request that you grant a waiver.

Should you require it, I will provide you with affidavits by myself, Mr. Weisberg, and others in support of this request for a wedver of the search and copying charges for these records. If you do wish supporting affidavits, I would appreciate it if you would inform me of this as soon as possible. I would also request that you indicate what standards, if any, you have established for determining whether or not a request for waiver should be granted.

You state that you can proceed no further with Mr. Weisberg's request "unless and until we are in receipt of notarized statements of release from Mrs. Coretta King and James Earl Ray, respectively." Because Mr. Weisberg's request undoubtedly comprises records which do not involve any proper claim of privacy, this cannot be true. I do enclose, however, a copy of a notarized waiver by James Earl Ray. I will immediately contact Mrs. King about a waiver by her. In the meantime, I request that you proceed to make available those records responsive to Mr. Weisberg's request which do not involve any proper claim of invasion of privacy.

Sincerely yours,

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James H. Lesar, Esquire 1231 Fourth St., NW Washington, DC 20024

Dear Mr. Lesar:

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Thank you for your letter of 27 December. This will acknowledge receipt of the sworn waiver executed by Mr. James Earl Ray, and to advise that processing of this portion of your request has been initiated. Upon receipt of the sworn waiver from Mrs. King, as mentioned in your letter of 3 December, we will then be able to proceed with all aspects of your FOIA request. We also wish to acknowledge receipt of your check for \$500.

Thank you for your assistance and continued cooperation.

This request has been assigned the case number F-76-382.

Sincerely,

Gene F. Wilson Information and Privacy Coordinator

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26 APR 1977

Janes H. Lesar, Esq. Attorney at Law 1231 Fourth Street, S.W. Washington, DC 20024

Dear Mr. Lesar:

This is in partial response to your request, dated 11 June 1976, made on behalf of your client, Mr. Harold Weisberg. Please refer also to our letters, dated 21 June 1976, 30 November 1976 and 13 January 1977. For our recent telephone conversation this partial response addresses itself to that part of your letter requesting records pertaining to James Earl Ray.

The materials located thus far have been reviewed carefully, and our determinations are as follows:

Enclosed, Tab A, are copies of the following items which are being released to you in their entirety:

1. Cne book excerpt.

2-109. One hundred and eight (108) press items.

110-134. Twenty-five (25) UPI wire itens.

155-171. Thirty-seven (37) Reuters wire items.

172-223. Fifty-two (52) AP wire items.

Enclosed also, Tab B, are segregable portions of the documents listed below. Deletions in the originals were made under the exemption provisions of the Freedom of Information Act subsections which are given with each document cited.

The applicability of these exemptions has been explained to you in our earlier correspondence.

	Documents	Exemptions
224-225.	Two cables, dated 10 April 1963.	(b)(1), (b)(3)
225.	Cable, dated 10 April 1963.	(b)(1), (b)(3), (b)(6)
227-229.	Three cables, dated 19 April 1963.	(b) (1), (b) (3), (b) (1), (b) (3),
230-233.	Four cables, dated 20 April 1968.	(b)(1), (b)(3), (b)(6)
234-235.	Two cables, dated 22 April 1968.	(b)(1), (b)(3), (b)(6)
236-237.	Two dispatches, dated 22 April 1968.	(b)(1), (b)(3)
238-239.	Two cables, dated 23 April 1963.	(b)(1), (b)(3), (b)(6)
249.	Memorandum, dated 25 April 1968.	(b)(1),(b)(3), (b)(6)
241.	Cable, dated 26 April 1968.	·(b)(1), (b)(3)
242.	Routing slip, dated 22 October 1975.	(b)(1), (b)(3), (b)(6)
243.	Routing slip, dated 23 October 1975.	(b)(1), (b)(3), (b)(6)

The documents listed below are being withheld in their entirety under the exemption provisions of the Freedom of Informaton Act subsections given with each document.

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244. Memorandum,	dated 17 April 1968.	(b)(1), (b)(3), (b)(6)
245. Memorandum,	dated 19 April 1963.	(b)(1), (b)(3), (b)(6)
246. Cable, date	d 20 April 1963.	(b)(1), (b)(3), (b)(6)

	. 247.	Cable, dated 29 April 1968.	(b)(\$), (h)(3), (b)(6)
••	243.	Menorandum, dated 1 May 1963.	(5)(1), (5)(5)
-	249.	Cable, dated 3 May 1968.	(b)(1), (b)(3), (b)(6)
	250.	Nemorandum, dated 14 May 1968.	(b)(1), (b)(3), (b)(5)
	251.	Nemorandum, dated 16 May 1963.	(b)(1),(b)(3), (b)(6)
	252-254.	Three cables, dated 8 June 1958.	, (b) (1), (b) (3)
	255.	Memorandum, dated 19 February 1969.	(b)(1), (b)(2), (b)(3), (b)(6)
	256.	Memorandum, dated 28 May 1969.	(b)(1), (b)(2), (b)(3), (b)(6)
	257-254.	Eight biographic sketches.	(b)(1), (b)(2), (b)(3), (b)(6)
•	265.	Memorandum, dated 17 April 1968.	(b)(1),(b)(3), (b)(6)
	266-272.	Seven Cables, dated 19 April 1968.	(b)(1), (b)(3), (b)(6)
	273.	Cable, dated 20 April 1968.	(b)(1),(b)(3), (b)(6)
	274.	Cable, dated 22 April 1963.	(b)(1), (b)(3), (b)(6)
	275.	Cable, dated 23 April 1963.	(b)(1), (b)(3), (b)(6)
	276.	Cable, dated 24 April 1968.	(b)(1), (b)(3), (b)(6)
	277-278.	Two Cables, dated 25 April 1963.	(b)(1), (b)(3), (b)(6)
· .	279.	Dispatch, dated 26 April 1968.	(b)(1), (b)(3), (b)(6)

280.	Cable, dated 28 April 1968.	(b)(1), (b)(3), (b)(6)
281-282.	Two Cables, dated 30 April 1968.	(b)(1), (b)(3), (b)(6)
283.	Menorandum, dated 2 May 1958.	(b)(1), (b)(3), (b)(6)
284.	Memorandum, dated 6 May 1963.	(b)(1),(b)(3), ·(b)(6)
285.	Memorandum, dated 13 May 1968.	(b)(1), (b)(3), > (b)(6)
236.	Cable, dated 24 May 1953.	(b)(1),(b)(3),- (b)(6)

The decisions cited above were made by Mr. Charles A. Briggs, DDO Information Review Officer.

As specified in the Freedom of Information Act, I an advising you of your right to appeal the above decisions, but it would seem to be more reasonable to avait the complete results of our processing before you actually determine whether to do so.

Ne thank you for your patience and consideration.

Sincerely, Charles Savige

Gens F. Wilson Information and Privacy Coordinator

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Mr. Gene Wilson, FOIA/PA Coordinator Bestral Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Wilson,

Rt. 12, Frederick, Id. 21701 7/21/77 (Tom O., or Successor

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The news account of your coming release of an additional 4,000 pages on what might be called mind-bending reminds me that my requests seem to me to cover this and that you have not notified me of this release. I do want these. If you interpret my prior requests as not covering them then consider this a new request. My recollection is that my initial requests cover anything and verything directly or indirectly related to this subject. That you have interpreted my requests as I have is evidence from prior correspondence notifying me of releases.

I meet the requirements for this remission and I make the request formally. My work is restricted exclusively to what is now regarded as important historical cases, in one on which IA have paid the CIA large sums without compliance, the King assassination, the previous Attorney General so held, formally, confirmed by a federal judge. I have already arranged to give all my records, not just these, to a university system. I believe at an earlier date I reserved the right to recover these fees. I have delayed a formal appeals with regard to me and on this. The Department provided a bargain-basement response, a 60; remission that I have appealed and will if necessary litigate. I hope the CIA will if act favorably on this.

It has been a very long time since I have heard from you about a multitude of requests all long overdup by your own backlog claims. One of these is on the King assassination, In that you may recall you estimated a \$1,000/s search fee and asked for and received a \$500 deposit. What you have sent is ludicrous. In the long time in which I have heard and received nothing further I think you have in effect refused the request after charging fees so this is also an appeal on the King/Ray records.

I an asking again when I may expect to hear from you on all the other requests, including my PA request for the records on me. The appeal is several years old now. My recollection is that your last reference to this stated the processing of the appeal had not been completed. I have rights under the Act to nore than copies. I want to exercise those rights. This is impossible without obtaining all copies first. AssI have told you repeatedly I would prefer not to have to litigate this. What I am thus really asking you is doe s the CIA want me to suit it on a request that goes back to 1971 and on which it is not in compliance? Not even processed the appeal?

Among the factors making it difficult to keep track of these non-compliances is your failure to respond as well as to comply. I believe I have asked this before. If I have then what follows is an appeal from a refusal. If I have not it is a new request. I would like all records relating to my requests and appeals; including their sequential relationships to other requests, under both Acts and particularly as this relates to compliance with other requests.

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Harold Weisberg

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BY ALEXANDER CHANCELLOR LONDON. JUNE 9 (REUTERS)-ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL TRED M. VINSON ARRIVED, HERE TODAY TO EXPEDITE THE EXTRADITION THE ALLEGED ASSASSIN OF CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER REV. MARTIN LUTHER 出。許可認識 ≜₩G. MAR--IDENTIFIED BY THE F.B. I. IN WASHINGTON AS JAMES THE L RAY 40--VAS ARRESTED HERE YESTERDAY AS HE ARRIVED AT LONDON RPONT EN ROUTE FROM LISSON TO BRUSSELS. 3.0 4月13日4月 HE VAS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR IN COURT TOMORROW--UNDER THE REIOF RAMON GEORGE SNEYD-OF CHARGES OF POSSESSING A FORGED SSPORT AND CARRYING A FIREARM WITHOUT A CERTIFICATE. U.S. EMBASSY OFFICIALS VERE EXPECTED TO SEEK A COURT HEAR ING HAVE HIM EXTRADITED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. VINSON, HEAD OF THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT'S CRIMINAL DIVISION, TER NET WITH DETECTIVE CHIEF SUPT. THOMAS BUTLER OF SCOTLAND RD, WHO ORGANIZED RAY'S ARREST. XING VAS RILLED BY A SNIPER'S BULLET IN MEMPHIS, TENN. BIL A CMORED CD/ HV

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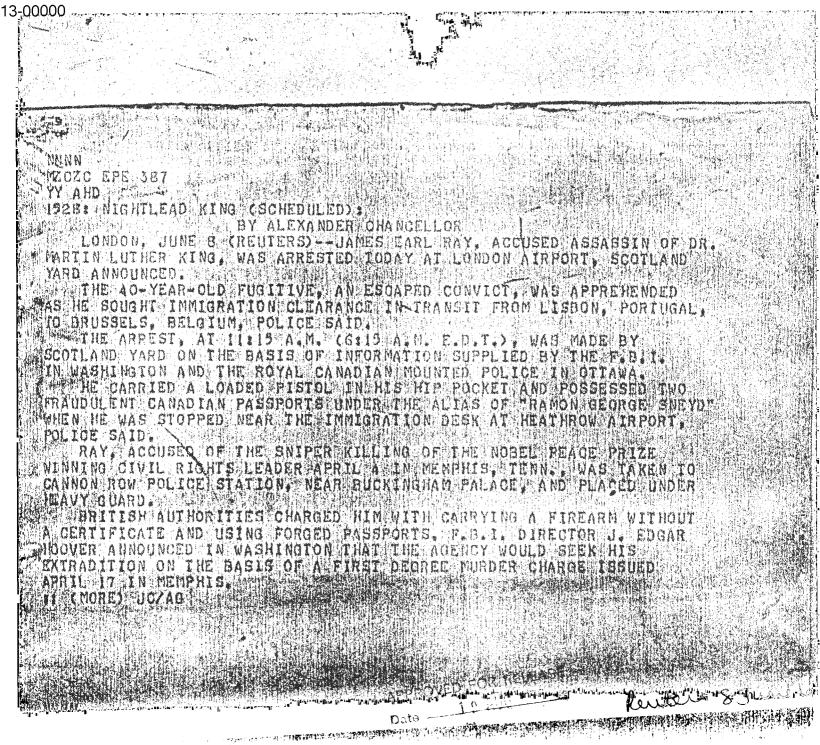
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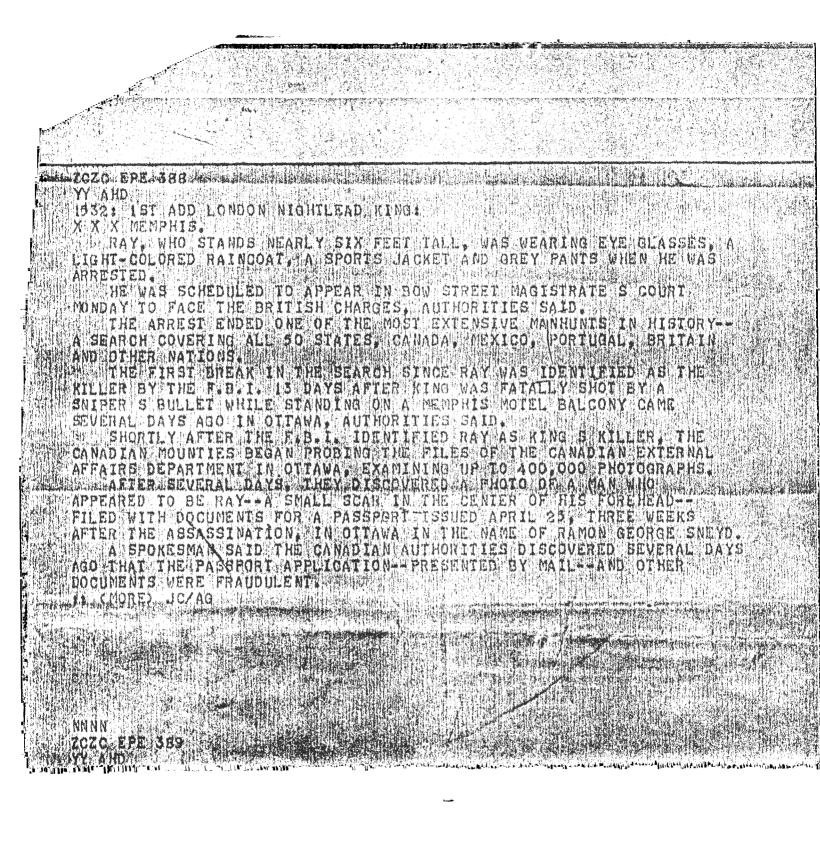
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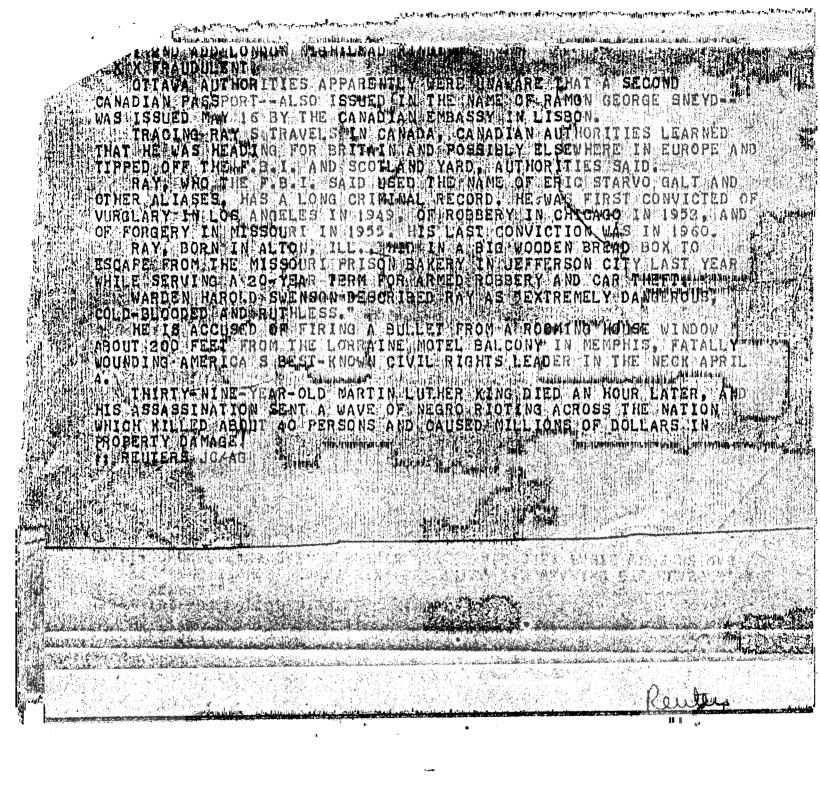
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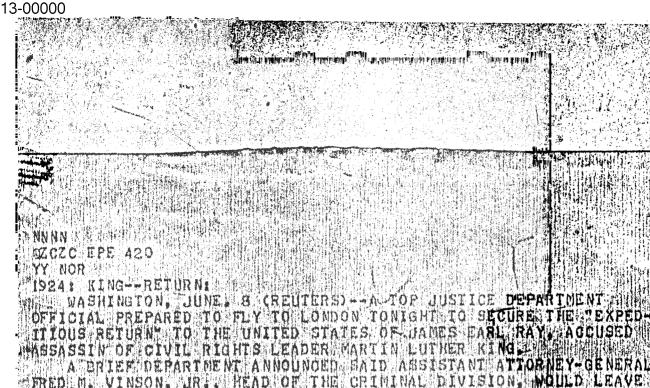
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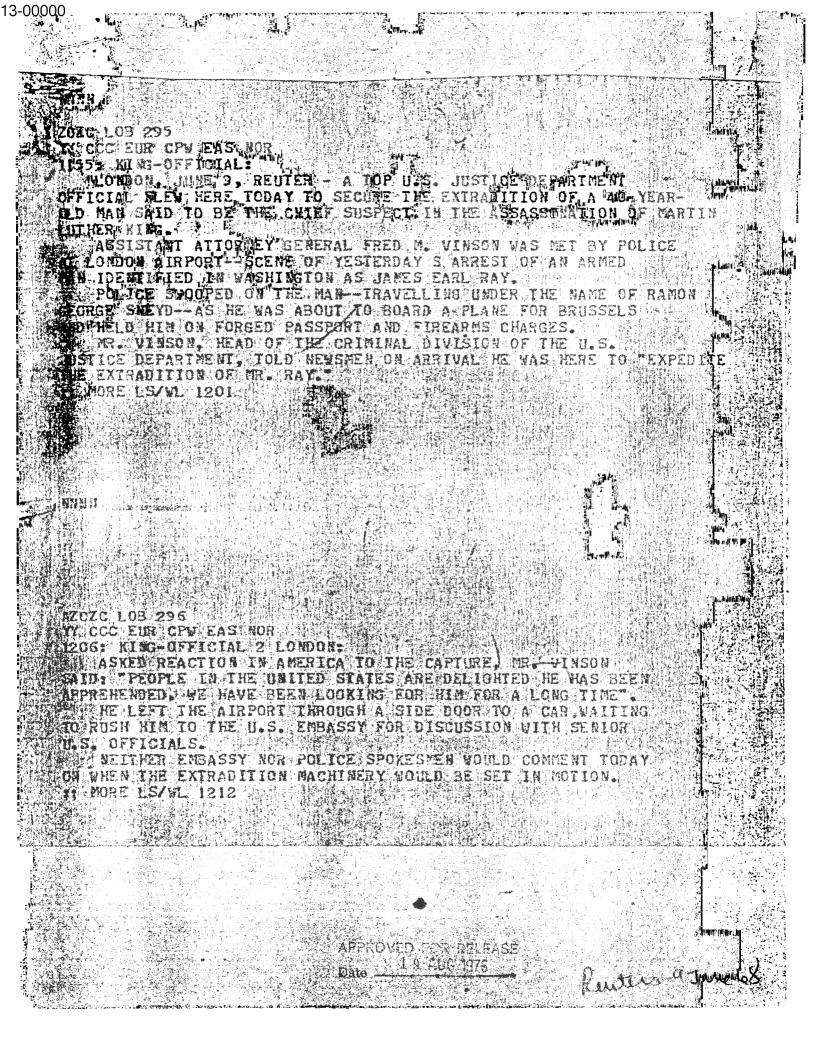




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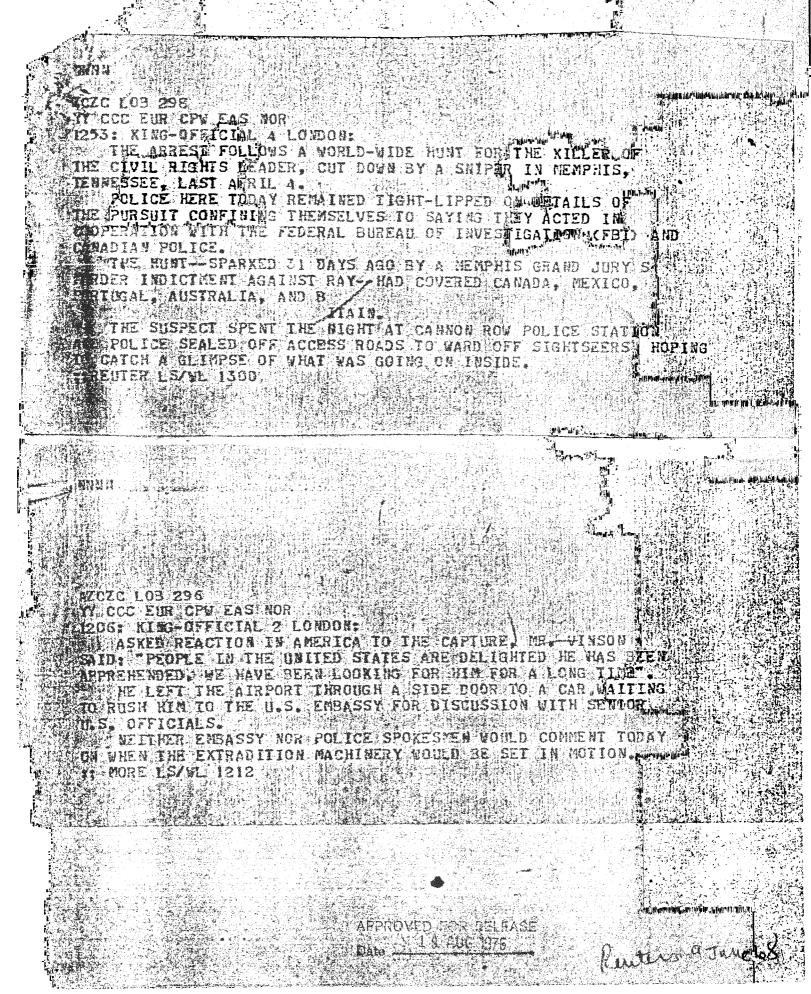
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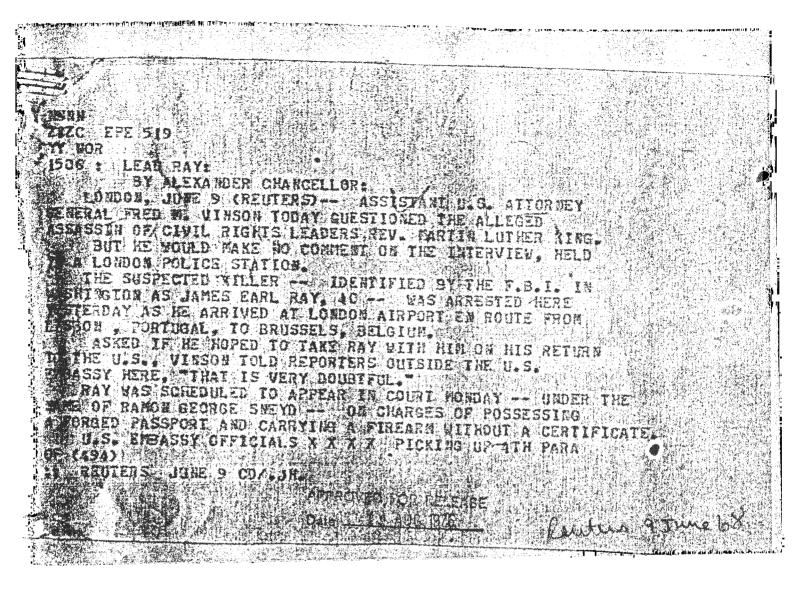


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LISBON, JUNERS, REUTER - THE CANADIAN EMBASSY WERE CONFIRMED DDAY, THAT ON MAY 16 THEY ISSUED A NEW PASSPORT TO A MAN NAMED RAMON EORGE SNEYD, BUT SAID THE PICTURE ON THE PASSPORT BORE NO LIKENESS TO THAT OF JAMES EARL RAY, CHIEF SUSPECT IN THE KILLING OF AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER MARTIN LUTHER KING. THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBIDY SAID IN WASHINGTON) TESTENDAY THAT A RAMON GEORGE SNEYD ARRESTED AT LONDON AIRPORT WAS PAY, WHO HAD TWO FALSE CANADIANS PASSPORTS-ONE ISSUED IN LISBON. A WORLD-WIDE MANHUNT FOR RAY, 40, HAD BEEN UNDER WAY SINCE THE MERDER OF DR. KING AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, ON APRIL 4.

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1054: KING-EMBASSY 2 LISBON: THE ENBASSY SPOKESMAN HERE SAID SNEYD CALLED AT THE EMBASSY AND EQUESTED THAT THE SPELLING OF HIS NAME BELCORRECTED IN HIS PASSPORT. IT HAD BEEN WRITTEN IN THE PASSPORT AS "SNEYA," HE SAID. THE EMBASSY TOLD HIM THE ORIGINAL PASSPORT WORLD MAVE TOBE CANCELLED, BUT ONLY ISSUED HIM WITH A NEW ONE AFTER WE HAD PRODUCED BIRTH CERTIFICATE PROVING HIS IDENTITY. THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT CANCELLED PASSPORI VAS HANDED TO SNEYD AT THE SAME TIME. HE SAID THAT PICTURES PRODUCED BY SNEYD FOR HIS PASSPORT DID NOT TALL RESEMBLE PICTURES OF JAMES EARL RAY PUBLISHED IN VARIOUS ENSPAPERS. IN OTTAWA YESTERDAY ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE SAID THAT A ASSPORT HAD BEEN ISSUED TO SNEYD ON APRIL 25 BUT THEY WERE UNAWARE HAT A SECOND ONE HAD BEEN ISSUED IN LISBON. THE YACHICKLY REALISED THE OTTAWA APPLICATION IN THE MANE OF SEYD WAS FRAUDULENT AND TIPPED OFF THE FBL AND BRITAIN SHECOILAND YARD & THE CANADIAN POLICE SPOKESMAR SAID. REUTER DRAFG 1104

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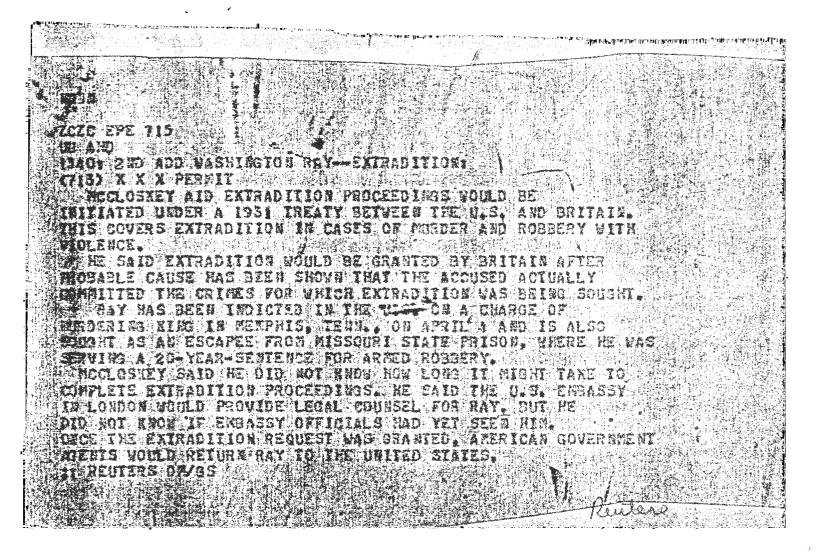
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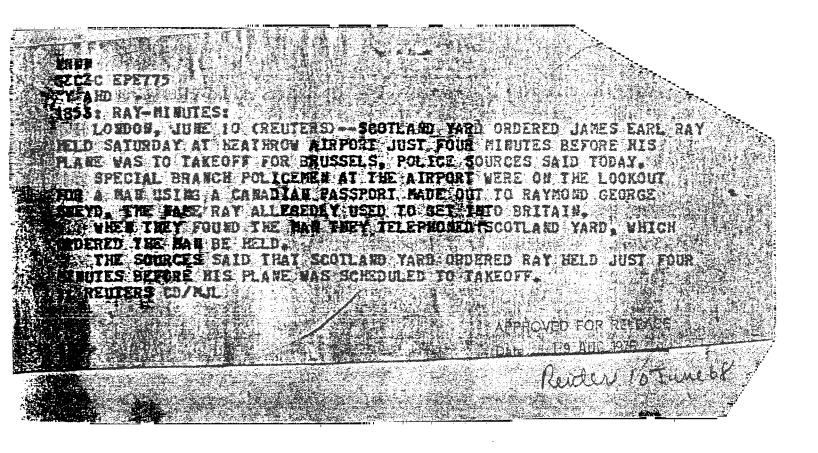
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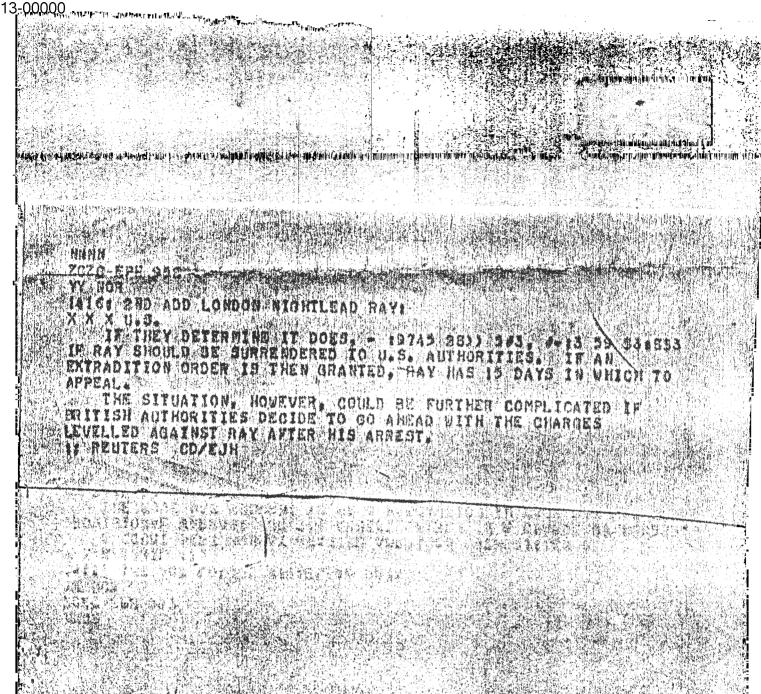
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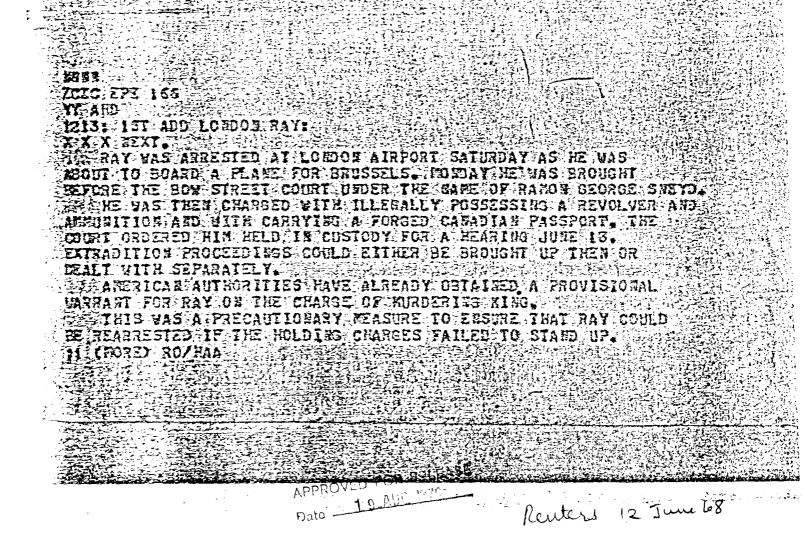
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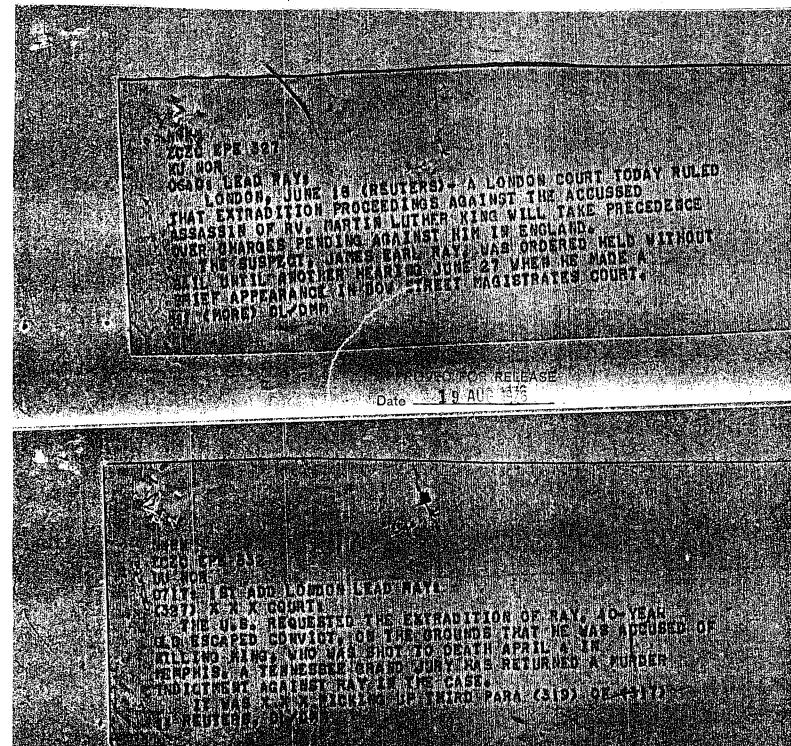
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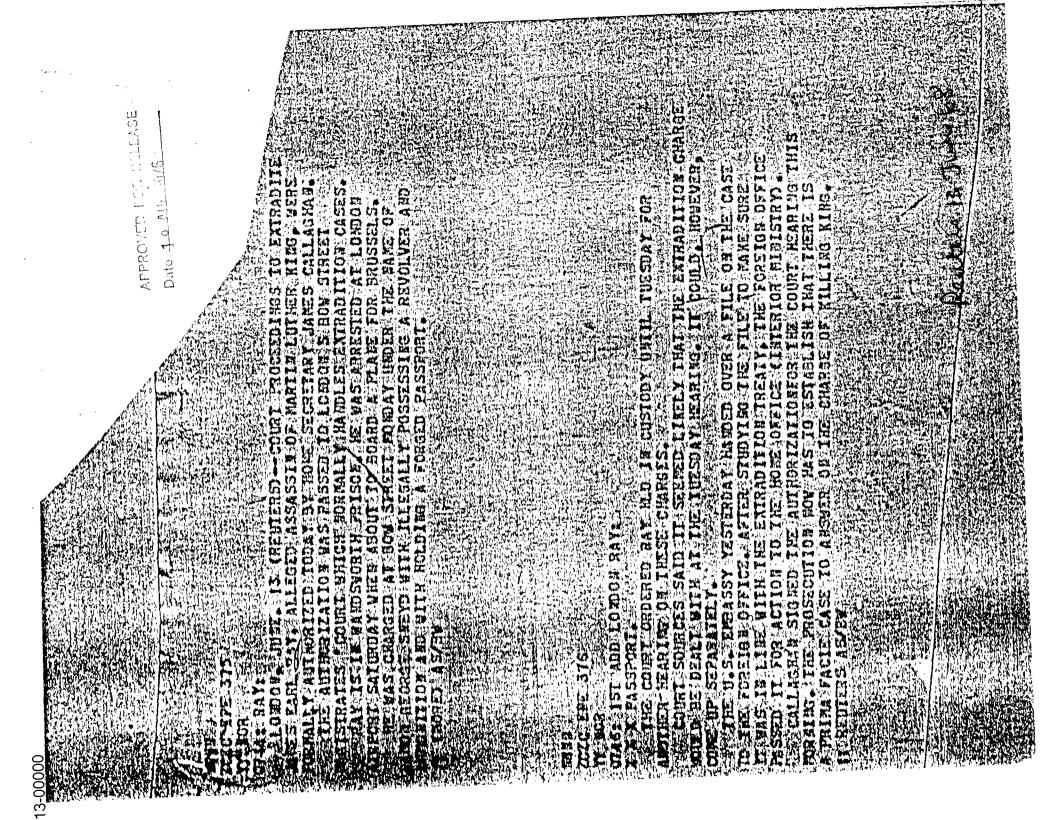
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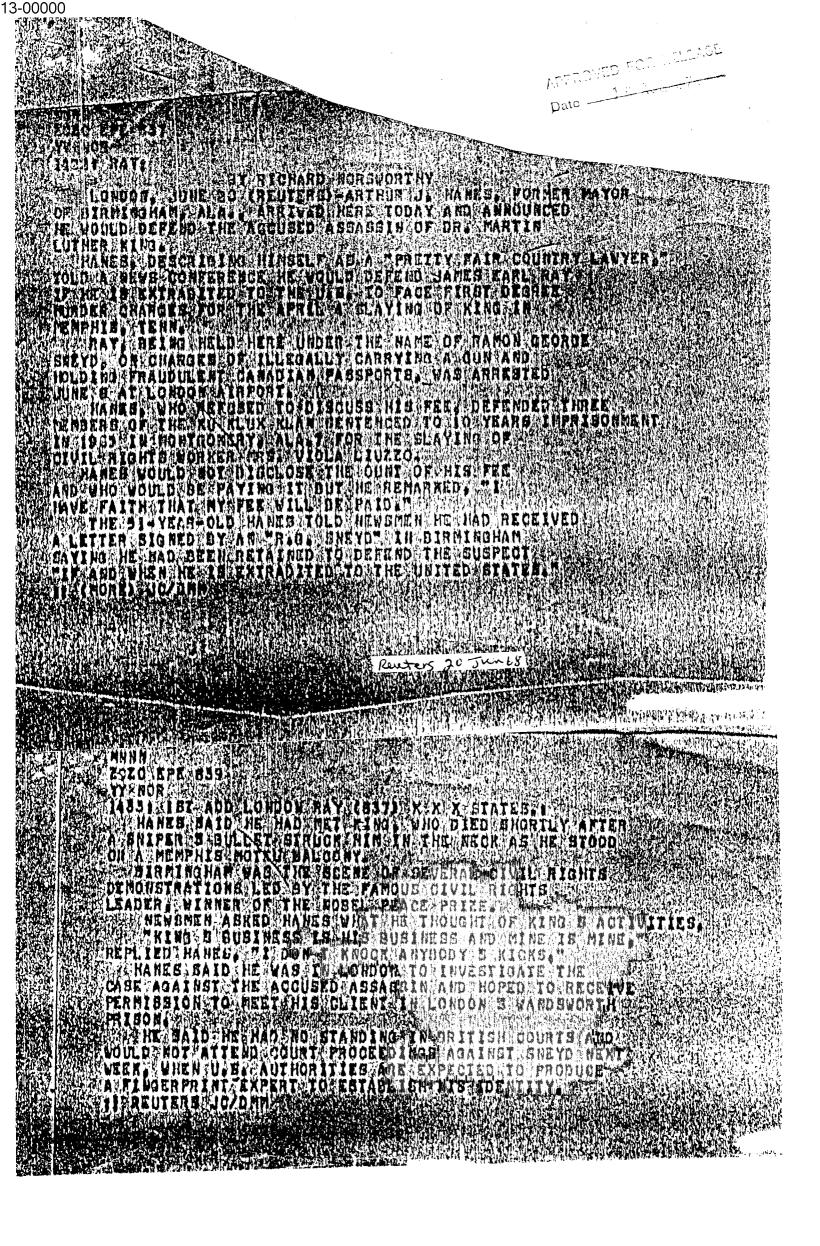


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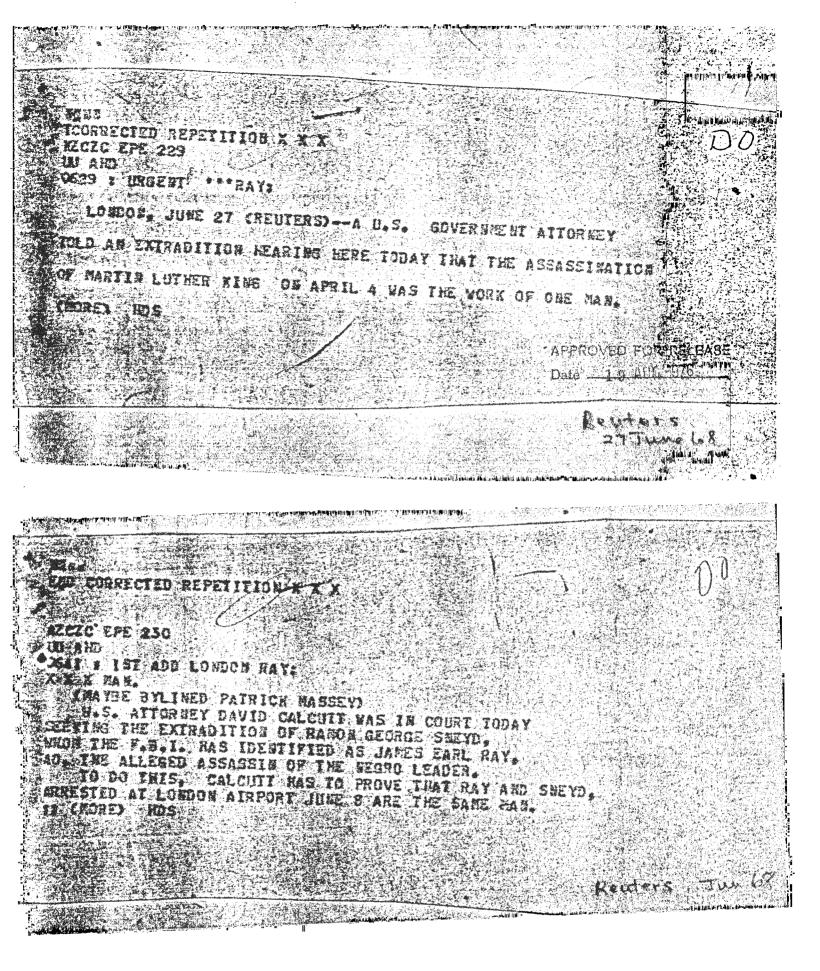


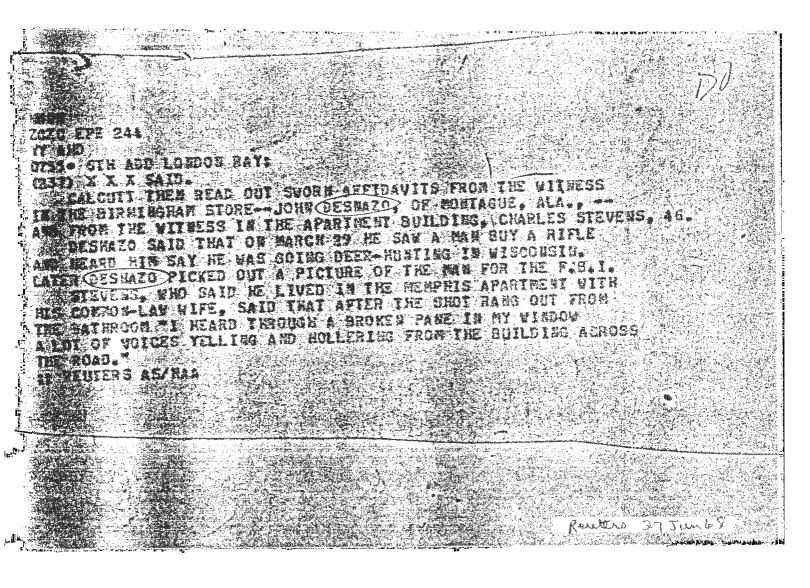


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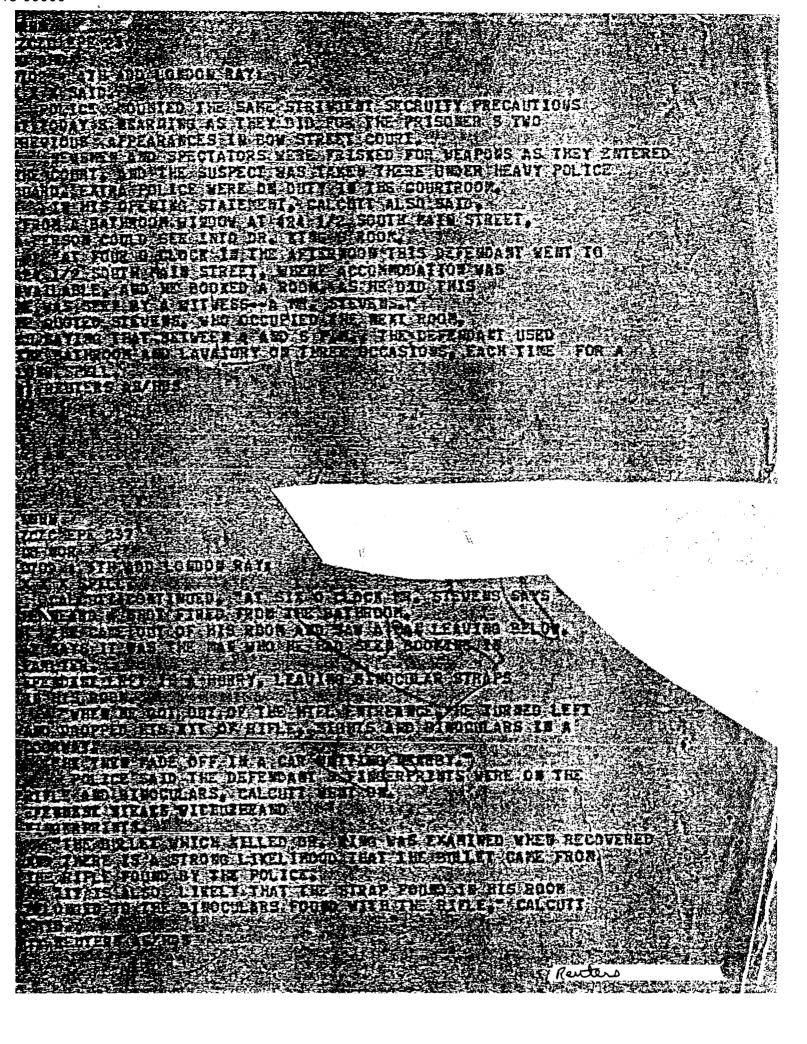
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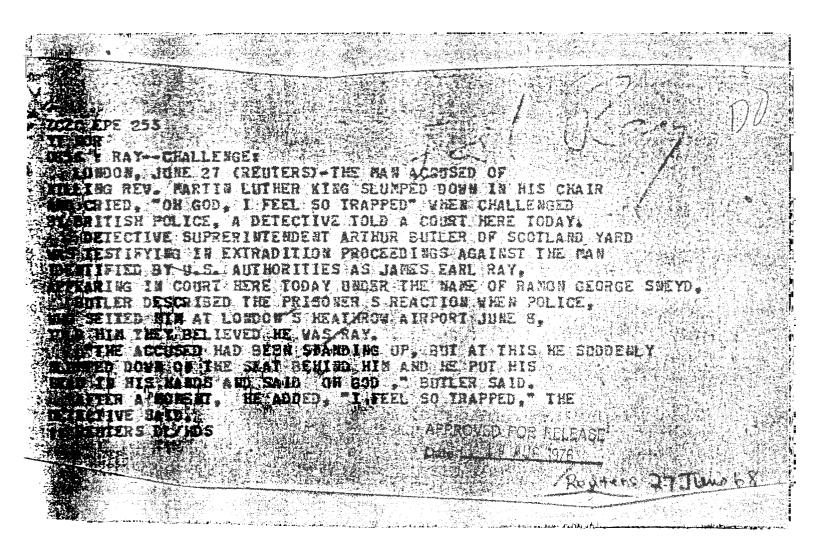
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BY PATRICX MASSEY

LONDON, JUNE 27 (REUTERS)--U.S. ATTORNEY DAVID CALCUTT TODAY DESCRIPTED OFFICIALLY FOR THE FIRST TIME THE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS IN AZYPHIS LEADING TO THE MURDER OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER WING, AND RELED TO A MAN IS A BRITISH COURTROD, HE SAID WAS THE NEERO CAECUTT WAS GIVING EVIDENCE AT AN EXTRADITION HEARING ON CAECUTT WAS GIVING EVIDENCE AT AN EXTRADITION HEARING ON RECON GEORGE SHEYD, IDENTIFIED BY THE F.S.I. AS JAMES EARL RAY, THE ALLEGED ASSASSIN OF THE MODEL PEACE PRIZE WINNER. TO WIN-EXTRADITION, THE U.S. GOVERNEENT HUST PROVE THAT MAINING SERVED, ARRESTED AT LONDON AIRPORT JUNE S, ARS THE SATE MAN. FDI FINGERPHINI EXPERT GEORGE GOMEDRAKE SAID TODAY FRINTS FOUND ON THE ASSASSINGLIAN RIFLE AND THE SAME PERSON." IN BRITISH POLICE "WERE FROM ONE AND THE SAME PERSON."

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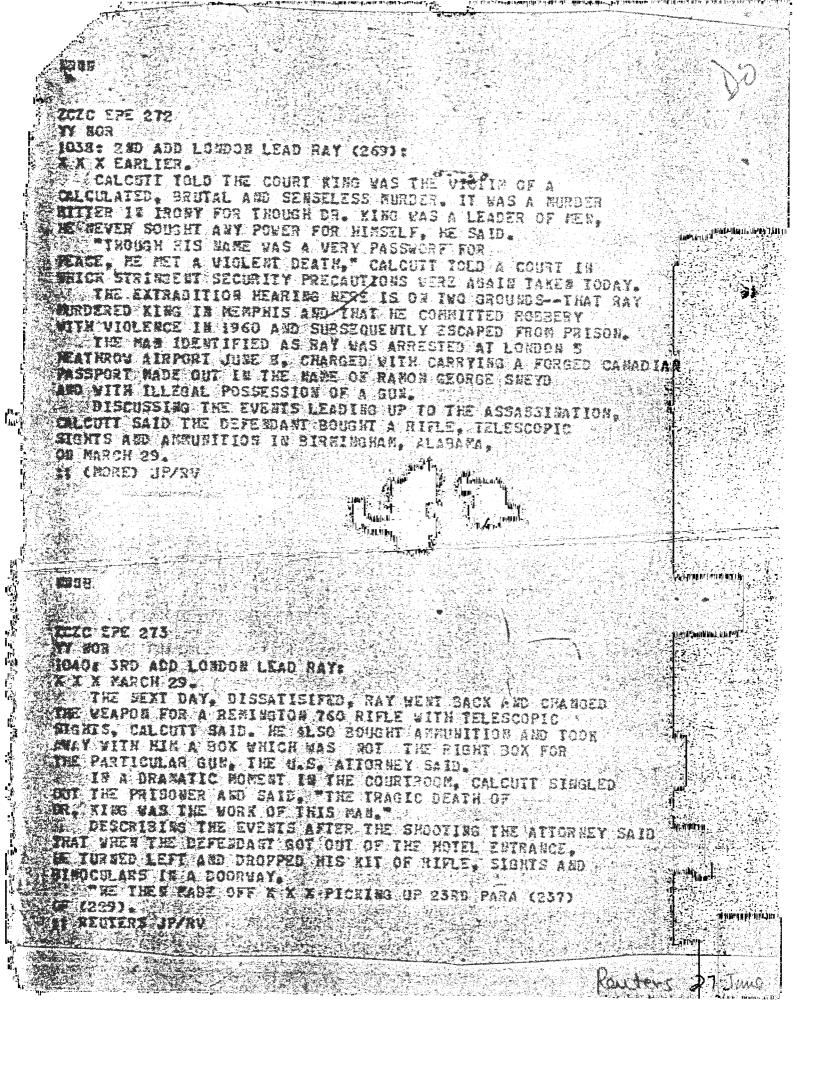
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## BY FATRICK MASSEY

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I HAVE HEVER HAD ANY RIND OF GRUDGE AGAINST HIM."

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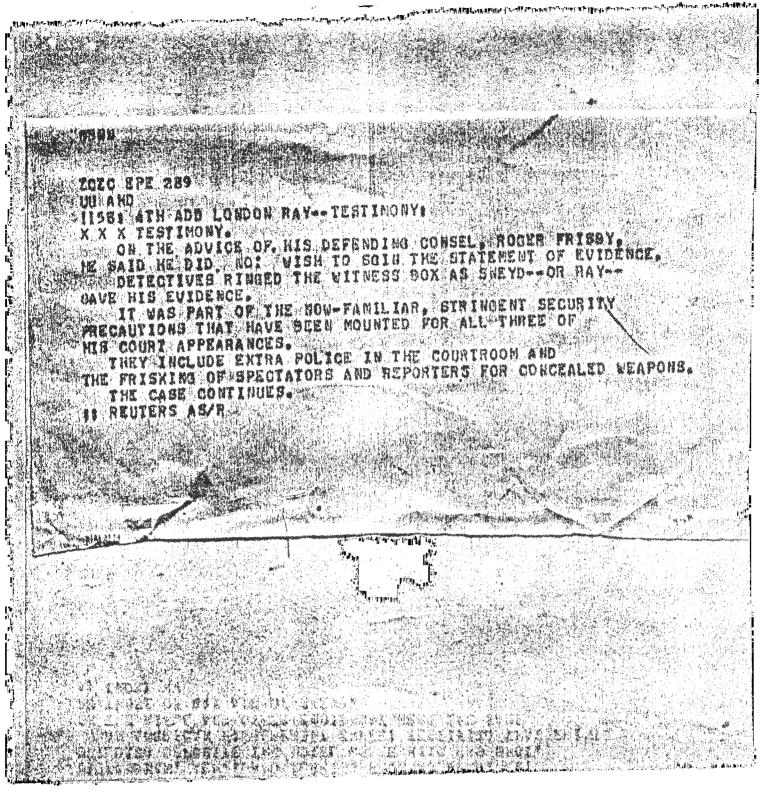
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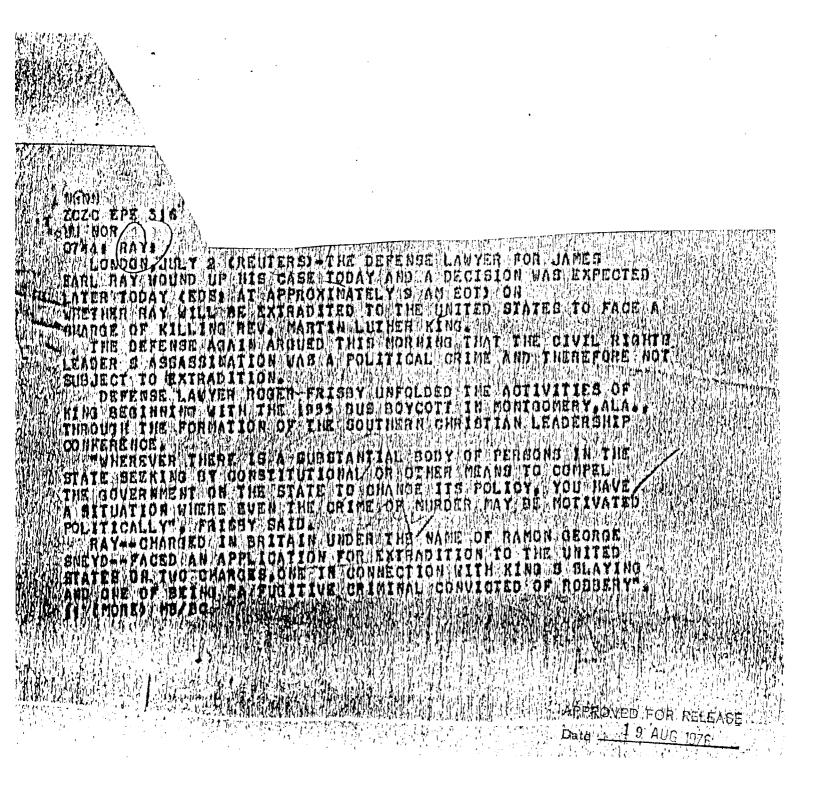
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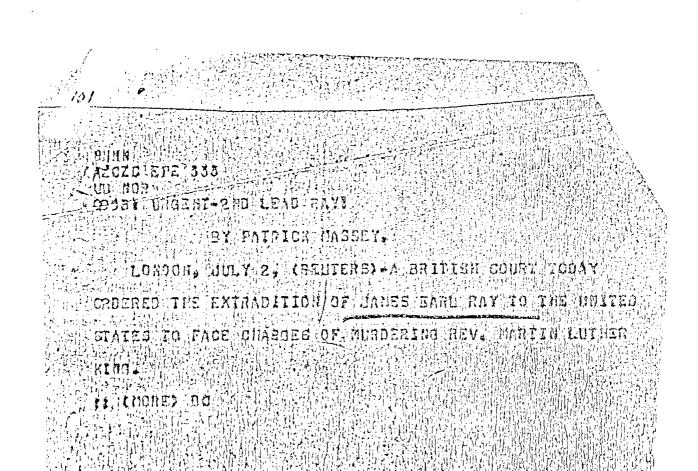
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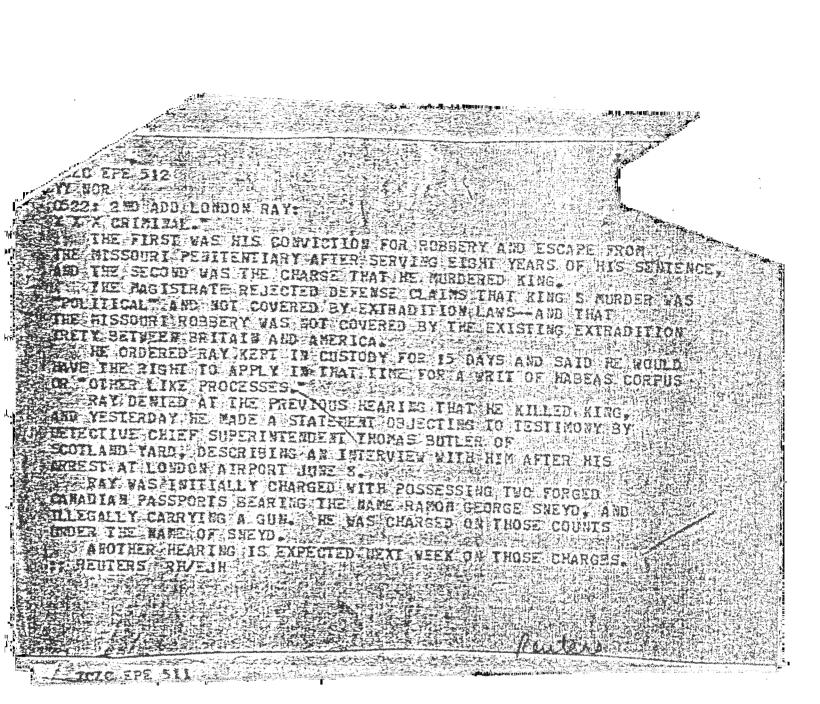




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BY JAMES FLAMERY
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TRIAL IN THE UNITED STATES FOR THE KILLING OF REV. MARTIN LUTHER
A MAGISTRATE AT BOX STREET COURT HERE YESTERDAY ORDERED
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## BY PATRICE MASSET

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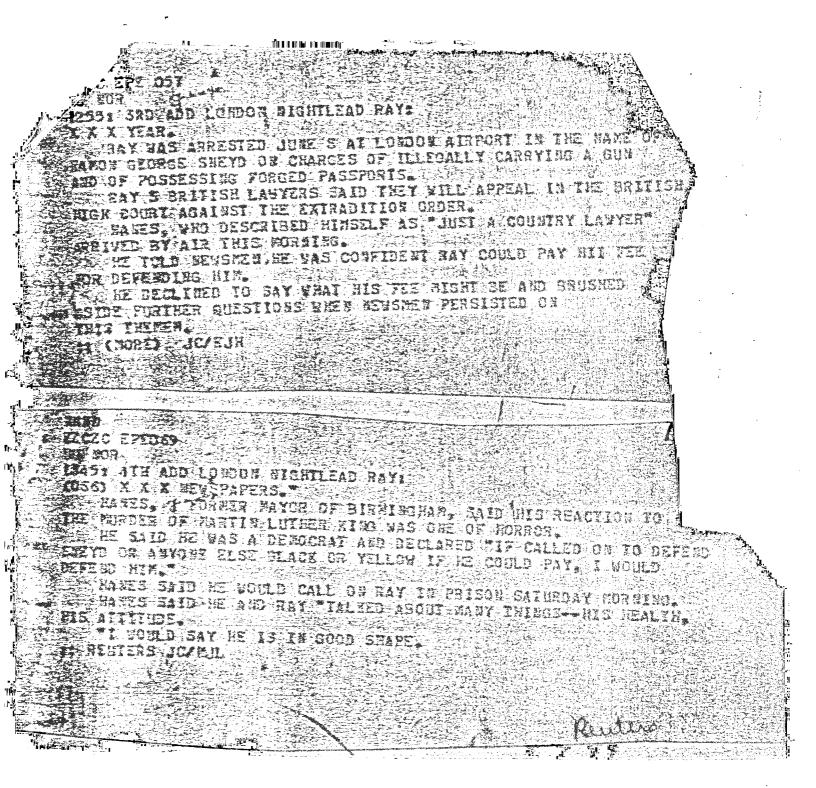
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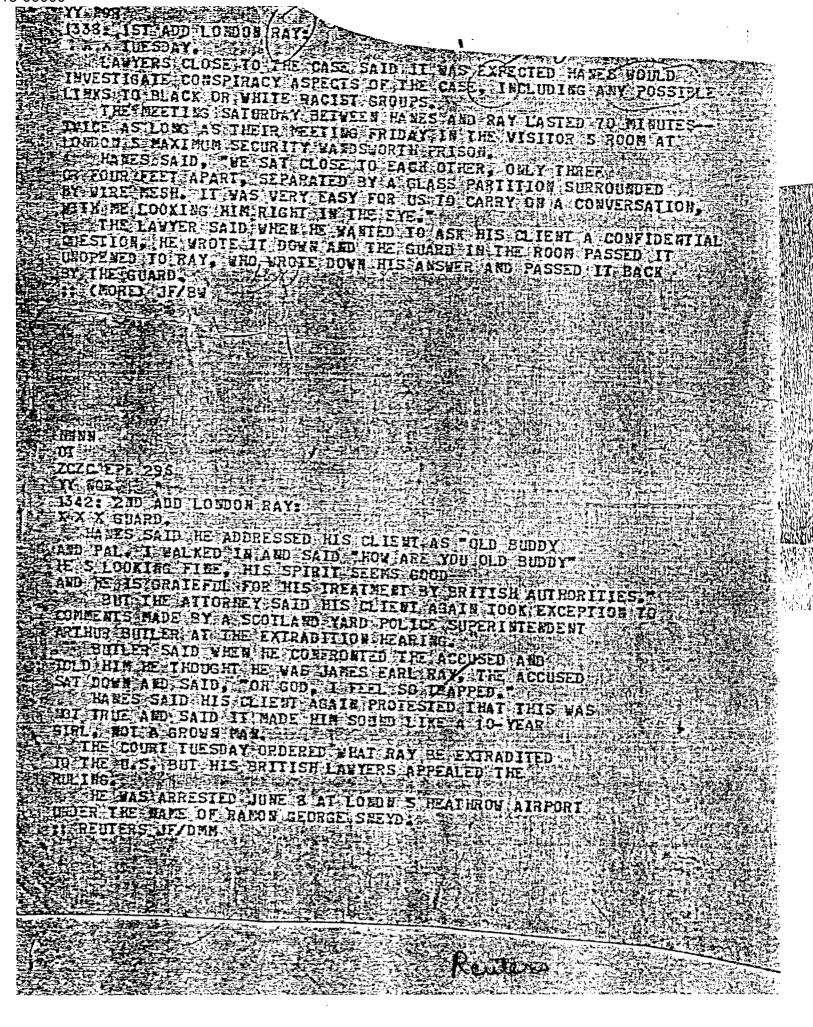
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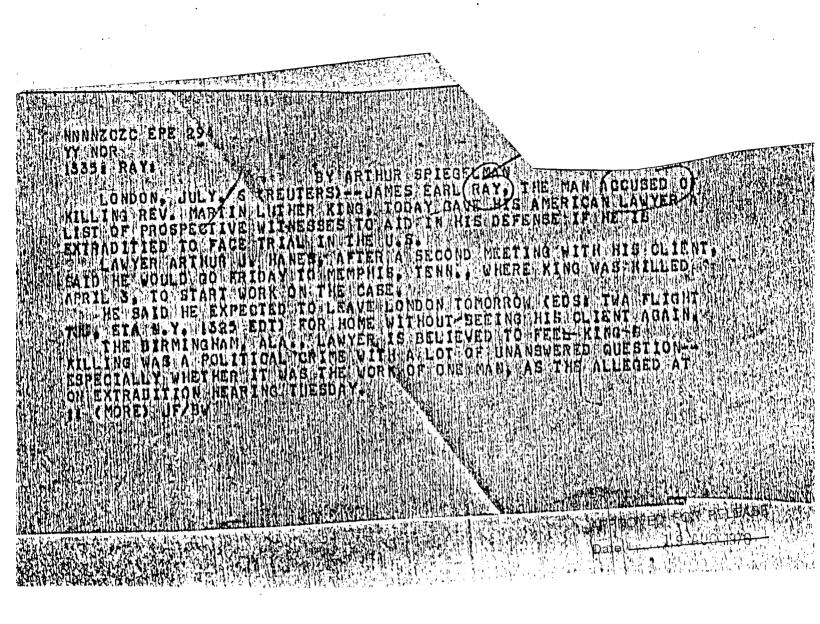
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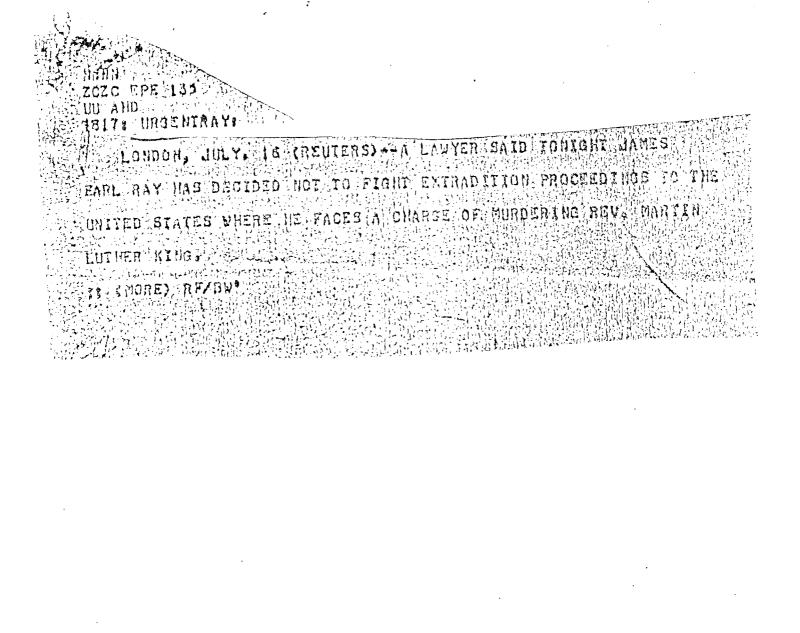


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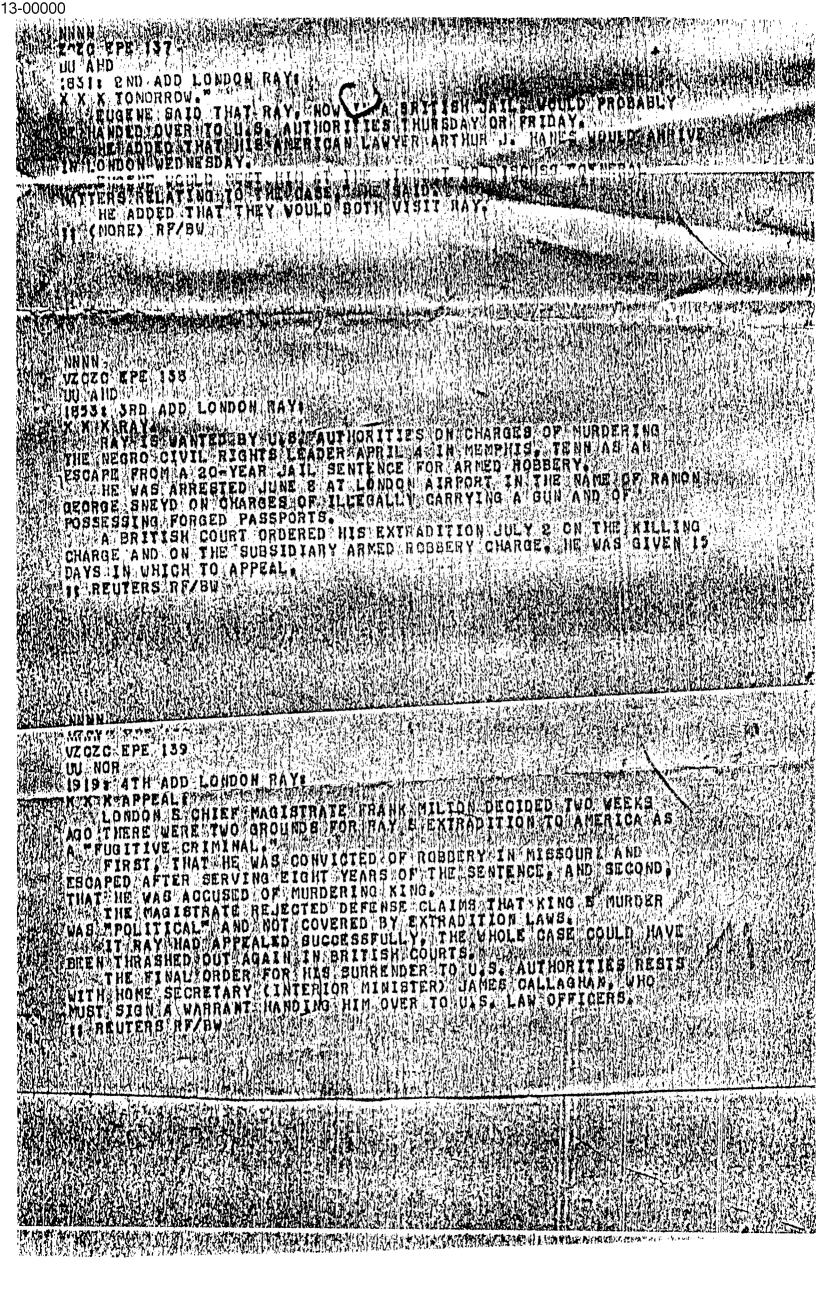


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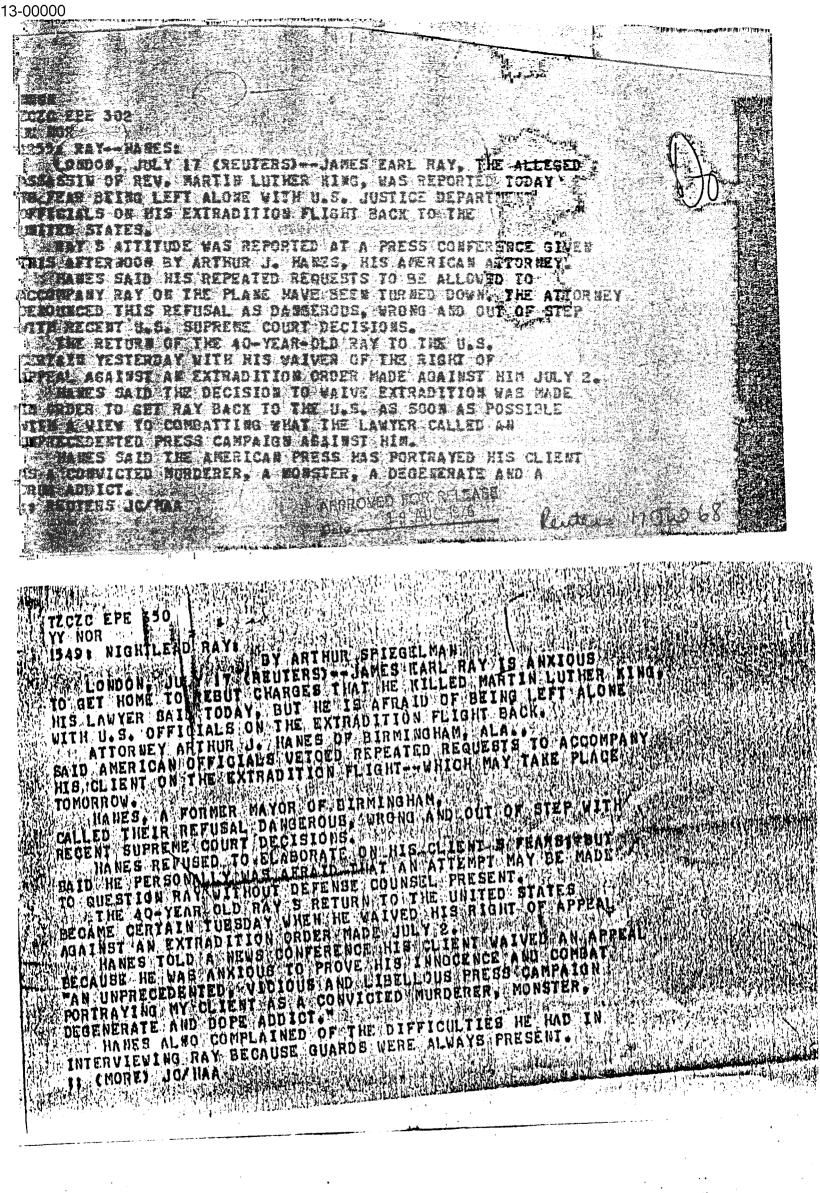


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APPROVED FOR RELEASE Date <u>19 AUC 1976</u> 13-00000 12 2 terz? 222-239 BILE LEAD RATA (185): TEDIDOT, DILY-17 (REUTERS)-JAMES EARD RAY, ALLEGED ASSASSIN OF SVE HANTIN LUTHER TIME, TODAY COAREBRED WITH HIS AMERICAN ATTORNEY TORE HIS PROBABLE EXTRADITION TO THE UNITED STATES TOBORROY. TACES TRIME FOR MING'S MURDER IN ME TOR FORMY AND WENT TO ATTORNET ANTHON J. RAMES ANNIVED HIVE TODAY AND WENT TO CHOOM STANDARORTH PRISON WERE HE HAS VISITED HIS CLIENT TWICE FORL. COMPY TWO FORMALITIES TODAY HEEP HAY IN SRITAIN-THE EXPIRATION TOTAL HEAT OF THE AS DAYS IN WHICH HE COULD APPEAL AGAINST EXTRAD-THOM AND HOME CLATERIORI SECRETARY DAYES CALLAGRAM'S SIGNATURE ON WEAT OF SURFICORE RECESSARY FOR EXTRADITION. TRANT OF SURRENDER RECESSARY FOR EXTRADITION. -ZEZE EPE 240 TENOR DESS: IST ADD LORDOR LEAD PAY: X EXTRADITION. CALLAGHAN CAN SIGE IT ANY TIME AFTER MINHIGHT. RAY S BRITISH LAWYER MICHAEL EUGENE TOLD REPORTERS LAST HIGHT AS CLIENT WOULD NOT APPEAL THE GROER, THE GAVE IN LEGAL TACTICS. DESIDE EXTRADITION PROCEEDINGS NAY CONTENDED HE DID HOT HILL THE AND HAD SO ST GRIDGE AGAINST HIM. D.S. AND BRITISH OFFICIALS VERE BELIEVED MEETING TODAY TO DECIDE THE SAFEST POSSIBLE MEANS OF POVING BAY OUT OF BRITAIN, ONE WAY SERESTED WAS TO FLY HIM BACK IN A U.S. MILITARY PLANE. A U.S. EMBASSY OFFICIAL SAID, "BAY VILL DISAPPEAR OUT OF AND STORT & PAISON AND APPEAR IN PENPHIS BEFORE THE PUBLIC EVEN TOYS ABOUT IT. 1.1 TAY VAS ARBESTED AT HEATEROW AIRPORT IN LONDON JUNE 8 DEDER THE MARE OF RAMON GEORGE SHEYD AND GRADED WITH CARRYING A FORGED CHADIAN PASSPORT AND ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF A REVOLVER AND ARMUNI-EON. 32  $\sim 10^{-1}$ BRITISE OFFICIALS TOBAY DECLINED COMMENT WHETHER THESE CHARGES GLED BE PRESSED. 20,00 1 P.C. CIO PIERPI ZTR/HV REUTERS



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UPI-7-4 (RAY) C LONDON-A MAGISTRATE TODAY ORDERED A SCOULING JAMES EARL RAY HELD WITHOUT BAIL ON GUN AND PASSPORT VIOLATIONS IN BRITAIN. U.S. WATTORNEYS SOUGHT HIS EXTRADITION TO STAND TRIAL IN AMERICA FOR THE ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING. IN AN 82-SECOND HEARING IN BOY STREET COURT IN LONDON'S WHOLESALE TRUIT DISTRICT, THE 40-YEAR-OLD ESCAPED CONVICT - HALF DRAGGED TO THE DOCK BY 12 POLICE GUARDS - SPOKE TWICE. RAYISAID NOT BOTH TIMES. ONCE HE WAS ASKED BY MAGISTRATE FRANK HILTON IF HE OBJECTED TO LIMITING PRESS COVERAGE OF HIS HEARING. 8 A. E SECOND TIME HE HAD BEEN ASKED IF HE HAD A LAWYER. MILTON GRANTED HIM LIGAL AID, A FREE ATTORNEY, AND ORDERED HIM HELD TN JAID UNTIL AT LEAST JUNE 18. IT GAVE PROSECUTION AND DEFENSE MORE TIME TO PREPARE TO ARGUE BAY'S CASE AGAINST CHARGES HE HELD FRADULENT PASSPORTS AND A CUN AND FILL BULLETS ILLEGALLY WHEN ARRESTED SATURDAY AT LONDON AIPPORT AT THE IND OF A WORLDWIDE HUNT THAT BEGAN APRIL & WHEN KING WAS SLAIN IN MEMPHIS, TENN. U.S. LEGAL OFFICIALS HAD HOPED FOR A QUICK EXTRADISION. BUT RAY MAS GIVEN BENEFIT OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS KING CHAMPIONED IN THE U.S. BUNDLED INTO A PADDY WAGON, ESCORIED BY POLICE CRUISEES, RAY WAS TAKEN FROM THE COURT TO BETATON PRISON, A GRIMY, BRICK CONFCUND IN A WORKING CLASS APEA OFFICIUDION. RAY SPENT HIS MOMENT IN COURT INSIDE AN SIGHT BY THREE FOOT PROUSHELINON BOCK, SIX UNITORMED AND SIX PLAINCLOTHES POLICE AROUND HIM. THE WAS THOMAS BUTLER, THE SCOTLAND YARD TRYING SQUADE CHIEF WHO ARRESTED HIM. THE DEFENDANT FORE THE UNECKED, GRAY SHEEN SPORTS JACKET, THE BLUE COTTON'SPORTS SHIRT AND DERK SLACKS HE FORE INTO CAPTIVITY THEN CAUGHT IN THE AIRPORT IN ROUTH FROM LISEON TO BRUSSELS. TO BAZ'S RIGHT. ON A HAND WOODEN BENCH, IN THE COURT WHERE CHARLES DICKENS ONCE TOOK NOTES FOR HIS NOVELS. SAT U.S. ASST. ATTYL GEN. FRED M. VINSON. HE FLEW INSUNDAY TO HELP SPEED UP EXTRADITION. BEHIND RAY -- KIPT FIGHT FEET DISTANT -- WERE NEWSMEN AND SPECTATORS. ALL SEARCHED FOR WEAPONS BY POLICE.

MEMPHISH-SECRETIVE SWIFTNESS APPARENTLY WILL DE THE ORDER OF THE DAY WHEN, AAND IF. JAMES EARL BAY. THE ACCUSED ASSASSIN OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., IS DETURNED TO MEMPHIS TO STAND TRIAL FOR MURDER. DISTRICT AITY. GEN. PHIL CANALE, WHO FOR YEARS HAS LEFT ACTIVE PROSECUTION OF CRIMINAE CASES TO OTHER MEMBERS OF HIS IS-MAN STAFF. INDICATED HE WOULD PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN RAY'S TRIAL. HEISAID A REDUEST FOR EXTRADITION WOULD BE MADE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. CANALE, SHELBY COUNTY SAFRIFA WILLIAM MORRIS AND CITY POLICE DIRECTOR FRANK HOLLOMAN SAID RAY MOST LIKELY WOULD BE SAFELT BENIND BARS HEE BEFORE THE WORLD LEARNED OF HIS RETUEN.

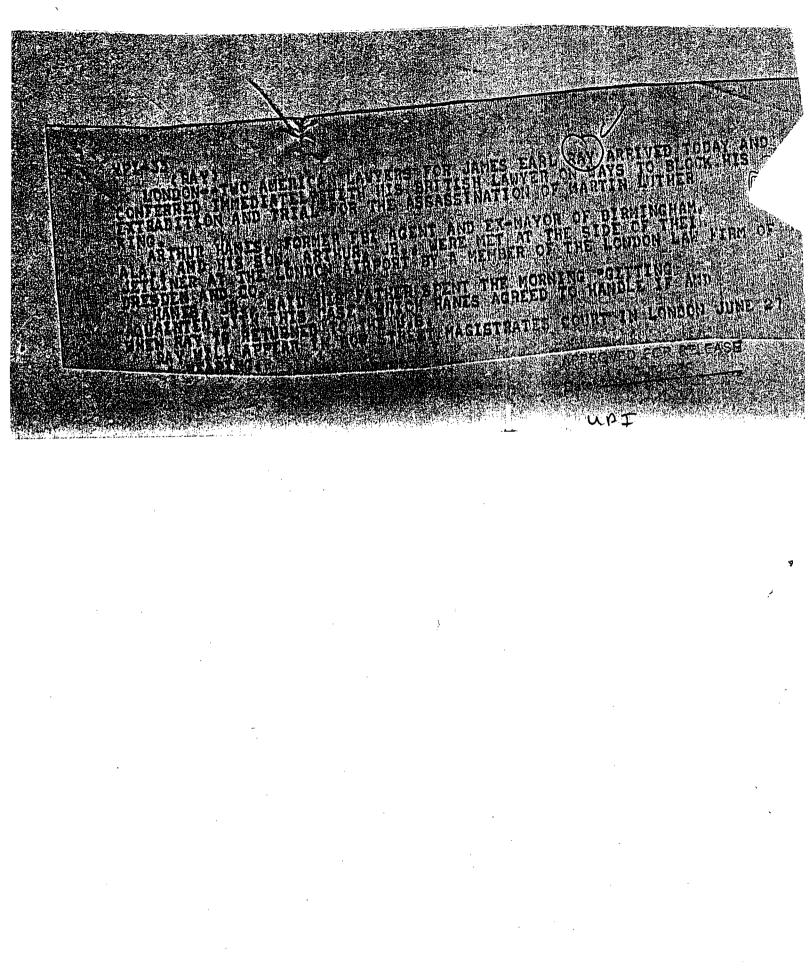
JERFERSON, CITY, MO. -- THE STATE OF MISSGURI SUNDAY REQUESTED THE RETURN OF JAMES EARL PAY. RAY ESCAPED FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY APRIL 23, 1957. WHERE HE WAS SERVING A 20-YEAR SENTENCE FOR ACCED ROBBERY. GOV. WARREN E. HEARNES, IN A LETTER TO SECRETARY RUSK, SAID HE HOPED THE MISSOURI REQUEST WOULD SPEED RAY'S EXTRADITION TO THIS. COUNTRY

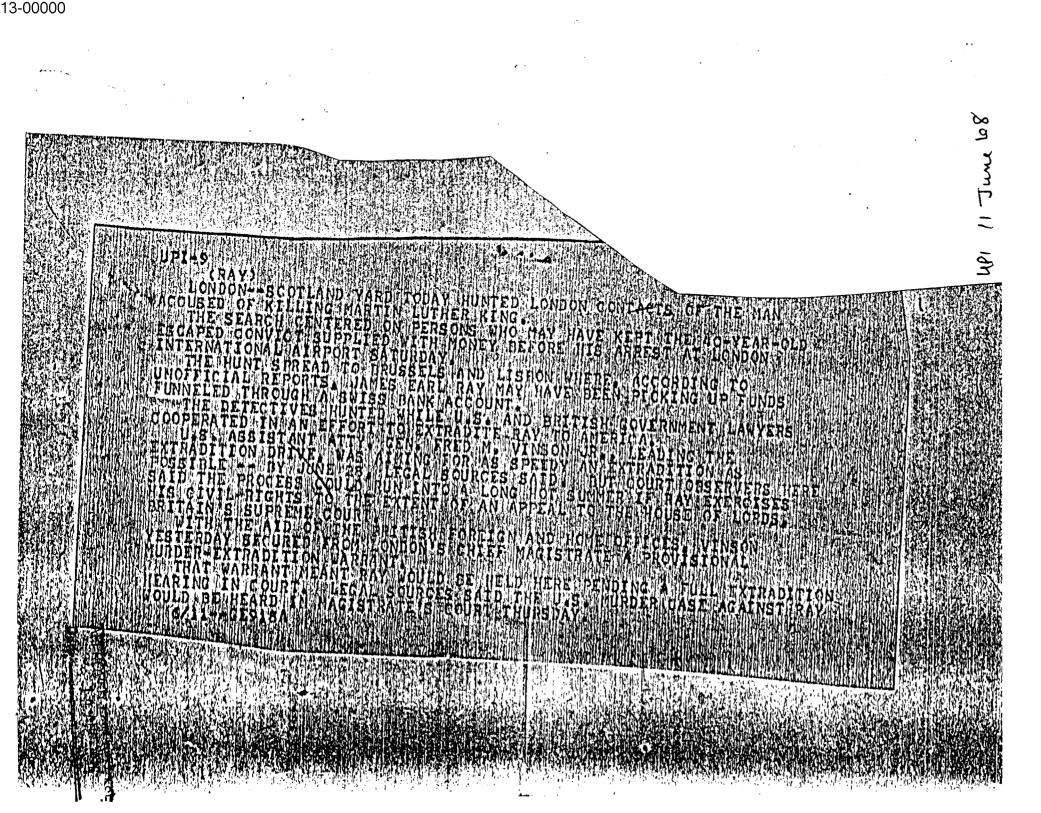
THE GOVERNOR WOULD NOT SAY WHETHER MISSOURT WOULD ASK THAT ITS EXTERDITION REQUEST BE GIVEN PRECEDENT OVER THAT OF THE STATE TENNESSEE, KING WAS SHOT IN MEMPHIS, APRIL 4. HEARNES SAID THAT FOR LEGAL REASONS HE COULD MAKE NO FURTHER COMMENT IN THIS STITER. APEROLED FOR RELEASE 6/10--GE905A

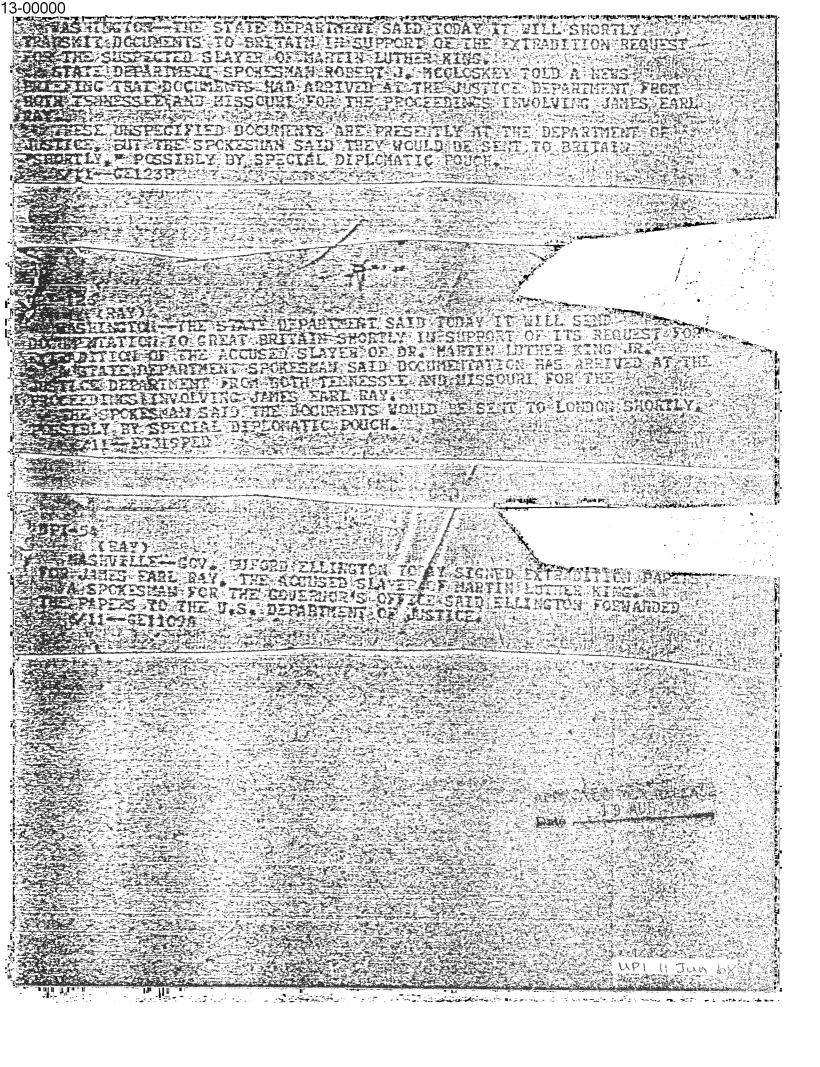
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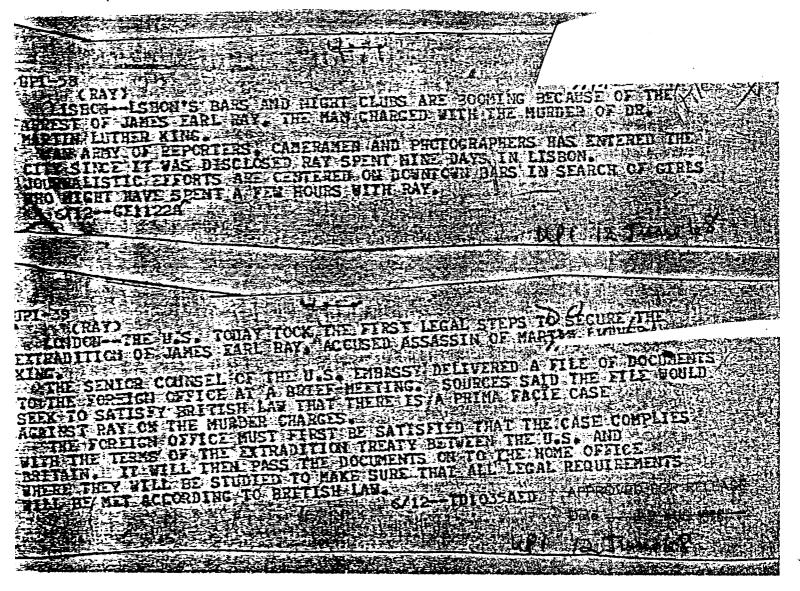
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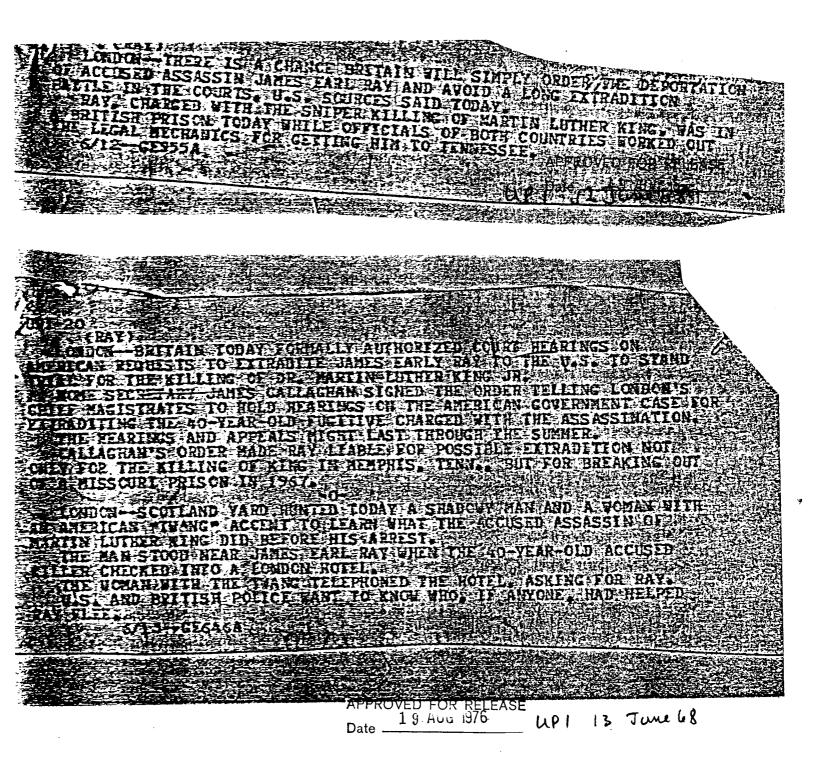
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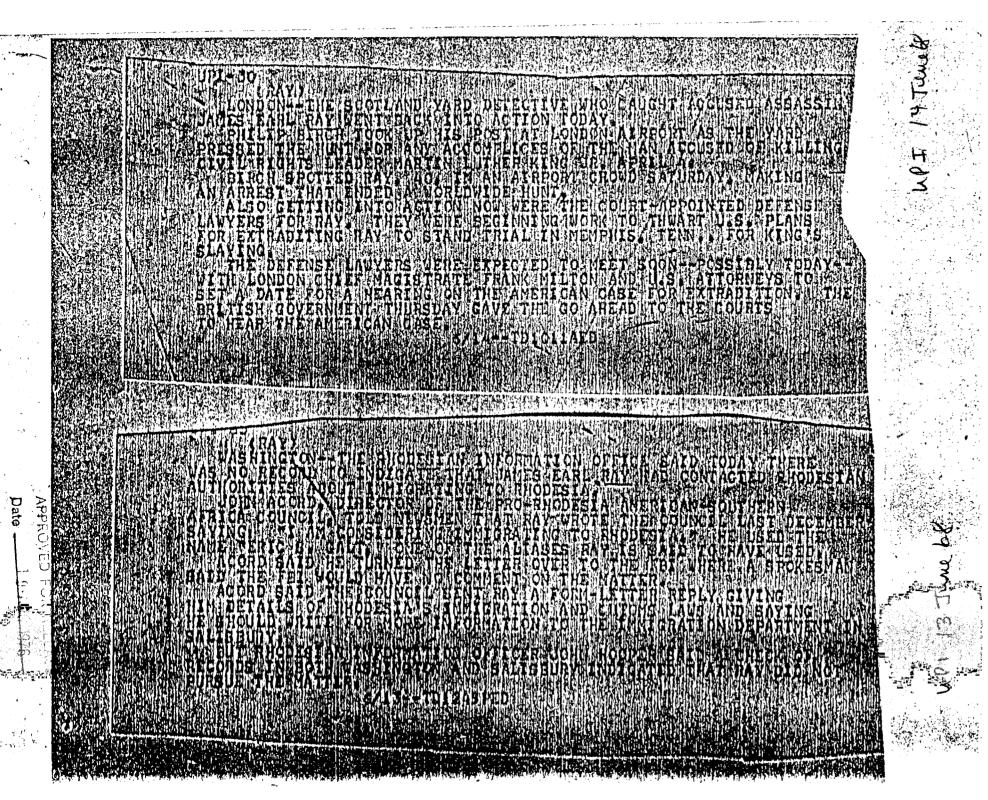


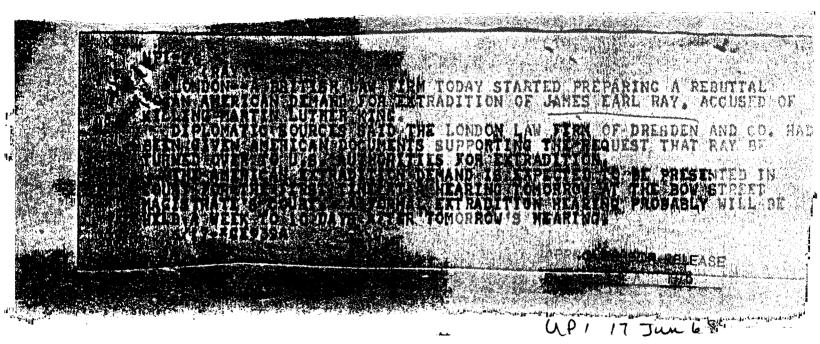


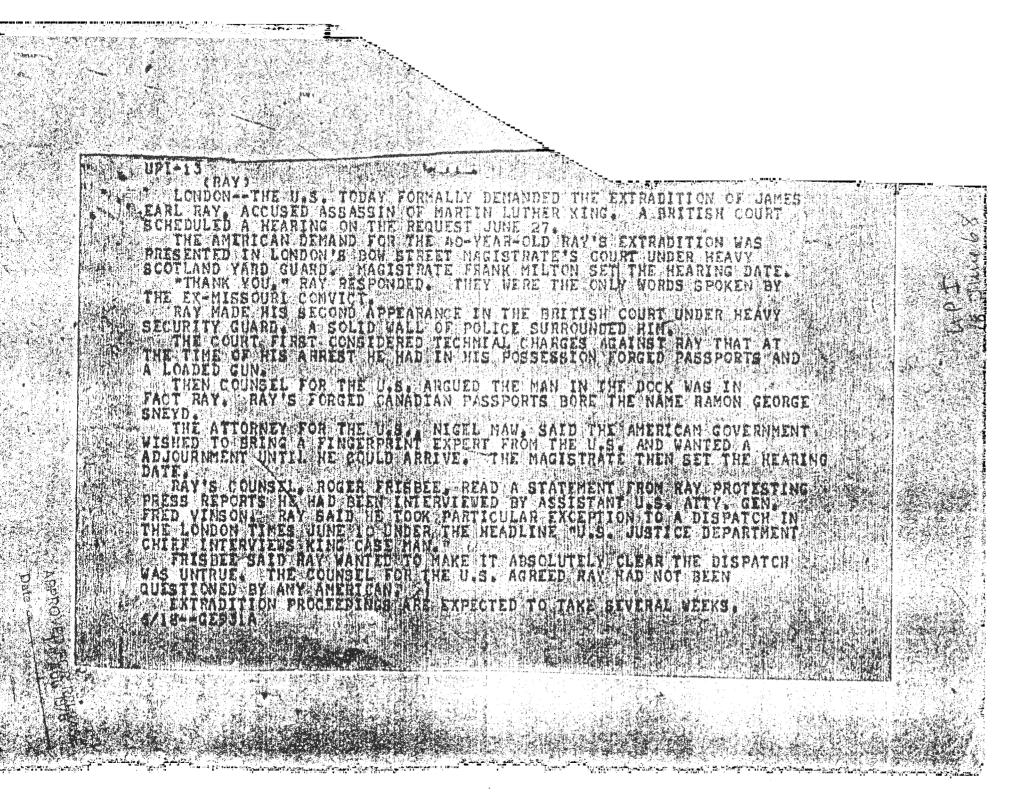


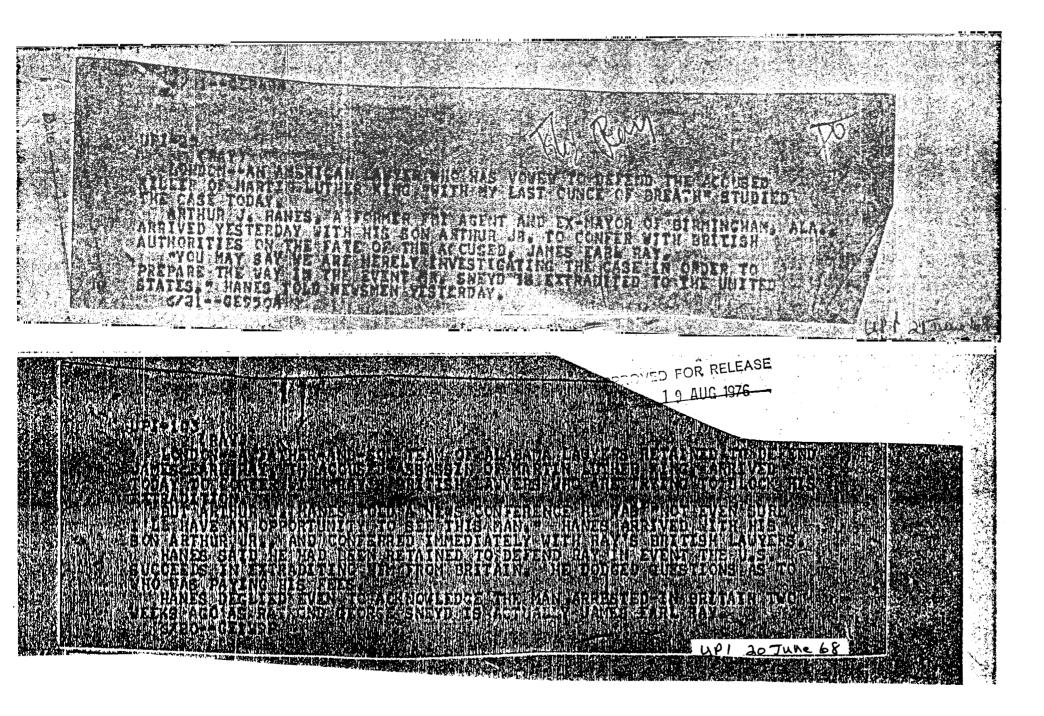












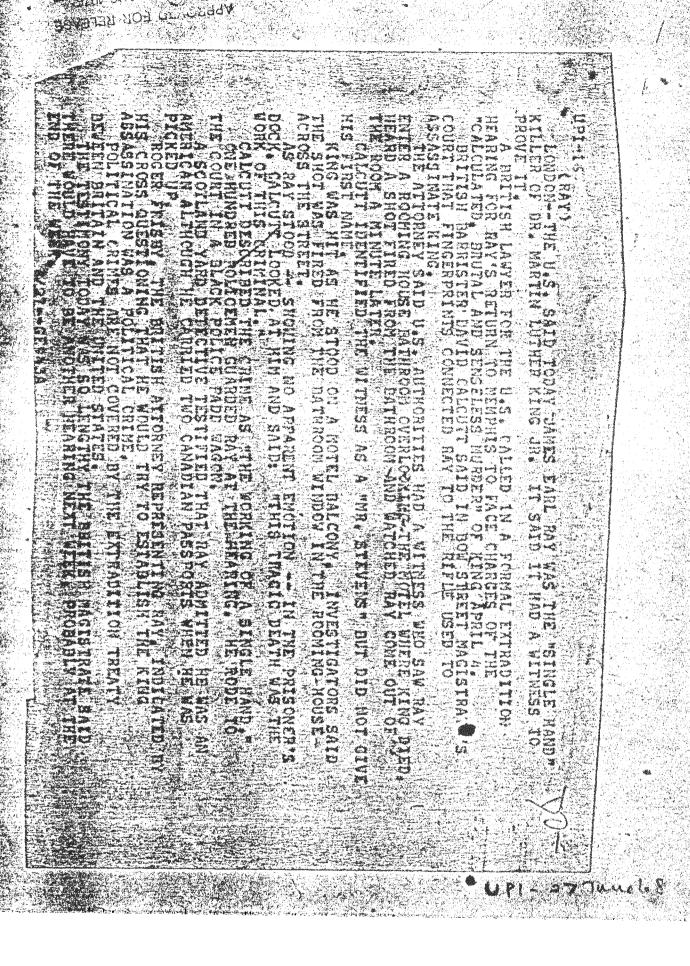
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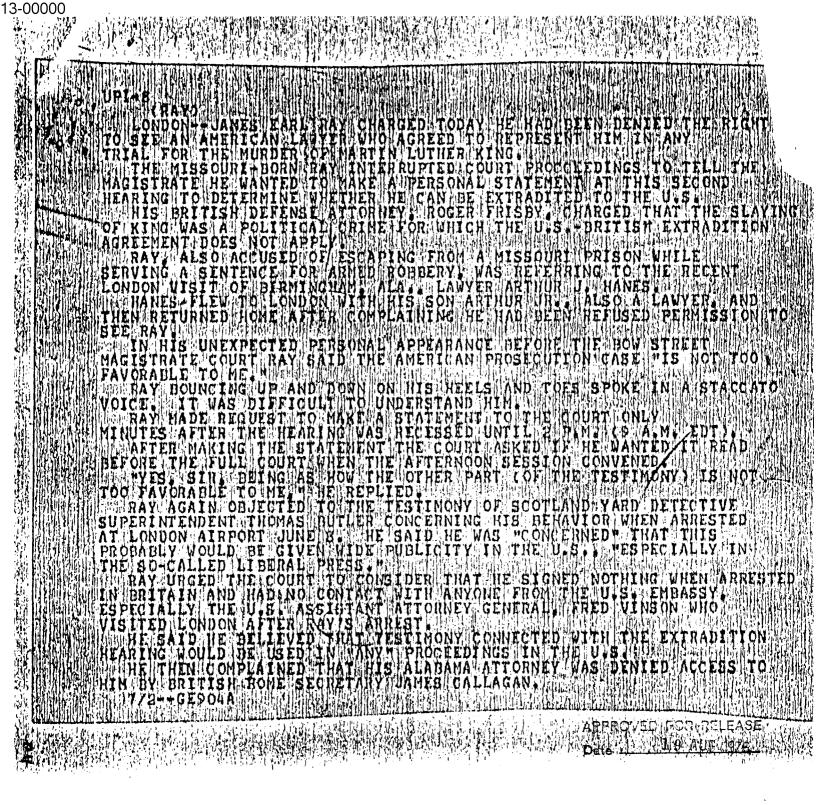
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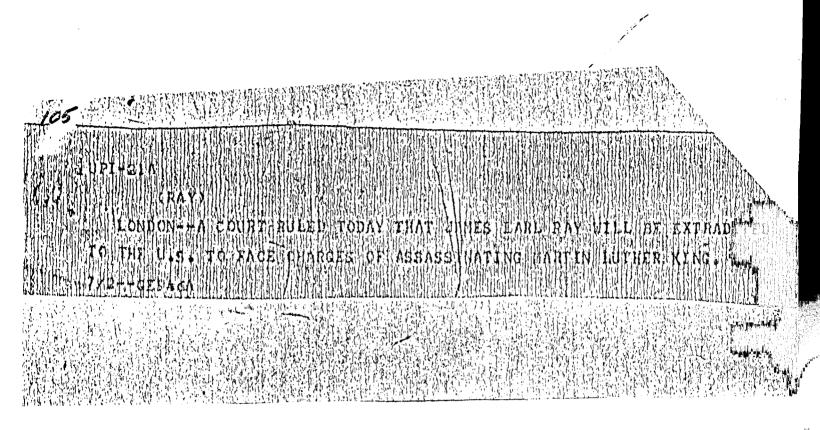
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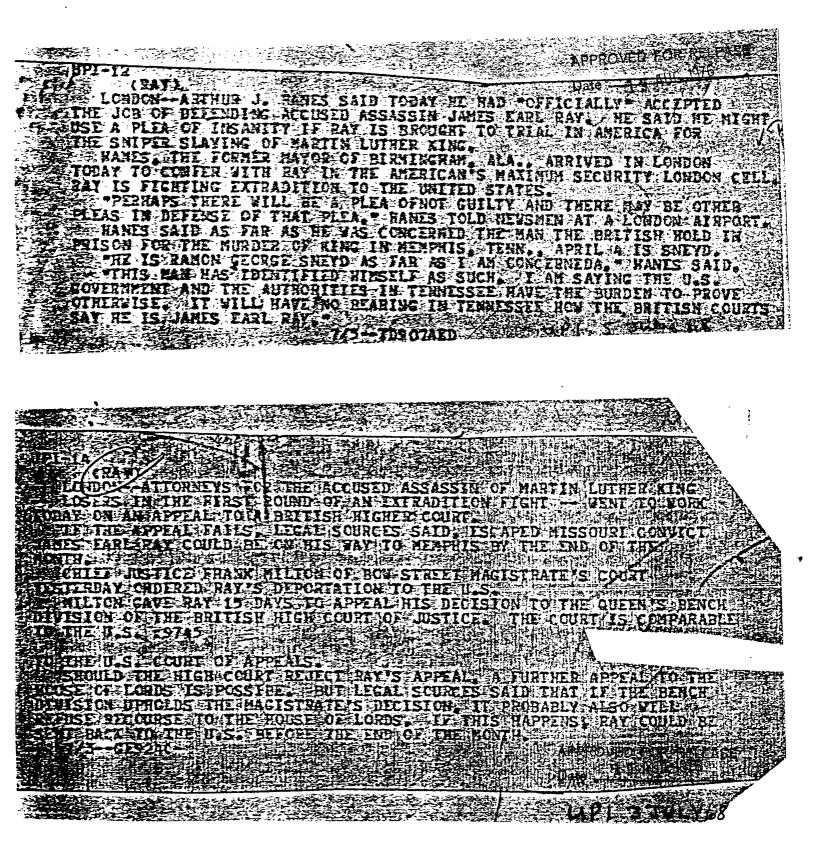






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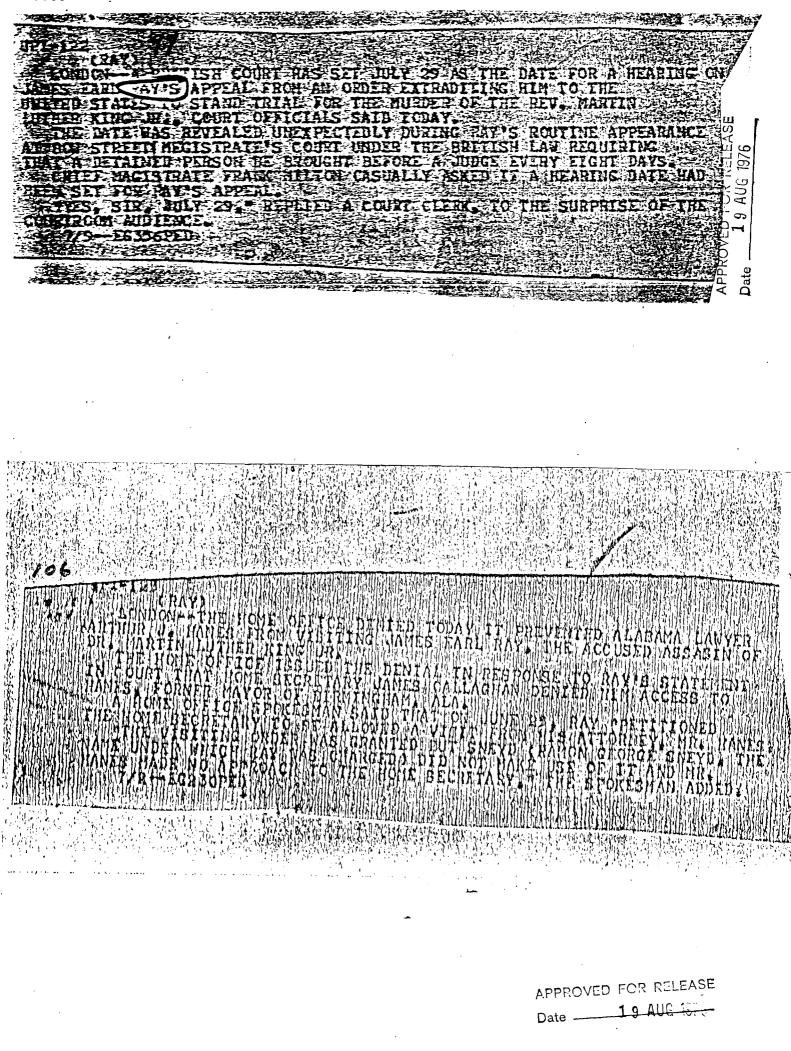
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MEDDELS, Tenn. (AP) - The FEI 'issuel, then withdrew, a pickup order for Eric Starvo Gali, a Birmingham, Ala., white man, as the widescale investigation of the assassing in of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., entered its second week.

The bullatin distributed on the statewide police teletype network in Flanda last night said Gait was driving a white Mustang. Witnesses in Memphis told investigators earlier they saw a man in a white Mustang drive away from the rooming house from which aing was shot April 4

At about the same time the plakup order was sent in Florida, federal agents in Atlanta impopuled a while Mustang that had been partied since last Friday at a public housing project near the Georgia state capitol.

#### Ladala Nistake

The message, withdrawn with the explanation that it was released by mistake, described Galt as a white male, 36 years old, about 5-foot-11 and 175 points with blue eyes and brown hair.

This roughly matched the description circulated by federal authorities the night of King's slaving.

The Florida teletype message said Gall was last seen driving a white 1955 Minstary hardten, Alabama Eccuse 1-00302, Birmingham police said this tag had been issued to Eric S. Galt, 2008 Highland Ava., Birmingham.

#### Stickers in Spanish

In Atlanta, the residents who first told police about the abanconed while Mustang said the carbore the same Alabama licarbe as given out by the FBI and bore two stokers which said "Tourista." Earlier reports indicated the investigation had spread to Mexico.

A Birmingham newspaper, the Post-Herald, said residents of the rooming house confirmed they had been questioned by the FBL It added the residents reported they had not seen Galt for about three months and could not recall what type car he coursed.

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Even with \$10,000 or so of reversi money lying around, the FBI hasn't so much as a hot hip or a rimor worth pur-sting with hope.

In my earlier column, I de-liberately did not reveal that a massive dragnet had been set up in Merico. It was there that Hay had met with some charactions who led FBI and other intelligence afents to suspect involvement of a foreign power. But investigators did not want use suspect upped off as to the intensity of the search south of the border.

But it has revealed nothing. "We've covered Mexico, Canada, and the United States Lize a blanken" one high-level source teas me. "If Ray were alve in any of these places, I

can't conceive of our not locating him by now."

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Thus, the men who were clinging doggedly to the theory that King's killer was a berserk longr have now swing over to the belief that a hired killer planned the murder and the escape meticulously. But was it Ray-or were the seemingly clumsy cluss left behind just decoys? And who did the Eiring?

The truth is that the FBI has The cluck is that the FBI has not located a single trace of Ray since he supposedly abar-coned his while Mustang in Atlanta on April 5, the day after the Nobel Prize-winning Negro clergyman was slain in a Memphis, Tenn., motel in fact, the FBI does not really have solid evidence that it was Ray who abandoned the car in Atlanta.

But the massive investiga-But the massive more infor-tion has turned up more infor-mation about Pay and his family. The most significantfamily. The most sign and most galling in some Washington circles - is that Ray was peddling cope while in prison in Missouri State Penitentary from 1960 to April 1967.

As the magnitude of Ray's

narcoties, peddling has been revealed, top law enforcement ast at the evidence that guards in must prisons are so easily bribed into sending almost anything into or out of a pris-С...

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Some investigators have concluded that our penal system is rotten to the core, and they have sent screams to the top of our government that it is high time someone planned a complete overhaul.

A serious question arises now as to how long the FBI can, or will, continue a concentrated search for Dr. Ring's killer. Already, student turmell on scores of campuses has distated the shifting of considerable manpower to the watching of these activities.

There are some worrisome connections between rioters on the various campuses. For example, one of the leaders of the Columbia University demonstrations recently showed up at American University here. trying to agitate students into tuting some "muscle" into their protest.

So this confluence of de-

mands on the time of the agents time has led even some officers here have stared agh- FBI personnel to echo earlier pessimistic predictions that "they'll never catch Dr. King's killer."

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#### REPORTING-

The Price of James Earl Ray William Bradford Huie boasts of "one distinction. I guess I've paid more money to more murderers than any reporter in history." Freelancer Huie has other distinctions as well, but it is true that he uses money, lavishly if necessary, to get his story. Nobody was ever convicted for the murder of 14year-old Emmett Till in Mississippi in 1955, but Huie paid enough to get a complete account of the crime for Look magazine. Three years ago, Huie disclosed the facts in the case of the murder of the three civil rights workers in Neshoba County. Miss, After a few midnight meetings with greedy Ku Klux

Klan informers, he reconstructed the event for the New York Herald Tribune. Once again, Huie has shown

that money in the right hands pays off\_ Under the cautious eye of Attorney Arthur Hanes, James Earl Ray, the accused killer of Martin Luther King Jr., is telling his life story to Huie. In exchange, Huie is inancing Ray's defense. So far, Huie has not been permitted to see Ray, but he has received some 20,000 handwritten words, which he is exhaustively checking out. Ray may or may not be involved, but Huie has become con-vinced that a compiracy led to the murder. Huie plans to publish one article before Ray's trial next November, then follow up with a book. "People don't like this way of operating," says Huie. "I don't like it much either. But I don't know any other way to get the truth.

Capricious Execution, Besides money, Huie makes use of a fierce persistence and an equally intense passion for the underdog. He is an aggressive, blunt-spoken reporter who makes it clear that no one is going to put anything over on him. When he does business with the sordid characters who sell him stories, he tells them: "One damn lie and the whole deal is off." And few facts in Huie's exposés have ever been disproved.

It took five years of digging, but he finally unearthed the details in the case of the only U.S. serviceman executed for desertion in World War II. His book, The Execution of Private Slovik, was a fascinating account of how the military capriciously singled out this private, among thousands of deserters, toserve as an example. Then they thought better of it and husbed up the whole affair. Equally compelling was The Hiroshima Pilot, in which Huie demolished the myth that B-29 Commander Clande Eatherly remorsefully turned to

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a lire of crime after dropping the atom bomb on Hiroshima. Eatherly, Huie showed, had not even flown in the mission over Hiroshima, and his guilt feelings developed years later under the encouragement of ban-the-bomb propagandists.

In recent years, Huie has been preoccupied with civil rights. As an eighthgeneration Southerner, he feels an obligation toward Negroes, and he wants to be proud of his home region. After many years of traveling, he now lives where he was born, in Hartselle, a town of 3,000 in north central Alabama. "There is a decency about people here," he says. He was happy with the racial progress that was being made in Alabama until George Wallace be-



HUIE (RIGHT) & RAY'S ATTORNEY Passion, persistence and self-defense.

came Governor. "I suppose the reason I keep involved is that I resent Wallace's effort to turn back the clock."

To flaunt that attitude in Alabama is asking for trouble, so Huie takes precautions. He and his wife Ruth live in a bouse that is designed for self-defense. Every room has an outside exit. Spotlights have been placed on the roof, on the patio, on the lawn. Many of them can be turned on at Huie's bedside. "There are no shadows around this house at night," he says. The house is also equipped with three Remington riot guns, one for the use of guests. Huie, a crack shot, also has a riot gun fastened to the front seat of his car. "I try to be prodent, remembering how Medgar Evers was murdered," he says, referring to the Mississippi civil rights leader who was shot in the back while returning home one night.

After Huie denounced Wallace on a lecture tour in 1964, the Governor went on television to tongue-lash the writer. Getting the message, racists made abusive phone calls. For four nights, a pro-

cession of cars drove slowly around his block while Huie stood by the window with his riot gun. In July, when a cross was burned on his lawn, he wired Governor Albert Brewer, pointing out that since Wallace is given state protection, his enemies should have it too. Brewer agreed to give him what he wanted, and now the local police provide frequent patrolling.

vide frequent patrolling. Huie knows that the Ray assignment is a possibly dangerous one. He hopes it will be his last. He would prefer to write novels now that at 57, he feels time is growing short. He has already written five, most recently, *The Klansman*, a powerful portrait of a Southern sheriff who is pulled one way by the Klan, the other way by his better instincts; the Klan wins. Huie also hopes that movies will be made of some of his civil rights books. "One of the great tragedies is that we've never had realistic films about race hatred in the U.S.," he says. At the moment, a small studio is making preparations to film Huie's book about the Neshoba murders, *Three Lives for Mississippi*. Before the film could be made, however, Huie once again had to go through the distasteful experience of shelling out money to scruffy Klansmen, who then signed releases for portrayal rights. He is confident that the result will be worth it. "If films like this are done with the imagination of *Bonnie and Clyde*, you can really move people."



Ray Sought Help, Citing Difficulties'

#### By Jerry Lipson Chicago Dalir Sera Serae

A 1988 pisychiamie report on accused assassin James Earl Ray describes him as a man 'who sought help because he feared he might some day get into "serious difficulties."

Ray underwant enfensive mental tests in 1005 after his second unsuccessful attempt to escape from the Missouri State Prison, where he was serving 20 years for armed robbery.

The psychiatist who studled Ray, Dr. Henry V. Guhlman Jr., said Ray felt "his escape attempt was the result of undue arriery and tension with the need to actually do something" about it.

"He is fearful that this might lead into more serious difficulties," Gubiman said of the man accused of shooting the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on April 4 in Memphis.

In a report to the Missouri Board of Probation and Parole, Guillman described Ray as an "obsessive, compulsive personality," beset by overpowering fears of barm.

He said Ray felt that potential danger could be warded off only by going through certain "ritualistic" acts.

"These various fears confront him from time to time and in a typical obsessive compulsive way," he feels that he must do certain things" to save himself from harm, Guhlman said.

"For instance, he cescribes a feeling of fear that can be alleviated if he takes a glass of water he is drinking and sets it on the table and moves it back and forth several times.

The report implied that Ray was driven by these unnamed fears to up to break

cut of the fortress-like prison at Jefferson City, Dio. Ray finally escaped April 33, 1957, on his third my, by hiding in a box on the back of an outbound bakery muck

In the report, prepared four months before Ray's successful escape, Guhlman said his "basic problem revolves around what appears to be an increasingly severe clasessive compulsive trend."

(The 1967 Layman's Dictionary of Psychiatry defines obsessive compulsive as behavior "marked by ritualism and by preoccupation with a single idea or desira.")

Guhlman noted that Ray had requested an examination by an independent psychiatrist, and Guhlman recommended approval of this, saying he was "in need of psychiatric help."

Guhlman reported "no evidence of delusions, halucinations or paranoid ideas," but noted "a rather deep underlying obsessive compulsive personality trend which he has really never discussed at length with anycne.

This is not psychotic in nature, but severely neurotic," the psychiatrist said. He expressed strong doubts that Ray was parole material at that time.

Guhiman called his subject an - "interesting and rather complicated individual." He said Ray used such technical terms as "solar plaxus, tachycardia and intracranial" in describing his aches and pains.

"When we commented that these were rather large words (Ray) reported that he had been reading up in the medical literature," Guhlman said...

### News Violations Charged to Four On Ray Trial

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Oriminal Court Judge W. Preston Baula, whoo is scheduled to hear Rar's trial on charges of Miling Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., issued the show cause ordars yesterday.

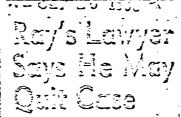
Battle ordered the four men, including Ray's chief defense contral, Anim J. Hanes Sr., of Birmingham, Ala., to appear before him Sayt 27.

In addition to Hanes, those cited ware Rentro T. Hays, a private ceteorive working for Hates, and Charles Edmundson of the Mennit's Commercial Appeal and Ray Hamilton of the Memphis Press-Scimitar.

Baitle tork action after receiving a "painion for contempt" by a committee of seven attorneys be named to monitor what is being reported about the Ray case. Ray is scheduled to go on trial Nov. 12.

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LELTES. Tenn. (2P) – Arthr. Henes Sr. seld in court yesterieg that he may have to withdraw as James Darl Zay's lawyes.

"Seriors difficulties have arisen barneen me and my cliept on the best way to herrie this defense." Ray's crief coursel said withom elaboration.

Hanes, former Birmingham, Ala, mayor, was relained by Ray before Ray was extradited from England and hald in Memphis in the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther Ming Jr.

Hanes was in court vesteriay for a hearing in which a committee of lawyers recommanded that he and two newsman and a private detective he half in contempt of court on grounds they violated an order prohibiting projudical news statements in connection with the Ray case.

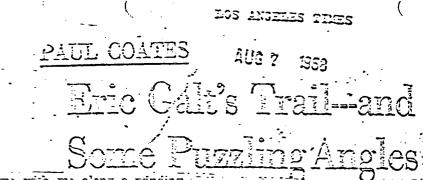
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Ray charged with the essassinetian of King in Memphis on April 4, is scheduled to 30 on trial Nov. 12. He was arrested in Entland.

in England. Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle appointed the committee r e c o m m e n d e d that Hanes: Rathro Hays, a private Investigator retained by Hanes, and reporters Charles Edmundson of the Commerical Appeal and Boy Hamilton of the Press-Scimitar be cited.

Armisterd Cray, starney for the two reporters, told Banie the hearing pixed the constitutional guarantees of free speech and a tree press against the guarantees of a fair trial.

He argued the newsman were not guilty under the 1st and 14th amendments to the Constitution



Come with me along a winding trail that, unfortunately, ends in the curve of a question mark.

When Dr. Martin Luther King was () assassinated, I was in Puerto Valler-

ta, Maxi, where I have many compaires. Among them are Mexican artist Manuel Lepe, his wife, Laura, and her sister, Susana Quieroz, who manages the Hotel Tropicana.

On the day I was leaving, we had a farewell luncheon and, naturally, our conversation dealt with the tragedy in Mamphis and with the runtor, then current, that the killer had fied to the nearby town of Mazatlan-a runtor fed by the sudden appearance of a Mexican Coast Guard cutter that anchored in the bay and whose sellors, armed, with rifles, were patrolling the beaches.

I recall somebody's saying, "Puerto Vallarta is the least likely place for a wanted man to hide out in Menico. The American colony here is vary clannish. They'd notice a stranger immediately and find out all about him."

That theory seems ironical now, You see, Eric Galt was in Puerto Vallarta.

I learned recently that some three weeks after I leit, a couple of FEI agants visited the town. At the Rio Hotel, they showed a sketch of the wanted man and asked if he had stayed there. The manager remem-

bered the man and volunteered the information that he had been a, suggest in the hotel

He gave the agents a registration. and, signed "Eric S. Galt."

Then, the FBI men went to the Tropicane Hotel and esked Susane if she would look through her records and find Galt's registration. They said they knew he had stayed there. She checked and confirmed that he had. Only, this time, he had registered as "Eric Galt" with no middle initial

I obtained duplicates of the registration slips from both hotels. They show that the man representing himself as Galt had checked into the Rio on Cot. 19, 1937, and later moved to the Tropicane, where he stayed until Nov. 13.

He claimed U.S. nationality and the bard his residence as: 2003

Highland 'Avenue,' Birmingham, Ala. This, as we now know, is the address of the boarding-house where James Earl Ray, alias Galt, had rented a room until early October last year.

Employes of both hotels have vague recollections of the man, whom they describe as "quiet," but they distinctly remember his car - a 1966 white Mustang.

Mustang. Now, I find myself asking a lot of puzzling questions.

• Why did Ray-Galt, the man accused of plotting Martin Luther-King's murder, leave Birmingham, and go to Mexico six months before Memphis?

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• And why did an escaped convict on the lam drive a white Mustang, a car that might have attracted attention in Puerto Vallarta? Was it just bungling, or part of a carefully planned conspiracy?

 Was this really Ray-Galt, or some other man acting as a decoy? The answers, of necessity, would just be conjecture. But, in Friday's column, I'll explore them.

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#### Ray Book

MEMPHIS — The man charged with murder in the death of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. has contracted with an author to write his blography.

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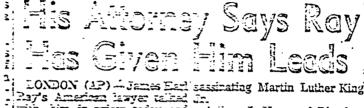
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raphy. James Earl Ray, awaiting trial, on Nov. 12 has hired William Bradford Hule of Hartselle, Ala., who arrived here Wednesday with Arthur J. Hanes, the Birmingham attorney who will defend Ray.

Huie said he also has a contract with Hanes for material to be used in the Ray story. He said Ray has given him 10,000 hand-written words with which to start the book.

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as and other ham, Ala, met with Ray for ar celense of Bay, accused of as ; Wandsworth Prison. Hanes said atterward he found the conditions somewhat restrictive. He said he was not permitted as interview in confidence. He and Easy were separated by a glasscreen.

The Alabama lawyer said he was beginning to build his case and organiza a defense for the Eay that Ray might be extraditat to stand trial for the murder at the American civil rights lecier.

"Our meeting was most help-in, most inuitful and benefi-cial," Hares said. "We got to How each other better. He is reared and feels good. He is periectly rational, same and lu-

Hares said he plans to leave London tomorrow and did not Erese another trip to Britain. Es said Ray had been receiv-

ing "many messages of support from the United States and he is grateful for it. He also has received many offers of help for his defense.'

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By Drew Pearson and Jack Anderson It now looks as if the FBI for the form of t magazine in this country.

Parade magazine's enterprisbring - em - back - alive correspondent, to Bolivia to trans-late the diary and research the story behind it.

Actually, some of the other documents captured with Guevara are much more revealing ( than his diary. He lugged them around the jungle in a waterproof jungle pack and a portable field safe made of special, high-impact plastic.

The papers included the outline of a book Guevara planned to write on the evolution of man's political thinking, going back to the ancient Greek philosophers; also an original short story entitled "Passing the Test," which he wrote in the jungle.

The bloodthirsty guerrilla leader also packed poetry with him to occupy his leisure moments. His favorite poet apparently was Ruben Darlo, although some verses appear to ? have been written by Guevara

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#### TRIALS

#### A Very Important Prisoner

With the wrapped-in-cottom care pormally accorded to precious art works, James Earl Ray was flown to Memphis last week to stand trial for the murder of Martin Luther King.

A builterproof vest hung over his plaid shirt and his legs were encased in armored trousering when he was led, handcuffed, from a 64-ton armored van into Sheiby County jall at dawn. A score-of deputies with riot guns formed a defensive perimeter. Ray was hustled to an air-conditioned cell on the jall's third floor. Heavy steel plates block cell windows. Closed-circuit television cameras monitor all movements. Prison trustles who ran elevators have been replaced by sheriff's officers.

The Streight Word. Such massive protection is more than justified. There is widespread speculation that King's death was plotted by conspirators who are still free. "He won't finish that trial," a Memphis underworldling warned last week. "He's not going to get on that witness chair—and that's the streight word."

Although it will probably be months until he faces trial before Memphis Judge W. Preston Battle, a tough, in-

dependent-minded jurist, Ray seemed almost in a hurry to return to the U.S. Abandoning his effort to appeal a Britisn extradition order that seemed coomed to failure anyway, he was spirited by night from grimy Wandsworth prison to Lakenheath Air Base 76 miles from London for his nonstop flight to Memphis.

The secret move left his attorney, Arthur V. Hanes, fuming. He had wanted to go along, said Hanes, because F.B.I. agents aboard the U.S. Air Force jet might question Ray (the F.B.I. said that the four agents escorting Ray had not spoken to him). "The case against this boy is full of holes," sneered Hanes, "and I've got a few bombshells that we're going to drop into those holes." Just what they were, Hanes would notor could not-say.



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Washington was in response to newsmen's queries.

King was shot and killed by a agents have uncovered "very sniper April 4 as he stood out-

as they work "around the clock. At the Memphis rooming pursuing every lead" in the house from which the fatal shot search for Dr. Martin Luther was fired, Charles Q. Stevens-King Jr.'s assassin, says Atty. said FBI agents had shown him Gen. Ramsey Clark. "The FBI is devoting every two composite drawings of the possible resource to this investi-suspected slayer — one a partial gation." Clark said last night, profile and the other a full face "... While in remains impossi-ble to predict when the killer will be arrested, I remain hope ful that it will be soon."

lace view. He said he saw the gunman flee after hearing a shot A Justice Department spokes fired from a communal bath-man said the statement issued in room next door to his room. The bathroom window affords a clear view of the motel balcony. where King was standing when shot.

> And at a rooming house in a Eirmingham, residents said FBI agents had questioned them about an Eric Starvo Galt, a white man named in an FBI bulletin issued, then withdrawn, in Florida Thursday night.

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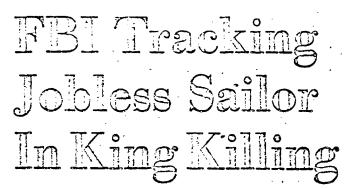
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#### From News Dispatches

ATLANTA, April 12 - FBI are working around the clock agents investigating the sni-pursuing every lead."

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merchant mariner. The FBI replied with a blanket "no comment" to all but there is no record that he questions concerning the King investigation, but persons at the Birmingham rooming house said agents were asking the name of Galt was the provide the second sec 'plenty"

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per-slaying of the Rev. Dr. | UPI reporters checking Martin Luther King Jr. have with maritime officials in been on the wall of Eric Mobile learned today that Starvo Galt, listed as an un-lagents, in addition to quesemployed merchant mariner, tioning persons at the Birfor nearly a week, United mingham boarding house, had Press International reported today. Galt's name first reached

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King assassination scene, was ago and had gone through au-found parked in an Atlanta apartment complex. No warrant has been issued for Galt's arrest, but it was learned that the FBI in Miami had issued—and then for un-explained reasons had with-drawn—a "locate and notify" bulletin on Galt yesterday. Alabama Baristry been visited by agents.

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## Traced Step by Step, But.

#### By JEREMIAH O'LEARY

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"The man who killed King is either the works's luckiest amateur or part of a fantastically clever conspiracy," said one weary investigator yesterday as the massive hunt for the slayer of Dr. Martin Lather King Jr. continued.

Eleven days after the civil rights leader was slain by a sniper in Mem-pris, Tenn, the Federal Bureau of is, Tem., the Federal Bureau of resugation finds itself in the dilemma possessing a lot of physical evidence đ nothing that points to the true identry or whereabouts of the assassin.

rom information publicly disclosed and from non-FBI sources, this much can be reported about the evidence in hand; the man being sought and how he prepared for and committed the crime: • The FBI has three names for the sitive and all of them are considered to be pecudonyms.

· They have latent fingerprints taken from the Remington Gamemaster 30.06 trange rifle believed to have been the assassination weapon, and from the telescopic sight attached to the gun. • They have a 1965 white Minstang be-

lieved used as the getaway car.

• They have half a dozen or more peo-ple who saw the suspected slayer both before and after the fatal shooting at 6:51 p.m. April 4. • But they do not now know who the

gramman really is, where he is, whether he was working alone or as part of a constitutey.

#### About the Car

Asthorities have pieced together this mech information about the car they have connected with the case:

On Angust 30, 1967 William D. Paisley of Birmingham, Ala., sold a 1966 white Minstang to a man who gave his name as Brie Starvo Galt. On Sept. 6, 1967, "Galt" applied for a Birmingham driv-Galt applied for a Birmingham driv-er's license under that name and No. 2398347 was mailed to him. On March 1, 1968, Galt requested a duplicate and one was mailed to him at a Birmingham Calt had listed his occupation as un-

employed merchant seaman and gave a recording house address, 2508 Highland Ave., Birmingham. It is a place for transients and Galt did. not live there more than six months. He apparently was last a resident in November.

The car and the name Galt became significant when Mrs. Ernest Payne, of Atlanta, Ga., looked out her window between 7 and 9 a.m. Friday, April 5, and saw a man drive the Mustang into a parking lot at Capitol Homes, a low-rent bossing project near the State Capitol. The car fit the description of one of twowhite Mustangs which had been parked in the 400 block of South Main Street, Memphis, around the corner from the motel where King was killed.

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The car evidently was abandoned at the Atlanta spot. It was not until April It that it was brought to the attention of the FBL It have the red-and-white Ala-bana license No. 1-38903 traceable to the man who gave his name as Galt.

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the floor and two Mexicanstickers on the windows. The FBI can link the car with the events in Memohis but refuses to say how.

The name Galt is now believed to bean alias. An exhaustive check of almost ry conceivable form of record in the United States has led to a dead end, No Eric Starvo Galt is listed by police departments, unions, credit or hanking institutions or on other records.

But, according to Mrs. Payne's description, being sought for the slaying of King: dark-haired, dark, neat clothes, pointed nose. The Alabama license records for Galt are considered not inconsistent. The application described him as 5 feet 11, 175 pounds, with blue eyes and brown hair. rown hair. Both descriptions are considered

close to those given by persons who saw the suspect fleeing from the Mem-phis flophouse from which the fatal. shot was fired. The general descrip-tion given by Memphis: witnesses: is 5 feet 8 to 5 feet 11, 26 to 32 years of age, neat dark clothing. . ....

About The Gun . The Remington rifle believed to have been the murder weapon was traced by its serial number to a Birmingham Ala, sporting goods store. The weapon was acquired from the shop on March 30 by a man who could have been either the suspect or an accomplice.

The man got the Remington by trading another gun for it. The FBL has not disclosed his identity, but it can find no trace of anyone with a name like that given to the Birmingham shop. The acquisition has, however, given the FBI another consistent description and another handwriting specimen.

The next event linking King's death to the mystery man occurred April 4, a few hours after King's well-publicized arrival at the Lorraine Motel for a planning session in connection with a march of striking sanitation workers. King checked into a second-floor balcony room, No. 306, at the Lorraine inthe morning.

At 3:15 p.m. that same day, a man who gave his name as John Willard checked into a nameless flophouse in Memphis' 400 block of South Main. Bessie Brewer, the proprietor, took him upstairs, showed him a \$10-a-week room on one side of the building. She said he turned down No. 8, which has a kit-chenette, remarking: "I only want a sleeping room." Room No. 5 Chosen

Then she showed him Rooms 4, 5 and 5-on the other side facing the Lorraine Metel. The man known as Willard took Room 5 and paid the weekly \$8.50 rent in 'advance with a \$20 hill. Mrs. Brewer recalls that he had a sharp nose, dark hair, a "silly" smile and a neat appear-

able to determine, " another false name. Dere was mod and eigaret stubs on "Willard" had no-inggage and was

carrying nothing when he rented the room. The presumption is that during the next hours he went outside and go some things from the Mustang parked on Main Street. Six blocks away, sources report, he bought a pair of binoculars from a place called York's Arms -14. 245 71

In the half hour before King was shot, Willard" got up from his bed and "Willard" locked himself in a communal bathroom which has a window facing the balcony of the Lorraine. Willie Anchutz, who lived in the flophouse, tried to get in but his knock was not answered.

According to Memphis Police Direc-tor Frank C. Hollomon, a former FBI agent, the distance from the bathroom window to King's balcony is 205 feet 3 inches. The angle of fire toward King was 30 degrees to the right and slightly down, an easy shot with a telescopic nfle

King emerged three times just before 6 p.m. The third time, he mentioned to the Rev. Samuel Kyles that he was tired of restaurants and wanted some "soul food." Kyles invited him home to dinner and King said he would like that. King leaned on the balcony rail, talking to his driver, Solomon Jones, on the ground below. Jones told King it was cold and

suggested he wear a top coat. King replied, "Okay, I will." Those were his last words. Standing in the bathtub of Bessie Brewer's flop bouse, the killer took aim across a junkon a vacant lot, over a row -of pile scrubby trees on an embankment, squinted through the telescopic sight and fired.

#### Soft-Nosed Bullet Used

King was struck in the lower right by a soft-nosed bullet which coursed through his neck, hit his spine and came to rest in his shoulder. He fell to the balcony deck, unconscious and bleeding profusely, and was dead on arrival at the hospital.

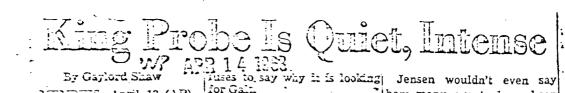
Willie Anchutz heard the shot and looked out his door. He saw a man rush past him in the hall carrying a blue handbag and a long object wrapped in a sheet. Anchutz did not get a good look at the man presumed to be the gunman but remarked, "That sounded like a shot." The man replied, "Yes, It was." The fugitive ran out the opposite en-

trance of the flophouse, ducked into the doorway of the Canipe Amusement Co. at 424 South Main, and dropped the rifle and the bag there. The proprietor, Guy Canipe, saw him abandon the gun and bag, but did not go outside. Other witpesses said the suspect climbed calmly into the white Mustang a few feet beyond and drove away, It is 'an 'easy 8- to 10-hour drive from.

Memphis to Atlanta, a time element which fits with Mrs. Payne's observa-tion of the man parking the Mustang owned by Galt in the Atlanta housing project. 54.5

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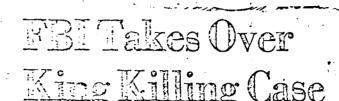
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the wide, muddy Mississippi River, dozens of FBI agents; have methodically slited through what is described as "very substantial" physical evidence.

Exactly what constitutes this evidence is officially unknown but sources report some of the major items are paim and finger prints, an overnight bag believed to con-tein clothing and a high-powered rifle with a telescopic Sizhi

In addition, a white Mustang similar to one that reportedly sped from the assistnation scene has been imwurded in Atlanta. It has been linked to an Eric Starvo Gain described as an unemployed merchant seaman who lived in Birmingham until three months ago. The FBI re-

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Accoss the street from the FBI office, spokesmen for the Memphis police insist their department still is working closely with Federal agents. But from all indication, the FBI has taken over the investigation completely.

The FBI has maintained silence on all aspects of the investigation, but Attorney General Ramsey Clark issued 1964 murders of three civil a new statement in Washing. rights workers in the same ton last night that dropped his state. earlier reference to "one man on the run."

Sixteen hours after Dr. King was slain April 4, Clark said evidance "indicates a single individual" was involved. "There is no evidence of a widespread plot," he said.

In the saven-line statement last night, Clark said the FBI . mar damarian all ire recourse

to the investigation, "working around the clock pursuing every lead."

This could mean that investigators are re-examining the possibility that more than one person was involved in the assassination.

They seemed puzzled about conflicting reports on the gun shop in Birmingham number of getaway cars in-They have poured through do-transmissions detailing a cuments in state and local high-speed chase-which apgovernment offices throughout parently never took placethrough northeast Memphis 30; minutes after a sniper killed (Washington Post Staff Dr. King with a single rifle

One member of Congress has cirticized the FBI's probe. Noting what he called discrepancies throughout the investigation, Rep. Charles W. It seems that everywhere re- Whelan Jr., (R-Ohio), said the straight."

"The handling of the investigation and the efforts to apprehend the guilty person or persons hardly had been reasusring to a tense and troubled. Nation," Whelan said in Wash-, ington,

But a Justice Department 12 days to make an arrest in. the 1963 slaying of civil rights; leader Medgar Evers in Mississippi and more than five months to make arrests in the



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## The Smell Of Conspiracy

More and more the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. begins to resemble a well-planned, coldly-executed plot which had its inception months ago. What is more, the way in which it was carried out lends credibility to the theory that it was a conspiracy. This is written with some reser-

vations. The conspiracy theory does not usually attract us about an event of this nature. We are notably unmoved by the critics of the Warren Report on the Kennedy assassination, who seem to believe that not only was more than one ( man involved, but that the conspiracv they envision included everyone from Communists to the CIA

BUT AS the pieces of the puzzle of Dr. King's murder fall into place-and as others refuse to do so-evidence begins to weighheavily in favor of a conspiracy theory. At the very least, it nowseems evident that this was not an impetuous act by a badly deranged man, but the result of a longrange plan.

There is, for instance, the identity of "Eric Starvo Galt." He doesn't exist, apparently; and yet he began to exist as a person around the middle of last year. He established an identity, then carefully used it in building a trail which has led investigators nowhere.

There was also the matter of the rifle so openly dropped near the flop house from which the death blow was struck. To our knowledge, no official has yet said it was the weapon which fired the fatal shot.

Memphis police car "160." There is a car 160, but it did not chase a Mustang the night of Dr. King's death. The radio reports which seemed to be coming from that car were, again appamntly, another plant to draw police off the real scent.

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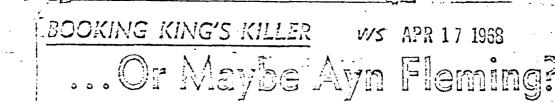
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THE LINE must be drawn in this kind of speculation, but it is; obvious to us that only extremists of the far right or left could anticipate immediate benefit man here! ing Dr. King. The left, by which we mean agents of China, Cuba or, possibly, Moscow, were bound to know that Dr. King's death would be the signal for rioting and pocket insurrections in every major American city. They could reason, with good basis, that the disturbances; would badly weaken our society's fabric, making us even less capable. of dealing with our obligations abroad and further polarizing the races at home.

The far right could also benefit, again assuming angry reaction in the Negro community. What the! far right would hope to gain would be a kind of semi-military takeover. of this nation in the name of law? and older --- which again is not so? far-fetched a possibility that it can bé automatically discounted even now.

Having said this, it is necessary to restate the qualification that the first assumption - of a lone killer acting out his own psychosis -= re=? mains the most probable. With every day which passes without an arrest, However, this assumption is drastically weakened. We are left with "Eric Stravo Galt," à man who plotted long and hard and who is still at large. It smells of Then there was the fictitious organization and conspiracy, and chase of a white Mustang by the smell grows strenger

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Was the muriarer of Dr. Martin Lupher Mag Jr. e man influenced by two characters in reclamporary fiction-one a glociety and the other on Ian Flem-ing arch villein?

The came of the man listed on te registration card of the white Mustang car linked to the slaying is "Eric Starvo Gelt." The FBI has been unable to find anything to indicate that any such a person exists.

In Ayn Rand's 1957 novel, "At-las Sarugged," the leader of a iny minority of people de-scribed as able, creative and ultra-conservative is "Join Gait" And in some of Ian Fleming's James Bond stories, the leading enemy ci the starts out is called "Ernst Stavro Bloteld."

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ers are politicians, bureaucrats, self-styled intellectuals who are evil and must be destroyed. Galt is denounces mysticism and glorifies reason. His gospel is abolition of the income tax, an end to foreign aid and of social welfare legislation. At the end, as Galtie and his cohorts fly to their Atlantis they see New York writhing in its last convulsions.

Ernst Stavro Blofeld is the much-less philosophical villain of "Thunderball" and two other Fleming novels.

If the man who murdered King was influenced by the views of the fictional characters, or even just concocted an alias from a combination of the names, an investigator might draw the conclusion that the fu gitive is a man of some educa tion or affinity for reading. Per

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Informed sources said Galt official went to the gun shop on March 29 and said he wanted a gun to identify the suspect from his shoot deer in Wisconsin. He purchase of the 'car' and the bought a 30 caliber weapon, us rifle, and two witnesses ing the name Lowmyer. The him in the flophouse. However, next day, these sources said, he one of them reportedly says the returned and said his brother pictures of Galt are not the had told him to get a 30.06 Rem- same man he saw mithe flop ington Gamemaster. owner of the Mustang seen in abory this latent ingerprints front of the flophouse the day frme the murder weapon and abandoned in an Atlanta, Ge used by the suspect housing development :: 2 bought the scar from a private taken from King's body

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King was shot to dealth on the balcony of a motel in Memphis These are the FBI pi on April 4, by a single shot First Starvo Galt. His fired by a single from the wing original photo and See GALT, Page As in the open eyes.

These are the FBI pictures of the man called Eric Starvo Galt. His eyes were closed in the original photo and an FBI artist sketched in the open eyes.

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# King Case Warrant Charges Conspiracy

2027. Cabe FBI warrant was the first mention of a conspiracy by any agency involved in the nationwide man hunt. Galt is accused of conspiracy to violate King's civil rights F Rewards totaling \$100,000 have beent offered by non-federal sources for information leading to the arrest and conviction of King's murderer FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover ordered thousands of "Wanted" up information that Galt figers sent out on the maniciaimed to have been a cook in known as Galt in hopes that the Mississippi river boats and a public will now be able to help locate a man about whom much ords of maritime unions contain is known, but whose true identity and present whereabouts are a mysery. Galt" is an alias used in purchase of a white 1965 Mustang which investigators believe was the gunman's getaway car. There also is no certainty that Gault has a brother, although left Los Angeles on Dec. 15, 1967 the fugitive is said to have and drove the Mustang to New mentioned a brother at the time Orleans where he claimed to be bought a rifle in Birmingham six days before King was slain neering or a contracting firm. In releasing the photographs and filing for the warrant against Galt, the FBI also said that the suspect used the names Harvey Lowinger and John Willard. Sources in Alabama say Lowmyer was the name the sus- zge, although his supposed birthpect used when he purchased the rifle found a few blocks from the scene of King's murder. The suspect used the Willard alias when he registered at the flophouse on April 4 and took a room which gave a clear view of the door of King's room at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis See a state of the second state

Continued From Page A-1 citizen in Birmingham on Au dow of a flophouse 205 feet gust 30, 1967. The car's odometen showed that it had been driven more then 19,000 miles between the date of purchase and the day it was found in Atlanta. According to the FBL Galt traveled in the Mustang to Los Angeles: New Orleans: Birmingham. Mexico, Memphis and Atlanta. He was seen in Memohis on April 3 and 4 and is known to have departed from there for Allarda the FBI said The FBL investigation turned merchant seaman, although recno such name. Galt was also said to be an avid dancer and had taken dancing lessons in Officials say Eric Starvo New Orleans in 1964 and 1965; in Birmingham during September and October 1967; and in Long Beach, Calif. from December 1967 to February 1968.

Agents have verified that Galt have contacted either an engi-He drove back in bartending in Los Angeles that led FBL agents to the photograph.

\*H Galt Described Galt is described as white and by his own account, 36 years of place of July 20, 1931 is not born out by records. He is 5 feet 8 to 5 feet 11 inches fall and weighs between 160 and 175 pounds. His acquaintances and witnesses describe him as a neat dresser of medium build. He has brown hair which he wears in a brush cut. His eyes are blue or hazel, his nose is

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The FBI pressed one of the est massive manhunts in its history today for the shadowy Galt, charged in the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The FBI and police across the country received numerous tips, incriming and winners

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Dr. King was killed by a single builes the night of April 4 as ne leaned over the second-floor rail-Jeaned over the second-floor railing of a Memphis motel. Police have said the shot was fired from the common bathroom of a low-cost hotel arrows the street.
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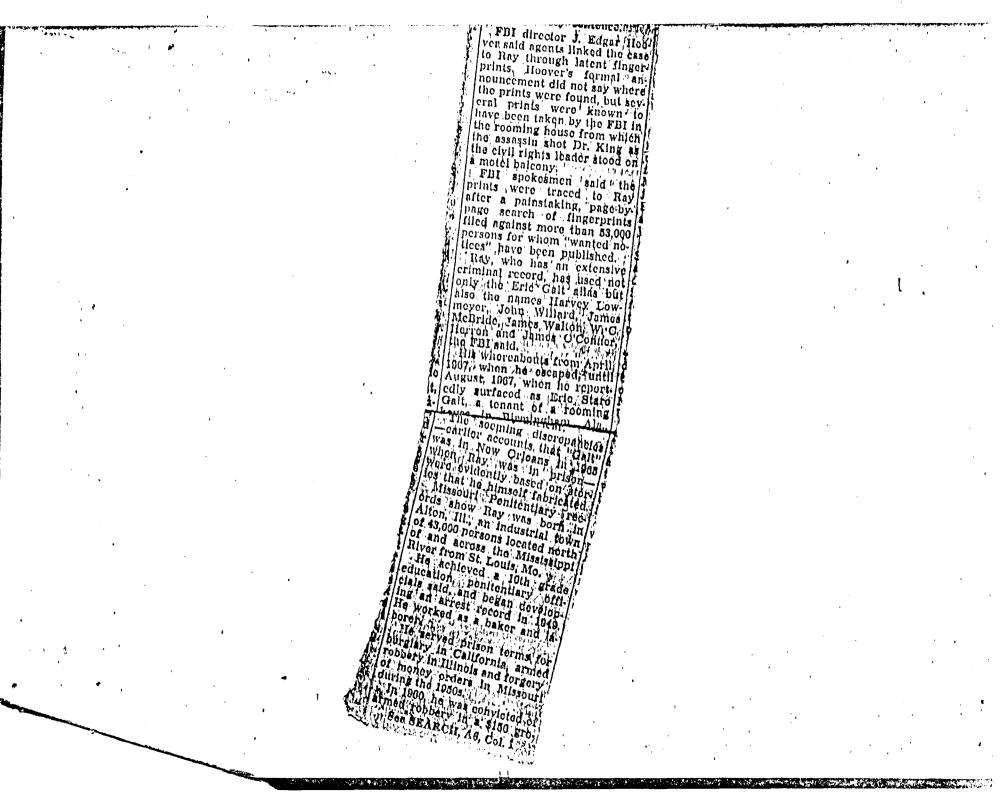
Webs said a white Mustang bearing Alabama license plates and Maxican tourist stickers was paried near the room occu-pled by Galt A similar car has been impounded in Atlanta, Ga., and the FBI said that car bed lorged to Gait. A white Mustang a liss believed to have been the getaway car after the slaying. a The F3I declined comment on

I the possibility that a man who 3, had checked into another motel 9 April 3 might have been Galt's z supposed brother.

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Attorney Clark said yesterday that Fed- assassination eral agents are chasing."one Among other items, police man on the run" in the assas recovered a 30-06 Remington singtion of the Ber. Dr. Mar pump rifle from the sidewalk tin Luther King a straight for the flophouse where Dr. We have a name were King's killer apparently We have a name working ( on, Withe said posted himself ; Whether it, will prove to be the correct name remains to be seen. Clark said there was still no evidence that the suspect had Clark indicated that prose any accomplices. He said he cation of the case, once an arremained optimistic early arrest The Attorney General said see the trail left by the suspect Think the State of bas lengthened since Friday. Tennesses wants this case pro-Clark said then it had already secuted perhaps more vigorspread several hundred males ously than anyone, else," beyond Memphis: where • 17-King was whin .

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Clark declined to say just where the search for King's assessin has led law onforce. ment officials We are tracking down have prevented Dr. King from every lead, every possible exposing hinself as he did by lead," he said on the NBC television and radio program, "Meet the Press." "We know quite a bit more than we knew two days ago."

Calling for national restraint, the Attorney General declared that "it would be suicidal" for Negroes to follow Black Power spokesman Stokely Carmichael's advice to arm and retaliate for Dr. King's death Riots Unplanned

"This has not happened .... and the Negro people are committed to its not happening," Clark said. He said the rioting of the past iew days has been "purely", -, capricious," - un-planned and completely disorganized

Clark urged that all demonstrations-including today's march in Memphis and the Dr. King had planned to lead directed at the problems in in Washington later this the weeks ahead<sup>2</sup> month-bes skept; "entirely Sen. Brooke predicted that tion and the risks are great times. We are a disturbed na orders paign is scheduled to begin here April 22. Its organizers - have said it will still be held, a step endorsed yesterday by Sen. Edward W. Brooke (R-Mass.), a member of the Presi--dent's Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders. fit could be 'a magnificant

memorial to Martin Luther King," Brooke declared on t CBS's "Face the Nation." Brooke sold the riots follow-Ing Dr. King's assessmation r, involved only "en infinitesi-L L mal number of the Negro peo R ple." 7 4 5 s Clark said law enforcement gr

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taking a Memphis motel room

with a balcony facing the

5."Dr. King has lived his life, knowing the risks," Clark said.

Escape Understandable

The Attorney General, who hurried to Memphis after Dr. King was killed, called the slaying "a carefully plaumed assault" and found it "quite understandable under the circumstances" that the killer es-We have evidence of one man on the run, he suded. There is no evidence that Clark said the furbalence of the past several deranning it imperative to bring tope to the ghettes by passage of

open housing legislation and other measures 2 -----The Attorney General zaid he hoped to see "dramatic, Poor People's Camprign that bold, new Federal legislation"

within the framework of law." President Johnson would ask "Civil disobedience could be Congress to begin implementvery risky-at this time," he ing the recommendations of warned These are turbulent his Commission on Civil Dis-

in H EARCH, From AL  $\Lambda_{-1}$ The states cery store holdup in St. Louis, and began a 20 year term on March 17, 1960 - ----Penitentiary records elerk three month sentence at hard Harry Lauf said Ray made labor for being drunk and two " abortive., jailbreaks, - in breaking arrest, Hoover said " 1961 and 1966, before he was He described Ray as 5 feet successful last April when he was believed to have hidden in a wooden crate used for 174 pounds with blue eyes transporting/loaves of bread brown hair, endia : small scar from the Penitentiary to the on his forehead and another Renz penitentiary farm five or the palm of his right hand. miles away There is evidence-wel never did find conspiratorsthat he was hidden with the matches descriptions by per bread on top of his body," sons who knew the man who Reuters news agency quotes called himself Gait in the Bir Warden Harold Swenson as mingham rooming house. saying. "The bread arrived in 1 In a "wanted" poster for bad condition at the farm." the was caught going over year, the pamphet reportedly the wall in 1961," said Lauf, listed two brothers, John Ray, and they found him hiding in of St Louis, and Jerry. W a ventilator in 1966. Aside from his escape hab Press International reported FAside from his escape fiss said Lanf. Bay was a The FBI has denied rep that it has a brother of After the 1966 jailbreak at Starvo Galt in custody and Lempt, Ray was sent to the that the brother is siding the state mental hospital in Ful search for the assassin ton. Mo., for observation, but When the FBI obtained a was returned to the peniten conspiracy warrant against tiary without any finding of Galt earlier, this week it mental disorder, haspital officharged that Galt "and an in-crais said to be alleged to be specified who he alleged to be FBI director Hoover said his brother" entered into a Ray was an enlisted man in conspiracy to deprive Dr. King the U.S. Army from February, of his civil rights. The FBI re the U.S. Army from 1948, and fused to give details on the 1945, to December, 1948, and fused to give details on the brother yesterday to first

was given a general discharge because of flack of adaptability" to military service. While in service, he also served a three-month sentence at hard 10 inches tall, weighing 163 to Bay, was a loner," which Ray when he escaped last The FBI has denied reports Fri /UPL also reported that BI alert was issued Thursday to, all Irw enforcement agencies in Imperial County, Calif. for a man fitting, Galt's de scription seen, near the Mexi can border. The alert said the man was seen Monday or a back road four and a half miles west of El Centro, Calif. 

# THE NEW YORK TIMES, TU 5-1-<sup>7</sup>45

BY DOUGLAS E. KNEELAND Sparint in The New York Times JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., April 22 - Prison officials and inmates at the state penitentiary here are still stunned that James Harl Ray, a convict who escaped a year ago, has been *c*-accused of conspiring in the slaving of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Last Wednesday the Federal

: Bureau of Investigation named -Eric Starvo Galt, described asi "a 36-vear-old "loner," a neat dresser and avid dancer, as a conspirator in the assassination April 4 of Dr. King in Memphis, Tenn. Start with pictures and sketches of Galt circulated

behind the gray walls of the old penitentiary on the Missouri River, but no word of e recognition was heard along e the prison grapevine. On Friday, the F.B.L said

Galt was Ray, a 40-year-old habitual criminal who escaped from the penitentiary here April 23, 1967, after having served seven years of a 20-year sentence for armed rob-\_ bery. ·

-Warden Harold R. Swenson said in an interview last night that the F.B.L had not notified officials here before the announcement, Nor, he added, has any representative of the agency come to Jefferson City to look at Ray's record or interview prisoners who knew him.

#### Doesu't Shape Up' 🖂

"I was floored," the white-haired warden said. "This guy's penny-ante. It doesn't shape up, does it?"

Thumbing through Rays' records, noting that his work reports in food service here were. pretty good," Mr. Swenson, who has been in prison work nearly 30 years, mostly in the Federal system, shook his head. He's innocuous," he said. "Pennyante."

Noting that the pictures of Galt had meant nothing to the staff and that there had been no reaction from the inmates, the wanten added "If there's anyone who'd talk, it's the prise opers. Quice a guy's gone they'll nalk." An aide strolled into the

warden's office and interrupted. We've got 2,000 prisoners in here," he said, "and none of them recognized him."

"Continuing with Ray's file Mr. Swenson said that the pris oner had received permissi for four persons to visit him two borthers, Jerry and John his mother, Mrs. Lucille Ryan and his grandmother Mrs. Mary Maher. All were listed at the same address, 1913 Hickory Street St. Louis. But the warden said the file did not show whether any of them had vis-

ited Ray. Aside from escape attempts in 1961 and 1966 the warden said, Ray was not a troublesource in prison. His file source only two minin dis-ciplinary reports one for trying to snuggle cigarettes and other contraband to a hospitalfied prisoner and another for refusing to work. That is a hiply musual record, Mr. Swenson explained. He wasn't a big dealer," the warden went on. "We know these people. I've got 125 pic fures here he wasn't in that group. I was shocked. It didn't make any sense to me." Prisoner Nervous Another prison official, who asked not to be identified, came into the warden's second-floor office. This would seem foreign to the nature of the man up to this point," the official said.

\* Although it is against his policy, Warden Swenson agreed because of national interest.in the case, to allow an interview with the prisoner who had been closest to Ray, who was known as a close-mouthed loner without real friends or enemies. A condition of the interview was that the inmate would not be identified The prisoner, the work shirt of his faded green uniform open over a stained white T-shirt. entered the warden's office hesitantly." The other prisoners were wondering, he explained nervously, why he was being or Western and country music, Questioned. Seated at a table in front favorites of Galt. of the warden's desk, dragging , In addition to sex maga deeply on a cigarette, he slow zines," the prisoner added. Ray Shown a picture of Galt and asked if that was his friend, Ray, he shook his head vigor ously. ed. I guess I knew him about as well as anybody. He was here when I came here, in 1960. Them him from about 1962, well, L'associated, with him right up to 1966 where he tried

Just Couldn't Believe It' Struggled, for words as he tried to capture Ray's person-"I just don't know how to explain it," he said. "He was

just the type of guy who took a long time, well, if you didn't know anybody he knew, well...

"The picture with the bow tie on [the F.B.I. photo of Galt], =obody thinks it's him. They think it's a different guy altogether. We think it's two different people altogether: 3 43493

"Now they [the prisoners] say they're just trying to pin it on him because he escaped from here. They think they've got to lay it on somebody, so they're trying to lay it on him. "I just couldn't believe it my-

self. If the man did kill that man, it had to be for money. "ha would be the only st thing. He didn't seem like the kind of guy who would kill anybody. He was the type of guy, you didn't fool with him but he didn't fool with anybody. he"He wasn't the type of guy to tell you anything about himself. He never actually did come out and tell you what he did when he was outside. Anytime you'd get in a conversation with him it would be about money. A dollar here and

the time. Trying to figure a way to make a dollar. Just lits tle, things, Maybe, he'd, buy something for a little bit and sell it for a little bit more. If a guy owed him anything, he'd bug him all the time. He didn't get into fights with them, but he'd hound them."

Ray did not smoke, the pris-oner said, and "didn't say anvthing about girls," although he liked to read "sex magazines." Neither, he added, did Ray show any interest in dancing which the F. B. L. said wer

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# King Slaying Suspect

ed in the slaving of Dr. Martin some point after his escape on Luther King Jr., have told au- April 23, 1967, from the Missouri thorities Ray was a racist and a State Penitentiary in Jefferson habitual user of amphetamines City. while in prison, it was learned today.

extends as far away as Mexico fors. extences as far away as headed to be. and West Germany, served sen-buring the year from the date tences in Illinois, California, of his escape until April 4 when Missouri and the federal peni-King was shot to death in Mem-tentiary at Leaverworth, Kan phis, Tenn., Ray is said to have Some of his fellow prisoners fourneyed 19,000 miles. have described him as an anti-he paid more than \$2,000 for a Negro loner, who spent much white Mustang, took expensive of his time in fail Teading Sex Passons in dancing studies and of his time in jail reading sex lessons in dancing studios and books and girlie magazines.

say bout reports that his sister, phis, investigators say. Melba Ryan of Quincy, He has been connected with Ill, thought he might have gone the car and rifle believed to hit, diought he many where he have been used by King's slaye served part of his three-year by his fingerprints and is wanted Army hitch from early 1843 until by the FBI on a warrant charg he was given a general dis-ing conspiracy in the death o charge in late 1548 for lack of King as well as for being a fugi adaptability to GI life."

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- The FBI has printed thousands of wanted posters in Spanish for widespread circulation of his

Mexico where Convicts who served lime with distribution "M" Mexico where James Earl Ray, the man want- Ray is known to have gone at

Ray's far-ranging travels after his escape is one of the major Ray. object of a manount that question marks facing investiga-

barrending schools and traveled The FBI declined comment on from Birmingham to New Orthe accounts of Ray as a racist lears, to California, to Mexico, and user of pay pills. to New Orleans again, then to The FBI also had nothing to Atlanta, and finally to Mem-

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ing the period after his escape Investigators are hopeful that photos and fingerprints, plus the \$150,000 in reward money of fered for his apprehension, will lead them to Ray. Thousands of leads have been received and all are being checked out.

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## The story of the accused killer of Dr. King

This account is written by Associate Editor William A McWhirter, from reports by LIFE Correspondents Gerald Moore, Richard Woodbury, John Pekkanen, Frank Leeming Jr. and Ron DePaolo.

is name was Galt, Eric Galt, ERIC GALT. If you did not hear the name the first time, that was all right because Eric Starvo Galt was more than likely to repeat it, again and again, as if he were still trying to memorize the thing himself. It seemed new, out of place, like his manner, nervous and friendly and guickly withdrawn, like his \$150 alligator shoes which did not go with the mismatch of blue pants, brown coats and Redi-Ty bow ties, like his puffy stomach which he rubbed wor-Friedly as if it didn't ouite belong to mhim. "I knew he was lying about his • name," says a bar acquaintance, a songwriter who traveled with him from Los Angeles to New Orleans.

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"I just knew he wasn't an Eric. He" was too country to be an Eric."

That is also what the Federal Bureau of Investigation concluded when it identified Eric Starvo Galt, the accused killer of Martin Luther King, as no more than a lean, battered wild-hair, a punk who was a local nuisance in half a dozen Mississippi River towns, a convict who had escaped a year ago in a bread truck from the bakery of the Missouri State Penitentiary in Jefferson City, just plain James Earl Ray.

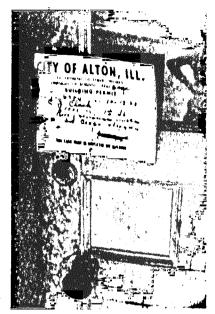
Jimmy Ray was a child whose nose ran all winter, who missed anywhere from 25% to 30% of a school year, flinched when a teacher dared so much as to reach out an arm and sat painfully aware that to the other students in the Ewing, Mo. elementary school he was just another member of the family "out there on the side of that hill without enough to eat."

He had grown up mean in the thinnest of times and the toughest of places. Born March 10, 1928 CONTINUED



# A Character Shaped





James Earl Ray was born in 1928 in the house at right in Alton, Ill. the first of many shabby dwellings occupied by the indigent Ray family as they drifted from one Mississippi River town to another. The present owner recently got a permit (above) to have the roof fixed.





# Growing up



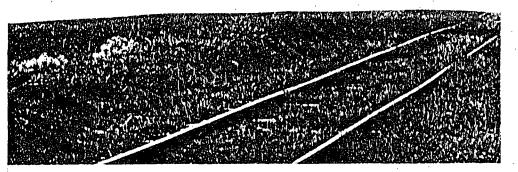
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# by a Mean Life

Among the two dozen tormer schoolmates and teachers who identified Jimmy Ray was Carlisle Washburn (front row, far right), who once broke Ray's leg playing football. Today Washburn (above) is Ewing's postmaster. Ray is shown below after his 1959 arrest in St. Louis for armed robbery.



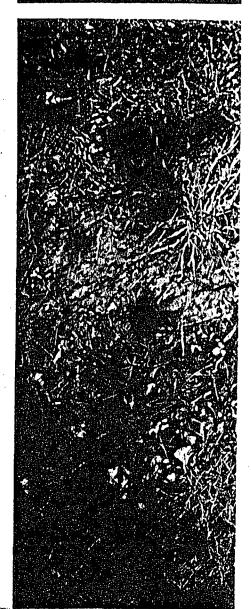


Ray spent his boyhood in Ewing, Mo. (pop. 324), a somnolent village where grass now grows on the abandoned railroad (above), and main street (below) looks pretty much as it always has. In 1944 the family moved to Quincy, III. and Ray, then 16, quit school.

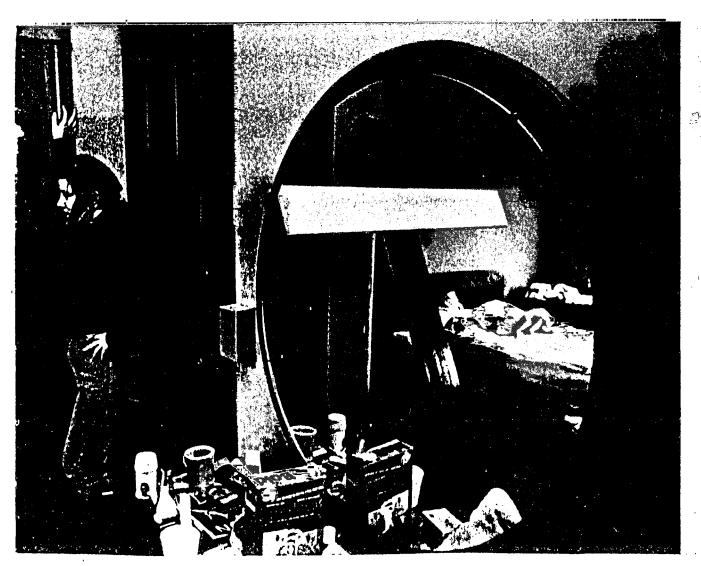


Ray's sister Susan, shown above in her high school yearbook, is now 21 and a North Chicago housewife. Another sister, Melba, 29, lives in a \$1-a-day room in Quincy, where she keeps a large wooden cross (above, right). Their mother, who took the name Ryan after her husband died, lies in a pauper's grave (right) in North Alton.





# in a series of ramshackle river towns



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in Alton, Ill., he was the eldest of nine children of George and Lucille Maher Ray, a Catholic family that was to drift from river town to town throughout the Depression. When he was one year old, the family moved upriver to Quincy, Ill.; when he was 6, they moved across the river to Ewing, Mo., and when he was 16 and out of the eighth grade, they moved again to Quincy. The sight of the large, shiftless family coming where work was scarce was hardly a welcome one for communities with already too little to share. The family even began to think of itself with the same carelessness as the towns themselves had: they were identified as the Rayns, the Raynes or the Raines, either because of the way Ray was drawled out or from confusions with past families. The children cared little in any case and often went to school under different names.

Jimmy was the eldest, but he already seemed to be wearing handme-downs; in rural poverty, no age is ever old enough; there is always someone before you. Virgil Oscar Graves, who was principal of the Ewing school, recalls Ray: "He was a rebel. He rebelled against authority and his approach to most of his teachers was very bad. He always seemed to have trouble getting his assignments in on time. But he was a sensitive

# One head-on encounter





boy. I remember he came up to my desk one day wearing patched overalls and asked whether I thought the other kids would pay attention to his appearance."

The school record was considerably more brusque. James Earl Ray was only in the second grade by the time he was being judged a menace to the Ewing community. The record declared:

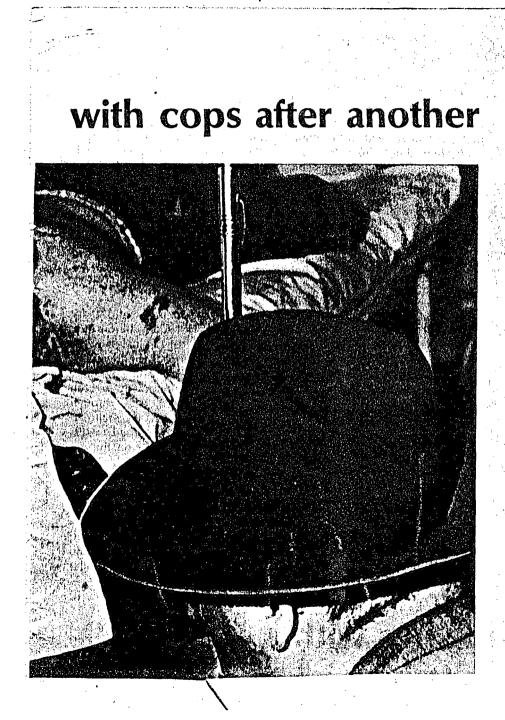
"Honesty—needs watching. "Appearance—repulsive. "Courtesy—seldom if ever polite."

he Ewing school system also took note that his teeth were defective. By the time he was 14. Ray was still in the seventh grade and had slipped so far behind so many classes that everyone's sorriest predictions were confirmed. Ray only tried in endless scraps to make up for what the students, as much as five years younger, were doing to him in the classroom. He was an unmanageable bully. Once, in a fight over a piece of meat in the cafeteria, he ran a knife through his brother Jack's ear. In the sixth grade, he was caught stealing the class's hotlunch money.

"The family had it pretty poor," CONTINUED

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remembers a local resident. "I've a parents. He has only his brothseen the time when they had a second er's example. sack of potatoes to eat-that's all, 1500 Susan Jane, John and Carol have just a sack of potatoes."

dren were either to drift off or the of common notoriety. Behind their homes, seldom again seeing an- in their laments of pride and offense other member of the family. Even and against Jimmy Ray. But it is not today, Gerald Ray, a brother, in- the clear which the family members sists their father's name was George, while Jimmy Ray's birth certificate shows it was James. An uncle, William E. Maher, of Alton, says of the Rays: "We tried to stay away from them. They\_always seemed to want something."

Besides Jimmy, there were Mar-Jorie Ray (who died as a child after setting herself on fire with a box of matches), John, Melba, Carol Jean, Gerald, Franklin "Buzzy" Delano (who was killed in 1964 when he and a girl friend ran their car off a bridge into the river at Quincy; the funeral provided one of the few Ray family reunions), Susan Jane and Max. The father died in 1951, most probably of chronic alcoholism; the mother in 1961. Of the other surviving Rays of Quincy, Melba Ray was in a succession of foster homes and today spends most of her time in the lobby of the decaying Virginia Hotel on Oak Street. Occasionally, she goes to her \$30-a-month room upstairs to

we now been joined with the rest of As they grew up, the Ray chil- at the scattered Ray clan in a kind to be routinely placed in foster locked screen doors, they give hate most: that Ray may have been responsible for such a hateful act or that their neighbors may now learn the truth of their past lives in Ewing and Quincy. Or that, perhaps, after years of obscurity and estrangement, this event may force the Rays together again,

Then there is Gerald (Jerry) Ray, who says simply, "Jimmy is my brother." Over the years, Jerry has been in trouble as often as Jimmy. But Jerry, who lives in Wheeling, Ill., today has grown accustomed to their separations and of the family is probably closest to his brother. "After we were grown," he says, "about the only times I could see him was when he was visiting me in jail or when I would visit him. One or the other of us was in fail most of the time. Jimmy wrote me a lot."

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store," he says, "is worth maybe \$200, but a supermarket is worth about \$1,500"), so he can be coolly analytical about the King case. As he told the FBI when discussing his brother's motives: "Well, look at it this way. Jimmy escaped. He had served seven years of a 20-year sentence. Because he escaped, he would be facing flat time if they caught him plus more time on him for escaping. He would have to steal while he was out to support himself so he knew he would get rapped extra for that. A deal with a lot of money would have looked pretty good to a man in that circumstance. He sure didn't have any love for colored people, but I know he wouldn't have put himself in a spot like this unless there was something in it for him."

In their last winter in Ewing, the Ray children had spent most of their time in bed for lack of heat in the home, which had only a dirt floor. They began tearing out the inside of the house to use for kindling until, in early spring, the remainder of the building simply collapsed around them. The Rays left Ewing soon afterward and James Earl Ray, who was then 16, little more than a town nuisance and an uneducated school bully, drifted off to join the Army.

Ray's service record is erratic but blunt enough about the failure of the following two years. If there was anything more miserable for Ray than competing with boys five years younger, it came in dealing with men his own age. There were enough battles to make his Army career look like a Golden Gloves circuit instead of a tour of duty spent mostly in Germany, as an infantryman and military policeman. Finally he was handed a general discharge in December 1948 that cited Ray's "ineptness and lack of adaptability to military service."

He lost a factory job in Chicago, had a car repossessed in St. Louis and used up a bank account in Alton before heading for Los Angeles in the fall of 1949. It was there that he began to commit an almost clownish series of crimes, angry and desperate. As a hapless and headstrong victim of a depression that seemed to be lifting everywhere but where he was, James Earl Ray would have been as effective if he had settled for kicking tires. As it was, he chose to hold up grocery stores.

Ray first tried to steal a typewriter from a cafeteria office in L.A., but was discovered by an assistant manager. He got away but only after dropping his Army discharge papers and a bank savings book. Even so, he stayed around the neighborhood until a parking lot attendant recognized him and called the cops. With no record, only 21 and an Army veteran, Ray was given a 90-day term.

"Every time he came back here, he got into trouble," says his uncle, Bill Maher, in Alton. And the Alton police chief, William Peterson, remembers the passing through of James Earl Ray with a special loathing: "He was a dirty neck, the kind of criminal who gets into all kinds of trouble, hates and has no respect for the iaw." But if Ray blundered, got caught and returned only to lose another day, he did so with persistence. On May 6, 1952 he tried robbing a cab driver in Chicago of \$11 but was again discovered, chased by policemen down a oneway alley; when he refused to surrender, one of the patrolmen fired a shot, hitting him in both arms. Ray fell through a basement window, cutting his face open. He was found guilty and sentenced to two years in the state prison. On March 12, 1954 he was released.

Attempting to break into a dry cleaner's in East Alton, Ill. on Aug. 28, 1954, he lost his loafers as he kicked out the front windows. The police began arriving and Ray turned, in stocking feet, to run across the broken glass, through thickets and over the railroad tracks. The police stopped to dismantle the distributor on the engine of his parked car. Ray circled back and tried to start the motor, but he took off again as the police converged. He tried again and then a third time to return to the car, both times failing to start it; finally, with his feet slashed and bleeding, he ran some five miles to a relative's house.

A spell of high living with a roll of 20s



his getaway car so Ray ran five miles home in badly cut stocking feet—only to be arrested anyway. East Alton Police Chief Harold Riggins (top left, standing in front of cell Ray occupied) recalls Ray's habit of flinching when he told a lie "as though he'd been slapped around a lot and was afraid of being hit." Captain Ebert Grimes (left) remembers him as "a man who had no use for anything." she has painted red, white and blue and lettered "rugged cross." She once walked it down Maine Street in Quincy. "I made it," she says, "to keep my sanity. After what happened to Kennedy and the war and all . . . I had to turn to Jesus."

Susan Jane, who will be 21 this week, never bothered to see Melba, although she lived only a few miles away from the Virginia Hotel until 1965. She was a hospital cafeteria worker, secretary and gogo dancer until marrying an exbandleader who now manages a hamburger drive-in in North Chicago. Susan falled even to recognize Jimmy's picture in the newspapers.

John, the next eldest after Jimmy Ray, has also served prison time, for burglary. So far, he hasn't been heard from. Carol is now a St. Louls housewife who called a relative to say she was horrified and too ashamed to think of even leaving her home. Max, 17 years old, is living with foster



In 1959 Ray and a partner held up Mrs. Mary Wegener (above) in her Alton grocery. "I can still feel his gun in my back," she says. "He was a vicious guy." The partner was caught but Ray got away.

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Those in Los Angeles who got to know James Ray as Eric Galt last winter remember him as a loner with plenty of cash. Songwriter Charles Stein (bottom left) describes how "he kept pulling out

those fresh 20s and never counted his change." Tomas Reyes Lau (upper left), to whom Ray paid \$245 for a four-week bartending course, found him an apt pupil: "Self-confident with good hand coordination." By contrast Kathy Norton (right), one of his dancing instructors, remembers him as "clumsy" and socially inept. Bo Del Monte (above), bartender at the Rabbit's Foot Club where Ray often spent his evenings drinking 50-cent screwdrivers, calls him "a meck kind of man"—except for the night he got into an argument with a woman about the race problem and loudly denounced all Negroes.

In March 1955, Ray was arrested with a partner for passing forged money orders and sentenced to Leavenworth Penitentiary, where he was released two years and nine months later, in early 1958.

I t was not until Aug. 7, 1959 that Ray Bad his first success-an \$800 grocery store holdup in St. Louis. He and his partner both escaped. Incouraged, two weeks later they chose a market in Ray's old neighborhood in Alton. It was hardly a smooth operation. The wife of the market owner remembers: "At first, I thought he was fooling around and so I started telling him about God and then he pulled the gun. That was all there was. He chased people all around the store. He just ran around like a wild man." But the pair got \$2,200. Their escape, however, was so rushed that Ray forgot to shut his car door and fell out as he Swerved the car sharply around a corner. The car crashed and Ray fled, leaving his partner behind,

In October, Ray returned to St.

Louis with a new accomplice to hold up a second market there. But this time, they got only \$190 from a cashier and then were followed by a customer who gave police a running account as they switched cars. Their new car was later seen parked in front of Ray's rooming house. As the police entered the building, they spotted Ray and ordered him to halt. He turned and ran to his room; one of the cons followed and hit him over the head with his revolver. Another boarder happened by and, taking advantage of the distraction, Ray stood up and began to run. A patrolman fired a single shot and Ray surrendered. It took a jury only 20 minutes to sentence him to 20 years in the Missouri State Penitentiary. That was the last time James Earl Ray stood trial.

Ray, however, was not quite spent. After the verdict, Earl A. Riley, a deputy sheriff, remembers that he "had taken the handcuffs off one of his wrists when Ray suddenly grabbed my arm and swung me around against the cell bars. While I was on the floor, he tried to kick me in the head, then he

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Warden Harold Swenson (above) of the Missouri penitentiary from which Ray escaped a year ago rates him as "strictly a small-timer." But Ray's brother Jerry, 32 (left), is convinced his brother "had a deal" after he got out and was "onto a lot of money." Jerry, himself an excon, was also a prime FBI suspect in the King case until he established that he was at work in Wheeling, III. when the murder

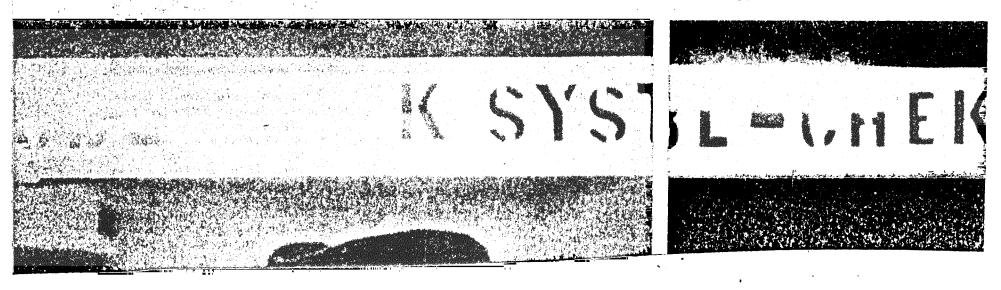
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broke loose and ran to an elevator," where he was caught.

For the next seven years in prison, Ray distinguished himself only by a series of solitary escape attempts which earned him the nickname "The Mole." For this quiet, angry figure the ventures were perhaps a source of amusement, perhaps a way to do precisely what the skinny schoolboy in Ewing, Mo. had always wanted to have happen—to rebel, be recaptured and revolt again. "Hey, kids, it's THE MOLE!" Once he tried to scale a wall and was knocked unconscious when his makeshift ladder collapsed; another time, in 1966, he hid for two days in a ventilator shaft, then crawled to a rooftop only to have a guard spot his hands coming up over the top. He was trying to escape with \$4.15, razor blades, a broken mirror and a bag of assorted pills. Then, exactly a year ago, he finally did it. In the curiously lit world that includes a sleek, bleached strip of North Hollywood, Eric Starvo Galt might have seemed 34 or even 28 years old, depending on the shade, the time of day or how close he was sitting to the bar lamp at the Rabbit's Foot Club. Galt, who was 40, looked like a man learning to

# From a grocery store bandit caught by a hidden

In the act of holding up a St. Louis grocery in 1959, Ray and accomplice Joseph Austin were photographed by a fixed-focus camera normally used to identify check cashers. Austin unknowingly stood in front of the camera (left) before he and Ray rifled the cash register of \$1,200. Then he fol-







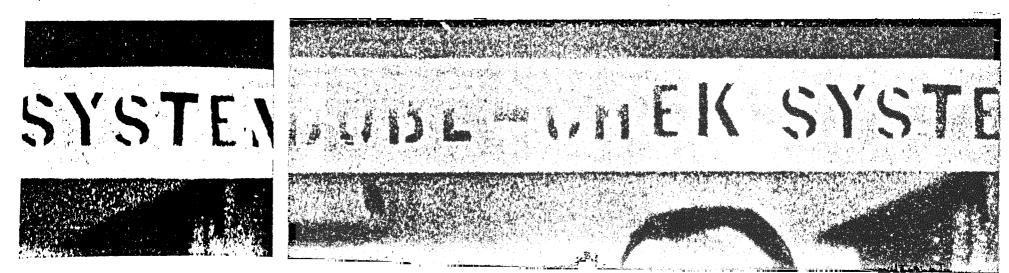
swing; last November, he went on a marijuana-buying junket to Mexico. "Sharon," one of his ballroom dance instructors, had suggested to the girls at the National Dance Studios in Long Beach that her pupil had developed a crush; he trembled, she said, when he stood too close. But Galt fled in his white Mustang after only an hour on Go-Go Night, and for \$245, paid in advance, enrolled in bartending school instead.

James Earl Ray had never had his picture among the "big dealers" in the warden's album in the Missouri State Penitentlary. In Prison, like any kid from Alton or Quincy or Ewing or Shelbina, Mo., he had never mixed with the big boys from Kansas City and St. Louis. "He's innocuous," said the warden. "He's penny ante."

That is, James Earl Ray, slight and round-shouldered, who flinched, smiled a crooked, privale grin and sometimes even seemed to walk on a slant, was once penny ante. But, says the FBI, on April 4 in Memphis, at the moment Martin Luther King died, all the bills for the Mustang, the shoes, the dancing lessons and a \$150 30.06 Remington —and maybe the bitter childhood —came duc.

# camera to the most hunted man in the country

lowed Ray out (center) as both stuffed their pockets. At right, a policeman holds their hats, lost in the escape. Arrested two months later for another robbery, Ray was convicted and sentenced to 20 years in the Missouri penitentiary. He was serving this term when he escaped last year and vanished.





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Following is the text of a statement released by the Federal Bureau of Investigation yesterday concerning a warrant issued for Eric Starvo Gait in the slaying of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.: . ... 

--- Attorney General Ramsey Clark announced today that Eric Starvow Galt is being sought by the F.B.I as a fugitive on a Federal charge arising-from the fatal shooting of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in Memphis, Tenn. on April 4, 1968. Director J. Edgar Hoover stated that a Federal complaint was filed by the F.B.L. in Birmingham, Ala., today charging Galt with conspiring to violate the civil rights of Dr. King in violation of Ttitle 18, Section 241 of the United States Code The F.B.I. complaint charges that "on or about March 29, 1958, in Birmingham, Ala, Eric Starvo Gait and an individual - whom het alleged to be his brother, entered into a conspiracy which continned until on or about April 5, 1968, to injure; oppress, threaten, or intimidate Martin Luther King Jr. in the free exercise or enjoyment of a right secured to him by the constitution or laws of the United States; namely, the right to freely travel from state to state. In furtherance of this conspiracy Eric Starvo Galt did, on or about March 30, 1958, purchase a rifle at Birmingham, Ala.

#### Rifle Found

According to Mr. Hoover, a .30'06 rifle equipped with a telescopic sight was found near a rooming house on: South Main Street in Memphis, immediately, after, the Dec. 15, 1967, and drove his: Tata shooting of De. King white Mustang to New Oreccurred. The rooming house " leans, where he claimed ho Forefooks the Lorraine Hotel . contacted : either an engi-

and. Motel where Dr. King was staying.

Mr. Hoover said that F.B.L. agents determined that the .30-'06' rifle had been purchased from a gun dealer in Birmingham, Ala., on March 30, 1968. The telescopic sight was also purchased from this dealer. The F.B.I. director said

that Galt, who has used the names of John-Willard and Harvey-Lowmyer in the past, is the owner of a 1966 white Mustang bearing Alabama license plates which was located abandoned in Atlanta Ga., on April 11, 1968. Investigation disclosed that Galt purchased this car from a private citizen in Birmingham on Aug. 30, 1967. The Mustang odometer showed that it had been driven more than 19,000 miles between late August 1967, and early April 1968..... Pres de

According to Mr. Hoover; Galt's travels in the Mustang included trips to Los Angeles, Calif.; New Orleans, La.; Birmingham, Ala., and Mexico, as well as to Memphis, Tenn., and Atlanta, Ga. Galt was reported to have been in Memphis on April 3 and 4, 1968, and to have departed from there for Atlanta.

#### Avid Dancer

Intensive investigation by the F.B.L has disclosed that Gait- has claimed to have been in Florida as a cook on Mississippi River vessels and as a merchant seaman. He is said to be an avid dancer and took dancing lessons in New Orleans in 1964 and 1965; in Birmingham between September and October, 1967, and in Long Beach, Calif., from December, 1967, to Feb-

ruary, 1968. Galt left Los Angeles on

neering or contracting firm. He le t New Orleans on Dec. ind arrived back in Los Angeles on Dec. 21, 1967. -

While in the Los Angeles area earlier this year, Galt took a course at a school of bartending and was graduated on March 2, 1968.

The fugitive is described as a white male. He is approximately 5 feet 8 inches to 5 feet 11 inches tall and weighs between 160 and 175 pounds. He is said to be a neat dresser and has a medium build. Gait has brown hair which he wears in a "brush" cut: He reportedly has blue eyes; his nose is straight and narrow; his teeth are straight and clean; and he has given his date of birth as July 29, 

#### - Nervous Habit

The fugitive is said to have a nervous habit of occasionally pulling at an ear lobe: with his hand. His left ear protrudes farther from his. head than his right ear.

According to Mr. Hoover, persons who have met Galt' describe him as a "loner" and state his language and diction have a "rural" quality and suggest that he probably does not have a high: degree of education. He is: said to drink alcoholic beverages and has a preference forvodka and beer. He is a fan. of Western and country mu-Sec. 2. 1. 1. 1. 1 

The Federal statute under which Galt has been charged provides a maximum penalty of 10 years imprisonment and/or \$5,000 fine. Bond of \$50,000 has been recommended.

Gait should be considered. armed and dangerous. Any information concerning him should be furnished immediately to the nearest F.B.I.

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By MARTIN WALDRON 

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Apparently there was a suspect's. mixup. The Home Office as- Yard officials declined to serted that it received a re- confirm or deny the story.

LONDON, July 2-Arthur J. quest from Ray on June 25 for Hanes, the American attorney an interview with his attorney for James Earl Ray, is due to at Wandsworth Prison. The rearrive in London Friday for quest was granted the same an unexpected second visit to day, but Hanes had already

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A squad of ten detectives has been working full-time on the case of the man accused of killing the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. since his arrest on June 8 at London Airport under the name of Ramon George S n e y d Several thousand people have been questioned about Ray's movements in London from May 17 until his arrest.

One major blank spot remains. British police still do not know where Ray was staying for the first ten days after his arrival. But the belief is that he was staying in a cheap and obscure rooming house in London, and not in a private residence. Ray himself has reportedly

where he stayed bag thrown to a cashier during the robbery of a London bank The robbery occurred on the afternoon of June 4 when a man wearing sun glasses walked into the Trustees - Saving Bank on. bustling North End Road in Fulham. The man pulled out a gun and said to the counter clerk, "Put some money in this." He escaped with about £100 (\$240) in 5-pound notes. 15

Immediately after the robbery, the clerk described the gunman as being about 40 years old, 5 feet 10 inches tall, suntanned with wavy black hair and possibly of mid-European origin. He wore a blue suit and his face was not masked.

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branches of London Trustees, is a small office with five cash windows. It is on a busy shopping street in a working-class district and adjoins a narrow street called Clem Attlee Parade.

The white bag left behind by the robber was turned over to Scotland Yard's fingerprint bureau and was first dusted with a recently developed chemical used to disclose fingerprints on paper. It was then put under heat, yielding a clear impression of prints that matched those of Ray.

British police first became aware that the 40-year-old American might be in London a week before his arrest. Scotland Yard was informed that the Canadian Royal Mounted Police had found that Ray was travelling under the name of Ramon George Sneyd and was London-bound.

If Ray had been travelling under an American passport, it would have been easy for police to determine immediately if he had entered Britain. But Canadians, as members of the Commonwealth, are subject to less rigorous immigration controls.

The Scotland Yard officer in charge of the case has been Chief Inspector Kenneth Thompson, who for 29 years has specialized in offenses involving illegal immigrants and false passports. When word reached Thompson that Ray might be in England, the inspector issued an "all-port warning." There are usually only a

few names on the "all-port warning" list, which is given to special branch detectives at every point of entry into Britain. One of the officers who had this list was Detective Sgt. Philip Birch, who at 11:30 a.m. on June 8 was standing next to the immigration desk at building No. 2 in London Airport. When Ray came to the

desk and showed his Canadian possport, the immigration officer noticed that he had a second Canadian passport in his wallet and asked why. This was the unitial warming-signal that first brought Ray to the attention of Sgt. Birch, who, when he saw the name "Sneyd" immediately called Chief. Inspector Thompson.

Ray's apparent carelessness in letting an official see the second passport is felt to be typical of his proneness to accidents. Police believe that Ray's past record of almost comically bungled crimes in America, and his behavior during stops in Toronto and Lisbon, are consistent with the maladroit London pattern.

British police have found no evidence that Ray had or made any friends while he was in Britain. The only time any witness saw Ray with anyone else during his London stay was on June 4, the day he left a hotel in. Earls Court to find a new place to stay.

Ray turned up at a YWCA hostel on Warwick Way in Victoria. The hostel, despite its name, also provides rooms for men, and the

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woman at the desk saw Ray with a young blond man who she thought was an American. Ray was told that there was no room at the hostel, and was referred to the Pax Hotel, three doors down the same street.

When Ray turned up at the Pax Hotel he was alone. He then spent most of his time in his room. The only mail he received was a postcard from Ian Colin, a Daily Telegraph reporter whom Ray had called to seek information about getting in tough with European mercenaries.

British police believe that the whole purpose of his trips to London and Lisbon,

and of the trip he was planning to make to Brussels, was to join up with white mercenaries, probably in Biafra, which is fighting for independence from Nigeria.

When he left the Pax Hotel on June 8, two paperback novels were found in his room. One was a yellowcovered thriller, "Tangier Assignment" by Cameroun Bougvie. It is described by its blurb: "In a time of Suez crises, the Mediterranean, from Tangier to Port Said, seethes with nationalist revolt, international intrigue, Mafia villainy and freebooting contrabandists. Helped by the lovely Sandra Grant, this is precisely the situation on which Robert Belacourt thrives ... although many interests would rather see him dead."

Written in the back flyleaf of the novel was the calculation "2.40 times 6 equals 14.40." At the time of his arrest, Ray had about 60 pounds on him. If he was a big-time operator, with powerful friends and a massive bankroll, he concealed it completely during a London visit remark-

able chiefly for its banality.

## British Judge Orders Ray Extradited to U.S.

By Karl E. Meyer WRIUL 1958

CONDON, July 2 A Bri tside magistrate" today, orered the return of James Earl, Ray, to the United States to face charges of mindering the Rev. Dr. Martin Lother King Jr Ray, 40, showed no visible motion ( in Bow Street, Court & as he heard. Chief Magistrate Frank Millon reect 3 a defense "argument" that the murder of Dr. King a political crime and therefore not subject to ex Fadition 200 The judgment, which is al most certain to be appealed; was ipronounced in a a room. If meant that the American had lost the first major round in what could Lif an unexpected develop ment, Ray complained, that

 The had not received all the rights due him since he was accested at London airport du June 8 under the name i of Ramon George Sneyd.

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W Sketch by Illesw JAMES RARL RAY at hearing yesterday Yard, who quoted Ray at the time of his arrest as saying Oh God Staticel so trapped." Ray declared: "L would like to take the opportunity to object to Ma Butler's testimony, espe cially in view of the fact that this case, will be given wide publicity in the United States, especially in the socalled liberal press."

I would urge this court o take in the totality of the

circumstances, One, that did not sign any kind of statement, whatsoever, and also the fact I said I did no! want to have a conversation anybody connected with the TIS Justine-Davar Hay also objected to bein denied a visit with U.S. At torney Arthur, Hanes, stat ing that I believe there is a connection between A this hearing and the trial in the T. was Shortly after rested by British authori ties, I engaged an att in the United States, M Mr thur Hanes of Birmingham Ala. He subscriptently made the trip to consult with me This was opposed by Home Secretary, and I made air application to the Home Secretary and received no answer of Anglia (1.5) see " "I then wrote to Edward Heath Geader of the conservative "lopposition)" Ray said ;; and was informed by the governor of Wandsworth Prison that this was not permissible; and that be would forward the letter to Mr; Callaghan (James ) Cal laghan the Home' Secretaryl and the structure of S"Evidently the Home Sec-

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The judge rejected a d fense contention that a tech nical difference in terminology meant that Ray could

not be extradited for armed robbery, for which he was convicted in 1960 and was serving a 20-year sentence in Missouri State Penitentiary until this catape first year. ( Gobbery with violence" and it Marmedi robbery are anala 11 gous offenses, The Magis-

Thernext legal move now ests/ with Ray's court appointed solicitor Michael

CORDERED IN LONDON LONDON (UPI) A London court today ordered James Earl Ray, extradiled to the United States to shart trial in the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Ray, 40 kientified, as an escaped convict from a Missouri Jail, 18 arcrised of shooting the civil rights leader in Memphis, Tenn, in April 4 He wis arrested at London Auport on Junes 8. Hay's defense alloriney Roger Prisby, argued in Bow Street Magistrate Court that the slaying was a political crime Bur Prink Million chief metropolitan magistrate for London, agreed with the U.S. possilon that it was outright murder. There is still much legal red face to go through before Hay is treburned to the United States. His defense alloriney indicated he would appeal in a new Ya1958d take Weaks

U.S. Denies Killing King Was Political

LONDON (AP) The U.S. government today denied James Farl Ray's contention that the killing of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was a political crime for which he could not be extrafilled from Britain and the state of the show that the murder of place to further the ends of a larger enterprise." David Catent, a British lawyer tere

ing the U.S. government, old London's Chief, Magistrate Milton ( day's was the second ses in the Bow Street Mag rate's Court on the U.S. gov mment's application for Ray's stradition, At the first beau last web Ray denied he to other mail or body was rvolved, Calcuit, said today. There have been undertone hatithis might be so, but the eridence before this court points a lone assassination for pri vale purposes." Ray's British attorney, Rog er Frisby, toke the magistrate that whoever killed King did not do it on personal grounds but because he disapproved of the type of activity King was conducting nt a start **Ray Makes Statement** Shortly after the court a nined for hunch, Ray returned imate an unexpected state between nen, he told the magistrate

Say, and I would like to thank the cells adjoining the court. SPersons accused of political crimes' are not subject to extradition under the treaty between Britain and the United States. The United States has also asked for Ray's extradition as an escaped convict from the Missouri State Penitentiary, but if he is returned on that charge only, the extradition treaty would prevent his trial on the murder charge. \* Frisby argued that an offense out any attempt to overthrow the lawful government of a country: Nor was it necessary for there to be any kind of open insurrection or civil war, he contended Fourth Court Appearance Wherever there is a substantial body of persons in the state seeking by constitutional or other means to compel the governinfent; oc the state to change its you have a situation policy where even the crime of murder may be motivated politic

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because he disapproved of the type of activity King was con ducting the state Ray Makes Statement Sec. 5 Shortly after - the court adjourned for lunch, Ray returned to make an unexpected state-ment first street was so Sandwiched between two policemen, he told the magistrate: "I don't want to repeat myself. I would like to take the opportunity to object to Mr. Butler's testimony." Detective Chief Supt. Thomas Butler of Scotland Yard had testified last week that, when accused, Ray collapsed on a seat in-his cell crying: "Oh God I feel so trapped."

"Ray quickly denied he ever said it, and he made a further denial today." especially in view of the fact that this case will probably be given wide publicity in" the United States, especially in the so-called liberal press." Never Signed Anything I would arge this court to take in the totality of the cucumstances," Ray said. "ne, that, I did not sign any kind of statement whatsoever, and also the flact that I said I did not want to have conversation with anybody, sconnected with the United States Justice Depart-ments

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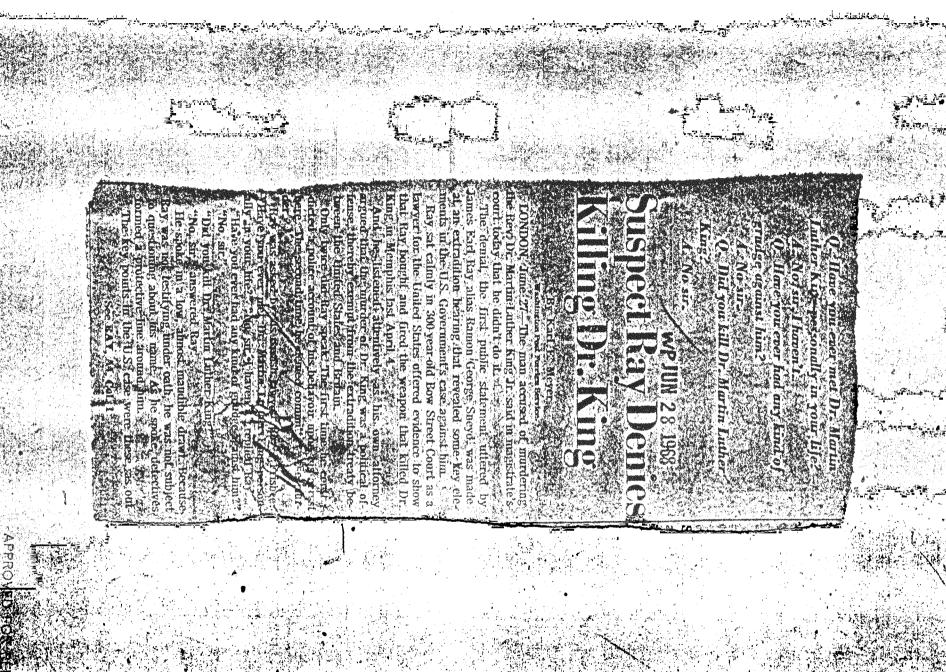
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"I have to say that the deceased man was a political fig ure engaging in political activi it was Ravis fourth appear-Lies." Annual State ance in Bow Street count since his arrest on June 8 at London airport, where he was waiting to board mplane for Brussels with a Canadian passport issued to Ramon George Sneyd.

The hearing may end loda but if the magistrate rules in favor of extradition, Ray is cer tain to appeal to the High Court. This would extend his stay in Britain for weeks at least.) Kitradition Expected The first extradition bearing Thursday was devoted mainly to testimony on behalf of the US government seeking to prove that Ray had purchased a rifle with telescopic sights "in Birmingham, Ala., had been seen in a Memphis, Tenn., rooming house overlooking the motel where King was shot, and that prints found on the abandoned gun were his. British legal expenses general

are convincted that Milton will order Ray's extradition But they's say, that conflicting precedents give Frisby ample deope to argue the case on appeal. Over the years, British courts

have held that to be entitled to exemption for a political of fense, a fugitive must be allied with one of two separate and identifiable, political groups con tending for power in a country



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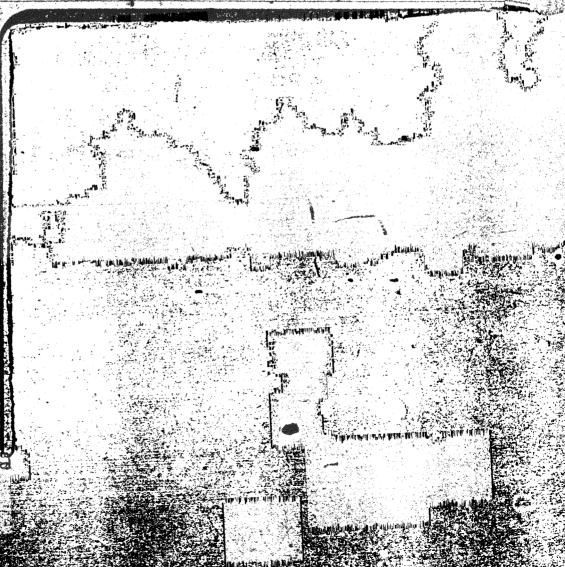
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### 3 Witnesses Against Ray Varish From Memphis

MEMPHIS, Team June 27 (UPI)—Three key witnesses against James Earl Ray, accused of killing the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., have dropped from sight and may be in protective custody, investigation showed today.

A fourth witness has been confined to a mental institution, authoritative sources said. The witness was not identified.

British barrister David Calcutt, representing the United States today at an extradition hearing for Ray in London, told the court that American authorities had a witness a "Mr. Stevens," who had seen Ray enter the boarding house bathroom that Dr. King's killer used as a sniper's post.

Calcutt's disclosure sent local reporters scurrying to the coarting house induthe coarting house induther interview Charles Q. Stevens, who was known to have given authorities information concerning the April 4 killing.

But when newsmen reached the house they found Stevens missing and a pallock on his old room, No. a Also missing were Bessie Brewer, former house manager, and another occupant, Wille Anchuiz, who gave officials information.

Mrs. Brewer and her husband, Frank, had been replaced in the manager's office by Mr. and Mrs. James MacDonald. The Mac-Donalds said they had been managing the rooming house 'only wiew days" and did not know the Brewers.

Frank Holloman, Director of Fire and Police, said Ne could make no comment, and FBI agent Robert Jen-



Onited Press International CHARLES STEVENS In witness against Ray

sen, questioned about Stevens, said he talked to him a few weeks ago, but "I have no knowledge of is whereabouts at the present time." Jensen refused to comment regarding Mrs. Brewer and Anchutz, explaining: "I'm sorry. I'm restricted and can say nothing about the case."

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## Ray Sole Killer, U.S. Says at Hearing LONDON (UPI)-The United wide. It was wrapped in newspa- rested. He said he told Ray that p.m. for a 75-minute lunch pe- unitcensed pistol, and using a States said today James Earl pers."

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A British lawyer for the United States called in a formal ex- Motel. I saw a lot of mon and tradition hearing for Ray's return to Memphis, Tenn., to face charges of the "calculated, brutal and senseless murder" of the Nobel Peace Prize-winning civil rights leader April 4.

British barrister David Calcutt said in historic Bow Street Magistrate's Court that finger prints connected Ray to the rifle used to assassinate King.

 The attorney said U.S. authorities had a witness who any Ray enter a rooming house bathroom Rav come out of the room a minute lator.

as a "Mr. Stovens" but did not give his first name.

#### Heard Shot Fired

The barrister said the witness said Ray stayed an "unconscionable length of time" the third an American although he carand last time he was observed ried two Canadian passports in going in the bathroom. The third time Mr. Stovens picked up.

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(in the rooming house.) King was hit as he stood on a motol balcony. Investigators said the shot was fired from the P bathroom window in the room-b ing house across the street. As Ray stood — showing no 2 apparent emotion — in the pris-oner's dock, Calcult looked at N him" and said: "This tragic A death was the work of this crim- | c

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rooming house matched prints of said. Market and the work Ray on file with the FBI.

#### Admitted Being American

A Scotland Yard detective testilled that Ray admitted he was the name of Sneyd when he was

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#### Made No Admissions Gal

Butler said, however, the man The defendant made "no ad-

"I think it was the same man I citizenship he had reason to be- te hearing would be held next days later the magistrate or week.

with the case said they expected the hearing to be completed today. Further legal proceedings The barrister charged the bun- Ray the accused suddenly will follow a decision by the magistrate. British law requires that the Home Secretary concur in extraditions and that he give the person held 15 days to appeal the magistrate's decision to a higher court decision or the House of Lords, Man Kashing Logal sources said Ray and his attorneys could delay extradition through the end of the

summor even if all appeals fail. Ray has been held under maximum security wing of London's Mandsworth Prison.

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June 10, Ray was formally The hearing recessed at 1:05 charged with carrying a loaded

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Work of "Single Hand"

Calcutt described the trime as "the working of a single hand." Today's was the third British court appearance for the 40-year-old escaped convict from Missouri since Scotland Yard detectives arrested him at a London airport June 8 and charged him with possessing false pass-ports and a loaded pistol. He was traveling under the name of a Toronto policeman, Ramon George Sneyd.

ed Ray at the hearing. He rode to the court in a black police paddy wagon. Calcutt quoted Stevens as sayerng he was certain a shot had ween fired from the bathroom mween my kitchen and the bathroom was very thin." Saw Man Ranning

a EI looked tin sugh a broken pane of glass and heard voices coming from across the street in the direction of the Lorraine Motel." the lawyer quoted Stevens. I opened my door and I looked toward the bathmoon. The door was open. I ssaw a man running He was carrying a bundle which looked to be about three to four feet long and six to eight inches

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### The Many Faces of James, Earl Ray

Plotures of James Earl Ray, accused of killing in Memphis. The photos, released previously ploture at left to the latest, one at right with the Roy, Pr. Martin Luther King Jr. on April 4 by the FBI, range from the 1950 St. Louis police the eyes sketched in by a police artist.

## Suspect in Dr. King's Killing Arrested

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#### Affidavit Notarized

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smithing offered by a school in New Jersey, da 1 arst, External Affairs Minister Michell Sharp called for a "full, study" on tightening Canada's passport regulations. In the Justice Department sketches of Ray is in the announcement, Hoover singled out the Mounted Police and Scotland Yard for praise for their cooperation in one of the most / wide-ranging searches for a suspect in recent times. Shot From Rooming House

The 65-day-old search Ithat

Ray was in Montreal in the in the rooming house across! The arrest came on the day summer of 1967, the FBE dis-from the Lorraine Motel. the funeral of another a rolled as Eric Galt for a cor-hunting rifle with a telescopic Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, and respondence course in lock-sight in the rooming house on helped to ease tensions that South Main Street. The 'gun had' arisen over the lack of rewas purchased March 30 in sulls in the search for Dr. Immediately after the ar-Birmingham, Hoover said, She King's killer.

The search extended through Complaints About Police the United States, Canada and

ing numerous aphotos and plained that the Memphis po-At several points police acion to apprehend the killer. thought they had traced Ray to definite locales-once. Florida, once California, and once Mexico-but each time the trail, if it existed at all, vanished. There was conjecture that Ray was dead.

Mexico, with the FBI circulat- Many Negroes had comlice had not taken immediate On Tuesday, a delegation of the Poor People's Campaign angrily asked Attorney General Clark why no arrest had been made.

Dr. King's widow in New York for Sen. Kennedy's full

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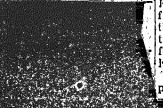
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#### Duplicate Issued

Ray is reported to have left Canada May 6 on a flight to London. He then immediately flow to Lisbon, where he told the Canadian Consulate that he was a Canadian whose passport had been lost or stolen. He was issued a duplicate Scotland Yard said that Ray arrived back in London on a flight from Lisbon yesterday, and was going to travel on to Brussels.

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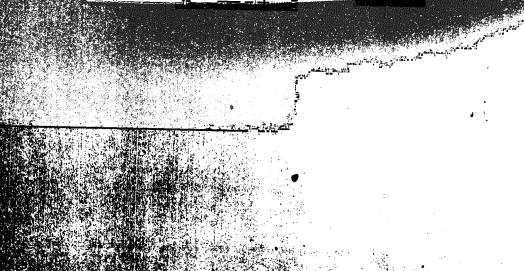
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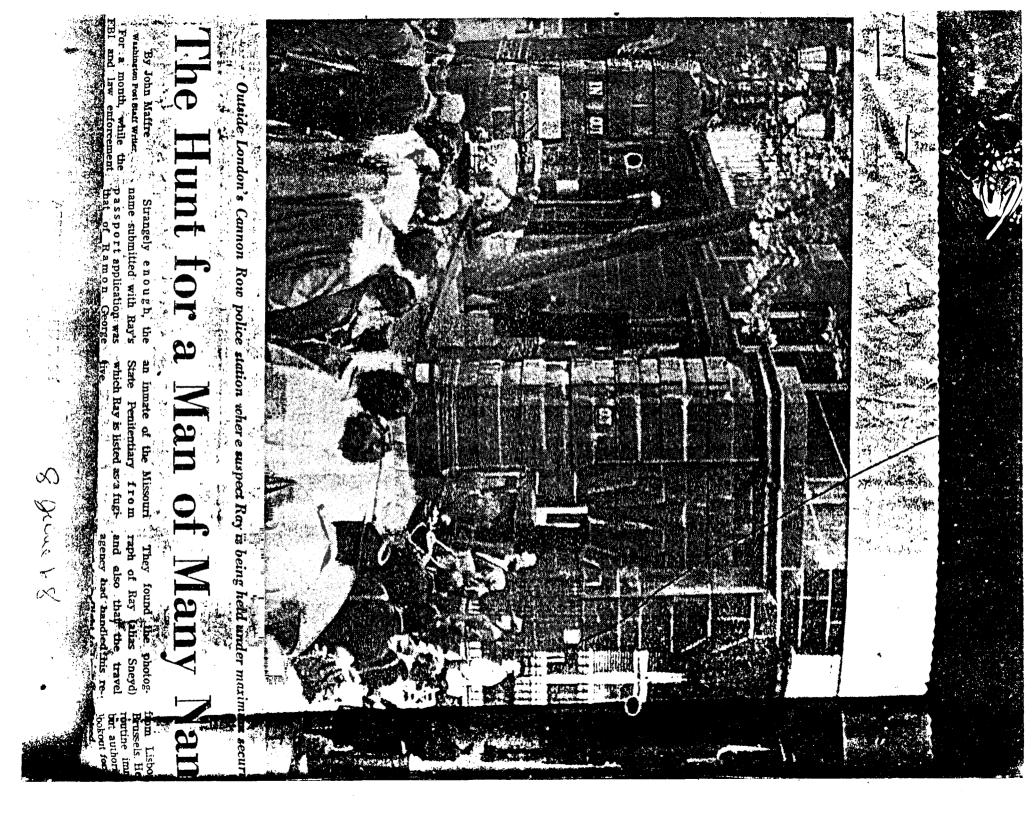
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For a month, while the passport application was BI and law enforcement. That of Ramon George gencies throughout the inited States hunted for James Earl Ray, he was iving in a shabby area of lowntown Toronto.

The section Ray picked is dso known for its large olony of American exatriates-mostly young men who have moved to Canada o escape the draft To this day, the 40-year-old Ray's month in Toronto renains largely a mystery to the city's division of the Royal Canadian Mounted And when they Bolica mo atter a week ago after a Ray's picture had been identified on a frandulent passport application --- Ray was gone, and few remem- & and we would like very bered him.

For weeks a team of 10 or 12 Mounties had sat in Ottawa's Bank street headquarters of the External Affairs Passport Office combing through more than 200.-? 000 passport applications made in the last year.

They finally came across that give-away photograph, one that had been eluding the FBI in Washington in its own search through more than 100,000 applications in State Department files. Within minutes the RCMP was on the phone to Toronto the FBFs liaison man in Ottawa was alerted, Wash ington was called and the

Sneyd, who (except for a minor difference in the first name) turned out to be an officer on Toronto's police force.

Ray even went to the extent of learning-Sneyd's date of birth and the names of his parents so he could get a birth certificate in his name, and use it to get the passport. Yet for some reason the application he made used the first name "Ramon" in the Spanish fashion, not "Raymond."

"He was a smart cookie" reflected Metropolitan Toronto Police Chief Bernard Simmonds, "He learned a lot about that name Snevd much to know how he did

(There's another irony in the name Sneyd. It's a common one in eastern Ontario. many being descendants of the United Empire Lovalists who trekked north to Canada fike good Tories after the American Revolution. so they\_could continue living under the Britis flag. Pride of ancestry among the UEL matches that of the Daughters of The American Revolution.)

To get his passport picture taken Ray used the name Paul Bridgeman when he went to the Arcade Photo Shop on downtown Yonge pinpoint search was on "street. That was the name of



James Earli Ray being questioned by Chicago police in 1952 after he was wounded while fleeing a taxi driver robbery. He was sentenced to one to two years. State ; Pennennacy : 1 0 .... tive 22 \* 1 3%

It is also the name of a man who lives near the real Sneyd. The BCMP would not discuss how the name Bridgeman became involved.

Scarborough, where the real Sneyd lives, is about 15 miles outside Toronto, far from the shabby \$9-aweek rooming house at Ossington and Queen streets where Ray arrived April 8. four days after the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was shot

Ray lived at the rooming house until April 19, and during that period went to the Kennedy Travel Agency on downtown Bloor street. one of the major ones in the city. The agency sent his passport application on to Ottawa for him. With it went a required affidavit witnessed by a notary public saying that Sneyd really was a Canadian. a 🐄 🐄 🗠

Passports are not difficult to obtain in Canada, and in due time Ray's arrived from Ottawa. The issue date was April 25.

On April 19 Ray had moved a few blocks away to a similar rooming house run by Mrs. Yee Loo at 962 Dundzs Street. He told her to keep the room clean but he rarely slept in it, and kept few effects there.

When the RCMP checked the travel agency about their efforts for an applicant named Sneyd, they drew a blank. Then they went back with the name Bridgeman, and this time they were in luck. 

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tion in London. 🕖 He left Toronto en May 6. By coincidence on that date -a Monday- the RCMP team in Ottawa began its exhaustive search of passport files.

A day after he arrived in London, Ray flew to Lisbon. buying his ticket with the refund from the return half of his ticket back to Toronto.

There he applied for and received on May 16 another Canadian passport, for reasons that are not yet clear. Thereafter his movements were as secretive as his sofourn in Toronto

But in the meantime the RCMP search in Ottawa and Toronto had turned up enough information to send an alert to police forces and international airlines in Enrope. that standard At 11 a.m. yesterday in

London Ray-still posing as Sneyd-arrived on a flight 

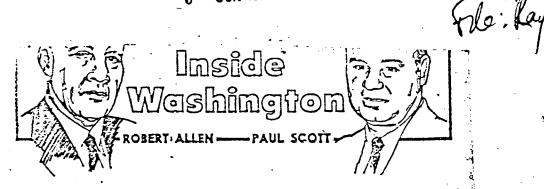
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#### Clues To Assassination

WASHINGTON — The Federal Bureau of Investigation's massive probe of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King is taking a possibly sensational turn.

With James Earl Ray, the suspected assassin, apparently either outside the U. S. or now dead, <u>FBI agents have increased their surveillance of several American Communists known to have been closely associated with King, including one who wrote speeches for him in the past.</u>

This new development was triggered by evidence gathered by the more than 1,000 agents who have worked on the mysterious King shooting and by several "tips" and letters sent to the FBI.

One of the most interesting of these "tips" came from an alert TV viewer and concerns the now famous "Mountain Top" speech King made on April 3, the night before his slaying, showing a premonition of his impending death.

"If the speech was truly made in Memphis on April 3 as reported," the letter pointed out, "then how can one account for King stating his age as 36 (instead of 39) and why does he speak of demonstrating in Alabama twice during the speech?"

#### **UNANSWERED QUESTIONS**

After checking out the time and location of King's final speech, several of the crack FBI agents assigned to the case decided to begin seeking answers to a number of their own questions, including:

"If King had personally written that speech, why would he make mistakes like those contained in it—especially the one involving his age?" "If the speech was written by someone other than King, who was the author and when was it written?"

The answers to these questions are considered highly important to the investigation, since, if another person was concerned in the preparation of that speech, the writer might be able to shed new light on it — especially those mistakes.

Also, if King had received help with the speech, the passages dealing with the civil rights leader's premonition of death would probably have been fully discussed. King's request to the Deiroit police department for protection when he visited that city a few weeks before his death indicated he feared for his life then.

Information gathered by the FBI on King, prior to his assassination, showed that a secret member of the Communist Party's executive committee was one of King's closest advisers and speech writers.

This ghost writer for King prepared many of his most famous speeches, according to testimony given by FBI Director J. Edgar Hooverduring a closed door meeting of a House Appropriations subcommittee.

Since Ray during his trips prior to King's assassination visited the same city in which this ghost writer lives, the FBI is now investigating to determine if the two met covertly.

#### WIDENING THE INVESTIGATION

Recent evidence gathered by FBI agents in one of the most massive probes in the nation's history has forced serious investigation of these possibilities:

• That somebody close to King or within his own organization tipped off his assassin as to the civil rights leader's routine on the day of his slaying.

• That Ray was hired directly by certain black nationalists who paid him with money made available by foreign sources.

• That an international Communist "assassin squad" was in-

Because of Ray's mysterious trips to Mexico and Canada shortly before the assassination, the entire U. S. intelligence operation, ranging from the <u>Central Intelligence Agency</u> to the Defense Intelligence Agency. has been pressed into the hunt for King's killer.

One <u>CIA</u> report indicates that Ray, who is linked to the murder weapon by fingerprints and ballistic data, may have visited Cuba during his Mexican trip, according to information furnished by a Mexican airline official.

The FBI assumption is that, if there was a conspiracy to kill King, those involved made arrangements to spirit their hired killer out of the U.S. to Cuba via either Mexico or Canada.

#### THE CHANGING TIMES

Probably the greatest irony of the probe of King's assassination is that FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, one of the civil rights leader's severest critics when he was alive, is doing everything in his power to solve the case.

- On the other hand, King's closest aides' in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference are showing little or no interest in whether the killer is found.

When Rev. Ralph Abernathy, King's successor as president of the SCLC, presented a series of demands to Attorney General Ramsey Clark for the "Poor People's" campaign none of these called for more intensive effort to solve King's assassination.

According to persons who attended the meeting, nothing was said about King's death or the FBI investigation, although a number of the poor in "Resurrection City" had urged Abernathy to press for a more vigorous probe.

Congressional supporters of Hoover say there are a number of compelling reasons for Abernathy's silence. Most important of these is King's instruction to key aides of his Southern Christian Leadership Conference not long before his death that no verbal attacks were to be made against Hoover or the FBI for fear of counter action by the FBI director.

The last time King blasted Hoover and the FBI publicly, these lawmakers pointed out, the FBI director called the Negro leader the "most notorious liar" that he had ever known — a statement Hoover has never retracted.

At the time, the King-Hoover exchange resulted in a White House arranged meeting at which the veteran FBI director did most of the alking.

According to an unpublished account given to House Appropriations ubcommittee members, Hoover frankly told King that if King ever releated his unfounded charges against the FBI, everything he knew about fing would be made public.

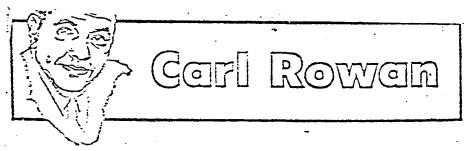
After that blunt warning, King refrained from ever repeating his ttack against either Hoover or the FBI. Rev. Abernathy, who accompaied King to Washington for that meeting with Hoover, adopted the same olicy.

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#### Plot Theory Probed

WASHINGTON-The entire U.S. intelligence apparatus, including the military and the Central Intelligence Agency, has now become involved in the investigation of the marder of Dr. Martin Luther King.

Evidence gathered by FBI agents in one of the most massive probes in the nation's history has forced serious inyestigation of these possibilities:

1. That James Earl Ray, the alleged assessin, was the hired killer in a Cuba-Red China plot.

2. That the "assassin squad" of the Soviet secret police was somehow involved in the plot.

3. That Ray was hired indirectly by certain black nationalists who paid him with money made available by foreign sources.

#### MANY AGENTS

The FBI has had as many as 2,00 agents working at one time, in cooperation with hundreds of local policemen and other U.S. intelligence agents, to track down every lead-including the above possibilities that the assessination was plotted with the imparion of creating internal chaos in the United States.

It should be emphasized that the dominant theory—and hope— among those directing the investigation is still that the killer was a loter who murdered Dr. King out of his own crazy, racist views.

But this theory loses supporters as each day goes by without agents turning up any trace of Ray, who is Enhed to the murder and murder weapon by fingerprints and ballistics data.

FBI agents believe no longr could get food and crink for so long a period in this country without being detected in the massive day-and-night search that is underway.

#### WELL HEELED

This point, added to the now-known fact that Ray had plenty of money, has given credibility to the theory that Dr. King's assassin was a hired killer.

A growing fear in FBI circles is that the killer was given \$10.00 in advance to murder Dr. King with a promise of much more upon completion of the job. When he returned to his U.S. racist employers for the final payoff, the theory goes, he was slain and his body dumped where agents may never find it.

International intelligence agents have entered the investigation, however, because of Ray's mysterious trips to New Orleans—and certain of the suspect's trips out of the country. The FBI reportedly has pinpointed Ray's movements even to knowing which prostitute he spent which night with in certain countries, but it has not yet produced meaningful evidence of an international plot.

But there is deep suspicion of a Cuba-Red China plot. The assumption is that, if the Cubans had made arrangements to spirit their hired killer out of the U.S., they very likely killed him and dumped him in the ocean.

#### LITTLE EVIDENCE

Totally-informed sources here say, however, that there is no evidence whatsoever of involvement by the Communist party of the United States, or of any splinter group of U.S. Communists.

One source called the King killing "one of the most baffling cases in memory." He said suspect Ray "just vanished in the face of the damndest FBI manhunt in ages."

He also theorized that the slaying and escape were so smoothly organized that they tend to discredit suspicions of black nationalist involvement—but that "Every possibility must be checked."

The FBI is pouring vast amounts of manpower and money into the search because it knows its reputation is at stake. It also knows that if Dr. King's killer is not found all sorts of runnors will arise. Memphis police already have been accused of plotting the murder, and the accusations soon could be murded at the FBI or other federal agencies.

Some of-those directing the investigation are openly hoping that it will turn out to be the work of one man. They fear the explosive repercussions if it turns out that the murderer was a hired killer for white U.S. racists-or for a foreign power.

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Two new photographs of James Earl Bay, sought in the staying of Dr. King, were released yesterday by the FBL They were taken in November, 1967, in Mexico City. left, and in late January for learty Pebroarf log this wear in California.

# 2 New Kay Photos Are Issued by FBI

By John P. MacKenzie

two new photographs of James in Birmingham, Ala., or the Earl Ray, the object of the na- Los Angeles area. Some pertionwide manhunt in the mur- sons who remembered "Galt" der of the Rev. Dr. Martin Lu- have failed to identify him ther King Jr. from previous pictures. ff

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to rely chiefly on old mug shot type pictures from Missouri showed Ray in a "business State Prison, from which Ray suit," the PBI said. In January escaped a year ago, or a front and February the FBI has said view photograph of the sus- Ray was attending a Los Anpect

who supplied the new picture The FBI has said that Ray or what role they may already traveled to Los Angeles and have illayed in the search for Mexico, among other plices, Ray.

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Washington Post Stall Writer \_\_\_\_\_ The FBI released yesterday Galt or any other alias, either

Previously the FBI has had was taken by an amateur.

The ... California. , picture with eyes closed, on geles bartending school. The which a Bureau artist drew Mexico picture shows him open eyes. The FBI refused to say colored shirt and sun glasses.

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By JEREMIAH ONLEARY. er Staff Writer

James Earl Ray, sought as the slayer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., has disappeared as effectively as if the earth had swallowed him, and that may well have been the case.

"If he was the hired triggerman of a conspiracy, the chances are very good that he has been killed to silence him forever," said one official who has been close to the international manhunt for Ray. "But if he conceived and carried out the plot alone, he is probably holed up somewhere. But where?"

Whether he was a paid gimman or a loner, the last trace of a Ray goes back to the morning of April 5, less than Elliourstafter Dr. King was shot to death by a



JAMES EARL BAY 4

sniper in Memphis, Tenn. Mrs. Ernest Payne, who fives that day and saw a man be in a low-rent housing project lieved to be Ray park and lock a called Capitol Homes in Atlanta, white 1966 Mustang. Two Atlanta Ga. peered out her window cab drivers believe they may See RAY, Page A-14

have given Ray a short ride that same morning. Beyond that point, Ray has vanished.

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The FBI has said nothing about the progress of its investigation and has issued only three terse press releases along with several photos of the wanted man. But from a number of sources it has been possible to amass. a considerable amount of informatica about Ray's life prior to last April 4. 彩之.

Ray was penniless when he escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Mo. on April 23, 1967. On Aug. 30, 1967, he turned up in Birmingham, Ala., rented a safety deposit box in the Bir-mingham Trust National Bank

and began spending large

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### **Mystery Surrour** King's Killer Deep

Continued From Page A-1 that he spent on the car, his 19.000 miles of travel to Canada, Mexico and the West Coast, and on wine, women and bartending lessons is one of the mysteries of the case. 3

FBI agents have located some persons who describe Ray as a Negro-hating racist and others who say he never mentioned race over long periods of time.

If he has a profession, it si that of a notably unsuccessful small time hoodlum. So far as the records indicate, every holdup or robbery he ever tried ended in disaster for him. He was, as the convicts say, a three-time loser.

Investigators trying to trace the source of his money have been unable to connect him with any robbery that occurred in his year of freedom since his Missouri prison excape.

The basic federal charge against Ray is conspiracy to violate the civil rights of Dr. King. while the Tennessee - charge against him is murder. The conremark attributed to Ray himself. He is said to have told a Birmingham gun dealer that his brother had told him to buy the 30.06 Remington gamemaster pump gun which has been tabled as the murder weapon.

Ray's brothers have been checked out and officials say they have not been linked with the crime.

 But investigators have not ruled out the possibility:

• That Dr. King's murder may have been ordered and paid for by extremists of the right or the left.

• That these plotters may have been either white or black. • That they could have been either domestic or foreigne

The FBL on orders from Director J. Edgar/Hoover to break the King case at any costs, has traced Ray's life from his birth on March 10, 1928 in Alton, Mr. up the the morning of April 5, 1968i

A hinth-grade dropout the eventually joined the Army and served The better part of three years in the West German cities of Bremen, Bremerhaven, Nuernburg and Frankfurt. He was tried in a refrigeration company, the military police and the infantry, but the Army finally gave him a general discharge for ineptness.

#### Arrests Mount

Soon after his release, Ray turned to crime and was arrested many times from 1949 until his last sentencing in 1960. His life pattern was fixed. He became a loner whose amusements centered on bar girls and prostitutes. He rarely worked. When he needed money for vodka and beer, he stole or took it by force. He never married.

Fellow prisoners knew him as a man addicted to amphetamine or "pep" pills, an avid reader of "girlie" magazines, a lone wolf who constantly talked of escape. A fellow prisoner has reported that once when a rumor was spiracy charge was based on a circulated in prison that a "businessmen's group" had offered a \$1 million bounty for the death of Dr. King. Ray said, "If I ever 'get out of here, I believe I'll collect that."

On Aug. 30, 1967, Ray answered an ad placed in a Birmingham newspaper by William D. Paisley, who wanted to sell his 1966 Mustang. Ray paid \$1,995 in cash for the car.

At that time, Ray was going under the name of Eric Starvo Galt and it was by that alias he was known to his Birmingham landlord, Peter Cherpes, and to Alabama authorities who issued him a license on Sept. 6, 1967. This was the start of his heavy spending, although he continued to live in cheap rooming houses and rundown hotels.

Trip to Canada For reasons unknown, Ray drove to Canada and spent a few days in Montreal. He lived in an old hotel and passed himself off as an employe of Expo-67.

While living in Cherpes' house in Birmingham, Ray received a large box of expensive camera equipment from a mail order firm in Chicago.

Cherpes said Ray left his place on Oct. 7, 1967. He drove to Mexico, where he passed some time in places like Jalisco and Puerto Vallarta. He became well known in the cantinas there and even had his picture taken with a Mexican prostitute. (That picture, showing Galt wearing sun glasses, was released by the FBI this week.)

Investigation believe his motive for going to Mexico was to buy marijuana but Ray apparently also liked the country. He told one acquaintance: "When I make my big score, I'm going to come down here and flyer on beams and beer."

He next turned uptakasian geles, where he checked into the

St. Arancis Hotel and became a regular, habitue of the Sultan Room, har of the hotel and other saloons. The barkeeps and girls around the Rabbitis Floot Club grew to know him as a man-with a thirst and a bankroll.

Still as Eric Starvo Galt, he remained in Los Angeles until March 27, 1968, and left a broad trail. There was one side trip from Los Angeles to New Orleans with a man named Charles Stein, a bearded songwriter. Stein reported that his friend required him, his sister and his cousin to sign a petition for third part y presidential candidate George Wallace in North Hollywood, Calif. as the price for taking him to New orleans and back.

Stein recalled that Ray made one- long-distance call from somewhere in Texas but did not know who he called. Stein also does not know why Ray went to New Orleans, nor who he saw there. While in Los Angeles, Hay advertised in the L. A. Free Frank, a. hippie tabloid, "for a frontact with a "passionate married woman." He signed the ad "Eric S," but Free Press records show that he used the full alias, "Eric S. Galt" in paying for the ad. He also bought a list of five female names from the Swinger's Club of Downey, Calif. for \$1 and sent a letter and picture of himself to a Los Angeles girl on Feb. 17. She gave the Polaroid picture to the FBI and it, too, was made public this week.

Using his "Galt" pseudonym, Ray paid more than \$400 for dancing lessons in Long Beach and more than \$200 for a course in bartending during his Los Angeles stay. He paid cash for both.

#### Birmingham Story

Ray left Los Angeles on March 27 and drove to Birmingham arriving there on March 29, the day he made the first of two visits to the Aeromarine Supply Co

hame as Harvey Lowmyer and bought a Remington 243 caliber rifle, telling the salesman he wanted to go deer shooting in Wisconsin. On March 30, "Lowmyer" returned to the shop and said his brother had told him he had gotten the wrong kind of gun. What he wanted, he said, was a Remington '30.06 Gamemaster with a telescopic sight. From there, the deduction is that Ray went of Atlanta and got a room in a boarding house inhabited largely by hippies. Here he was once again Galt. The FBI did not find the boarding house until several days after Ray's abandoned car was reported parked in the Atlanta housing project on April 11.

In the vain hope that Ray might still be hiding inside, the FBI staked out the house and watched it for more than 24 hours. Then agents dressed in "hippie" clothes got inside and found that the quarry had either lied from the room soon after litching his car April 5 or had not returned there at all.

But the agents found key evidence in the room — a television set that "Galt" had gotten in a trade with a girl in Les Angeles and a city map of Affant i agent Map Definerated The map had four circles drawn around four significant locations: Dr. King's Atlanta residence; the office of the Southern Christian Leadership Conferance; the "hippie" house and the spot where the car had been abandoned on April 5.

Even more inportant was a well-defined fingerprint found on the map. FBI fingerprint experts were able to determine that the print was from a right thumb whereas all other 26 latent fingerprints from Ray's rifle, car, binoculars and places he had been were too incistinct for classification.

The decision was made to compare the map fingerprint with the equivalent points of all white male fugitives in the general age range of the man known as "Galt." An exhaustive finger-by-finger comparison proved that Eric Starve Galt and James Exit Ray werease and the same and the manual was launched to the manual





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Birmingham + was told the assassination conspiracy involved at least four persons from New Orleans and Memphis.

The sources told the FBI that Galt was killed before he was paid the \$5,000 promised for the shooting of Dr. King.

comment, other than to say it still has no Information as to Galt's whereabouts. The Examiner has learned that more manpower is being turned loose on the Galt manhunt since a hational release of photographs has failed to locate him.

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In its latest bulletins, the FBI has made no mention of Jemes Earl Ravie 40-year-old escapee from a Missourt prison. The bureau. has identified Ray as Gaits real identity, and still maintains it has no doubts that the two persons are the same.

Fake police radio reports immediately FBI officiais in Washington refused to after the King shooting have apparently convinced the FBI that a conspiracy was behind the murder. The radio reported a chase through one portion of Memphis, while the killer was escaping in the other direction.

Other steps pointing to a conspiracy The Birmingham sources have named include Gait's total disappearance after the enervous habit of pulling at his left ear, which Dames for the FBI, but the bureau is having crime, the confusion as to his description statics out further from his head than does and the full time tying those named directly and the fact that the killer knew where King the right each wars the sources was staying and was able to plot in thim to her wars the the milit be considered did hot tell FBI define who informed them quickly. King usually stayed at another simet and dangerous as should any persons define the death.

have connected him with a Wallace campaign headquarters in Hollywood,

The FBI is also still attempting to the up the loose ends of the Galt-Ray discrepancies. Slight descriptive differences, the classification of Ray as a non-drinker and Gait as fancying beer and vodkal and the statement that Galt, was taking dancing lessons while Ray was supposedly in prison have been described as minor differences overlooked in the haste of getting a press release ready on Galt's description.

Ray is 40, stands 5 feet 10 inches tall weighs about 175 pounds, has blue eyes and brown halr. There is a small scar in the middle of his forehead and another on the palm of his right hand.

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## WS APR 28 1968 **FBI Checks Canadian Lead** In Search for King's

By JEREMIAH O'LEARY Star Stail Writer

The search for the suspected tiller of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. now has branched into Canada Alexandre da Alexandre da This development came after the Federal Bureau of Investigation, received information that James Earl Ray, sought as King's assassin visited Montreal sweeper job' of collecting inforlast July and August during the mation about Ray, his habits Expo 67 fair. The FBI declined comment ; and provided no details as to whom the 40-year-old Ray except his whereabouts and suspect might have seen in Canada or the purpose of his visit. Ray escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Mo., in April 1967 and bought a 1966 white Mustang King-not on the basis of solid in Birmingham, Ala., in August. No information is available on his means of transportation between those dates.

Mexico and West Germany also are considered possible hid-073 ing places. Ray is known to have visited Mexico after purchasing the Mustang picked up by the FBL in Atlanta the day after the April 4 slaying in Memphis. Ray had a long tour of duty in West he Germany when he was in the U. he S. Army from 1946 to 1948.

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More than three weeks after the assassination officials are indicating that the trail is cold. Investigators have been banking

heavily on the fact that more information, but because it has They also are working long 1967, until last April 4. of tips that have poured in from people who think they have seen the suspect. The FBI has done amacmumusual haunts and acquaintances. They are now in the position of knowing nearly everything about whether he was working alohe or as trigger-man for a conspira-Some officials are leaning

more and more to the theory that Ray was paid to shoot

than \$150,000 in rewards has been impossible to account for been offered for information the amount of money he spent leading to arrest of the fugitive. the Missouri prison on April 23,

# BI Discounts Conflictin

#### By Gaylord Shaw Associated Press

FBI officials are quickly trying to play down contradictory descriptions of the appearance and habits of James Earl Ray, alias Eric Starvo Galt, Me elusive escaped convict charged with the murder of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther Kink Jr.

The discrepancies have fueled speculation that perhaps Ray and Calt actually are two persons, or that two or more persons used the name Gilt No official statement has been is-sued to rebut his theory. But FBI sources insisted that Ray and Galt are the same person. 1. Sec. 34. "We know there's only one person involved here," said one official "We've got his fingerprints and we know who he is."

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Although the Wat tow insists the man it seeks is Ray, it has not amended a conspiracy complaint against Galt - charging that Galt had conspired with "an individual he alleged -" to be his brother" to violate Dr. King's civil rights-to change the name to In enlisting the public's help in the manhunt, the FBI has distributed thousands of flyers. The first set bears Galt's name, the second Ray's. Puzzling aspects of the case contime to pop up. Atlanta, residents, said 'cigarette or ligar' ashes were scattered on the carpeted floor of a white 1966 Mustang that FBI agents impounded there a week after Dr. King was slain. They, also said a cigar butt fell out of the car when agents opened the door. The

FBI has said the car was owned by Galt. But a number of people, who knew Galt say he does not smoke." Reporters showed copies of the FBI released picture of Galt to the Bir mingham witnesses, -and to resident of the Memphis rooming house fron which the fatal shot was fired. Almos all said the photo didn't resemble the man they saw. Varying ages have been given fo the hunted man, from 25 on up. The FBI said Galt gave his age as 36. I said Ray is 40. The fugitive's heigh have ranged from 5-feet-8 to 6-feet his weight from 160 to 175 pounds. Hi eyes have been described as eithe blue or hazel, his hair as either brow or sandy. An FBL official brushed off the

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varying descriptions, saying "you run into this every time — it's human na-ture."

"Anyway, this guy is a professional con. He can change his hair line in three minutes with a razor, and he can gain or lose 20 pounds-when he. wants to." Then There are conflicts, too, in descrip-tions of Galt's Babits, including

"is said to be a neat dresser," while expressed any liking" for music or others who knew Ray said the was dancing. careless in his dress. 1.1.1.1

house manager said the man to whom 1965. But after reporters pointed out she rented a room three hours before Ray was in prison these two years, Dr. King was slain had a Southern FBI officials said the statement should drawl. An inmate who knew Ray in mhave read "reportedly" took where his the Missouri perstentiary said Ray, a' lessons.

native of Illinois, had no Southern Mecent. Money: Galt, appeared to spend money freely, and paid \$2000 cash for the white Mustang, Ray, said the inmate, "was tight as a tick ..... if you owed him money, even a few cents, he would bug you to death." Music damang: The FBI said Galt "is a fab of western and country tions of Galt's habits, including: music" and "is said to be an avid Appearance: The FBI reported Galt "dancer." The inmate said Ray "never The FBI said Galt took dancing

Speech: The Memphis rooming. Tessons in New Orleans in 1964 and

Galt graduated from a Loss Angeles bartending school lasts March, the FBI said, Reporters determined that at this same time a duplicate driver's license was mailed to Galt at the Bir mingham rooming house. Dr. Donald B. Peterson, superin fendent of a Missouri state hospital where Ray was examined for six weeks in 1966, said "We didn't find anything to indicate he was a killer or had tendencies to kill." The penitentiary warden, Harold Swenson, said he remembered Ray." "It's odd, but I won't believe he did it (killed Dr. King) until it is proven." But in Dalton, Ga., a former celle mate quoted Ray as once saying he it." would be willing to kill Dr. King for: a \$1 million bounty.

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# Tourist Quizzed In King Slaying

Receives Apology HERMOSILLO, Mexico (UPI) -A bearded American tourist from Baltimore, arrested and questioned by Mexican police in their hunt for a suspect in the staying of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., has been released with apologies by state authori-ties: Dariel Di Kennedy 42 had ties.

been arrested Wednesday in a been arrested Wednesday in a somall cafe in Caborca, 80 miles southwest of Nogales, Ariz., and questioned for 12 hours before being brought in handcuffs to this Sonora State capital. Police turned him loose less of than two hours after his arrival yesterday in Hermosillo. Kenne-dy left police headquarters say-ing he wanted to continue his trip to Guaymas, a small fishing and resort town on the Pacific

and resort town on the Pacific coast about 80 miles south of Hermosillo.

Hermosillo. American Vice Consul Arnold Denys in Hermosillo said Kenne-dy has been "completely elimi-nated" as a suspect through a thorough check by Hermosillo "judicial police" of his back-ground, circumstances, facial features and fingerprints."

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## King Murder Hatched Abroad?

The entire U.S. intelligence apparatus, including the military and the Central Intelligence Agency, has now become involved in the investigation of the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King.

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Evidence gathered by FBI agents in one of the most massive probes in the nation's history has forced serious investigation of these possibilities:

1. That James Earl Ray, the alleged assassin, was the hired killer in a Cuba-Red China plot.

2. That the "assassin squad" of the Soviet secret police was somehow involved in the plot. 3. That Ray was hired indirectly by certain black nationalists who paid him with morey made available by foreign sources.

ties that the assassination was -en \$10,000 in advance to murplotted with the intention of creating internal chaos in the United States. -en \$10,000 in advance to murder King with a promise of much more upon completion of the job. When he returned to

It should be emphasized that the dominant theory—and hope—among those directing the investigation is still that the killer was a loner who murdered King out of his own crazy, racist views.

But this theory loses supporters as each day goes by without agents turning up any trace of Ray, who is linked to the murder and murder weapon by fingerprints and ballistics data.

FBI agents believe no longer could get food and drink for so long a period in this country without being detected in the massive day-and-night search that is under way.

This point, added to the now known fact that Ray had plenty of money, has given credibility to the theory that King's assassin was a hired killer.

A growing fear in FBI circles is that the killer was given \$10,000 in advance to murder King with a promise of much more upon completion of the job. When he returned to his U.S. racist employers for the final payoff, the theory goes, he was slain and his body dumped where agents may never find it.

International intelligence agents have entered the investigation, however, because of Ray's mysterious trips to New Orleans—and certain of the suspect's trips out of the country. The FBI reportedly has pinpointed Ray's movements even to knowing which prostitute he spent which night with in certain countries, but it has not yet produced meaningful evidence of an international plot,

But there is deep suspicion of a Cuba-Red China plot. The assumption is that, if the Cubans had made arrangements to spirit their hired killer out of the United States, they very likely killed him and dumped him in the ocean.

Totally informed sources here say, however, that there is no evidence whatsoever of involvement by the communist party of the United States, or of any splinter group of U.S. Communists.

One source called the King killing "one of the most baffling cases in memory."

He also theorized that the slaying and escape were so smoothly organized that they tend to discredit suspicions of black Nationalist involvement — but that "every possibility must be checked."

The FBI is pouring vast amounts of manpower and money into the search because it knows its reputation is at stake. It also knows that if King's killer is not found all sorts of rumors will arise.

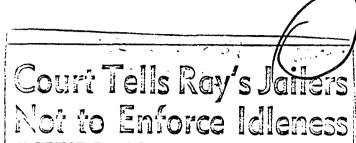
Some of those directing the investigation are openly hoping that it will turn out to be the work of one man. They Tear the explosive repercussions if it turns out that the murderer was a hired killer for white U.S. racists-or for a foreign power. (C) 1968

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NASHVILLE, Tenn (AP) — A federal judge has ordered state prison officials to find something to occupy James Earl Ray's time while serving a 99-year sen-tence for slaying Dr. Martin Lu-ther King Jr. After a hearing yesterday on Ray's petition for release from maximum security confinement, U.S. Dist Court Judge William E. Miller told prison officials to come up with a plan incorporat-ing 'recreation, work and exer-cise" for the prisorer by Jan 12. Ray, who pleaded guilty last March 10 to the sniper slaying of King, testified he would rather face the possibility of being killed by another convict than to spend "99 years in solitary." Viewed as Inhuman

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He contended that the conditions of maximum security con-ficement amounted to cruel and inhuman treatment in violation

The state opposed Ray's bid for permission to mingle with other prisoners, contending his life might be endangered and his chances for escaping would be greater.

Ray spent almost two hours on the witness stand, describing life in his 6x9-foot cell at the peni-

Judge Miller asked Ray what sind of work he would like to perform. "I wouldn't mind doing dishes,

digging ditches, anything," Ray replied, adding that he preferred "to be outside as much as I can."

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### Ray Is Granted Review Of Record at His Trial

COVINGTON, Tenn, June whether it should consider an 25 (UPI) —Chief Judge Mark appeal by Ray for a new trial. A. Walker of the Tennessee The petition claims that Court of Criminal Appeals bas granted a petition submitted in granting a state request to to him Wednesday by attorquash a defense motion for a neys for James Earl Ray to have the court review the trial record in Ray's conviction for the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The Appeals Court will rule July 15 in Knoxville on ruling on a new trial motion.

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Another theory, which cannot be ignored and is gaining some credence, is that it was a "contract job," much like any gangland murder, with some puty criminal puth serving as the gunman, but also with precise planning for the murder and getaway. This does not rule out racist harred on the part of the gunman himself, who may have lent himself more reacily to the killing because it jibed with his own wisted broodings about how to

set the world right. But it puts the focus not only on the killer but on .whatever other men used him.

From this angle of vision many of the details now emerging about Ray — his oriminal convictions, his jail term and escape, his travels, his bank account, his purchases and expenditures seem to fall into a meaningful pattern. The trail will probably cool and warm again a number of times before the FBI catches up with him — if it ever does. For Atty, Gen. Ramsey Clark's early description of the killer as "2 lone man on the run" may no longer be true.

It seems probable now that he was not a lone man, and he may no longer be on the run. If, in fact, there were others who used him for their purposes, his capture now would be intolerable to them, and the indicated course for them would be to kill him before he can be caught. If they are not able to — and that, too, is possible — his capture should uncover quite a story.

Inevitably, of course, one hinks of another killer in an other assassination — that of John Kennedy — which has not been cleared up in the minds of many people and may never be wholly resolved. There is even the word coincidence in the evider that Gall-Ray made one or several trips to New Orleans, which awakens memories of Lee Harvey Oswald's stay in that city, and of the erratic efforts of Jim Garrison to prove a New Orleans conspiracy using Oswald as a "patsy" and to hang it on the CIA and the FBL

Conspiracy Envelops Dr. King's Slayin

It all adds up to a climate of conspiracy along with the climate of hate. It is well to be on our guard against both. There is hot violence and there. is cold violence — the kind that springs out of massive arger and the kind that comes from calculated plan. If one had to choose, it is better to strike out from anger than to move in cold blood. One recalls William Blake's sentence: "The tigers of wrath are wiser than the horses of instruction." I should deny. any real wisdom to the violence that comes out of wrath, as against the effort of reason,

but I certainly prefer the wrath to the cold conspiracy.

The day of the loner is probably passing, whether we think of the creative adventurist loner or the lonely assassin. For many things that were once done by individuals, we carry over from the Army today the term "Operation." Even political leadership involves a "team."

Yet it would be folly to carry this to the point of believing that nothing disastrous ever happens except as the result of a conspiracy. The fact is that one of the strongest elements in the climate of violence today is the compulsion to be lieve that we are surrounded by conspiracies.

This is the paranoid view of life—that nothing happens to us either by chance or through our own deserts, but only as the result of a planned operation by our enemies. Believing there is an enemy plot against him and his group, the paranoid person a lity strikes out—whether in hot or cold blood — to foll it. Thereby he adds to the climate of violence, and the two climates—of violence and conspiracy—are fused.

Someday we may discoverwhat prompted King's killer-whether it was the wrathful violence of a True Believer or the cold anger of violence used as an instrument for some smoldering paranoid resentment deep within. In cither case it is essential that the assassin be tracked down. not for the sake of vengeance, but because we need to know what moves in the minds of distorted men before we can ever achievo even a measure of reason

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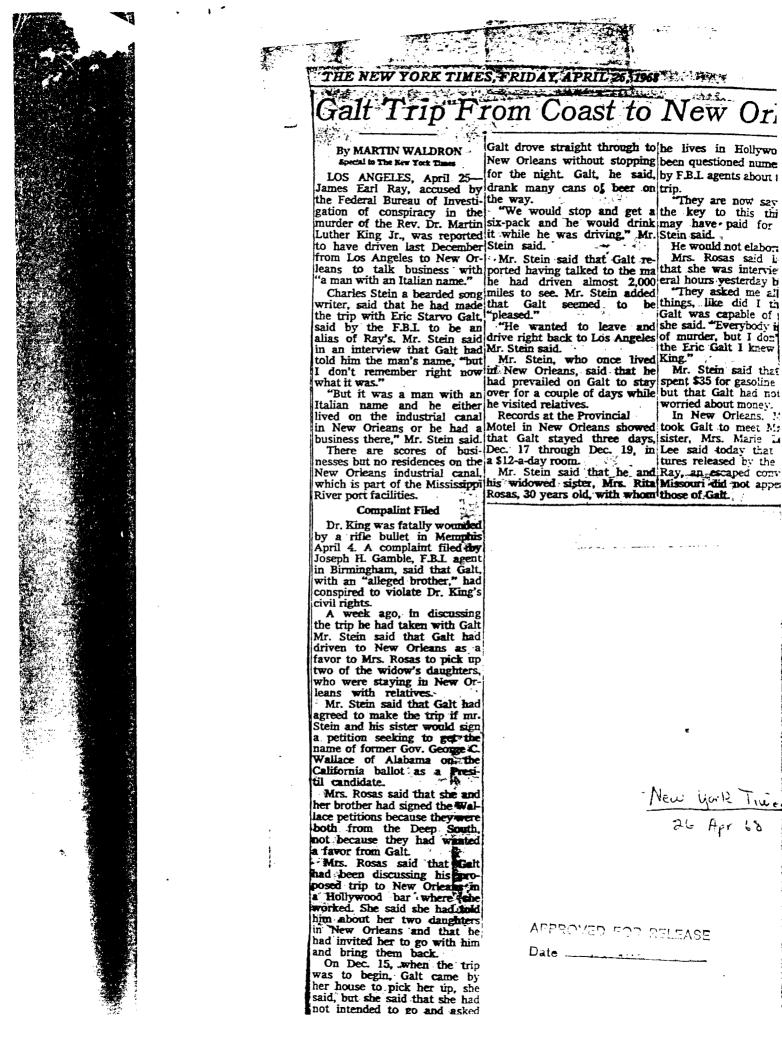
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the war and on integration-although, as the son of an impoverished turpentine distiller from Gumville, he has voted frequently for Lyndon Johnson's Great Society programs. His constituents were not unsympathetic 18 months ago when he proposed that the U.S. "flatten Hanoi and let world opinion go fly a kite." In 1948 he cried that Harry Truman's anti-lynching bill would "lynch the Constitution." and as late as 1956 was defining N.A.A.C.P as "the National Association for the Advancement of Communist Propaganda."

Hero's Style. Only once in the past have the First District's Negroes-43% of the population---challenged the chairman. Rivers trounced their 1950 candidate, a Negro attorney, in that year's Democratic primary. This year, in the aftermath of Martin Luther King's assassination, another Negro attorney, George Payton Jr., 39, decided to try. Scraping together the \$2,000 registration fee with loans from relatives, Payton attacked Rivers as a "warmonger and superhawk," stumped for a \$2 minimum wage, expanded social security, and liberal federal housing programs.

Almost inexplicably, Rivers, who wears his silver mane in the style of his South Carolinian hero John C. Calhoun, ran scared, plastering Charleston with billboards and TV spots. Ten days before the primary, Rivers arranged to have 15 members of his committee flock to Charleston along with Admiral Hyman Rickover to inspect a Polaris missile facility and laud Mendel.

The militant campaign was hardly necessary. Last week Rivers' Democrats, along with several thousand Republicans who crossed party lines, gave the chairman 65,842 votes against 18,883 for Payton. The G.O.P. will not even bother to oppose Rivers in November.

## RAY'S ODD ODYSSEY hind att

AS a thief, James Earl Ray's spe-cialty was botching his getaway. After heisting \$190 from a St. Louis supermarket in 1959, Ray left tracks that the most flat-footed cop could follow: he even parked a car used in the stickup outside his lodgings. That was characteristic of Ray, whose most profitable known caper, grossing only \$2,200, was bungled when the escape car crashed. The cruelest of his convictions was for the \$11 stick-up of a Chicago cab driver in 1952.

After he escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary in 1967, Ray's style changed; he seemed to have become a cum-laude graduate in criminality. Flush with unaccustomed cash and astute at espying loopholes in the law's vigilance, he rambled across the country using a collection of aliases. Then, after a .30-'06 bullet killed Martin Luther King Jr. in Memphis on April 4, spurious radio messages sent Memphis police chasing the wrong way after Ray's 1966 white Mustang.

From that day, until a British detective politely questioned a Brusselsbound passenger at London's Heathrow Airport on June 8, Ray eluded a worldwide professional maahunt fortified by a \$100,000 reward for his capture. Last week, with the accused assassin immured in a maximum-security cell in Southwest London's Wandsworth prison, policemen unraveled the nexus of plastic faces, borrowed identities and bogus papers that he had woven for two months across two continents.

Canadian Pattern. Four days after King's murder, Ray had hightailed across the Canadian border, and was renting a \$10-a-week room from Mrs. Fela Szpakowsky on Toronto's polyglot Ossington Avenue. Just why Ray chose Canada is not entirely clear, but, almost surely, one reason was the knowledge-widely circulated among convicts in the U.S.--that it is ridiculously easy to get a Canadian passport. All that is needed is the gall to ask for one and a birth certificate-and the certificate is not strictly necessary.

In a consistent if bizarre pattern over several months Ray had appropriated four aliases from Torontonians, all from men who live around the suburb of Scarborough and bear varying degrees of likeness to Ray. In July 1967, Ray took the name of Warehouse Supervisor Eric St. Vincent Galt, 54, whose

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he had apparently misread as Eric Starvo Galt As does Ray Galt Affe scars on fill for the and right palm and could pass for 40, Ray's age. John Willandate2, the name used by the man who rented the room in Memphis 13 paces away from the bathroom where A Startes

King's assassin hid, is an insurance adjuster who is shorter and slighter than Ray's 5-ft. 9-in., 175-lb. frame, but looks not unlike him. Paul Bridgman, an educator, and Ramon George Sneyd, a policeman, whose names Ray used after he arrived in Toronto, are both 35 and have Ray's build. Police are still puzzling over how they were chosen.

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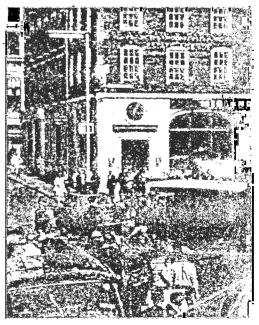
In the Library. On April 16, Ray paid \$8 for a Canadian passport in the name of Sneyd. "He blended into the wallpaper," recalls Lillian Spencer, manager of the Kennedy Travel Bureau, who handled the simple declaration that Ray signed, affirming that he was a Canadian citizen. Next day, on Miss Spencer's say-so, Travel Agent Henry Moos notarized the form and forwarded it to Ottawa.

Ray was also aware of Ontario's lackadaisical procedure for issuance of birth certificates and mailed off \$2 money orders for certificates for both Bridgman and Snevd. For these, he needed the maiden names of their mothers. Announcements of their births in library copies of old newspapers supplied the information Ray required.

Ray never collected the birth certificate mailed back for Bridgmanwho, as Ray apparently learned, already had a valid passport. On April 18, the fugitive got a phone call and next day moved three blocks away to a Chinese-run boardinghouse on Dundas Street West, where he had rented a room in advance for S9 a week from Mrs. Yee Sun Loo. On May 2, Ray picked up his new passport and paid \$345 in cash for a return excursion flight to London. Four days later, he left Canada.

"Nice Guy." On May 8, Ray flew from London to Lisbon, perhaps in the hope of a payoff, perhaps in an attempt to contact recruiters for white mercenary fighters in Africa, or else to

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try to reach the white-supremacist breakaway' state of Rhodesia, which maintains a mission in the Portuguese capital. Indulgent officials, spotting a discrepancy between the spelling of his name "Sneya" on his passport and his adopted signature, nevertheless allowed him to pass "like any tourist."

Husbanding his funds, Ray checked into the third-rate Hotel Portugal, hung out at cheap bars, and even wheedled a \$7.02 discount on a prostitute's routine \$17.55 fee for half an hour's dalliance. "He was a nice guy," declared Maria, a comely adjunct to the Texas Bar. Ray-Sneyd also obtained a new passport from the Canadian embassy by pointing out that his surname was misspelled on his original document.

On May 17, Ray flew back to London, finding anonymity in one of the city's 5,500 hotels and back-street rooming bouses. His tracks become visible again on May 28, when he checked into the \$5-a-night New Earl's Court Hotel. On June 5, after telephoning the London Daily Telegraph to inquire about mercenary forces in Africa, Ray was again on the move, holing up in the unlisted Pax Hotel, run by Swedishborn Mrs. Anna Thomas, 54. For the next three days. Ray never left his room for more than 20 minutes, and refused to emerge for four telephone calls, two of them from an airline. On June 6, Ray again telephoned the Telegraph's Ian Colvin, asking about mercenaries. Colvin offered to send him an address in Brussels.

The search that caught up with Ray started when the FBI---taking into account the easy passport procedure in Canada---asked the Canadian police to go through their passport applications. They combed 300.000 of them and tipped off Scotland Yard to Sneyd's true identity. Held on charges of possessing false passports and a loaded .38 revolver, Ray's first appearance in London's famed Bow Street Magistrate's Court lasted 82 seconds before he was

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hustled back to a cell. Meanwhile, U.S. Assistant Attorney General Fred Vinson Jr. began the slow, tortuous procedure of extraditing Ray to face a possible death sentence for murder or finish the last 13 years of his 20-year Missouri sentence for robbery. Fighting all the way, Ray's lawyers could delay his return to the U.S. for months.

Help & Conspiracy. Ray's elusive odyssey could not fail to suggest that he had had help. Where did the money come from (at times he flashed a roll of \$20 bills)? This, of course, galvanized the artisans of conspiracy theories.

To Crime Buff Truman Capote (In Cold Blood), it seemed conceivable that Ray, as well as Lee Harvey Oswald in Dallas and Sirhan Sirhan in Los Angeles, might all be cogs in a single, stupendous murder machine. The killers, Capote suggested on NBC's Tonight show, might all have been intensively trained, brainwashed triggermen of a type envisaged by Novelist Richard Condon in The Manchurian Candidate; their purpose could be to drive the U.S. to its knees by assassinating public persons-a theory, Capote claimed, that was once expounded by 19th century Theosophist Helena Blavatsky. (Sirhan. Capote noted, asked for a copy of Madame Blavatsky's The Secret Doctrine soon after his arrest.)

More plausibly, Capote argued that a cheap crook with Ray's dismal record of bargain-basement villainy could not have traveled so far without extensive help from experts. In Capote's view, Ray was the low man in an elaborate and many-tiered plot—the pigeon paid to leave his fingerprints on a rifle and then decoy pursuers away from King's real assassin. The plotters allowed Ray to live, Capote hypothesized, because he had no knowledge of the conspiracy's inner core.

Botched Again. Law-enforcement men working on the case tend to discount such theories. A senior Justice Department lawyer is conducting an undercover search for leads to a plot among Memphis underworldlings, but local police and FBI agents—who first hunted the suspect as a member of a conspiracy—are working on the assumption that Ray, a known racist and always a loner in prison, killed alone. Ironically, after skillfully eluding capture for so many weeks, Ray can be said to have botched his last getaway. He apparently left Lisbon in a hurry because he sensed that the police were on his trail. But under a 60-year-old treaty with the U.S., Portugal—which abolished the death penalty in 1867 will not extradite any criminal sought on a capital charge. Senhor Ray could have stayed there indefinitely.

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#### Building a Biography

The accused assassin of Robert Kennedy sat passively in his 12-ft. by 12-ft. maximum-security cell at Los Angeles County's Central Jail for Men, reading works on theosophy. Meanwhile, bits and pieces of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan's personality and past began falling into place. Most of the insights came with last week's release of testimony taken by the grand jury, which had convened the day after Kennedy died.

Vincent T. Di Pierro, college student and part-time waiter at the Ambassador Hotel, recalled seeing Sirhan at the moment of the murder. "The minute the first two shots were fired," testified Di Pierro, "he still had a very sick-looking smile on his face. That's one thing—I can never forget that."

Three others in the serving kitchen where Kennedy was shot also testified to seeing Sirhan, who crouched on a tray rack and asked repeatedly if the Senator would come that way. But it was not the innocuous-looking Jordanian that attracted attention; it was a svelte, mysterious girl in a polka-dot dress, who was seen joking with the accused and who reportedly later rushed past stunned campaign workers shouting, "We shot him!" Though a number of publicity-hungry females turned themselves in to police, a worldwide woman hunt had failed to uncover the real Miss Polka Dot.

Mixed Bog. Another witness claimed that he had seen Sirhan at a suburban gun club twelve hours before the assassination. Contrary to range policy, which calls for a pause between shots, Sirhan snapped off up to 300 rounds in rapid-fire succession with an Iver Johnson .22-cal. revolver, the same type

as that used in the killing. The Los Angeles County coroner testified that Senator Kennedy was struck with three bullets, rather than two as originally thought. The third landed in back of the right armpit, near the second. The shots had apparently been fired at pointblank range, at least one of them only two or three inches from the victim. The week also produced a mixed

bag of claims from people who said they had some special knowledge of the sullen defendant. A former Castro commandant, José Duarte of Miami, said he had scuffled with Sirhan a month ago in Los Angeles when he heard Sirhan tell a group of leftists: "What the U.S. needs is another Castro." In London, Journalist Jon Kimche, who is known mainly for his sensational anti-Arab diatribes, wrote in the Evening Standard that Sirhan had returned to the Middle East twice, in 1964 and 1966. The story was flatly denied by the FBI and State Department. In fact, the peripatetic Sirhan to whom Kimche was alluding may be an American citizen named Sirhan Selim Sirhan, ten years older than the accused and no kin, who frequently visits the Middle 'East.

- Every Scintilla, While all this secondguessing was going on, Los Angeles officials were diligently scrutinizing every scintilla of evidence, mindful of the 1963 mess made by their counterparts in Dallas. Twenty-three of L.A.'s top cops have been assigned full time to the case, while a special threeman legal team, whose members have handled 200 homicide cases for the D.A.'s office, will make sure that neither Sirhan's rights nor potential evidence is perjured. Interviewing the defendant are two court-appointed psychiatrists. A trial date will be set at a June 28 hearing, and Sirhan will plead either guilty, no contest, not guilty, or not guilty by reason of insanity.

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#### Black Separatist

Integration has been the aim of the Congress of Racial Equality since CORE was born in 1942. Its intramural squabbles have never been concerned with the principle of desegration but with its pace. Two years ago, Flovd Mc-Kissick replaced Founder James Farmer because he was not moving fast enough. Last week McKissick, in turn, was supplanted by a more aggressive lieutenant. CORE's new chief, however, advocates rigid separation of the TACES.

" Roy Innis, a Harlem-honed black nationalist, will formally replace McKissick next month at CORE's convention in Columbus. Innis, 34, is a bearded manifesto maker who holds that "separation of unlikes is the natural condition of society," and says that blacks generally favor nonviolence, but "not over the achievement of nationalistic objectives." He professes a fear of genocide, not "by the gas chamber but by



CORE'S INNIS Kamikaze, yes; hara-kiri, no. ·

the slow taking away of our existence" through racial amalgamation. Appealing to Negroes to improve their own lot rather than die in all-out conflict with the white man, Innis adds nonetheless: "We believe that if we must die, it will not be by hara-kiri but by kamikaze-take as many with us as we can.'

By accepting Innis' incendiary view. CORE alienates not only whites but black moderates as well. Thus it joins the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in a militant shir to the left. State State

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#### Cost of Counseling

Pediatrician Benjamin Spock, who is more concerned these days with pacifists than pacifiers, seemed openly to seek arrest in hopes that he could eventually test his crusade against the Viet Nam war before the Supreme Court. Last week at Boston's Federal District Court, he moved closer to that goal, An all-male jury pronounced Spock, 65, guilty of conspiring to counsel and abet young men in evading the draft. Also found guilty: Yale Chaplain William Sloane Coffin Jr., 44, Harvard Graduate Student Michael Ferber, 23, and Writer Mitchell Goodman, 44. The fifth member of "the Boston Five," Marcus Raskin, 34, a former White House disarmament aide, was acquitted.

The trial, which gained notoriety from Spock's presence, had dragged on for 19 days, and would probably have lasted longer had not 85-year-old Judge Francis J. W. Ford pushed the pace by regularly growling, "That's ir-relevant." The plethora of evidence gathered by the prosecution included literature and statements, as well as a -film of a draft-card burning attended by some of the defendants. The de-State .

fense sought to counter the conspiracy charge by claiming that the five were acting as individuals (the jury agreed in Raskin's case), and that their approach was a form of free speech. Coffin greeted the sentence with a droll "I think they have confused the lightning bugs with the lightning." Of the guilty four, draft-age Ferber stands to lose least from the verdict. While appealing the case, he is a free man; had he been let off, he would have faced inmediate induction. Presumably, Ferber would have refused to serve, and thereby become liable for prosecution under the Selective Service Act.

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#### Death of a Company Town

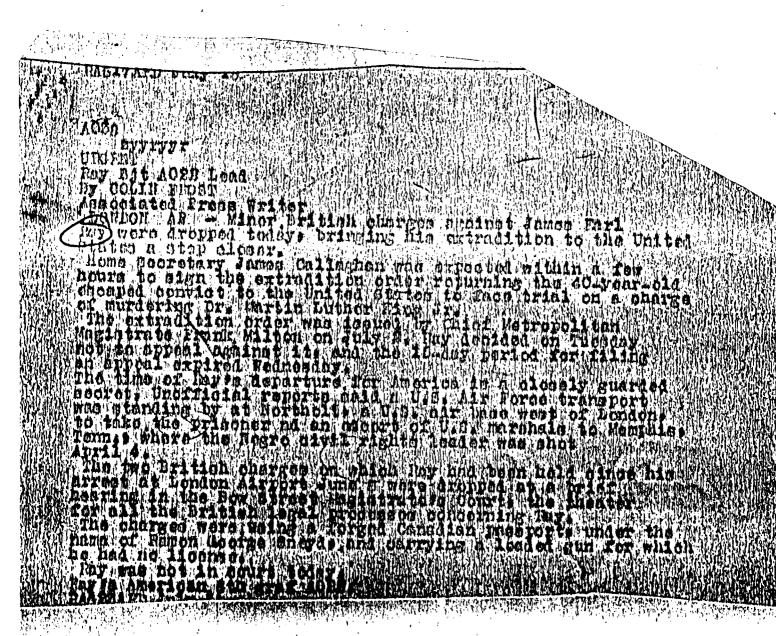
Tiny Daniels, Md. (pop. 381), is one of the last examples of that almost varished bit of Americana, the company town, which once ranged from Western mine and lumber settlements to Southern cotton camps. Somehow, Daniels, nestled in a wooded hollow along a back road eleven miles west of Baltimore, has managed to survive. Its company store, company houses, company-dominated churches and company mill-its raison d'être-all remained intact in the age of the megalopolis.

Intact, that is, until last month, when the C. R. Daniels textile company, which wholly owns the 128-year-old community, started demolishing it in line with a decision made last year that it was too expensive to maintain. The \$15-million-a-year mill operation will be unaffected by the policy, since most of those losing their homes are too set in their ways-or too old-to look for new jobs. A good number of the 94 displaced families, accustomed to living in their own homes at \$16-a-month rent, may be forced to move into Baltimore public-housing projects.

Although probably justifiable on economic grounds, the death of Daniels creates a sad and unusual social problem that has prompted several groups to try, unsuccessfully, to save it. Some large families and retired couples will undoubtedly wind up on food stamps and welfare. Oliver Overington, 74, retired from the mill in 1960 and lives with his wife on a company pension of \$6.25 a month and \$1,800 a year in social security. Though their Daniels house had minimal facilities (no hot running water), the Overingtons had taken pains with the painting and papering and were convinced that they would live there the rest of their lives. Last week they moved to a \$75-a-month apartment which they can ill-afford.

At the other end of town lives Richard Landacre, 62, with his wife and grandchild. He makes \$1.60 an hour at the mill, spends much of his leisure time working in his large vegetable gar-den. "We're both sickly," says Mrs. 1 an-dacre. "He takes nine kinds of medicine and me five." Where will they go? "I guess we'll just find a room," she says resignedly, "and sit there." ACO1 197 UNLET LOBECK May extradition which alus ord load ACOO addi LOBECK May extradition which alus ord load ACOO addi decision: Mis manustrates granted may logal aid to pursue his appea? In a higher cours within the required idealay deadline. In a higher cours within the required idealay deadline. Environ at higher cours within the required idealay deadline. ACO I sections is set in the deal of the required idealay deadline. He was immediately idea from court, still surrounded of a He was immediately idea from court, still surrounded of a cordon bi Hootland Xard detectives, and taken cook to all marine security juli at wandaworth Frison in Bouth Tondon. By GODWREN ANDRASON

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Michael Dresden was named by the court as Ray's solicitor. Preside will prepare the defense and choose a lawyer to arrue this case in court.

Dresden's office declined to answer questions about the case, including that stand it might take on an extradition request. A soliditor prepares the case for the accurat and chooses the barrister who does the pleasing in court. The solicitor acts as a key link between the accused. the corrigter and the court.

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where he stayed. Mrs. Jun Loo said she saw a "fat man" tase a small envelope to Bay about four days tororo he flew to London May 6. The said she could not give a datailed description of the man and did not know what was in the envelope. May not the envelope on the day his rent was due and the day he paid \$645 for an excursion flight ticket to London. Tay arrived in Fortugal May 5 where he stayed in the dotel Fortugal until May 17 paying just over \$2 a day for his room on the first floor. Starf at the hotel recall that he was generally out of his room 15 or 16 hours a day.

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Toronto AP - Peerle who encountered James Karl Ray in the month he spent in Canada after the worder of Dr. Martin Luther month he spent in Canada after the worder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. say he code was handed an envelope by a fat man and that King Jr. say he code was handed an envelope by a fat man and that he visited a ter several times to drink beer and watch go-go dancers. he visited a ter several times to drink beer and watch go-go dancers. Ins. Ise Sun Locs Rey's Landlady at one of two Toronto ins. Ise Sun Locs Rey's landlady at de fat man was the only rooming houses where he stayed, said the fat man was the only yisitor King's suspected Willer had in 16 days.

Ne cot the envelope on the day his \$9-a-week rent was due and the day he cald a Terorto travel agency \$545 for a round trip air ticket to London. Bay arrived in Lordon in mid-bay and was arrested there Saturday.

A syckesmen for the Royal Canadian Sounted Folice said, however, detectives were not convinced that Say was helped by accomplices while in Toronto.

A on the contrary, the only indication of that is that one man delivered an envelope and locts >> the spikesman said. "It may have been mail or something from a travel bureau. ?!

Hatitues of two Toronto you halls said is showed up but salled ave 7 when haked to shoot a game.

we waiters at the Silver Collar Bar in the Waverly Hotel said they say Eay sitting at a front-row table, drinking beer and satching the go-go dancers.

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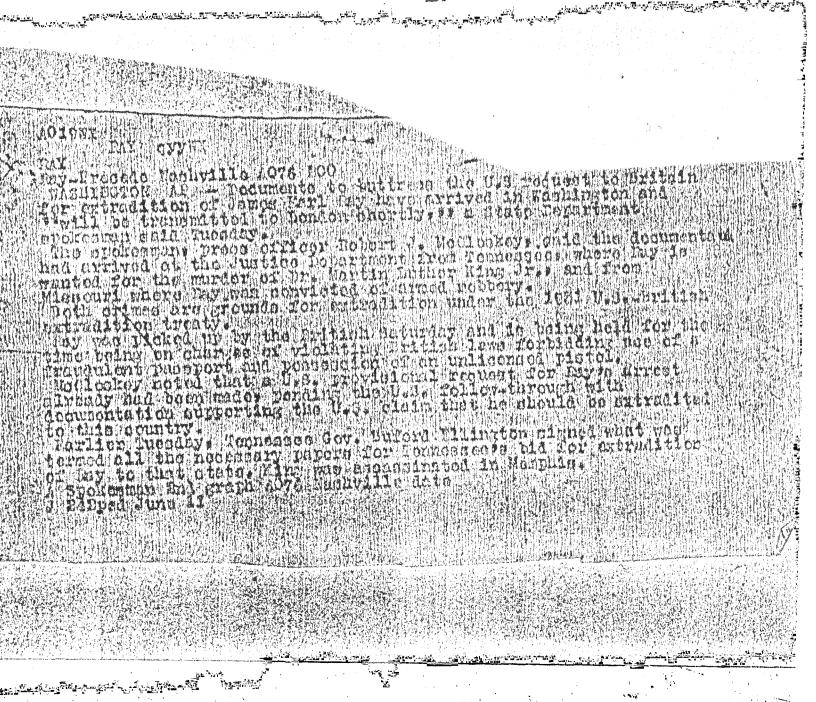
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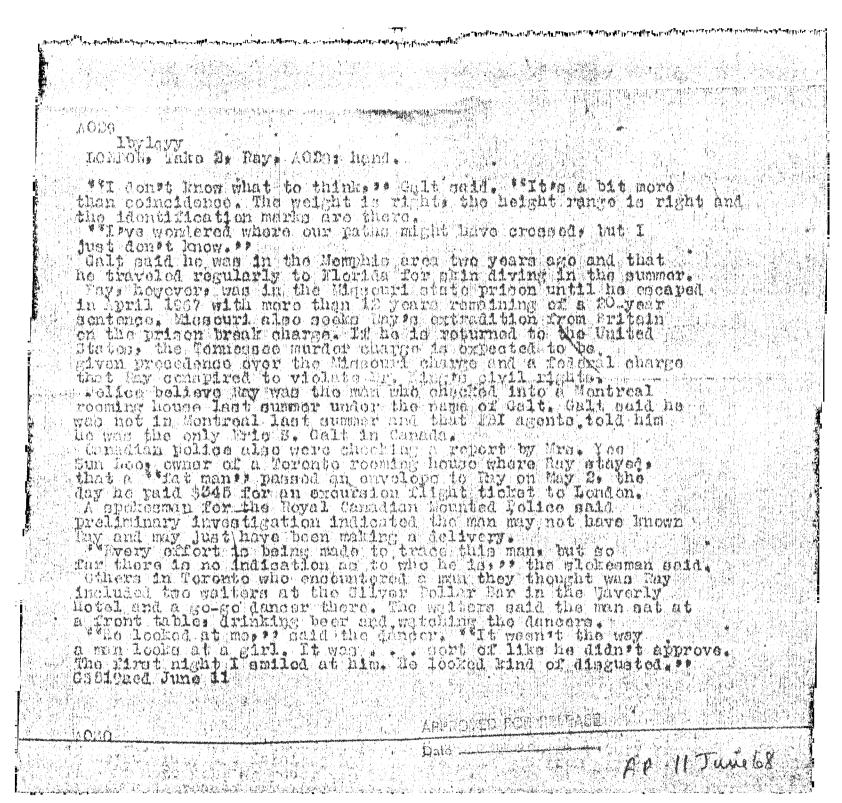
Of lay, and said: "He looked at te. It wasn't the way a man looks at a pirl. It was . . . sort of like he didn't approve.?? The first night I smiled at him. He looked hind of disgusted.?? Tolice said Ray may have spent two months in Youtreal last

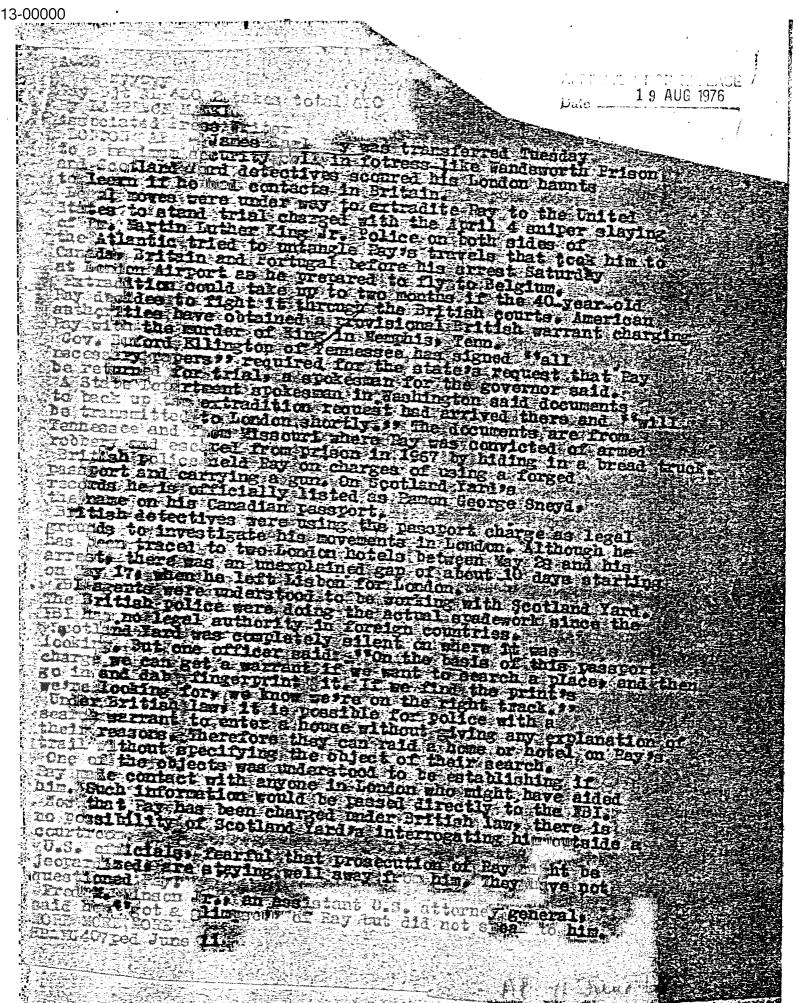
summer. They said a man resembling Bay and using the name of. Fric Starvo Calt, one of Payss slinges, checked into a Montreal rocking house early in July and stayed until early September. The jamitor of the rooming house, they said, identified Fay from photogramus and said he thought at the time that Ray was an American tourist visiting Expo 67.

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\*It would be improper for any American official to interrogate him at this stages, Vinson cuid. But British authorities said Fay oculd refuse any attempt by American authorities to question him until he is in 0.0. quetoly. Dritein could insten Pay's extradition by deporting him as an undestrable alien and the gun charge would be sufficient to do it. But some legal experts said there is a strong tradition against using deportation procedures as a substitute for extradition.

againer using deportation prodedures as a substitute for extradition. Pay made a two-minute appearance in court Monday on the passport. and gun dharges, he was designed a British lawyer at his com request and oddered held without bail for another hearing June 19.1 In extradition proceedings, the court would require evidence of a dass against May and he would them have 15 days to appeal to the high Court. A further appeal could also be made to the House of Lords, causing additional dolay. British authorities set up eccure outcody for May while the extradition proceedings move forward. May was first sent to Brixton Brisons a transit and holding jail on London's south side. Although shifts of detectives that him under guard around the clocks it was not felt secure enough. Name then shifted to Taxdaworth Frison, also on the south Side's and put in an isolation coll under two-man guard. Walls, houses lang-term prisoners; Security at Wandsworth das been tightened considerably since ronald Biggs, one of Britain's great train robbers, field over the walls four years ago. Like most of the 14 men who have second from inside Wandsworth since 1908. Biggs made his getaway from the since 1908. Mail Spectra to succede to be allowed out of his cell for exercise. Mail Spectra to succede to be allowed out of his cell for exercise.

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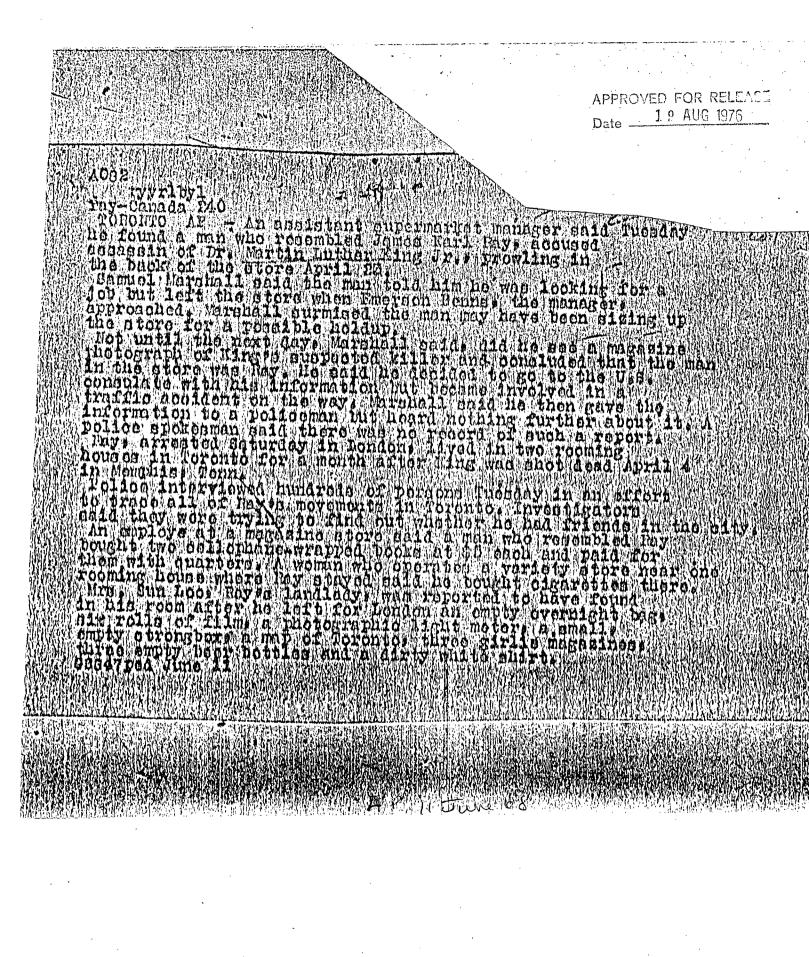
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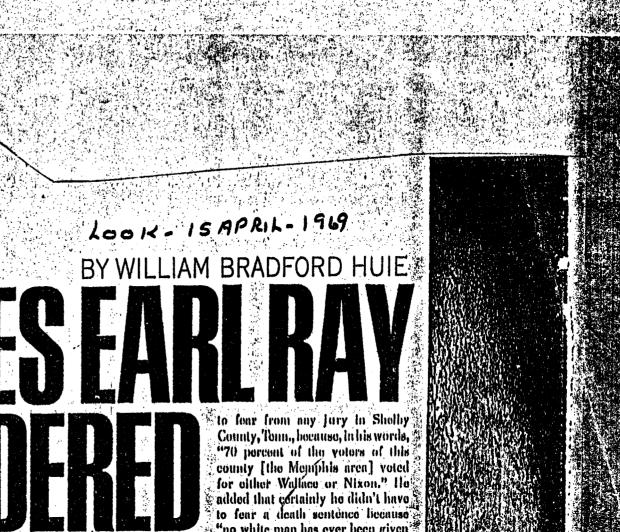
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STRY 214 600 Associated instantiator LOMION AP - Coolland Yard delved today into the mysteries of James Lari Fayes stay in Fritchner U.J., officials worked on their case for the extendition of the man accused of Hilling Jr. Martin Lather Ming Jr. May has been traced to two London hotels, between May 23 and his Arrest Saturday, but there is an emergiained gap of about 10 days, starting may 17 much he left Liscon. Di accuts were understood to be working with Scotland Lard detectives, but Dritish police are doing the syndework since the BI has no legal anthority in foreign countries. Police on both sides of the Etlantic are trying to untangle Payes travels, which took him to Canada, Britain and Fortugal after Ling was shot April 4. associated irene ariter shot April 4. Thy was transferred Tuasday to a maximum security cell in Barlaworth Arison because Sparion Jell on Lendon's South Side, was not considered scould last two months if the 40-year-old secured convict fights all the way through the British courts. As a first step, incrition authorities have obtained a provisional Stitish warrant charging Tay with the survey of Sing in Secures form, a State Department spokesion in Washington said documents to support the artraition request 'faill be transmitted to bondom shortly... The Dritish Police are holding Tay on charges of using a forge! Passyort and carrying a leaded sum. On Scotland Marity Me on his carrying a leaded set Secure South Jarity edot (pril 4. neno on his Canadian pession. U.S. cificials have not tried to question may to evoid legal ourflications resulting from Supreme Court decisions in tecont years. Ind now that he has been charged under British laws Sectiond larg cannot interregate him cutaide a courtroom. Hile Fritish police ware injus to ascertain whether Rey had any dentiots in Lenien, istochires in Tercito sere searching for a the stand for any apportedly care locking for Ray in a rooming house three or four days after the surgest flew to London. The Landledy, Try. Teln Studowski, told police about the taller, the second Ray reportedly had during his month-long stay in foronte after the assessimation of firs. The first was an and stifted fat may sho sea reported to have called on Ray at another roading house. May Separate said the cloud caller presented a colice identification cards but both the founded follos and the forento Menuitication carne out sold the complet solice and the formato police said he was not a foliceman. Torouto detectives also exercioned famuel Marshall, an essistant manager of a supermarket mod claimed he day a can resembling Eag in als store on diril 20. Marshall reportally told police the men esked for employment but left miss the store manager approached. An employe in a magnining store told foronto police a man who remembled ley bou ht two cellophane-sungred books and paid the th price in sufficies. I women who operates a variety store near dis of the rooming Louges where for stared caid he bought clearattes there. TB. Sum Loos forts other landledy. The reported to have found in his room after he loft for London on capty overnight one, sir roile of films a the correction light meters a grall entry strongtor. a mit of formios, three girlie regraines, three empty beer bettles and a dirty white unit. The (blantas Date Constitutions in a convigit articles and that an example in the conthern sity's hippie district reported a run using the name arts Starvo Calt stays: in the million for more that a real prior to the slaying of time. The many is the of the climes and mich for wes someat by

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"no white man has ever been given" a death sentence in a racial killing."

The Ray brothers believe that Jimmy is support. od not only by millions of individual Americans but also by certain newspapers and newspapermen. On November 1, 1968, when he thought the trial might start on November 12, Jorry Ray came to Alahama and talked with me. One of his worries, he said, was that "nobody but liberal reporters" could get a seat assigned in the courtroom for the trial. Jorry wanted me to use my influence to get "some conservative raporters like Paul Harvey and Fulton Lewis assigned scats, so we can have some friends who'll tell Jimmy's One reason why it was hard to convince

This is the third in a series of articles on James Earl Ray and the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., by William Bradford Huie, the eighth-generation was a friend of Dr. King. At the time of his first two

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conclusions he presents here.

IN THE TENNESSEE STATE PHISON At Nashville, prisoner. When, early in the presidential campaign of 1968, ho shot and killed Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.-Hay took what he regards as a political action approved by millions of Americans. Ray thinks he fired the first shot in a social or racial conflict, a second Civil War, which will eventually result in his being freed, He therefore feels fulfilled; he believes he liked, respected, even admired. And he is confident that political developments in the United States will cause him to be freed in two to four years.

Fig. Jamos Ray, who is 41, along with his brothers. Jarry, 34, and John, 37, believed that George C. Will lace would be blocked President on November 5, 1968, and that President Wallace would promptly pardon the murderer of Dr. King, James Ray-thought that by murdering Dr. King, he would ald Wallace's cause When Wallace was not elected, all three Ray brother took comfort in the Republican victory, They figured they had gained something. The trial was set to begin in November 12, 1968. One of the reasons why Jumes Ray changed attorneys on the eve of his trial, thereby forcing a postponement of several months, was that he thought he'd have a better chance if his trial were held after January 20, 1969. Jerry Ray, who told me that his own police icc

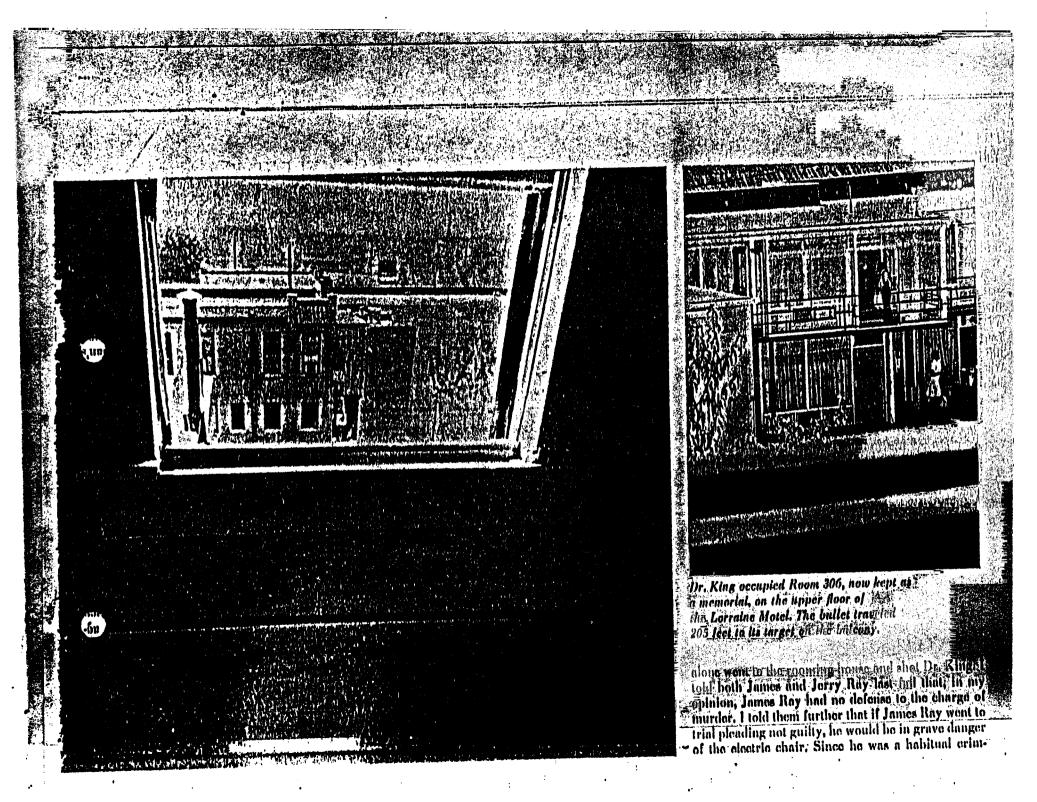
ord began when he was a juvenile, said of the delay t "Jimmy's friends are just bound to have more power" after Nixon becomes President."

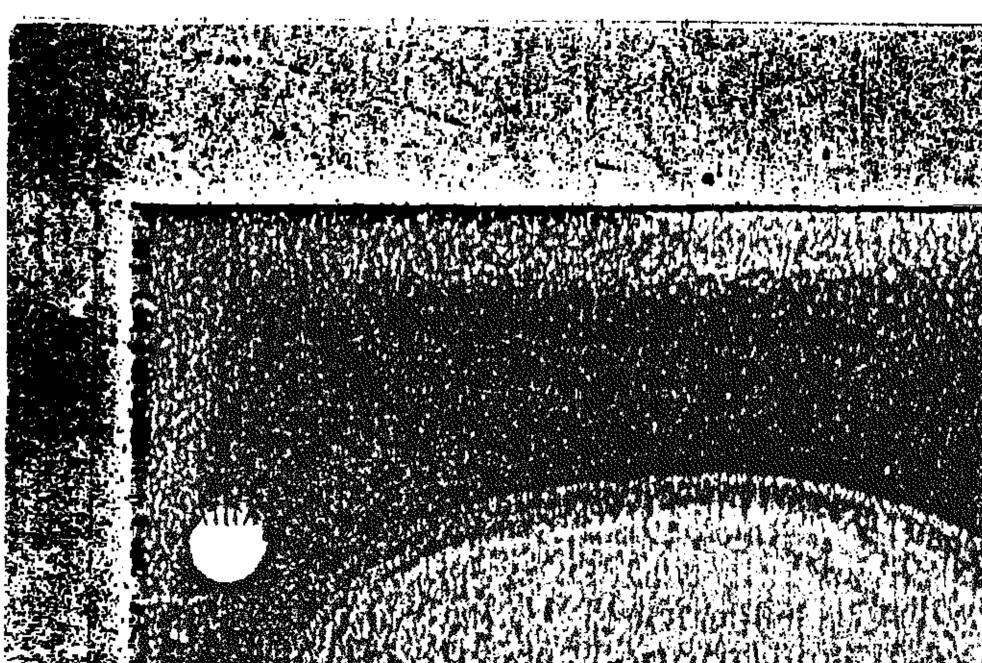
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reports, Mr. Huie believed that the evidence then as Ray that he was likely to get the electric chair 11 ho available to him pointed to a conspiracy. There re- went to trial was that in his environment, in his heavmained, however, unanswered questions that led him Wily guarded cell, he received some of the approbation to months of further investigation and the current the had killed Dr. King to get. A deputy sheriff told him: "That jury ain't gonna turn you loose till they've fined ya two dollars for shootin' a coon outa season." To counter such advice, Ray had to be told James Earl Ray now regards himself as a political #"Boy, you pay attention to these half-assed jailers and you'll wind up in the chair. These guards and Reputies are nigger-haters like you, and they'll .... in Jour ear about how you saved the white race by killing Martin Luther Coon, But Jallers don't sit on juries. If you go to trial, three or four of your jurors will be Negroes, and the eight or nine white men or women damn sure won't be failers or bailiffs. That jury wills burn yoro ass, and you better believe it, and let me Make a deal if you want to go on living."-

In August, 1968, when I began work on this anso -when I began souding in questions to Ray via his lawyors and receiving his answers-Ray gave this acformul of the actual murders he said that he carried the rifle to Memphis, and that at 3:15 p.m. on April 4, he rented the room at the rooming house. He said that he bought the blueeulars about 4:30 p.m. But he aid that when the shot was fired at 6:01 p.m.; he was in the Muslang, on Main Street; that the "other man" came running flown the stairs, throw the rifle on the sidewalk, jumped into the back seal of the Mustang and covored himself with a sheet, while he (Ray), drove away. Eight blocks from the murder scene, Ray said that the "other man" jumped out at a traffic light, and he (Ray) drove on to Birmingham and Atlanta. Month after month, I sought ovidence to support this account, while I urged Ray to reveal more about the "other man." I found no supporting ovi dance Loould believe, I had to conclude that, in all "Ikelihond." the "other man" wasn't there that Ray





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Canada, I got a shave in a barbershop across from the train station. I remember I had trouble as the barber said he didn't shave customers any more. I took a cab to Windsor and got there about 10 or 11 a.m. The train left for Toronto about 20 minutes after I got there. I arrived in Toronto about 5 p.m. on the 6th of April [Saturday], and I rented the room at 102 Ossington about 6 p.m. for \$10. The people who ran the rooming house were immigrants [Polish]. The woman couldn't sneak hardly any English and the man not much better. I never gave them a name as they never asked me for one. On Monday I went to the newspaper office and went through the old files looking for two names to use to apply for a passport. I got about ten names from the paper, including Paul Edward Bridgman and Ramon Goorge Snayd. [Ray got these names from births reported in 1932, It's wanted man about his own aga. Ray was born in 1928, but ha thought he looked younger than that, so he claimed 1931 as his birth year. Using the Toronto telephone directory, he confirmed that the men he had selected from the birth reports were still living, and in Toronto.] Posing as an employee of the Burcau of Internal Afairs, Passport Division, I then telephoned some of these men to see if they had ever had a passport. I couldn't use the name of anyone who had over had a passport as his picture would be on file. Bridgman told ma that he had had a passport about cight yoars Tana, but Snayd said ho had navor had a passport. [Tho real Speyd and the real Bridgman remember the telephone calls about their passports. Bridgman thought the call was "strango" because it came during the carly evening, after normal working hours for gov crnwent employees.] At that time I thought that the man applying for a passport had to have another man who'd swear that he had known him [ the applicant ] for two years. So I decided to let Shayd apply for the continued on page 100

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and Is separately and together, talked with Ray for a ing south." Another witness, "Cornbread" more than one hundred hours. It was a balling experienco because Ray never gave us his confidence on critical issues. Preparing his defense was like prepar- is From a concealed position in a firelio ing for most court in law school, We worked, but we had no defendant to work with us. A the state of the watching the area of Dr. King's room, trying At all times, Ray was courtcous and respectful. Of moderate size, with a sensitive, nonassertive personality, he is a man who would go unnoticed any. where. Probing for motivations, I often attempted to discuss race or politics with him. He is well informed, but his views are neither extreme nor bitterly held. I never heard him express or saw him display resentment, hatred or malico toward anyone. At each conference with Ray, we had to consider So I find the "bushman theory" of this should **.** . . . first a written list of topics he had propared, some relevant to the case, some not. Ills questions were so 3. The star state witness is Charlie St rious to him, and he seemed interested in my re- 46 years old, who lived in the room next sponses, He showed most interest in such personal matters as my bringing him shirts and ties for his 'courtroom appearances. On a human-to-human basis, 🖫 we seemed to be close. But when I began asking the questions, he changed in attitude and domeaner. He she say the main run out of the bathroomit insisted that his accomplice, Raoul, actually fired the work on Army Jacket and was much short Intal shot, but when I quotioned him about Raoul, ho Flighter than Ray, weighing no more than 125 p beanno tonso and dovious. Each time I saw him, 1 folt / (Ilay is 5'11" and wolghs about 160 pounds.) I had to make a new start at trying to gain his con . A When Ray's abandoned Muslang was fulonce, I never not a man guite so alone, guite so and searched in Atlanta, in its trunk, was a cortain that he was his only keeper. I believe his Raoul story to this extent! I think he who weighs 125 pounds. Moreover, the car's as met somebody like Raoul in Montreal in August. brimmed with eigarette butts, and Ray doc 1967; and I think Raoul may be Ray's name for one, 2 smoke. And in the back seat was a sheet, like th two or three persons who directed or assisted him be- Solomon Jones' bushman was wearing. twoon August, 1967, and his escape through Canada, 25, The state has no conclusive ballistics evic Lilore are some of the reasons why my son and L feel that there was direction or help the 1 My soil spent a wook studying the cooming withat that bullet was fired from the Romington

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said that he saw "the man" fire the shot bushes and then "take off." south of Bessie Brewer's rooming house, pol teet him from what they thought was the most threat to him: possible attack by Negro mili Negro policeman who could recognize the m gerous of these militants was at a peophole tually saw Dr. King fall. Both firemen and po who were in the back of the fire station he shot, and they all thought that it came from th es, not from any window 20 feet above the to diamias. bathroom. He said he heard the shot and saw who looked like Ray run out of the bathroo Stophens' common-law wife, Grace Hays Ste sold that Charllo was drunk and saw nothing A.30.06 bullet was recovered from Dr. King's co vortabra, but no ballistics export could say nos houses, the businesses and the people in the area of purchased by Ray at the Aeromarine Supply section of page

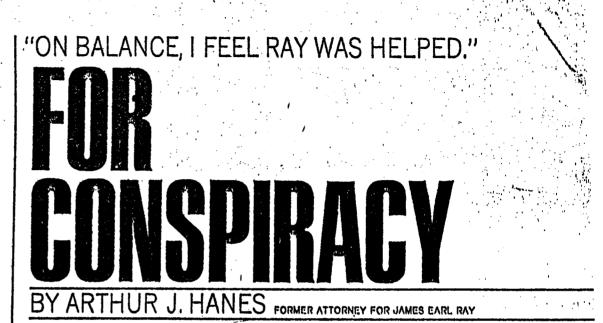
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and Mexico, I was handicapped by what I now regard as several misconceptions. Other people, I realize, will disagree with me emphatically, and in detail. I believe, however, that if this tragedy is to be understood, if ever all the questions are to be answered and the answers widely accepted, these misconceptions must be dispelled.

The first misconception is that Ray's flight through Canada after the murder and his obtaining a Canadian passport by using the names of living citizens of Toronto were complex feats that he could have accomplished only with assistance. After rotracing this trip, and studying flay's account of it, i believe the feat was within his capabilities. No assistance was accessary, Here's how he did it:

Leaving Memphis I had to drive slow and careful so as not to attract attention or get arrested for speeding. I drove south into Mississippi for a while, then turned cast across Mississippi and Alabama, through Birmingham to Atlanta. I got to my room in Atlanta about 6 a.m. on April 5th. I parked the Mustang and left it and sure hated I didn't have time to sell it for at least \$1,000. Upon leaving my room, on the table I left a lefter to me from the John Birch Society telling ma how to get information about the Englishspeaking countries of Africa. I wanted the FBI to investigate this letter while I got away.

I took a bus from Atlanta to Cincinnati, It was due to leave Atlanta about 11:30 a.m., but it left about 1 p.m. I arrived ip Gineinnati about 1:30 a.m. of the 6th of April. I had about an hour and a half layover, so I went to a tavern as I didn't want to stay in the bus station. I think the taverns close there at 2:30 a.m. I arrived at Detroit about 8:00 a.m., still the 6th of April. I then caught a cab to a train station, where I was told I'd have to take a cab to Windeor



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I also feel that Ray did

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This means that we be-

lieve there was what the

law calls a conspiracy.



Between July 5, 1968, when, at Ray's request, I first saw him in London and became his attorney, and November 10, 1068, when he discharged me, my conhad at least some time to study the rooming complex from which the fatal shot is alleged it been fired, we can't believe that Ray could known that he would have an unobstructed I fire at Dr. King from the room he rented, or fre bathroom the state claims the shot was fired Since there is no evidence that Ray ever entere house until 3:15 p.m. on the day of the murder since when he did onter it, he didn't go throug house looking out of various windows, but mere dicated what room he wanted, we believe that *i* one must have told him which house to enter which room to rent.

2. Twenty feet below the bathroom window which the shot is alleged to have been fired, the a vacant lot, which at that time was covered bushes 12 to 15 feet high. Dr. King's chauffeur, omen Jones, told reporters a few minutes after shooting that "just after the shot was fired, a with a short more back at the shot was fired, a

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the Main Street entrance to the rooming house,

6. When the man who fired the shot emerged from the rooming house onto Main Street, Ray's Mustang was parked to his *right*. Yet, according to witnesses in the ground-floor Canipe Amusement Co. who saw the rifle dropped, the man with the gun turned left, or south, *away* from the Mustang, dropped the rifle, and *continued walking south*.

7. Two white Mustangs were parked on Main Street near the entrance to the rooming house. The one that did not belong to Ray was said to have a "whiplash" antenna, indicating radio-broadcast equipment. Within a few minutes after Dr. King fell, there were mysterious radio reports about shots being fired from a Pontiae at a fleeing Mustang. I listened to police recordings of these reports, and they remain a mystery to me. All I know is that they could not have emanated from the Mustang owned by Ray, which had only an ordinary car radio.

8. I know the father and son who own and opcrate the Aeromarine Supply Company in Birmingham. They sold two hunting rifles to Ray, and talked with him on successive days. They told me that the man who bought these rifles "seemed to know very little about guns."

9. Finally, in all my conversations with Ray, I kept asking myself: Why would this man have killed Dr. King? He was doing all right as a fugitive. He was staying out of jail, finding girls, drinking a little beer and vodka, driving his Mustang to places like Acapulco, New Orleans and Los Angeles, apparently enjoying himself, and paying his way with various illegal activities. Why then would he gravely jeepardize himself by the senseless murder of a worldfamous figure? As far as I have been able to learn, he got no big final payment for it, and may not have expected any, though he has made contradictory ments on this point. So I simply can't think of any tive that clearly satisfies me in this case.

This is not to imply that I think I can disp that Ray killed Dr. King. I'm as puzzled as an else. The state had a formidable circumstantial against Ray. The Federal Bureau of Investigat for which I once worked as an agent, has demu usual masterful job. I admire Mr. Foreman, who great criminal lawyer. I know and respect Mr. II with whom I have spent many hours puzzling c this case; and certainly he writes persuasively ab Ray's motivations.

But as of this moment, I simply cannot ag that James Earl Ray was not *helped* in murdering I King. There are too many unanswered questions my mind. In months to come, I hope that Mr. Hu with Ray's help, can answer these questions.

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RAY TOLD HUIE: "I WAS GOING TO FRANCE TO TRY TO GET IN THE MERCENARIES."

passport and let Bridgman be his witness, and I'd ba both Sneyd and Bridgman, So I applied for birth certificates in both these names.

 While I was in Montreal the police must have had a tip that I might be there because several people were arrested. I remember reading in a paper where two males were arrested in a white car with a dog. For this reason I never left the room except for meals and when I went to the shipping office. I returned to Toronto after being gone nine, days, and next day I called the travel agency and was told that my passport had just arrived. When I picked up the passport I found the name was spelled wrong. [It was SNKYA instead of SNKYD. Ray prints when he writes, and his triangular D can easily be mistaken for an A. On his application for the passport, the D in Sneyd looks like an A.] There wasn't time to get it changed, so I had to leave Toronto with a faulty passport. had practiced that trip from Detroit to Windsor t Toronto to Montreal.

Ray has an amazingly retentive criminal mine He can draw an accurate diagram of any place he ha over visited. He knows his way around. He *may* have had assistance in his escape after the murder, but he prohably didn't need it, and I now don't believe he had it. He's too proud of having done it alone.

The second misconception is that Ray's finding the rooming house in Memphis from which he shot Dr. King, the precise timing, his "knowing where King would be at a certain time," and his escape from a murder scene crawling with police and police cars—that all this required assistance, that "one man just wasn't capable of doing all this by hisself, he

had applied for the birth certificate under that name. "hen I went to the Dundas Street address and rented a room as Ramon George Sneyd. I told the Chinese lady I worked nights. I was going to spend days at Dundas Street as Sneyd, and nights at Ossington Street as Bridgman.

I then went to Brown's Theatrical Supplies on Yonge Street and bought a makeup kit. This was so I could apply for the passport as Sneyd, then I could change my appearance and go back to the passport office as Bridgman and sign as a witness for Sneyd. In this way I could be Bridgman vouching for Sneyd.

In the meantime I had been stopped by a policeman and given a jaywalking ticket so I had to destroy all my Galt I.D. [This included his Alabama driver's license and all other papers identifying him as Eric S. Galt.] I then went to the travel agency and applied for a passport for Ramon George Sneyd. It was there and then that I found out that I had gone to a lot of extra trouble. If you don't have anyone to swear they have known you for two years, you can still get a Ganadian passport simply by swearing that you are a Ganadian citizen. I did this and was told I'd get my passport in about two weeks.

I didn't need Bridgman any mora, so I checked out of the Ossington Street room and kept the Dundas Street address for Sneyd's passport to be mailed to, Then I went to Montreal to check on some ships in case the passport deal fell through. In Montreal I got a room on Notre Dame West, all the way across town from Notre Dame East where I had lived in' August, 1967. If I didn't get the passport, I was going to rent passage on a ship that sailed around the coast of South Africa and yry to slip in at one of the stops. I Yound a Scandinavian line that had ships going to Mozambique. The price for a ticket was \$600. But they wanted a passport number, so I gave up on that.

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When I got back to Toronto from Montreal I had about \$800. I wanted to go to an English-speaking country in Africa, so I could get employment, but the price of a round trip ticket was \$820. You can't get in one of those countries without a round-trip ticket. So I bought a round-trip ticket to London, but I didn't expect to stay in England because it has too close police and other ties with the U.S.

Upon my arrival in England I called the Portuguese Embassy and asked them how long it would take to get a visa. They told me one day. I then used my return ticket to Canada to go to Portugal that day. In Portugal I spent all my time looking for a ship to go to Angola. I finally found one. The price was 3,777 escudos one way, about \$130. The ship was leaving in two days. I then went to get the visa and was told it would take seven days. I then returned to England as I was getting short of money. [In London, he held up a food store and got about \$300.]

I was going from England to France to try to get in the mercenaries. But they were having riots in France, and planes were not landing there. I finally contacted a newspaper reporter who told me the mercenaries had an office in Brussels. He gave me the address. I then bought a ticket to Brussels, and I wasgoing there when I was caught at the London airport. They shook me down and found the .38. I also had a blueprint on how to make a silencer for a pistol.

That is a remarkable account and, as far as I can determine, a true one. The man who wrote it requires no assistance to travel anywhere. Ray had spent seven years in the Missouri State Penitentiary studying how to escape from prison and from the United States. He had read books and listened to other prisoners. In July and August, 1967, three months after his escape from the Missouri prison, he just had to have somehody to help him."

But did he have to have help? Here is the progression of events, along with an explanation partially based on Ray's statements to me:

TAKE HE FINAL DECISION to kill Dr. King, made by Ray or someone else, appears to have been reached on March 16 or 17. Dr. King was in Los Angeles on those days, his movements and statements reported by newspapers, radio and television. On Saturday the 16th, he addressed the California Democratic Council in convention at Anaheim and "called for the defeat of President Johnson." On Sunday the 17th, he spoke at the Second Baptist Church in Los Angeles. The subject: The Meaning of Hope. He said that hate had become the national malady, that he had seen hate on too many faces, "on the faces of sheriffs in the South and on the faces of John Birch Society members in California," He closed by saying: "Hate is too great a burden to bear. I can't hate."

Literally while Dr. King was delivering that sermon, at a post office three miles away, Ray was filing a card changing his mailing address from the St. Francis Hotel, Los Angeles, to General Delivery, Attanta, Ga. Next morning, Dr. King left Los Angeles for Mississippi, and Ray left too. Ray, driving the Mustang, stopped in New Orleans; then on March 22, he was at the Flamingo Motel in Selma, Ala., when Dr. King was 40 miles away recruiting for the Poor People's March. Dr. King returned to Atlanta. Ray spent the night of March 23 in Birmingham; them on March 24, he paid a week's rent on a room in Atlanta at 113 14th Street.

On March 24-27, Dr. King was in the New York area. Ray used these days to locate and observe Dr. King's home, his office at SCLC headquarters, and his continued

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church, Ebenczer Baptist. On a map found in Ray's Atlanta room by the FBI after the murder, all three of these locations were circled. Ray's fingerprints were on the map. On Thursday, March 28, Dr. King led striking garbage workers in Memphis on the march that a few young black militants turned into a riot. On the same day, Ray or someone else decided he should buy a rifle.

Ray told me that he decided to buy the rifle in Birmingham, rather than in Atlanta, because "I had L.D. in Alabama." On March 29, Ray drove to Birmingham, registered as Eric S. Galt at the Travelodge, Five Points; then went to the Aeromarine Supply Company at the Birmingham Aleport and, as Harvey Lowmyer, bought a .2-K3-caliber rifle with a Redfield scope. (He said he had come to Birmingham to buy the rifle because "I had L.D. in Alabama." Yet he bought the rifle under an alias for which he had no identification.) Dr. King, on the 29th, returned to Atlanta deeply depressed because, for the first time, a few marchers led by him had resorted to violence. Newspapers, radio and television publicized his pledge to return to Memphis "next week."

On Saturday, March 30, Ray went back to the Acromarine Company and exchanged the rifle he had hought on Friday for a heavier rifle: a Remington .30-06 slide-action rifle, with a 2-to-7-power variable Redfield scope. This rifle package, with 20 Peters High Velocity, 150-grain, Soft Point cartridges, cost Ray \$265.85. Dr. King held a staff meeting at the Ebenezer Baptist Church during which he considered calling off the Poor People's March in the face of the "rising tide of hate in America."

On Sunday, March 31, Dr. King preached at the

Washington Cathedral, and Ray drove back from Birmingham to Atlanta.

On Monday, April 1, after an SCLC staff meeting in Atlanta, it was announced that Dr. King would return to Memphis on April 3. Ray left Atlanta late that afternoon, drove northwest and spent the night in a motel near Florence, Ala.

On Tuesday, April 2, Dr. King rested at his home, while Ray moved to a motel near Corinth, Miss. On a side road leading off of U.S. Highway 78 in Mississippi, Ray practiced with his new rifle. He fired several of the Peters Soft Point cartridges he had bought in Birmingham, and several Army ,30-06 cartridges he had acquired somewhere else,

N WEDNESDAY, April 3, Dr. King flew to Memphis on a plane that was delayed while it was searched after a bomb threat. He went to the Lorraine Hotel and Motel and was given Room 306. He had stayed at this place before, always in one of the new, more comfortable motel rooms fronting on Mulberry Street. Photographers took pictures of him, and on television that evening, the number 306 could be seen above Dr. King's head.

Ray came into Memphis on the morning of April 3. 1 assume he scouted the murder scone and could note that the doorways of all the Lorraine Motel rooms are visible from the back windows of the rooming house, which has its entrance at 422½ South Main Street. Ray got a haircut, purchased a shaving kit at a Rexall Drug Store, then registered as Eric S. Galt at the Rebel Motel inside the Memphis city limits.

At 3:15 p.m. on April 4, as John Willard, Ray

rented Room 5B at the rooming house. About 4:00 p.m., he purchased Bushnell binoculars and case from the York Arms Company a few blocks away on South Main Street. He took the rifle and the binoculars to his room. At 6:01 p.m., when Dr. King came leisurely out of his room and leaned on a railing, Ray killed him with one Soft Point bullet, which mushroomed on contact.

Did Ray have help in arranging this? He may have. But again, he could have done it without help.

The third misconception is that the fatal rifle shot could have been fired only by a practiced, experienced, expert marksman.

The Aeromatine Supply Company sold me the same rifle, same animunition, same scope mounted in the same manner, that they sold Ray. Then I reconstructed the shot that killed Dr. King.

The distance was 205 feet. Dr. King was standing to Ray's right at an angle of about 20 degrees. He was standing, because of the terrain, about 15 feet below Ray. So Ray was firing down and to his right. Dr. King, unlike John Kennedy, was not a moving target. He was standing still. Ray was firing from a bathroom, with the rifle at rest on the windowsill. Through the scope, Dr. King appeared to be standing no more than 30 feet from the end of the rifle barrel.

I hadn't fired a heavy rifle in 25 years. On my first shot, I hit a circle the size of a silver dollar. Any 12-year-old boy familiar with a .22 could have killed Dr. King from that position with that weapon.

Ray had Army training. He was in the Military Police. He had practiced with guns. So the shot was easy for him.

The fourth misconception is that Ray is stupid continued tes to

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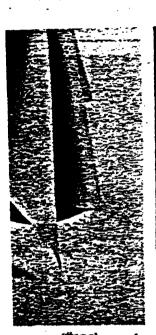
and inept. It's true that some of his earlier crimes were ludicrously inept. He couldn't pull a simple holdup without running down a blind alley or losing his shoes or dropping his wallet as he ran. But during his seven years in the Missouri State Penitentiary, he evidently matured as a criminal. His escape from there on April 23, 1967 was well planned and well executed. He somehow persuaded at least two men who are still there to take the risks of aiding his escape. Instead of being inept, Ray has become crafty.

The fifth misconception is that Ray could not have supported himself and his travels between April 23, 1967, and June 8, 1968, and therefore must have had financial assistance.

In Montreal, about August 1, 1967, Ray held up a food store and got \$1,450. In reply to my written queries, he first told me that he got this money by holding up a whorehouse, and I published his account of it. Then he told me that it had really been a food store, and that he told me it was a whorehouse because he didn't want a "hold" waiting for him in Canada when he got out of prison in Tennessee.

> E TOLD ME many stories about a 30-odd-yearold French-Canadian or "Latin" named "Raoul" whom he met in Montreal. Ray said he twice carried narcotics for him across the border at Windsor-Detroit and was paid \$750. Then Raoul came to Birmingham and gave him \$3,000 to buy the Mustang and

some camera equipment. Later, according to Ray, he met Raoul in New Orleans and in Laredo. There were probably several Raouls, accomplices of Ray in holdups and other money crimes. Ray bought a large quantity of marijuana in Mexico and disposed of it in some fashion.



mmers (#128), a pair uears (#CB7), and a g Scissors (#815) If l that generous, give f the three. For that ir of Wiss scissors or very fine gift, indeed.



But there is nothing in Ray's behavior to indicate, nor has he ever claimed, that either he or Raoul or anybody else got any money for the last big job he was supposed to pull. I believe that Ray wanted to murder Dr. King for reasons other than money.

Since Ray apparently got no money after the murder, in seven months of dealing with him, I waited for him to show some sign of feeling that he was cheated, that he didn't get what he had been promised. Instead of bitterness or resentment, Ray has evidenced only an expanding self-satisfaction.

Ray seems to have spent about \$12,000 between April 23, 1967, and June & 1968. There were a number of unsolved robberies of banks, loan companies and supermarkets in the areas through which Ray moved. Getting that much money would have been as easy for him as killing Dr. King from 205 feet.

I can't prove that no one gave him money to kill Dr. King. But I can prove that he could have gotten it in other ways.

The sixth misconception is that Ray, having been in prison so much of his life, is not a "racist" or "nigger-hater" and therefore could have been motivated only by money.

The record indicates to me that he is a "niggerhater," even though he never evidenced this to Mr. Hanes. On April 5, 1958, Ray was released from the Federal prison at Leavenworth, Kan., with this item in his report: "On September 12, 1957, he was approved for our Honor Farm but was never actually transferred to the farm due to the fact that he did not feel that he could live in an Honor Farm Dormitory because they are integrated. He was therefore never given Honor status. He was assigned to our bakery where he has remained until his Conditional Release."

Bitter anti-Negro actions or remarks by Ray were reported to me by persons who knew him in Canada, Mexico and California.

A seventh possible misconception is that Ray is not a "killer" and is therefore probably incapable of

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### BY PERCY FOREMAN ATTORNEY FOR JAMES EARL RAY



IF, IN THE DEAD OF NIGHT, 1 ever summon a physician, and he arrives at my bedside and asks, "Are you sick?" I shall use my remaining energy to leave my bed and throw the fool out of my house. So when a man accused of murder sends for Porcy Foreman, I show him the courtesy of assuming holis guilty and that he hopes I can save him from excessive punishment. Else why would

he be preparing to divide his worldly goods, or hope of same, with me?

· When, last November, the brothers of James Earl

jects: dropouts from the school of achievement, all of them afflicted by burning pride, They had energy, nerve, ambition, but they had more motor than brakes. And a defective steering apparatus. They belonged to the race of men that don't fit in.

They killed noither secretly nor for hire. True, after killing President Kennedy, Oswald fied. The instinct of self-preservation momentarily overcame that of self-realization. But Oswald was a pamphlet peddler. He had boasted to his wife of trying to murder Gen. Edwin A. Walker. Had he lived, he would have boasted of killing a President.

For a few hours, I represented Oswald's killer, Jack Ruby. He was a frustrated showman, successful only at showing off the backsides of itinerant girls. To perform before 50 million television viewers was a chance he couldn't resist.

Sirhan tells us in his diary that "wo believe that the glorious United States of America will eventually be felled by a blow of an assassin's bullet. ....."

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having killed Dr. King. It's true that there is no previous murder in his record. But in 1966, Ray was given a thorough, six-weeks' psychiatric examination at the Fulton (Missouri) State Hospital. He was diagnosed as a "sociopathic personality, antisocial type with anxiety and depressive features."

The superintendent of the hospital at Fulton is Dr. D. B. Peterson. I asked him if James Earl Ray is capable of planned killing for money.

"Certainly he is," replied the Doctor. "Any man who commits armed robbery indicates that he may be willing to kill for gain if necessary. There is very little difference between armed robbery and planned killing for money."

I then asked: "Is Ray capable of killing in the hope of winning distinction? Approval? Is he capable of killing in the hope of relieving his anxiety, enhancing his self-respect?"

"Perhaps. He is so consumed with self-consideration that he is incapable of respecting the rights of any other individual."

When the misconceptions have been dispelled, at least partially, these questions still remain:

Was there a conspiracy?

Well, there are large conspiracies and little conspiracies. In large conspiracies, rich and/or powerful men are involved. Small conspiracies involve only little men. Last October, after working with Ray for two months, I thought that powerful men probably had made the decision to kill Dr. King. To date, I have found no confirmation of Ray's instructions about this. Nor have I found believable evidence of any link between the murders of Dr. King and President Kennedy.

I believe that one or two men other than James Earl Ray may have had foreknowledge of this murder, and that makes a little conspiracy. But if there was a conspiracy, I now believe that James Earl Ray was probably its leader, not its tool or its dupe.

Ray sought me out and handed me a letter from him, beseeching me to represent him, I didn't fly to the Shelby County Jail in Memphis and run a gamut of guards to ask: "Jim, did you do it?" Because on Thursday, April 4, 1968, James Ray was prowling the vicinity of 4221/2 South Main with a deer rifle, and that is not one of the Volunteer State of Tennessee's several game preserves.

I assumed that Ray had sent for me not to spring him, but to try to save his life. I then, over several weeks, spent 40 hours in conversation with him, endeavoring to bring him to believe that I knew more about the law than he did, after which I saved his life in the only way I thought it could be saved. I consider this no mean achievement.

Why did Ray kill Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.? In public discussion, I normally leave the question of why to doctors of philosophy. If they won't defend criminals, I won't write essays. Here, I break my rule and offer a few pointed remarks.

The mouth-filling word "assassination" has been popularized by people who have forgotten its meaning. Others have defined it: An assassin is a secret killer for hire. Under the popular but incorrect definition, the deaths of President John E Kennedy, Dr. King and Sen. Robert E Kennedy are called assassinations. But they were not assassinations, they were killings; and Lee Harvey Oswald, James Earl Ray and Sirhan Bishara Sirhan were and are not assassins, but killers.

Why did they kill? They each wanted the world to hear of them. They wanted credit. Top billing. Headlines. Front-page pictures. A by-line. Self-realization. A shortcut to fame. To exercise the ego. To them, notoriety and fame are synonymous. What other finen study, plan and struggle a lifetime to achieve, these killers thought they could win with lead.

What did they have to lose? They were social re-

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Before he fled the murder scene, James Earl Ray, carefully watched by three witnesses, deposited on the sidewalk the murder rifle that he had wrapped in his own laundry-marked bedeover to protect his fingerprints on the rifle from obliteration. He also left a canvas bag containing his laundry-marked shirt and underwear, along with a transistor radio clearly bearing his identification number as a prisoner at the Missouri State Penitentiary.

Both rifle and bag he could have carried a few feet further and placed in his white Mustang. But that might have prevented his identification. He wanted to escape, but he didn't want to lose credit. As further precaution against such dreaded loss, he left his fingerprints in the side room that he had rented, and his palm print in the bathroom from which he fired the shot. All this by a man to whom fingerprinting had become a way of life.

A jury must consider the mental state of a defendant in determining his degree of guilt. So a defense lawyer must present his client's thinking as to the act charged. Had I not obtained a waiver of the death penalty for Ray, it would have been my duty to offer testimony as to Ray's beliefs about his victim, even though none of these was my own.

I think Ray believed Dr. King was a Communist; that his crusades had opened the Pandora's box of riot; and that, though he preached nonviolence, by indirection he created Black Muslims, Black Panthers and Invaders. Ray thinks that the war between the races is imminent, and he wanted to fire the first shot. The shooting of Dr. King, to him, was the Pearl Harbor of that war. He didn't tell me any of this: it is what I believe he thinks.

I don't believe there was any conspiracy. James Earl Ray wanted to win recognition. He hoped that by killing Martin Luther King, he could make the rest of his futile, boring life exciting. Is there a chance that other questions may yet be answered?

Yes, I think so. Remember that there are still war many fundamental unanswered questions.

And finally: What was Ray's real motivation? Why did he want to kill Dr. King?

A clue to the ultimate answer, I think, lies in this circumstance. On April 21, 1967, two days before his escape from the Missouri State Prison, Ray bought a six-transistor Channel Master radio in the prison commissary. He carried this radio with him when he broke out, and listened over it for the announcement of his escape. He then carried it with him on all his travels and adventures for over a year.

After he shot Dr. King, Ray rushed down the stairs, and threw the rifle on the sidewalk. Then, deliberately, he threw down beside the rifle a blue zipper bag in which there were several items, including his old companion in loneliness, the transistor radio. Ray knew that it clearly hore his prison I.D. No. 00416. He also left his fingerprints on the rifle, on the binoculars and in the room upstairs. In short, he purposefully left his calling card, telling the FBI that JAMES EAUL RAY WAS HERE. That was his glory. He wanted the FBI and all of us to know that James Earl Ray, that poor, contemptible little man with a price of \$50 on his head, had killed one of the great Americans of this century.

This is the state of our knowledge up to this point. But, more than a year after the murder of Dr. King, there still remain certain basic, nagging, unanswered questions, the result in good part of the deliberately clusive silence of James Earl Ray, who in this respect if no other is a remarkable man. Mr. Huie plans to continue his investigation, communicating with Ray, face to face if possible, and, as he uncovers further answers, will report on them in LOOK.

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Gave Up Right of Appeal When Pleading Guilty

### BY MALIN WALDRON South to The Set The T

MEMPELS, Tena, May 26 Chininal Court Jadge Artig C. Faqua Ja suled today ast James Earl Ray gave D Lis ngit of arreal on Maria 10 wien he pleaded guilty to the murder of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luiser King Jr.

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### Legal Technicalities

Judge Faquin said that such agreements were legal and blinding in Tennessee. He cited humerous Tennessee court decisions in behalf of this position. Today's hearing, which had Idge in Memphis Rules He forum for Ray's story that he was nothing more than a dupe who pleaded guilty because of pressure, never got beyond legal technicalities

At the start of the hearing, Ray's three attorneys withdrew allegations that Ray's former lawyer, Percy Foreman of Houston, had browbeaten Ray izto plezding guilty.

Judge Faquin offered to incow open the hearing to allow Ray to state his position, but the attorneys representing faim declined the offer. They would not explain why the alegations about the pressure had Deen withdrawn.

Robert K. Dwyer, the prosesutor, who just this morning Continued on Page 19, Column 3

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### THE NEW YORK TIMES

# Ray Fails in Plea for New Trial; Judge Orders Him Back to Jail

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### Dismissed Tennessee Aide Confirms an Offer to Ray

NASHVILLE, May 30 (AP)-Harry Avery, dismissed Thurscay as State Corrections Commissioner. confirmed Friday that he had offered to place in a trust fund any money hidden away by James Earl Ray. Min. Avery's comment came in an interview with Jim Miller, WMAK radio newsman, after The Nashville Banner said the information was contained in a confidential report to Gov. Butterd Ellington.

Ray is in maximum security at the Tennessee State Penitontiary, serving 99 years after pleading guilty to first-degree minder in the assassination of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Ir in Memobis April 4, 1988

It in Memphis April 4, 1988. The Banner said that the report quoted Mr. Avery as saying he had conducted three interviews with Ray at the prison, simed primarily at solving the Ning slaying as well as to gather material for atticles and probably a book. Governor Ellington dismissed Mr. Avery after a report by the phermational Association of Enliefs of Police, which was highly critical of the entire state penal system. Mr. Avery photoe the Governor as saying The Caalings with Ray were the pasts for the dismissel.

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Q. Doesn't the U.S. Justice Department plan to arrest. shortly the merror financed the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr.?—R. Y., Rye, N.Y. A. Two prominent New Orleans businessmen reportedly contributed \$25,000 to intermediaries who arranged for James Earl Ray to murder Martin Luther King. These men expected the assassination would cuse a war between blacks and whites in this country with the eventual subjugation of the black population

How much the Justice Department knows of the plot and the personalities involved is difficult to tell at this point. On March 3rd, when James Earl Ray stands trial in Memphis, the plot may begin to unfold: Ray, of course, was a pawn of limited intelligence, unaware of his true financial backers or their diabolical motivation.

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### WP JAN 3 1 1969 Author Pays Last \$5000 For Manuscript by Ray

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 30 was used by Hule as the basis (UPD-Author William Bradford Hule on Wednesday gave Houston attorney Percy Foreman \$5000 as the final payment for a handwritten manuscript from Foreman's client, Hule said it was the last in a series of payments-more than \$30,000 with were made earlier to Bay's former made earlier to Bay's former Nov. 12 until March 3. Hanes counsel, Artitur Hanes Sr., of Birmingham. The 20,000-word manuscript

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## Mrs.King Urges Conspiracy Probe

ATLANTA, March 10—Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s widow and his successor said today they now believed more strongly than ever that a conspiracy brought about his assassination last April. Coretta King and the Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, who who succeeded Dr. King as head of the Southern Chris-

tian leadership conference. said the search must continue for persons they say acted with James Earl Ray in a plan to kill Dr. Kinz. For the moment, we have been spared a trial which would compel us to relive the fearfully tragic events of his death. But we realize that this is but a respite," Lirs. King said in a statement. Mrs. King added that "all concerned people must press the State of Tennessee and the U.S. Government to contique until all who are responsible for this crime have been apprehended."

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THE WASHINGTON POST Tuesday, March 11, 1969 A 11

### Mrs. King, Abernathy See Plot

REACT, From A1. Earlier, Mr. Abernathy said that Roy's admission of guilt strengthens his belief that

there was a conspiracy. Both Abernathy and Mrs. King reiterated their stand that the death penalty for Ray would be contrary to the moral and religious convictions of Dr. King "Retribution and vengeance have no place in our beliefs," Mrs. King said.

"My husband believed that we must separate the man from the deed. In that spirit, I look beyond James Earl Ray to the racism which pervaded — and still poisons— the climate of America.

"It was the real killer. It incited violence against a man who was the very essence of nonviolence." The Rev. Martin Luther

King Sr., father of the slain civil rights leader, said he had no comment on Ray's plea:

The Rev. James Orange of SCLC, who was with Dr. King when he was slain, said, "I an trying to slay out of this. I think they should set that man free." He declined to elaborate when asked why he felt Ray should be set free, saying he had no further comment.

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# Eay Is Transferred in Chains

### To State Prison at Nashville

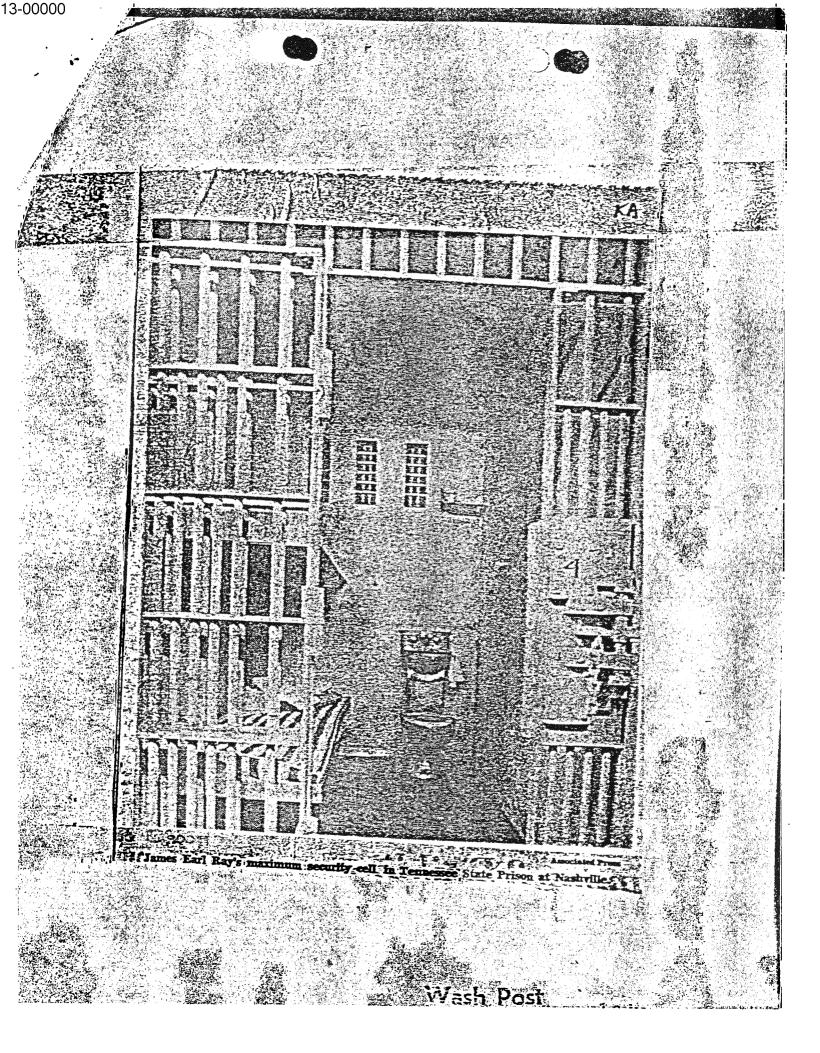
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e was not steps to his left and take a shower. was led in chains into the Ten-Warden Lake Enssell said Warden Russell ( and State rescent State Prison today, to 223, was assigned Call No. 4 in Corrections Commissioner Typeld Harry Avery said Ray would Los sufficientes de la compacta de la constante de la compacta de be isolated. There will be no Control and the Statute of the convicts are since in a state of the classification ould in a state of the classification ould in a state of the classification ould in the classification are since increased to state of the classification ould in the prison, Ray will re-The traveled the 260 miles to mile to mile is a most complete main in maximum security With the very miles to miles to mile to mile the prison, Ray will re-traveled the 260 miles to mile to mile is a most complete throughout the classification Netwille in an eight common from are 13 news bers across about six weeks. At the end of that dura Once a day Bay will be tion, we will determine. takensoutside to an exercise whenes there will be any or call according to the will step out other than the maximum secu-tional Twice 2 week he will step out other than the maximum secutalensouriside to any species whether there will be any spe

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### P.13 MAR 69 Eastland, Diggs Seek Probe Of Plot Aspect in King Death

By William Greider Washington Post Staff Writer

Two disparate Congressional was? How did they know when carry on an investigation." figures-Sen. James O. East-he was leaving? I'm not acusland of Mississippi and Negro ing anyone, but it appears to Rep. Charles C. Dizgs Jr. of me that somebody inside the Michigan-each called yester botel must have given informaday for a deeper look into who tion."

Luther King Jr.

killed the Rev. Dr. Martin! The Senator said he has "no direct information" on the

kinds of doubts that have been

generated as a result of Ray's

own testimony on co-conspira-

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responsibility to be taken care

Eastland, who chairs the case and no access to FBI or Senate Internal Security Sub-Justice Department evidence. committee, said he is con-vinced that James Earl Ray information by someone in-must have had some assistance side that motel, that's all I'm must have had some assistance side that motel, that's all I'm in the murder. "I'm assembling saying." Eastland said. "How the available evidence," the could be come into that city---Senator said. "There are some a white man looking for King? It couldn't be done. Someone questions in my-mind." Diggs, an eighth-term Con- had to tell him.

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Ray's earliest known appeargressman from Detroit, said he is sending a telegram to ance in Memphis was on April President Nixon asking him to 3, the day before the killing, reactivate the Warren Com- when he checked into the mission or appoint a similar when he next day he switch blueribbon group to explore ed to the hotel from which he fired the fatal shot.) the death of Dr. King. Diggs said he also believes

The civil rights leader was slain last April by a sniper that a conspiracy new second slain last April by a sniper Dr. Kings death. A full-scale cony in Memphis, Tenn. On investigation by a presidential Monday, Ray pleaded guilty commission "might relieve tensions" surrounding the murand received by prior agree-ment a 99-year sentence, but der, he said. I'm asking the President as could "not accept" theories either to reactivate the Warthe defendant told the court that he had no co-conspirators ren Commission or form one similar to it," Diggs said. "The

in the crime. # Eastland said he will have a staff assistant gather information on the case, but does not plan any subcommittee hearings or field investigations. 

"There are some questions Justice Department reportedly penalty." in my mind," he said. "How was a party to the arrangedid they know King was in ment by which Ray's trial was 824 of whom are Negroes.

the Lorraine Motel? How did settled Monday, "I don't think they know where his room it has a strong motivation to "It's very difficult for me," he continued, "to believe that this man (Ray) could have all these experiences without some assistance-the passport the cars, the money, all the rest of it. There's never been a satisfactory explanation."

> From Hartselle, Ala., author William Bradford Huie-who: has interviewed Ray for a forthcoming book - said thei convicted assassin "is justi smart enough, in his criminal mind, to put everybody on."

Huie, who retraced Ray's story of travels before and after the shooting, said Ray "does not want the case to die out-he wants the dramatic action to continue. The last thing he wants is to drop from the public eye."

### Ray Tested on Mingling With His Fellow Inmate

NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 12 (UPI)-James Earl Ray is undergoing six weeks of tests to determine whether he will be permitted to mingle with other inmates of the Tennessee state prison.

Ray, 41, entered the prison Tuesday morning to begin a 99-year sentence for the assassination of Civil Rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. last April 4. He pleaded guilty Diggs said that because the to escape a possible death

The prison has 1938 inmates,

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### Case Puzzles Trial Judge

By Bernard Gavzer MELIPHIS, Tenn, March 13 (22) -Judge W. Preston Sattle said wiry that he beieres the fall still is not known about James Earl Ray and the assausingtion of Dr. Martin Luther the on a highway? Xing Jr. States

Sz he said he is convinced that a trial would 2 not have provided the answars, and defended his cacision to accept a guiliy ples from Ray in return for a: 53-year sentence.

fire others, I would Troly like to know how Ray actually found the spot ciana or conspirator, ae iron which to fire, sta ' judge said in an interview." How did Ray know where Rav. Kind would be? How the commer in the defensedid he determine the type prosecution agreement to I wespon to be used? What ure the details of the actual surchase and selection of sentence? Ray could have he weapon? Was he alone been sentenced in death if a surveillance of the Lor-Saine Motel?

Nost puzzing of all, is his escape from Memphis. To me, it seems miramlous () hat he was able to five to Atiana derpite the allpoints bulletins without his white Mustang being spot-

The judge said there is in specific ebout possible answers, but nothing based on fact and evida\_\_\_\_ 

There has been much talk of a conspiracy, but no ore's saving so has yet produced a single shred of evidence or named an assosuid Whin these questions puzzling him, why did Batallow Ray to change his plea end take a SS-year te had been found guilty. "I was convinced then and

am convinced now that the trial would have muddled our understanding of the substantial evidence which established Ray as the killer," the judge said.

"It is an error to assume that the prosecution would have had a chance to crossexamine Ray about his finances, or how he escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary, or about persons who gave him any aid before or after the slaving of Dr. King. "That assumes Ray would have taken the stand. I

doubt very seriously that defense counsel would have risked placing Ray in such a position. In fact, as I understand it, this all along has been one of the main problems between Ray and various men who have acted for the defense. They counseled against it, and he kept wanting to take the risk.

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Suppose he had taken the mand The public should understand that this would cor suspenses that this world have cast light upon these purring questions. In an enversary proceeding, each side tries to make the best case, and so some things nizhr be erzegerated, some minimized, or obscured."

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"It was entirely in my power to to so," Battle said. -But my conscience told me that is better served the ends of justice to accept the agreement. N

End there been a trial, there could always have been the possibility, in such 1 an emotionally charged case, of a hung jury. Or, though it may appear far-fetched Low, he could have perhaps been acquitted by a jury." Prosecutor Pail Canale

in a television view today that Ray accepted the ceri because as thinks he will "be free in" two years," United Press International reported. Canele said Ray made the remark to his attorney, Parcy Foreman, but did not indicate wiether he expected to gain his freedom through the s or through a prison CO145 OTZAN

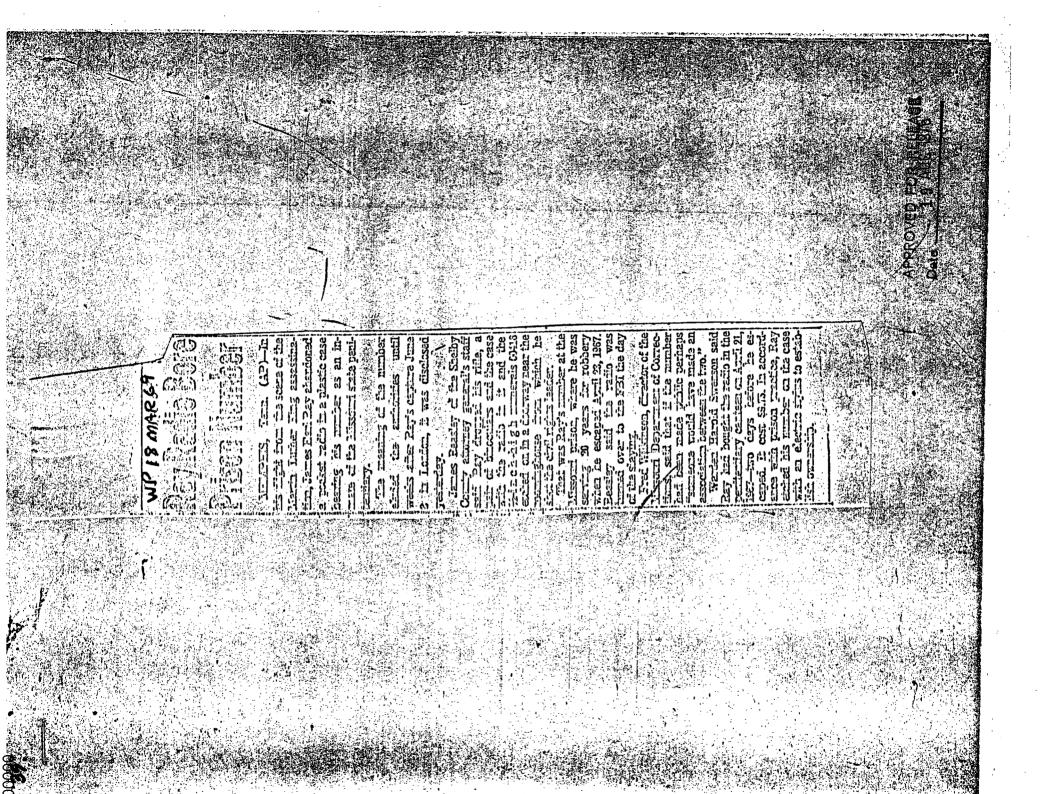
Battle said he thinks that some of the unenswered questions ultimately will be answered by Ray. He said he thinks that Ray has enjoyed. the notoriety and will periodically explain various catells of the crime. The judge was taken acack by some of the public rasponse to the March 10 proceeding at which the placeand-purisiment agreement. was made official I must admin I was hertated at it being called a minimial," he said "It was rot a tral" The record indicates a rather careful proceeding in which Battle attempted 10 avoid any happenstance that could be interpreted as judi-

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Ray as to Ray's understanding of the agreement and whether he was doing this of his free choice. The law requires only two things in such a proceed-Fing," the judge said. "One is toat we present the body of the corpus delicti, and the second is that evidence be presented establishing that the defendant was involved with the crime.

This was accomplis through the witnesses w appeared and testified to last living moments of King and to the nature : cause of death. The evide: relating Ray to the slay was scipulated and read open court by the State; a this described the chain evidence which would h: been introduced in a tri





# WP 18 MAR 69 Ray Clue Took Weeks to Unravel

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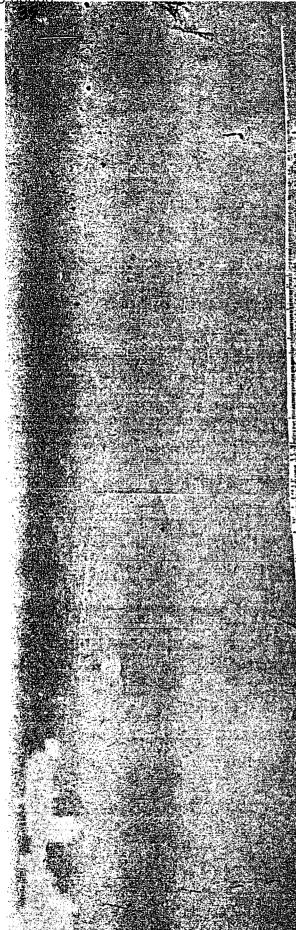
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# Ex-Official of Klan Offers Aid to Ray

(AP) - The office of J. B. tional States Rights Party, has Stoner said today that Stoner, in the past styled himself as an altorney with past connect "imperial wizard of the tions with the Ku Klux Klan Mar Knights of the Klan.

A spokesman, Edward S. Fields, said Stoner is en route oy adtomobile to Nashville where he plans to confer with Ray Saturday morning Ray was imprisoned in Nashville after pleading guilty in Memphis to King's slaying and receiving a 95 year sent ence. Fields said Stoner was hired to help Ray change his plea to innocent and to defend him if he wins a new trial. Fields said that Ray originally had contacted Stoner shortly after Ray's arrest in London and that there had been correspondence between the two since. Fields said that Stoner had visited Ray in Memphis. Stoner, who was a vice pres

SAVANNAH, Ga., March Zildential candidate for the Naand the National States Rights! He once published a Klan Party, will represent James paper in Louisville, Xy., and Party, will represent James Party in Louising, and Earl Ray in his fight for a new Atlanta and authored a book trial in the slaying of Dr. Mar. entitled "the Gospel of Jesus tin Luther Kinz Jr.

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23 (UPI)-Attorney J. B. file against magazines which Stoser visited James Zarl 207 made "false and defamatory" in his priser cell today and charges against him. later said Zay was innocent of Memphis police, meantime, the murder of the Rev. Dr. said King's murder was so in-Martin Luther Ing Jr. but hard to believe there was a had been "pressured" into conspiracy. pleading gnilty. Stoner, cice as organizer for the Kn Kinx Klan and the 1954 vice predidentical candi-date for the National States Rights Party, also claimed to have new information in the Bay case. He desilted how-ever, to elaborate on his

charge inst pressure was ap-the nature of the evidence be ezuse "I might need it läier on for his triel" Asked whether it wolrd stand to in court, he said: "According to the information given I.e. it will stand to very substantially." S. 51. 5 Stoner saz Ray for more than two hours in the maximum security section of the Tennessee State Prison and

said he "seemed to be in good spirits for a man in this partie ALL SERVICE Storer aid is wit repreenting Ray in criminal menter but was handling several Sec. Sec.

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THE EVENING STAR ton, D. C., Wednesday, March 25, 1969

# Rey Afforney Expects To Sue National Figures

Tay J. B. Stoner says he immediate future. week with he flies civil suits on behalf of James Earl Ray against "national figures." it suits which he will file for Ray, now appealing for a new in the death of Dr. Martin ther Sing, Jr., "will involve netione: Egres but won't mentica any retional organizations at this time," Stoner said yester-**N** States The lawyer, who has past ections with the Ku Klux Klan and is an avowed white Supremacist, stressed, however, that he would not defend Ray in عتع تشتنا دعه Fre been taiking to him "Stoner said. "There's an overlapping in the criminal and overlapping in the criminal and Appeal, offered a reward of civil cases, but my interest is in \$25,000, the Scripps-Howard cr-تحد طاجاً حدد " fore his visit to Ray in Tennes- other \$25,000 and the Memphis

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SAVANNAE, Ga. (UPI)- would be no litel suits in the

Stoner said he would file the suits against the national figures "as soon as I can get them prepared, no later than next weak." He said his action will be backed "by undisputed facts of such a strong nature that I'd public record," rather than reveal the names of the defendants

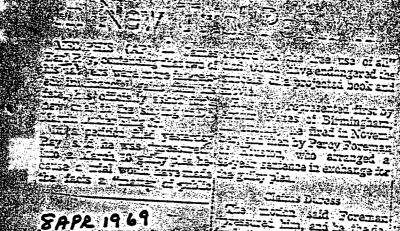
at the preset time. Stoner said that he had been representing Ray in civil action "since last fall, sometime in September or October,"

Meanwhile, in Memphis Tenn., the \$55,000 in reward money offered in the slaying of Fre been taking to him King which cannot go to the (Ray) only about the civil ac FBI-may go unclaimed.

The newspaper Commercial ganization (incluing the Mem-Stoner had said Saturday be phis Press-Scimitar) offered ansee State Prison in Nashville City Council announced a pledge that he possibly would represent to underwrite a total reward of Ray in 1021 suits against nation- \$100,000. Later, the city attorney al magazines. Yesterday, how- advised the council that it is in rather for I to be a matter of violation of the law to pay a Sturary indicated there reward exceeding \$5,000

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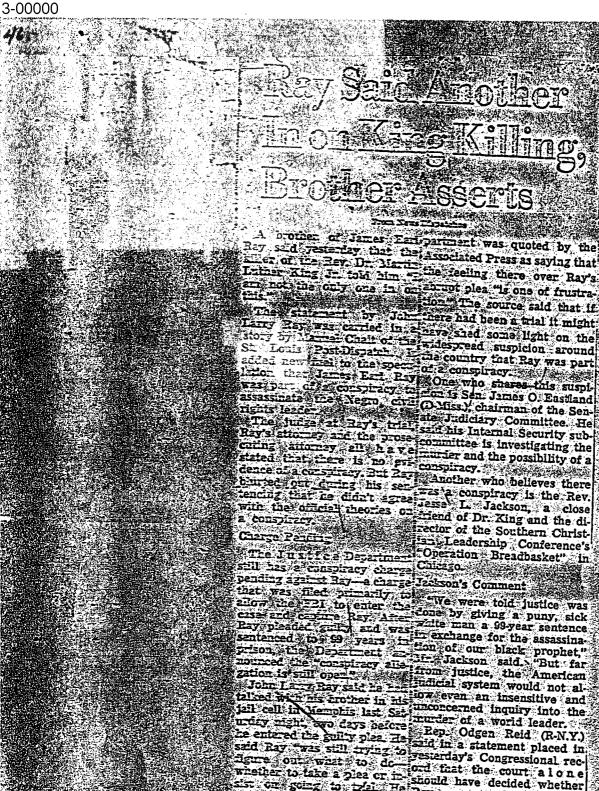




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## Ray Files. For Trial in King Slaying

🔄 By Jim Squires State to The Winter MEDEPEIS, April 7-Earl Ray formally requested a new trial today on grounds he was deprived of effective legal coursel because his amorneys had conflicting interests in making publication contracts with author William Institut Eula: In a motion filed or three new attorneys, Ray claimed he was pressured into pleading guilty March 10 to marching the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and that he now wishes to stand trial. He said the hearing was a larce a sham and a mockery of justice. The three-page motion alleged that Ray's former attorners, Percy Forenza of Houston and Arthur Hanes St. of Birmingham, had acted for Huie and their own "Enandal interests" and had not rep sented Ray.

WASH POST 8 APR 69 Commal Court Judge Arthur Yacquin must now decide whether the motion is a proper one for the court to consider. Facture, appointed to handle the case after the death of Judge Preston Battle, took no section and declined to comment on the motion.

Exhibiton S. Burnett, of the Tennessee Supreme Count, has said the only way Ray can seek relief is through a habeas corpus petition claiming that his constitutional rights were violated. Burnett imaintains Ray waived all rights to a normal appeal, such as a new tial motion, by entering a gring plea. If Facquin agrees with Burnett, he can dismiss Ray's

motion without scheduling a hearing. Ray could then submit it again as a habeas corpus petition and could be granted a hearing.

The motion filed today was entitled an "amended motion for a new trial" and was merely a legal follow-up to two letters containing similar charges Ray wrote Judge Batthe before his death. The motions were signed by

attorneys Richard J. Ryan of Marphis, J. B. Stoner, a Ku Kux Klan lawyer, from Savanrah, and Robert W. Hill of Chattanooga

# WASH Post- 1969 Utay's Remarks in Court On Possible Conspiracy

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By TED BASSETT and ERHI BERT

NEW YORX, March 11 — Public outrage mounted throughout the country today over the extraordinarily brief trial, conviction and sentence yesterday of James Earl Ray on charges of the killing last April 4, 1963 of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther-King, Jr. Sentiment, Expressed especially by Afro-American-spokesmen, reflected the belief Ray was only the triggerman of a large-scale conspiracy, and that the trial proceedings Monday in Memphis were an attempt to cover up other participants in the conspiracy.

The Daily World, impressed by these views, wired Rep. Emanuel Celler (D-N.Y.), chairman of the House Judiciary Committee urging a full investigation of the trial and all persons involved.

Aming black spokesmen voicing doubt that Ray's trial and conviction had dealt properly with the killing of Dr. King were the Rev. Ralph D. <u>Aber-</u> nalby. Roy Wilkins, Floyd D. Mchussick, William L. Patterson and Mrs. Coretta King.

Mrs. Coretta King, widow of the assassinated leader, said:

"We realize this is but a respite." said Mrs. King. "This plea of guilty must not be allowed to close the case, to end the search for the many fingers that helped pull the trigger. "All concerned must press the

"All concerned must press the state of Tennessee and the U.S. government to continue until all who are responsible for this crime have been apprehended. Not until then can the conscilence of the nation rest."

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REV RALPH ABERNATHY tells newsmen at an Atlanta news conference that authorities should continue to investigate the possibility of a conspiracy in the munder of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Rev. Abernathy said "The admission of guilt" by James Earl Ray connot be allowed to obscur the real assassing

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# Black leaders demand probe

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Roy Wilkins, executive direc brack the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said: "James Earl Ray's contession and the court's action in sentencing him to 99 years' morisonment for the murder of Dres Martin Luther King, Jr. means only that the trigger man in this monstrous crime h a s been convicted. In a more rhetorical sense, the nation which permitted virulent opposition to the associations of Dr. King and his people is the real culprit." Floyd B. McHissick builder "Soul City" and former head de la CORE, said "I think that most of the American public Hows that James Earl Ray was nothing but a patsy. Sure he was involved in a conspiracy, a specific conspiracy and a maximum racist conspiracy in grandiose racist conspiracy which the greater part of this necisi-capitalistic society has

Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, who successed Dr. King as president of the Southern Christian Leaderstip Conference (SCLC) said: The Southern Christian Leadersing conference is opposed to capital punishment and therefore has no wish to impose it upon Hr. Ray. The admission of guilt James Earl Ray cannot be allowed to obscure the real assassin Martin Luther King, Jr., one of the greatest Americans who ever lived, who served black and white alike, was a victim of conspiracy by the admission of James Earl Ray. The SCLC is committed therefore to remain alert and vigilant until justice is meted out to all of the perpetra-TOTS × 5 5 William L. Patterson, Commerist leader and chairman of the former Civil Rights Congress, said that the "unseeming haste with which, James Earl Ray, the self-confessed marderer of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was tried and convicted is in itself almost irrefumble evidence of the con-spiratorial character of monstrous crime. At present there exists on a national scale a constracy to behead leadership of militatt, black-led organizations fighting to secure the enforcement of the constitutional rights and

human dignity of black Americans.

Appeals for exposure "The conspiracy involves the heads of city, state and national governments and those who are determined that black Americans will not attain equality of opportunity under the existing order," continued Patterson. "It is undoubtedly fortunate that Ray has been convicted, but that does not close the case of the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King. Black Americans and their allies must extend every effort to expose this conspiracy and its menace to the unity of this nation and the peace of the world." Proceeding according to script In the proceedings Monday in Tennessee's Shelby County Criminal Court, Memphis Attorney General P.M. Canale, Ray's attorney, Percy Foreman, and Judge W. Preston Battle paruicipated in the deal whereby Ray pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 99 years imprisonment, escap ing a possible death penalty if he went to trial.

The proceedings went according to script, as one reporter put it. In an action startling even in Monday's extraordinary proceedings, the jury was coerced into accepting the verdict before the proceedings were begun. The jury was thus made a party to the deal, its right to hear the evidence violated.

Wooderland justice' The first 12 names called from a regular jury venire already on duty in the courthouse were picked and the men brought into the courtroom and seated in the box. Canale, the prosecutor, told them of the deal with the defense

attorney and asked if they would accept it. Each juror noded approval. Foreman, the defense attorney.

asked each juror individually if he would go along with the ceal. Each juror agreed. And so, what Lewis Carroll had presented as Wonderland Justice, became the script for Shelby County Courthouse:

Verdict afterwards

Ray's own words The court transcript

Ray saying: "I don't want to change anything that I have said.

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"I don't want to add anything under it, either.

"The only thing I have to say is, I don't exactly accept the theories of Mr. Clark. In other words, I am not bound to accept these theories of Mr. Clark's."

The judge asked him: "You don't agree with whose theories?" Ray replied: "Mr. Cauale's,

Ray repued: "Mr. Cattele S. Mr. Clark's, and Mr. J. Edgar Hoover's about the conspiracy." Former attorney general Ram-

Former attorney general Ramsey Clark and J. Edgar Hoover ad decided less than one day after the murder of Rev. Kling, according to defense attorney Percy Foreman, that no conspiracy was involved. This was the theory that Hay said he would not accept as part of his plea that he was guilty. He was not required to accept.

he was not the deal for his life. that he alone was responsible for the murder. Ray made it clear, according to the transcript, that he was buying only a guilty plea, not a

no-guilty plea for everyone else. Judge Battle said: "I think the main question that I want to ask you is this: Are you pleading guilty to murder in the first degree in this case because you killed Dr. Martin Luther King under such circumstances that it would make you legally guilty of murder in the first degree under the law as explained to you by our lawyer?

Yonr answer is still yes?" Ray replied: "Yes, sir."

Then, a New York Times correspondent reported:

"The moment when the courtroom sat expecting Ray to reputiate the agreement that had been in the works since Feb. 21, passed without Ray's pressing forward." But the question which Judge Battle asked, and which Ray answered was not the "main question."

The main question was this: "Were you part of a conspiracy in killing Dr. Martin Luther King? Did others persons help you in planning and carrying out the murder of Dr. King?" But Judge Battle did not ask 12. Pay did not answer it, and its "remains unanswerd today."



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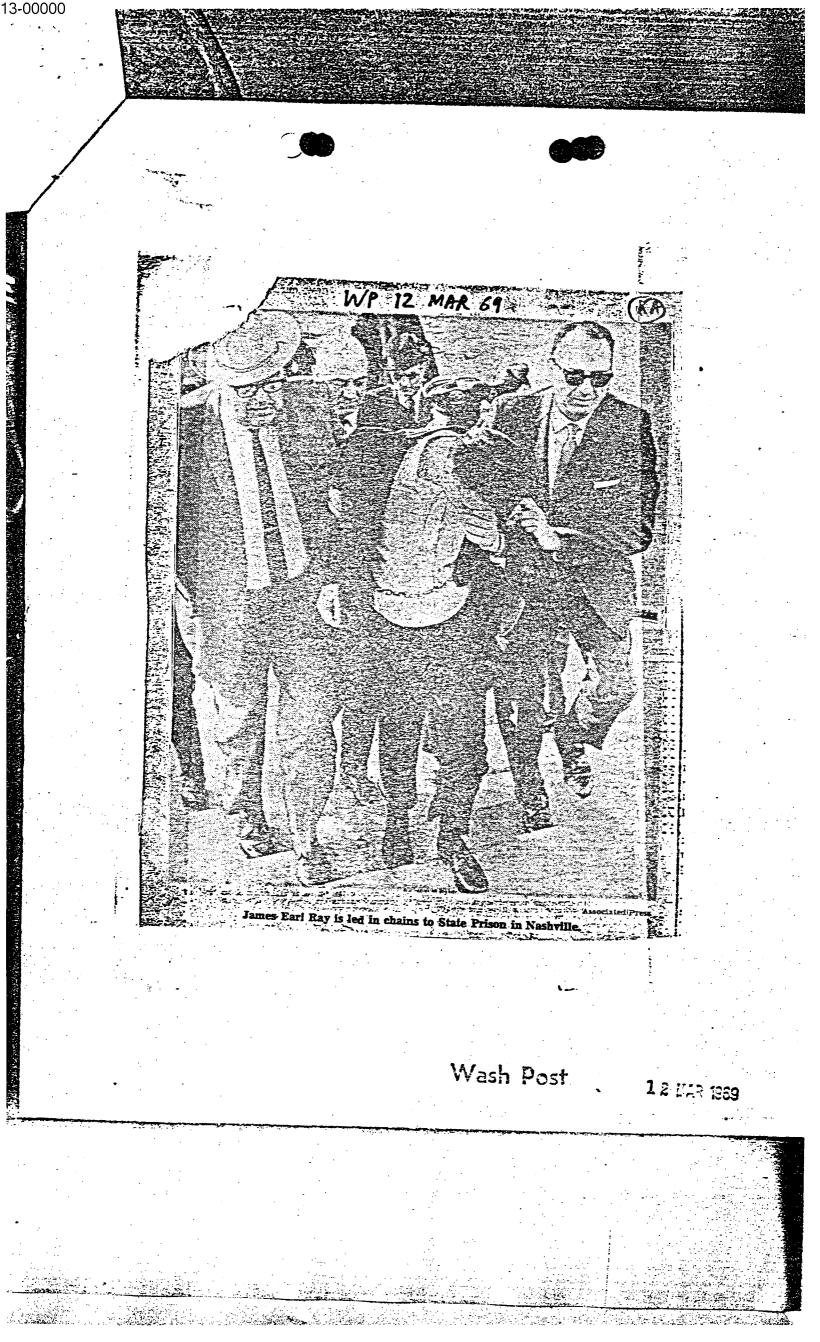
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Ray's formal plea of guilty to murder in the first degree got him a 99-year sentence, which hars him from parole eligibility until the year 2018, when he would be 90 years old bin he had been given a th straight life sentence, he bi

elisicia There was also criticism of perole in 12% years It is known that during de papers as The New York Times, which said the decision not to air the full case in pub-lic was "a shocking breach of faith with the American people." Officials involved in the case here, however, said the decision to dispense with the trial in exchange for Ray's gully plea was based on a variety of considerations, in-cluding the consent of Mrs. King and SCLC leaders. They said—as Justice Department officials in Washington have said—that there was no evi-cance of a conspiracy that cuild have been presented. The agreement, in the judg-ment, of the court officials of yas made by the Tennessee pros a clut or, Phil Canale, says made by the Tennessee prose the lighter sentence. The sproach to Mrs. King was made by the Tennessee prose clut or, Phil Canale, also consulted, it was reported here, directly with officials of SCLC, the civil rights organi-zation Dr. King led at the time of his murder. "He (Canale) wanted to get

SCLC, the civil rights organi-zation Dr: King led at the time of his mrder. "He (Canale) wanted to get their general feeling about the agreement," a highly placed official said "Mind you, what they said was not controlling We often consult with the family and relatives about the sentencing on Monday. Ray scid in court he could "not ac-cept" the officials and the FBL as well as the Tennessee prose-evidence that. Ray had any accomplices. To: King's successor as head of SCLC, the Rev. Ralph David Abernathy, issued atmilar statement. Ray's formal plea of guilty to murder in the first degree



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Ley told Stanton or Interview as many witnesses as possible, to see what the evidence was.
Stanton contacted county Atty. Gen. Phil 11 Canels, who promised to discuss a guily plea with his chief Remement But Canels was noncommittel.
A. few weeks later, Stanton Rearned that Counts would cocept a plea, but with two provisections, and the request for a guilty plea must come from the defense.
Canale "couldn't afford to be in a position of offering a deal because, of off this publicity," Stanton said.
The day affer Genetics, the white-haired Monghis Rewyer telephaned Foremen in Econton with the news, but Foremen was skeptical that Day would go along.
When he first montioned the subject to his hard-bitten client, Ray replied, "Att Foreman, you don't know the facts. I'd rather take my chances with a trial."

Rather Take My Chances' However, two initiating investigators assigned to the calance by Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Barle, who was scheduled to hear the Ray case, were

uled to hear the Ray case, were interviewing nearly 45 withesses in the Mempile measure "We quickly entablished that

all of this specified invertible testimony (about a consultacy and another aller) just didn't exist," Stantar said Referring to easily reports of a while man in some bashes below the rooming house where Pay lay in amigan for the Rev. Dr. Martin Lucies and Jr., Stanton said: "A man would have to jump a 10-foot wall to get to the street from tasse scales. That would

be rather awarand." An early iteary that ite death rille with Ray's prime on it may have been conveniently placed for finding also evaporated when it came out that with the rille wave numerous items Ray obviously had not intended to leave behind, such as clothing and beer came. Foreman began in agree with prosecution conclusions that the incriminating items, 1 ao s el y wrapped in a green beispread, had been demped in a doorway in a moment of parte, when Ray spotted police on the street as he dashed from the flop house across from King's motel bearly Case Brilling

Supporters and 22 compliancy, lefting and seven way have inst had purchased a Winchester 2:3 rifle in a Birmingham sporting goods store March 29, then a day later telepinned sking to aschange it for the more yowerful 20.05 rifle used to kill King.

But investigators were able to establish that the Winchester that Ray had bought was defec-

tive and would not fire because of metallic deposits on the bolt. Through January and early Yebruary, Foreman told Ray additional details of the deadly case Canale's team was building against him.

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Signion said he had concluded that "Ray was lucky to get away by the skin of his texth."

by the sam of his teeth. With the trial due to begin Harch 3, time was running short, and on Feb. 14, Foreman woa a request to Celay the hearing until April 7. A week later, about Feb. 21, Foreman' shambled into Canale's third-floor office and formally offered a plea of guilty to nurder. Foreman carried with him a latter, signed by Ray, authorizing him to seek the plea.

Summary of Slaying

Deputy Atty. Gen. James Beasley began writing a 5,950 word summary of the state's evidence linking Ray to the slaying, to which the defense would have to agree.

Four days later, Beasley—who had interviewed witnesses from Los Angeles to Lisbon—handed the summary to Foreman.

"Two or three days later," Canale recalled, Foreman reurned with Ray's approval and for insurance, that of Ray's brothers, John and Jerry. Then other interested parties, such as the Justice Department and people close to King, were told of the impending move, and on March 7, Foreman went before Judge Battle to request last Monday's special hearing.

Better Source Alive

However, the scenario wasn't quite ready for the finale. As the hearing neared, Ray developed second thoughts and fears rippled through the courthouse that he would scuttle the deal.

Foreman spent 2½ hours with Ray last Sunday going over the stipulations which detailed the extent of the state's case against him.

A so-minute session with Car ale that evening tied up any la

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dangling thread—and buy via ready for the 220 mile drive to the red brick Tencesses state prison at Nashville.

Canale later summed up win he had accepted the pleat."If the first place, the state ha never insisted on trying 2 cap tal case when the defendant ha offered to plead guilty and at cept maximum confinement." Ray will not be eligible in parole hearing until 1505, which he'll be 71. Had a jury imposed life term, he could be eligible in a parole in only 1212 years-1531. Canale said the state has r concluded calegorically that Ray was a lone hiller, only in it has no evidence "at this time that he was part of a conspirate Obviously if Ray was part of plot, Ray alive is a better sour for later information than is

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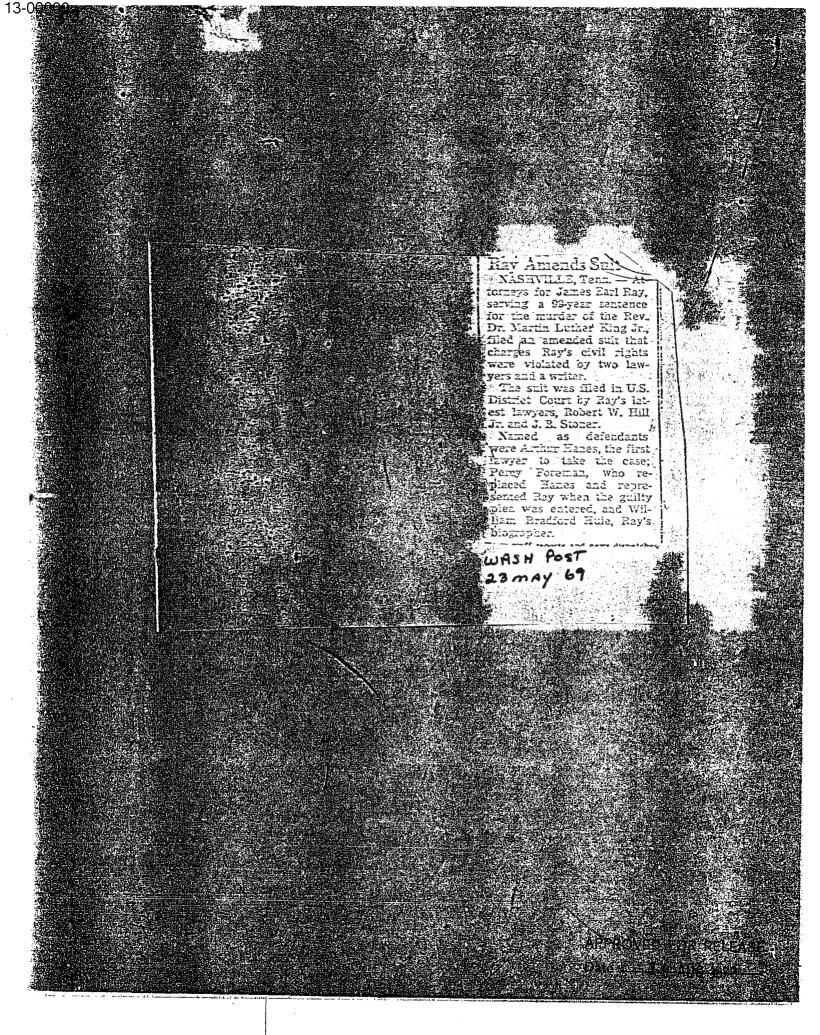
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ened to kill James Earl Ray, the admitted murderer of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Avery said word of the threat came in a telephone call and "had a lot to do" with his decision to keep Ray in a maximum security cell after his normal six-week stay, which was finished at the end of April Avery said he was told Ray would be killed if he was ever taken from maximum security. 

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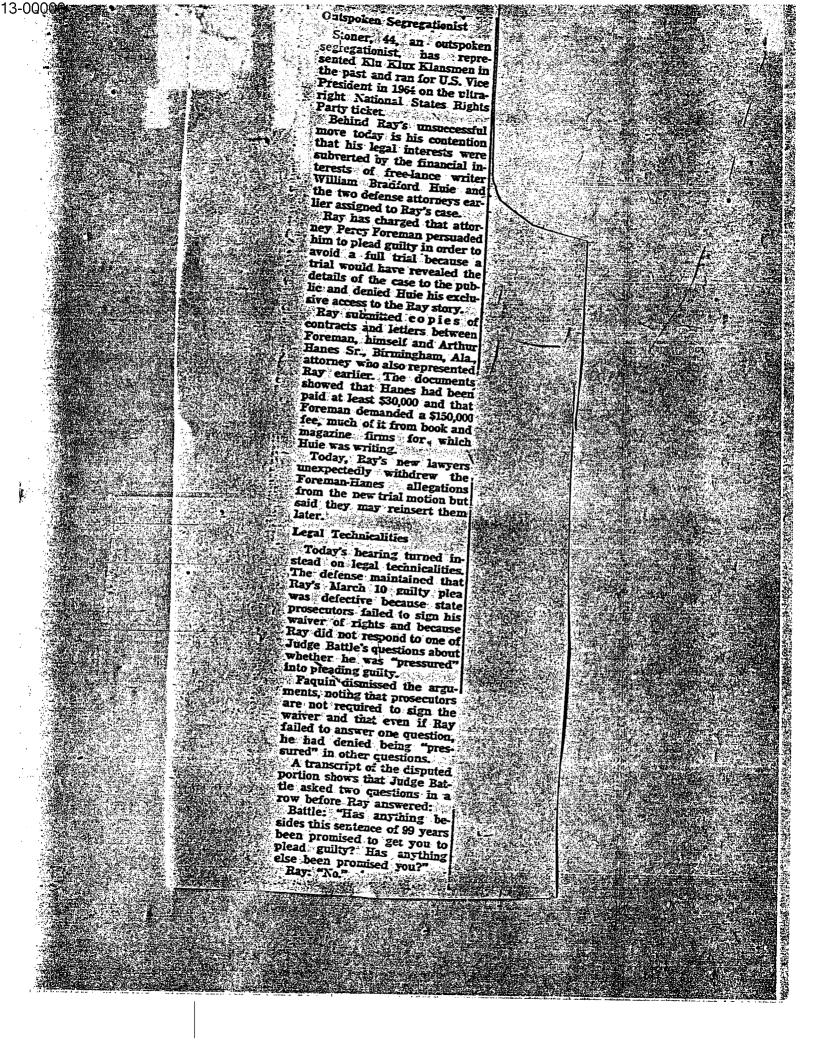
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Battle died March 31 of a beart strack, five days after Rey had peritoned him for a new trial. Tennessee law prorides that new trial motions pending before deceased judges must be granted automatically.

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King Death Probed MEXIPHIS, Tean. brother of the man convicted of killing Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. says FBL agents questioned him about whether a conspiracy was involved in the assassination of the civil rights leader. Jerry Bay, Jounger brother of admitted assassin James Earl Ray, said men identifying themselves as PBI agents approached him at the jail where he was visiting his brother. pleaded guilty March 10 to King's death and was sentenced to 99 years, will ap-Pear at a hearing Monday on his motion for a new trial. "I didn't tell them any thing Jerry Ray said he told the agents on advice of an attorney. They asked a guestion on the conspiracy statement I wouldn't an swer, it and they threatened to bring me before a Federal grand jury. They said if I didn't talk to them, I would be held in contempt. Investigators have maintained that a conspiracy was not involved in King's death Asked about the younger Ray's report, Special Agent Robert G. Jensen, Memphis PBI district chief, confirmed that his men questioned Jerry Ray but would not comment on his charge of threats "We're making inquiries all the time into all sorts of things," he WASH POST SMAY 1969

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KNOXVILLE, Tean., July 15 (AP)-The Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals refused today to review denial by a Memphis judge of a new mur-der trial for James Earl Ray on the slaying of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Presiding Judge Mark A. Walker of Covington an-nounced the court's decision after it had deliberated the matter less than four bound matter less than four hours. Defense Attorney J. B. Stoner of Savannah, Ga, said the ruling will be appealed to the State Supreme Court. Ray pleaded guilty in Memphis March 10 to the slaying last year of Dr. King, and was sentenced by Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle to 99 years in state prison. In seeking a new trial, Ray claimed he was pressured by his former lawyer. Percy Foreman of Houston, Tcr., into entering the guilty plea. Foreman denied the charge.

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## THE WASHINGTON POST Friday, May 30, 1969 Corrections Chief Fired in Tennessee

NASHVILLE, Tenn, May 29 King Jr. "would write in his (UPI) Tennessee Corrections Commissioner Harry S. the crime." Avery, accused of using his po- Bay, is serving a 39-year sition to gather facts about term in the Tennessee state James Earl Ray for a book, prison at Nashville. ford Ellington book and Avery's first. He also ford Ellington Said only that had been criticized for using a Avery was dismissed after an prison inmate as his chauf investigation regarding refieur, and the International As cent events in the Corrections sociation of Chiefs of Police Department." He refused to had issued a highly critical resanser questions concerning put on the Commissioner's of? the details of the dismissal fice and state prison opera-tions. to write a book about Ray, "at this time." He added "Soure situation might arise that I would think it would be propritions for me to write an article about pendlogy.or investigative work." Bobert W. Hill of Chatta nooga, one of Ray's attorneys, charged two weeks ago that Avery offered to 'look after' Ray if the admitted killer of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luiner

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## Court Grants Ray Review Of His Trial

COVINGTON, Tenn., June 26 (UPI) — Chief Judge Mark A. Walker of the Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals has granted a petition submitted to him Wednesday by attorneys for James Earl Ray to have the court review the frial record in Ray's conviction for the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

ther King Jr. The Appeals Court will rule July 15 in Knoxville on whether it should consider an appeal by Ray for a new trial. The petition claims that Judgt Arthur C. Faquin erred in granting a state request to, quash a defense motion for a new trial at a hearing in Memphis May 26. The petition says Faquin should have allowed Ray a new trial on the grounds that presiding Judge W. Preston Battle died before ruling on a new trial motion.

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#### Ray Complains NASHVILLE, Tenn-

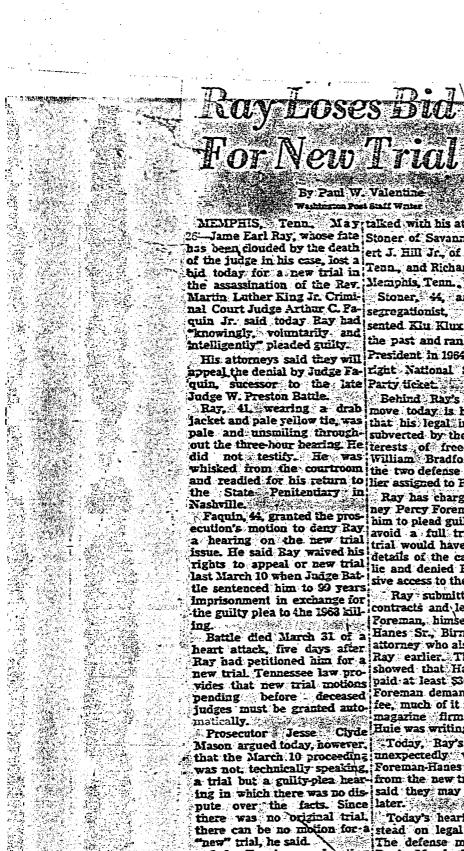
MASHVILLE, Tenn-James Earl Ray complained that isolation was wrecking his montal health and asked U.S. District Judge William Y. Millar to move him out of his cold in the Tennessee State Prison's maximum security division.

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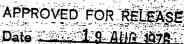
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the sentenced num was your Ray submitted copies of Imprisonment in exchange for the guilty plea to the 1963 kill. Contracts and letters between the guilty plea to the 1963 kill. Foreman, himself and Arthur Hanes Sr., Birmingham, Ala., attorney who also represented Ray earlier. The documents showed that Hanes had been paid at least \$30,000 and that vides that new triat increased Foreman demanden a successful pending before deceased fee, much of it from book and inagazine firms for which magazine firms for which matically. Prosecutor Jesse Clyde Huie was writing. Mason argued today, however, Today, Ray's new lawy unexpectedly withdrew the was not, technically speaking, Foreman-Hanes allegations a trial but a guilty-plea hear-from the new trial motion but ing in which there was no dis said they may reinsert them pute over the facts. Since later. there was no original trial. Today's hearing turned in-there can be no motion for a stead on legal technicalities. The defense maintained that Judge Faquin agreed, hoting Ray's March 10 guilty plea that a guilty plea amounts to a was defective because state judgment by confession, prosecutors failed to sign his from which there is no appeal waiver of rights and because Ray did not respond to one of Judge Battle's questions abou whether he was "pressured" into pleading guilty.

Faquin dismissed the argu ments, noting that prosecutors are not required to sign the vaiver and that even if Ray failed to answer one uestion, he had denied being "presed" in other questions.

A transcript of the disputed action shows that Judge Battle asked two questions in a row before Ray answered: Battle: Has anything be sides this sentence of 99 years been promised to get you to plead guilty? Has anything else been promised you?





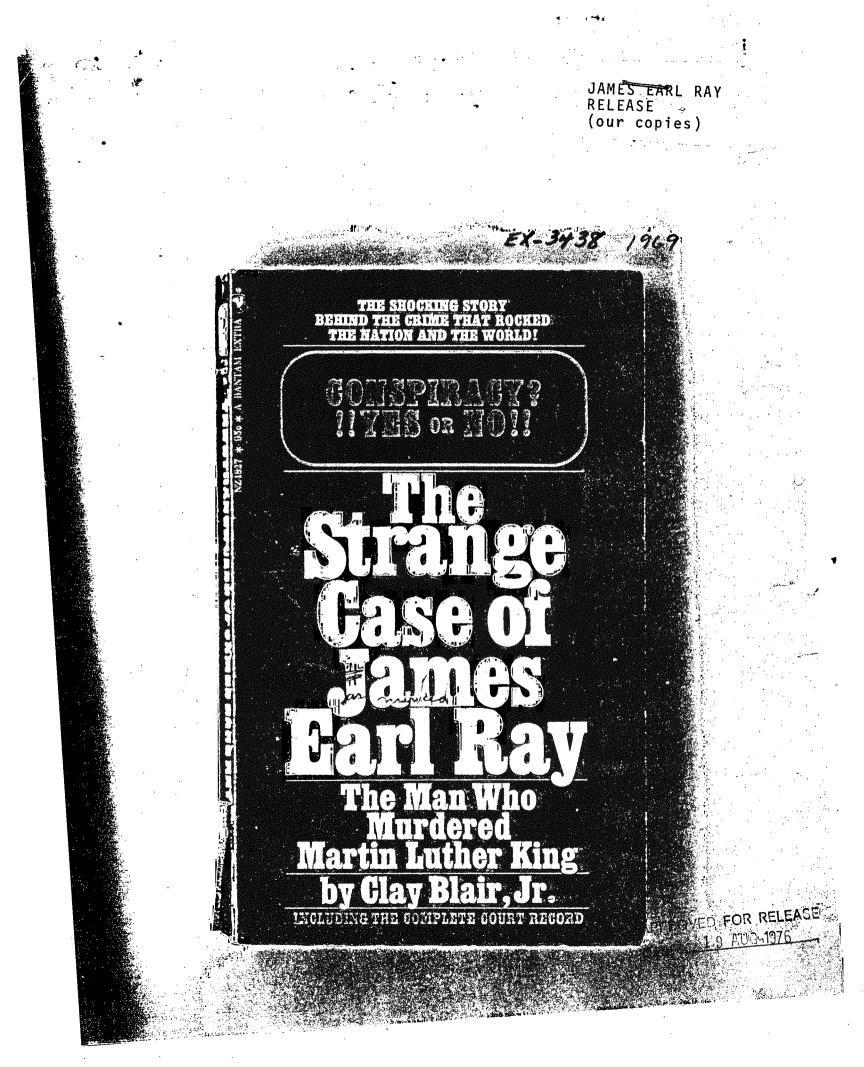
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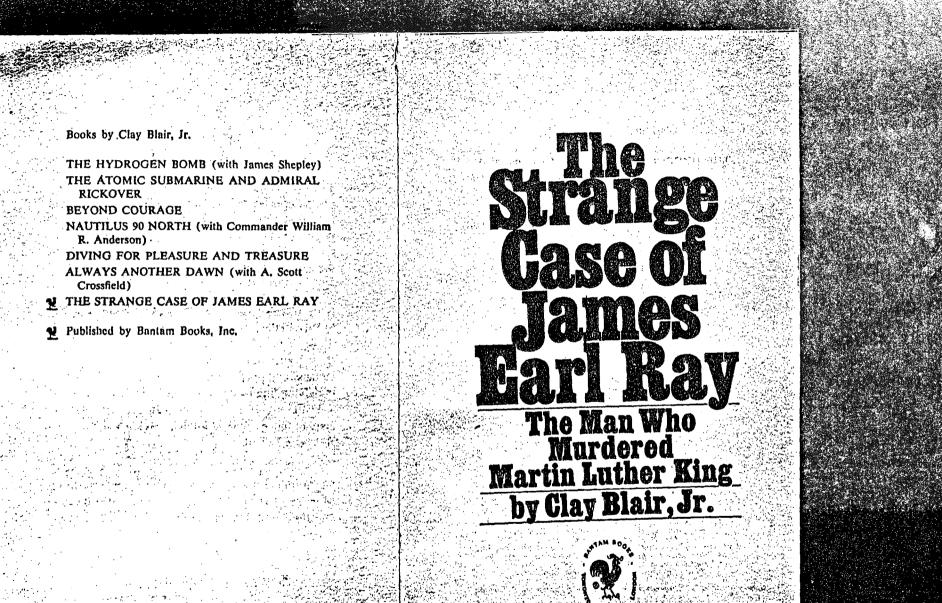
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The day James Earl Ray was arrested in London for the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr., Bantam Books commissioned former SATURDAY EVENING POST editor-in-chief Clay Blair, Jr. to undertake his own inquiry into the history and psychology of the accused assassin.

Blair traveled over 15,000 miles—from Toronto to Birmingham to Los Angeles—interviewing hundreds of people and examining countless records. Blair's keen reporter's eye led him to many previously untapped sources of information vital to understanding Ray's character and possible motives —testimony from his sister, father, stepmother, acquaintances and jailmates establish a cunning, shrewd criminal.

Ray's quick and unexpected court appearance on Monday, March 10, only increased the nagging questions and doubts of a case plagued by controversy.

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#### Too Many Strikes Against Him

The start and see In the fall of 1935, little Jimmy Ray made his formal debut in the outside world. He entered first grade at the Ewing Consolidated School. There was no school bus. Jimmy walked the mile and a quarter, cutting across dusty beanfields and cornfields, down through the shady back streets of Ewing, through the hillside cemetery, across the new highway and into the dirt schoolyard, He was small, blue-eyed, shy, the poorest of the poor, dressed in overalls and shabby tennis shoes with brown binder cord for strings. But always clean. Lucille registered Jimmy as "James Rayns." (Later, when John Larry entered the same school, he was registered as John Raynes.)

The Ewing Consolidated School was a wretched institution in a wretched time and place. There were 50 to 60 students crowded into three "basement" rooms (the upper portion of the school was yet to be built). The first and second grades shared a room. The third through fifth shared another. The sixth through eighth shared the last. There were half a dozen teachers. School hours were from 9:00 to 4:30 with a break for lunch at midday, always preceded by a prayer of thanksgiving offered by a "volunteer" student. For those students who could not afford a nickel, including Jimmy Ray, the lunches were free. There was no organized recreation. Absenteeism was high among the student body. Students were needed at home for chores. Their parents were not obsessed by the need to educate the children. It was often too cold to walk to school One can well imagine that Jimmy Ray was bewildered by his first contact with books and formal teaching. He was, in the current jargon, a truly deprived child. It is doubtful that a book of any kind had ever entered his home. Miss Ina Kitson, who still teaches at the school, remembers Jimmy Rayns quite well. "He was just precious," she recalls. "He always played up to me, always came in 28

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Although circumstances of his environment placed him in a deprived category, denied him recognition, Jimmy Ray did not give up easily. The denial, the twinges of adversity and stern compression of circumstances had, perhaps, imbucd him with a mysterious "ruthless fixity of purpose and tenacious mother-wit," which, as Winston Churchill writes, drive men to unusual endeavor. On February 14, when he and his classmates exchanged Valentines, Jimmy appeared with a handmade card that surely took him many patient hours to create. When classmate Brown came down with polio, Jimmy carried his books for him. Jimmy was so anxious to star in the sandlot football games that he broke his leg carrying the football into a line of much larger and tougher boys. He worried to his teacher, Virgil Graves, that the other kids might make fun of his clothes.

At home there was little inspiration for Jimmy Ray. His mother, now burdened with two more infants, both girls, Melba, born in 1938, and Carol Jean, born in 1941, had succumbed to that fatal Irish weakness, drink. She also smoked—on the sly. She despaired of religion. "There was no Christianity in that house," Charlie Peacock recalls. "Nothing to help them over the rough spots." To get firewood, members of the family, ripped up the floor and toro down the walls of the house. When the lilac-covered shack was dangerously undermined, he trucked in another shack: a one-room affair with a potbellied stove: Lucille hung a blanket from the ceiling to partition the space. The two adults and five children lived in untold tension, and without privacy.

Then came World War II. It dramatically changed almost all lives, including the Rays'. Now there was a labor shortage—big money for those willing to work. Relief programs were abolished. The depression was a thing of the past, a nightmarish memory. With his house now a shambles, no food for the five children, James Gerald Ray was evidently stirred to action. He found regular work for the Chicago, Burlington and Quiney Railroad in Galesburg, Illinois. In the summer of 1943 after Jimmy, then 15, graduated from the eighth grade, Gerry Raines abandoned the farm and moved to Galesburg.

And so Ewing's most obscure and deprived family melted away, almost without trace. Marjoric's grave was left

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unmarked. James Gerald Ray, or Gerry Raines, left behind not so much as a scrap of paper bearing his signature and only one unpaid bill: a \$12 balance on Marjorie's funeral. John Loscher bought the farm in 1945 from Mary Maher for \$1,250 and plowed under all that remained of the dwellings.

## Drummed Out of the Elite Corps

The eldest son did not go with the family to Galesburg. Instead, Jimmy went to Alton, to live with his Grandmother Maher, and to take a job. He was, perhaps, ashamed of his mother and father, the numbing poverty, the lack of pride, ambition. The tenacious mother-wit had taken hold. Jimmy Ray would make something of himself, find that hardsought recognition. That fall he went to work in the tanning factory of the International Shoe Company, carning 77¢ an hour. He was a young lad with the determination of Horatio Alger. Always neat in appearance, he arrived at the factory promptly for work. He literally slaved for his moncy-sweeping floors, shoving heavy stock in the shipping room, going about his work with quiet competence, cager to please, to get on, to climb the ladder of the free-enterprise system. He was clean, honest, frugalmore "Scotch than Irish," Aunt Mabel recalls, admiring her young nephew's frugality. He did not smoke or drink. The life of crime-Uncle Earl's way-held no appeal. He told his younger brother, John Larry: "Why should people" go and steal when they can make this much working?" He was holl-bent to rise above his own environment and heritage. He banked most of his salary at the Alton Bank & Trust Company. He dreamed of starting his own business, of buying a gasoline station after the war.

The Mahers were agreeably surprised by the industry of young James Earl Ray. In a statement now in the files

Ray worked diligently for two years, 1944 to 1945. Then came a shock. Business at International Shoe fell off sharply, perhaps because of a cutback in defense orders. Jimmy Ray was laid off. It was not due to incompetence, or lack of ambition or willingness to work. He was a victim of circumstances. The older men with seniority had first claim on the remaining jobs.

There is no evidence that Ray was embittered. On the contrary, after putting in his last day in December, 1945, he promptly made plans to join the army. He was not yet 18, he could volunteer for induction and choose between Europe and the Pacific for his duty station. A few weeks later, on February 19, 1946, he went down to East St, Louis and enlisted. He picked Europe—specifically Germany—for his ultimate duty station. At the tannery, Ray had met a German emigré who had kindled his curiosity about the country and its people. The young boy, in fact, admired all things German. Ray left \$1,180 tucked away in his Alton savings account, more money than his father had accumulated in a lifetime.

After basic training at Camp Crowder, Missouri, Ray was shipped off for duty in Europe. The war was over now. The infantry had done its job. The elite corps of the Occupation force was the military police. In wartime, they were little more than traffic cops, directing convoys toward the action. Now they were the symbol of authority, hated and respected with equal intensity. James Earl Ray was selected for the military police and assigned to the 382nd

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MP Battalion, stationed in Nürnberg, where the War Crimes Tribunal was organizing to punish the Nazis. It was a curious and perhaps fatal assignment. Most MP's are tall, robust; assertive men with imposing physiques and commanding voices, priding themselves on their military bearing and jaunty, uniforms. It is dillcult to imagine James Earl Ray in such an outfit. He was very small, like his father. He was shy—painfully shy. He rarely spoke unless spoken to. His posture, his bearing, his general physical appearance was the antithesis of the MP. He slouched to the side when he sat down. He walked in a curious, loping, uncoordinated way, sort of a clodhopper shuffle. He found difficulty in looking a man directly in the eye.

Ray was an MP for about a year and a half, a jeep driver in Nürnberg. He went about his work quietly and proficiently. He regularly sent off postcards to members of the family—Uncle Bill Maher, Aunt Mabel, others. He sent most of his pay home—to savings, or to his father, who had been laid off from his railroad job and now lived in a sleazy house in "the Line" in Quincy. There is no evidence of trouble, no disciplinary action in the MP battalion. On the contrary, all signs point to a welladjusted young soldier, proud of his status, thrifty, sober, celibate. He was on his way to rising above his environment.

Then something happened. What, exactly, has never been revealed. In April, 1948, Ray was abruptly drummed out of the MP's, transferred from the elite corps to the regular infantry—Company B, 16th Regiment. It may have been that some new captain or lieutenant, seeing Ray in the barracks or behind the wheel of his jeep. took exception to his military bearing, perhaps asked: "What's that hillbilly doing in my outfit? Get rid of him."

There seems little doubt that the transfer came as a stinging rebuke. It was another wound, a painful rejection that embittered Ray with the army and all it stood for. From that moment on, as he said later, he was determined to get out as fast as possible. The fastest—perhaps only way out in those days was to provoke some disciplinary action.

On October 31, 1948, Ray was arrested-for being

drunk in quarters. Three days later, he attempted to e cape. He was tried by a special court-martial, convictand confined to hard labor in the Nürnberg Military Po-Stockade for three months; he forfeited S45 of his pa for four months. Before half his sentence had been serve out, the army concluded that Ray was not fit for militaservice. He was transferred back to the States. On Deceber 23, 1948, he was cashiered with a "general" dischara (not honorable, but not dishonorable) and another stiming rebuke. The army stated officially that it ejected Rabecause of "ineptness and lack of adaptability to militaservice."

And what of Ray's admiration for things German? Iwas heightened by direct contact. A sister says: "There's no doubt about it. Jimmy liked Germany better than he did the United States." Was it possible that his tour of durin close proximity to the War Crimes Tribunal, which was prosecuting the great and near-great Nazis on an assemblyline basis, plucked a note of sympathy in the young private? And a corollary contempt for U.S. authority and justice? Says a sister: "When he got home from Germany. Jimmy was always yelling 'Heil Hitler'---and I don't think it was completely a joke." Perhaps not-completely.

### "Just Don't Get Caught"

James Earl Ray arrived home from the Army in January, 1949. What he found in the dirty house at 214 Spring Street was less than encouraging. His father was not working. There was no money, little food. The indefatigable Lucille had given birth to two more children: Franklin Dennis (named for the President, whom she admired tremendously) and Susan, born while Ray was overseas. Now fat and disheveled, Lucille was drinking steadly-mostly

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Gerry Ray, now 18, a dark, extroverted character, chatty and popular with girls, was only a few steps behind his older brothers. On the afternoon of February 1, 1954, Gerry and three other boys were riding around in a car in Quincy. A plot was hatched. They parked the car on 7th Street between Kentucky and State. Gerry and a boy named Mickey Walker got out of the car and walked to 8th Street. Just opposite the State Theater, Gerry and Mickey saw Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Schaefer walking along the sidewalk. Gerry ran by the couple, grabbing Mrs. Schaefer's purse. Mickey bumped Mr. Schaefer, throwing him off balance. Then the two boys ran back to the car. They drove down to the riverfront. The four boys divided the money in the purse—\$85—and then burned the purse.

The boys were caught. Gerry was charged with grand larceny. He sought probation, but it was denied because of his previous record. At the trial on February 24, 1954, Judge Fred G. Wolfe sentenced Gerry to Menard to serve a minimum of two years and a maximum of five years. He entered prison as Gerald Ryan. In the year 1954, then, there were three Rays in Menard: John Larry, Gerry and Uncle Earl.

In Alton, James Earl Ray took a job in a gas station. Uncle Bill Maher, who had once happily taken young Jimmy to baseball games in St. Louis, now regarded his nephew with disdain. Would James Earl make it now on the outside world? The answer: no.

The night of August 27, 1954—a Saturday—was warm and rainy. In East Alton, a small town adjacent to Alton, a "merchant policeman"—a private cop hired by the owners of the shops and stores—named Andrew Biro made his rounds by car, peering into store windows in the business section to be sure all was well. Tony Biro, the father of nine children, was a small, scrappy man, dark, alert, a zealous cop with uncanny eyes who took himself and his job very seriously. That night Biro had a companion. Chaten Greenwood, an East Alton policeman. Shortly after 4 a.m., as they were cruising along Ponce Street near the viaduct, they passed the National Cleaners, a one-story establishment faced with fieldstone. Through the drizzle, Biro's eagle eye detected something amiss: one of the six-pane metal windows on the side of the building was

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my got to expect mosquitoes." Ray, Rife says, "was a mansnasty fighter. He fought to win, no matter what it look a club, knife or gun. I never saw him lose a fight." But Rife says, "Ray didn't look for trouble. If somebody bothered him, he'd sit there for a long time, smoldering. Hed go a long way to find a way out of it, avoid it. But then he'd explode and POW!" In one bar, Ray was annoved by a drunk patron. He smoldered, said forget it, walked out. "But he came back in the back door," Rife In the Deep South, according to Rife, James Earl Ray expressed a deep-seated hatred for black people. "He was prejudiced to the point that he hated to see a colored person breathe," Rife says. "You could gather from his conversation that if it was up to him, there wouldn't be any colored people. They would either be shipped back to Africa or disposed of in some way." In Florida, Walter Rife became enchanted with an automobile on a used-car lot, a maroon 1949 Lincoln. Rife, pockets bulging with cash, dickered. He and the salesman were only a few dollars apart when Ray, to Rife's amazement, offered to throw his car in on the deal as a trade. "I don't know what possessed him to do it," Rife says. Ordinarily he was so chintzy. The only thing I can figure is he didn't want to drive back north by himself." The two men headed home. In Florida, Ray passed a \$50 money order, signing the name Willard McBride. In Hot Springs, Arkansas, on March 20, he cashed a \$75 money order addressed to McBride at the Askay Art Galleries. And another for \$75 at the Biles Music Company. And another at Dino's Store for men. Rife passed three \$75 money orders at Brown's Department Store, Pfeiffers and Charles Weaver's. They headed for Kansas City. But the postal inspectors, following their trail from the cards rejected by the computer, were drawing the noose tight. On March 21, a blizzard was raging in Kansas City. Ray made his way to Askins, a men's clothing store. The manager, Joe Isaacson, fitted Ray with a new suit of clothes.

Ray paid with a postal money order. Ray returned to his hotel, saying he would call for the suit later. The credit manager in Askins was suspicious of the money order. He telephoned the postal inspectors. An inspector was on the

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THE STRANGE CASE OF JAMES EARL RAY The most important of these is "I.D."-some form of idenification. America is a land of identification cards: driver's license, social-security card, draft card, credit cards, birth certificates. Without these, or one of these, it is difficult for a man to move about, to get a job, or to apply for passports and other official papers. According to the account he supplied Huie, Ray moved into a rooming house at 2731 North Sheffield in Chicago, registering in a \$14-a-week room there on April 30-a week after his escape-as John Larry Rayns. This is an amalgam of his brother's name-John Larry Ray or Ryan and his father's current last name, and perhaps a last name John Larry has used from time to time. It is perhaps merely a coincidence that Ray picked an alias of the man who had visited him at Jeff City the day before he escaped. When he arrived in Chicago, Ray also had a social-security number-#318-24-7098-in the name of John Rayns, an alias and number Huie says he remembered from around "1951" (but none of his official arrest records indicate Ray was using that—or any alias—in 1951). It is remarkable that he could remember a nine-digit number after 16 years. On May 3, 1967, this ad was published in the Chicago Tribune:

> Kitchen man and dishwasher. 6-day wk. \$94. For north subarban restaurant. Call Indian Trail at HI 6-1703.

The Indian Trail is a family-style restaurant in the fashionable suburban town of Winnetka, just north of Chicago. It specializes in "plain home-cooked food" and does an impressive business. It has been operated by friendly, home-folk owners, Clara and Harvey Klingeman, and Clara's sister Elly, for about 35 years. In May, 1967, the kitchen help was a formidable army: 27 Negroes and four Ellipinos. James Earl Ray responded to the ad in the Tribune and was hired as a dishwasher—giving his name as John L. Ray and the John Ray social-security number, but no card. It is perhaps merely another coincidence that Ray's brother Gerry lived and worked at a country club within ten miles of the Indian Trail Restaurant, maintaining a

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According to the Huie account, "Raoul" now wrote Ray-Galt a letter care of general delivery advising Ray to meet him "that night" at the Starlight Cafe, opposite the U.S. Post Office on Fifth Avenue North. Ray-Galt picked up The letter on Monday, August 28. If the mail had been a day late, Ray-Galt might have missed the rendezvous. That morning, Ray rented a safe-deposit box (#5517) at the Birmingham Trust National Bank. According to Huie, Ray-Galt gave as a reference one "Karl Galt," 2515 Lafayette Street, St. Louis. His late brother "Buzzy" lived on Lafayette Street in St. Louis, but there is no 2515. At 2:32, according to bank records, Ray opened his box. He told Huie that he placed inside his Rayns I.D., "Raoul's" telephone number and a "little money," a portion of the \$750 Raoul" had given him in Detroit, one presumes, or permaps most of it. That night, in the Starlight, "Raoul" told Ray to get a good automobile-something in the neighborhood of \$2,000. They would meet again the following night, August 28, in the Starlight. Two days before, on August 27, William D. Paisley, the sales manager of a Birmingham lumber company, ran the following advertisement in the classified section of the Birmingham News: ت المقرار المسارية التي تجارية الموجوة والمعالم والمعالمة والمعالية والمعالية والمعالية والمعالية والمعالية وا

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The day after meeting "Raoul," Tuesday, August 28, Ray telephoned Paisley about his ad and arranged to come see the car at 6 p.m. Ray arrived by cab. Paisley drove him around the block. Ray did not like the color—white—but he said he would buy. "He didn't try to cut the price at all," Paisley says. They met the next morning—August 30 in front of Ray's bank. Ray counted out \$2,000 in cash.

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THE STRANGE CASE OF JAMES EARL RAY affor a conspiracy when he arrived in Canada. He had worn to himself that he would never again cross the borer into the United States. He had arrived in Montreal with the spur-of-the-moment alias Eric S. Galt. His sole mibition was to get on a ship and sail to obscurity in Latin America. He says he hung out on the waterfront, ob hunting for a berth on a ship, or hoping to roll a drunk sailor and get his I.D.—passport and merchant-marine papers. At night he drank sparingly in rough seaman's bars, letting the word go out that he was available for special work if the risk were not too great. In one such bar, the Neptune, Ray told Huie, he met a blond Latin, "Raoul" about 35 years old, who might have some special work. They began hushed talks. Enter now, another mystery about Ray's finances. Ray told Huie that he only had \$70 left after paying his room and board at the Har-K rooming house. That was on the alternoon of July 18. Yet on the very next day, July 19, Ray appeared at the Tip Top Tailors to splurge money on fancy new clothes. A salesman, J. B. Cloutier, fitted him for a new powder-blue Botany suit. He also bought gray slacks, a red T-shirt, a yellow T-shirt, yellow swim trunks, red pajamas, socks, underwear and neckties. In all, about \$200 worth. Two days later he appeared at yet another haberdasher, English and Cottonwood Limited. A salesman, Edward John Feigin, fitted Ray for yet another suit. (This suit, when completed, was mailed to Ray in Alabama.) Then he had his nails manicured at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel! According to the Ray-Huie account, Ray paid for these items by robbing a Montreal whorehouse of \$800. He says he spent \$25 casing the establishment one night, then robbed it the next. If he cased it at the first possible opportunity, the night he arrived in Montreal, July 18, then he robbed it on July 19. But he arrived at Tip Top Tailors to spend \$200 on July 19—*before the robbery*. Then, about a week later—July 31—Ray did an amazing thing for a man so desperate for cash. He took off for a week of luxurious loafing in a posh Laurentian resort; The room alone cost him \$153. He must have spent at least another \$20 a day on drinks and entertainment. Altogether, say, \$300. Conceivably, this lark was financed

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ble. It was almost as if a different person had come on the scene, a double (leading to the speculation that now, and later, there were two Ray-Galts). Many believe that the transformation could not have occurred on the spur of the moment. That it was the first step in a long, well-Thought-out plan to create a fictitious identity, a part of which was the selection of the name Galt itself. If so, then Ray must have conceived the new identity in Jeff City. or shortly after his escape. Those who believe this also believe he went up to the Laurentians with plenty of money available: he would not gamble money on a lark. And all of this speculation lends weight, of course, to the theory that Ray had money stashed away and was acting alone, executing an exotic plan conceived behind bars. By his own admission, Ray-Galt was not yet recruited into the "conspiracy." بير المراجع ا Ray, in fact, left the cultivated girl behind in the Laurentians on August 7, saying he was rushing to meet his "brother" in Montreal. He had told her the night before that he "worked for" his brother "in some kind of business" and that the old red Plymouth was his brother's wile's car-a jalopy for hauling groceries. So far as is known, it was the first time Ray mentioned to anyone that he had a brother, or that he had business with a brother. In the coming months, Ray would mention three times again that he was embarked on this or that enterprise with a "brother." Partly on the basis of these statements, the initial FBI indictment against Ray also mentioned a "brother:" Did Ray mean John Larry, who visited him the day before he escaped from Jeff City? Or Gerry, who lived so close by when Ray worked—as John L. Rayns—in the Indian Trail in Winnetka? Or was it merely a small lie? In any case, neither brother has been formally charged in the case. Back in Montreal, Ray told Huie, it was not his brother but "Raoul" he was rushing to meet. Raoul-if there was a Raoul-may have resembled John Larry. He was about John Larry's age-35 or 36-and was, like John Larry, blond. (The name Raoul, French or Spanish for Ralph, is not far from Ray.) In the coming months, Ray-Galt himself would try to pass himself off as "Raoul's" age-35 or 36.

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1959, it must have been between his release from Leavenworth and his arrest for the Kroger grocery holdup in St. Louis, perhaps another vacation, an unwinding from the rigors of his profession. But now—eight years later—the frugal Ray-Galt was in for a jolt. Acapulco had been discovered by first the jet set and then the prop-jet set and then the prop set. Prices were sky-high. Every Mexican had his hand out, Burning, Ray-Galt turned north to Puerto Vallarta, a posh, offbeat little jet-set hangout north of Acapulco.

On the night of October 19, 12 days after leaving Birmingham, he checked into the Rio Hotel. He gave his address as the Economy Grill and Rooms. He signed the register in his unmistakable hand, "Eric Galt." He remained at the Rio for 19 days, then shifted to another hotel, right on the beach, the Tropicana, where he stopped another week-until November 13. The hotel employees recall him only vaguely. He was "quiet." He kept company with prostitutes, but in contrast to Canada there was no white-hot intimate affair with a "cultivated" mystery woman. Someone remembered him saying, "After I make a big score, I'm gonna come down here and live on beer and beans." Ray-Galt was just one more rich norteamericano tourist, basking in the sun, haunting the bars at night, living the life of the superrich. But no one remembers him as an avid photographer-with expensive equipment. The employees remember only the white Mustang. Someoneperhaps Ray-Galt or one of his girl friends-glued two Mexican turista stickers on the side window of the car.

Or was he merely a simple tourist? He may not have been. Investigative authorities in Memphis have said that during his stay in Mexico, Ray was engaged in smuggling, as he had been in Canada. In Mexico, they say, Ray picked up contraband jewelry and smuggled it across the border, to a person, or persons, unknown.

Ray-Galt now drove north to Los Angeles. Why? Another mystery. He told Huie he went there to try to find a job on a ship—just in case Raoul didn't come through? In late November, he rented a room at 1535 North Serrano Avenue from Mrs. Margarita <u>Powers</u>. The house was in a sleazy neighborhood of low-slung California bungalows, on the fringe of glamorous Hollywood. He signed in as Eric

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What was the purpose of this letter? Was it a rusemeant to be discovered at some later date, a red herring to deflect investigators in the direction of Rhodesia in pursuit of the fictional Eric Galt? Or was it earnestly meant? If it was earnestly meant, if Ray-Galt was seriously inquiring about ways and means to emigrate to Rhodesia without a passport, then why? The mysterious Latin, Raoul. had repeatedly promised Ray-Galt LD. and money to go anywhere in the world, including a passport. Did Ray-Galt fear Raoul might renege on that part of the deal? Was he hedging his bets? Seeking an alternate escape tunnel he could use without a passport in case Raoul failed, to come through? Or was there no Raoul, and was the lone wolf preparing his own escape route? Whatever the reason, the response was not encouraging. The Council mailed Ray-Galt a routine reply, stating that it did not handle such inquiries. The Council, which represents five African nations, was organized primarily to promote tourism, or so it claims. After mailing off the letter, Ray-Galt abruptly changed his living quarters. From Serrano Avenue he moved to the St. Francis Hotel on Hollywood Boulevard, above the Sultan Bar. The St. Francis is not a fleabag. It is an old, rundown establishment with worn carpeting and an elderly chientele, including many permanent residents. Ray-Galt took suite #408, a small apartment, with a living room (a Murphy bed in the wall), a full kitchen and a small dinette. The rent was \$95 a month, including a special parking place in the lot out back. Ray-Galt caused little notice. The hotel manager, Alar Thompson, remembers him at mail call by the front dest every morning at 10:30, and recalls mail forwarded from Serrano Avenue, probably including the reply from the Council. Ray-Galt always wore a jacket and the, and as a roomer, Thompson says, he was "absolutely immaculate one of the best ... no trouble at all ..... one of the rare ones." During this time, Ray-Galt had his laundry done at The Homes Service Laundry Company, down the block from the hotel. An employee, Mrs. Mary Lucy Pinela, stamped Ray's laundry with a special mark. He also

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bought a hammer and a pair of pliers, probably at Ramage Hardware Store 1. THE P. S. L. P. State of Ray-Galt had enrolled on December 5 in a dancing school. Why? He told Huie that his purpose was to learn Latin dance steps so that he would feel at home when he finally settled below the border. But if his real intent was to find refuge in Rhodesia, as indicated by his inquiry to the Council, then why Latin steps? More likely, the dancing lessons were merely one more detail in the careful plan to establish the fictional identity of Eric S. Galt. James Earl Ray was no dancer. Everybody knew that. Ray-Galt was an avid dancer in the Laurentians, took lessons in Birmingham and in Los Angeles. Ray-Galt picked the National Dance Studio in Long Beach, a slickly modern, clean, efficiently run establishment with a roster of sober middle-class students. He arrived at the studio shortly after returning from the trip to New Orleans. He talked with manager Rodney Arvidson about the course of instruction, and signed up for one of the most comprehensive: a three-month, 50-hour course that cost \$465. Ray-Galt gave Arvidson \$100 in cash for a deposit. At the next lesson, he paid the \$365 balance in cash, much of it with \$20 bills. 1 6 ..... Ray-Galt is remembered well at the studio. "He seemed to be a southern gentleman," Arvidson says. "He was neatly dressed, but not sharply dressed, except for the alligator shoes he wore all the time. He was the shy, withdrawn type of individual." Andreas Jorgensen, an instructor, says: "One time I talked with him for an hour and tried to break him down. Every time the conversation got personal, he became quiet. He was a real clam." Kathy Norton, a young, pretty instructor who wears miniskirts, says:""He told me he had a restaurant or bar along the coast of Mexico somewhere. But he was very vague about it." Another instructor, Sharon, who remembers Ray-Galt's gold ring studded with dark stones, his white shirt and carefully knotted tie, says: "He was embarrassed about dancing. He'd tug at his ear and smile that little crooked smile." Now Ray-Galt turned to the most difficult of his problems: creating some kind of "employment" for Galt. In Montreal, in the Laurentians, he had told the cultivated

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Canadian girl he had been working for his brother. In Birmingham he was an ex-shipyard worker on vacation. On his Alabama driver's license application he was "Merchant Marine." All fictitious, and for good reason. Finding employment in America for a fictitious character is not easy. Employers ask for references, employment records, social security card, other identification. They withhold income taxes. They send records to Washington.

Ray-Galt made a stab. He ran an ad in the Los Angeles Times offering himself as a "culinary." He had a socialsecurity number—the one he had given to Mrs. Klingeman at the Indian Trail in Winnetka. It was a "safe" number; he had used it before. (At Social Security headquarters, the number is the only thing that matters. As an official says: "People change their names all the time. We couldn't keep track of that.") Ray-Galt received three job offers. But each employer asked for references and a social-security .card. Ray-Galt could not supply these. He was turned away.

In another country—Latin America, Rhodesia—he would not need these annoying papers and numbers. But he would need a skill. As a well-dressed American abroad, he could not very well list his only previous experience as "dishwasher" or "culinary." Where would a dishwasher get money to go abroad? It would arouse immediate suspicion, perhaps bring an investigation. But where could Ray-Galt acquire a skill in a short time? Something that would not be demeaning or arouse undue notice? The answer: he would become a bartender. He could learn that trade in less than two months. Bartenders make enough money to travel abroad. They are a kind of restless, international breed, shifting from one country to another. It was a perfect long-term cover, not apt to ever arouse suspicion.

One of the bartenders in the Sultan Room, Gil Martin, says he gave Ray-Galt the idea. But Ray-Galt may have had the idea earlier and merely asked certain questions, giving Martin the impression it had been his idea. Ray's brother John Larry had taken a bartender course, and had worked as a bartender in New York, and later at his sister Carol Jean's place in St. Louis, the Grapevine. So, as Ray had earlier chosen his brother's name for an alias, his age,

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his love of vodka and orange juice, he now chose his trade.

On January 19, Ray-Galt appeared at the International School of Bartending on Sunset Boulevard, not far from the St. Francis Hotel by Los Angeles standards. The school was not impressive from the outside. Except for the sign on the front, it might have been taken for a store in an ordinary neighborhood. It was not even a permanent location: by the following summer it would have moved to Alvarado Street.

Inside, the school looked very much like a cocktail lounge. There was a long "training" bar, sleekly modern, a few small tables, soft lights, heavy carpet. Behind the bar were dozens of whiskey bottles—filled with water—and a vast variety of highball, liquor and cocktail glasses. Presiding over the "school" was the "director," a genial Latin named Tomas Reyes Lau. Lau was a dapper, very precise man, with swarthy skin, dark eyes, sharply trimmed moustache, given to alligator shoes and corduroy trousers and sports jackets.

Lau invited Ray-Galt into the small "office." He showed him the elaborate "course book" (authorized by law) and explained that by "graduation" time, six weeks hence, Ray-Galt would know how to mix 110 different drinks. He would also be taught poise, style, personality improvement, confidence, coordination, balance, hygiene and psychology—presumably how to be a sympathetic listener, or how to evict a noisy drunk without traumatizing him or other bar patrons. "Students" at the school would work behind the bar three to six hours a day, be "graded" in a dozen categories. At "graduation" Ray-Galt would receive a diploma and have his picture taken in a tuxedo jacket and formal shirt and black tie. There were many pictures of former graduates tacked on the wall. The fee was \$220.

Ray-Galt gave Lau the impression that he was "desperate" to get a job and go to work as soon as possible. He gave Lau the \$220 fee in cash. He filled out an application blank, giving his address as the St. Francis Hotel. He gave his date of birth as July 30, 1931—very close to the date of birth of his brother John Larry, born June 19, 1931. As references, he listed Maria Deninno at the St. Francis, Rita Stein—Charles Stein's sister—and Charles Deninno

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(another name for Stein?), at the Steins' residence, 5666 Franklin Avenue. He listed a "Mr. Weller" of 741 S. Figueroa Street as a former employer who had paid him \$50 a week. Although he had passed himself off as "desperate" for a job, it is certain that Ray-Galt never intended to apply for a job as a bartender in America upon graduation. He knew the problem of the social-security card, the references, the employment record. More important: in many cities, including Los Angeles, bartenders are required to register with police when they take a job dispensing liquor. Often, applicants are fingerprinted and investigated by police departments. That was a risk Ray-Galt could not afford. بالرجة الإسرائي وراحية فالروانية والمعرد ومتعرفة وتراجه Ray-Galt applied himself conscientiously, eagerly. "He was a nice fellow with a nice personality," Lau recalls, "He was very intelligent. He had the ability to develop this type of service." Lau found him almost ideal: "Quiet and rescrved," as a good bartender should be. Ray-Galt had a

"slight southern accent." It was a very important, almost crucial undertaking for Ray-Galt. He was committed now, totally committed. If he failed the course, he had no further options. Time was running out. So intent was Ray-Galt on making it that he visited a "specialist" on self-improvement, the Reverend Xavier von Koss, head of the International Society of Hypnosis, according to Huie, "an internationally recognized authority on hypnosis and self-hypnosis in the field of selfimprovement." Ray-Galt said he had been reading up on mind concentration and self-improvement. Von Koss suggested hypnosis, but Ray-Galt declined, perhaps fearful that he might reveal something he shouldn't. The Reverend von Koss gave Ray-Galt three self-improvement books to take along: How to Cash in on Your Hidden Memory Power; Self-Hypnotism: The Technique and Its Use in Daily, Living; and Psycho-Cybernetics.

So intent was Ray-Galt on making good that he terminated his dancing lessons on February 12, forfeiting the large fee he had paid for the course. Says Rod <u>Arvidson</u>: "He said he planned to open a bar in the Los Angeles area. That was the reason he gave us for leaving before the course was completed. He wanted to concentrate on his

THE STRANGE CASE OF JAMES EARL RAY bartending course." His explanation, of course, was not quite the whole truth."

Journalist Louis Lomax believes that at about this time Ray-Galt made another whirlwind trip to New Orleans and vicinity. Lomax says that on Valentine's Day, February 14, Ray-Galt swapped his console TV with a girl in return for her portable TV, and during this transaction Ray-Galt told her he was "leaving town." Lomax (who claims to have found the girl) believes that Ray-Galt then drove to New Orleans and delivered a package to a family there from their daughter in Los Angeles. Afterward, Ray-Galt drove to Birmingham. In that city, Ray-Galt bought gas and received Green Stamps, proof of the trip.

Beyond Lomax's speculation, there is no further evidence that Ray-Galt made a trip to New Orleans in mid-February. Ray himself makes no mention of it in his account to Hulo. The Green Stamps do not prove he was in Birmingham in February; Green Stamps are not dated. Ray-Galt could have acquired them the previous September when he lived in Birmingham. If he made the trip, he would have missed classes at the bartending school, perhaps too many to "graduate." Besides that, he was busy on another of his purposeful projects.

On February 19, in Los Angeles, Ray-Galt visited a plastic surgeon, Dr. Russel C. <u>Hadley</u>. Ray-Galt was concerned about two prominent physical features that might conceivably draw attention to him—especially in a photograph. One was the little tip on the end of his nose. The other was the drooping left ear lobe. In Hadley's office, Ray-Galt filled out a form, listing his birth date again close to that of John Larry—July 20, 1931—and his closest relative as "Carl L. Galt," 2608 Highland in Birmingham, the address of the Economy Grill and Rooms. Dr. Hadley removed the "tip" two weeks later on March 5.

Meanwhile, Ray-Galt had successfully completed the course in bartending. He "graduated" on March 2, a brief, cheery interlude in Lau's small office. Ray-Galt received his "diploma." Then he stood holding his diploma in the name of Eric S. Galt before a camera for his graduation picture with Lau. The color photograph that resulted is remarkable in at least one respect. It bears little or no

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resemblance to the faceless James Earl Ray. He is wearing a school tuxedo jacket, white shirt and thin black bow tie. True, his left ear protrudes noticeably like Ray's, but any likeness ends there. One reason may be that Ray-Galt had his eyes firmly closed—no doubt deliberately—when the shutter clicked. Without eyes, a face like Ray's could resemble millions of others.

Lau informed Ray-Galt that he had lined up a bartending job. But the Ray-Galt who had given the impression he was "desperate" for work six weeks earlier declined. "I have to leave to see my brother," Ray-Galt said. "What good would it do for me to work for only two or three weeks? I'd better wait until I return to town and get a permanent job." When Ray-Galt telephoned Lau a week later on some routine matter, Lau again offered him a job. Again, Ray-Galt declined.

Was Ray-Galt, in fact, off to see a "brother"? No one knows. But interestingly it was the second time Ray-Galt had used seeing a brother as an excuse to terminate a relationship and shift the scene of his operation.

About this time, an incident occurred in Alabama that would later assume a curious aspect, another minor—or perhaps important—mystery in the unfolding drama. On about the last day in February, according to Captain T. L. Payne of the Alabama Highway Patrol, someone identifying himself as Eric S. Galt telephoned the license division requesting a duplicate driver's license. The duplicate was mailed to Galt, together with a bill for 25¢, on March 1, to the Economy Grill and Rooms in Birmingham. There, according to manager Peter Cherpes, the duplicate license was picked off the front hall table, by a person unseen and therefore unknown, on or about March 2 or 3. The license division received the 25¢ payment on March 6.

The incident cannot be dismissed lightly. It is the only proof that Ray-Galt may have had an accomplice in his enterprise. Conceivably, Ray-Galt could have telephoned long distance requesting the duplicate. But he could not have picked it up at the Economy Grill and Rooms on March 2 or 3. On March 2, he was in Los Angeles, "graduating." On March 5, he had his nose operated on. He visited Dr. Hadley for postoperative treatment on March 7 and March 11. expla equit "Rao which in Bit Ag four Hadi

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was called upon to deal with another protest movement, the garbage strike in Memphis. The trouble there had begun two months before, in February. The city's 1,300 garbage collectors, 90% Negro, had petitioned the Mayor, Henry Loeb, for a modest wage and compensation increase. Loeb stubbornly refused. The garbage collectors struck. Tempers flared; no mediation seemed possible. The collectors sent an appeal to King: come and help dramatize the impasse. King responded to the call reluctantly.

On March 17, the day Ray left Los Angeles, King was the principal speaker at the important California Democratic convention in Los Angeles. The next day he flew to Memphis. Then he went to Atlanta. On March 20, he was in Mississippi. Then Alabama. Then Atlanta. On March 28, he was back in Memphis, to lead the protest march. The march erupted in violence. In the melce men were killed. His nonviolent philosophy, his leadership of the black community were on trial.

He remained in Memphis March 29, returning to Atlanta on March 30. On April 1, he was in Washington, where he gave a moving address to 3,000 people, mostly white, in the Washington Cathedral. He had made public his intention to lead a second march in Memphis on April 6.

On March 29, while King was in Memphis, James Earl Ray appeared in the Aero Marine Supply Company, a sporting-goods store near the main entrance of the Birmingham airport. There, using the name Harvey Lowmeyer, with a Birmingham address, Ray purchased a .243caliber Winchester rifle with a Redfield telescopic sight from salesman U. L. Baker. A customer, John De Shazo, observed the purchase. Why he shifted to yet another alias has not been revealed. The Birmingham address was false. It was part of the plan, perhaps.

That afternoon, Ray-Lowmeyer telephoned the Aero Marine Supply Company. He spoke to another salesman, Donald F. Wood. Ray-Lowmeyer said he had talked with "his brother" and wanted to exchange the rifle for another. Ray-Lowmeyer left the impression he was "going deer hunting in Wisconsin with a brother or brother-in-law." It was the third time Ray had mentioned a "brother" in public. Ray-Lowmeyer wanted to exchange the rifle for a larger caliber, a 30.06. Wood said, "Fine, bring the other rifle in

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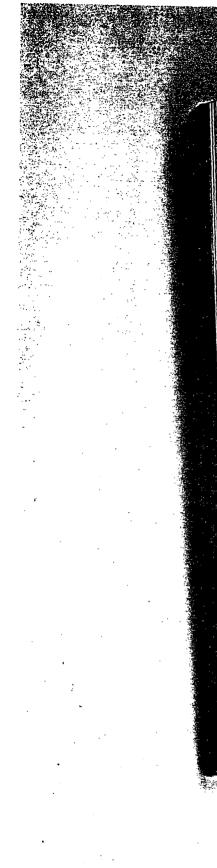
at nine o'clock in the morning." Ray-Lowmeyer did, and picked up a Remington at three that afternoon. The Remington was a Model 760 Gamemaster Pump Action 30.06, serial number 461476. Wood shifted the Redfield sight (serial number 17350) to the new rifle. With the sight attached, the rifle would not fit in its regular box. So Wood put it in a Browning automatic shotgun box, and Scotchtaped it closed. The final bill was \$150, which Ray-Lowmeyer paid in cash.

Why had Ray exchanged rifles? He had apparently alrendy bought at least six heavy dumdum-type bullets elsewhere. These bullets could not be fired in the Winchester without mechanically filing the rim of the firing pin so it would make contact with the cartridge cap. It was easier to exchange rifles.

Ray then returned directly to Atlanta. On the day after he got the Remington, March 31, he paid Garner another week's rent. At that time, Ray wrote his name—Eric S. Galt—on an envelope. Either at this time, or five days later, Ray-Galt left Garner a note saying he had to return to Birmingham, and would be back later for the television and other personal effects. He may have left his note in the envelope bearing his name. On the envelope, he left a fingerprint.

The next day, April 1, Ray took some laundry to the Piedmont Laundry around the corner from Jimmy Garner's rooming house. He left it in the name of Eric S. Galt with a clerk, Mrs. Annie Peters. Then he turned the Mustang westward, toward Memphis. On the night of April 2, he spent the night in a motel in Mississippi, registered in the name of Eric S. Galt. The next day, April 3, Ray-Galt stopped at the Rexall Drug Store in Whitehaven, Tennessee, and bought some toilet articles, including a bottle of after-shave lotion.

That same morning, Dr. King arrived at the Eastern Air Line sheep run at the Atlanta airport to catch a plane for Memphis. There, Eastern officials informed him the flight had been delayed: rumor had it that someone had planted a bomb on the plane. King and his associates sat in the desegregated waiting room while the plane was searched. King was not alarmed, merely wildly annoyed by the delay, He had come to accept threats to his life as routine. "For



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the heat full blast. On the same day the fingerprints were matched, the FBI released Ray's name, record and other data, including a precise physical description, and a gallery of photographs—those taken at the time of his previous arrests. On the following day, beneath banner headlins, Ray's photograph was published on the front page of most of the major newspapers. Reporters set to work digging into his past, stitching together the threads of the Ray family and its history, manfully grappling with the bewildering variety of names—Ray, Ryan, Raynes, Raines—the many children.

So did the FBL. The focus of the manhunt now shifted to the Midwest. Suspicion fell on Gerry and John Larry as possible accomplices. The St. Louis FBI office became the command post in this new search: the lights burned all night in the Federal Building. Agents scurried in and out at all hours with scraps of information, compiling an exhaustive biography of Ray, his family, his cohorts, his past accomplices. It was hoped that from this mass of information a clear picture of Ray the man and his habits would emerge, and thus lead them to his probable hiding place. While this hunt was in progress, the Bureau also alerted Mexican authorities and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Ray had visited both those countries since his escape from Jeff City and prior to the assassination. He might have returned to either.

The FBI found Gerry Ray working as a maintenance man at a country club in suburban Chicago. Not long afterward, enterprising Chicago reporters also found Gerry Ray. Gerry probably told both FBI agents, who fully cleared him, and reporters the same story. He said that the last contact he had had with James Earl Ray was a letteraddressed to Gerry's Wheeling, Illinois, post-office boxa week before James escaped from Jeff City. James had made no effort to contact any members of the family since his escape.

"He won't contact anybody in the family," Gerry said. "I'm sure of that. The FBI will be watching all of us."

Gerry was one of those who believed that James was probably part of a "giant" conspiracy. He thought his brother had been "used" in some way, probably as the "fall guy" and not the killer. "If he did it, which I doubt,"

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tains, a double bed with pink and white spread, an old television set, three straight-backed chairs, a three-drawer chest with mirror, and on the wall, two faded portraits of Jesus Christ and a flowery homily: Home Sweet Home Ray, who told Mrs. Szpakowski that he was a salesman for the real-estate firm of Mann and Martel, paid her week's rent-\$10-with a single Canadian bill. Mrs. Szpakowski says that Ray was the "ideal" roomer He was quiet, kept to himself, made no unusual demands He paid his rent in advance and on time. He left the hous every morning at 8:30, sometimes came home briefly midday, and returned in the evening at 6:30, just affe supper. What he did during the day is a mystery. He may have gone down to the bar at Ossington and Queense drink beer or shoot pool. He may have eaten at the nearby Columbia or Gor Vale restaurants. A barber in the shore near College street thinks he gave Ray a haircut. A cler in Ball's Drug Store thinks Ray bought gum, aspirin and after-shave lotion. Mrs. Szpakowski, an amateur student of human natur noticed something not quite right about Ray. "He was worried-looking all the time," she recalls. "Such a de thinker. I thought maybe he was worried about his family He looked sad. I thought once he might have been from the mental hospital down the street." At night, he brough food to his room and watched television. Sometime during the week, the telephone at 102 Osur Non Avenue rang. The caller asked for Mr. Paul Bridging Mrs. Szpakowski's eight-year-old daughter Lidia answere She assumed the call-it was apparently a local call for the new man in the second floor, front. Who called or why-has never been revealed. Another myster

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The night clerk Luis remembers Ray as "quiet, lonely and shy. He never talked to us nothing more than for morning and good night," Luis says. "He never made and phone calls or talked to any of the other guests." The day clerk, João, says: "He was a timid guy, always walked around with his face down." A chambermaid. Maru Celeste, says that Ray was a quiet customer and did bat make any trouble. "He never said anything to me. Never even rang for room service. He was meticulously neat, bat he never took a bath."

There is evidence, however, that Ray spent a lot of time in a rough seaman's bar in the neighborhood, killing time and consorting with prostitutes in the Galo, Boh mia. Riz One recalls: "He sat in the corner, alone. drinking beer. But he didn't want to talk." In all these places. Ray ate and drank sparingly and tipped niggardly. One dark haired girl, a pretty fixture in the Texas Bar, admits to having gone to bed with Ray. "He didn't have much money on him," she says. "He didn't talk about himself He wouldn't even tell me what ship he came from." During the tryst, Ray asked if she had children. She showed him pictures of them---all fatherless---at which point, she recalls, Ray was sad, and almost wept. Frugal in all things, Ray even wheedled her down in price. He paid only 300 escudos--about \$10----instead of her usual price of \$17 50 for a half hour's dalliance. "But he was a nice guy." she says.

hour's dalliance. "But he was a nice guy," she says. Ray did not "lose" his passport in Lisbon. He had something better going for him. His passport contained a typographical error. The surname 'Sneyd' was spelled "Sneya." On May 15, Ray went to the emigration section of the Canadian Embassy and was waited on by Mrs. Manuela Texieira Lopes. A Canadian consular official says: "He came into the consulate and said that his name had been misspelled on the passport—that it should have been Sneyd. He produced a birth certificate in the name of Ramon George Sneyd and asked us to change Sneya to Sneyd." The obliging Canadian officials promptly cancelled the old passport, issued Ray a brand-new passport.

On May 17, Ray checked out of the Hotel Portugal, leaving no tips. At the airport a Mr Fama of the Lisbon police checked both passports and cleared Ray to exit the country. Ray flew back to London. From May 17 to

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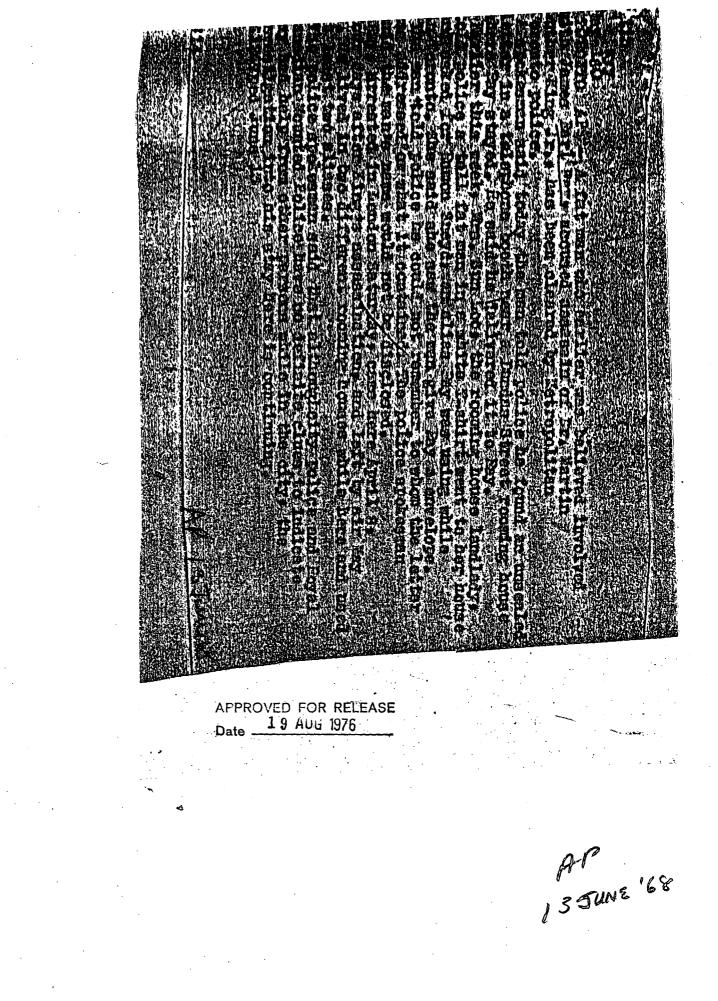
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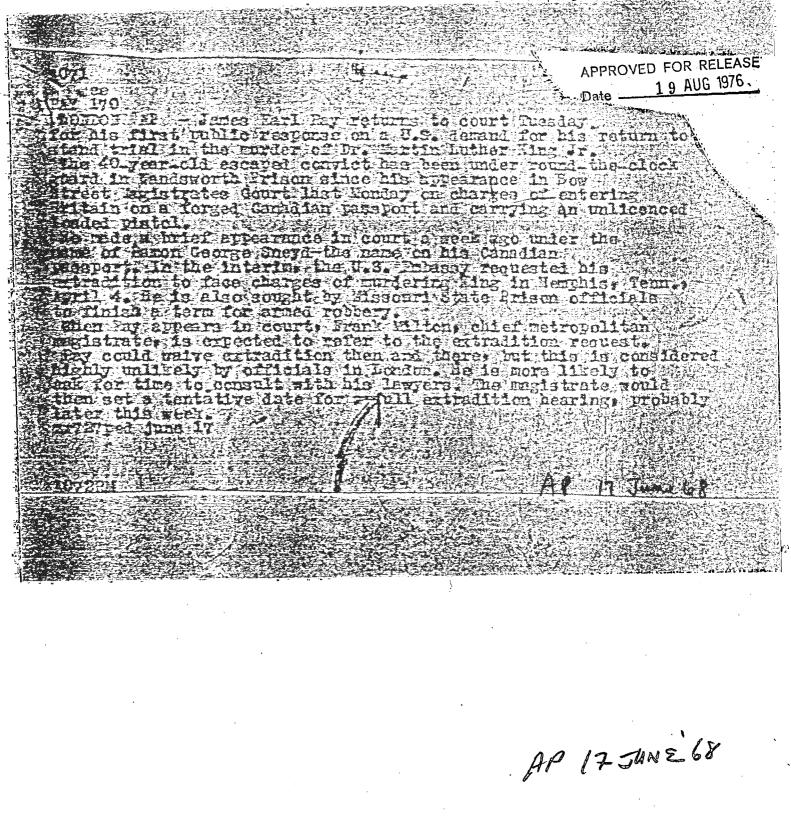
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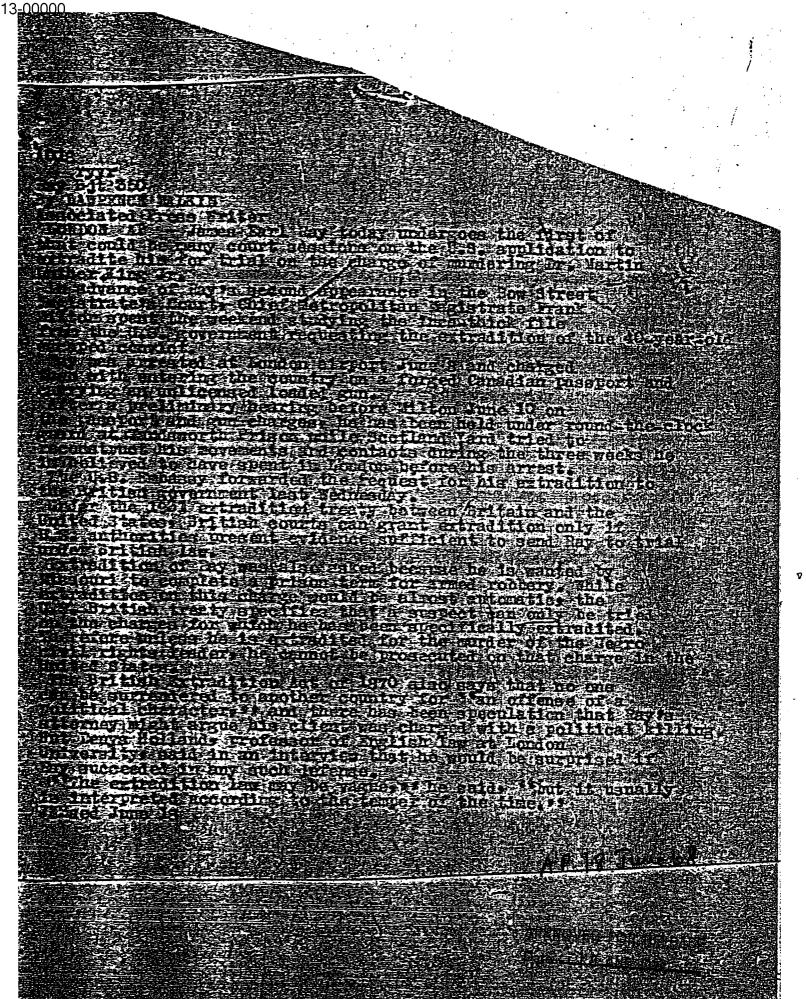
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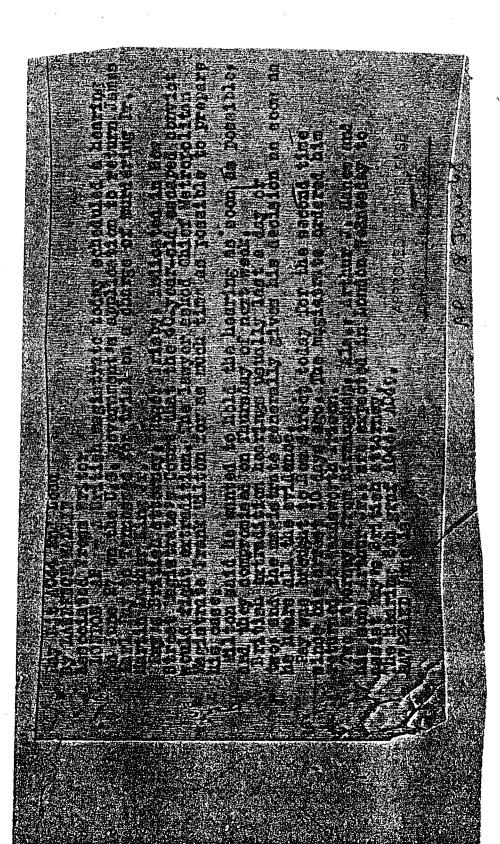
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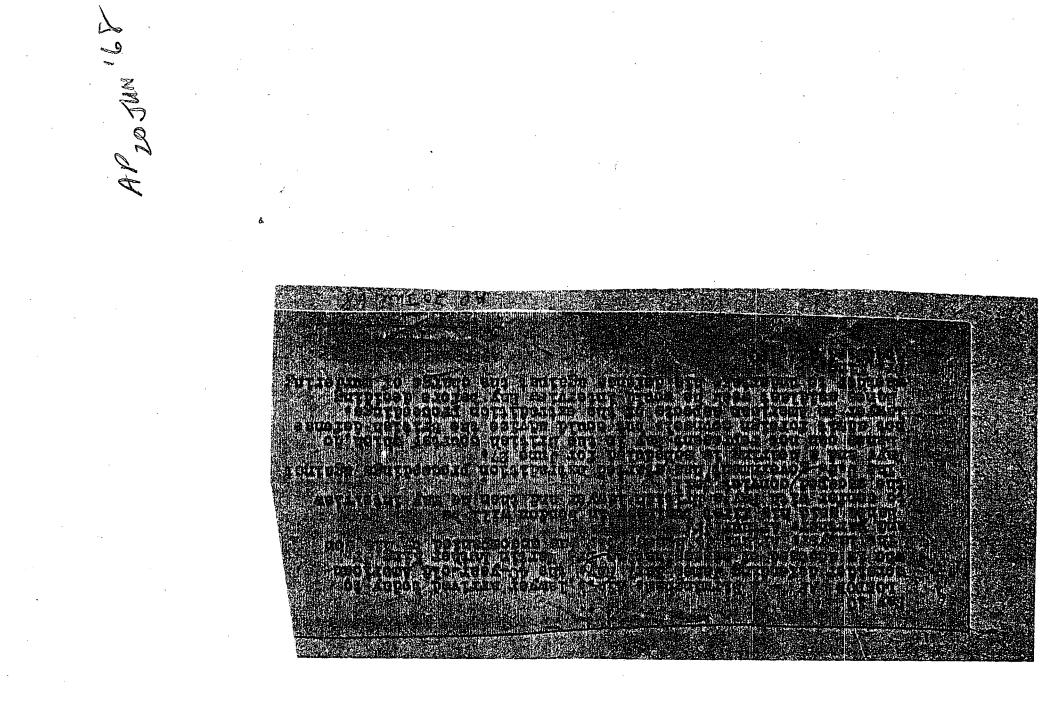
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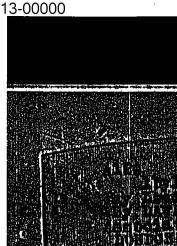
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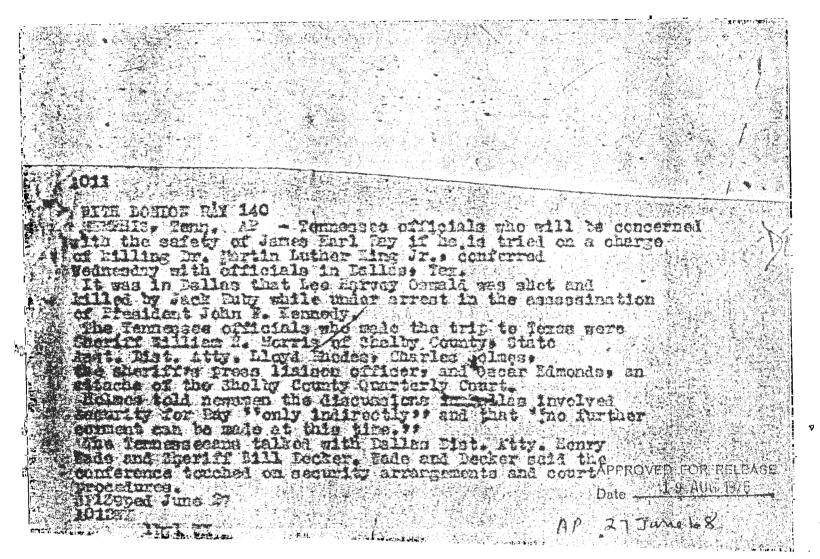
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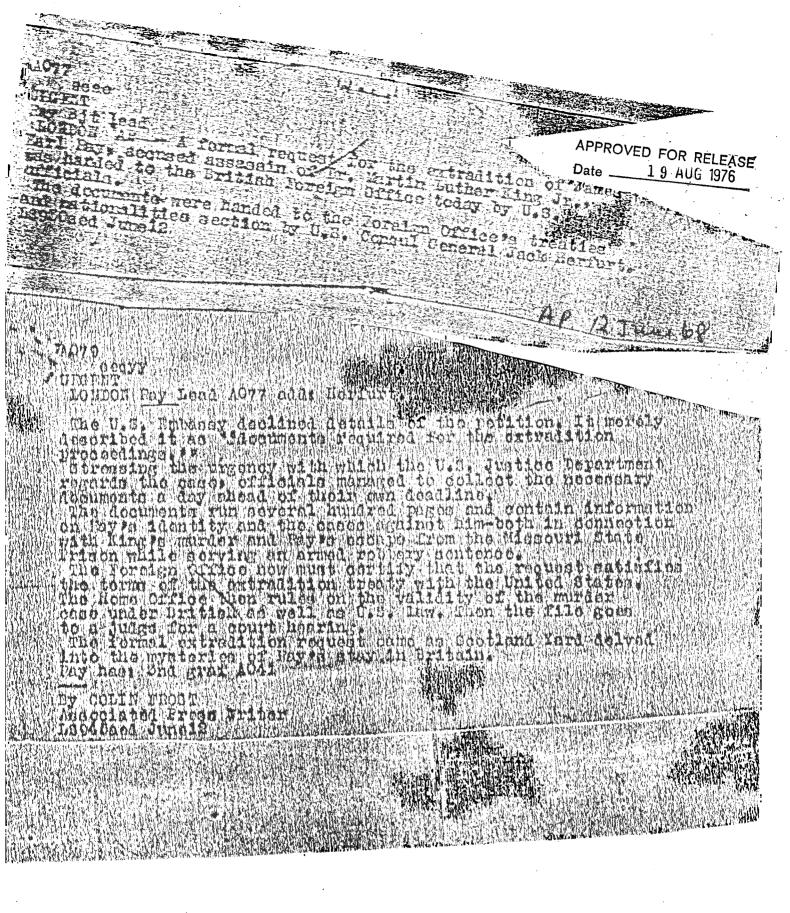
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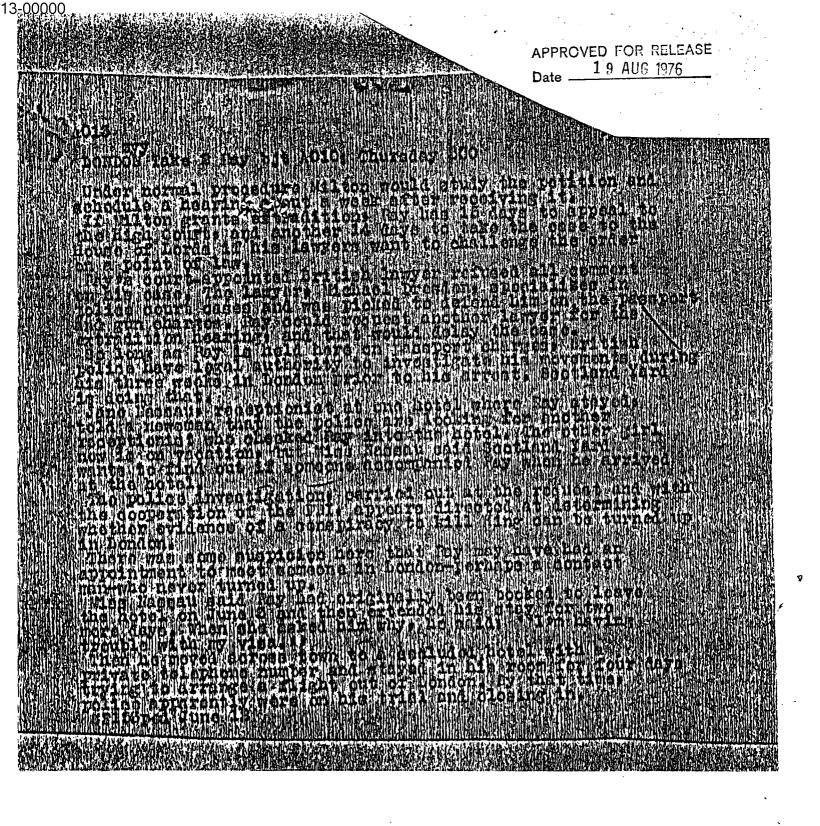
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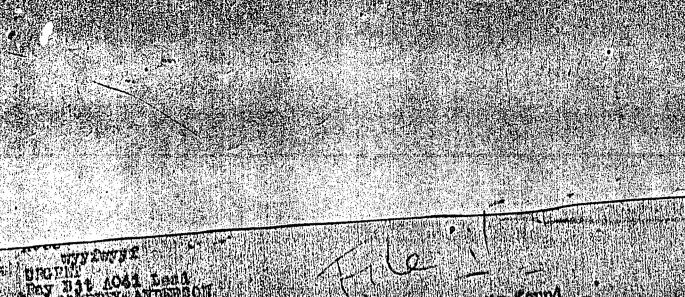


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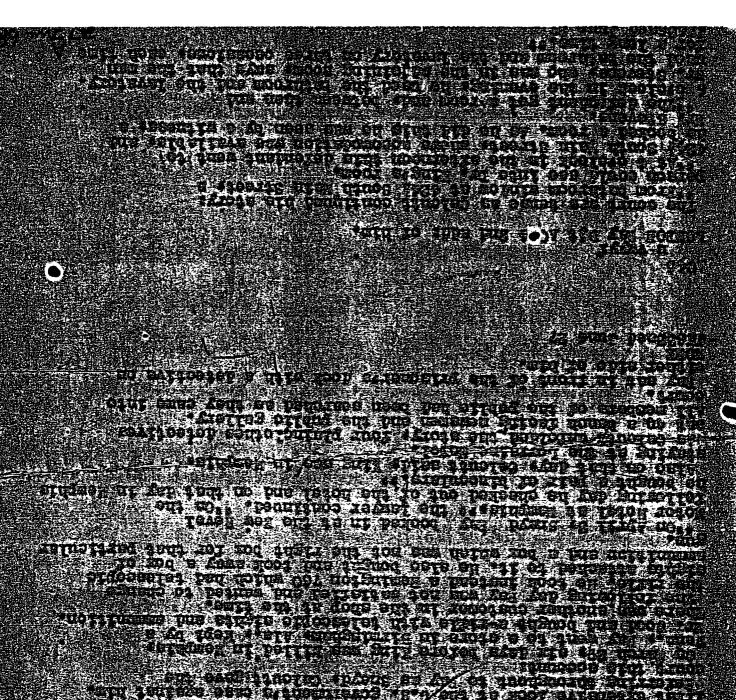
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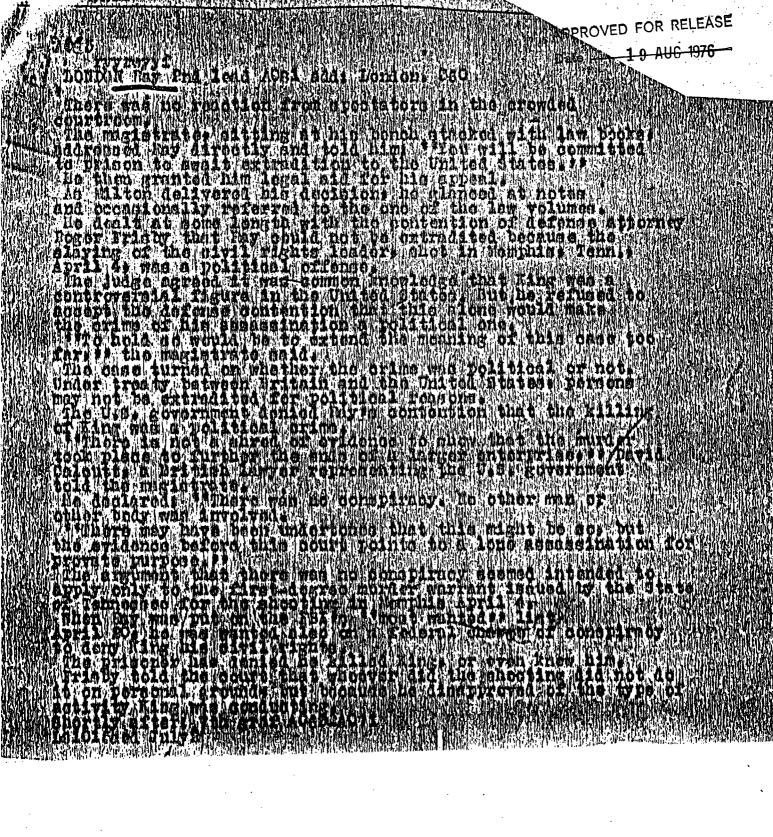
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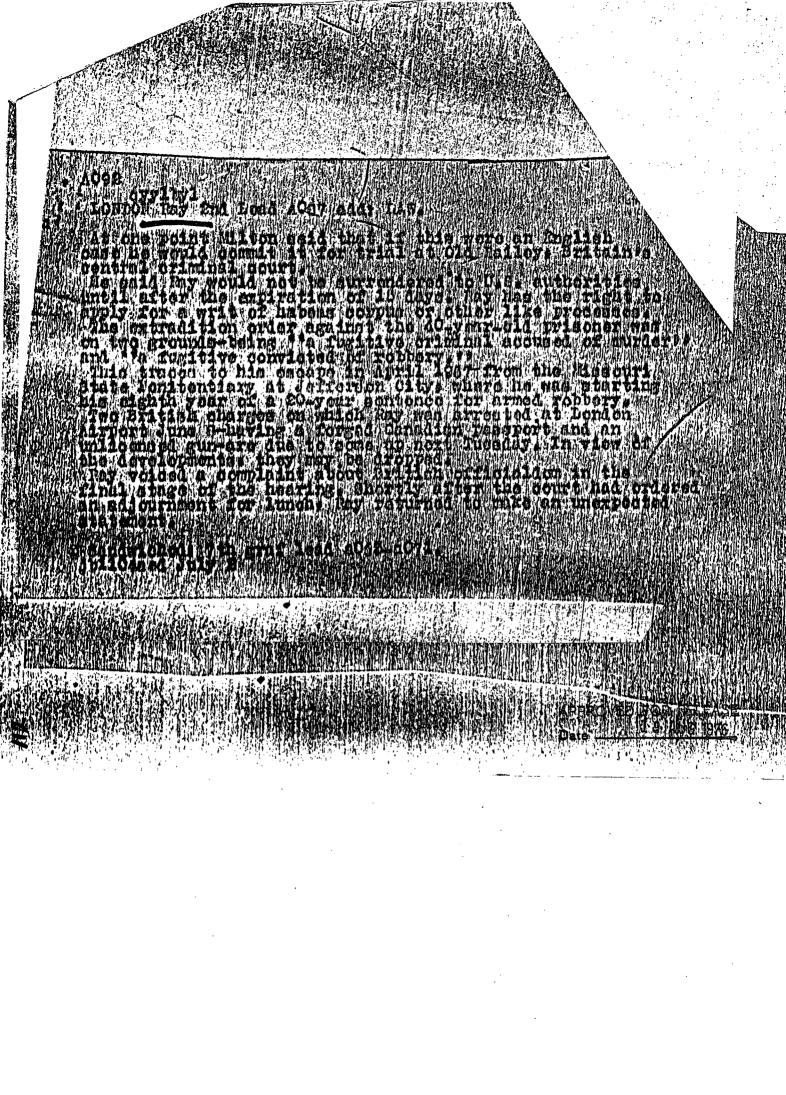
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unions. Special, Julo, 2 takes, total 1,000 By BIPNIED GAVZER P Hemsfeatures Writer . MEMPAIS, Tenn. AP - The trime suspect in a hoar radio broadcast that misled police the night Martin Luther King Jr. was murdered denies he made the broadcast. \*Inever did it, ", he said in an exclusive interview. \*I can rove it. ?? IT he can, authorities will have another riddle to untangle before they can say beyond a reasonable doubt that the broadcast was a noar and that killer James Earl Ray was in no way connected with it. Ray is serving 99 years. His motion for a new trial will be heard May 26. So far as is morn, he has never made any commen't about the broadcast. The spurious call-giving a frantic description of a white Mustang making a high-speed getaway-began about 35 minutes after Dr. King was shot Avril 4, 1953. It occupied the attention of at least three police squads, turning them toward an area five to six miles east of the shortest, quickest route out of Memphis-the route Ray actually took in a 1955 white Mustang. The suspect now is a college freshman at a school far from his Merchis home. He has been questioned by Memphis police and the FBI, But the Federal Communications Commission-to the surprise of at least one FCC commissioner-never has made any inquiry. Ho charges have been placed against the student. Confronted in the doraitory of his school, he at first refused to discuss police interest in him. He agreed only after an exchange of several long distance telephone calls to his family and a lenger. He agreed to talk with the understanding he would not be identified. \*Im very upset about this, " he said, nervously shifting about as he spoke. "I don't like the FBI or anybody else thinking I had anything to do with this. I don't like your coming after me. ? ? 🕅 \* why have police concentrated on you? >> he was asked. "I don't know why. There are other ham radio operators in my area. I don't know why they came to me. I haven't been able to rut this out of my mind for a year, " he said. Anthorities were able to gt a clue as to the probable location of the transmitter because of details provided by two main sources: The TV man, whose so bright the signal there air is "Lily White, " said the messages came from a fixed base station, and added: "I monitored that from the beginning to the sign off. There is more to it but I won t tell the full story until the U.S. Sucreme Court has James Farl Ray firmly under lock and key. There is something unknown, and Im Forried about the unknown. , He refused to say anymore. refused to say enymore. Although the student is frightened and worried, he apparently move radio communication and the problem of anyone now trying to prove when the fake broadcast began. Location of a transmitter can be determined when there is a signal on which two receivers can make a fix. But the false broadcast lasted only 12 minutes and no opportunity existed at the time to make such a fix, nor tas there any need to since no one had any reason to doubt it Was valid. \*'I was at home that night, "" the student said. "I was never at my rig, which is down in the basement. MORT Date \_\_\_\_\_ 9 AUG 1976 11224aed Hay 14, (969

13-00000 EPEIS-Take 2, Ray Bit, 1012: casement. I was working on a terr paper about 6:20 p.m., give or take 10 minutes, a friend called and said King was shot and all hell would treak locse. I agreed. I went back to my term paper. I never got on the air at all., The student's home is located in the general area described as the scene of the high-speed chase. Le said he knows two respected, substantial citizens of Memphis who could testify it wasn't his voice. "These two men heard it all, from beginning to end, and they know my rig and my voice. They could testify it wasn't me. I have never given their names to anyone, not the Memphis police or the IBL. ?? The Associated Press has a slight clue as to their identity but has been mable to locate the men. The misleading broadcast began at 6:55 p.m.-about the time the student said he took a break from his studies. This was a crucial time during which King's biller made good his escape. The easiest way out of the state was to head for interstate 55 and either so across the Hemphis Arkansas Bridge to Arkansas or go south into Hississippi, trips requiring from 10 to 19 minutes. Ray, it is now known, went to Hississippi. The false broadcast was picked up by the steamfitter, who asked that his name not be published. He has been questioned by police and the FBI. \*\*I was easthound on Jackson Ave. in my convertible. The top was nown. I was alone. It had been about 15 minutes since the radio report that gking was shot, and about three or four minutes later there was the report on connercial radio that the suspect might be in a white Mustang. "TCHEN, OH MY CITIZEN'S RAND UNIT, I heard someone saying, "Can someone give me a land line to the police department?" mat's our jargon for a telephone call. call for the police, what was the message. \*The answer was, 'I am chasing the white Mustang with the man in it that shot King., Then there was some interference and the mase station asked for a repeat and got one three or four times int couldn't read it. I could. I have fine copy all the way., The stearfitter then saw a police car stopped at a traffic light. \*I rulled up alongside and hollered, 'I have a man on the radio who says he's chasing the white Mustang with the man on the radio King., fine cop looked at me funny and the patrolman who was riding shotgen got out and got in with me. We pulled into a parking lot and I turned up the volume so that the other officer could hear it. ... hear it. " The officer, Lt. R. W. Bradshaw, in police car 160, relayed the information coming over the citizen's band radio to the police aispatcher. The dispatcher, in turn, broadcast it over the police network. A recording of this exists. But there is no known recording network. A recording of this exists bet there is no known recording the person making the original broadcast. af the voice of the person making the original broadcast. At least two police cars, 36 and 42, were put into action in a hunt for the phantom Mustang. At one point, the mysterious broadcast also described gunfire coming from a blue Pontiac whise occupants reportedly were firing at the Mustang. But no one, that night or since, has come forth with any evidence of any real vehicles being at those places. It was a sham, all the way. The FOC casked to explain its failure to investigate the alleged The FCC, asked to explain its failure to investigate the alleged hozz, agreed that such a hozz would be a violation but said that in this instance it was decided that the incident already was being investigated by the FBI and local police and there was no necessity for it to become involved. However, one commissioner said while he would not initiate an inquiry he certainly would support a call for one. 112412ed 11ay 14

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MEMPEIS, Tenn. AP - There was no all-points bulletin issued to stop James Earl Ray the night he shot and killed Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and fled Memphis in a white 1966 Mustang. Folice Chief Henry Luz, who for months had the impression that an automatic alarm had been broadcast, confirmed in an exclusive interview that no such bulletin was issued. The widescread belief among law enforcement officers-and consequently the public-that a bulletin had been issued and that Pay had apparently escaped with ease in spite of it contributed to the suspicion that he might have been part of a conspiracy rather than a lone killer. The judge in Ray's trial said in an interview afterward he was Eystified over how Ray eluded the roadblocks that would have been established following an all-points alert. A hearing on Ray's motion for a new trial is scheduled for May 26. Since there was no bulletin, there were no roadblocks or checkpoints established at the nearest escape routes to neighboring Arkansas and Mississippi-or in Georgia, Alabama, Missouri, Louisiana, South Carolina, Virginia or Kentucky. Or anywhere.

\*The first Memphis police radio transmission mentioning a white Yustang was logged at 6:11 p.m., April 4, 1968, \*\* said a Shelby County authority with intimate knowledge of the state's evidence. Xing was shot at 6:01 p.m. Hay apparently was on the street and on his way within minutes. Had he begun his flight in the Yustang as late as 6:05 p.m., by 6:11 he would have been on the Memphis Arkansas Bridge leading to Arkansas or no more than 10 minutes away from the Mississippi state line. Chief Lux, in erplaining the failure to issue an all points hulletin, said: \*\*At this time, we did not know for sure or have ny proof that a white Mustang was involved. We had broadcast that the suspect was believed to be in a white Mustang. This wasn't enough to put out an all points. To do that, you usually have to indicate that a warrant has been issued and that you will extradite. Otherwise, the receiving states are not going to act on it. \*

Another explanation, given by Memphis police as well as police officials in other areas, was that the local situation was hectic and tense and that authorities were concerned about rioting and disorder.

In his trial before the late Judge W. Preston Battle, Ray frew a 99-year sentence March 10 under an agreement to plead guilty. Ray later repudiated the agreement and, following Judge Battle's death, was granted a hearing on his motion for a new trial. During a series of exclusive interviews just before he died

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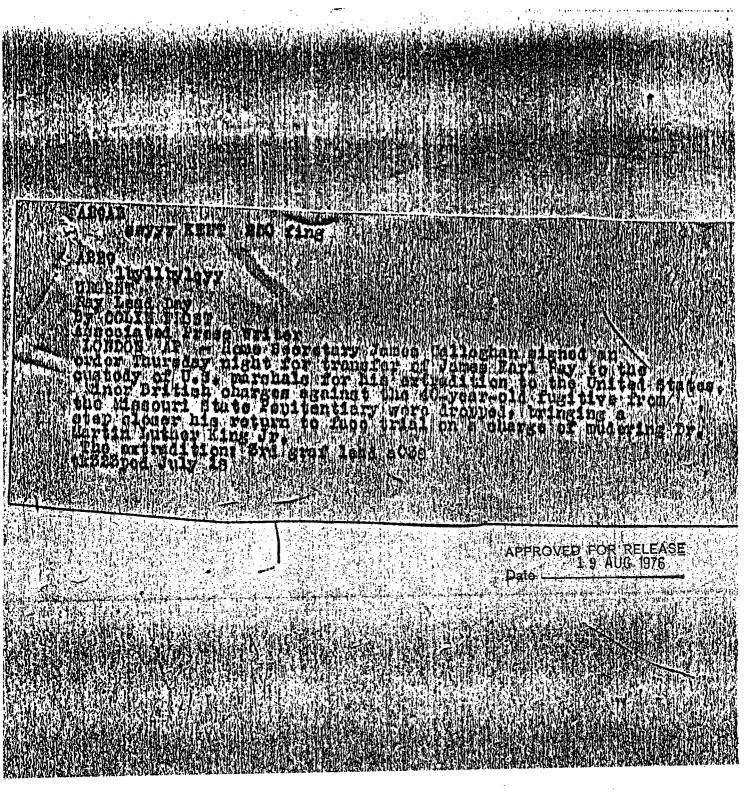
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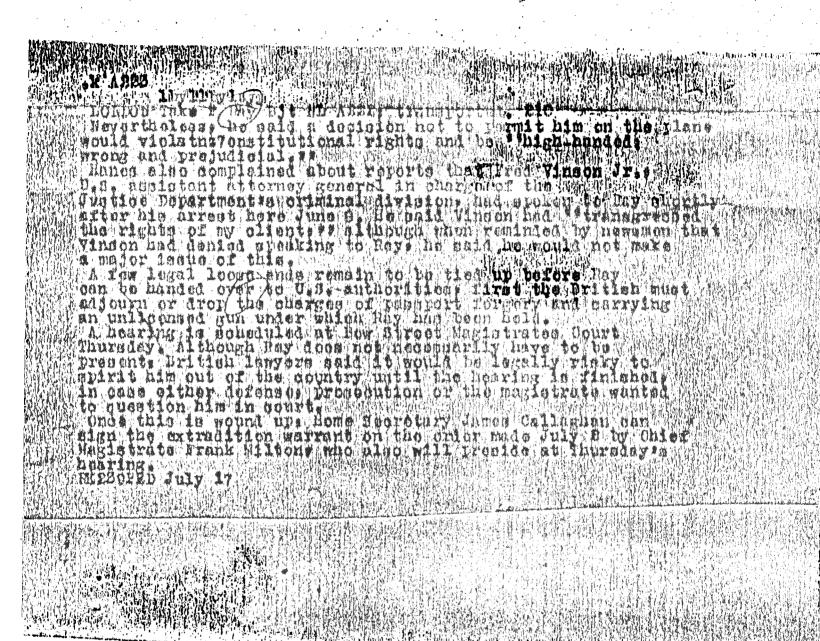
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Ibyllbyl<sup>~</sup> Merchis, Take 2, Ra, 5 Ketaway, A203: flight. 450 He said: \*To me, the escare seems miraculous. I don't see how he got from here to Atlanta in that white Mustang with an allhe got from here to Atlanta in that white Mustang with an all points bulletin out. "> Pay is abandoned Mustang was confiscated by the FBI in Atlanta April 11, 1968. Investigation into this question showed that even a year after the slaying there were authorities in some neighboring states who still had the impression that there had been such a bulletin. A spokesman for the Virginia State Police said: "We passed on an all points bulletin."> Georgia informants said they couldn't remember a specific message but "somehow we knew there was a Mustang."> South Carolina sources said the when there was a Mustang. " South Carolina sources said the details were now blurred but "we definitely remember an allcoints bulletin. ,, Eut in none of these states, or any others, were there any unusual or nonroutine patrol actions, such as the setting up of roadblocks. Chief Lux at first seemed certain an alarm had been broadcast to neighboring states. He explained: The have a direct telephone line to the Shelby-County sherifi's office. It's automatic procedure to call the sherifi's office, ,, 1. The sheriff's office has two-way radio communication with the Tennessee Highway Patrol and state police in Arkansas and Mississippi. That & how, according to Chief Lux, the adjoining states were elected. But Sheriff William N. Horris, questioned about his role the night of April 4, said: \*I never received any communication that night regarding a white Mustang or any request to transmit an alert to any other police agency. >> The Tennessee Highway Patrol reported that it logged a statewide broadcast at 6:3? P.M., TO BE \*\*on the alert for a late model Mustang, driven by a white male, with dark hair, neat dressed, in connection with the slaying of Martin Luther King. " But no roadblocks were established nor did the patrol issue , neatly an all-points to other areas. \*The reason we did not put out an automatic all-points is that the Memohis Police Department did not request it, " said a highway patrol spokesman. How was the Tennessee Highway Patrol informed? So far as can be reconstructed, the information was supplied by Claude Armour, who was then Gov. Buford Ellington's special assistant for law enforcement. Armour once served as commissioner of police in Memphis. Armour recalled he was informed by Fire and Police Director Frank C. Holloman, although he is not certain, and that he in turn notified Ellington. The Memphis police log indicates that at 6:26 p.m., there was a message, "Car 100, contact Gov. Ellington by phone. " Car 100 is Holloman's. Armour did contact the governor. "I recommended that he immediately alert the Hational Guard for dispatch to Memphis in case of disorders. I also recommended that the State Highway Patrol be alerted for the same assignment." Arnour assumed a blockade would be established. "There is a blockede system that has all been planned out and goes into effect on a single signal, " he said. Then Police Chief Lux was apprised of some of this information, he checked records, then said: \*You are correct. There was not an all-points bulletin put out on the white Mustang. " MD154ped May 13

10711by1 By Bjt B fizkes, 560 Total SY-COLLI-TROST Astraited Press Triter El - A final British court hearing for James farl ay is scheduled in London to clear the vey for his foturn to the United States to face trial on a charge of surdering Dr. Martin Luther Ting Jr. The brist hearing at the Bow Street Magistrate's Scart 19 a formality to dispose of the two minor charges on Thich by had been held since his arrest at London Mirport locial visiol without a permit. The British charges could be drouted or shelved indefinitaly litter the hearing todays Home Secretary James Callaghan as expected to sign the order for Pay's extradition issued or Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Frank Milton on July 2. By decided on Thesday not to appeal extradition, and the 15 day period for filtry of an appeal expired Mednesday. The time of Bay's departure is a closely guarded secret. Inofficial reports said a U.S. Air Force transport was thanding by at Bortholt, a U.S. air base west of Londons to take Bay and an escort of U.S. marshals to Meanis, Tenner there the Segro civil rights leader was shot April 4. Bay's imerican attorney, irthur J. Hanesy arrived in fordon Fednesday and complained that the U.S. Justice incortagent had refused to let him accompany Pay back to the Decartment had refused to let him accompany Pay back to the United States, Hanes, a former mayor of firmingham, Ala., seld his client was afraid to be alone with Justice Department I don't know the beats of the fears " said the lawyer, but le says 11 and he wants me to be present. Lapplied some weeks and to go back on the plane with him ind that he should not be questioned or interrogated by Tal men dinoct my being presen This was refused. It is a violation of my client's constitutional rights. I shall apply again for permission to fly beck with him. From it I am not allowed on the planer I sant to be allowed to syend a few hours with my climit before he will be inmediately Ranes spent 45 sinutes with Pay inside London's Sandsworth tell Sechesday, But the Lawrer shid that in this conversations as in others de hed during a previous visit to London, it was impossible to get to the neart of things because British prison officers elways were within tearing Hones said bay saived suppel on the sivice of Hanes "because to is innecent and wants to get mich to the States as quickly anes therged that Bey Is the target of an "inprecedented, victors and libelous press and jelevision campaign to portray tim as a convicted murderery a monster, a degenerate and a dore Eddler. isserting that no one is guilty until proved guilty, the larger aid, tonce an client is in Mempile, miere he can confer belly sith me and others, se still find the shole truth and establish 1419aod July 18

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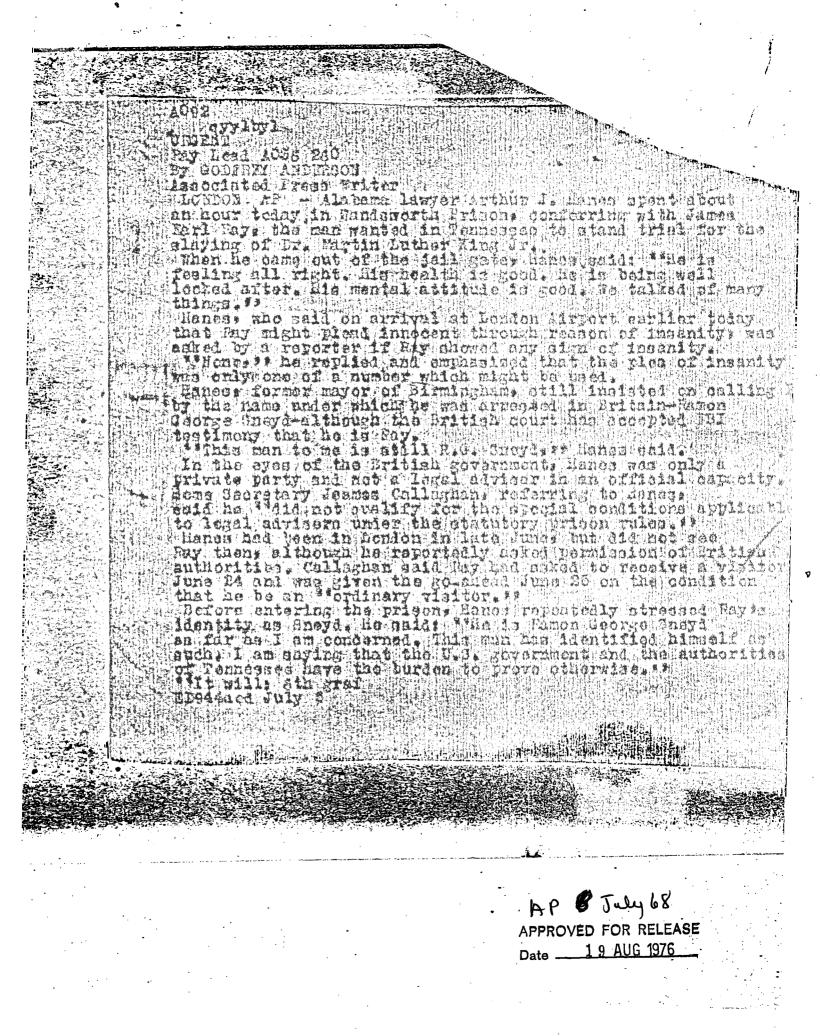
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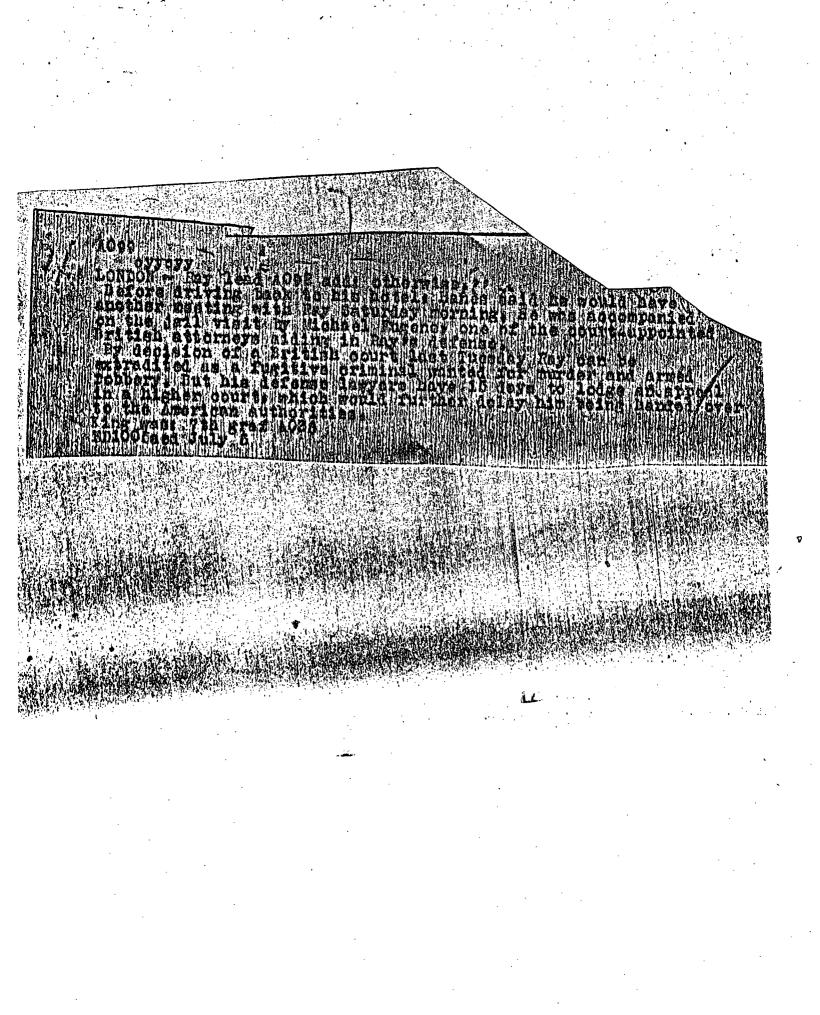
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MEMPHIS AP - A hearing may be held Monday to review the recent eenial of a new trial for James Earl Ray in the assassination of gdr. Martin Luther King Jr. Richard J. Ryan of Memphis, a member of Ray's new team of attorneys said even if no hearing were held, he believes Criminal Court Judge Arthur Faquin Jr. will at least issue a ruling on Eyan's neuest for a review. Pay, who entered a guilty plea March 10 to the slaying of King, was refuged a new trial May 26 by Faquin. The judge ruled the admitted slayer is not entitled to a new trial since he voluntarily netwee the guilty plea to King's death. The attorney's move Friday to bring the Faquin decision up for review could take the case to the western division of the ennessee Court of Criminal Appeals. If Faquin denies the request, Ryan said he plans to ask the moellate court to accept a direct appeal. If the appellate court locks down the appeal, Ryan said, other legal routes are open. Bay currently is serving his 99 year sentence in the state prison h Fashville.

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BY COLLE FOST esociated Fress Sriter LONDON AF - James Parl Bay may be on his way back to the United States tonight or early Thursday to face trial for the filling of Dr. Martin Buther Ling Jr. Bay cleared the way for his return by signing a declaration Reeday that he did not want to appeal the order for his extradition Repued by London's chief magistrate on July 2. Is was not known whether Bay's lawyers would deliver his tatement to the Home Office or whether they would let the 15-day period for him to file an appeal expire this afternoon without taking for ther action. In either cases licke Secretary James Callaghan could sign the order for Ray's extradition before nightfall. He men be delivered to the U.S. Justice Decartment for the Ee would transa tlantio flight Informed sources said the journey would be made aboard a U.S. government plane or a obsidered civil jets with Eay under deavy aart. 1.2 By a American Lawyers Arthur J. Lanes of Birmingham, La., was due in London this norming. He may ask to accompany is client back to the United States, but U.S. officials indicated his request would be turned down. appeal the ertradition order care as Borts decision not to Surprise after a routine court hearing Tuesday at which he at quistly shile his British lanyers agreed to have him which in prison another eight days on charges he entered Britein on a forged Canadian caseport and carried an unlicensed Misse were the charges on which he was arrested June 9 at Sondon Airports ending a two renths worldwide search following the slaying of the civil rights leader April 4 in Memphiss Tenn. They's British lawyers had bee preparing an appeal based on the contention that King's alaying was a political crime and that Ray therefore could not be extracited under British law. Absoring on the appeal had been tentatively set for June 29 oren though it had not yet been filed. In his declaration saying he would submit to extradition; Ray mote: "I have made this decision after considering all the facts; and I believe that this is the best course of setion for me to adopt." The declaration was signed "Baron George Sneyd,", the alias on the passport Ray used and the name under which he was held in he facts. 1111 ettein. People why talked to Pay recently in Bandsworth Jail said had been growing restless and tired of walting after months the run, they said he consistently claimed he is innocent of the killing. Other possible factors in Eay's decision were British refusal continue free legal aid for his argeal and the fact that, in prepar for the trial in Memphis, he and Henes could talk only in the resence of British prison officials. Semence of British prison officials. Lest week Bay wrote a brother in the United States talling in to arrange an advance payment to Hapes. Then he remarked: I could appeal by extradicion hearing; but I am getting tired if is tening to these liars and I might close it up about Tuesday. By a british lawyers knew about this letter and questioned the about his feelings. The "liars?? he referred to apparently are the British polices who have outed him as saying ffer his arrest, "One Gode I feel so travped, ?? Bay denied saying anything like that. Since als arrest, about a down Scotland Tard detectives here heen tracing his sovements in Londor. are been iracing his movements in London. Folice informante said the detectives found no evidence here tet My was involved in any constitut, The detectives believe Bay arrived in London on May 7 Fon Torontos Left for Liabons Portugal, on the same day of returned to London on My 17. He was fraced to three The lowestigation confirmed that Day was trying to reach him beginly to join a white mercenary unit or seek sanctuary a lindesian which has no extracition agreement with

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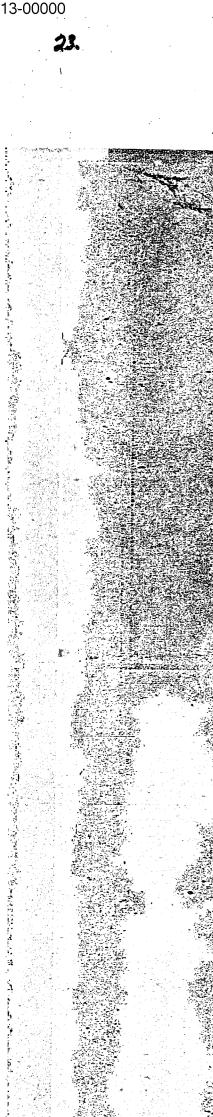
1by1zyyury ait M. 500 Ber Bjt BY LATPELCE VALUE IN Associated Press Sriter LONCE IF U.S. Contrisis stood featy Thursday might to Sociate James Earl Law from British custody and fly him to the United States to face trial on charges of assassinating The plane was expected to take off at night so as to land at The first probably at Memories, fermine where Sing was shot the plane was expected to take off at night so as to land at the plane was expected to take off at night so as to land at the desta April 4 the death April 4 Incrican officials keyt the tightest security screen in front the ay's transfer. Tely refused a request by his lawyer, Arthur means of Mininghams Als., to accurany by home or even to means said U.S. officials refused to give him an explanation of means said U.S. officials refused to give him an explanation of their refusel. But he made it clear that Bay feared is officials would try to interrogate him during the seven- of Marine said is questions about any consultancy. Is fight about circumstances surrounding King's assassingtions is in the last him to help his mouth shutss: Hanes said. This told him to help his mouth shuts: Hanes said. This courts finusday cleared asay the last of the formalities is arrest in London June 8. Buildying Ray's decision earlier this week to about on his fight eistik Reiloving Bay's decision earlier this week to abandon his fight minst extraditions a lasyer representing the director of public the said no evidence would be offered to support British charges Sain an existence would a contry on a forged passport and carrying in unlicensed gun. That was the last step before Home Secretary James Callaghan could sign the extradition capers. The Home Office announced Callaghan signed the order Thuraday This order authorized the transfer of Pay to the custody of By man not in court for the hearing. Hanes was conferring with in at Sandaworth Frison. I save him some new shirts and a the so he would look sharp, is the 11 Hanes was being kept completely in the dark about the flight. Find on't more if they are taking him back by dells fargo; or any or yellow submarines;; the lawyer told hewaren. We said demight make a legal issue of it at the trials being his engenent on new U.S. Supreme Court rulings about helding a magnet in context without persitting him to compute alding a suspect in costor without persisting him to compile interver. I don't see any justification logically for them to prevent in private then he is turned over to U.S. authorities. he has find a continue interrogation and grilling by Justice Department intervention and grilling by Justice Department sants. Ther will have him captive for seven or eight hours and they can engage him in conversation if they can engage him in conversation if theres said he had formally requested the U.S. Justice Department for permission to accourany Pay home when he called Washington they his affice in Birmington Thereday morning to tell the Als office in Birmingham message when he called Washington the told necessary a extradition walver. The told necessary here from Fred Vinsch Jret U.S. Essistant is concerned when a message was reamed on to him through the storney general, saying: "I hope you understand may you cannot be him in private." The told the United States and shy you cannot where tand. If lat loy L do not the bed world return to the Smiled States as soon the bed world that Pay was on the wey and begin proparations fals which he expects to open in October or Jovenber. ICT

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by MARIN WALDRON

MEMPHIS, May 24 James: Lew Trial. He said that the Earl Ray's contention that he Texas attorney had told him was a dupe in the murder of that he was sure to be sen-the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is likely to be thoroughly Ray had told his first law-lic hearing McLday in Memphis Ray is seeking a new trial on the ground that he was coerced into pleading guilty to the slay-ing of the civil rights leader. The State of Texnessee, which is opposing a new trial, expects and the civil rights leader.

Two-Day Hearing Prosecutors expect the hear-Ing before Criminal Court Judge W. Ariaur C. Faquin JL to last two Meanwhile, agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation the siaying of Dr. King, who was shot to death April 4, 1838, at a Memphis model. The F31 is trying to construct a day by day account of Ray's activities from the day he escaped from April 23, 1967, until he was ar-rested in London June 8, 1963, ally located the model in Bir-stayed for two days while he was buying the rille that Mem-scene. He had registered as Eric Ga. He has been an attorney was buying the tile that Mem-phis police found at the nurder are handling the hearing, in-scene. He had registered as Eric Starvo Galt, one of several ait-ases he was uring. Ray's brother, Gerald Ray of Rights party, a racist political tried to interview him in Mem-phis this week about staaments

tried to interview him in Mem-phis this week about stazments he had made about a conspiracy to assassinate Dr. King Gerald Ray said the agent, Joe C. Hester, told him that he might be called before a Federal grand jury for questioning

Warrant Still Outstanding Warrant Still Outstanding The F.B.I. declined to com-ment. But officials of the agency said after James Earl Ray pleaded guilty in March that the investigation would re-amin open. A rederal warrant charging Ray with conspiring with a man "alleged to be his brother" to deprive Dr. King of his civil right is still out-standing. standing. When he pla When he pleaded guilty March 10, Ray said he was guilty of murdering Dr. King out he refused to stipulate that there was no constitute that but he relused to supulate that there was no conspiracy. Ray fired Mr. Foreman as his lawyer a few days after the guilty plea and asked for a

The State of Tennessee, which refugees wanted to buy black is opposing a new trial, expects marker rifles, presumably to man, the Houston lawyer who Ray said that the tifle he had pleading guilty, and William have been a model to show the thor to whom Ray sold a ver-sion of Dr. King's murder. Two-Day Hearing Prosecutors expect the hear-31:

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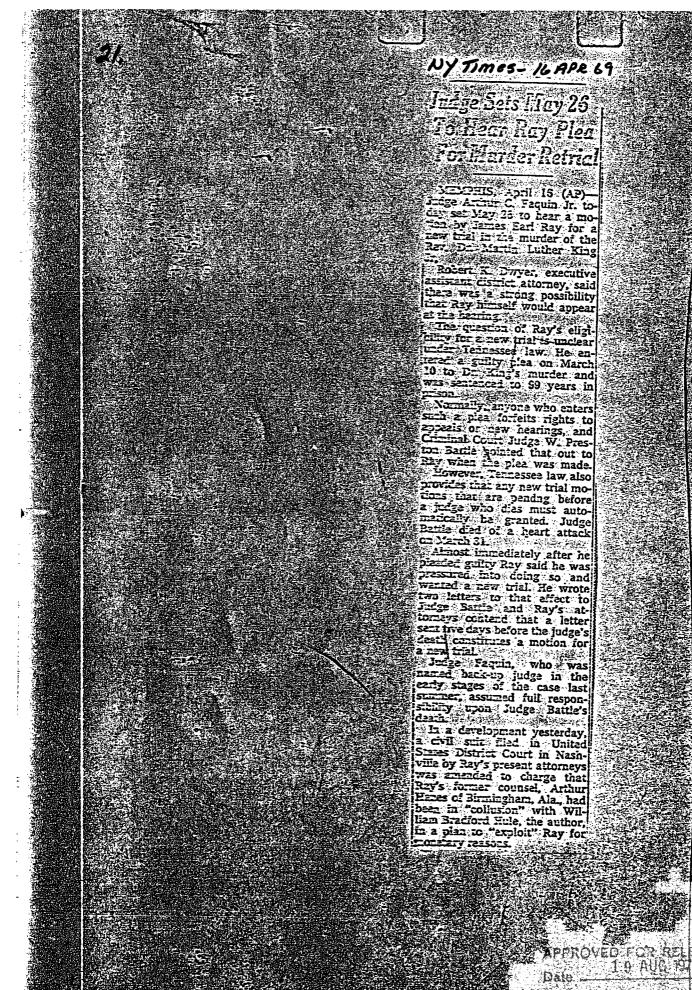
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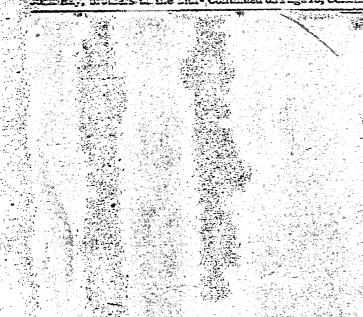


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# Avery Tells Of Offer Made to Ray

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) --Fired state corrections commissioner Harry S. Avery says he told James Earl Ray he would "go and get" any money Ray had "stashed away" and deposit it in a trust fund for him.

The offer, Avery said last night, was part of his attempt to "get at the full truth" in the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., for which Ray is serving S9 years in state prison. Avery, contacted by telephone while on a fishing trip at Cookeville, Tenn., says Ray "commented at some length about it (the offer), but I don't intend to say anything about his comments... since he has attorneys trying to get him a new trial."

Avery, fired Thursday by Gov. Buford Ellington, said he "talked to Ray at great length" after Ray, who pleaded guilty March 10 to killing King, was brought to the prison. Avery said Ray told him "a conspiracy existed" in the King death, but refused to elaborate on what, if any, details Ray might have given him. "I told him that if he wanted to tell me the full truth about this in his own handwriting and if anyone was interested in purchasing it, I would see that every mickel that anyone paid was placed in his trust fund," Avery said.

Avery had said previously he believed a plot existed at the prison to kill Ray should he be released from maximum security.

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by Judge W. Preston Battle in Jontioned on Page 16, Column I Criminal Court after a brief presentation of evidence against the defendant to a jury of 12 men. The jury had agreed in ad vance to the arrangement by the state and the defense for a plea of guilty Both the prosecutor, Me phis Attorney General P. J Canale, and Ray's counse Percy Foreman, told the court that there was no evidence Ray had been involved in consuitacy.

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Ray himself refused to these statements."

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Ray 'Can't Agree' -1' A transcript of Ray's remarks today showed that he said, "Your honor, I would like to say something. I don't want to change anything that I have said, but I just want to enter one other thing. The only thing b-have to say is that I can't agree with Mr. Clark."

agree with Mr. Clark." Mr. Forename interrupted : to say, "Ransey Clark." "Mr. who?" asked the judge. "Mr. J. Edgar Hoover," said Ray. "I agree with all these stipulations, but I am not trying to change anything." "You con't agree with whose therea?" acked the judge

"You con't agree with whose theories?" asked the judge. "Mr. Canale's.: Mr. Clark's and Mr. J. Edgar Hoover's about the conspiracy. I don't want to add something on that I haven't agreed to in the past," said Ray.

Attorney Interprets

I think that what he said is that he doesn't agree that Ramsey Clark is right or that J. Edgar Hoover is right," said -1 Mr. Poreman to the judge. "I didn' argue that as evidence in this case. I simply stated that-underwriting the state-ment of General Canale-that



Judge W. Preston Battle, center, who presided at the brief trial of James Earl Ray, read ing a statement to newsmen after Ray was sentenced yesterday. Flanking him are Sheriff William Morris, left, and Phil M. Canale, the Shelby County (Memphis) Attorney General.

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Ray seemed to be having a also, did not believe there was little trouble with his voice. It a conspiracy.

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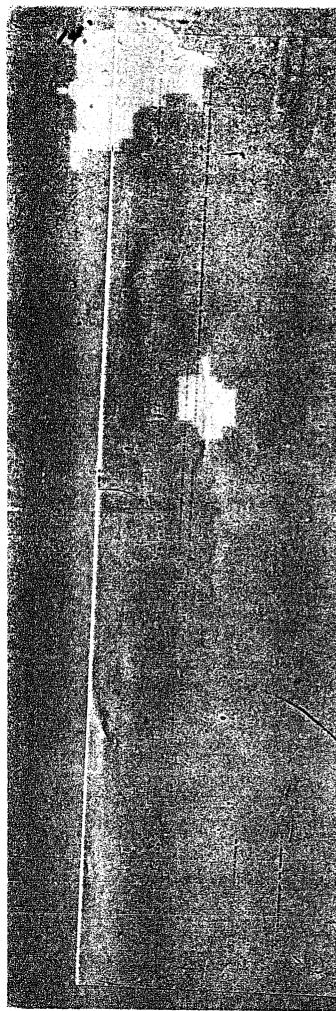
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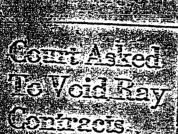
# Ray Loses Bid Ray Loses Bid For New Trial In King Death NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) James Earl Ray was returned to his maximum-security prison

ceil after losing a bid for a new trial in the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This hearing was only the beginning," said Richard J. Ryan of Memphis, one of Ray's fifthere new lawyers. Ryan said he will take the case to the Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals. Judge Arthan C. Faquin Jr. of Criminal Court in Memphis held yesterday that Ray waived any night of appeal when he entered a guilty plea March 10 in the shooting of King.

that the guilty plea entered was property knowingly, intelli-gently and voluntarily entered," Faquin said in a written order. Judge Battle had ample evidence in finding that the defendant was fully advised and has waived, intelligently and understandingly, his rights to a mo-tion for a new trial." Judge W. Preston Battle died three weeks after accepting Ray's plea of guilty in exchange bur a 99-year prison sentence. Ray-sought a new trial on grounds he was coerced by his former lawyers into pleading guilty. He charged that his original lawyers were more interest ed in writing and selling stories about the death of King than in seeing that he received a fair trial Ray, 41, was whisked out of Memphis last evening and es-corted to Tennessee State Prison bere by police cars,

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La south and the rights to his active that the said might be south "millions of dollars." The lawyer asked the District Court to void the contracts that lawyer Percy Foreman, author y million Bradford Hule, and anthem Mayor Arthur Hares Sr. At

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# FB! Asked About Plot, Rey's Brother Reports MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Alphis newspaper reporters, brother of the man convicted of Charles Edmundson of the Com-Hilling Dr. Martin Luther hing mercial Appeal, and Roy Hamil-Jr. says FBI agents constituted in of the Memphis Press-

AT. SAYS FEI agents clasholes: Un of the Memphis Press-him yesterday about whether a Seimiter conspiracy was involved in the Faction, who took over the assassingtion of the civil rights case after Battle's death in leader.

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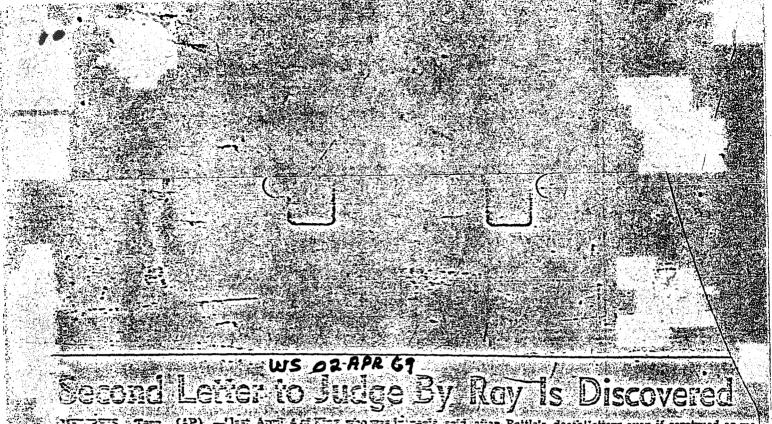
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227, who pleaded guilt hard 10 to killing Dr. Martin Linion King Jr. 2 year 250 to Cay and was sentenced to 90 years, gained certification yesiertay for his new lawyer, Denied C. Ryan of Memphis. Ryan's job will be to try to get Ray the new hearing of the case

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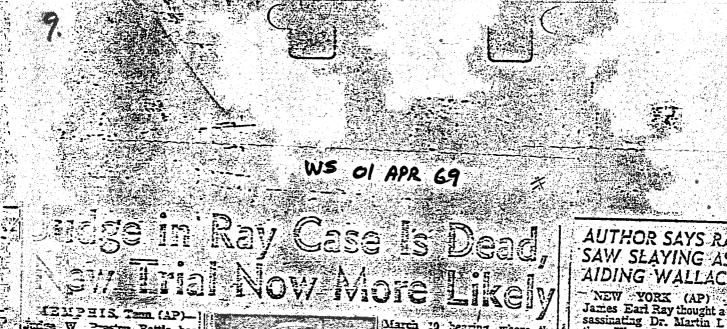
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sassinating Dr. Martin L ther King Jr. would he elect George Wallace prodent, author William Bra ford Huie syzs. Ray expec ed Wallace would then pa don him, according to Hui Huie; an Alabaman wi bought publication rights the story of Ray's life, sa Ray considers himself a po itcal prisozer and expec to be ireed within fo years. He pleaded guilty a: was sentenced to 99 year Huie said last Octobe "Powerful men probab made the decision to kill L King." But he has chang his mind. "One or two me other than James Earl Re may have had foreknow edge of this murder, a that makes a little conspir cy," Huis said this wee "But if there was a consp acy, I now believe the James Earl Ray was prot bly its leader, not its tool its duce.'

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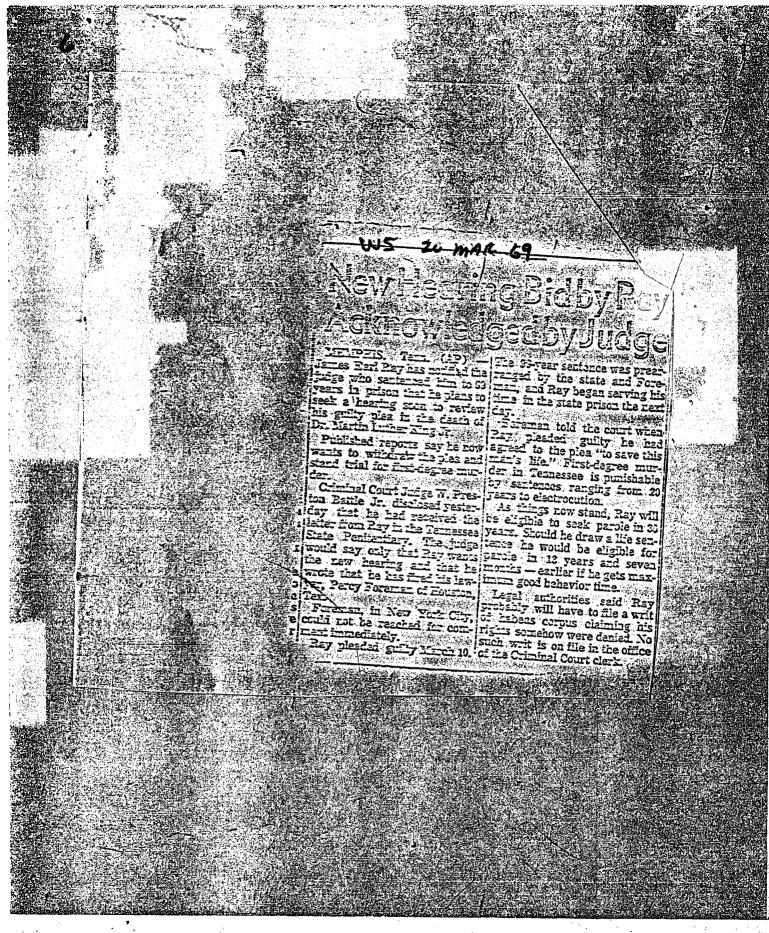
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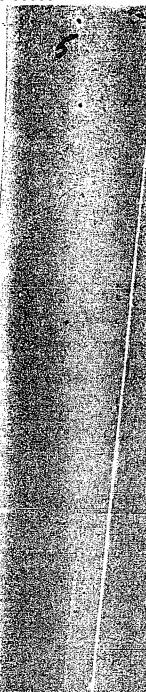
"He tock his toilet articles, his underwear and a half a dozen cans of beer (into the rooming house). He never even got a chance to open the beer.

"Dr. King appeared on the balcony long before Ray expected him to and when he did Ray made his decision to shoot in a hurry," Cochran said.

After the shooting Ray hastily oundled up all his belongings into a bedspread - then paricked and dropped the bundle when he got outside and saw a policeman talking on his car nay dio.: Ξ.F "You could go to any bear joint and pick up a man with intelligence enough to do what

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# Ray Quoted as Now Wishing He Had Undergone Full Trial

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story that Ray disclosed second violate King's civil rights in that thoughts about the guilty plea state. within hours of his sentencing in ] Too charge was brought under Memphis to an agreed 99 years an 1370 Reconstruction era stat in prison. Ray also has inquired use and conviction would have about how he could hire a new carried a maximum 10-year senattorney, the paper said.

Wish I Hada't Now"

The story said unidentified of ficial sources quoted Ray as say When I went to court Monday 1 mas convinced if I didn't plead guilty I was going to the electric chair. I wish the hell I hadn't now because with what they had on me I believe the worst Id gotten would have been life." Under Tennessee law a life role after 13 years 7 months, or even earlier if he earned maximun good behavior time. Under a 99-year sentence a prisoner must serve at least 30 years.

The Tennessean said a prison source further quoted Ray:

"My attorney and my brother told me about six weeks ago that the best thing for me to do was to plead guilty if we could work out a deal to keep me out of the chair. They told me they thought is could be done.

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"Lywas thinking about it and every day they thought I would plead guilty. Last week I just tokil them if they thought this was best and what I ought to do, ien I would plead guilty." Ray was reported to have assed escorting officers during his trip from the Memohis jair to

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After Ray was apprehended



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day-after the trial ended when the Justice Department

Meanwhile, on Capitol Hill some senators joined newspa pers across the country in insist ing the conspiracy question be held open.

Probe by Senate Unit

Chairman James O. Eastland D-Miss., said his Senate Internal Security subcommittee is invest tigating direct information of conspiracy in the King slaying

"There are some things about this affair," Eastland declared, 'that indicate to me there may have been a conspiracy.

After entering his plea of guilty Monday, Ray stood up and said be disagreed with the theory that no conspiracy was linked with the assassization. He did not elaborate.

Ray's original attorney, former Birmizgham, Ala., mayor Arthur Hanes Jr., disagreed meanwhile with Foreman's belief as expressed in court Monday that no conspiracy existed. Hanes was interviewed on the CBS evening news with Walter Crockite

Hanes said there was no ques tion in his mind that "there was a plot involved" in the killing. "Ray," said Hanes, "was a dupe."

The Alabama lawyer said the assassination "had to do Lot only with national politics, but international politics.

In Atlanta, the Rev. Andrew Young, executive director of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference which King headed said his organization was not consulted concerning Ray's guilty plea. 😔

"We do want the investigation continued because we believe Ray was at most merely a tool or pawn," Young said. "We would hope that for the good of the country, the Justice Department would continue to investi Bour De case.

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# RAY'S BIOGRAPHER NOW HAS DOUBTS OF CONSPIRACY

NEW YORK (AP) William Bradford Huie, biographer of James Earl Ray, said yesterday that henow doubts that the death of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was the result of a conspira-

Huie, who interviewed Ray after his capture and wrote a series of magazine articles hinting at a conspiracy, said in an NBC television interview that he concluded early this year that Ray made the decision to bill King himself.

Ray pleaded guilty to the murder of King in a Memphis, Tenn., courtroom Monday. Although he has now concluded that Ray himself made the decision to kill King, Eule added, "But I do not know this and Ray insists otherwise. Ray has a strange mind and a sharp one.

"He takes great satisfaction out of the fact that we still have double. That we still have unanswered questions. He wants continuing drama in his life," Huie said.

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