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(FIRST OF TWO PAGES--GEVORGYAN REPORT)

(GEVORGYAN REPORT: "THE SECRET OF KING'S MURDER")

(TEXT) NEWYORK, 21 TWENTY ONE NOVEMBER--UP TO NOW THE AMERICAN
AUTHORITIES HAVE PERSISTENTLY MAINTAINED THAT THE BLOODY REPRISAL
AGAINST THE NEGRO CIVIL RIGHTS STRUGGLE LEADER, MARTIN LUTHER KING,
WAS CARRIED OUT ON 4 FOUR APRIL IN MEMPHIS BY A LONE ASSASSIN.
THIS JULY JAMES EARL RAY, THE MAN SUSPECTED OF KING'S MURDER,
WAS HANDCUFFED AND TAKEN IN A BULLETPROOF SUIT FROM ENGLAND TO THE
UNITED STATES. HE WAS LODGED IN THE COMFORTABLE PRISON CELL THAT
HAD BEEN RESERVED FOR HIM IN THE CITY OF MEMPHIS, WHERE HE RESIDES
TO THIS DAY. APART FROM LAWYERS, THE PRISON AUTHORITIES DO NOT

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ALLOW ANYONE NEAR RAY. WHEN (BY APPEARS AT PRELIMINARY (HRT HEARINGS.

ALL THOSE PRESENT IN THE HALL ARE THOROUGHLY SEARCHED. IT IS WELL

KNOWN THAT SEVERAL YEARS AGO RAY WAS CONVICTED OF A CRIMINAL

OFFENCE. ON 23 TWENTY THIRD APRIL 1967 NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN HE

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ESCAPED FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PRISON. AFTER HIS ESCAPE FROM

PRISON RAY HARDLY WORKED, BUT HE LIVED IN GRAND STYLE. IF RAY ACTED

ALONE, IF HE HAD NO MONEY, HOW COULD THE FUGITIVE PRISONER HAVE

GET FROM MEMPHIS TO CANADA AFTER KING'S MURDER, GET A FOREIGN PASSPORT

REED, CROSS SAFELY TO EUROPE, AND TRAVEL THROUGH VARIOUS COUNTRIES?

ALL THESE QUESTIONS PLACE IN SERIOUS DOUBT U.S. ATTORNEY

GENERAL RANNEY CLARK'S STATEMENT THAT KING'S MURDER WAS UNCONNECTED

WITH ANY CONSPIRACY. MATERIAL HAS NOW APPEARED IN THE AMERICAN PRESS

THAT EXPOSES THE ATTEMPTS OF THE AUTHORITIES TO DISTRACT THE

ATTENTION OF THE PUBLIC FROM THE REAL PERPETRATORS OF KING'S DEATH.

IN TWO RECENT ISSUES THE LARGE-CIRCULATION U.S. MAG "THE FLOCK"
HAS PUBLISHED IMPORTANT ARTICLES BY THE NOTED AMERICAN JOURNALIST
AND WRITER WILLIAM HUGH, WHO CONVINCINGLY SHOWS THAT KING'S
ASSASSINATION APPEARED TO BE THE RESULT OF A CAREFULLY PREPARED
PLAN. IN THESE ARTICLES HUGH CITES NOTES THAT RAY HAD HAD GIVEN TO
HIM WHILE IN PRISON IN MEMPHIS. THEY RELATE HOW RAY WAS DRAGGED
INTO THE CONSPIRACY AND HOW THE PREPARATIONS FOR A REPRISAL
AGAINST KING CAME ABOUT.

HUGH MADE MANY TRIPS THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES, CANADA, AND
MEXICO TO CHECK THOROUGHLY THE DETAILS GIVEN IN RAY'S NOTES. HUGH

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WRITES THAT ALL THE FACTS AS REPORTED BY RAY HAVE BEEN CORROBORATED.

ON THE BASIS OF THE INFORMATION GIVEN BY RAY, HUGH DRAWS THE

CONCLUSION THAT ALREADY ON 15 FIFTEEN AUGUST 1967 NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN

AFTER ESCAPING FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PRISON, RAY WANTED TO LEAVE THE UNITED STATES AND GO TO A COUNTRY UNBOUND BY ANY TREATY TO RETURN CRIMINALS TO THE UNITED STATES. FOR THAT RAY HAD TO HAVE MONEY, DOCUMENTS, AND A FOREIGN PASSPORT. IN AUGUST 1967 NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN RAY MANAGED TO MAKE HIS WAY TO CANADA, FROM WHENCE HE INTENDED GOING ON TO ANOTHER COUNTRY.

RAY HUNG ABOUT THE PORT EMPLOYMENT OFFICE IN MONTREAL, BUT CONTINUALLY GOT THE REPLY: "THERE IS NO WORK." HE TRAILED SAILORS WHO WERE A BIT TIGHT IN THE HOPE OF STEALING DOCUMENTS FROM THEM. IN THE DOCKSIDE "NEPTUNE" TAVERN HE TOLD HIS BOOZING COMPANIONS THAT "IT IS SLIGHTLY UNPLEASANT FOR ME IN THE UNITED STATES; I HAVE TO EARN MONEY AND GET DOCUMENTS, AND FOR THAT I COULD DO ANY WORK WHERE NO GREAT RISK IS INVOLVED."

SEVERAL DAYS LATER A MAN OF ABOUT 35 THIRTY FIVE, WHO CALLED
HIMSELF RAUL, STARTED TAKING AN INTEREST IN RAY. RAUL PROPOSED
THAT, IN RETURN FOR MONEY AND DOCUMENTS, RAY SHOULD HELP IN

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CARRYING OUT CERTAIN PLANS."

RAUL MADE THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS: SEVERAL DAYS LATER RAY WOULD
GO TO WINDSOR IN CANADA TO MEET RAUL AND TAKE SEVERAL PACKAGES
OVER TO DETROIT (IN THE UNITED STATES); FROM DETROIT RAY WOULD SET
OFF FOR BIRMINGHAM (ALABAMA) AND THERE AWAIT FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS
FROM RAUL.

RAUL PROMISED RAY THAT AFTER SEVERAL WEEKS OR MONTHS OF
"JOINT ACTIVITY" HE WOULD PAY HIM 12,000 TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS.
GET RAY A PASSPORT AND OTHER DOCUMENTS, AND HELP HIM TO "GET

TO ANY POINT ON EARTH." RAOUL DEMANDED THAT RAY ASK HIM () QUESTIONS.

"I HAD SWORN NEVER TO RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES," RAY WRITES.

"BUT I HAD NO MONEY. I COULD NOT RISK COMMITTING A NEW CRIME. I

COULD NOT GET ON ANY SHIP, I COULD NOT GET HOLD OF ANY DOCUMENTS,

AND SO THAT IS WHY I SAID TO RAOUL: 'OK., I'LL MEET YOU IN MONSIEUR.'"

FOR TAKING THE CONTRABAND PACKAGES OVER TO DETROIT, RAY GOT
750 SEVEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS FROM RAOUL AND THE TELEPHONE

NUMBER OF A SECRET ADDRESS IN NEW ORLEANS. SUBSEQUENTLY, RAY SET
OUT FOR BIRMINGHAM.

AFTER MEETING RAY IN BIRMINGHAM SEVERAL DAYS LATER, RAOUL

HANDED OVER TO HIM 3,000 THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS, PART OF WHICH HAD

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BEEN SET ASIDE FOR BUYING A "MUSTANG," IN WHICH RAY LATER CARRIED OUT

HIS TRIP AROUND THE UNITED STATES AND IN WHICH HE FLEW FROM MEMPHIS

ON 4 APRIL AFTER KING'S ASSASSINATION.

"I SUPPOSE," RAY WRITE, "THAT I WAS DRAGGED INTO THE PLOT TO
KILL KING WHEN I TOOK THE PACKAGES FROM CANADA TO THE UNITED
STATES (21 TWENTY FIRST AUGUST 1967 NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN). IT

SEEMS TO ME THAT THE QUESTION HAD ALREADY BEEN DECIDED BEFORE THE
CAR WAS BOUGHT IN BIRMINGHAM, BECAUSE NOBODY WOULD HAVE GIVEN ME

\$3,000 THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS JUST TO TAKE DRUGS ACROSS A BORDER."

ON 5 FIVE OCTOBER RAY GOT A LETTER IN BIRMINGHAM FROM RAOUL WITH
A DEMAND FOR HIM TO BE AT THE BORDER BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND

MEXICO. FOR BRINGING ANOTHER BATCH OF CONTRABAND INTO MEXICO, AS

RAOUL HAD INSTRUCTED, RAY GOT \$2,000 TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM HIS

PATRON. RAOUL PROMISED TO HAND OVER DOCUMENTS AND \$12,000 TWELVE

THOUSAND DOLLARS TO RAY AT THEIR NEXT MEETING.

RAY STAYED IN MEXICAN RESORTS UNTIL THE END OF NOVEMBER.

After relaxing on the ocean beaches, he appeared in New Orleans

on 15 December for the next meeting with Raoul.

S. Raoul handed over 2,500 two thousand five hundred dollars to Ray,

and told him that in two or three months' time they "will have to do

something more." "When I asked him what it was," Ray writes, "he

told me that I had promised not to ask any questions."

At the beginning of March this year a plastic facial surgery

operation was conducted on Ray in Los Angeles. On 15 fifteen March

Raoul gave Ray instructions to go by car to Selma. On 23 twenty

3 March Ray signed into the "Flamingo" hotel there. This hotel

on Edmund Pettus (as transliterated) bridge, which has passed into

the history of the struggle for Negro civil rights. More.

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TASS REPORTS JAMES EARL RAY SENTENCING

Moscow TASS International Service in English 1115 022 11 Mar 69 L

[Part] New York March 11 TASS—James Ray who assassinated Martin Luther King has been sentenced to a 99-year prison term. The trial was held in Memphis, Tennessee, where Martin Luther King, leader of the Negro movement of the United States, was killed almost a year ago. Ray pleaded guilty to the charge of murdering Martin Luther King.

According to the press, all the trial was a kind of a "deal" between the prosecution and the defense. Their aim was to save Ray from the death penalty. It has been officially announced at the trial that only one man was involved in the assassination of Martin Luther King. The authorities, thus, disregarded the opinion of many representatives of the public that the Negro leader had fallen victim to a racist conspiracy.

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Since I understand
you originated this
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interested in the
result. - [redacted]
Thank you

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AB Memo No. 9605
24 April 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]
ATTENTION : [REDACTED]
SUBJECT : Identi-Kit Composite of James Earl Ray

1. In response to your request of 20 April 1968, an Identi-Kit composite of the subject was completed on that date, and the coded information was communicated to you for dissemination. The composite was assembled by the undersigned with the cooperation of Mr. Joseph Baglio, of this office.

2. We are forwarding, for your information, a copy of the composite, along with the photographs and list of stations received from your office.

Edward M. Sudol
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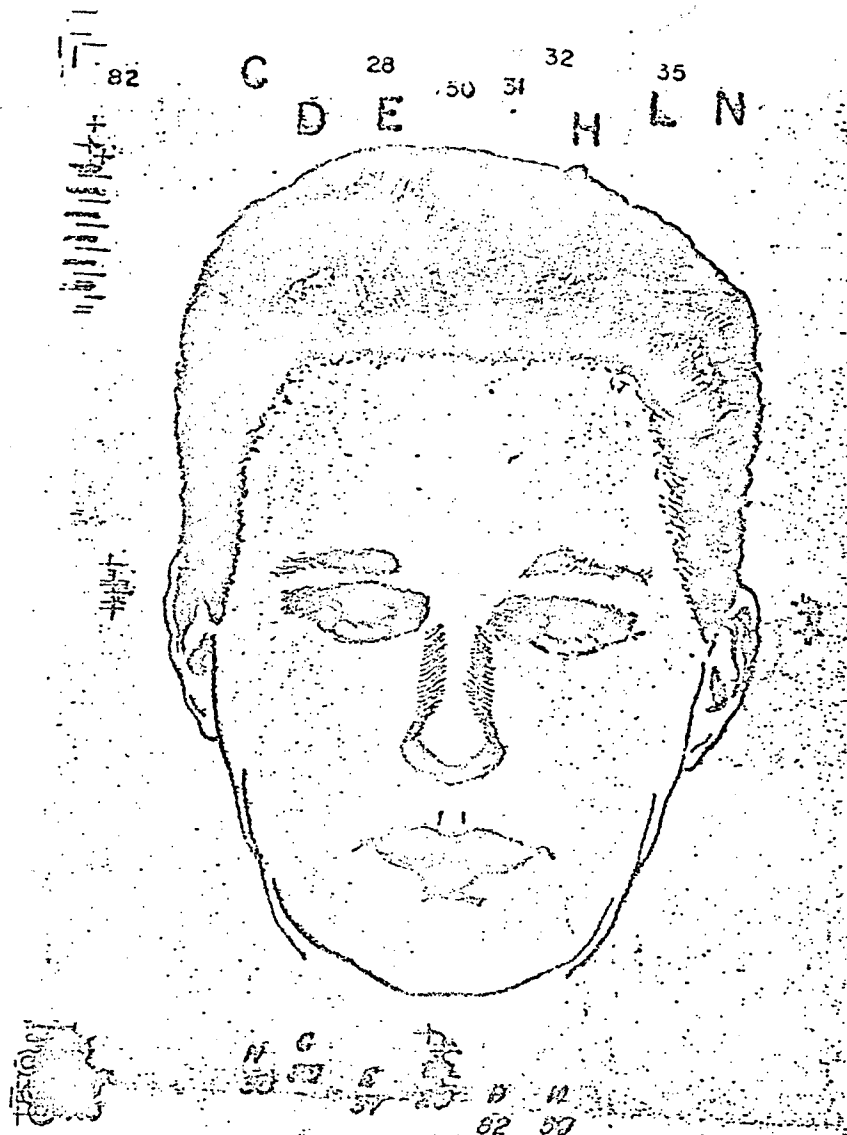
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Handwritten signature: [Signature]
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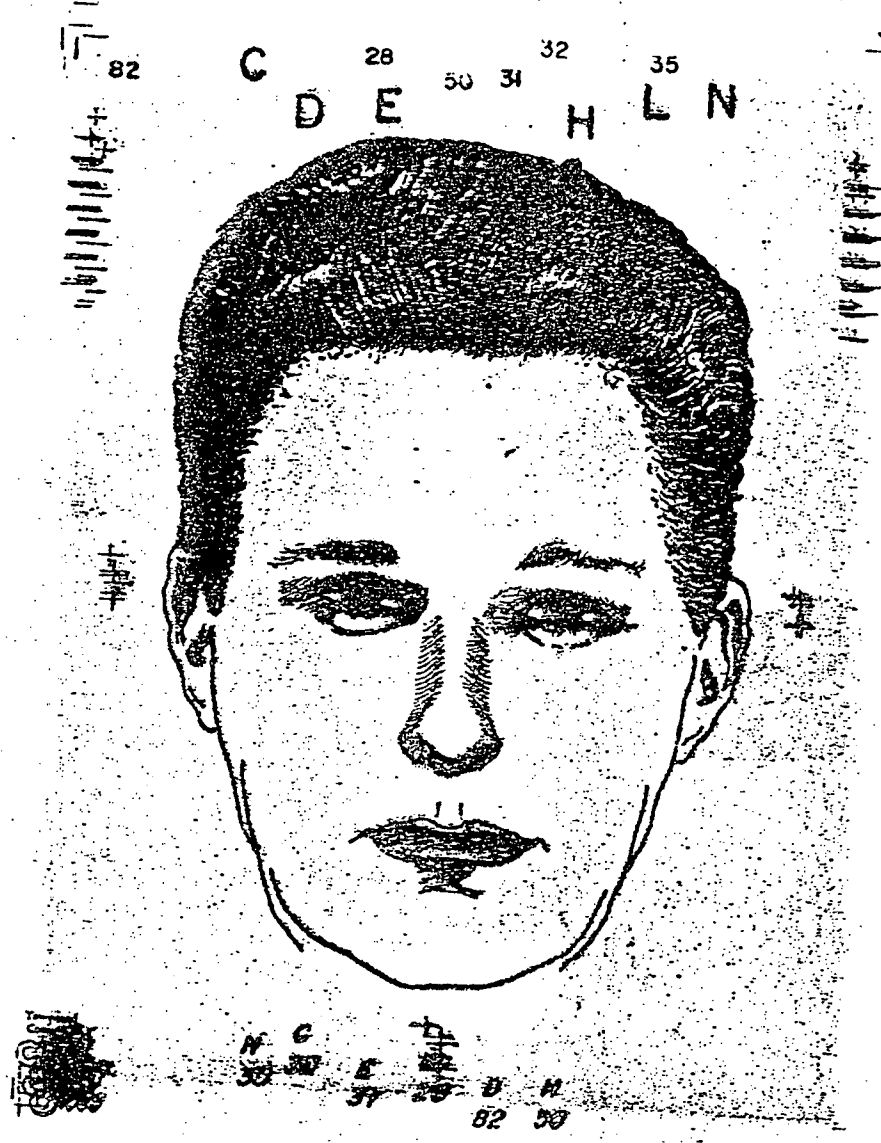
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