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BY ARTHUR SPIEGEL  
 LONDON, JULY 24 (REUTERS)—JAMES EARL RAY, THE MAN ACCUSED OF  
 KILLING REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING, TODAY CALLED AN AMERICAN LAWYER  
 ONE OF PROSPECTIVE WITNESSES TO AID IN HIS DEFENSE IF HE IS  
 EXTRADITED TO FACE TRIAL IN THE U.S.

LAWYER ARTHUR J. HANES, AFTER A SECOND MEETING WITH HIS CLIENT,  
 SAID HE WOULD GO FRIDAY TO MEMPHIS, TENN., WHERE KING WAS KILLED  
 APRIL 3, TO START WORK ON THE CASE.

HE SAID HE EXPECTED TO LEAVE LONDON TOMORROW (EDS: TWA FLIGHT  
 705, ETA N.Y. 1325 EDT) FOR HOME WITHOUT SEEING HIS CLIENT AGAIN.

THE BIRMINGHAM, ALA., LAWYER IS BELIEVED TO FEEL KING'S  
 KILLING WAS A POLITICAL CRIME WITH A LOT OF UNANSWERED QUESTIONS—  
 ESPECIALLY WHETHER IT WAS THE WORK OF ONE MAN, AS THE ALLEGED AT  
 ON EXTRADITION HEARING TUESDAY.

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RE: JAMES EARL RAY

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MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) —

James Earl Ray, the man charged with

slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.,

then he came out of the jail gate.

Looking all white, he

looked older, his hair

thinner.

James, who said on arrival in London that he might find innocent through lack of evidence, was

asked by a reporter if he should be called a "fugitive."

"No," he replied and said that he was not a fugitive

and only one of a number which might be true.

James, former mayor of Birmingham, still insisted on calling Ray

by the name under which he was arrested, Ray, and insisted

George Sneyd, although the writer, said Ray described his

testimony that he is Ray.

"This man to be is still a fugitive," James said.

In the eyes of the British government, James was only

private party and not a legal adviser in an official capacity.

Home Secretary James Callaghan, referring to James,

said he "did not qualify for the special conditions applicable

to legal advisers under the statutory prison rules."

James had been in London in late June, but did not see

Ray then, although he reportedly asked permission of British

authorities. Callaghan said Ray had asked to receive a visitor

June 24 and was given the go-ahead June 25 on the condition

that he be an "ordinary visitor."

Before entering the prison, James repeatedly stressed Ray's

identity as Sneyd. He said: "He is George Sneyd

as far as I am concerned. This man has identified himself as

such. I am saying that the U.S. government and the authorities

of Tennessee have the burden to prove otherwise."

"It will, Sir."

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1241: BULLETIN \*\*\* NIGHTLEAD RAY:  
(SCHEDULED):

BY PATRICK HASEY

LONDON, JULY 3 (REUTERS)--THE AMERICAN ATTORNEY FOR THE  
ACCUSED ASSASSIN OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING SAID TODAY HIS  
CLIENT WOULD PLEAD "NOT GUILTY" TO THE CHARGE OF MURDERING  
THE CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER.

(REUTERS)

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MARTINUS J. HASEG, FORMER MAYOR OF BIRMINGHAM, ALA., MADE  
THE ANNOUNCEMENT AT A NEWS CONFERENCE AFTER INTERVIEWING JAMES  
EARL RAY FOR THE FIRST TIME IN LONDON'S MAXIMUM SECURITY  
HANDSWORTH PRISON.

HASEG TALKED WITH RAY FOR 35 MINUTES.

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30 X MINUTES.

"I WOULD ENTER A PLEA OF NOT GUILTY TO MURDER," HASEG  
SAID.

A BRITISH COURT TUESDAY ORDERED RAY TO BE EXTRADITED TO  
THE UNITED STATES ON THE CHARGE OF KILLING THE NEGRO LEADER  
APRIL 4 IN MEMPHIS, TENN.

THE COURT ALSO AGREED TO EXTRADITION ON A SUBSIDIARY CHARGE  
OF ARMED ROBBERY, FOR WHICH RAY WAS SENTENCED TO 20 YEARS JAIL  
IN 1960. HE ESCAPED FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY  
LAST YEAR.

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Ray is a fugitive criminal accused of murder and is  
convicted of robbery. He was starting the eighth year of a  
20-year sentence for armed robbery when he escaped from the  
Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City in April  
1967.

British charges on which Ray was arrested at London Airport  
June 8 are due to come up in court next Tuesday. These are  
possession of an unlicensed gun and a forged Canadian passport  
made out in the name of Ramon George Sneyd. In view of the  
proceedings in the American case, these may be dropped.

Wilton said he was satisfied that lawyers representing the United  
States had made out a case against Ray as the civil rights  
leader's assassin and against him as a fugitive from the Missouri  
prison.

He also said the evidence, mostly from fingerprints, had  
convicted him "that James Earl Ray is the same person now  
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The hearing lacked the drama of the first round last  
Thursday, when Calcutt disclosed a mass of government evidence  
against Ray.

Wilton and Calcutt spent the morning arguing the legal  
technicalities of official evidence.

Ray, dressed in the courtroom, was warm and sleepy in a  
summer dress suit. He watched the proceedings intently. His  
head swiveled toward the bench whenever the magistrate intervened  
with a question.

When the morning session ended, Wilton brusquely announced  
he would deliver his verdict after lunch at 2 P.M. and vanished  
through the door to his chambers.

Wilton was so surprised that he had to call the magistrate  
back for Ray to make a short statement.

Ray rose and again complained about a statement by Detective  
Chief Supt. Thomas Butler of Scotland Yard that had  
him saying "I feel so trapped" after his arrest. He said he never  
made it and wanted this noted because of the wide publicity given  
the case in the United States, especially in the so-called  
liberal press.

Ray also complained that he had not been allowed to see  
Arthur J. James, a Birmingham, Ala., lawyer who came here  
to prepare for Ray's trial defense in the United States.

Wilton said the statement made no difference to his  
decision. Then he turned to Wilton and complimented him on his  
performance as Ray's attorney in the case.

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LONDON--A COURT TODAY ORDERED JAMES EARL RAY EXTRADITED TO THE U.S. TO STAND TRIAL FOR THE ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING. RAY, 40, IDENTIFIED AS AN ESCAPED CONVICT FROM A MISSOURI JAIL. HE WAS ACCUSED OF SHOOTING THE CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER IN MEMPHIS ON APRIL 4. HE WAS ARRESTED AT LONDON AIRPORT JUNE 1. RAY'S DEFENSE ATTORNEY, ROGER FRISBY, ARGUED IN BOB STREET MAGISTRATE COURT THAT THE SLAYING WAS A POLITICAL CRIME. BUT FRANK MILTON, CHIEF METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE FOR LONDON, AGREED WITH THE U.S. POSITION IT WAS OUTRIGHT MURDER.

IN A SURPRISE STATEMENT TO THE COURT THAT HE FEARED--AND PERHAPS EXPECTED--THE EXTRADITION TO BE GRANTED. THERE WAS STILL MUCH LEGAL RED TAPE TO GO THROUGH BEFORE RAY RETURNS TO THE U.S. HIS DEFENSE ATTORNEY INDICATED HE WOULD APPEAL THE A MANEUVER THAT COULD TAKE WEEKS.

MILTON IN HIS RULING SAID NO EVIDENCE HAD BEEN PRESENTED AT THE TWO-PART HEARING TO SUBSTANTIATE DEFENSE CLAIMS THE SLAYING WAS A POLITICAL CRIME.

HE ALSO RULED THAT MISSOURI LAW COVERING ROBBERY WITH VIOLENCE WAS RELEVANT IN THE EXTRADITION CASE. MISSOURI WANTS RAY FOR TRIAL ON CHARGES HE ESCAPED FROM PRISON WHILE SERVING A TERM FOR ARMED ROBBERY.

MILTON RULED RAY EXTRADITABLE ON BOTH COUNTS. AT LAST WEEK'S HEARING, RAY DENIED KILLING KING.

"ALL I KNOW IN THIS AFFAIR IS THAT THE MAN SAYS HE DID NOT DO IT," MILTON SAID TODAY.

"IF THE ONLY EVIDENCE IS THAT A PUBLIC FIGURE, A POLITICAL FIGURE, A CONTROVERSIAL FIGURE HAS BEEN KILLED THEN THIS IS NOT ENOUGH."

"THEREFORE BOTH SUBMISSIONS FAILED TO BE ACCEPTED AND THE DEFENDANT WILL BE COMMITTED TO A PRISON TO AWAIT EXTRADITION ON BOTH SIDES."

RAY APPEALS FOR LASSERUS CORPUS.

THIS, UNDER BRITISH LAW, IS THE FORM THAT RAY'S APPEAL WILL TAKE TO THE DIVISION COURT OF THE QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION OF THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE.

THE DEFENSE CALLED IT A POLITICAL CRIME BUT THE MAGISTRATE IN RULING AGAINST THIS SAID:

"THIS WAS THE ASSASSINATION OF A MAN WHO WAS NOT IN CONTROL OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS COUNTRY. NOT AS FAR AS HAS BEEN SHOWN BY THE EVIDENCE. IT WAS NOT PART OF A CAMPAIGN TO GET RID OF THE GOVERNMENT-- BUT THE ACT OF A SOLITARY PERSON."

RAY SHOWED VIRTUALLY NO EMOTION WHILE BUT THE ACT OF A SOLITARY PERSON."

RAY SHOWED VIRTUALLY NO EMOTION WHEN MILTON ANNOUNCED HIS DECISION.

HE WAS STARING DOWN AT THE TABLE AND LOOKED UP SLOWLY WITHOUT BLINKING. THEN WITH A SLIGHT SHRUG OF HIS SHOULDER, HE ROSE TO RECEIVE FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS FROM MILTON. HE REMAINED EXPRESSIONLESS.

THIS WAS IN CONTRAST TO HIS NERVOUSNESS A FEW MINUTES EARLIER WHEN HE HAD MADE HIS STATEMENT THAT HE HAD BEEN DENIED THE RIGHT TO SEE HIS AMERICAN LAWYER.

FRISBY SAID LATER HE "PROBABLY" WOULD APPEAL TODAY'S RULING.

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At one point, when told that if this were so, he should be sent to the United States, he refused to go. He said he would not be extradited to U.S. authorities until after the expiration of 10 days. Ray was then right to apply for a writ of habeas corpus or other like procedure. The extradition order against the 40-year-old prisoner was on two grounds—being a "negative criminal record of murders" and "a fugitive convicted of robbery."

This traced to his escape in April 1967 from the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, where he was serving his eighth year of a 30-year sentence for armed robbery. The British charges of which he was arrested at London Airport June 10, 1968, followed a report that he had "unintentionally" shot a man in a car in London. In view of the developments, they may be dropped.

Ray voiced a complaint about British officials in the final stage of the hearing. Shortly after the court had ordered an adjournment for lunch, Ray returned to make an unexpected statement.

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(RAY)

LONDON--THE HOME OFFICE DENIED TODAY IT PREVENTED ALABAMA LAWYER DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. FROM VISITING JAMES EARL RAY, THE ACCUSED ASSASSIN OF THE HOME OFFICE ISSUED THE DENIAL IN REPLY TO RAY'S STATEMENT IN COURT THAT KING HAD BEEN IN JAIL. RAY HAD BEEN GRANTED ACCESS TO KING'S PRISON CELL.

THE HOME SECRETARY TO BE ALLOWED A VISIT FROM HIS ATTORNEY, MR. HANES. "THE VISITING ORDER WAS GRANTED BUT SNEYD (CRAMON GEORGE SNEYD, THE NAME UNDER WHICH RAY WAS CHARGED) DID NOT MAKE USE OF IT AND MR. HANES MADE NO APPROACH TO THE HOME SECRETARY," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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(RAY)

LONDON--A COURT RULED TODAY THAT JAMES EARL RAY WILL BE EXTRADITED TO THE U.S. TO FACE CHARGES OF ASSASSINATING MARTIN LUTHER KING.

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LONDON Ray Rjt Lead A072 add: court.  
London was sweltering with temperatures in the 80s and humidity high.  
Courtroom shades were closed to keep out the sun, but the atmosphere was close and sticky. Many took off their jackets and fanned themselves with papers.  
Ray himself had his white shirt open at the neck, but he kept on the vest of his blue checkered suit.  
He looked hot and limp.  
Fristy, in his final statement, submitted that whoever did the killing was acting consciously or otherwise as representative of a large body of persons who disagreed with the objects and aims of King's Southern Christian Leadership Conference.  
The defense claimed there was something akin to a state of civil war or insurrection in the American South. Fristy contended that it indeed there was only one finger on the trigger of the gun that killed King. "The nature of the thing is that you can only get one finger on the trigger at the time..."  
Fristy said the passing of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 was in a sense the culmination of the efforts of King and others of the conference and other bodies. It was political work, he said, and an effort to compel the government to change its policy.  
The attorney went on:  
"It became abundantly plain that whoever did the killing did not do it on personal grounds but on grounds which called for disapproval of the type of activity Dr. King was conducting... An office was opened in Washington by the conference and these activities, according to Fristy, were clearly political."  
Fristy made: 3rd and 4th A072.  
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LONDON (AP) Ray left A000 still conducting.

Shortly after the court adjourned for lunch, Ray returned to make an unexpected statement.

Sandwiched between two policemen, he told the magistrate: "I don't want to repeat myself. I would like to take this 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 saying: "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."

"I would urge this court to take in the totality of the circumstances," Ray said. "One, that I did not sign any kind of statement whatsoever, and also the fact that I said I did not want to have conversation with anybody connected with the United States Justice Department."

"One other thing I object to, I'm sure it is not connected with the case. I believe there is a connection between this hearing and the trial in the States. Shortly after I was arrested by the British authorities, I engaged an attorney in the United States—Mr. Arthur Hanes of Birmingham, Ala."

"He subsequently made a trip to consult with me. This was opposed by the Home Secretary James Callaghan, and I made an application to the home secretary and I received no answer."

"I then wrote to Mr. Edward Heath, Conservative opposition leader, and I was informed by the governor of Wandsworth Prison that this was not permissible and that he would forward the letter to Mr. Callaghan. Evidently the Home Secretary would decide whether Mr. Heath would be permitted to read the letter."

"I think that, in view of the seriousness of this case, I should have had a little more freedom to write and visit people in the circumstances. That is all I have to say and I would like to thank the court."

Ray was then taken back to the cells adjoining the court.

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LONDON, Aug. 1 - A British court today granted extradition of James Earl Ray, wanted for the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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The extradition order was granted by Chief Magistrate Frank Milton.

Legal sources said Ray would appeal the decision.  
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LONDON Ray extradition which since had lead A060 add: decision.

The magistrate granted Ray legal aid to pursue his appeal in a higher court within the required 14-day deadline.

Ray received the magistrate's decision without any outward show of emotion.

He was immediately led from court, still surrounded by a cordon of Scotland Yard detectives, and taken back to his maximum security jail at Wandsworth Prison in south London.

By GORDON ANDERSON

Associated Press Writer

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(RAY)

LONDON--JAMES EARL RAY CHARGED TODAY HE HAD BEEN DENIED THE RIGHT TO SEEMAN AND HIS LAWYER HAS AGREED TO REPRESENT HIM IN ANY TRIAL FOR THE SLAYING OF MARTIN LUTHER KING.

THE MISSOURI JUDGE WHO INTERRUPTED COURT PROCEEDINGS TO TELL THE MAGISTRATE HE WANTED TO MAKE A PERSONAL STATEMENT AT THIS SECOND HEARING TO DETERMINE WHETHER HE CAN BE EXTRADITED TO THE U.S.

HIS BRITISH DEFENSE ATTORNEY, ROBERT FRISBY, CHARGED THAT THE SLAYING OF KING WAS A "CRIME OF PASSION" WHICH THE U.S.-BRITISH EXTRADITION AGREEMENT DOES NOT COVER.

RAY, A FORMER MEMBER OF THE BRITISH ARMY, A MISSOURI JUDGE WHILE

LONDON JUDGE J. J. HAYES, JR., LAWYER J. J. HAYES, JR.

WENT TO THE COURT WITH HIS SON, ANTHONY JR., ALSO A LAWYER, AND THEN RETURNED TO COURT COMPLAINING HE HAD BEEN REFUSED PERMISSION TO

STATE HIS CASE. HAYES, JR. APPEARED BEFORE THE JUDGE AND STATED THAT HE WAS NOT FAVORABLE TO THE EXTRADITION CASE HIS SON HAD

RAY REQUESTED IN A LOW, HOARSE VOICE AND THEN SPOKE IN A STACCATO VOICE. IT WAS DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND HIM.

RAY MADE REQUEST TO MAKE A STATEMENT TO THE COURT ONLY MINUTES AFTER THE HEARING WAS RECESSED UNTIL 2 P.M. (9 A.M. EDT).

AFTER MAKING THE STATEMENT THE COURT ASKED IF HE WANTED IT READ BEFORE THE FULL COURT WHEN THE AFTERNOON SESSION CONVENED.

"YES, SIR, BEING AS HOW THE OTHER PART (OF THE TESTIMONY) IS NOT TOO FAVORABLE TO ME," HE REPLIED.

RAY AGAIN OBJECTED TO THE TESTIMONY OF SCOTLAND YARD DETECTIVE SUPERINTENDENT THOMAS BUTLER CONCERNING HIS BEHAVIOR WHEN ARRESTED AT LONDON AIRPORT JUNE 8. HE SAID HE WAS "CONCERNED" THAT THIS PROBABLY WOULD BE GIVEN WIDE PUBLICITY IN THE U.S., "ESPECIALLY IN THE SO-CALLED LIBERAL PRESS."

RAY URGED THE COURT TO CONSIDER THAT HE SIGNED NOTHING WHEN ARRESTED IN BRITAIN AND HAD NO CONTACT WITH ANYONE FROM THE U.S. EMBASSY, ESPECIALLY THE U.S. ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, FRED VINSON WHO VISITED LONDON AFTER RAY'S ARREST.

HE SAID HE BELIEVED THAT TESTIMONY CONNECTED WITH THE EXTRADITION HEARING WOULD BE USED IN "ANY" PROCEEDINGS IN THE U.S.

HE THEN COMPLAINED THAT HIS ALABAMA ATTORNEY WAS DENIED ACCESS TO HIM BY BRITISH HOME SECRETARY JAMES CALLAGHAN.

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There was no reaction from the crowd in the crowded courtroom.

The magistrate, sitting at his bench stacked with law books, addressed Ray directly and told him: "You will be committed to prison to await extradition to the United States."

He then granted him legal aid for his appeal.

As Milton delivered his decision, he glanced at notes and occasionally referred to the end of the law volumes.

He dealt at some length with the contention of defense attorney Roger Ariaby that Ray could not be extradited because the slaying of the civil rights leaders shot in Memphis, Tenn., April 4, was a political offense.

The judge agreed it was common knowledge that King was a controversial figure in the United States, but he refused to accept the defense contention that this alone could make the crime of his assassination a political one.

"To hold so would be to extend the meaning of this case too far," the magistrate said.

The case turned on whether the crime was political or not. Under treaty between Britain and the United States, persons may not be extradited for political reasons.

The U.S. government denied Ray's contention that the killing of King was a political crime.

"There is not a shred of evidence to show that the murder took place to further the aims of a larger enterprise," David Calcutt, a British lawyer representing the U.S. government, told the magistrate.

He declared: "There was no conspiracy. No other man or other body was involved."

"There may have been underlings that this might be for, but the evidence before this court points to a lone assassination for private purpose."

The argument that there was no conspiracy seemed intended to apply only to the first-degree murder warrant issued by the State of Tennessee for the shooting in Memphis April 4.

When Ray was put on the FBI's "most wanted" list April 20, he was wanted also on a federal charge of conspiracy to deny King his civil rights.

The prisoner has denied he killed King, or even knew him.

Ariaby told the court that whoever did the shooting did not do it on personal grounds but because he disapproved of the type of activity King was conducting.

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In summary, Magistrate Milton said he found no difficulty in establishing that there was a prima facie case against Ray in Nixon's murder.

"On this, on the verbal and affidavit evidence before me, there can be no doubt," he said.

Milton said no evidence had been produced in Ray's case to show it was not an individual act.

"All I know is that this accused man said he didn't do it," he said.

The magistrate also passed over the question of Ray's identification without difficulty. Ray was arrested in Britain on forged passport and illegal gun-carrying charges under the alias of Ramon George Sneyd.

But the magistrate said: "I find evidence that James Earl Ray is the same person now before me."

Although Ray was granted legal aid to pursue an appeal if he wished, there was no public announcement that he would.

However, lawyers close to the case said that an appeal would be carried to the High Court with arguments on the same political grounds as Milton rejected in Magistrate's Court.

Should the High Court reject the appeal, Ray could go to the House of Lords, which is Britain's highest court. But he could make an appeal to the Lords only on a point of law.

Shortly after 7th April 1968-1971.

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0749: 1ST ADD LONDON RAY:

"X X X ROBBERY".

FRISBY, AFTER OUTLINING THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AND KING'S PART IN IT, SAID, "THE DECEASED MAN WAS A POLITICAL FIGURE ENGAGING IN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES".

DAVID CALCUTT, REPRESENTING THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, TOLD THE COURT THERE WAS NOT A SINGLE PIECE OF EVIDENCE TO SHOW THAT THE ASSASSINATION WAS A POLITICAL ENTERPRISE.

"THERE WAS NO CONSPIRACY, NO OTHER MAN OR OTHER BODY INVOLVED", CALCUTT SAID.

"THERE HAVE BEEN UNDERONES THAT THIS MUST BE SO, BUT THE EVIDENCE BEFORE THIS COURT POINTS TO A LONE ASSASSINATION FOR PRIVATE PURPOSES", HE TOLD THE COURT.

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RAY, 40, WAS ARRESTED AT LONDON AIRPORT JUNE 8 WHEN  
HE WAS CHARGED UNDER THE

NAME OF SAEYD WITH LAUNDRY  
BLANKING THAT NAME AND WITH ILLEGALLY CARRYING A REVOLVER.

THESE CHARGES WERE HELD IN ABEYANCE TO AWAIT THE OUTCOME  
OF THE EXTRADITION PROCEEDINGS. THE EXTRADITION WARRANT WAS  
ISSUED IN THE NAME OF RAY.

AT A HEARING LAST WEEK RAY TOOK THE OATH AND DENIED  
KILLING KING.

FRISBY ASKED HIM, "DID YOU KILL DR. KING?"  
RAY SAID QUIETLY, "NO SIR".

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0700: RAY

LONDON, JULY 2 (REUTERS)-THE DEFENSE LAWYER FOR JAMES EARL RAY WOUND UP HIS CASE TODAY AND A DECISION WAS EXPECTED LATER TODAY (EDS: AT APPROXIMATELY 9 AM EDT) ON WHETHER RAY WILL BE EXTRADITED TO THE UNITED STATES TO FACE A CHARGE OF KILLING REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

THE DEFENSE AGAIN ARGUED THIS MORNING THAT THE CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER'S ASSASSINATION WAS A POLITICAL CRIME AND THEREFORE NOT SUBJECT TO EXTRADITION.

DEFENSE LAWYER ROGER FRISBY UNFOLDED THE ACTIVITIES OF KING BEGINNING WITH THE 1955 BUS BOYCOTT IN MONTGOMERY, ALA., THROUGH THE FORMATION OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE.

"WHEREVER THERE IS A SUBSTANTIAL BODY OF PERSONS IN THE STATE SEEKING BY CONSTITUTIONAL OR OTHER MEANS TO COMPEL THE GOVERNMENT OR THE STATE TO CHANGE ITS POLICY, YOU HAVE A SITUATION WHERE EVEN THE CRIME OF MURDER MAY BE MOTIVATED POLITICALLY", FRISBY SAID.

RAY--CHARGED IN BRITAIN UNDER THE NAME OF RAMON GEORGE SNEYD--FACED AN APPLICATION FOR EXTRADITION TO THE UNITED STATES ON TWO CHARGES, ONE IN CONNECTION WITH KING'S SLAYING AND ONE OF BEING "A FUGITIVE CRIMINAL CONVICTED OF ROBBERY".

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0933: URGENT-2ND LEAD RAY:

BY PATRICK MASSET.

LONDON, JULY 2, (REUTERS)-A BRITISH COURT TODAY  
ORDERED THE EXTRADITION OF JAMES EARL RAY TO THE UNITED  
STATES TO FACE CHARGES OF MURDERING REV. MARTIN LUTHER  
KING.

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THE EXTRADITION ORDER WAS GRANTED BY CHIEF MAGISTRATE FRANK  
MILTON AT LONDON'S BOW STREET POLICE COURT WHERE A BRITISH  
ATTORNEY ARGUED THE U.S. GOVERNMENT'S CASE.

THE MAGISTRATE ALSO ORDERED RAY'S EXTRADITION ON A SUBSIDIARY  
CHARGE--COMMITTING ARMED ROBBERY FOR WHICH HE WAS SENTENCED TO 30  
YEARS IMPRISONMENT IN MISSOURI IN 1960. RAY ESCAPED FROM THE  
MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY LAST YEAR.

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Ray Lead Day

By COLIE TWIST

Associated Press Writer

LONDON AP - Home Secretary James Callaghan signed an order Thursday night for transfer of James Earl Ray to the custody of U.S. marshals for his extradition to the United States. Minor British charges against the 40-year-old fugitive from the Missouri State Penitentiary were dropped, bringing a step closer his return to face trial on a charge of murdering Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The extradition; 3rd graf lead A03a

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RAY'S DEFENSE COUNSEL, ROGER FRISBY, CONTENDED THE KILLING OF KING IN MEMPHIS APRIL 4 WAS A POLITICAL OFFENSE AND THEREFORE NOT SUBJECT TO EXTRADITION UNDER BRITAIN'S 1970 EXTRADITION LAW.

BUT MILTON DISMISSED THIS ARGUMENT, SAYING IT WAS NOT ENOUGH TO ESTABLISH THAT THE VICTIM OF THE CRIME WAS A POLITICAL OR CONTROVERSIAL FIGURE.

HE SAID IT WOULD HAVE TO BE ESTABLISHED THAT THE KILLER ACTED FROM POLITICAL MOTIVES.

MILTON TOLD RAY HE WOULD NOT BE SURRENDERED FOR EXTRADITION BEFORE A PERIOD OF 10 DAYS PASSES, THIS IS THE STATUTORY PERIOD WITHIN WHICH THE DEFENSE MAY APPEAL FOR A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS.

COURT SOURCES SAID THE DEFENSE PLANNED SUCH AN APPEAL.  
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RAY HAS MADE FOUR APPEARANCES IN THE BOX STREET COURT, TODAY, AS AT PREVIOUS HEARINGS, STRICT SECURITY WAS ENFORCED AND ALL NEWSMEN AND SPECTATORS WERE SEARCHED ON ENTERING THE SMALL COURT.

IN COURT TODAY RAY COMPLAINED THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WAS RESTRICTING HIS RIGHT TO DEFEND HIMSELF.

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Security arrangements are being rushed at the Shelby County jail in downtown Memphis. Ray will be lodged in an interior cell in the jail once he is returned.

His first public appearance in Memphis would come when he is brought into one of the county's criminal courtrooms for arraignment, a procedure that normally takes only a few minutes.

Should the defense or the state request a psychiatric examination, that would add more time to the long delay expected before the trial is held. Normal procedure is to send a prisoner to Central

is speculation that because of needed security Ray would get the examination in the jail.

The defense could request a delay of several weeks to interview witnesses and prepare them.

Wednesday deputies took up guard positions in an alley behind the jail, at the jail's entrance in the criminal courts building and in the hallway leading to the sheriff's office. No one was admitted into these areas without special reason.

Attorneys entering the jail to meet with their clients were searched.

Heavy steel plating was placed on four windows on the jail's third floor on the north side of the building, and heavy screens were being placed on other jail windows.

The location of Ray's cell within the jail has not been disclosed, and requests to photograph it were turned down. The cell is to be equipped with closed-circuit television.

It is understood that several streets in the immediate vicinity of the jail-courts building will be blocked off during the trial. It became known last week that everyone attending the trial would be recorded on sound and television tape.

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By COLIN FLOW

Associated Press Writer

Ray is scheduled to appear in court today for a brief hearing. He is expected to return to the United States to face trial on a charge of murdering Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The brief hearing at the Bow Street Magistrate's Court is a formality to dispose of the two minor charges on which Ray had been held since his arrest at London Airport June 8: using a forged Canadian passport and carrying a loaded pistol without a permit.

The British charges could be dropped or shelved indefinitely.

After the hearing today, Home Secretary James Callaghan is expected to sign the order for Ray's extradition issued by Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Frank Milton on July 2. Ray decided on Tuesday not to appeal extradition, and the 15-day period for filing of an appeal expired Wednesday.

The time of Ray's departure is a closely guarded secret. Unofficial reports said a U.S. Air Force transport was standing by at Northolt, a U.S. air base west of London, to take Ray and an escort of U.S. marshals to Memphis, Tenn., where the Negro civil rights leader was shot April 4.

Ray's American attorney, Arthur J. Hanes, arrived in London Wednesday and complained that the U.S. Justice Department had refused to let him accompany Ray back to the United States. Hanes, a former mayor of Birmingham, Ala., said his client was afraid to be alone with Justice Department men.

"I don't know the basis of the fear," said the lawyer, "but he says it and he wants me to be present."

"I applied some weeks ago to go back on the plane with him and that he should not be questioned or interrogated by FBI men without my being present."

"This was refused. It is a violation of my client's constitutional rights."

"I shall apply again for permission to fly back with him."

Even if I am not allowed on the plane, I want to be allowed to spend a few hours with my client before he will be immediately put up in court in Memphis."

Hanes spent 45 minutes with Ray inside London's Wandsworth jail Wednesday. But the lawyer said that in this conversation, as in others he had during a previous visit to London, it was impossible to get to the heart of things because British prison officers always were within hearing.

Hanes said Ray waived appeal on the advice of Hanes "because he is innocent and wants to get back to the States as quickly as possible to prove it."

Hanes charged that Ray is the target of an "unprecedented, vicious and libelous press and television campaign to portray him as a convicted murderer, a monster, a degenerate and a drug addict."

Asserting that no one is guilty until proved guilty, the lawyer said, "once my client is in America, there are our courts daily with us and others; we will find the whole truth and nothing but the truth."

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IN LONDON LEAD RAY (495) READ IN NORTH PARA (494)

WILL BE HEARD LATER TODAY IN COURT FOR THE FIRST TIME.

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0046: 2ND ADD LONDON LEAD RAY:

(494)--WHICH RAY SAID WYLLIED BY CATHER PRINCE AND X X X CHILD.

HANES GAVE RAY TWO NEW SHIRTS AND A SCUTIE TODAY SO THAT HE "WOULD LOOK SHARP ON THE 14TH MORN."

THE LAWYER SAID HE AND HIS CLIENT HAD 10 THEIR FOUR MEETINGS A CHANCE TO DISCUSS THE CASE ONLY GENERALLY AND ADDED THAT THE PRESENCE OF GUARDS IN THE INTERVIEW ROOM MADE IT DIFFICULT TO GET DOWN TO BASIC ISSUES.

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0052: 3RD ADD LONDON LEAD RAY:

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HANES SAID RAY COULD BE PUT ON TRIAL AS EARLY AS OCTOBER OR NOVEMBER. HE ADDED, IN A SARCASTIC REFERENCE TO THE DIFFICULTIES HE HAS HAD IN INTERVIEWING RAY, "I HOPE I'LL GET A CHANCE TO PREPARE A CASE BY THEN."

HANES COMPLAINED YESTERDAY HE WAS UNABLE TO SEE HIS CLIENT ALONE--WHICH HE CLAIMED HE WILL BE ABLE TO DO TWICE A DAY IN MEMPHIS, TENN., WHERE RAY IS EXPECTED TO BE HELD AWAITING TRIAL.

THE LAWYER SAID THE AMERICAN EMBASSY PHONED HIM LAST NIGHT AND RELAYED A MESSAGE FROM FRED M. VINSON JR., THE HEAD OF THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT'S CRIMINAL DIVISION, AGAIN REFUSING HIM PERMISSION TO ACCOMPANY RAY BACK.

WHEN HE WENT TO WANDSWORTH PRISON TODAY TO CONFER WITH RAY FOR 35 MINUTES, HE SAID HE TOLD HIM "TO KEEP HIS MOUTH SHUT" ON THE FLIGHT BACK. HANES ADDED THAT HE AND RAY FEAR THAT JUSTICE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS WILL ATTEMPT TO QUESTION HIM DURING THE RETURN JOURNEY.

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By LAMBERT  
Associated Press Writer  
LONDON AP

U.S. officials stood ready Thursday night to receive James Earl Ray from British custody and fly him to the United States to face trial on charges of assassinating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

A U.S. plane was said to be standing by at Northolt, the closest Royal Air Force base to London capable of handling jets that can cross the Atlantic. The plane was expected to take off at night so as to land at night, probably at Memphis, Tenn., where King was shot to death April 4.

American officials kept the tightest security screen in front of Ray's transfer. They refused a request by his lawyer, Arthur Hanes of Birmingham, Ala., to accompany Ray home or even to speak to him once he is in U.S. custody in Britain. Hanes said U.S. officials refused to give him an explanation of their refusal. But he made it clear that Ray feared U.S. officials would try to interrogate him during the seven- or eight-day flight about circumstances surrounding King's assassination, possibly raising questions about any conspiracy.

"I just told him to keep his mouth shut," Hanes said. British courts Thursday cleared away the last of the formalities that have prevented Ray's transfer to the United States since his arrest in London June 8.

Following Ray's decision earlier this week to abandon his fight against extradition, a lawyer representing the director of public prosecutions went into Bow Street Magistrates Court. He said no evidence would be offered to support British charges against Ray of entering the country on a forged passport and carrying an unlicensed gun. That was the last step before Home Secretary James Callaghan could sign the extradition papers. The Home Office announced Callaghan signed the order Thursday night.

This order authorized the transfer of Ray to the custody of U.S. marshals.

Ray was not in court for the hearing. Hanes was conferring with him at Wandsworth Prison.

"I gave him some new shirts and a tie so he would look sharp," Hanes said.

Hanes was being kept completely in the dark about the flight. "I don't know if they are taking him back by jells (jelly), or ship or yellow submarine," the lawyer told newsmen.

He said he might make a legal issue of it at the trial, basing his argument on new U.S. Supreme Court rulings about holding a suspect in custody without permitting him to consult a lawyer.

"I don't see any justification logically for them to prevent me from seeing him," he said. "But I have a right to see him in private when he is turned over to U.S. authorities. He has fears of intensive interrogation and grilling by Justice Department agents. They will have him captive for seven or eight hours and they can engage him in conversation."

Hanes said he had formally requested the U.S. Justice Department for permission to accompany Ray home when he called Washington from his office in Birmingham Tuesday morning to tell the department about Ray's extradition lawyer.

He told newsmen a message was passed on to him through the U.S. Embassy here from Fred Vinson Jr., U.S. assistant attorney general, saying: "I hope you understand why you cannot accompany this man to the United States and why you cannot see him in private."

Hanes said he replied: "My answer is no, I do not understand."

Hanes said he would return to the United States as soon as he had word that Ray was on the way and begin preparations for the trial, which he expects to open in October or November.

He expected July 19

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(RAY)

LONDON--JAMES EARL RAY'S ALABAMA LAWYER SAID TODAY RAY IS INNOCENT OF THE MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING AND WANTS TO RETURN TO THE U.S. TO CLEAR HIMSELF ON THE CHARGES.

ATTORNEY ARTHUR J. HANES SR. SAID RAY AGREED TO WAIVE AN EXTRADITION APPEAL WHEN THEY MET AT LONDON'S WADSWORTH PRISON THIS AFTERNOON.

HANES SAID RAY, WHOM HE REFERRED TO AS "R.G. SNEYD," HAD ASKED THE U.S. JUSTICE DEPARTMENT AND BRITISH AUTHORITIES TO PERMIT HANES TO ACCOMPANY HIM WHEN HE IS HANDED OVER TO U.S. AUTHORITIES TO BE SENT TO MEMPHIS, TENN., FOR TRIAL.

HANES SAID THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT HAS DENIED THIS REQUEST SO FAR.

HANES SAID SNEYD DID NOT HAVE TO SIGN ANY WAIVERS BUT SIMPLY ACTED THROUGH THE ALABAMA ATTORNEY, ADVISING HIM TO PROCEED WITH THE EXTRADITION PROCESS.

HANES SAID RAY WANTED TO RETURN TO THE U.S. IMMEDIATELY "SO MY CLIENT AND I CAN BEGIN WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY TO COMBAT AND COUNTERACT THE UNPRECEDENTED, VICIOUS AND LIBELLOUS PRESS AND TELEVISION CAMPAIGN TO PORTRAY HIM AS A CONVICTED MURDERER, A MONSTER, A DEGENERATE AND A DOPE ADDICT."

"THIS MAN WANTS TO GET BACK TO THE UNITED STATES AND CLEAR HIS NAME," HANES SAID. "IT'S AS SIMPLE AS THAT."

HANES SAID THE VISIT OF U.S. ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL FRED M. VINSON JR. TO LONDON, WHERE HE WAS ALLOWED TO SEE RAY BUT NOT TO TALK WITH HIM, "WAS HIGH-HANDED AND WRONG AND I THINK HIGHLY PREJUDICIAL."

IN A PREPARED STATEMENT, HANES CHARGED THAT VINSON'S ACTION IN SEEING RAY VIOLATED RAY'S CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS AND U.S. SUPREME COURT DECISIONS.

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LONDON (AP) - James Earl Ray, accused slayer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., was seen today for 48 minutes inside Wandsworth in south London.

Ray got to see the top cell his parole is very high, it looks as if he left the jail. "He is feeling all right," it was noted. (AP) 100215Z July 17

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(RAY)

LONDON--JAMES EARL RAY, GIVING UP HIS FIGHT AGAINST EXTRADITION TO AMERICA TO STAND TRIAL FOR THE SLAYING OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, COULD BE IN A MEMPHIS JAIL BY THIS WEEKEND, HIS LAWYER SAID TODAY. MICHAEL EUGENE, RAY'S BRITISH LAWYER, SAID HIS CLIENT MAY BE FLOWN BACK TO THE U.S. AS EARLY AS THURSDAY OR FRIDAY. EUGENE SAID RAY HAD DECIDED "OF HIS OWN ACCORD" NOT TO APPEAL BUT FAILED TO SAY WHY. TODAY IS THE DEADLINE FOR FILING AN APPEAL OF THE EXTRADITION ORDER. EUGENE SAID RAY'S AMERICAN LAWYER, ARTHUR HANES SR., FLEW FROM AMERICA TODAY AND PROBABLY WILL ACCOMPANY RAY BACK TO THE U.S. 7/17--GE930A

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Ray Will Leave 1000 200  
By Cable Press

Associated Press Writer

LONDON (AP) - American authorities pursued top secret plans today for a quick return to the United States of James Earl Ray to face trial for the assassination in Memphis, Tenn., of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Ray may be on his way tonight or early tomorrow.

Ray's suspect the first word that Ray has left London will be news of his actual arrival in Memphis, one source said. Ray cleared the way for his return by signing a declaration Tuesday that he did not want to appeal the order for his extradition issued July 2 by London's chief magistrate, Frank Milton.

The 40-year-old prisoner, a fugitive from the Missouri State Penitentiary who denies he killed King, spent his remaining hours in London's Wandsworth prison under heavy guard.

Ray's American lawyer, Arthur J. Hanes of Birmingham, Ala., flew into London to have a talk with him at the prison. Hanes was believed hoping to accompany his client back to the United States, but U.S. officials indicated such a request would be turned down.

Informed sources speculated that Ray would be flown back with a heavy guard aboard a U.S. military plane or a chartered civilian jet. U.S. military planes can use British civilian fields such as Heathrow and Gatwick airports near London. It was not clear what time Ray would be flown.

Ray's defense team and the U.S. government are expected to meet today to discuss the extradition. Ray's defense team is expected to arrive in London today.

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James Earl Ray was expected within a few hours to sign the extradition order returning the 40-year-old escaped convict to the United States to face trial on a charge of murdering Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The extradition order was issued by Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Frank Milton on July 2. Ray decided on Tuesday not to appeal against it, and the 18-day period for filing an appeal expired Wednesday.

The time of Ray's departure for America is a closely guarded secret. Unofficial reports said a U.S. Air Force transport was standing by at Northolt, a U.S. air base west of London, to take the prisoner and an escort of U.S. marshals to Memphis, Tenn., where the Negro civil rights leader was shot April 4.

The two British charges on which Ray had been held since his arrest at London Airport June 7 were dropped at a brief hearing in the Bow Street Magistrate's Court; the theater for all the British legal profession concerning Ray.

The charges were using a forged Canadian passport, under the name of Gordon George Sneyd, and carrying a loaded gun for which he had no license.

Ray was not in court today.

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1255: RAY--HAWES:

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(LONDON, JULY 17 (REUTERS))--JAMES EARL RAY, THE ALLEGED ASSASSIN OF REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING, WAS REPORTED TODAY TO FEEL BEING LEFT ALONE WITH U.S. JUSTICE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS ON HIS EXTRADITION FLIGHT BACK TO THE UNITED STATES.

RAY'S ATTITUDE WAS REPORTED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE GIVEN THIS AFTERNOON BY ARTHUR J. HAWES, HIS AMERICAN ATTORNEY.

HAWES SAID HIS REPEATED REQUESTS TO BE ALLOWED TO ACCOMPANY RAY ON THE PLANE HAVE BEEN TURNED DOWN. THE ATTORNEY DENOUNCED THIS REFUSAL AS DANGEROUS, WRONG AND OUT OF STEP WITH RECENT U.S. SUPREME COURT DECISIONS.

THE RETURN OF THE 40-YEAR-OLD RAY TO THE U.S. CERTAIN YESTERDAY WITH HIS WAIVER OF THE RIGHT OF APPEAL AGAINST AN EXTRADITION ORDER MADE AGAINST HIM JULY 2.

HAWES SAID THE DECISION TO WAIVE EXTRADITION WAS MADE IN ORDER TO GET RAY BACK TO THE U.S. AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WITH A VIEW TO COMBATING WHAT THE LAWYER CALLED AN UNPRECEDENTED PRESS CAMPAIGN AGAINST HIM.

HAWES SAID THE AMERICAN PRESS HAS PORTRAYED HIS CLIENT AS A CONVICTED MURDERER, A MONSTER, A DEGENERATE AND A DRUG ADDICT.

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1549: NIGHTLEAD RAY:

BY ARTHUR SPIEGELMAN

LONDON, JULY 17 (REUTERS)--JAMES EARL RAY IS ANXIOUS TO GET HOME TO REBUT CHARGES THAT HE KILLED MARTIN LUTHER KING, HIS LAWYER SAID TODAY, BUT HE IS AFRAID OF BEING LEFT ALONE WITH U.S. OFFICIALS ON THE EXTRADITION FLIGHT BACK.

ATTORNEY ARTHUR J. HANES OF BIRMINGHAM, ALA., SAID AMERICAN OFFICIALS VETOED REPEATED REQUESTS TO ACCOMPANY HIS CLIENT ON THE EXTRADITION FLIGHT--WHICH MAY TAKE PLACE TOMORROW.

HANES, A FORMER MAYOR OF BIRMINGHAM, CALLED THEIR REFUSAL DANGEROUS, WRONG AND OUT OF STEP WITH RECENT SUPREME COURT DECISIONS.

HANES REFUSED TO ELABORATE ON HIS CLIENT'S FEARS, BUT SAID HE PERSONALLY WAS AFRAID THAT AN ATTEMPT MIGHT BE MADE TO QUESTION RAY WITHOUT DEFENSE COUNSEL PRESENT.

THE 40-YEAR OLD RAY'S RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES BECAME CERTAIN TUESDAY WHEN HE WAIVED HIS RIGHT OF APPEAL AGAINST AN EXTRADITION ORDER MADE JULY 2.

HANES TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE HIS CLIENT WAIVED AN APPEAL BECAUSE HE WAS ANXIOUS TO PROVE HIS INNOCENCE AND COMBAT "AN UNPRECEDENTED, VICIOUS AND LIBELLOUS PRESS CAMPAIGN PORTRAYING MY CLIENT AS A CONVICTED MURDERER, MONSTER, DEGENERATE AND DOPE ADDICT."

HANES ALSO COMPLAINED OF THE DIFFICULTIES HE HAD IN INTERVIEWING RAY BECAUSE GUARDS WERE ALWAYS PRESENT.

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1553: 1ST ADD LONDON NIGHTLEAD RAY:  
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"HERE I WAS WITH A PRISON GUARD OVER MY SHOULDER AND ONE OVER HIS, LIKE PIGEONS IN TRAFALGAR SQUARE. I COULDN'T DO MUCH TALKING," HANES SAID, ADDING THAT IN THE U.S. HE WOULD BE ABLE TO INTERVIEW HIS CLIENT ALONE AT LEAST TWICE A DAY.

ANOTHER REASON WHY NO APPEAL WOULD BE MADE WAS SUGGESTED BY RAY'S BRITISH LAWYER, MICHAEL EUGENE, WHO SAID A REQUEST FOR LEGAL AID FOR THE APPEAL WAS TURNED DOWN.

HANES SAID HIS ONE FEAR WAS THAT RAY WOULD BE TAKEN BACK SECRETLY WITHOUT HIS KNOWLEDGE.

HE ADDED THAT HE INTENDED TO HOLD A FOURTH MEETING WITH HIS CLIENT THURSDAY MORNING AT WANDSWORTH PRISON IN LONDON AND THERE "WOULD BE HELL TO PAY" IF RAY WAS EXTRADITED BEFORE THEN.

AN AMERICAN EMBASSY OFFICIAL SAID WEDNESDAY HE HOPED RAY "WOULD DISAPPEAR FROM WANDSWORTH PRISON AND APPEAR IN MEMPHIS (WHERE KING WAS KILLED APRIL 4) BEFORE THE PUBLIC KNEW ABOUT IT."

HANES CALLED THE SECRECY "MOST UNUSUAL AND UNFAIR AND IT GIVES VALIDITY TO MANY PEOPLE IN THE U.S. WHO THINK HE (RAY) IS A POLITICAL PRISONER AND A SCAPEGOAT."

THE LAWYER ALSO HIT OUT AT RAY'S HAVING BEEN SHOWN TO DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL FRED VINSON JR. SHORTLY AFTER HIS ARREST AT LONDON'S HEATHROW AIRPORT JUNE 8.

"IT APPEARS NOT UNLIKELY THAT MR. VINSON, BY THIS PRECIPITATE AND UNWARRANTED ACTION, HAS TRANSGRESSED THE RIGHTS OF MY CLIENT," SAID HANES.

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1601: 2ND ADD LONDON NIGHTLEAD RAY:  
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REFERRING TO WHAT HE TERMED A PRESS CAMPAIGN AGAINST HIS CLIENT, HANES SUGGESTED THAT IF IT CONTINUES THE QUESTION OF HIS CLIENT'S INNOCENCE OR GUILT OUGHT TO BE PUT UP FOR A VOTE IN NOVEMBER.

"IF THERE IS GOING TO BE TRIAL BY THE PRESS, THEN MAY BE THE PUBLIC OUGHT TO BE GIVEN A VOTE," HE SAID.

HANES SAID HE CALLED HIS CLIENT RAMON GEORGE SNEYD, THE NAME UNDER WHICH HE WAS ARRESTED IN BRITAIN. HE ADDED THAT THIS WAS THE NAME HIS CLIENT GAVE HIM.

AS AT PREVIOUS NEWS CONFERENCES, HANES REFUSED TO DISCUSS FEES.

IN ARGUING FOR PERMISSION TO ACCOMPANY RAY BACK TO THE STATES, HANES DESCRIBED HIMSELF AND HIS LAW PARTNER, HIS SON, AS BEING DESERVING OF AN "EDDY BITTY" BREAK SINCE THEY BOTH WERE PITTED AGAINST THE RESOURCES AND MIGHT OF THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT.

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Special Agent in Charge

James Earl Ray, a London lawyer, protested vigorously Wednesday against plans to fly the accused assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to Memphis, Tenn., without his own legal counsel aboard the plane.

Addressing newsmen after visiting Ray in Wandsworth Prison for 45 minutes, Arthur J. Hanes, former mayor of Birmingham, said Ray had asked him to fly back with him but that U.S. authorities had turned down the request.

"He came being in company of the Justice Department alone," Hanes said. "I don't know the facts of the case but he says it and he wants me to be present."

Ray decided Wednesday not to appeal against extradition any longer, and Hanes arrived in London Wednesday morning.

U.S. officials have steadfastly refused on security grounds to disclose anything about how they will take Ray to the United States.

But he is expected to go aboard a U.S. military plane or a chartered airliner upon leaving London.

Neither Hanes nor Ray's British lawyer has any idea when the plane will leave.

U.S. Embassy officials declined comment on Hanes' statements. They said the decision to bar Hanes from the plane had been made in Washington and any comment would have to come from there.

Hanes explained he had advised Ray to waive extradition because he wants to get started on the case and "begin without further delay an effort to combat and counteract the unprecedented, vicious and libelous press and television campaign to portray him as a convicted murderer, a terrorist, a homosexual and a drug addict."

The lawyer said he and his wife will travel to Memphis and "once my client is in Memphis, where he can confer daily with me and others, we will find the whole truth and establish it."

In Wandsworth Prison, Ray and Hanes have been able to confer only with wardens next to them—hanging over our heads like pigeons in Trafalgar Square," Hanes said.

This was his point about returning to the United States so that he and Ray can confer in private. He said he had made repeated requests through the Justice Department in Washington, both in writing and by telephone, for permission to stay with Ray on the plane home. He also demanded that Ray not be interrogated by U.S. officials without his lawyer's presence.

Hanes invoked the U.S. Supreme Court to support his plea to accompany Ray. He alluded to the Miranda decision limiting the right of police to question suspects. Under questioning by newsmen, he admitted that Miranda did not apply to a period during which a prisoner was being transported.

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Nevertheless, he said a decision not to permit him on the plane would violate constitutional rights and be "high-handed, wrong and prejudicial."

Hanes also complained about reports that Fred Vinson Jr., U.S. assistant attorney general in charge of the Justice Department's criminal division, had spoken to Ray shortly after his arrest here June 8. He said Vinson had "transgressed the rights of my client," although when reminded by newsmen that Vinson had denied speaking to Ray, he said he would not make a major issue of this.

A few legal loose ends remain to be tied up before Ray can be handed over to U.S. authorities. First the British must adjourn or drop the charges of passport forgery and carrying an unlicensed gun under which Ray was held.

A hearing is scheduled at Bow Street Magistrates' Court Thursday. Although Ray does not necessarily have to be present, British lawyers said it would be legally risky to spirit him out of the country until the hearing is finished, in case either defense, prosecution or the magistrate wanted to question him in court.

Once this is wound up, Home Secretary James Callaghan can sign the extradition warrant on the order made July 2 by Chief Magistrate Frank Hilton, who also will preside at Thursday's hearing.

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0631: LEAD RAY (150):

LONDON, JULY 17 (CONTINUED)—JAMES EARL RAY, ALLEGED ASSASSIN OF  
SEN. MARTIN LUTHER KING, TODAY CONFERRED WITH HIS AMERICAN ATTORNEY  
BEFORE HIS PROBABLE EXTRADITION TO THE UNITED STATES TOOK PLACE.  
RAY, 40, DECLINED YESTERDAY NOT TO APPEAL AGAINST EXTRADITION.  
HE FACES TRIAL FOR KING'S MURDER IN MEMPHIS, TENN., APRIL 4.

ATTORNEY ARTHUR J. MARES ARRIVED HERE TODAY AND WENT TO  
LONDON'S HANDSWORTH PRISON WHERE HE HAS VISITED HIS CLIENT TWICE  
BEFORE.

ONLY TWO FORMALITIES TODAY KEEP RAY IN BRITAIN—THE EXPIRATION  
AT MIDNIGHT OF THE 15 DAYS IN WHICH HE COULD APPEAL AGAINST EXTRADITION  
AND HOME (INTERIOR) SECRETARY JAMES CALLAGHAN'S SIGNATURE ON A  
WARRANT OF SURRENDER NECESSARY FOR EXTRADITION.

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0655: 1ST ADD LONDON LEAD RAY:

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CALLAGHAN CAN SIGN IT ANY TIME AFTER MIDNIGHT.

RAY'S BRITISH LAWYER MICHAEL EUGENE TOLD REPORTERS LAST NIGHT  
HIS CLIENT WOULD NOT APPEAL THE ORDER.

HE GAVE NO REASON FOR THE APPARENT CHANGE IN LEGAL TACTICS.

DURING EXTRADITION PROCEEDINGS RAY CONTENDED HE DID NOT KILL  
KING AND HAD NO GRUDGE AGAINST HIM.

U.S. AND BRITISH OFFICIALS WERE BELIEVED MEETING TODAY TO DECIDE  
THE SAFEST POSSIBLE MEANS OF MOVING RAY OUT OF BRITAIN. ONE WAY  
SUGGESTED WAS TO FLY HIM BACK IN A U.S. MILITARY PLANE.

A U.S. EMBASSY OFFICIAL SAID, "RAY WILL DISAPPEAR OUT OF  
HANDSWORTH PRISON AND APPEAR IN MEMPHIS BEFORE THE PUBLIC EVEN  
KNOWS ABOUT IT."

RAY WAS ARRESTED AT HEATHROW AIRPORT IN LONDON JUNE 8 UNDER  
THE NAME OF RAMON GEORGE SNEYD AND CHARGED WITH CARRYING A FORGED  
CANADIAN PASSPORT AND ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF A REVOLVER AND AMMUNI-  
TION.

BRITISH OFFICIALS TODAY DECLINED COMMENT WHETHER THESE CHARGES  
COULD BE PRESSED.

(NO PICKUP)

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0428: RAY (SCHEDULED):

BY LEONARD SANTOPRILE

LONDON, JULY 17 (REUTERS)-JAMES EARL RAY UNEXPECTEDLY ABANDONED HIS FIGHT TO AVOID STANDING TRIAL IN THE UNITED STATES FOR THE MURDER OF REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

HIS AMERICAN ATTORNEY ARTHUR J. HANES, WHO WAS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE TODAY TO CONSULT BRITISH LAWYERS WHO MADE THE SURPRISE ANNOUNCEMENT LAST NIGHT.

THE DECISION TO GIVE UP AN APPEAL AGAINST AN EXTRADITION ORDER COULD MEAN THAT RAY WILL BE HANDED OVER TO U.S. LAW OFFICERS TOMORROW.

RAY, 40, NOW HELD IN LONDON'S MAXIMUM SECURITY WANDSWORTH PRISON, HAD UNTIL TODAY TO LODGE AN APPEAL AGAINST A BRITISH COURT'S EXTRADITION ORDER ON A CHARGE OF KILLING THE NEGRO CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER APRIL 4 IN MEMPHIS, TENN.

BUT RAY'S BRITISH LAWYER MICHAEL EUGENE TOLD REPORTERS LAST NIGHT HIS CLIENT WOULD NOT APPEAL THE ORDER.

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HE GAVE NO REASON FOR THIS APPARENT CHANGE IN LEGAL TACTICS, BUT INDICATED FULLER DETAILS WOULD EMERGE LATER AFTER HE AND HANES CONFERRED AT THE PRISON.

IN EXTRADITION PROCEEDINGS--AN UNPRECEDENTED COURTROOM SECURITY--RAY CONTENDED HE DID NOT KILL KING AND HAD NO GRUDGE AGAINST HIM.

REJECTED DEFENSE CLAIMS THAT KING'S MURDER WAS "POLITICAL" AND NOT COVERED BY EXTRADITION LAWS.

ONE OF RAY'S LEGAL ADVISERS TOLD NEWSMEN AFTER THE HEARING AN EARLY APPEAL AGAINST EXTRADITION WOULD BE LODGED.

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RAY WAS GIVEN 15 DAYS IN WHICH TO FIGHT THE ORDER SENDING HIM BACK TO THE U.S. AS A "FUGITIVE CRIMINAL."

IF HE HAD APPEALED SUCCESSFULLY, THE WHOLE CASE COULD HAVE BEEN THRASHED OUT IN BRITISH COURTS IN LENGTHY PROCEEDINGS.

RAY IS HELD HERE ON BRITISH CHARGES OF CARRYING A GUN AND POSSESSING FORGED PASSPORTS FOLLOWING HIS ARREST JUNE 8 AT LONDON AIRPORT UNDER THE NAME OF RAMON GEORGE SNEYD.

BRITISH OFFICIALS TODAY DECLINED COMMENT WHETHER THESE CHARGES WOULD BE PRESSED.

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Associated Press Writer

LONDON (AP) — James Earl Ray was to be on his way back to the United States tonight or early tomorrow to face trial for the killing of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Ray cleared the way for his return by signing a declaration Tuesday that he did not want to appeal the order for his extradition issued by London's chief magistrate on July 8.

It was not known whether Ray's lawyers would deliver his statement to the Home Office or whether they would let the 14-day period for him to file an appeal expire this afternoon without taking further action.

In either case, Home Secretary James Callaghan could sign the order for Ray's extradition before midnight. He would then be delivered to the U.S. Justice Department for the transatlantic flight.

Informal sources said the journey would be made aboard a U.S. government plane or a chartered civil jet, with Ray under heavy guard.

Ray's American lawyer, Arthur J. Hanes of Birmingham, Ala., was due in London this morning. He may ask to accompany his client back to the United States, but U.S. officials indicated this request would be turned down.

Ray's decision not to appeal the extradition order came as a surprise after a routine court hearing Tuesday at which he sat quietly while his British lawyers agreed to leave him. Held in prison another eight days on charges he entered Britain on a forged Canadian passport and carried an unlicensed gun.

These were the charges on which he was arrested June 8 at London Airport, ending a two-month worldwide search following the slaying of the civil rights leader April 4 in Memphis, Tenn.

Ray's British lawyers had been preparing an appeal based on the contention that King's slaying was a political crime and that Ray therefore could not be extradited under British law. A hearing on the appeal had been tentatively set for June 29 even though it had not yet been filed.

In his declaration saying he would submit to extradition, Ray wrote: "I have made this decision after considering all the facts, and I believe that this is the best course of action for me to adopt."

The declaration was signed "James George Knevi," the alias on the passport Ray used and the name under which he was held in Britain.

People who talked to Ray recently in Wandsworth Jail said he had been growing restless and tired of waiting after months on the run.

They said he consistently claimed he is innocent of the killing.

Other possible factors in Ray's decision were British refusal to continue free legal aid for his appeal and the fact that, in preparation for the trial in Memphis, he and his lawyer could talk only in the presence of British prison officials.

Last week Ray wrote a brother in the United States telling him to arrange an advance payment to Hanes. When he remarked: "I could appeal my extradition hearing, but I am getting tired of listening to these liars and I might close it up about Tuesday..."

Ray's British lawyers knew about this letter and questioned him about his feelings. The "liars" he referred to apparently were the British police, who have quoted him as saying after his arrest, "Oh, God, I feel so trapped..." Ray denied saying anything like that.

Since his arrest, about a dozen Scotland Yard detectives have been tracing his movements in London.

Police informants said the detectives found no evidence here that Ray was involved in any conspiracy.

The detectives believe Ray arrived in London on May 7 from Toronto, left for Lisbon, Portugal, on the same day and returned to London on May 17. He was traced to three separate hotels, all near major air terminals.

The investigation confirmed that Ray was trying to reach Africa, possibly to join a white mercenary unit or seek sanctuary in Rhodesia, which has no extradition agreement with the United States.

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LONDON, JULY 16 (REUTERS)--A LAWYER SAID TONIGHT JAMES EARL RAY HAS DECIDED NOT TO FIGHT EXTRADITION PROCEEDINGS TO THE UNITED STATES WHERE HE FACES A CHARGE OF MURDERING REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

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SAY 5 BRITISH LAWYER MICHAEL EUGENE SAID TONIGHT THE TIME LIMIT FOR LODGING AN APPEAL AGAINST RAY'S EXTRADITION CHARGE EXPIRES TOMORROW.

"HE HAS DECIDED NOT TO LODGE THOSE PAPERS," HE SAID. ASKED WHY RAY WAS NOT APPEALING, EUGENE SAID, "I AM NOT PREPARED TO SAY AT THIS STAGE. POSSIBLY TOMORROW."

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1631: 2ND ADD LONDON RAY:  
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EUGENE SAID THAT RAY, NOW IN A BRITISH JAIL, WOULD PROBABLY BE HANDLED OVER TO U.S. AUTHORITIES THURSDAY OR FRIDAY.

HE ADDED THAT HIS AMERICAN LAWYER ARTHUR J. HANES WOULD ARRIVE IN LONDON WEDNESDAY.

EUGENE WOULD MEET HIM AT THE AIRPORT TO DISCUSS "GENERAL MATTERS RELATING TO THE CASE," HE SAID.

HE ADDED THAT THEY WOULD BOTH VISIT RAY.  
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RAY IS WANTED BY U.S. AUTHORITIES ON CHARGES OF MURDERING THE NEGRO CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER APRIL 4 IN MEMPHIS, TENN. IN AN ESCAPE FROM A 20-YEAR JAIL SENTENCE FOR ARMED ROBBERY.

HE WAS ARRESTED JUNE 8 AT LONDON AIRPORT IN THE NAME OF RAYMOND GEORGE SNEYD ON CHARGES OF ILLEGALLY CARRYING A GUN AND OF POSSESSING FORGED PASSPORTS.

A BRITISH COURT ORDERED HIS EXTRADITION JULY 3 ON THE KILLING CHARGE AND ON THE SUBSIDIARY ARMED ROBBERY CHARGE. HE WAS GIVEN 15 DAYS IN WHICH TO APPEAL.

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LONDON'S CHIEF MAGISTRATE FRANK MILTON DECIDED TWO WEEKS AGO THERE WERE TWO GROUNDS FOR RAY'S EXTRADITION TO AMERICA AS A "FUGITIVE CRIMINAL."

FIRST, THAT HE WAS CONVICTED OF ROBBERY IN MISSOURI AND ESCAPED AFTER SERVING EIGHT YEARS OF THE SENTENCE, AND SECOND, THAT HE WAS ACCUSED OF MURDERING KING.

THE MAGISTRATE REJECTED DEFENSE CLAIMS THAT KING'S MURDER WAS "POLITICAL" AND NOT COVERED BY EXTRADITION LAWS.

IF RAY HAD APPEALED SUCCESSFULLY, THE WHOLE CASE COULD HAVE BEEN THASHED OUT AGAIN IN BRITISH COURTS.

THE FINAL ORDER FOR HIS SURRENDER TO U.S. AUTHORITIES RESTS WITH HOME SECRETARY (INTERIOR MINISTER) JAMES CALLAGHAN, WHO MUST SIGN A WARRANT HANDING HIM OVER TO U.S. LAW OFFICERS.

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(RAY)

LONDON--JAMES EARL RAY IS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR IN COURT TOMORROW FOR A ROUTINE HEARING TO PRISON ON CHARGES OF BRITISH GUN AND PASSPORT LAW VIOLATIONS.

THE COURT APPEARANCE WILL HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THE U.S. EXTRADITION REQUEST TO HAVE RAY RETURNED TO TENNESSEE TO FACE CHARGES OF MURDER IN CONNECTION WITH THE ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING.

RAY WILL BE IN AND OUT OF MAGISTRATE FRANK MILTON'S COURTROOM IN ABOUT TWO MINUTES. EACH WEEK RAY MUST APPEAR BEFORE MILTON AT THE BOW STREET MAGISTRATE COURTS TO BE ROUTINELY, BUT OFFICIALLY, REMAINED TO PRISON ON THE BRITISH CHARGES.

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(RAY)

LONDON, JULY 15 (AP)--JAMES EARL RAY, THE ALLEGED ASSASSIN OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, TODAY MADE A ONE-DAY COURT APPEARANCE IN CONNECTION WITH THE CHARGES HE WAS ARRESTED ON IN BRITAIN JUNE 8.

HE WAS TAKEN TO COURT UNDER A HEAVY SECURITY GUARD AND WAS ORDERED BY THE MAGISTRATE WHO LAST WEEK ORDERED HIS EXTRADITION TO PRISON ON THE BRITISH CHARGES.

MAGISTRATE FRANK MILTON TODAY ORDERED THAT RAY, WHO IS NOW HELD IN CUSTODY FOR FOR ANOTHER WEEK ON CHARGES OF CARRYING A FORGED PASSPORT IN THE NAME OF RAYMOND GEORGE SNEYD AND POSSESSION OF AN UNREGISTERED FIREARM AND AMMUNITION. LEGAL OBSERVERS SAID THAT IF RAY'S APPEAL AGAINST EXTRADITION WAS ACCEPTED, HE WOULD FACE TRIAL ON THE BRITISH CHARGES.

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UPI-11

(RAY)

LONDON--A BRITISH COURT SAID TODAY IT WILL HEAR ON JULY 29 JAMES EARL RAY'S APPEAL AGAINST EXTRADITION TO THE U.S. TO STAND TRIAL FOR THE SLAYING OF MARTIN LUTHER KING.

THE SURPRISE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE WHEN RAY APPEARED AT BOW STREET MAGISTRATE'S COURT ON CHARGES OF VIOLATING BRITISH GUN AND IMMIGRATION LAWS.

HE WAS ORDERED TO APPEAR AGAIN JULY 8.

HE WAS ORDERED TO APPEAR AGAIN JULY 16 TO ANSWER TO THE CHARGES OF CARRYING A LOADED .38-CALIBER PISTOL AND TWO FORGED PASSPORTS, WHICH GOT HIM ARRESTED IN THE FIRST PLACE JUNE 8.

IT WAS EXPECTED BRITAIN MIGHT IGNORE THE CHARGES IF RAY IS EXTRADITED.

RAY, WHOSE EXTRADITION WAS ORDERED A WEEK AGO, APPEARED IN COURT TODAY TO MEET A BRITISH LEGAL REQUIREMENT THAT PRISONERS APPEAR BEFORE A MAGISTRATE EVERY EIGHT DAYS WHILE THEY ARE HELD.

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(RAY)

LONDON--A BRITISH COURT HAS SET JULY 29 AS THE DATE FOR A HEARING ON JAMES EARL RAY'S APPEAL FROM AN ORDER EXTRADITING HIM TO THE UNITED STATES TO STAND TRIAL FOR THE MURDER OF THE REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., COURT OFFICIALS SAID TODAY.

THE DATE WAS REVEALED UNEXPECTEDLY DURING RAY'S ROUTINE APPEARANCE AT BOW STREET MAGISTRATE'S COURT UNDER THE BRITISH LAW REQUIRING THAT A DETAINED PERSON BE BROUGHT BEFORE A JUDGE EVERY EIGHT DAYS.

CHIEF MAGISTRATE FRANK MILTON CASUALLY ASKED IF A HEARING DATE HAD BEEN SET FOR RAY'S APPEAL.

"YES, SIR, JULY 29," REPLIED A COURT CLERK, TO THE SURPRISE OF THE COURTROOM AUDIENCE.

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Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Memphis, Tenn., advised that James Earl Ray, known assassin, had been indicted for the murder of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Ray, a 40-year-old fugitive from the Missouri Penitentiary, took the stand in his own defense after the U.S. government unveiled a carefully detailed case against him as "the single hand" in the assassination at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tenn., April 4.

George Jacob Bonbrake, a fingerprint expert of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, testified he found Ray's prints on the rifle, telescopic sight and binoculars that were dropped at the doorway of a room near the motel shortly after King was slain.

Under questioning by his court-appointed British attorney, Roger Frisby, Ray declared in a soft, steady drawl he had never met King and that he bore him no grudge. "Did you kill Martin Luther King?" Frisby asked. "No, sir," the prisoner replied.

Chief Magistrate Frank Wilson, presiding in a gray suit with lots of white cuff showing, later adjourned the hearing until next Tuesday. It is expected to be completed then. Ray went back to prison.

British lawyers retained by the United States told Wilson as witnesses to the purchase of the rifle and of a signal were veterans Charles Stevens, 40, who said he heard the fatal shot fired from the common bathroom of a rooming house across South Main Street from the Lorraine Motel.

But Ray resisted moves to extradite him to stand trial for King's murder with all the legal ammunition provided by Britain's extradition laws.

If the court's decision goes against him, Frisby is expected to appeal to a higher court on the ground that King's assassination was a political crime for which Britain does not accept extradition.

Frisby electrified the court by summoning Ray to the stand for a six-minute unsworn appearance.

"Call my client," he ordered.

Ray was formally addressed as James George Smith, the alias under which he is held here on charges of entering Britain on a forged Canadian passport.

He sat rather than stood in the witness box to make less of a target in any attempt on his life and Scotland Yard detectives clustered around him in a human screen. This was the exchange:

Frisby: Did you know Martin Luther King personally?

Ray: No, sir.

Frisby: Had you ever met him?

Ray: No, sir.

Frisby: Have you any kind of grudge against him?

Ray: No, sir.

Frisby: Did you kill Martin Luther King?

Ray: No, sir.

Asked by the court clerk to sign a summary of this for evidence, Ray turned to his lawyer and said: "How could I sign

it? I went into my room and closed the door. During the hearing, the U.S. case was presented by U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark. He told the story.

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1150: 2ND ADD LONDON RAY--TESTIMONY (282):

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SNEYD, OR RAY, WAS APPEARING IN MAGISTRATE'S COURT HERE TO FIGHT AGAINST EXTRADITION TO THE UNITED STATES ON CHARGES OF MURDERING DR. KING IN MEMPHIS APRIL 4, ROBBERY WITH VIOLENCE IN 1960 AND SUBSEQUENTLY ESCAPING FROM JAIL.

EARLIER DAVID CALCUTT, A BRITISH LAWYER REPRESENTING THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, HAD PRODUCED TWO AFFIDAVITS THAT RAY WAS SEEN BUYING A RIFLE IN BIRMINGHAM, ALA., AND FLEEING FROM AN APARTMENT BUILDING OPPOSITE THE MOTEL WHERE KING WAS SHOT.

AN AMERICAN FINGERPRINT EXPERT TESTIFIED THAT PRINTS ON THE RIFLE AND OTHER EQUIPMENT WERE THE SAME AS THOSE OF RAY AND OF SNEYD.

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1155: 3RD ADD LONDON RAY--TESTIMONY:

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SCOTLAND YARD POLICE SUPERINTENDENT ARTHUR BUTLER SAID THAT AFTER HIS ARREST AT LONDON'S HEATHROW AIRPORT, HE TOLD SNEYD HE BELIEVED HE WAS JAMES EARL RAY ALIAS ERIC STARVO GALT. HE WENT ON:

"THE ACCUSED HAD BEEN STANDING UP, BUT AT THIS POINT HE SUDDENLY SLUMPED DOWN ON THE SEAT BEHIND HIM AND HE PUT HIS HEAD IN HIS HANDS AND SAID 'OH GOD!'"

AFTER A MOMENT HE HAD ADDED: "I FEEL SO TRAPPED."

BUT SNEYD LATER DENIED IN COURT THAT HE SAID OR DID ANY OF THESE THINGS WHEN CHALLENGED. HE SAID HE HAD MADE NO STATEMENT TO THE POLICE AND HAD REFUSED TO SIGN HIS FINGERPRINT FORM.

WHEN HE WAS CALLED TO THE WITNESS BOX HIS LAWYER SAID HE DID NOT WANT HIS CLIENT TO TAKE THE OATH OR TO AFFIRM TO THE TRUTH OF HIS TESTIMONY.

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OF THE ADVICE OF HIS DEFENDING COUNSEL, ROGER FRISBY, HE SAID HE DID NOT WISH TO SIGN THE STATEMENT OF EVIDENCE.

DETECTIVES LED THE WITNESS BOX AS SNEYD--OR RAY--GAVE HIS EVIDENCE.

IT WAS PART OF THE NOW-FAMILIAR, STRINGENT SECURITY PRECAUTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN MOUNTED FOR ALL THREE OF HIS COURT APPEARANCES.

THEY INCLUDE EXTRA POLICE IN THE COURTROOM AND THE FRISKING OF SPECTATORS AND REPORTERS FOR CONCEALED WEAPONS. THE CASE CONTINUES.

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LOKHOV 22 - James Earl Ray "seems" to be an easy-going  
 fugitive until conditions change. Last night, after his arrest  
 "yesterday" overnight, he was found and brought to his home. He  
 has a reputation of being a "good" man, but he was  
 sentenced to an American prison and he is now in the  
 custody of his own people.

that it must cut off the supply of arms and ammunition for Germany. He also said that the British Government would be prepared to supply arms and ammunition to the Polish Government, but that it would be necessary to wait until the Polish Government had been established in London.

The West Hotel in Naples, where he stayed and called himself "Samuel Joseph Poyd", provided a double anonymous line to the outside world.

It is a cream-painted three-story building in a street filled with others just like it. A grand entrance leads to the British Overseas Airways terminal and the new Victoria continental rail depot.

There's no name on the black-painted door and the electric sign above it only says "Switch." The push-button by the knocker is labeled "Bell." The telephone number is unlisted. The box is discreet.

Rural drivers have never heard of the lost hotel. Nor has the nearby milk depot. Nor the townland.

Anna Thomas, the Swedish-born 54-year-old wife of an Englishman, bought the place recently, redecorated it from top to bottom, and opened in April. She has seven rooms and can accommodate a total of 12 guests.

He saw little of Sneya during the three days he was with her from last Wednesday to Saturday. He was already lying low.

...in the middle of a violent winter storm Wednesday evening, 11 p.m., Thompson said Monday. "There was no one in the hotel because it was closed and no one was visiting my 36-year-old mother in the hotel."

He had only an airline bag, no luggage, but I gave him 10, 15 on the ground floor. He offered not single gentlemen with only an airline bag, coming over to the office. He said, "I'll be back."

Mr. Thompson said he'd like to know what to say.

"He said he was from Toronto. I asked him about Toronto. He said there was a lot of unemployment there."

but she noticed how narrow and ill he seemed.

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"He seemed so ill and stayed in bed all day. He told me he had arrived on an early flight and was very tired. He seemed very, very nervous."

The room assigned to Ray was at the rear of the ground floor. It looked out on to a tiny backyard surrounded by a wall. The wallpaper is patterned with peacocks and there are yellow drapes at the large-surfaced window. A bureau is in the corridor

There Thomas sat the only once got into the room while he was there. That was when Sam pulled out for aqiring. He found Ned wide the bed and tied up, and Ned washed his own shirt

When she brought him breakfast, the first morning he refused to open the door and told her to leave the tray outside. She asked him for the hotel register which she'd given him to sign the receipt and later with the key, but she found he hadn't signed it.

There, Thomas said, she had no visitors and only two places could call on her - a girl at British European Airways about a postponed flight booking to Germany.

Q. "I didn't know who he was when she asked for Mr. Sneyd," said Mrs. Thomas. "I said, 'Do you mean the Canadian?' and that was it."

Red telephone ringed on Thursday and again on Friday. Mr. Thomas pushed the messages under his door. He didn't open or answer.

He said he would be leaving Saturday, and I said, "and I have said to myself, Good riddance."

But she moved him upstairs to No. 3 for his last night. In the Sun Hotel, because No. 1 had been booked for someone else.

Shreve paid his hotel check with a five pound bill, the equivalent of \$12.50, then he went out for the last time through that anonymous-looking street. Cori Eo was arrested at her throw-airport a few hours later.

He said under any circumstances, not Germany, but a  
 European institution, and that was it. He said, "I'd either place  
 a double airport, or I'd use a runway here with a couple of radar  
 units, and I'd be according to the information of the British."

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There was mystery about some of Ray's earlier movements. London Airport officials first said he had been arrested upon flying in from Lisbon. Later they said he was outward bound for Brussels. Mrs. Thomas said he had been intending to fly to Germany.

Reports from Lisbon showed the man known as Snayd had certainly been in Lisbon earlier. He was registered at the third category Hotel Portugal May 3 at 3 p.m. arriving from Lisbon Airport with a flight bag and a suitcase.

The hotel has only sleeping accommodations and no restaurant service.

He signed the register as Ramon George Sneyd 34, Canadian, without profession. The name spelling error in the surname also appeared on his passport and the Canadian Embassy in Lisbon said he noted this when he asked for a new passport there.

He stayed in room No. 8 on the first floor of the hotel Portugal until May 17, when he left at 10 a.m. and paid 60.50 escudos or just over \$2 per day.

The hotel staff said he usually went out about 10 each morning, often returning 11 and 12 hours later.

He appeared to have plenty of Portuguese currency and possibly ate his meals in local restaurants or bars.

The general impression Sneyd gave the hotel staff was that of a man of few words.

What he might have done in Portugal was not clear. But Ian Colvin, a reporter for the London Daily Telegraph who has close contacts with European groups recruiting foreign mercenaries in Africa, said he talked with a man calling himself Ramon Sneyd several times by telephone last Sunday; the conversation gave a hint.

Colvin said: "When we first spoke, a Canadian or perhaps an American voice said to me: 'This is Ramon Sneyd. I want to join my brother who has been in Portuguese Angola.'"

Ray has 10 brothers and sisters. None is known to be outside the United States.

Colvin said Ray called him again last Thursday and said: "This time he was more explicit. He said his brother was not missing but that he had not seen him for four months. It was not so much that he wanted to start a search for his brother, but he wished to become a mercenary in Africa himself."

Reports have circulated that some of the white mercenaries who fought in the Congo have now joined Portuguese forces battling guerrilla armies in its African territories.

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There is a lot not yet explained in Sneyd's movements between May 17, when he left the hotel in Portugal and May 22 when he turned up at the New Paris Court Hotel in London. This hotel is near the big Paris Court stadium in West London, scene of Billy Graham's British crusades. It is in an area thickly dotted with hotels, large and small, charging moderate prices.

The population of Paris Court is cosmopolitan. Here Londoners rub shoulders with Australians and New Zealanders, Canadians, Indians and Pakistanis, Negroes from Africa or Jamaica. It is a shifting population of students and workers. No one stays very long, and everyone minds his own business.

The New Paris Court Hotel is where Sneyd from May 22 to last Wednesday, when something apparently alarmed him and he shifted a couple of miles east to the even greater anonymity of Radisson Rex Hotel.

At the New Paris Court, which is usually full, Sneyd had room No. 94, a third-floor single. Jane Mason, 21-year-old receptionist, remembers Sneyd as "very quiet, nervous, pathetically shy and unsure of himself." She said he had no visitors at the hotel and no telephone messages because the hotel only serves breakfasts. He went out for his meals. He took breakfast in the hotel dining room with other guests.

Mrs. Mason said Sneyd signed the hotel register but she could not show it because the police had taken it away.

The New Paris Court Hotel, like the Rex, is near an air terminal. Only a few minutes away is the big air terminal of British European Airways, departure and arrival point for all European flights.

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 Ray, 40, took total 1,270  
 by the U.S. government  
 Associated Press writer

The U.S. government obtained Monday night a provisional British warrant charging James Earl Ray with the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., clearing ground for a formal application in the next day or two for Ray's return to the United States.

The move followed a calm and inquisitive appearance by Ray at a perfunctory, two-minute British court session during which he was assigned a British lawyer in what legal experts said could be his first move to fight extradition for trial.

It was the first bit of legal sparring in a case capable of spiralling into months of argument if the suspect contests the U.S. Justice Department request to extradite him "very soon." Legal sources said the earliest possible date for Ray's return would be June 23, but arguments could run into August if there is a battle.

Quick movement was already delayed Monday when Ray, 40, was ordered held without bail by Chief Magistrate Frank Milton, for a hearing June 16. The issuance of the warrant followed.

Asst. U.S. Atty. Gen. Fred M. Vinson Jr., is expected to make formal application to Britain's home secretary for extradition as soon as he receives the necessary documentation from the United States.

The home secretary, James Callaghan, will forward the application to the chief magistrate at Bow Street Court who will consider whether the documentary evidence submitted by Vinson would be substantial for extradition. The application is expected to reach the court on Tuesday.

Ray will then have 15 days to apply for a writ of habeas corpus.

Under British law and the 1958 treaty of extradition between Britain and the United States, the home secretary cannot surrender Ray to U.S. authorities before 15 days have passed.

Security measures so tight that even lawyers submitted to frisking, were in effect when Ray, husky and straight shouldered, was brought into court Monday. No one except the police and legal officers had seen Ray since his arrest Saturday when he tried to board a plane for Brussels.

Under the name Sneyd, Ray was charged with using a false passport with that name and carrying an unlicensed, loaded gun. There was no mention in court of the name Ray or of the American charges against him.

Sitting a few feet from the suspect was Vinson, who went directly from the court to a second day of consultations with British officials in his effort to speed up Ray's extradition.

U.S. legal officials in London had said earlier "the process toward extradition is already in motion and we hope to get him back to the United States very soon."

Ray is sought on an American federal warrant charging that he took part in a conspiracy to deprive King of his civil rights. He is also charged by a Tennessee court with first-degree murder in the slaying of King in Memphis April 4.

The suspect was flanked by two policemen as he faced the bench. For security reasons, Ray did not mount the raised witness stand. A cordon of police stood between him and the gallery in back of the room, providing a human shield against any possible attempt on Ray's life.

A score of policemen stood against the walls, eyeing the spectators, who included a few Negroes and four women.

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Ray looked the picture of holiday weather-well tanned, his straight black hair combed back and tinged with gray at the temples. He wore a dark blue suit with brown check and a blue shirt. He stood quietly with his hands folded behind his back. He didn't turn his head, and seemed to ignore the 100 or so newsmen, police and spectators crammed into the back of the court.

Detective Superintendent Thomas Butler, in a low voice, named Ray as Sneyd and listed the charges. He then asked for a "remand" - that Ray be held in custody - until June 12. This is a normal procedure used while the British prosecution prepares its case.

The judge accepted Ray's written application for a lawyer, who was later named as Michael Dresden. His office refused to comment on the case.

Before Ray left the court, Milton asked in a barely audible voice if he wanted legal restrictions on press coverage lifted.

Ray replied firmly: "No, sir."

Milton then asked Ray: "Do you have anything to say?"

Again, the firm answer: "No, sir."

Milton ordered Ray held for a further hearing next Tuesday and the prisoner was swiftly escorted out of the courtroom and into a van believed headed to the top security Brixton Prison.

About 300 spectators and newsmen had lined up for more than two hours in the warm sunshine before the great oak doors to Bow Street Court swung open just after 10 a.m. The crowd surged forward but was blocked by a dozen plain-clothesmen.

The onlookers and newsmen were admitted one by one and searched from head to toe for concealed weapons. Only the first 100 were admitted. The rest, including flower sellers from neighboring Covent Gardens and a few tin-striped businessmen, had to wait outside.

The warrant granted by the Bow Street Court will be served on Ray, arrested here under the name Ramon George Sneyd, by British police in his prison cell.

It is expected that Ray will be moved from Brixton Prison where he is now held to Wandsworth Prison later this week. This move is being made so that two police officers may be stationed in Ray's cell to keep a 24-hour watch on him.

Under the regime at Wandsworth Prison, Ray will be permitted to wear his own clothes and buy his own food. He will not be required to work and limited visiting privileges will be granted, principally to permit him to see his attorneys.

It is expected that the application for an extradition order will be made both on the charge of murder and that of robbery for which he was serving a sentence in Missouri State penitentiary when he escaped.

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1052: KING--EMBASSY:

LISBON, JUNE 9, REUTER - THE CANADIAN EMBASSY HERE CONFIRMED TODAY THAT ON MAY 16 THEY ISSUED A NEW PASSPORT TO A MAN NAMED RAMON GEORGE 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 (FBI) SAID IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY THAT A RAMON GEORGE SNEYD ARRESTED AT LONDON AIRPORT WAS RAY, WHO HAD TWO FALSE CANADIANS PASSPORTS--ONE ISSUED IN LISBON.

A WORLD-WIDE MANHUNT FOR RAY, 40, HAD BEEN UNDER WAY SINCE THE MURDER OF DR. KING AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, ON APRIL 4.

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1054: KING--EMBASSY 2 LISBON:

THE EMBASSY SPOKESMAN HERE SAID SNEYD CALLED AT THE EMBASSY AND REQUESTED THAT THE SPELLING OF HIS NAME BE CORRECTED IN HIS PASSPORT.

IT HAD BEEN WRITTEN IN THE PASSPORT AS "SNEYA," HE SAID.

THE EMBASSY TOLD HIM THE ORIGINAL PASSPORT WOULD HAVE TO BE CANCELLED, BUT ONLY ISSUED HIM WITH A NEW ONE AFTER HE HAD PRODUCED A BIRTH CERTIFICATE PROVING HIS IDENTITY. THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE CANCELLED PASSPORT WAS HANDED TO SNEYD AT THE SAME TIME.

HE SAID THAT PICTURES PRODUCED BY SNEYD FOR HIS PASSPORT DID NOT AT ALL RESEMBLE PICTURES OF JAMES EARL RAY PUBLISHED IN VARIOUS NEWSPAPERS.

IN OTTAWA YESTERDAY ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE SAID THAT A PASSPORT HAD BEEN ISSUED TO SNEYD ON APRIL 25 BUT THEY WERE UNAWARE THAT A SECOND ONE HAD BEEN ISSUED IN LISBON.

THEY QUICKLY REALISED THE OTTAWA APPLICATION IN THE NAME OF SNEYD WAS FRAUDULENT AND TIPPED OFF THE FBI AND BRITAIN'S SCOTLAND YARD, THE CANADIAN POLICE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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LONDON--A MAGISTRATE TODAY ORDERED A SCOWLING JAMES EARL RAY HELD WITHOUT BAIL ON GUN AND PASSPORT VIOLATIONS IN BRITAIN. U.S. ATTORNEYS 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 FRUIT DISTRICT, THE 40-YEAR-OLD ESCAPED CONVICT -- HALF DRAGGED TO THE DOCK BY 12 POLICE GUARDS -- SPOKE CALMLY.

RAY SAID "NO" BOTH TIMES. ONCE HE WAS ASKED BY MAGISTRATE FRANK MILTON IF HE OBJECTED TO LIMITING PRESS COVERAGE OF HIS HEARING. THE SECOND TIME HE HAD BEEN ASKED IF HE HAD A LAWYER.

MILTON GRANTED HIM LEGAL AID, A FREE ATTORNEY, AND ORDERED HIM HELD IN JAIL UNTIL AT LEAST JUNE 13. IT GAVE PROSECUTION AND DEFENSE MORE TIME TO PREPARE TO ARGUE RAY'S CASE AGAINST CHARGES HE HELD FRAUDULENT PASSPORTS AND A GUN AND FIVE BULLETS ILLEGALLY WHEN ARRESTED SATURDAY AT LONDON AIRPORT AT THE END OF A WORLDWIDE HUNT THAT BEGAN APRIL 4 WHEN KING WAS SLAIN IN MEMPHIS, TENN.

U.S. LEGAL OFFICIALS HAD HOPED FOR A QUICK EXTRADITION. BUT RAY WAS GIVEN BENEFIT OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS KING CHAMPIONED IN THE U.S.

BUNDLED INTO A PADDY WAGON, ESCORTED BY POLICE CRUISERS, RAY WAS TAKEN FROM THE COURT TO BRIXTON PRISON, A GRIMY, BRICK COMPOUND IN A WORKING CLASS AREA OF LONDON.

RAY SPENT HIS MOMENT IN COURT INSIDE AN EIGHT BY THREE FOOT WROUGHT IRON DOCK, SIX UNIFORMED AND SIX PLAINCLOTHES POLICE AROUND HIM. ONE WAS THOMAS BUTLER, THE SCOTLAND YARD "FLYING SQUAD" CHIEF WHO ARRESTED HIM.

THE DEFENDANT WORE THE CHECKED, GRAY GREEN SPORTS JACKET, THE BLUE COTTON SPORTS SHIRT AND DARK SLACKS HE WORE INTO CAPTIVITY WHEN CAUGHT IN THE AIRPORT EN ROUTE FROM LISBON TO BRUSSELS.

TO RAY'S RIGHT, ON A HARD WOODEN BENCH IN THE COURT WHERE CHARLES DICKENS ONCE TOOK NOTES FOR HIS NOVELS, SAT U.S. ASST. ATTY. GEN. FRED M. VINSON. HE FLEW INSUNDAY TO HELP SPEED UP EXTRADITION. BEHIND RAY -- KEPT EIGHT FEET DISTANT -- WERE NEWSMEN AND SPECTATORS. ALL SEARCHED FOR WEAPONS BY POLICE.

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MEMPHIS--SECRETIVE SWIFTNESS APPARENTLY WILL BE THE ORDER OF THE DAY WHEN, AAND IF, JAMES EARL RAY, THE ACCUSED ASSASSIN OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., IS RETURNED TO MEMPHIS TO STAND TRIAL FOR MURDER.

DISTRICT ATTY. GEN. PHIL CANALE, WHO FOR YEARS HAS LEFT ACTIVE PROSECUTION OF CRIMINAL CASES TO OTHER MEMBERS OF HIS 19-MAN STAFF, INDICATED HE WOULD PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN RAY'S TRIAL. HE SAID A REQUEST FOR EXTRADITION WOULD BE MADE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

CANALE, SHELBY COUNTY SHERIFF WILLIAM MORRIS AND CITY POLICE DIRECTOR FRANK HOLLoman SAID RAY MOST LIKELY WOULD BE SAFELY BEHIND BARS HEE BEFORE THE WORLD LEARNED OF HIS RETURN.

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JEFFERSON, CITY, MO.--THE STATE OF MISSOURI SUNDAY REQUESTED THE RETURN OF JAMES EARL RAY.

RAY ESCAPED FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY APRIL 23, 1967, WHERE HE WAS SERVING A 20-YEAR SENTENCE FOR ARMED 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 MISSOURI WOULD ASK THAT ITS EXTRADITION REQUEST BE GIVEN PRECEDENT OVER THAT OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. KING WAS SHOT IN MEMPHIS, APRIL 4.

HEARNES SAID THAT FOR LEGAL REASONS HE COULD MAKE NO FURTHER COMMENT IN THE MATTER.

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Winnon is expected to produce a certificate from the warden of the Missouri Penitentiary that Ray is an escaped prisoner, and additional documentation from witnesses on the murder charge.

The extradition proceedings will be held in open court. Normally, the documentation submitted would be read in court. Legal sources expect Ray to ask for a new team of attorneys to defend him on the extradition request. The attorneys then would be likely to ask for time to study the case.

If convicted on a charge of entering Britain illegally, Ray could simply be deported. However, legal experts here say there is a strong tradition against using this measure as a substitute for extradition.

The 15-day period following the extradition hearing is designed to permit an appeal to the High Court. This presumably could be dealt with quickly by the High Court, but if Ray's attorneys raised a point of law a further appeal could be made to the House of Lords.

The extradition treaty provides that a person shall not be surrendered for a "political offense." This might form a possible basis for appeal on Ray's behalf.

As Ray appeared in court, tips and pieces emerged of the life he led while on the run. Ray entered Canada April 3, spent until May 6 in Toronto, then left aboard a BOAC plane for London. He went from there to Lisbon May 8, and stayed in the Portuguese capital until May 17.

It is believed he then returned to London, traveling on the Canadian passport he obtained in Lisbon. He had received one earlier in Toronto by applying through the mails, using the name of Sneyd, a Toronto constable. But Ray did not resurface until May 23 in London.

He apparently had an idea of going on to Brussels, where he thought he might join a mercenary army and ship out to Africa. This supposition grew out of his report of a British journalist, Ian Colvan, who said a man identifying himself as Mamon Sneyd questioned him by telephone last week about joining a mercenary group.

Police in Toronto, London and Lisbon were directing their investigations toward determining if Ray had assistance—people who might have known him or helped him.

In Toronto a spokesman for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police said there was no definite indication that Ray had any contacts during the month he spent in the city.

This followed a report that Mrs. Ann Lee, the owner of a rooming house in which he stayed, said that she saw a "fat man" pass a small envelope to Ray about four days before he flew to London. Ray got the envelope on the day his rent was due and the day he paid \$245 for an excursion flight ticket to London.

The RCMP spokesman said preliminary investigation showed that the man who delivered the package did not know Ray and was simply making a delivery. "Every effort is being made to trace this man, but so far there is no indication as to who he is," the spokesman said.

Toronto Metropolitan police dismissed another report that a blonde woman calling herself "Sneyd's aunt" picked up a birth certificate for him at a provincial registrar's office. Waiters at a bar in Toronto's West End said they remember seeing Ray drinking beer and watching go-go girls on at least three occasions. He is also remembered at two pool halls where customers say he asked to shoot a game.

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1255: KING-OFFICIAL 4 LONDON:

THE ARREST FOLLOWS A WORLD-WIDE HUNT FOR THE KILLER OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER, CUT DOWN BY A SNIPER IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, LAST APRIL 4.

POLICE HERE TODAY REMAINED TIGHT-LIPPED ON DETAILS OF THE PURSUIT CONFINING THEMSELVES TO SAYING THEY ACTED IN COOPERATION WITH THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI) AND CANADIAN POLICE.

THE HUNT--SPARKED 31 DAYS AGO BY A MEMPHIS GRAND JURY'S MURDER INDICTMENT AGAINST RAY--HAD COVERED CANADA, MEXICO, PORTUGAL, AUSTRALIA, AND B

ITAIN.

THE SUSPECT SPENT THE NIGHT AT CANNON ROW POLICE STATION AND POLICE SEALED OFF ACCESS ROADS TO WARD OFF SIGHTSEERS HOPING TO CATCH A GLIMPSE OF WHAT WAS GOING ON INSIDE.

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1506 : LEAD RAY:

BY ALEXANDER CHANCELLOR:

LONDON, JUNE 9 (REUTERS)-- ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL FRED M. VINSON TODAY QUESTIONED THE ALLEGED ASSASSIN OF CIVIL RIGHTS LEADERS REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

BUT HE WOULD MAKE NO COMMENT ON THE INTERVIEW, HELD IN A LONDON POLICE STATION.

THE SUSPECTED KILLER -- IDENTIFIED BY THE F.B.I. IN WASHINGTON AS JAMES EARL RAY, 40 -- WAS ARRESTED HERE YESTERDAY AS HE ARRIVED AT LONDON AIRPORT EN ROUTE FROM LISBON, PORTUGAL, TO BRUSSELS, BELGIUM.

ASKED IF HE HOPED TO TAKE RAY WITH HIM ON HIS RETURN TO THE U.S., VINSON TOLD REPORTERS OUTSIDE THE U.S. EMBASSY HERE, "THAT IS VERY DOUBTFUL."

RAY WAS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR IN COURT MONDAY -- UNDER THE NAME OF RAMON GEORGE SNEYD -- ON CHARGES OF POSSESSING A FORGED PASSPORT AND CARRYING A FIREARM WITHOUT A CERTIFICATE.

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1159: KING-OFFICIAL:

LONDON, JUNE 9, REUTER - A TOP U.S. JUSTICE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL FLEW HERE TODAY TO SECURE THE EXTRADITION OF A 40-YEAR-OLD MAN SAID TO BE THE CHIEF SUSPECT IN THE ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING.

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL FRED M. VINSON WAS MET BY POLICE AT LONDON AIRPORT--SCENE OF YESTERDAY'S ARREST OF AN ARMED MAN IDENTIFIED IN WASHINGTON AS JAMES EARL RAY.

POLICE SWOOPED ON THE MAN--TRAVELLING UNDER THE NAME OF RAMON GEORGE SNEYD--AS HE WAS ABOUT TO BOARD A PLANE FOR BRUSSELS AND HELD HIM ON FORGED PASSPORT AND FIREARMS CHARGES.

MR. VINSON, HEAD OF THE CRIMINAL DIVISION OF THE U.S. JUSTICE DEPARTMENT, TOLD NEWSMEN ON ARRIVAL HE WAS HERE TO "EXPEDITE THE EXTRADITION OF MR. RAY."

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ASKED REACTION IN AMERICA TO THE CAPTURE, MR. VINSON SAID: "PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES ARE DELIGHTED HE HAS BEEN APPREHENDED. WE HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR HIM FOR A LONG TIME".

HE LEFT THE AIRPORT THROUGH A SIDE DOOR TO A CAR WAITING TO RUSH HIM TO THE U.S. EMBASSY FOR DISCUSSION WITH SENIOR U.S. OFFICIALS.

NEITHER EMBASSY NOR POLICE SPOKESMEN WOULD COMMENT TODAY ON WHEN THE EXTRADITION MACHINERY WOULD BE SET IN MOTION.

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1227: KING--OFFICIAL 3 LONDON:

RAY--OR SNEYD--WILL APPEAR IN COURT IN LONDON TOMORROW ON CHARGES OF POSSESSING A FORGED PASSPORT AND A FIREARM WITHOUT A CERTIFICATE.

A HOME OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID, IN THE EVENT OF AN EXTRADITION, THE UNITED STATES WOULD APPLY TO A MAGISTRATE HERE FOR AN EXTRADITION ORDER TO BE MADE AGAINST THE SUSPECT.

IF HE DECIDES ON THE EVIDENCE SUBMITTED THERE IS A PRIMA FACIE CASE AGAINST THE MAN, THE MAGISTRATE WILL ORDER HIM TO BE HANDED OVER TO U.S. POLICE OFFICERS WHO WILL ESCORT HIM BACK TO AMERICA.

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1309: RAY (SCHEDULED):

BY ALEXANDER CHANCELLOR

LONDON, JUNE 3 (REUTERS)--ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL FRED H. VINSON ARRIVED HERE TODAY "TO EXPEDITE THE EXTRADITION" OF THE ALLEGED ASSASSIN OF CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

THE MAN--IDENTIFIED BY THE F.B.I. IN WASHINGTON AS JAMES EARL RAY, 40--WAS ARRESTED HERE YESTERDAY AS HE ARRIVED AT LONDON AIRPORT EN ROUTE FROM LISBON TO BRUSSELS.

HE WAS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR IN COURT TOMORROW--UNDER THE NAME OF RAMON GEORGE SNEYD--ON CHARGES OF POSSESSING A FORGED PASSPORT AND CARRYING A FIREARM WITHOUT A CERTIFICATE.

U.S. EMBASSY OFFICIALS WERE EXPECTED TO SEEK A COURT HEARING TO HAVE HIM EXTRADITED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

VINSON, HEAD OF THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT'S CRIMINAL DIVISION, LATER MET WITH DETECTIVE CHIEF Supt. THOMAS BUTLER OF SCOTLAND YARD, WHO ORGANIZED RAY'S ARREST.

KING WAS KILLED BY A SNIPER'S BULLET IN MEMPHIS, TENN.,

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1313: 1ST ADD LONDON RAY X X X APRIL 4:

SCOTLAND YARD POLICE OFFICERS ARRESTED RAY--WHO WAS WEARING DARK GLASSES AND CARRYING A GUN--AFTER RECEIVING TIPS FROM THE F.B.I. AND THE ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE (R.C.M.P.).

ON ARRIVAL FROM WASHINGTON VINSON TOLD REPORTERS, "I AM HERE TO EXPEDITE THE EXTRADITION OF RAY."

BEFORE RAY CAN BE EXTRADITED, A MAGISTRATE MUST DECIDE IF A CASE EXISTS AGAINST HIM ON CHARGES BROUGHT BY U.S. OFFICIALS. IF THE MAGISTRATES DO DECIDE A CASE EXISTS, THEY WILL PROBABLY COMMIT HIM TO PRISON UNTIL THE HOME OFFICE (INTERIOR MINISTRY) ISSUES AN ORDER FOR HIM TO BE HANDLED OVER.

WITH APPEALS, LEGAL EXPERTS SAID THE PROCEDURE COULD TAKE THREE WEEKS.

(IN LISBON, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PORTUGUESE INTERNATIONAL SECURITY POLICE (P.I.D.E.) SAID THEY HAD NO INDICATION RAY WAS IN PORTUGAL SATURDAY.

(HOWEVER, HE SAID THEY HAD PROOF RAY--UNDER THE NAME OF SNEYD--WAS THERE MAY 3 AND LEFT FOR LONDON MAY 17. DURING THAT PERIOD HE STAYED AT A LISBON HOTEL, WHICH THE SPOKESMAN WOULD NOT NAME.

(HE SAID P.I.D.E. WAS CONTACTED ABOUT RAY BY THE F.B.I. AFTER HE HAD LEFT THE COUNTRY.)

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1313: 2ND ADD LONDON RAY X X X COUNTRY:

THE HUNT FOR RAY WAS THE BIGGEST IN THE HISTORY OF THE F.B.I. MORE THAN 8,000 POLICE THROUGHOUT THE 50 STATES WERE INVOLVED.

IT STARTED 31 DAYS AGO AFTER A MEMPHIS GRAND JURY RETURNED A FIRST-DEGREE MURDER INDICTMENT AGAINST HIM.

THE R.C.M.P. CHECKED UP TO 100,000 PASSPORT APPLICATIONS BEFORE FINDING A PICTURE RESEMBLING PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY.

THEY DISCOVERED TWO CANADIAN PASSPORTS WERE ISSUED TO HIM UNDER THE NAME OF SNEYD IN OTTAWA APRIL 25 AND IN LISBON MAY 16.

THE CANADIAN EMBASSY IN LISBON INFORMED IT ISSUED A NEW PASSPORT LAST MONTH TO A MAN OF THAT NAME, BUT SAID PICTURES PRODUCED BY SNEYD BORE NO RESEMBLANCE TO PUBLISHED PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY.

SNEYD APPLIED FOR THE NEW PASSPORT BECAUSE HE CLAIMED HIS NAME WAS SPOelled INCORRECTLY AS "SNEYA" IN THE PASSPORT ISSUED TO HIM IN OTTAWA.

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1607: RAY--PORTUGUESE:

LISBON, PORTUGAL, JUNE 9 (REUTERS)--JAMES EARL RAY, THE SUSPECTED ASSASSIN OF REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING, SPENT NINE DAYS AT A THIRD CLASS HOTEL HERE LAST MONTH LIVING IN ALMOST COMPLETE ISOLATION.

HE RECEIVED NO CALLERS AND MADE NO TELEPHONE CALLS, GENTIL LUIS, A PORTER AT THE HOTEL PORTUGAL NEAR LISBON'S CENTRAL "ROSSIO" SQUARE, TOLD REPORTERS TODAY.

RAY--ARRESTED IN LONDON SATURDAY UNDER THE NAME OF RAMON GEORGE SNEYD--REGISTERED AT THE HOTEL MAY 8 AND LEFT MAY 17.

HE NEVER HAD A MEAL OR DRINK IN HIS 55 ESCUDOS (1.92 DOLLAR) A NIGHT SINGLE ROOM AND ON THE RARE TIMES HE SPOKE TO THE HOTEL STAFF HE USED ENGLISH OR BROKEN SPANISH, GENTIL SAID.

HE DRESSED LIKE A MIDDLE-CLASS AMERICAN TOURIST, WORE DARK GLASSES AND WAS A "BAD TIPPER," HE ADDED.

"ON MAY 17 SNEYD CALLED FOR HIS BILL, PAID IT, GAVE US NO TIPS AND LEFT WITHOUT SAYING WHERE HE WAS HEADING," GENTIL SAID.

EARLIER, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PORTUGUESE INTERNATIONAL SECURITY POLICE (P.I.D.E.) CONFIRMED RAY WAS HERE MAY 8-17 BUT SAID THEY WERE TOLD BY THE F.B.I. TO LOOK FOR HIM UNDER THE NAME SNEYD AFTER MAY 17.

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THE DISSIMILARITY IN PHOTOGRAPHS SNEYD PRODUCED FOR HIS PASSPORT AND THOSE OF RAY CARRIED IN LOCAL NEWSPAPERS INDICATE HE MAY HAVE SOUGHT TO CHANGE PASSPORTS TO SUBSTITUTE PICTURES.

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THE SPOKESMAN SAID P.I.D.E. HAD NO INFORMATION SNEYD WAS HERE SATURDAY, AND AIRLINE OFFICIALS SAID THE FLIGHT TO BRUSSELS CARRIED NO MENTION OF THE NAME SNEYD ON ITS PASSENGER LIST.

THE OFFICIALS SAID HE HE TRAVELED FROM HERE, HE EITHER USED AN ASSUMED NAME OR WAS ON TRANSIT FROM ANOTHER AIRPORT.

(RAY WAS ARRESTED AT LONDON AIRPORT EN ROUTE FROM LISBON TO BRUSSELS, THE F.B.I. SAID IN WASHINGTON).

SNEYD WAS GIVEN A NEW PASSPORT HERE MAY 16, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CANADIAN EMBASSY IN LISBON CONFIRMED. BUT, HE SAID, THE PICTURE ON THE PASSPORT BORE NO LIKENESS TO THAT OF RAY.

SNEYD REQUESTED A NEW PASSPORT AFTER COMPLAINING AN EARLIER ONE ISSUED IN OTTAWA SPOILED HIS NAME "SNEYA."

THE EMBASSY TOLD HIM THE ORIGINAL PASSPORT WOULD HAVE TO BE CANCELLED, BUT ONLY ISSUED HIM WITH A NEW ONE AFTER HE PRODUCED A BIRTH CERTIFICATE PROVING HIS IDENTITY, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

THE CANCELLED PASSPORT WAS HANDLED TO SNEYD AT THE SAME TIME.

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1924: KING--RETURN:

WASHINGTON, JUNE. 3 (REUTERS)--A TOP JUSTICE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL PREPARED TO FLY TO LONDON TONIGHT TO SECURE THE "EXPEDITIOUS RETURN" TO THE UNITED STATES OF JAMES EARL RAY, ACCUSED ASSASSIN OF CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER MARTIN LUTHER KING.

A BRIEF DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED SAID ASSISTANT ATTORNEY-GENERAL FRED M. VINSON, JR., HEAD OF THE CRIMINAL DIVISION, WOULD LEAVE TONIGHT TO "REVIEW ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED STATES THE CUSTODY, PROTECTION AND EXPEDITIOUS RETURN TO THIS COUNTRY OF JAMES EARL RAY."

RAY, A 40-YEAR OLD ESCAPED CONVICT, WAS SEIZED BY SCOTLAND YARD DETECTIVES AT LONDON AIRPORT THIS MORNING.

RAY, ACCUSED IN BRITAIN OF USING A FRAUDULENT PASSPORT AND CARRYING A CONCEALED WEAPON, IS AT PRESENT HELD AT CANNON ROW POLICE STATION AND IS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR IN COURT ON MONDAY.

THE U.S. IS SEEKING HIS EXTRADITION FOLLOWING A GRAND JURY INDICTMENT CHARGING HIM WITH THE MURDER OF KING IN MEMPHIS, TENN., APRIL 4.

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Ray--Timeline

TORONTO, AP

Here is a timeline of events leading to the arrest of James Earl Ray, suspected assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. April 4 at Memphis, Tenn.

April 8--Arrived in Toronto, taking room at 102 Ossington Ave. on the fringe of central Toronto in the name of Paul Bridgman.

April 11--Had passport photos taken at a downtown studio, using name Bridgman. A letter purporting to be from Bridgman was received by the provincial secretary's office and a birth certificate was mailed to 102 Ossington Ave., Toronto. It was accompanied later marked "Person Unknown."

April 16--Using the name Ramon George Sneyd, he asked Kennedy Travel Bureau to get him passport and round-trip ticket to London.

April 17--Passport application was sent to Ottawa.

April 18--An application for a birth certificate to the provincial secretary in the name of Sneyd was received and a certificate was mailed to 962 Dundas St. E.

April 19--Moved into Dundas Street rooming house, also on fringe of central Toronto.

April 21--Passport was approved in Ottawa and returned to Kennedy Travel Bureau.

May 2--Dundas Street rooming house landlady said a fat man called on Ray and gave him envelope.

May 6--Flew to London.

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1528: NIGHTLEAD KING (SCHEDULED):

BY ALEXANDER CHANCELLOR

LONDON, JUNE 8 (REUTERS)--JAMES EARL RAY, ACCUSED ASSASSIN OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, WAS ARRESTED TODAY AT LONDON AIRPORT, SCOTLAND YARD ANNOUNCED.

THE 40-YEAR-OLD FUGITIVE, AN ESCAPED CONVICT, WAS APPREHENDED AS HE SOUGHT IMMIGRATION CLEARANCE IN TRANSIT FROM LISBON, PORTUGAL, TO BRUSSELS, BELGIUM, POLICE SAID.

THE ARREST, AT 11:15 A.M. (6:15 A.M. E.D.T.), WAS MADE BY SCOTLAND YARD ON THE BASIS OF INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY THE F.B.I. IN WASHINGTON AND THE ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE IN OTTAWA.

HE CARRIED A LOADED PISTOL IN HIS HIP POCKET AND POSSESSED TWO FRAUDULENT CANADIAN PASSPORTS UNDER THE ALIAS OF "RAMON GEORGE SNEYD" WHEN HE WAS STOPPED NEAR THE IMMIGRATION DESK AT HEATHROW AIRPORT, POLICE SAID.

RAY, ACCUSED OF THE SNIPER KILLING OF THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE WINNING CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER APRIL 4 IN MEMPHIS, TENN., WAS TAKEN TO CANNON ROW POLICE STATION, NEAR BUCKINGHAM PALACE, AND PLACED UNDER HEAVY GUARD.

BRITISH AUTHORITIES CHARGED HIM WITH CARRYING A FIREARM WITHOUT A CERTIFICATE AND USING FORGED PASSPORTS. F.B.I. DIRECTOR J. EDGAR HOOVER ANNOUNCED IN WASHINGTON THAT THE AGENCY WOULD SEEK HIS EXTRADITION ON THE BASIS OF A FIRST DEGREE MURDER CHARGE ISSUED APRIL 17 IN MEMPHIS.

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RAY, WHO STANDS NEARLY SIX FEET TALL, WAS WEARING EYE GLASSES, A LIGHT-COLORED RAINCOAT, A SPORTS JACKET AND GREY PANTS WHEN HE WAS ARRESTED.

HE WAS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR IN BOW STREET MAGISTRATE'S COURT MONDAY TO FACE THE BRITISH CHARGES, AUTHORITIES SAID.

THE ARREST ENDED ONE OF THE MOST EXTENSIVE MANDATES IN HISTORY SEARCHING COVERING ALL 50 STATES, CANADA, MEXICO, PORTUGAL, BRITAIN AND OTHER NATIONS.

THE FIRST BREAK IN THE SEARCH SINCE RAY WAS IDENTIFIED AS THE KILLER BY THE F.B.I. 13 DAYS AFTER KING WAS FATAALLY SHOT BY A SNIPER'S BULLET WHILE STANDING ON A MEMPHIS MOTEL BALCONY.

SEVERAL DAYS AGO IN OTTAWA, AUTHORITIES SAID.

SHORTLY AFTER THE F.B.I. IDENTIFIED RAY AS KING'S KILLER, THE CANADIAN MOUNTIES BEGAN PROBING THE FILES OF THE CANADIAN EXTERNAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT IN OTTAWA, EXAMINING UP TO 400,000 PHOTOGRAPHS.

AFTER SEVERAL DAYS, THEY DISCOVERED A PHOTO OF A MAN WHO APPEARED TO BE RAY--A SMALL SEAR IN THE CENTER OF HIS FOREHEAD--

FILED WITH DOCUMENTS FOR A PASSPORT ISSUED APRIL 25, THREE WEEKS AFTER THE ASSASSINATION, IN OTTAWA IN THE NAME OF RAMON GEORGE SNEYD.

A SPOKESMAN SAID THE CANADIAN AUTHORITIES DISCOVERED SEVERAL DAYS AGO THAT THE PASSPORT APPLICATION--PRESENTED BY MAIL--AND OTHER DOCUMENTS WERE FRAUDULENT.

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OTTAWA AUTHORITIES APPARENTLY WERE UNAWARE THAT A SECOND CANADIAN PASSPORT--ALSO ISSUED IN THE NAME OF RAMON GEORGE SNEYD-- WAS ISSUED MAY 16 BY THE CANADIAN EMBASSY IN LISBON.

TRACING RAY'S TRAVELS IN CANADA, CANADIAN AUTHORITIES LEARNED THAT HE WAS HEADING FOR BRITAIN AND POSSIBLY ELSEWHERE IN EUROPE AND TIPPED OFF THE F.B.I. AND SCOTLAND YARD, AUTHORITIES SAID.

RAY, WHO THE F.B.I. SAID USED THE NAME OF ERIC STARVO GALT AND OTHER ALIASES, HAS A LONG CRIMINAL RECORD. HE WAS FIRST CONVICTED OF VURGLARY IN LOS ANGELES IN 1949, OF ROBBERY IN CHICAGO IN 1952, AND OF FORGERY IN MISSOURI IN 1955. HIS LAST CONVICTION WAS IN 1960.

RAY, BORN IN ALTON, ILL., HID IN A BIG WOODEN BREAD BOX TO ESCAPE FROM THE MISSOURI PRISON BAKERY IN JEFFERSON CITY LAST YEAR WHILE SERVING A 20-YEAR TERM FOR ARMED ROBBERY AND CAR THEFT.

WARDEN HAROLD SWENSON DESCRIBED RAY AS "EXTREMELY DANGEROUS, COLD-BLOODED AND RUTHLESS."

HE IS ACCUSED OF FIRING A BULLET FROM A ROOMING HOUSE WINDOW ABOUT 200 FEET FROM THE LORRAINE MOTEL BALCONY IN MEMPHIS, FATALLY WOUNDING AMERICA'S BEST-KNOWN CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER IN THE NECK APRIL

4. THIRTY-NINE-YEAR-OLD MARTIN LUTHER KING DIED AN HOUR LATER, AND HIS ASSASSINATION SENT A WAVE OF NEGRO RIOTING ACROSS THE NATION WHICH KILLED ABOUT 40 PERSONS AND CAUSED MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN PROPERTY DAMAGE.

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1353: RAY-MINUTES:

LONDON, JUNE 10 (REUTERS)--SCOTLAND YARD ORDERED JAMES EARL RAY HELD SATURDAY AT HEATHROW AIRPORT JUST FOUR MINUTES BEFORE HIS PLANE WAS TO TAKEOFF FOR BRUSSELS, POLICE SOURCES SAID TODAY.

SPECIAL BRANCH POLICEMEN AT THE AIRPORT WERE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR A MAN USING A CANADIAN PASSPORT MADE OUT TO RAYMOND GEORGE SNEYD, THE NAME RAY ALLEGEDLY USED TO GET INTO BRITAIN.

WHEN THEY FOUND THE MAN THEY TELEPHONED SCOTLAND YARD, WHICH ORDERED THE MAN BE HELD.

THE SOURCES SAID THAT SCOTLAND YARD ORDERED RAY HELD JUST FOUR MINUTES BEFORE HIS PLANE WAS SCHEDULED TO TAKEOFF.

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1331: 1ST ADD WASHINGTON RAY-EXTRADITION:  
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STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ROBERT J. MCCLOSKEY SAID HE EXPECTED THE U.S. EMBASSY IN LONDON WOULD REQUEST EXTRADITION ON CHARGES OF MURDER AND ARMED ROBBERY.

RAY, A 40-YEAR-OLD ESCAPED CONVICT, WAS ARRESTED AT LONDON AIRPORT LAST SATURDAY AND IS AT PRESENT BEING HELD IN BRITAIN ON CHARGES OF POSSESSING A FORGED CANADIAN PASSPORT AND CARRYING A CONCEALED WEAPON WITHOUT A PERMIT.

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LONDON, JUNE 10 (REUTERS)--A BRITISH COURT ORDERED JAMES EARL RAY

held without bail Monday for a hearing June 19 and the United States obtained a provisional British warrant charging him with the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The formal application for Ray's extradition will be made by the U.S. government in the next day or two. Legal experts said this meant the earliest Ray could be returned to face trial in the United States is June 20.

But they added if he decides to fight extradition the case could drag on here to July or August.

Ray made the first move toward a possible flight by obtaining a British lawyer after his preliminary appearance in Bow Street court Monday morning.

The 40-year-old, who was 6'2" and had 1000 relating to his legal record, was released June 10.

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1518: NIGHTHEAD RAY (SCHEDULED)

BY PATRICK HASSEY

LONDON, JUNE 10 (REUTERS)--THE ALLEGED ASSASSIN OF CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING APPEARED IN COURT TODAY FOR TWO MINUTES--THEN WAS WISHED OFF TO A PRISON IN ONE OF LONDON'S LARGEST, NEAREST DISTRICTS.

TOP SECURITY PRECAUTIONS WERE MOUNTED FOR THE APPEARANCE OF THE MAN--JAMES EARL RAY, ALIAS ERIC STARVO GALT.

ALIAS NAME GEORGE SNEYD, THE NAME UNDER WHICH HE WAS CHARGED, HE WAS ORDERED TO BE HELD IN CUSTODY FOR

ANOTHER HEARING JUNE 18.

JURORS AND SPECTATORS WERE SEARCHED FOR WEAPONS BY POLICE BEFORE THEY WERE ALLOWED INTO BOW STREET MAGISTRATES COURT OPPOSITE THE ROYAL OPERA HOUSE IN THE BUSTLING COVENT GARDEN FRUIT MARKET.

MANY OF THE SPECTATORS WERE COLORED.

RAY-ARRESTED SATURDAY AT LONDON AIRPORT EN ROUTE TO

LYON, PORTUGAL, TO BRUSSELS, BELGIUM--WAS CHARGED WITH

ILLEGALLY POSSESSING A CONCEALED WEAPON, A .38 CALIBER

AND FIVE ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION, AND WITH HOLDING A FORGED PASSPORT.

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MCCLOSKEY AID EXTRADITION PROCEEDINGS WOULD BE INITIATED UNDER A 1931 TREATY BETWEEN THE U.S. AND BRITAIN. THIS COVERS EXTRADITION IN CASES OF MURDER AND ROBBERY WITH VIOLENCE.

HE SAID EXTRADITION WOULD BE GRANTED BY BRITAIN AFTER PROBABLE CAUSE HAS BEEN SHOWN THAT THE ACCUSED ACTUALLY COMMITTED THE CRIMES FOR WHICH EXTRADITION WAS BEING SOUGHT.

RAY HAS BEEN INDICTED IN THE U.S. ON A CHARGE OF MURDERING KING IN MEMPHIS, TENN., ON APRIL 4 AND IS ALSO SOUGHT AS AN ESCAPEE FROM MISSOURI STATE PRISON, WHERE HE WAS SERVING A 20-YEAR SENTENCE FOR ARMED ROBBERY.

MCCLOSKEY SAID HE DID NOT KNOW HOW LONG IT MIGHT TAKE TO COMPLETE EXTRADITION PROCEEDINGS. HE SAID THE U.S. EMBASSY IN LONDON WOULD PROVIDE LEGAL COUNSEL FOR RAY, BUT HE

DID NOT KNOW IF EMBASSY OFFICIALS HAD YET SEEN HIM. ONCE THE EXTRADITION REQUEST WAS GRANTED, AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AGENTS WOULD RETURN RAY TO THE UNITED STATES.

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10472 RAY-EXTRADITION:

LONDON, JUNE 10-(REUTERS)- THE CASE OF JAMES EARLY RAY--ACCUSED OF KILLING REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING-- COULD POSE A LEGAL HEADACHE FOR BRITISH AUTHORITIES.

RAY, ARRESTED AT LONDON AIRPORT WHILE IN TRANSIT SATURDAY, WAS ORDERED HELD IN CUSTODY UNTIL JUNE 13 TODAY.

ON CHARGES OF POSSESSING A PISTOL WITHOUT A LICENSE AND A FORGED CANADIAN PASSPORT.

IF U.S. AUTHORITIES APPLY FOR EXTRADITION, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH A PRIMA FACIE CASE ON WHATEVER CHARGE WAS BROUGHT. AT PRESENT THERE ARE TWO COUNTS OUTSTANDING: A TENNESSEE MURDER INDICTMENT AND A FEDERAL CHARGE OF CONSPIRING TO DEPRIVE KING OF HIS CIVIL RIGHTS.

IF AN EXTRADITION WRIT IS GRANTED, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO HOLD RAY IN BRITAIN FOR A FURTHER 15 DAYS TO ALLOW FOR AN APPEAL. SUCH AN APPEAL USUALLY TAKES THE FORM OF A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS WHICH IS A REQUIREMENT TO THE DETAINING AUTHORITY TO SHOW CAUSE WHY A PRISONER SHOULD NOT BE FREED.

ALTERNATIVELY BRITISH AUTHORITIES COULD ORDER RAY DEPORTED. IN THE CASE OF A PERSON REFUSED ADMISSION TO THIS COUNTRY HE IS NORMALLY RETURNED TO THE SEA OR AIR CARRIER WHO BROUGHT HIM HERE.

IF THE SUBJECT HAS BEEN ALLOWED TO LAND IN BRITAIN, AS RAY APPARENTLY WAS, HE IS NORMALLY DEPORTED TO HIS PLACE OF ORIGIN. IN RAY'S CASE, IF IT WERE PROVED THAT HE HAD A FORGED PASSPORT, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH HIS PLACE OF ORIGIN.

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PEOPLE who encountered James Earl Ray in the month he spent in Canada after the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. say he once was handed an envelope by a fat man and that he visited a bar several times to drink beer and watch go-go dancers. Mrs. Ida Sun Loo, Ray's landlady at one of two Toronto rooming houses where he stayed, said the fat man was the only visitor who suggested Miller had in 1968. Ray got the envelope on the day his \$9-a-week rent was due and the day he paid a Toronto travel agency \$345 for a round trip air ticket to London. Ray arrived in London in mid-May and was arrested there Saturday.

A spokesman for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police said, however, detectives were not convinced that Ray was helped by accomplices while in Toronto.

"On the contrary, the only indication of that is that one man delivered an envelope and left," the spokesman said. "It may have been mail or something from a travel bureau."

Patrons of two Toronto pool halls said he showed up but walked away when asked to shoot a game.

Two waiters at the Silver Dollar Bar in the Beverly Hotel said they saw Ray sitting at a front-row table, drinking beer and watching the go-go dancers.

It was believed that Ray was at the bar with another man for two or three consecutive nights between April 30 and May 5.

A blonde dancer also said she had seen Ray. She said another dancer, Matti Stanford, pointed him out.

The dancer described the man with Ray as fair complexioned, husky and wearing a yellow T-shirt.

On Ray, she said: "He looked at go. It wasn't the way a man looks at a girl. It was . . . sort of like he didn't approve."

"The first night I smiled at him. He looked kind of disgusted," Police said Ray may have spent two months in Montreal last summer. They said a man resembling Ray and using the name of Eric Starvo Galt, one of Ray's aliases, checked into a Montreal rooming house early in July and stayed until early September.

The janitor of the rooming house, they said, identified Ray from photographs and said he thought at the time that Ray was an American tourist visiting Expo 67.

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Police informants in Brussels said authorities there had been notified about Ray's two aliases and were alerted that he might be heading there.

Few leads on people who might have had contact with Ray or helped him were turning up, but the police in Toronto, where he was months, were checking a lead from the owner of a boarding house where he stayed.

Mrs. Sun Loo said :

Few leads on people who might have had contact with Ray or helped him were turning up, but the police in Toronto, where he spent a month, were checking a lead from the owner of a boarding house where he stayed.

Mrs. Sun Loo said she saw a "fat man" pass a small envelope to Ray about four days before he flew to London May 6. She said she could not give a detailed description of the man and did not know what was in the envelope. Ray got the envelope on the day his rent was due and the day he paid \$345 for an excursion flight ticket to London.

Ray arrived in Portugal May 9 where he stayed in the Hotel Portugal until May 17 paying just over \$2 a day for his room on the first floor. Staff at the hotel recall that he was generally out of his room 15 or 16 hours a day.

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43211 URGENTRAY--EXTRADITION:

WASHINGTON, JUNE 10 (REUTERS)--THE UNITED STATES WILL MAKE  
A FORMAL EXTRADITION REQUEST TO BRITAIN IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS  
FOR THE RETURN OF JAMES EARLY RAY, ACCUSED ASSASSIN OF REV.  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, THE STATE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

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

Dresden's office declined to answer questions about the case,  
including what stand it might take on an extradition request.

A solicitor prepares the case for the accused and chooses the  
barrister who does the pleading in court.

The solicitor acts as a key link between the accused,  
the barrister and the court.

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By LAWRENCE WALKER

Associated Press Writer

LONDON, AP -- The British government started speedy official action on a formal U.S. request Wednesday for the extradition of James Earl Ray, to stand trial in Tennessee for the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

By the end of the day the application had cleared its first legal hurdle at the British Foreign Office.

But court formalities and appeals, if the 40-year-old escaped convict chooses to use them, could delay Ray's return to six weeks or even longer should the case take some unexpected turn.

U.S. officials, headed by Asst. Atty. Gen. Fred M. Vinson Jr., chief of the Justice Department's criminal divisions, beat their self-imposed deadline for handing in the petition by one day.

But parts of the petition, which was at least an inch thick when it was handed in to the Foreign Office by U.S. Consul General Jack Dorfert, apparently had been readied in advance of Ray's arrest last Saturday at London Airport as he tried to board a plane for Brussels.

The petition contained a summary of some of the evidence against Ray in King's murder at a Memphis motel April 4.

It also contained information on his escape from the Missouri State Prison while serving an armed robbery charge.

The U.S. government is seeking extradition on both counts and must satisfy a British judge that both would also be crimes under British as well as U.S. law.

The petition also contains fingerprints and other material identifying Ray as the man now being held under round-the-clock guard in London's Wandsworth Prison. Officially he is being held here as Ramon George Sneyd, travelling under a Canadian passport issued in that name and charged with passport offenses as well as carrying a loaded gun.

Within hours after receiving the petition, the Foreign Office certified that the request fell within the terms of the 1931 extradition treaty between the two countries.

It then was sent to the Home Office, roughly comparable to the U.S. Justice Department. There lawyers started a preliminary screening to ensure it established a case against Ray, as required by British law.

The Home Office said that if the petition is in order it should be in the hands of Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Frank Milton sometime Thursday.

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Associated Press Writer

James Earl Ray, who helped solved today into the mysteries of the world on last week for the extradition of the man accused of killing Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Ray has been traced to two London hotels between May 20 and his arrest Saturday, but there is an unexplained gap of about 10 days, starting May 17 when he last slipped.

U.S. agents were understood to be working with Scotland Yard detectives, but British police are doing the spatework since the FBI has no legal authority in foreign countries. Police on both sides of the Atlantic are trying to untangle Ray's travels, which last led to Canada, where he arrived after his last arrest April 4.

Ray was transferred Tuesday to a maximum security cell in Wandsworth Prison because Wandsworth Jail on London's South side was not considered secure enough.

Extradition proceedings could last two months if the 40-year-old escaped convict fights all the way through the British courts. As a first step, American authorities have obtained a provisional British warrant charging Ray with the murder of King in Memphis, Tenn. A State Department spokesman in Washington said documents to support the extradition request "will be transmitted to London shortly."

The British police are holding Ray on charges of using a forged passport and carrying a loaded gun. On Scotland Yard's records he is officially listed as Ramon George Sneyd, the name on his Canadian passport.

U.S. officials have not tried to question Ray to avoid legal complications resulting from Supreme Court decisions in recent years. And now that he has been charged under British law, Scotland Yard cannot interrogate him outside a courtroom.

While British police were trying to ascertain whether Ray had any contacts in London, detectives in Toronto were searching for a short blond man who reportedly came looking for Ray in a rooming house three or four days after the murder slay in London.

The landlady, Mrs. Fain Szabolcsi, told police about the caller, the second Ray reportedly had during his month-long stay in Toronto after the assassination of King. The first was an unidentified fat man who was reported to have called on Ray at another rooming house.

Mrs. Szabolcsi said the blond caller presented a police identification card, but both the Mounted Police and the Toronto Police said he was not a policeman.

Toronto detectives also questioned Samuel Marshall, an assistant manager of a supermarket who claimed he saw a man resembling Ray in his store on April 23. Marshall reportedly told police the man asked for employment but left when the store manager approached.

An employee in a magazine store told Toronto police a man who resembled Ray bought two gallop-horn-shaped books and paid the \$10 price in quarters. A woman who operates a variety store near one of the rooming houses where Ray stayed said he bought cigarettes there.

Mrs. Sun Lee, Ray's other landlady, who reported to have found in his room after he left for London an empty overnight bag, six rolls of film, a photographic light meter, a small empty strongbox, a can of Toronto, three girls magazines, three empty beer bottles and a dirty white shirt.

The Atlanta, Ga., Constitution, in a copyright article, said that an apartment manager in the Southern city's hippie district reported a man using the name Eric Starvo Galt stayed in his building for two to three weeks prior to the slaying of King. The name is one of the aliases used which Ray was accused by the FBI.

The manager said the man "looked more like a preacher than a convict" in 1967 and June 12.

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by COLIN WOOD

Associated Press Writer

Some legal experts suggested the British government might speed up the process by deporting Ray as an undesirable alien. But other lawyers said there is a strong tradition against using this procedure as a substitute for extradition.

The 40-year-old escaped convict was held in Brixton Prison after his two-minute appearance Monday in Bow Street Court on charges of carrying a forged passport and a loaded gun, the charges on which he was arrested at London Airport Saturday under the name of Ramon George Sneyd.

Police equipped with walkie-talkies threw a cordon around the prison and blocked all roads leading to it. Unauthorized persons were kept at least 150 yards away.

Scotland Yard was reported planning to move Ray from Brixton, three miles south of downtown London, to Wandsworth, a jail in a western suburb. Security at Wandsworth has been tightened since Ronald Arthur Briggs, one of the Great Train Robbers, disappeared over the wall there four years ago.

Ray at his first court appearance Monday was assigned a British lawyer at his own request and ordered held without bail for another hearing June 16 on the passport and gun charges.

If extradition proceedings are brought, the court will require evidence of a case against Ray and he will then have 15 days to appeal to the High Court. If Ray's lawyers raised points of law there, a further appeal might be made to the House of Lords, and the process could take months.

Some experts saw a precedent for the deportation of Ray in the case of Robert Soblen, who fled from the United States to Israel in 1962 after being sentenced to life imprisonment on charges that he was a Soviet spy. En route back to America, he stabbed himself and was taken off a plane at London for treatment.

The British government ordered Soblen out of the country as an undesirable alien and an appeals court ruled the move legal. But Soblen took poison while being sent to the airport and died.

In the two months American authorities searched for Ray following King's assassination April 4 in Memphis, Tenn., he went from the United States to Canada on April 8, to London May 1 and to Lisbon May 2. He left his Lisbon hotel on May 17 and surfaced again in London on May 26.

Police in those countries sought anyone who might have known or helped Ray, and authorities in Canada also tried to learn how Ray obtained information on the three Toronto men whose names he used as aliases.

All three men have dark hair and are about the same height and weight as Ray.

Ramon George Sneyd, whose name Ray used on his passport, is a Toronto constable. Paul Bridgman, whose name Ray used at his Toronto rooming house, is a consultant teacher with the Toronto board of education.

Ray first was sought under the name Eric Starvo Galt. Eric St. Vincent Galt, a Toronto warehouse foreman, has a signature which looks like Eric Starvo Galt. He uses the middle initials St. V., but with small e's instead of periods. Galt and Ray have similar scars, in the middle of the forehead and on the palm of the right hand.

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LONDON, June 2, Ray, AC28: Hand.

"I don't know what to think," Galt said. "It's a bit more than coincidence. The weight is right, the height range is right and the identification marks are there."

"I've wondered where our paths might have crossed, but I just don't know."

Galt said he was in the Memphis area two years ago and that he traveled regularly to Florida for skin diving in the summer. Ray, however, was in the Missouri state prison until he escaped in April 1967 with more than 12 years remaining of a 20-year sentence. Missouri also seeks Ray's extradition from Britain on the prison break charge. If he is returned to the United States, the Tennessee murder charge is expected to be given precedence over the Missouri charge and a federal charge that Ray conspired to violate Dr. King's civil rights.

Police believe Ray was the man who checked into a Montreal rooming house last summer under the name of Galt. Galt said he was not in Montreal last summer and that FBI agents told him he was the only Eric S. Galt in Canada.

Canadian police also were checking a report by Mrs. Yee Sun Loo, owner of a Toronto rooming house where Ray stayed, that a "fat man" passed an envelope to Ray on May 2, the day he paid \$245 for an excursion flight ticket to London.

A spokesman for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police said a preliminary investigation indicated the man may not have known Ray and may just have been making a delivery.

"Every effort is being made to trace this man, but so far there is no indication as to who he is," the spokesman said.

Others in Toronto who encountered a man they thought was Ray included two waiters at the Silver Roller Bar in the Waverly Hotel and a go-go dancer there. The waiters said the man sat at a front table, drinking beer and watching the dancers.

"He looked at me," said the dancer. "It wasn't the way a man looks at a girl. It was... sort of like he didn't approve. The first night I smiled at him, he looked kind of disgusted."

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(RAY)  
LONDON--THE U.S. TODAY TOOK THE FIRST LEGAL STEPS TO SECURE THE EXTRADITION OF JAMES EARL RAY, ACCUSED ASSASSIN OF MARTIN LUTHER KING.  
THE SENIOR COUNSEL OF THE U.S. EMBASSY DELIVERED A FILE OF DOCUMENTS TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE AT A BRIEF MEETING. SOURCES SAID THE FILE WOULD SEEK TO SATISFY BRITISH LAW THAT THERE IS A PRIMA FACIE CASE AGAINST RAY ON THE MURDER CHARGES.  
THE FOREIGN OFFICE MUST FIRST BE SATISFIED THAT THE CASE COMPLIES WITH THE TERMS OF THE EXTRADITION TREATY BETWEEN THE U.S. AND BRITAIN. IT WILL THEN PASS THE DOCUMENTS ON TO THE HOME OFFICE WHERE THEY WILL BE STUDIED TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL LEGAL REQUIREMENTS WILL BE MET ACCORDING TO BRITISH LAW.

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LONDON--A formal request for the extradition of Earl Ray, accused assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., was handed to the British Foreign Office today by U.S. officials.  
The documents were handed to the Foreign Office's treaties and nationalities section by U.S. Consul General Jack Norfart.

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UPI-53

(RAY)  
LISBON--LISBON'S BARS AND NIGHT CLUBS ARE BOOMING BECAUSE OF THE ARREST OF JAMES EARL RAY, THE MAN CHARGED WITH THE MURDER OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING.  
AN ARMY OF REPORTERS, CAMERAMEN AND PHOTOGRAPHERS HAS ENTERED THE CITY SINCE IT WAS DISCLOSED RAY SPENT NINE DAYS IN LISBON. JOURNALISTIC EFFORTS ARE CENTERED ON DOWNTOWN BARS IN SEARCH OF GIRLS WHO MIGHT HAVE SPENT A FEW HOURS WITH RAY.

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The U.S. Embassy declined details of the petition. It merely described it as documents required for the extradition proceedings. It stressed the urgency with which the U.S. Justice Department regards the case. Officials managed to collect the necessary documents a day ahead of their own deadline.  
The documents run several hundred pages and contain information on Ray's identification and record, including his birth in connection with King's murder and Ray's escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary where he served a 99-year sentence.  
The foreign office now must decide if the request satisfies the terms of the extradition treaty with the United States. The Home Office then rules on the validity of the murder case under British as well as U.S. law. Then the file goes to a judge for a court hearing.  
The formal extradition request came as Scotland Yard delved into the mysteries of Ray's stay in Britain.

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By COLIN PROSE  
Associated Press Writer  
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1407: NIGHTHEAD RAY (SCHEDULE):

BY ARTHUR SPIEGELMAN

LONDON, JUNE 11 (REUTERS)--JAMES EARL RAY, ALLEGED ASSAULT OF CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING, WAS MOVED TO ONE OF BRITAIN'S TOP SECURITY PRISONS TODAY.

THE TRANSFER--FROM BRIXTON PRISON IN SOUTH LONDON TO WANDSWORTH PRISON, A FEW MILES AWAY--WAS MADE TO REDUCE SECURITY RISKS.

BRIXTON, WHERE POLICE KEPT A 24-HOUR-A-DAY GUARD ON RAY IN HIS CELL, HAS MANY PRISONER AWAITING TRIAL WHO ARE PERMITTED VISITORS. WANDSWORTH HAS LONGER-TERM PRISONERS AND FEWER VISITORS.

A FORMAL REQUEST FOR THE EXTRADITION TO THE U.S. OF RAY--ARRESTED HERE SATURDAY FOUR MINUTES BEFORE BOARDING A PLANE FOR BRUSSELS, BELGIUM--WAS EXPECTED LATER THIS WEEK, RELIABLE SOURCES SAID.

IN WASHINGTON, STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS SAID DOCUMENTS NEEDED TO SUPPORT THE EXTRADITION REQUEST WERE BEING PROCESSED.

(THE DOCUMENTS PROVIDE EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT RAY'S EXTRADITION TO MISSOURI, WHERE HE IS WANTED FOR ESCAPING FROM PRISON, OR TO TENNESSEE, WHERE A MURDER INDICTMENT HAS BEEN ISSUED FOR HIM IN CONNECTION WITH THE SLAYING OF KING IN MEMPHIS, APRIL 4).

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1413: 1ST ADD LONDON NIGHTHEAD RAY:

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A COURT HERE MONDAY GRANTED AMERICAN AUTHORITIES A PROVISIONAL WARRANT FOR THE ARREST OF RAY ON A CHARGE OF MURDER.

THE MOVE WAS THOUGHT TO BE A PRECAUTION IN CASE RAY WAS FREED ON BAIL OR LEGAL TECHNICALITIES WHILE FACING CHARGES ARISING FROM HIS ARREST AT LONDON'S HEATHROW AIRPORT.

RAY, WHO WAS TRAVELING FROM LISBON, WAS CHARGED WITH HAVING A FORGED PASSPORT AND ILLEGALLY CARRYING A .38 CALIBER REVOLVER. HE APPEARED IN COURT FOR TWO MINUTES MONDAY AND WAS ORDERED HELD IN CUSTODY FOR ANOTHER HEARING JUNE 18.

RAY, 40, ALIAS ERIC STARVO GALT, WAS CHARGED UNDER THE NAME OF RAMON GEORGE SNEYD--THE NAME ON THE CANADIAN PASSPORT HE WAS CARRYING AT THE TIME OF HIS ARREST.

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BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE TO THE BRITISH HOME OFFICE (INTERIOR MINISTRY).

IT MUST SATISFY BRITISH OFFICIALS THAT THE CASE FALLS WITHIN THE TERMS OF BRITAIN'S EXTRADITION TREATY WITH THE U.S.

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IF RAY SHOULD BE SURRENDERED TO U.S. AUTHORITIES. IF AN EXTRADITION ORDER IS THEN GRANTED, RAY HAS 15 DAYS IN WHICH TO APPEAL.

THE SITUATION, HOWEVER, COULD BE FURTHER COMPLICATED IF BRITISH AUTHORITIES DECIDE TO GO AHEAD WITH THE CHARGES LEVELLED AGAINST RAY AFTER HIS ARREST.

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(RAY)

LONDON--THERE IS A CHANCE WITHIN WILL SIMPLY ORDER THE DEPORTATION OF ACCUSED ASSASSIN JAMES EARL RAY AND AVOID A LONG EXTRADITION BATTLE IN THE COURTS, U.S. SOURCES SAID TODAY.  
RAY, CHARGED WITH THE SNIPER KILLING OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, WAS IN A BRITISH PRISON TODAY WHILE OFFICIALS OF BOTH COUNTRIES WORKED OUT THE LEGAL MECHANICS FOR GETTING HIM TO TENNESSEE.  
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WITNESS:

MEMPHIS, TENN., JUNE 27 (REUTERS)--CHARLES R. STEPHENS, A WITNESS IN THE SLAYING OF REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING, WAS REPORTEDLY SEEN AT HIS USUAL HAUNTS FOR SEVERAL DAYS, IT WAS REPORTED TODAY.  
STEPHENS, 46, WHO OCCUPIED A FLAT IN THE SOUTH MAIN STREET HOUSE USED AS A BASE BY KING'S KILLER APRIL 4, WAS IDENTIFIED AS A WITNESS TODAY DURING LONDON COURT PROCEEDINGS FOR THE EXTRADITION OF JAMES EARL RAY.  
THE DOOR TO THE FLAT IN MEMPHIS WAS LOCKED TODAY. OTHER TENANTS OF THE ROOMING HOUSE SAID STEPHENS AND HIS WIFE WERE ABSENT FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS.  
FRIENDS AND ACQUAINTANCES OF STEPHENS SAID THEY HAD NOT SEEN HIM FOR SEVERAL DAYS.  
NEITHER POLICE NOR THE F.B.I. WOULD DISCUSS STEPHENS' WHEREABOUTS.  
THE LAST CONFIRMED REPORT ON STEPHENS' MOVEMENT WAS JUNE 16 WHEN POLICE ARRESTED HIM AND THREE OTHER MEN ON INTOXICATION CHARGES.  
A WAITRESS IN A NEIGHBORHOOD CAFE SAID SHE SERVED BREAKFAST TO STEPHENS JUNE 20.  
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LONDON Ray Silence After Aides There.

In Magistrate Court, neither the magistrate nor the attorney general were seen as they do in higher British courts. Chief Magistrate Wilton, a soft-spoken man with thin white hair and glasses, wore a grey suit with dots of white cuff showing. He spoke little. When the man taken from Ray at the time of his arrest was passed up to him he did not bother to touch it. The courtroom is paneled in oak and has 10 electric lights in round white globes hanging from the ceiling. There is a skylight in the roof.  
Ray Street is nearly 300 years old. It got his name because it is supposed to be shaped like a bent bow.  
The first police court was established there in 1749. Henry Fielding, the novelist who wrote "Tom Jones," was the first magistrate.  
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LONDON--THE U.S. SAID TODAY JAMES EARL RAY WAS THE "SINGLE HAND" KILLER OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. IT SAID IT WAS A "WITNESS TO DEATH."

A BRITISH LAWYER FOR THE U.S. ALLED IN A COURT IN LONDON HEARING FOR RAY'S RETURN TO LONDON TO BE CHARGED WITH THE "CALCULATED, BRUTAL AND SNEAKY MURDER" OF KING.

BRITISH BARRISTER DAVID CALCUTT SAID IN THE STREETS MAGISTRATE'S COURT THAT FINGERPRINTS CONNECTED RAY TO THE RIFLE USED TO ASSASSINATE KING.

THE ATTORNEY SAID U.S. AUTHORITIES HAD A WITNESS WHO SAW RAY ENTER A ROOMING HOUSE BATHROOM OVERLOOKING THE MOTEL WHERE KING DIED, HEARD A SHOT FIRED FROM THE BATHROOM AND WATCHED RAY COME OUT OF THE ROOM A MINUTE LATER.

CALCUTT IDENTIFIED THE WITNESS AS A "MR. STEVENS" BUT DID NOT GIVE HIS FIRST NAME.

KING WAS HIT AS HE STOOD ON A MOTEL BALCONY. INVESTIGATORS SAID THE SHOT WAS FIRED FROM THE BATHROOM WINDOW IN THE ROOMING HOUSE ACROSS THE STREET.

AS RAY STOOD -- SHOWING NO APPARENT EMOTION -- IN THE PRISONER'S DOCK, CALCUTT LOOKED AT HIM AND SAID: "THIS TRAGIC DEATH WAS THE WORK OF THIS CRIMINAL."

CALCUTT DESCRIBED THE CRIME AS "THE WORKING OF A SINGLE HAND." ONE HUNDRED POLICEMEN GUARDED RAY AT THE HEARING. HE RODE TO THE COURT IN A BLACK POLICE PADD WAGON.

A SCOTLAND YARD DETECTIVE TESTIFIED THAT RAY ADMITTED HE WAS AN AMERICAN ALTHOUGH HE CARRIED TWO CANADIAN PASSPORTS WHEN HE WAS PICKED UP.

ROGER FRISBY, THE BRITISH ATTORNEY REPRESENTING RAY, INDICATED BY HIS CROSS QUESTIONING THAT HE WOULD TRY TO ESTABLISH THE KING ASSASSINATION WAS A POLITICAL CRIME.

POLITICAL CRIMES ARE NOT COVERED BY THE EXTRADITION TREATY BETWEEN BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES.

THE TESTIMONY TODAY WAS SO LENGTHY THE BRITISH MAGISTRATE SAID THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE ANOTHER HEARING NEXT WEEK, PROBABLY AT THE END OF THE WEEK.

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BY PATRICK MASSEY

LONDON, JUNE 27 (REUTERS)--THE MAN AMERICAN AUTHORITIES ALLEGE IS THE KILLER OF REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING

DECLARED TODAY HE HAD NO GRUDGE AGAINST KING AND DID NOT KILL HIM.

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SPEAKING IN COURT AND PUBLICLY FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE HIS ARREST HERE JUNE 8 RAMON GEORGE SNEYD, WHO IS ALLEGED

TO BE JAMES EARL RAY, CHIEF SUSPECT IN THE KING

SLAYING, SAID, "I HAVE NEVER MET DR. KING.

I HAVE NEVER HAD ANY KIND OF GRUDGE AGAINST HIM."

WHEN ASKED "DID YOU KILL DR. KING?" HE REPLIED: "NO,

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LONDON, JUNE 27 (REUTERS)--THE MAN ACCUSED OF KILLING REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING SLUMPED DOWN IN HIS SEAT AND CHIED, "OH GOD, I FEEL SO TRAPPED" WHEN CHALLENGED BY BRITISH POLICE, A DETECTIVE TOLD A COURT HERE TODAY. DETECTIVE SUPERINTENDENT ARTHUR BUTLER OF SCOTLAND YARD WAS TESTIFYING IN EXTRADITION PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE MAN IDENTIFIED BY U.S. AUTHORITIES AS JAMES EARL RAY, APPEARING IN COURT HERE TODAY UNDER THE NAME OF RAMON GEORGE SNEYD. BUTLER DESCRIBED THE PRISONER'S REACTION WHEN POLICE, WHO SEIZED HIM AT LONDON'S HEATHROW AIRPORT JUNE 8, TOLD HIM THEY BELIEVED HE WAS RAY.

"THE ACCUSED HAD BEEN STANDING UP, BUT AT THIS HE SUDDENLY SLUMPED DOWN ON THE SEAT BEHIND HIM AND HE PUT HIS HEAD IN HIS HANDS AND SAID 'OH GOD,'" BUTLER SAID.

AFTER A MOMENT, HE ADDED, "I FEEL SO TRAPPED," THE DETECTIVE SAID.

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Associated Press Editor

LONDON, AP -- "Oh, God-I feel so trapped," James Earl Ray, quoted by Detective Chief Supt. Thomas Butler of Scotland Yard in a deceptively calm voice, were the dramatic high point of James Earl Ray's extradition hearing in Bow Street Magistrates Court today. There was a murmur among spectators packed at the back of the court. A dozen plain-clothed policemen stationed in the court jostled for attention. Ray's left hand drifted to the back of his head and he rubbed his dark hair. The gruff-looking detective was explaining to Chief Magistrate Frank Hilton how the man accused of assassinating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in Memphis, Tenn., April 4, reacted when he was told soon after his arrest here June 8 that he was suspected.

Butler said he spoke to Ray in his prison cell soon after his arrest. He said he told him, "I now believe your name is not George Sneyd, but James Earl Ray, that you are also known as Eric Starvo Galt and by other names and that you are wanted at present in the United States for various criminal offenses including murder in which a firearm was used."

Butler testified the prisoner, who had been standing, suddenly slumped down on the seat behind him and he put his head in his hands and said, "Oh God."

"After a moment or so, he added, 'I feel so trapped.'"

Butler said he cautioned Ray that any statement he made could be used as evidence in subsequent court proceedings.

By reply, he said, "Well, yes, I should not say anything more now. I cannot think right."

Ray wore heavy horn-rimmed glasses in court. He was not handcuffed and he occasionally rubbed his arms.

After the scene in his prison cell was recalled to him by Butler his hands became more active, tapping the desk in front of him and pulling his rather prominent ears.

The Bow Street Court, adjoining the Bow Street police station, and four magistrates, normally, the flow of humanity through the four court rooms in the building consists largely of what a chief magistrate once described as "melancholy procession of drunks" and many prostitutes.

The court corresponds to an American police court and its jurisdiction includes the houses of Parliament, Whitehall, Buckingham Palace, Piccadilly Circus and part of Regent Street. However, there are some matters in which the chief magistrate at Bow Street has exclusive jurisdiction throughout Britain. One of these is extradition. Others are deportation and the issuance of licenses to take children abroad for adoption. That is why James Earl Ray is having his future decided there.

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A BRITISH LAWYER FOR THE U.S. CALLED IN A FORMAL EXTRADITION HEARING FOR RAY'S RETURN TO MEMPHIS TO FACE CHARGES OF THE "CALCULATED, CRUEL AND STEADFAST MURDER" OF KING APRIL 4. BRITISH MAGISTRATE DAVID CALCUTT SAID IN 97 STREET MAGISTRATE'S COURT THAT FINGERPRINTS CONNECTED RAY TO THE HOTEL WHERE HE ASSASSINATED KING.

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LONDON May 31st 1064 add: to Hqs.

The 40-year-old accused convict was brought into the court today to hear Calcutt outline the U.S. government's case for his extradition.

With two British lawyers to defend him, Ray was expected to fight extradition and appeal to the High Court if Milham ruled that he should be returned to the United States. This could extend the process for weeks.

It was Ray's third court appearance under the alias of "George Sneyd," the name on the Canadian passport he was carrying when he was arrested June 7 at London airport. His two previous trips to Bow Street for preliminary hearings had been brief, and the proceedings today provided the first extensive look at the U.S. government's case against him. Referring throughout to Ray as Sneyd, Calcutt gave the court this account:

On March 22, six days before Ray was killed in Memphis, Tenn., I went to a store in Philadelphia, Pa., kept by a Mr. Wood and bought a rifle with telescopic sights and ammunition. There was another customer in the shop at the time.

The following day Ray was not satisfied and wanted to change the rifle. He took instead a Remington 760 which had telescopic sights attached to it. He also bought and took away a box of ammunition and a box which was not the right box for that particular gun.

On April 3, Sneyd Ray booked in at the Fox Hotel Motor Hotel at Memphis. The lawyer continued. On the following day he checked out of the hotel and on that day in Memphis he bought a pair of binoculars.

Also on that day, Calcutt said, Ray was in Memphis staying at the ~~Hotel~~ Hotel.

Calcutt outlined the story. Four plainclothes detectives sat on a bench facing Ray's room and the public gallery. All members of the public had been searched as Ray came into court.

Ray sat in front of the prisoners' dock with a detective on either side of him.

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The court was tense as Calcutt continued his story: On March 22, I went to a store in Philadelphia, Pa., kept by a Mr. Wood and bought a rifle with telescopic sights and ammunition.

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BY PATRICK HANLEY

LONDON, JUNE 27 (REUTERS)--U.S. ATTORNEY DAVID CALCUTT TODAY DESCRIBED OFFICIALLY FOR THE FIRST TIME THE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS IN MEMPHIS LEADING TO THE MURDER OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, AND POINTED TO A MAN IN A BRITISH COURTROOM WHO SAID WAS THE NEGRO LEADER'S SOLE KILLER.

CALCUTT WAS GIVING EVIDENCE AT AN EXTRADITION HEARING ON RAMON GEORGE SNEYD, IDENTIFIED BY THE F.B.I. AS JAMES EARL RAY, 40, THE ALLEGED ASSASSIN OF THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE WINNER. TO WIN EXTRADITION, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT MUST PROVE THAT RAY AND SNEYD, ARRESTED AT LONDON AIRPORT JUNE 8, ARE THE SAME MAN. FBI FINGERPRINT EXPERT GEORGE BOWENBAKE SAID TODAY PRINTS FOUND ON THE ASSASSINATION RIFLE AND TAKEN FROM SNEYD BY BRITISH POLICE "WERE FROM ONE AND THE SAME PERSON."

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CALCUTT, PUBLICLY OUTLINING THE U.S. GOVERNMENT'S CASE AGAINST RAY FOR THE FIRST TIME, TOLD BRITISH MAGISTRATES IN THE 30M STREET COURT IN CENTRAL LONDON THAT KING'S ROOM AT THE LORRAINE HOTEL IN MEMPHIS WAS OVERLOOKED BY A BATHROOM WINDOW ACROSS THE STREET.

HE SAID THAT AT FOUR P.M. APRIL 4 THE DEFENDANT WENT TO 424 1/2 SOUTH MAIN STREET, MEMPHIS, WHERE ACCOMMODATION WAS AVAILABLE, AND BOOKED A ROOM.

THE ATTORNEY TOLD THE COURT THAT THE DEFENDANT WAS SEEN BY A WITNESS--HE NAMED HIM AS MR. STEVENS--WHO OCCUPIED THE NEXT ROOM.

STEVENS SAID THAT BETWEEN FOUR AND SIX P.M., THE DEFENDANT USED THE BATHROOM AND LAVATORY ON THREE OCCASIONS, EACH TIME FOR A LONG SPELL, CALCUTT TOLD THE COURT.

CALCUTT CONTINUED, "AT SIX O'CLOCK, MR. STEVENS SAYS HE HEARD A SHOT FIRED FROM THE BATHROOM. HE CAME OUT OF HIS ROOM AND SAW A MAN LEAVING BELOW. HE SAYS IT WAS THE MAN WHO HE HAD SEEN BOOKING IN EARLIER."

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MEMPHIS, TENN., June 27 (AP) --

Calcutt continued.

"The defendant left in a hurry, leaving binoculars in his room. When he got out of the hotel entrance, he turned left and dropped his kit of rifle, sights and binoculars in the doorway.

"He then made off in a car waiting nearby."

Calcutt said the Memphis police took position of the rifle and binoculars. They say the defendant's fingerprints were on them, he added.

"These tie in with the defendant's photo picture and fingerprints," Calcutt said. "The bullet which killed Dr. King was examined when recovered and there is a strong likelihood that the bullet came from the rifle found by the police."

"It is also likely that the strap found in his room belonged to the binoculars found with the rifle."

Calcutt said that in September 1969 Ray or Enay, as he still called him, was convicted of armed robbery.

"He was sentenced to 20 years imprisonment," he said.

"But on April 23, 1967, he escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary with 13 years of his sentence left to serve."

Calcutt then read extracts from written testimony by Frederick Williamson, a director of the Corrections Department of the Missouri Penitentiary. He produced photographs and fingerprints and said:

"I do say the man in these photos from this records office is the man before you today."

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Memphis, Tenn.

By GORDON ANDERSON

Associated Press Writer

LONDON, AP -- James Earl Ray's fingerprints were found on the rifle which U.S. police believe was used to kill Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a British lawyer representing the U.S. government told London's chief magistrate today in asking for Ray's extradition.

The lawyer, David Calcutt, told Magistrate Frank Wilton that Ray's fingerprints were found on a rifle which police recovered after King was shot.

"The bullet which killed Dr. King was examined when recovered," he continued, "and there is a strong likelihood that the bullet came from the rifle found by the police."

Calcutt told the crowded Bow Street Court that King was the victim of "a calculated, brutal and senseless murder-a murder that was bitter with irony."

Though his 2nd trial 1041.

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OR 39 URGENT \*\*\*RAY:

LONDON, JUNE 27 (REUTERS)--A U.S. GOVERNMENT ATTORNEY

TOLD AN EXTRADITION HEARING HERE TODAY THAT THE ASSASSINATION

OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. APRIL 4 WAS THE WORK OF ONE MAN.

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Donato was visited by FBI agents on April 16 and shown pictures of seven white men. He identified one as being the man who bought the rifle. Colcott said.

On April 4, Stevens said, he saw and heard a man standing with the managers of the apartment building, Mrs. Jessie Brown, near Apartment C which was just down the hall from his. He assumed the man was looking for a room.

On April 24, Stevens said he identified an individual as very much like the man he had seen. His apartment was next to the common bathroom, his statement continued. After going the strange man with Mrs. Granger, he had come to see if the apartment had been rented to a

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was in the kitchen working on a small radio when I heard a shot. I could tell that it came from the bathroom because it was very loud.

I heard through a broken pane in my window a lot of voices yelling and hollering from the building across the road. I saw a lot of people milling around near the motel.

about a minute after hearing the shot I went to my door and opened it. The bathroom door was open. When I went to the bathroom, I saw a man running near the end of the hallway.

"He was carrying a bundle in his right hand. It was at least three or four feet long and six to eight inches thick. It was wrapped in what looked like newspaper.

"Although I did not get a good look at him, I think it was the same man I saw earlier with Mrs. Becker."

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Bonebrake said he found from the print on the rifle 14 characteristics the same as on the prints on the rifle. A fugitive from the Missouri State Penitentiary, he found 21 similar characteristics from the prints on the telescopic sight. Bonebrake examined by Frisby, the court-appointed lawyer defending Ray, Bonebrake said he took an interest in his country's politics although his work did not bring him in contact with them unless they were connected with fingerprints he was examining. He agreed that King was a nationally known figure. Asked if he believed the Negro leader inspired liking or dislike in America, he replied: "More toward liking, I would think." But he agreed there was a certain amount of dislike too. Bonebrake said he knew of King's movement, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, but he said that, to the best of his recollection, he knew of no commitment to any political party by the conference.

When the court suspended session for a luncheon break, detectives continued to guard all doors of the courthouse. Newsmen had to show credentials to get in or out and members of the public were searched for weapons.

The U.S. government was represented by a British lawyer, David Calcutt. He told Magistrate Frank Milton that Ray's fingerprints were found on the rifle which police recovered after King was shot in Memphis, Tenn., April 4.

The bullet: 3rd graf lead 1055.  
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 Ray 3rd Graf lead  
 By LAWRENCE MALKIN  
 Associated Press Writer

LONDON AP — A British magistrate announced today that he would decide on June 27 whether James Earl Ray should be returned to the United States for trial on a charge of murdering Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The 40-year-old escaped convict was brought before Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Frank Milton in Bow Street Magistrate's Court for the first of what could be many court sessions on the U.S. government's application to extradite him.

Milton, after spending the weekend studying the inch-thick file from Washington, said he needed more time to thresh out the complexities of the extradition laws.

He instructed that Ray be returned to Wandsworth Prison. Ray was arrested 3rd graf 1018.

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 JAMES EARL RAY  
 LONDON Ray lead 1044 add: Wandsworth Prison.

Milton also probably deferred his decision because of the expected arrival Wednesday of two attorneys from Birmingham, Ala., Arthur J. Harris and his son, Arthur Jr., to act as Ray's counsel.

The hearing today was the customary two-minute session when a court has decided on a postponement.

The small courtroom was filled with about 100 persons, mostly newsmen.

Ray, wearing a blue checkered suit and glasses, sat impassively in the dock while attorneys and the magistrate discussed details.

After Milton fixed the extradition hearing date, Ray spoke only two words: "Thank you."

He was separated from the spectators by a wall of policemen and detectives. Police also lined the corridor through which he reached the courtroom.

Attorneys for the U.S. government told the magistrate that Ray is wanted on a charge of murdering Dr. King in Memphis April 4 and also on a charge of escaping from Missouri State Prison while serving an armed robbery sentence.

Documentary evidence already has been produced in London, the American lawyers told the court, and a fingerprint expert will be flown over to testify at the extradition hearing.

Ray was arrested 3rd graf 1018  
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(RAY)

LONDON--THE U.S. TODAY FORMALLY DEMANDED THE EXTRADITION OF JAMES EARL RAY, ACCUSED ASSASSIN OF MARTIN LUTHER KING. A BRITISH COURT SCHEDULED A HEARING ON THE REQUEST JUNE 27.

THE AMERICAN DEMAND FOR THE 40-YEAR-OLD RAY'S EXTRADITION WAS PRESENTED IN LONDON'S ECU STREET MAGISTRATE'S COURT UNDER HEAVY SCOTLAND YARD GUARD. MAGISTRATE FRANK MILTON SET THE HEARING DATE. "THANK YOU," RAY RESPONDED. THEY WERE THE ONLY WORDS SPOKEN BY THE EX-MISSOURI CONVICT.

RAY MADE HIS SECOND APPEARANCE IN THE BRITISH COURT UNDER HEAVY SECURITY GUARD. A SOLID WALL OF POLICE SURROUNDED HIM.

THE COURT FIRST CONSIDERED TECHNICAL CHARGES AGAINST RAY THAT AT THE TIME OF HIS ARREST HE HAD IN HIS POSSESSION FORGED PASSPORTS AND A LOADED GUN.

THEN COUNSEL FOR THE U.S. ARGUED THE MAN IN THE DOCK WAS IN FACT RAY. RAY'S FORGED CANADIAN PASSPORTS BORE THE NAME RANCHO GEORGE SNEYD.

THE ATTORNEY FOR THE U.S., RIGEL HAD, SAID THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT WISHED TO BRING A FINGERPRINT EXPERT FROM THE U.S. AND WANTED A ADJOURNMENT UNTIL HE COULD ARRIVE. THE MAGISTRATE THEN SET THE HEARING DATE.

RAY'S COUNSEL, ROGER FRISBEE, READ A STATEMENT FROM RAY PROTESTING PRESS REPORTS HE HAD BEEN INTERVIEWED BY ASSISTANT U.S. ATTY. GEN. FRED JINSON. RAY SAID HE TOOK PARTIAL NOTICE TO A DISPATCH IN THE LONDON TIMES JUNE 10 UNDER THE HEADLINE "U.S. JUSTICE DEPARTMENT CHIEF INTERVIEWED KING CASE RAY."

FRISBEE SAID RAY WANTED TO MAKE IT ABSOLUTELY CLEAR THE DISPATCH WAS UNTRUE. THE COUNSEL FOR THE U.S. AGREED RAY HAD NOT BEEN QUESTIONED BY ANY AMERICAN.

EXTRADITION PROCEEDINGS ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE SEVERAL WEEKS.

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MAGISTRATE'S COURT. A FORMAL EXTRADITION HEARING PROBABLY WILL BE COURT FOR THE FIRST TIME AT A HEARING TOMORROW AT THE NON STREET  
THE AMERICAN EXTRADITION DEMAND IS EXPECTED TO BE PRESENTED IN  
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LONDON--A BRITISH LAW FIRM TODAY STARTED PREPARING A REBUTTAL  
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Ray, 40, was brought to court today for the second time since his arrest 10 days ago. The magistrate ordered him returned to Wandsworth Prison.  
Two attorneys from Birmingham, Ill., Arthur J. Hanes and his son Arthur Jr., are expected in London Wednesday to contest Ray's British attorney.  
The hearing, set for June 27, 1968, at 10:30 a.m., will be held in the ECU Street Magistrate's Court.  
Milton said he wanted to hold the hearing as soon as possible and was compromised on Thursday of next week.  
British extradition hearings usually last a day or two, and the magistrate generally gives his decision as soon as he hears all the evidence.  
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LONDON (V) 1007: 410.  
James contacted legal court-appointed British lawyers. He asked Scotland Yard for permission to interview Ray at Wandsworth Prison. The police were considering the request. Under British law, police holding a prisoner are entitled to prevent him from seeing anyone except his lawyers. Since only his British lawyers are recognized here as counsel, James could be refused an interview.  
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LONDON, JUNE 18 (REUTERS)- A LONDON COURT TODAY RULED THAT EXTRADITION PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE ACCUSED ASSASSIN OF REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING WILL TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER CHARGES PENDING AGAINST HIM IN ENGLAND.  
THE SUSPECT, JAMES EARL RAY, WAS ORDERED BAIL WITHOUT BAIL UNTIL ANOTHER HEARING JUNE 17 WHEN HE MADE A BRIEF APPEARANCE IN DISTRICT MAGISTRATES COURT.  
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07:17: 1ST ADD LONDON LEAD RAY:  
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THE U.S. REQUESTED THE EXTRADITION OF RAY, 40-YEAR OLD ESCAPED CONVICT, ON THE GROUNDS THAT HE WAS ACCUSED OF KILLING KING, WHO WAS SHOT TO DEATH APRIL 4 IN MEMPHIS. A TENNESSEE GRAND JURY HAS RETURNED A MURDER INDICTMENT AGAINST RAY IN THE CASE.  
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(RAY)  
LONDON--TWO AMERICAN LAWYERS FOR JAMES EARL RAY ARRIVED TODAY AND CONFERRED IMMEDIATELY WITH HIS BRITISH LAWYER ON PLANS TO BLOCK HIS EXTRADITION AND TRIAL FOR THE ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING.  
ARTHUR HANES, FORMER FBI AGENT AND EX-MAYOR OF BIRMINGHAM, ALA., AND HIS SON, ARTHUR, JR., WERE MET AT THE SIDE OF THEIR APARTMENT AT THE LONDON AIRPORT BY A MEMBER OF THE LONDON LAW FIRM OF DRESDEN AND CO.  
HANES, JR., SAID HIS FATHER SPENT THE MORNING "GETTING ACQUAINTED WITH THIS CASE WHICH HANES AGREED TO HANDLE IF AND WHEN RAY IS RETURNED TO THE U.S."  
RAY WILL APPEAR IN BOW STREET MAGISTRATES COURT IN LONDON JUNE 27 FOR HEARING.

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LONDON AL - A Birmingham AL lawyer arrived today to consider defending James Earl Ray, the 40-year-old American who is accused of assassinating Martin Luther King Jr. and partner, Arthur Hanes, Jr., was accompanied by his son, Hanes, said his first business in London will be to confer with Ray's British lawyer and then hear an interview and a hearing is scheduled for June 27.  
The U.S. government has started extradition proceedings against Hanes can not represent Ray in British courts, which do not admit foreign counsel, but could advise the British defense lawyer on American aspects of the extradition proceedings.  
Hanes said last night he would interview Ray before deciding whether to undertake his defense against the charge of murdering King.  
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Associated Press Writer

LONDON (AP) — Arthur J. Hanes, an Alabama lawyer, said today he has accepted the case of defending James Earl Ray against charges of murdering Dr. Martin Luther King.

The former mayor of Birmingham, Ala., said he is unlikely to be allowed to see Ray, who is being held in the former death cell at London's Wandsworth Prison pending an extradition hearing at Bow Street Magistrates Court June 27.

Hanes refused any comment on the extradition issue, which is being handled by a British law firm appointed by the court. The British lawyers met Hanes at a news conference, but followed British legal rules by refusing to answer any questions on the case.

"I have been formally retained by this case," Hanes said.

"The next word to me, as of now I will be his lawyer. He retained me in the event that he is extradited."

The U.S. 4th Cir. 1060.

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HANES SAID HE HAD MET KING, WHO DIED SHORTLY AFTER A SNIPER'S BULLET STRUCK HIM IN THE NECK AS HE STOOD ON A MEMPHIS HOTEL BALCONY.

BIRMINGHAM WAS THE SCENE OF SEVERAL CIVIL RIGHTS DEMONSTRATIONS LED BY THE FAMOUS CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER, WINNER OF THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE.

NEWSMEN ASKED HANES WHAT HE THOUGHT OF KING'S ACTIVITIES.

"KING'S BUSINESS IS HIS BUSINESS AND MINE IS MINE," REPLIED HANES, "I DON'T KNOCK ANYBODY'S KICKS."

HANES SAID HE WAS IN LONDON TO INVESTIGATE THE CASE AGAINST THE ACCUSED ASSASSIN AND HOPED TO RECEIVE PERMISSION TO MEET HIS CLIENT IN LONDON'S WANDSWORTH PRISON.

HE SAID HE HAD NO STANDING IN BRITISH COURTS AND WOULD NOT ATTEND COURT PROCEEDINGS AGAINST SNEYD NEXT WEEK, WHEN U.S. AUTHORITIES ARE EXPECTED TO PRODUCE A FINGERPRINT EXPERT TO ESTABLISH HIS IDENTITY.

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(RAY)

LONDON — A FATHER-AND-SON TEAM OF ALABAMA LAWYERS RETAINED TO DEFEND JAMES EARL RAY, THE ACCUSED ASSASSIN OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, ARRIVED TODAY TO CONFER WITH RAY'S BRITISH LAWYERS WHO ARE TRYING TO BLOCK HIS EXTRADITION.

BUT ARTHUR J. HANES TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE HE WAS NOT EVEN SURE HE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE HIS MAJOR CLIENT. HANES ARRIVED WITH HIS SON, ARTHUR JR., AND CONFERENCE IMMEDIATELY WITH RAY'S BRITISH LAWYERS. HANES SAID HE HAD BEEN RETAINED TO DEFEND RAY IN EVENT THE U.S. SUCCEEDS IN EXTRADITING HIM FROM BRITAIN. HE DROPPED QUESTIONS AS TO WHO WAS PAYING HIS FEES.

HANES DECLINED EVEN TO ACKNOWLEDGE HE HAD BEEN ARRESTED IN BRITAIN TWO WEEKS AGO AS RAY HAD GEORGE SNEYD IS ACTUALLY GARY RAY.

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ARRESTED AT LONDON AIRPORT JUNE 8 PROVE THAT RAY AND SNEYD  
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By GORDON ANDERSON

Associated Press Editor

LONDON AP - Counsel for James Earl Ray, who is accused of slaying Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., indicated today he would seek to save Ray from extradition by contending that the assassination of the American civil rights leader was a political crime.

Under the U.S.-British extradition treaty, political grounds are a principal reason for granting asylum to anyone and barring extradition.

A hearing in historic Bow Street court was held under security precautions unprecedented in British judicial history. It took a dramatic turn after it

government gave evidence that Ray's fingerprints were found on

Ray was in the murky courtroom under heavy guard and heard a Scotland Yard detective testify that shortly after he was caught he collapsed in his cell moaning: "My God, I feel as if I'm dying."

The extent of King's involvement in American politics was

Attorney Roger Kirby closely questioned an American witness in an effort to get statements about King's political involvement into the court record.

At one point the witness, George Jacob Bonebrake, an FBI fingerprint expert, admitted under questioning that there had been a certain amount of dislike for King in the United States.

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CALCUTT THEN READ OUT SEVERAL AFFIDAVITS FROM THE WITNESS  
IN THE BIRMINGHAM STORE--JOHN DESHAZO, OF MONTAGUE, ALA., --  
AND FROM THE WITNESS IN THE APARTMENT BUILDING, CHARLES STEVENSON, 46.  
DESHAZO SAID THAT ON MARCH 29 HE SAW A MAN BUY A RIFLE  
AND HEARD HIM SAY HE WAS GOING DEER-HUNTING IN WISCONSIN.  
LATER DESHAZO PICKED OUT A PICTURE OF THE MAN FOR THE F.B.I.  
STEVENSON, WHO SAID HE LIVED IN THE MEMPHIS APARTMENT WITH  
HIS COMMON-LAW WIFE, SAID THAT AFTER THE SHOT RANG OUT FROM  
THE BATHROOM HE HEARD THROUGH A BROKEN PANE IN HIS WINDOW  
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The lawyers were dressed in business suits, and so was the  
magistrate. There were the traditional British lawyers' wigs  
because procedure and traditions in this police court are more  
informal. Ray wore the same dark blue checked sports jacket  
in which he had appeared briefly in the same court trial  
before. He wore no tie with his dark blue sports shirt.  
This was Calcutt's version of the evidence against Ray, drawn  
from the documents submitted by the U.S. Embassy.  
On March 29 Ray went into the Loro Marine Supply  
Co. in Birmingham, Ala., and bought a rifle with a telescopic  
sight from Donald Hood, the son of the owner.  
The next day he came back and exchanged it for a Remington 760  
rifle, Serial No. 46475, with a telescopic sight numbered  
117800.

John Lechase of Montgomery, Ala., another customer in the  
store, told FBI agents later that Ray -- or a man he tentatively  
identified as Ray through pictures -- had bought a rifle and  
said he was going hunting in Wisconsin with his brother or  
brother-in-law.

On April 3, according to a sworn statement by receptionist  
Henrietta Ingersoll, Ray booked into the new Rebel Motor  
Hotel in Memphis. Then he went to a Memphis store run  
by a Mr. York and bought a pair of Bushnell binoculars numbered  
450666 with a case and strap in a yellow and black box, and  
wrapped in a gray-blue paper bag. He got a receipt for \$41.95.  
The next affidavit came from Stevenson, one of the government's  
key witnesses. On the day of King's death, he was living with  
his common law wife in apartment 4B of the rooming house on  
422 1/2 South Main St., Memphis, which from the rear faced  
the hotel where King was shot.

On that day, he said, he saw the man, George, Bessie  
Brewer, standing near apartment 4B, just down the hall from his.  
William unidentified man, Stevenson, apartment was next to the  
common bathroom, separated from his kitchen by only a thin  
plywood partition.

Stevenson, who spent most of his time in bed, said he heard  
something on April 4 leading from apartment 4B to the  
bathroom.

The affidavit continued:  
"On the first couple of times, he did not stay long. On the  
third time the person stayed there what seemed like a long  
time toward the end of the afternoon between 5 and 6 p.m. I  
wanted to use the toilet.

"I was in my kitchen working on a travel radio when I heard  
a shot. I could tell that it came from the bathroom because I  
was very loud.

"Then I heard voices yelling and hollering in the Lorraine  
Hotel. I went out and saw a man running and carrying a bundle  
about three or four feet long and six or eight inches thick,  
wrapped in newspaper. Although I didn't get a good look at  
him, I think it was the same man I saw earlier with Mrs. Brewer."

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Butler said he later saw the defendant with Chief Inspector Thompson in a cell at Cannon Road. He told him: "As a result of inquiries made since you were detained, we have very good reason to believe that you are not a Canadian citizen but an American."

The defendant was said to have replied: "Oh well, you know, and worked in agreement."

Butler continued: "I now believe your name is not Gray but James Earl Ray, also known as Eric Starvo Galt and other names, and that you are wanted in the United States for serious offenses, including murder in which a firearm was used."

Butler told the court this statement had a dramatic effect.

"The accused had been standing up," he said. "But at this he suddenly slumped down on the seat behind him and he put his head in his hands and said: 'Oh God.'"

After a moment or so, he added:

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MEMPHIS, Tenn., AP — Tennessee officials who will be concerned with the safety of James Earl Ray if he is tried on a charge of killing Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. conferred Wednesday with officials in Dallas, Tex.

It was in Dallas that Lee Harvey Oswald was shot and killed by Jack Ruby while under arrest in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

The Tennessee officials who made the trip to Texas were Sheriff William A. Morris of Shelby County, State Sen. Alvin R. Hootch, Lloyd Hootch, Charles Hootch, the sheriff's press liaison officer, and Oscar Edwards, an attaché of the Shelby County Courthouse.

Hootch told newsmen the discussions involved security for Ray "only indirectly" and that "no further comment can be made at this time."

The Tennesseans talked with Dallas Dist. Atty. Henry Wade and Sheriff Bill Lecker. Wade and Lecker said the conference touched on security arrangements and court procedures.

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Washington Appropriations-S&H 10/4/42 and legislation.

Air Force Maj. Gen. C. G. Maxwell, Air Deputy Administrator for superhumble development, said he had read the committee report and considered it excellent.

The VA announced last February it had ordered the Boeing Co. to redesign the airplane to make it more effective commercially, and that because of those changes there would be about a year's delay in the program. The VA said it therefore would not require the funds in its original budget request for the new fiscal year.

In response to queries about the committee's new action, Maxwell said it would have no impact on the redesign phase of the program, currently under way at Boeing and scheduled for completion by next June 15.

"We are examining the potential impact on the program beyond Jan. 15," Maxwell said.

"At the present time, it appears that we can manage within the funds now available to the program."

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AN FBI expert, George Jacob Benabre, had testified that latent fingerprints were found on a rifle and binoculars discarded in a back doorway after King was killed at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tenn., April 4.

"I found one print on the rifle and one on the sight and also on the binoculars," Benabre said. "I compared them for fingerprints of James Earl Ray in the Los Angeles Police file. I found that they belonged to one and the same individual."

Ray's lawyer indicated he would seek to have Ray free extradition by contending that the assassination of King was a political crime.

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Associated Press Writer  
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CALCUTT TOLD THE COURT KING WAS THE VICTIM OF A CALCULATED, BRUTAL AND SENSELESS MURDER. IT WAS A MURDER BITTER IN IRONY FOR THOUGH DR. KING WAS A LEADER OF MEN, HE NEVER SOUGHT ANY POWER FOR HIMSELF, HE SAID.

"THOUGH HIS NAME WAS A VERY PASSWORD FOR PEACE, HE MET A VIOLENT DEATH," CALCUTT TOLD A COURT IN WHICH STRINGENT SECURITY PRECAUTIONS WERE AGAIN TAKEN TODAY.

THE EXTRADITION HEARING WERE IS ON TWO GROUNDS--THAT RAY MURDERED KING IN MEMPHIS AND THAT HE COMMITTED ROBBERY WITH VIOLENCE IN 1960 AND SUBSEQUENTLY ESCAPED FROM PRISON.

THE MAN IDENTIFIED AS RAY WAS ARRESTED AT LONDON'S HEATHROW AIRPORT JUNE 8, CHARGED WITH CARRYING A FORGED CANADIAN PASSPORT MADE OUT IN THE NAME OF RAMON GEORGE SNEYD AND WITH ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF A GUN.

DISCUSSING THE EVENTS LEADING UP TO THE ASSASSINATION, CALCUTT SAID THE DEFENDANT BOUGHT A RIFLE, TELESCOPIC SIGHTS AND AMMUNITION IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, ON MARCH 29.

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1040: 3RD ADD LONDON LEAD RAY:

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THE NEXT DAY, DISSATISFIED, RAY WENT BACK AND CHANGED THE WEAPON FOR A REMINGTON 760 RIFLE WITH TELESCOPIC SIGHTS, CALCUTT SAID. HE ALSO BOUGHT AMMUNITION AND TOOK AWAY WITH HIM A BOX WHICH WAS NOT THE RIGHT BOX FOR THE PARTICULAR GUN, THE U.S. ATTORNEY SAID.

IN A DRAMATIC MOMENT IN THE COURTROOM, CALCUTT SINGLED OUT THE PRISONER AND SAID, "THE TRAGIC DEATH OF DR. KING WAS THE WORK OF THIS MAN."

DESCRIBING THE EVENTS AFTER THE SHOOTING THE ATTORNEY SAID THAT WHEN THE DEFENDANT GOT OUT OF THE HOTEL ENTRANCE, HE TURNED LEFT AND DROPPED HIS KIT OF RIFLE, SIGHTS AND BINOCULARS IN A DOORWAY.

HE THEN MADE OFF X X X PICKING UP 23RD PARA (237) OF (229).

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Ray said he was a 107 side exhibition.

Ray was being interviewed by two detectives but did not wear handcuffs as he wanted the full trial.

He was also being interviewed by a British detective who was a member of the British Secret Service. He confided with his British attorney, Roger Frisby.

Frisby said he would rather Ray walked the usual path now afforded, meaning taking the oath without invoking God.

"His tactic about God, which British legal procedure, Ray could not be sworn, caused by Frisby, alerted the British attorney and Frisby.

During a break in the hearing, Ray answered a series of questions from his lawyer. He agreed that he was the man arrested at London Airport June 9.

He said he had never met Dr. King and bore him no grudge.

"Did you kill Dr. King?"

"No sir," Ray replied.

Again on his counsel's advice, Ray said he did not wish to sign the court recording of his testimony.

The Bow Street Magistrates Court adjourned then until next Tuesday, when the hearing is expected to end.

Ray was sent back to prison.

After thorough presentation of the prosecution's case, Ray declared at the winding up of that phase of the hearing that

"Parts of some of the testimony are false and some are exaggerated."

"I would like to disagree with them and say something about this," he said.

Chief Magistrate Frank Wilton had advised him about his right to call witnesses and give testimony in his own behalf.

When the court resumed Frisby said Ray disagreed with many of the facts given by Detective Chief Supt. Thomas Butler of Scotland Yard.

In a dramatic high point of the hearing, Butler had testified that, on hearing in his prison cell that the police identified him as an American wanted for a killing rather than as Canadian George Sneyd, his alias, Ray slumped into a seat and said:

"Oh God... I feel so trapped."

Frisby said Ray wished in particular "to state most emphatically that he did not make the observation: 'I feel so trapped.'"

"Nor did he say 'Oh God,' nor did he collapse on the seat in the manner which the chief superintendent described," Frisby said.

In court maneuvering, Frisby raised the matter of King's involvement in American politics. He questioned Bonebrake closely about this in an effort to get statements about such political involvement in the record.

The FBI agent admitted under questioning that there had been a certain amount of dislike for King in the United States.

Later Hopkirk, a correspondent of the London Times, appeared for the defense on a subpoena.

Hopkirk said he was in the United States in April covering the presidential primaries. He went to Memphis the morning after King was killed and spent four or five days there inquiring into his death.

"It was no secret that he was disliked by many white people living in the South," Hopkirk said.

Bonebrake said 6th grad 2nd Lead 1077-050.

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The next round in the legal battle to extradite the accused assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to the United States for trial was set for Britain's high court on July 29.

The British lawyer for James Earl Ray, the fugitive convict accused of King's murder, announced the date in Magistrates Court Tuesday while Ray was making a routine, one-minute appearance on British charges against him.

Magistrate Frank Milton asked Defense Attorney Michael Eugene whether the date for Ray's appeal had been set. Told it had been, he ordered Ray back to Wandsworth Prison for another week.

Ray is to appear again next Tuesday for a similar hearing and probably will be returned to prison on British charges of entering the country on a forged Canadian passport and carrying an unlicensed gun.

These have in effect developed into holding charges, and the police are expected to drop them if Ray is extradited. Milton ordered the extradition on July 2 but Ray's lawyers there announced they would appeal on the grounds that King's assassination was a political crime and therefore extradition was barred under British law.

The high court hearing is expected to last about two days and will be largely a rehearing of the arguments presented to Magistrate Milton. But the lawyers probably will concentrate more on the legal technicalities of the case. If as expected the decision goes against Ray, he can still appeal to the House of Lords but only if the appeal court or the Lords decide he has a point of law on which to base an appeal.

If the Lords—Britain's highest court—refuse to hear a further appeal, Ray probably would be sent back to the United States around the beginning of August.  
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(RAY)  
LONDON—JAMES EARL RAY, COULD BE EXTRADITED TO THE U.S. AS EARLY AS THE FIRST WEEK IN AUGUST TO STAND TRIAL FOR THE SLAYING OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, LEGAL SOURCES SAID TODAY.

A HEARING ON RAY'S APPEAL AGAINST THE EXTRADITION ORDER HAS BEEN SET FOR JULY 29.

THREE JUSTICES OF THE QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISIONAL COURT OF THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE WILL HEAR RAY'S LAWYERS FIGHT THE EXTRADITION ORDER.

LEGAL SOURCES SAID THAT SHOULD THE APPEALS COURT TURN DOWN RAY'S APPEAL OF THE EXTRADITION ORDER, HE COULD STILL APPEAL TO THE HOUSE OF LORDS. BUT PERMISSION TO GO TO THE HOUSE OF LORDS COULD BE REFUSED. IN THAT CASE, RAY WOULD BE RETURNING TO THE U.S. ABOUT THE FIRST WEEK IN AUGUST, THE SOURCES SAID.

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(RAY)  
LONDON—ATTORNEYS FOR THE ACCUSED ASSASSIN OF MARTIN LUTHER KING -- LOSERS IN THE FIRST ROUND OF AN EXTRADITION FIGHT -- WENT TO WORK TODAY ON AN APPEAL TO A BRITISH HIGHER COURT.

IF THE APPEAL FAILS, LEGAL SOURCES SAID, ESCAPED MISSOURI CONVICT JAMES EARL RAY COULD BE ON HIS WAY TO MEMPHIS BY THE END OF THE MONTH.

CHIEF JUSTICE FRANK MILTON OF BOW STREET MAGISTRATE'S COURT YESTERDAY ORDERED RAY'S DEPORTATION TO THE U.S.

MILTON GAVE RAY 15 DAYS TO APPEAL HIS DECISION TO THE QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION OF THE BRITISH HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE. THE COURT IS COMPARABLE TO THE U.S. 9TH CIR.

TO THE U.S. COURT OF APPEALS.

SHOULD THE HIGH COURT REJECT RAY'S APPEAL, A FURTHER APPEAL TO THE HOUSE OF LORDS IS POSSIBLE. BUT LEGAL SOURCES SAID THAT IF THE BENCH DIVISION UPHOLDS THE MAGISTRATE'S DECISION, IT PROBABLY ALSO WILL REFUSE RECOURSE TO THE HOUSE OF LORDS. IF THIS HAPPENS, RAY COULD BE SENT BACK TO THE U.S. BEFORE THE END OF THE MONTH.

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THE FIRST WAS HIS CONVICTION FOR ROBBERY AND ESCAPE FROM THE MISSOURI PENITENTIARY AFTER SERVING EIGHT YEARS OF HIS SENTENCE, AND THE SECOND WAS THE CHARGE THAT HE MURDERED KING.

THE MAGISTRATE REJECTED DEFENSE CLAIMS THAT KING'S MURDER WAS "POLITICAL" AND NOT COVERED BY EXTRADITION LAWS--AND THAT THE MISSOURI ROBBERY WAS NOT COVERED BY THE EXISTING EXTRADITION TREATY BETWEEN BRITAIN AND AMERICA.

HE ORDERED RAY KEPT IN CUSTODY FOR 15 DAYS AND SAID HE WOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO APPLY IN THAT TIME FOR A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS OR "OTHER LIKE PROCESSES."

RAY DENIED AT THE PREVIOUS HEARING THAT HE KILLED KING, AND YESTERDAY HE MADE A STATEMENT OBJECTING TO TESTIMONY BY DETECTIVE CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT THOMAS BUTLER OF SCOTLAND YARD, DESCRIBING AN INTERVIEW WITH HIM AFTER HIS ARREST AT LONDON AIRPORT JUNE 8.

RAY WAS INITIALLY CHARGED WITH POSSESSING TWO FORGED CANADIAN PASSPORTS BEARING THE NAME RAMON GEORGE SNEYD, AND ILLEGALLY CARRYING A GUN. HE WAS CHARGED ON THOSE COUNTS UNDER THE NAME OF SNEYD.

ANOTHER HEARING IS EXPECTED NEXT WEEK ON THOSE CHARGES.

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04541 RAY (SCHEDULED):

BY JAMES FLANNERY

LONDON, JULY 3 (REUTERS)--LAWYERS FOR JAMES EARL RAY TODAY BEGAN PLANNING AN APPEAL CAMPAIGN TO PREVENT HIM FROM STANDING TRIAL IN THE UNITED STATES FOR THE KILLING OF REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

A MAGISTRATE AT 80W STREET COURT HERE YESTERDAY ORDERED RAY'S EXTRADITION, BUT ONE OF HIS LEGAL ADVISERS SAID AFTER THE HEARING THEY WOULD ASK THE BRITISH HIGH COURT FOR A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS.

SUCH AN APPLICATION, CHALLENGING HIS COMMITAL TO PRISON TO AWAIT EXTRADITION, MUST BE MADE WITHIN 15 DAYS AND COULD MEAN THE WHOLE CASE WOULD BE THRASHED OUT AGAIN IN THE HIGH COURT.

IF THE HIGH COURT CASE FAILED, RAY COULD THEN APPLY FOR PERMISSION TO APPEAL TO THE HOUSE OF LORDS--UPPER CHAMBER OF PARLIAMENT AND FINAL COURT OF APPEAL.

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THE FINAL ORDER FOR HIS SURRENDER RESTS WITH BRITISH HOME SECRETARY (INTERIOR MINISTER) JAMES CALLAGHAN, IF RAY'S LEGAL CAMPAIGN FAILS.

CALLAGHAN MUST THEN SIGN A WARRANT ORDERING HIM TO BE TURNED OVER TO AMERICAN AUTHORITIES.

RAY IS WANTED BY THE U.S. AUTHORITIES ON A CHARGE OF MURDERING THE NEGRO CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER APRIL 4 IN MEMPHIS, TENN., WHILE ON THE RUN FROM A 20-YEAR JAIL SENTENCE FOR ARMED ROBBERY.

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LONDON CHIEF MAGISTRATE FRANK MILTON DECIDED YESTERDAY THERE WERE TWO GROUNDS FOR RAY'S EXTRADITION TO AMERICA AS A "FUGITIVE CRIMINAL."

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LONDON--AN AMERICAN LAWYER WHO HAS VOWED TO DEFEND THE ACCUSED  
KILLER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING "WITH MY LAST GUNNY OF BREATH" STUDIED  
THE CASE TODAY.

ARTHUR J. HANES, A FORMER FBI AGENT AND EX-MAYOR OF BIRMINGHAM, AL  
ARRIVED YESTERDAY WITH HIS SON ARTHUR JR. TO CONFER WITH BRITISH  
AUTHORITIES ON THE FATE OF THE ACCUSED, JAMES EARL RAY.

"YOU MAY SAY WE ARE MERELY INVESTIGATING THE CASE IN ORDER TO  
PREPARE THE WAY IN THE EVENT MR. SNEYD IS EXTRADITED TO THE UNITED  
STATES," HANES TOLD NEWSMEN YESTERDAY.

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THE HEARING AT BOW STREET MAGISTRATES COURT HERE WILL  
BE THE THIRD SINCE THE ARREST. THE PROSECUTION PROMISED TO  
GET AN AMERICAN FINGERPRINT EXPERT TO TESTIFY RAY WAS THE  
REAL IDENTITY OF THE PRISONER.

AMERICAN LAWYER ARTHUR HANES, A FORMER MAYOR OF BIRMINGHAM,  
ALA., FLEW TO LONDON LAST WEEK TO MAKE PREPARATIONS FOR DEFENDING  
RAY IF AND WHEN HE IS EXTRADITED. HANES INSISTED ON  
REFERRING TO HIS CLIENT AS SNEYD.

HANES HAS NO STANDING IN THE BRITISH COURT AND COULD NOT  
PRESENT HIS CLIENT AT BOW STREET. AFTER INQUIRING INTO THE  
CASE, HE FLEW HOME SUNDAY.

INDICATIONS WERE THAT RAY'S BRITISH LAWYER WILL  
FIGHT EXTRADITION ALL THE WAY. IF EXTRADITION WERE GRANTED THE  
DEFENSE COULD STILL APPLY FOR A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS. AND IF  
THIS WERE TURNED DOWN, IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO ASK FOR LEAVE  
TO APPEAL.

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BY PATRICK MASSEY  
LONDON, JUNE 26 (REUTERS)--A BRITISH LAWYER RETAINED BY THE  
U.S. GOVERNMENT WAS EXPECTED TOMORROW TO UNFOLD THE CASE  
AGAINST JAMES EARL RAY ON A CHARGE OF KILLING CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER  
REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

RAY, WHO USED THE NAME RAMON GEORGE SNEYD WAS ARRESTED  
AT LONDON AIRPORT JUNE 8 ON CHARGES OF ILLEGALLY CARRYING A GUN  
AND TRAVELING ON A FORGED PASSPORT.

THE AMERICAN APPLICATION FOR EXTRADITION WAS SUBSEQUENTLY  
GIVEN PRIORITY OVER THESE CHARGES.

ATTORNEY NIGEL HAW WILL PUT THE EXTRADITION CASE ON TWO  
COUNTS--ONE OF ASSASSINATING KING IN MEMPHIS, TENN., APRIL 4;  
AND ANOTHER OF COMMITTING ROBBERY WITH VIOLENCE IN 1960 AND  
SUBSEQUENTLY ESCAPING FROM JAIL.

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IN NEW JERSEY, JUDGE STATE'S COURT, IN THE COURT OF  
LONDON'S MARKET AREA, CALCUTT SIDELINED OUT  
THE PRISONER AND SAID: "THE TRAGIC DEATH OF DR. KING WAS  
THE MOST CRUEL OF ALL."  
HE SAID THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE TO PROVE WITHOUT A DOUBT  
THAT SNEYD AND RAY.

THE EXTRADITION HEARING WAS ON TWO GROUNDS--THAT RAY  
KIDNAPED KING IN MEMPHIS APRIL 3 AND THAT HE COMMITTED  
ROBBERY WITH VIOLENCE IN 1960 AND SUBSEQUENTLY ESCAPED  
FROM PRISON.

THE MAN IDENTIFIED AS RAY WAS ARRESTED AT LONDON'S  
HEATHROW AIRPORT JUNE 8, CHARGED WITH CARRYING A  
FORGED CANADIAN PASSPORT MADE OUT IN THE NAME OF RANON  
GEORGE SNEYD AND ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF A GUN.  
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OPENING THE EXTRADITION CASE TODAY, CALCUTT SAID KING  
WAS THE VICTIM OF A CALCULATED, BRUTAL AND SENSELESS MURDER.  
HE SAID THE MURDER WAS BITTER WITH IRON, THAT THOUGH  
HE WAS A LEADER OF ME, KING NEVER SOUGHT ANY POWER FOR HIMSELF.  
"THOUGH HIS NAME WAS A VERY PASSWORD FOR PEACE,  
HE MET A VIOLENT DEATH," CALCUTT SAID.  
HE SAID THAT ON MARCH 29, THE SUSPECT WENT INTO A  
STORE IN BIRMINGHAM, ALA., AND BOUGHT A RIFLE,  
TELESCOPIC SIGHTS AND AMMUNITION. THERE WAS A CUSTOMER IN THE  
STORE AT THE TIME, THE ATTORNEY SAID.  
THE NEXT DAY, DISSATISFIED, RAY WENT BACK AND CHANGED THE  
WEAPON FOR A REMINGTON 760 RIFLE WITH TELESCOPIC SIGHTS,  
CALCUTT DECLARED.  
HE ALSO BOUGHT AMMUNITION AND TOOK AWAY WITH HIM A BOX  
WHICH WAS NOT THE RIGHT BOX FOR THAT PARTICULAR GUN, CALCUTT SAID.  
"ON APRIL 3, SNEYD BOOKED IN AT THE NEW REVEL MOTOR  
HOTEL AT MEMPHIS. ON THE FOLLOWING DAY HE CHECKED OUT  
OF THE HOTEL AND ON THAT DAY IN MEMPHIS HE BOUGHT A PAIR OF  
BINOCULARS," HE SAID.  
KING WAS ALSO IN MEMPHIS, STAYING AT THE LORRAINE  
HOTEL, A PLEASANT MODERN BUILDING, CALCUTT SAID.  
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POLICE MOUNTED THE SAME STRIKEST SECURITY PRECAUTIONS AT TODAY'S HEARING AS THEY DID FOR THE PRISONER'S TWO PREVIOUS APPEARANCES IN COURT STREET COURT.

THEY WERE NOT ALLOWED TO BE ARMED FOR WEAPONS AS THEY ENTERED THE COURT, AND THE DEFENDANT WAS TAKEN THERE UNDER HEAVY POLICE GUARD. THE COURT WAS IN USE IN THE COURTHOUSE.

IN HIS PREVIOUS STATEMENT, CALCUTT ALSO SAID, "FROM A BALCONY WINDOW AT 424 1/2 SOUTH MAIN STREET, A PERSON COULD SEE INTO DR. KING'S ROOM."

"AT FIVE O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON THIS DEFENDANT WENT TO 424 1/2 SOUTH MAIN STREET, WHERE ACCOMMODATION WAS AVAILABLE, AND BOOKED A ROOM; AS HE DID THIS

HE WAS SEEN BY A WITNESS--A MR. STEVENS."

HE QUOTED STEVENS, WHO OCCUPIED THE NEXT ROOM,

AS SAYING THAT BETWEEN 4 AND 5 P.M., THE DEFENDANT USED THE BATHROOM AND LAVATORY ON THREE OCCASIONS, EACH TIME FOR A LONG SPELL.

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0702 : 5TH ADD LONDON RAY:

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CALCUTT CONTINUED, "AT SIX O'CLOCK MR. STEVENS SAYS HE HEARD A SHOT FIRED FROM THE BATHROOM."

HE CAME OUT OF HIS ROOM AND SAW A MAN LEAVING BELOW. HE SAYS IT WAS THE MAN WHO HE HAD SEEN BOOKING IN EARLIER.

DEFENDANT LEFT IN A HURRY, LEAVING BINOCULAR STRAPS IN HIS ROOM.

"WHEN HE GOT OUT OF THE HOTEL ENTRANCE, HE TURNED LEFT AND DROPPED HIS KIT OF RIFLE, SIGHTS AND BINOCULARS IN A DOORWAY."

"HE THEN MADE OFF IN A CAR WAITING NEARBY."

POLICE SAID THE DEFENDANT'S FINGERPRINTS WERE ON THE RIFLE AND BINOCULARS, CALCUTT NEXT ON FINGERPRINT STRIPS WITH HIS FINGERPRINTS.

"THE BULLET WHICH KILLED DR. KING WAS EXAMINED WHEN REQUESTED AND THERE IS A STRONG LIKELIHOOD THAT THE BULLET CAME FROM THE RIFLE FOUND BY THE POLICE."

"IT IS ALSO LIKELY THAT THE STRAP FOUND IN HIS ROOM BELONGED TO THE BINOCULARS FOUND WITH THE RIFLE," CALCUTT SAID.

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By LAWYER WINTER

Associated Press Writer

LONDON, June 19 — Attorney Arthur J. Hanes Sr., former mayor of Birmingham, Ala., said Thursday he has been retained by James Earl Ray to defend him against the charge of murdering Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

"He sent word to me," Hanes told a news conference. "As of now I will be his lawyer. He retained me in the event that he is extradited."

Ray is held in the former death cell at London's Wandsworth Prison pending an extradition hearing at Bow Street Magistrates Court next Thursday. A fugitive from the Missouri State Penitentiary, he is accused of gunning down King, the Negro civil rights leader, at Memphis, Tenn., April 4.

Hanes arrived in London Thursday morning with his son and partner, Arthur J. Hanes Jr. He told newsmen, however, he is unlikely to be allowed to see Ray.

Under British law, police are entitled to prevent a prisoner from seeing anyone except his lawyers and only British lawyers are considered here as counsel.

Ray has two court-appointed British lawyers, Michael Bresden and Michael Eugene. They sat flanking Hanes at the news conference, but followed British legal rules by refusing to

answer any questions about the case.

Hanes said he will take no part in the extradition proceedings. He will not even be allowed by the British lawyers to see the extradition petition and supporting evidence submitted by the U.S. Embassy.

Bresden and Eugene are being paid under the British legal aid system. Hanes was repeatedly asked who was paying for his trip and who would pay his legal fees for a trial in Memphis.

First he said he "would not discuss fees and the source of any funds."

Asked who paid for the trip, he replied: "No comment."

Later he said of his fee: "Somebody will provide, the neighbors, or some way. . . I have faith that I'll get by."

In Birmingham, Hanes had been quoted as saying he "understands this man has funds." He denied saying this. When asked whether sufficient money was available for a long legal battle, he replied: "I'll strat it off, like the kickoff of a game. If any group were behind it, I'd of course carry it on."

But he said he was not allied with any group "right or left."

"I only belong to the Lions and the P.B.," he said.

Hanes successfully defended three Klansmen in an Alabama State court three years ago against a charge they murdered Viola Gregg Liuzzo, a Detroit, Mich., civil rights worker slain March 25, 1968, after a Selma-to-Montgomery march. The three were subsequently convicted in a federal court of criminal conspiracy in her case and sentenced to 10 years in prison.

As for the Ray case, he said: "There are no political overtones to it. I am not interested in any political ideology. I try a case on its merits."

Hanes was asked whether he had ever met King, who began as a minister in Birmingham. He said he had and added: "As far as I'm concerned his business was his business, and mine was mine. I don't knock his kick."

He said he had never seen Ray before and had received his first communication from him June 14. He said he still was not certain whether the man now in custody is Ray and could not know until he talked to him.

"Since I received the letter I have not been disl," he said.

"I and my associates and investigators have not been disl." He would not elaborate.

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court next week.

The British government set the stage for the hearing when the Home Office authorized Chief Magistrate Frank Milton of the Bow Street Court to start the American case against Ray and begin proceedings.

It was Milton who heard the two British charges against Ray - carrying a forged passport and a loaded gun - at Bow Street Monday. At the time he ordered Ray to appear in court again next Tuesday on these charges.

But the sources said the court may drop the British charges and instead begin hearings on the U.S. extradition petition.

In any case, the sources said, Milton is expected to open the extradition proceedings within a week.

Ray, 40, was arrested Saturday while trying to catch a plane to Brussels. He carried a false Canadian passport in the name of Brian George Sneyd. The name he is held under in London's Wandsworth Prison with a round-the-clock police guard in the same cell.

The inch-thick extradition petition contains fingerprints and other evidence

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American and British officials, Ray's court-appointed lawyer and Scotland Yard all refused comment on the case.

The possibility of appeals and other legal moves could delay the extradition for weeks.

Ray's former U.S. lawyer, ... who is heading the American legal ... who reported planning to return to the United States in the next few days, now that the extradition petition is in the courts' hands.

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LAWYERS CLOSE TO RAY SAID IT WAS EXPECTED HANES WOULD INVESTIGATE CONSPIRACY ASPECTS OF THE CASE, INCLUDING ANY POSSIBLE LINKS TO BLACK OR WHITE FACIST GROUPS.

THE MEETING SATURDAY BETWEEN HANES AND RAY LASTED 70 MINUTES TWICE AS LONG AS THEIR MEETING FRIDAY IN THE VISITOR'S ROOM AT LONDON'S MAXIMUM SECURITY WANDSWORTH PRISON.

HANES SAID, "WE SAT CLOSE TO EACH OTHER, ONLY THREE OR FOUR FEET APART, SEPARATED BY A GLASS PARTITION THROUGH WHICH WE WERE HEARD. IT WAS VERY EASY FOR ME TO SEE RAY'S CONVICTION, WITH ME LOOKING HIM RIGHT IN THE EYE."

THE LAWYER SAID WHEN HE WANTED TO ASK HIS CLIENT A CONFIDENTIAL QUESTION, HE WROTE IT DOWN AND THE GUARD IN THE ROOM PASSED IT UNOPENED TO RAY, WHO WROTE DOWN HIS ANSWER AND PASSED IT BACK BY THE GUARD.

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1342: 2ND ADD LONDON RAY:

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HANES SAID HE ADDRESSED HIS CLIENT AS "OLD BUDDY AND PAL. I WALKED IN AND SAID 'HOW ARE YOU OLD BUDDY' HE'S LOOKING FINE, HIS SPIRIT SEEMS GOOD AND HE IS GRATEFUL FOR HIS TREATMENT BY BRITISH AUTHORITIES."

BUT THE ATTORNEY SAID HIS CLIENT AGAIN TOOK EXCEPTION TO COMMENTS MADE BY A SCOTLAND YARD POLICE SUPERINTENDENT ARTHUR BUTLER AT THE EXTRADITION HEARING.

BUTLER SAID WHEN HE CONFRONTED THE ACCUSED AND TOLD HIM HE THOUGHT HE WAS JAMES EARL RAY, THE ACCUSED SAT DOWN AND SAID, "OH GOD, I FEEL SO TRAPPED."

HANES SAID HIS CLIENT AGAIN PROTESTED THAT THIS WAS NOT TRUE AND SAID IT MADE HIM SOUND LIKE A 10-YEAR GIRL, NOT A BROWN MAN.

THE COURT TUESDAY ORDERED THAT RAY BE EXTRADITED TO THE U.S. BUT HIS BRITISH LAWYERS APPEALED THE RULING.

HE WAS ARRESTED JUNE 8 AT LONDON'S HEATHROW AIRPORT UNDER THE NAME OF RAMON GEORGE SNEYD.

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LONDON, JUNE, 13 (REUTERS)--COURT PROCEEDINGS TO EXTRADITE JAMES EARL RAY, ALLEGED ASSASSIN OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, WERE FORMALLY AUTHORIZED TODAY BY HOME SECRETARY JAMES CALLAGHAN.

THE AUTHORIZATION WAS PASSED TO LONDON'S BOW STREET MAGISTRATES' COURT WHICH NORMALLY HANDLES EXTRADITION CASES.

RAY IS IN WANDSWORTH PRISON. HE WAS ARRESTED AT LONDON AIRPORT SATURDAY WHEN ABOUT TO BOARD A PLANE FOR BRUSSELS.

HE WAS CHARGED AT BOW STREET MONDAY UNDER THE NAME OF RAMON GEORGE SNEYD WITH ILLEGALLY POSSESSING A REVOLVER AND AMMUNITION AND WITH HOLDING A FORGED PASSPORT.

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THE COURT ORDERED RAY HELD IN CUSTODY UNTIL TUESDAY FOR ANOTHER HEARING ON THESE CHARGES.

COURT SOURCES SAID IT SEEMED LIKELY THAT THE EXTRADITION CHARGE WOULD BE DEALT WITH AT THE TUESDAY HEARING. IT COULD, HOWEVER, COME UP SEPARATELY.

THE U.S. EMBASSY YESTERDAY HANDED OVER A FILE ON THE CASE TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE. AFTER STUDYING THE FILE TO MAKE SURE IT WAS IN LINE WITH THE EXTRADITION TREATY, THE FOREIGN OFFICE PASSED IT FOR ACTION TO THE HOME OFFICE (INTERIOR MINISTRY).

CALLAGHAN SIGNED THE AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COURT HEARING THIS MORNING. THE PROSECUTION NOW HAS TO ESTABLISH THAT THERE IS A PRIMA FACIE CASE TO ANSWER ON THE CHARGE OF KILLING KING.

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TORONTO (AP) — A 34-year-old man who earlier was believed involved with James Earl Ray, accused assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King, has been cleared by Toronto police.

A spokesman said today the man told police he found an unsealed letter in a telephone booth near a Dundas Street rooming house where Ray stayed. He said he delivered it to Ray. Earlier this week, Mrs. Sun Hoo, the rooming house landlady, told police a tall fat man in a white T-shirt went to her house and asked for Simon Gray, an alias Ray was using while in Toronto. She said she saw the man give Ray a envelope. The man told police he could not remember to whom the letter was addressed or what it contained. The police spokesman said the man's name would not be disclosed.

Ray, arrested in London Saturday, came here April 2, four days after King's assassination, and left by air May 6. He lived in two different rooming houses while here and used at least two aliases.

The police spokesman said that although city police and Royal Canadian Mounted Police have no definite clues to indicate Ray had help from other persons while in the city, the investigation into his stay here is continuing.

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(RAY)

LONDON--BRITAIN TODAY FORMALLY AUTHORIZED COURT HEARINGS ON AMERICAN REQUESTS TO EXTRADITE JAMES EARL RAY TO THE U.S. TO STAND TRIAL FOR THE KILLING OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HOME SECRETARY JAMES CALLAGHAN SIGNED THE ORDER TELLING LONDON'S CHIEF MAGISTRATES TO HOLD HEARINGS ON THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT CASE FOR EXTRADITING THE 40-YEAR-OLD FUGITIVE CHARGED WITH THE ASSASSINATION. THE HEARINGS AND APPEALS MIGHT LAST THROUGH THE SUMMER. CALLAGHAN'S ORDER MADE RAY LIABLE FOR POSSIBLE EXTRADITION NOT ONLY FOR THE KILLING OF KING IN MEMPHIS, TENN., BUT FOR BREAKING OUT OF A MISSOURI PRISON IN 1967.

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LONDON--SCOTLAND YARD HUNTED TODAY A SHADOWY MAN AND A WOMAN WITH AN AMERICAN "TWANG" ACCENT TO LEARN WHAT THE ACCUSED ASSASSIN OF MARTIN LUTHER KING DID BEFORE HIS ARREST. THE MAN STOOD NEAR JAMES EARL RAY WHEN THE 40-YEAR-OLD ACCUSED KILLER CHECKED INTO A LONDON HOTEL. THE WOMAN WITH THE TWANG TELEPHONED THE HOTEL, ASKING FOR RAY. U.S. AND BRITISH POLICE WANT TO KNOW WHO, IF ANYONE, HAD HELPED RAY FLEE.

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1405: NIGHTLEAD RAY (SCHEDULED):

BY PATRICK HASSEY  
LONDON, JUNE 17 (UPI)—BRITISH CHARGES AGAINST JAMES EARL RAY WERE PUSHED INTO THE BACKGROUND TODAY TO ALLOW U.S. EXTRADITION PROCEEDINGS ON A CHARGE OF KILLING REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

THE EXTRADITION MOVE FORMALLY BEGAN AT BOW STREET MAGISTRATES COURT AMID UNPARALLELED PRECAUTIONS TO SAFEGUARD RAY AGAINST ANY ATTEMPT ON HIS LIFE.

ABOUT 20 POLICEMEN SURROUNDED RAY IN THE SMALL COURTROOM DURING THE 10-MINUTE HEARING.

THE 45 REPORTERS AND ABOUT 30 SPECTATORS PRESENT WERE SEARCHED BEFORE THE HEARING. RAY STOOD IN FRONT OF THE IRON-RAILED PRISONER'S BOX INSTEAD OF IN IT WHERE HE WOULD HAVE MADE A BETTER TARGET FOR A GUNMAN.

CHIEF MAGISTRATE FRANK MILTON REMANDED RAY IN CUSTODY FOR A FURTHER HEARING JUNE 27 AFTER PROSECUTOR DAVID HOPKIN AGREED TO LET EXTRADITION PROCEEDINGS BROUGHT BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER TWO BRITISH CHARGES AGAINST RAY.

THE CASE SEEMED LIKELY TO CONTINUE FOR SEVERAL WEEKS. IF EXTRADITION IS ORDERED RAY CAN NOT BE REMOVED FROM BRITAIN FOR 15 DAYS TO ALLOW AN APPEAL. IF HE APPEALS THE CASE COULD LAST FOR MONTHS.  
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1410: 1ST. ADD LONDON NIGHTLEAD RAY:  
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ESCORTED BY THREE POLICE CARS PACKED WITH DETECTIVES, RAY WAS THEN RUSHED BACK TO LONDON'S WANDSWORTH PRISON FOR A FURTHER NINE DAYS OF TOP SECURITY SURVEILLANCE.

THE MAIN SECURITY CELL AT WANDSWORTH IS THE OLD DEATH CELL USED IN THE DAYS BEFORE BRITAIN SCRAPPED CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.

RAY WAS OSTENSIBLY TAKEN TO COURT FOR HEARING ON CHARGES OF CARRYING A GUN ILLEGALLY AND TRAVELLING ON A FORGED CANADIAN PASSPORT IN THE NAME OF RANOS GEORGE SNEYD.

WHEN HE WAS ARRESTED AT LONDON AIRPORT JUNE 8.

LAWYER NIGEL MAW, REPRESENTING THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, SAID EXTRADITION WAS SOUGHT ON TWO CHARGES. ONE WAS THE KILLING OF KING IN MEMPHIS APRIL 4 AND THE OTHER WAS A ROBBERY-WITH-VIOLENCE CHARGE FOR WHICH RAY WAS JAILED IN 1960 AND SUBSEQUENTLY ESCAPED.

MAW SAID A FINGERPRINT EXPERT WOULD BE BROUGHT FROM THE U.S. TO TESTIFY IN THE CASE.

RAY'S LAWYER, ROGER FRISBY, COMPLAINED ABOUT A PRESS REPORT THAT RAY WAS INTERVIEWED BY U.S. ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL FRED VINSON LAST WEEK.

HE SAID VINSON VISITED A POLICE STATION WHERE RAY WAS BEING HELD BUT DID NOT SEE HIM. MAW AGREED THAT THIS WAS TRUE.

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LONDON (AP) — James Earl Ray began a legal fight Tuesday against extradition to the United States to face the charge of assassinating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The 40-year-old escaped convict sat silently in a well-guarded dock while his British lawyer asked London's Bow Street Court for as much time as possible to prepare for the extradition hearing.

Judge Frank Milton gave him until June 27, the date he set for the hearing to begin.

An attorney representing the United States presented their extradition request to Milton. Ray said barely a word and displayed not a flicker of emotion in the eight-minute session. He was dressed in a neat, blue-checked suit, wore heavily rimmed glasses and was surrounded by police in court.

Milton addressed Ray only once, to inform him of when the formal hearing on the extradition request would be held and that he could continue to work in his office.

Ray replied quietly, "Thank you."

oger Frisby, the British lawyer defending Ray, told Milton he wanted as much time as possible to prepare, but Milton said he thought it "highly desirable that an early date be fixed."

They compromised on the June 27 date.

An American lawyer is due in London later this week to discuss preparation of Ray's defense if he is extradited to Tennessee to stand trial. King was slain in Memphis April 4.

The lawyer is Arthur J. Rensch, former mayor of Birmingham, Ala., and a segregationist who defended three men accused of murdering Viola Gregg Reister, a civil rights worker, in Alabama three years ago. Asked about payment for Ray's defense, Rensch said he "understands this man has funds."

Rensch told newsmen in Birmingham he was telephoned by Ray's court-appointed London attorneys and then received a handwritten letter signed "R.G. Sneyd" asking him to handle the case.

Rensch George Sneyd is the name under which Ray was arrested at London Airport June 8, carrying a forged Canadian passport and a loaded gun.

Ray is still held by the British on passport and gun charges, but British police agreed to defer consideration of these until the extradition hearing ends. If Ray is extradited, the charges probably will be dropped.

The British attorneys representing the United States said they would produce a fingerprint expert at the extradition hearing, presumably to testify on Ray's identity. The rest of the hearing, which will probably last one day, is expected to be taken up with a review of the case against Ray.

If Milton grants extradition, Ray could still appeal to the High Court and then the House of Lords. Such appeals usually are based on the argument that the case against the defendant is a political one. British extradition law forbids surrender of suspects in political cases.

This was Ray's second routine hearing at the Bow Street Court, and for the second time it was packed with policemen.

At least 100 London uniformed and plain-clothes police were assigned to guard duties. Two dozen of them were in the courtroom, many more lined the corridors through which Ray had to pass from the police station cells next door.

Police frisked all reporters and spectators who entered the courtroom, inspecting handbags and briefcases. The doors were locked during the hearing and a line of police stood facing the public.

After the hearing, three Jaguar sedans escorted a police van carrying Ray back to Wandsworth Prison, where he is held in a maximum security cell.

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(RAY)  
WASHINGTON--THE RHODESIAN INFORMATION OFFICE SAID TODAY THERE WAS NO RECORD TO INDICATE THAT JAMES EARL RAY HAD CONTACTED RHODESIAN AUTHORITIES ABOUT IMMIGRATING TO RHODESIA.

JOHN ACORD, DIRECTOR OF THE PRO-RHODESIA AMERICAN-SOUTHERN AFRICA COUNCIL, TOLD NEWSMEN THAT RAY WROTE THE COUNCIL LAST DECEMBER SAYING: "I AM CONSIDERING IMMIGRATING TO RHODESIA." HE USED THE NAME "ERIC S. GALT," ONE OF THE ALIASES RAY IS SAID TO HAVE USED. ACORD SAID HE TURNED THE LETTER OVER TO THE FBI WHERE A SPOKESMAN SAID THE FBI WOULD HAVE NO COMMENT ON THE MATTER.

ACORD SAID THE COUNCIL SENT RAY A FOUR-LINER REPLY GIVING HIM DETAILS OF RHODESIA'S IMMIGRATION AND ENTRY LAWS AND SAYING HE SHOULD WRITE FOR MORE INFORMATION TO THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT IN SALISBURY.

BUT RHODESIAN INFORMATION OFFICER JOHN HOOPER SAID A CHECK OF RECORDS IN BOTH WASHINGTON AND SALISBURY INDICATED THAT RAY DID NOT PURSUE THE MATTER.

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LONDON AL - James Earl Ray returns to court Tuesday for his first public response on a U.S. demand for his return to stand trial in the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The 40-year-old escaped convict has been under round-the-clock guard in Wandsworth Prison since his appearance in Bow Street Magistrates Court last Monday on charges of entering Britain on a forged Canadian passport and carrying an unlicensed loaded pistol.

He made a brief appearance in court a week ago under the name of Ramon George Sneyd, the name on his Canadian passport. In the interim the U.S. Embassy requested his extradition to face charges of murdering King in Memphis, Tenn., April 4. He is also sought by Missouri State Prison officials to finish a term for armed robbery. When Ray appears in court, Frank Milton, chief metropolitan magistrate, is expected to refer to the extradition request. Ray could waive extradition then and there, but this is considered highly unlikely by officials in London. He is more likely to ask for time to consult with his lawyers. The magistrate would then set a tentative date for a full extradition hearing, probably later this week.

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(RAY)

LONDON--THE SCOTLAND YARD DETECTIVE WHO CAUGHT ACCUSED ASSASSIN JAMES EARL RAY WENT BACK INTO ACTION TODAY.

PHILIP BIRCH TOOK UP HIS POST AT LONDON AIRPORT AS THE YARD PRESSED THE HUNT FOR ANY ACCOMPLICES OF THE MAN ACCUSED OF KILLING CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. APRIL 4. BIRCH SPOTTED RAY, 40, IN AN AIRPORT CROWD SATURDAY, MAKING AN ARREST THAT ENDED A WORLDWIDE HUNT.

ALSO GETTING INTO ACTION NOW WERE THE COURT-APPOINTED DEFENSE LAWYERS FOR RAY. THEY WERE BEGINNING WORK TO THWART U.S. PLANS FOR EXTRADITING RAY TO STAND TRIAL IN MEMPHIS, TENN., FOR KING'S SLAYING.

THE DEFENSE LAWYERS WERE EXPECTED TO MEET SOON--POSSIBLY TODAY--WITH LONDON CHIEF MAGISTRATE FRANK MILTON AND U.S. ATTORNEYS TO SET A DATE FOR A HEARING ON THE AMERICAN CASE FOR EXTRADITION. THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT THURSDAY GAVE THE GO AHEAD TO THE COURTS TO HEAR THE AMERICAN CASE.

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BY LAWRENCE WILSON

Associated Press Writer

LONDON, AP — James Earl Ray today undergoes the first of what could be many court sessions on the U.S. application to extradite him for trial on the charge of murdering Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

In advance of Ray's second appearance in the Bow Street Magistrate's Court, Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Frank Milton spent the weekend studying the inch-thick file from the U.S. government requesting the extradition of the 40-year-old escaped convict.

Ray was arrested at London airport June 8 and charged then with entering the country on a forged Canadian passport and carrying an unlicensed loaded gun.

After a preliminary hearing before Milton June 10 on the passport and gun charges, he has been held under round-the-clock guard at Wandsworth Prison while Scotland Yard tried to reconstruct his movements and contacts during the three weeks he is believed to have spent in London before his arrest.

The U.S. Embassy forwarded the request for his extradition to the British government last Wednesday.

Under the 1901 extradition treaty between Britain and the United States, British courts can grant extradition only if U.S. authorities present evidence sufficient to send Ray to trial under British law.

Extradition of Ray was also asked because he is wanted by Missouri to complete a prison term for armed robbery. While extradition on this charge would be almost automatic, the U.S.-British treaty specifies that a suspect can only be tried on the charges for which he has been specifically extradited. Therefore, unless he is extradited for the murder of the Negro civil rights leader, he cannot be prosecuted on that charge in the United States.

The British Extradition Act of 1970 also says that no one can be surrendered to another country for "an offense of a political character," and there has been speculation that Ray's attorney might argue his client was charged with a political killing. But Denny Holland, professor of English law at London University, said in an interview that he would be surprised if Ray succeeded in any such defense.

"The extradition law may be vague," he said, "but it usually is interpreted according to the temper of the time."

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BY RICHARD MERSWORTHY

LONDON, JUNE 23 (REUTERS)—ARTHUR J. HANES, FORMER MAYOR OF BIRMINGHAM, ALA., ARRIVED HERE TODAY AND ANNOUNCED HE WOULD DEFEND THE ALLEGED ASSASSIN OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

HANES, DESCRIBING HIMSELF AS A "PRETTY FAIR COUNTRY LAWYER," TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE HE WOULD DEFEND JAMES EARL RAY IF HE IS EXTRADITED TO THE U.S. TO FACE FIRST DEGREE MURDER CHARGES FOR THE APRIL 4 SLAYING OF KING IN MEMPHIS, TENN.

RAY, BEING HELD HERE UNDER THE NAME OF RAMON GEORGE SNEYD, ON CHARGES OF ILLEGALLY CARRYING A GUN AND HOLDING FRAUDULENT CANADIAN PASSPORTS, WAS ARRESTED JUNE 8 AT LONDON AIRPORT.

HANES, WHO REFUSED TO DISCUSS HIS FEE, DEFENDED THREE MEMBERS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS IMPRISONMENT IN 1965 IN MONTGOMERY, ALA., FOR THE SLAYING OF CIVIL RIGHTS WORKER MRS. VIOLA LITZLO.

HANES WOULD NOT DISCLOSE THE AMOUNT OF HIS FEE AND WHO WOULD BE PAYING IT BUT REMARKED, "I HAVE FAITH THAT MY FEE WILL BE PAID."

THE 51-YEAR-OLD HANES TOLD NEWSMEN HE HAD RECEIVED A LETTER SIGNED BY AN "R.G. SNEYD" IN BIRMINGHAM SAYING HE HAD BEEN RETAINED TO DEFEND THE SUSPECT AND WHEN HE IS EXTRADITED TO THE UNITED STATES.

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BY LEONARD SANTORELLI

LONDON, JUNE 11 (REUTERS)--U.S. OFFICIALS TODAY PREPARED TO SEEK THE EXTRADITION OF REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING'S ALLEGED KILLER--A COMPLEX LEGAL PROCESS THAT MAY TAKE WEEKS OR EVEN MONTHS.

A COURT HERE YESTERDAY GRANTED AMERICAN AUTHORITIES A PROVISIONAL WARRANT FOR THE ARREST OF JAMES EARL RAY ON A CHARGE OF MURDER.

THE AMERICAN MOVE WAS BELIEVED TO BE A SAFETY PRECAUTION IN CASE RAY WAS FREED ON BAIL OR A LEGAL TECHNICALITY DURING HIS APPEARANCE IN COURT YESTERDAY ON PASSPORT AND FIREARMS CHARGES.

RAY, 40, WAS ARRESTED UNDER THE NAME OF RAMOND GEORGE SNEYD ON THE LESSEER CHARGES AS HE WAS ABOUT TO BOARD A BRUSSELS-BOUND PLANE HERE FOLLOWING A WORLD-HUNT FOR THE KILLER OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER.

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AT THE HEARING YESTERDAY RAY WAS ORDERED HELD UNTIL JUNE 18 ON CHARGES OF POSSESSING A FALSE PASSPORT AND A FIREARM AND AMMUNITION WITHOUT A CERTIFICATE.

HE WAS THEN WHISKED OFF TO A PRISON UNDER TIGHT SECURITY PRECAUTIONS. IF HE HAD BEEN GRANTED BAIL THE MURDER WARRANT MEANT HE COULD HAVE BEEN RE-ARRESTED AS HE LEFT THE COURT.

THE NEXT MOVE WILL BE FOR U.S. OFFICIALS TO SUBMIT A REQUEST FOR THE EXTRADITION OF RAY, THE F.B.I.'S CHIEF SUSPECT IN THE SLAYING OF KING IN MEMPHIS, TENN., TWO MONTHS AGO.

THE REQUEST WOULD BE CHANNELLED THROUGH THE BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE TO THE HOME OFFICE (INTERIOR MINISTRY) AND MUST SATISFY BRITISH OFFICIALS THAT THE CASE FALLS WITHIN THE TERMS OF THE BRITISH EXTRADITION TREATY WITH THE U.S.

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IF IT DOES, A COURT CAN GO AHEAD WITH AN EXTRADITION HEARING TO DECIDE WHETHER THE ACCUSED MAN SHOULD BE SURRENDERED TO U.S. OFFICIALS.

SHOULD AN EXTRADITION ORDER BE GRANTED, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO HOLD RAY FOR ANOTHER 15 DAYS HERE TO GIVE HIM TIME FOR AN APPEAL.

THE POSITION COULD BE FURTHER ENTANGLED IF BRITISH POLICE DECIDE TO MAKE RAY STAND TRIAL ON THE PASSPORT AND FIREARMS CHARGES.

RAY FACES TWO CHARGES IN THE U.S.--A TENNESSEE WARRANT CHARGING HIM WITH KING'S MURDER AND A FEDERAL CHARGE OF CONSPIRING TO DEPRIVE THE NEGRO LEADER OF HIS CIVIL RIGHTS.

MEANWHILE, RAY IS INSTALLED IN A PRISON CELL WHERE TWO OFFICERS KEEP AN AROUND-THE-CLOCK WATCH ON HIM.

A LIGHT BULB GLARES ALL NIGHT AND THE OFFICERS ACCOMPANY RAY WHENEVER HE LEAVES THE CELL.

LATER THIS WEEK HE WILL BE SHIFTED TO ANOTHER PRISON WHERE EVEN MORE STRINGENT SECURITY PRECAUTIONS CAN BE TAKEN.

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Associated Press Writer

LONDON — James Earl Ray was transferred Tuesday to a maximum security cell in fortress-like Wandsworth Prison and Scotland Yard detectives secured his London haunts to learn if he had contacts in Britain.

Legal moves were under way to extradite Ray to the United States to stand trial charged with the April 4 sniper slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Police on both sides of the Atlantic tried to untangle Ray's travels that took him to Canada, Britain and Portugal before his arrest Saturday at London Airport as he prepared to fly to Belgium.

Extradition could take up to two months if the 40-year-old Ray decides to fight it through the British courts. American authorities have obtained a provisional British warrant charging Ray with the murder of King in Memphis, Tenn.

Gov. Buford Ellington of Tennessee has signed "all necessary papers" required for the state's request that Ray be returned for trial, a spokesman for the governor said.

A State Department spokesman in Washington said documents to back up the extradition request had arrived there and "will be transmitted to London shortly." The documents are from Tennessee and from Missouri where Ray was convicted of armed robbery and escaped from prison in 1957 by hiding in a bread truck.

British police held Ray on charges of using a forged passport and carrying a gun. On Scotland Yard's records he is officially listed as Ramon George Sneyd, the name on his Canadian passport.

British detectives were using the passport charge as legal grounds to investigate his movements in London. Although he has been traced to two London hotels between May 23 and his arrest, there was an unexplained gap of about 10 days starting on May 17, when he left Lisbon for London.

FBI agents were understood to be working with Scotland Yard. The British police were doing the actual spadework since the FBI has no legal authority in foreign countries.

Scotland Yard was completely silent on where it was looking. But one officer said: "On the basis of this passport charge we can get a warrant if we want to search a place, and then go in and dab fingerprint it. If we find the prints we're looking for, we know we're on the right track."

Under British law, it is possible for police with a search warrant to enter a house without giving any explanation of their reasons. Therefore they can raid a home or hotel on Ray's trail without specifying the object of their search.

Any of the objects was understood to be establishing if Ray made contact with anyone in London who might have aided him. Such information would be passed directly to the FBI.

Now that Ray has been charged under British law, there is no possibility of Scotland Yard's interrogating him outside a courtroom.

U.S. officials, fearful that prosecution of Ray might be jeopardized, are staying well away from him. They have not questioned Ray.

Fred M. Vinson Jr., an assistant U.S. attorney general, said he "got a glimpse" of Ray but did not speak to him.

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(RAY)

LONDON--SCOTLAND YARD TODAY HUNTED LONDON CONTACTS OF THE MAN ACCUSED OF KILLING MARTIN LUTHER KING.

THE SEARCH CENTERED ON PERSONS WHO MAY HAVE KEPT THE 40-YEAR-OLD ESCAPED CONVICT SUPPLIED WITH MONEY BEFORE HIS ARREST AT LONDON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT SATURDAY.

THE HUNT SPREAD TO BRUSSELS AND LISBON WHERE, ACCORDING TO UNOFFICIAL REPORTS, JAMES EARL RAY MAY HAVE BEEN PICKING UP FUNDS FUNNELED THROUGH A SWISS BANK ACCOUNT.

THE DETECTIVES HUNTED WHILE U.S. AND BRITISH GOVERNMENT LAWYERS COOPERATED IN AN EFFORT TO EXTRADITE RAY TO AMERICA.

U.S. ASSISTANT ATTY. GEN. FRED M. VINSON JR., LEADING THE EXTRADITION DRIVE, WAS AIMING FOR AS SPEEDY AN EXTRADITION AS POSSIBLE -- BY JUNE 28, LEGAL SOURCES SAID. BUT COURT OBSERVERS HERE SAID THE PROCESS COULD RUN INTO A LONG HOT SUMMER IF RAY EXERCISES HIS CIVIL RIGHTS TO THE EXTENT OF AN APPEAL TO THE HOUSE OF LORDS, BRITAIN'S SUPREME COURT.

WITH THE AID OF THE BRITISH FOREIGN AND HOME OFFICES, VINSON YESTERDAY SECURED FROM LONDON'S CHIEF MAGISTRATE A PROVISIONAL MURDER-EXTRADITION WARRANT.

THAT WARRANT MEANT RAY WOULD BE HELD HERE PENDING A FULL EXTRADITION HEARING IN COURT. LEGAL SOURCES SAID THE U.S. MURDER CASE AGAINST RAY WOULD BE HEARD IN MAGISTRATE'S COURT THURSDAY.

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Associated Press Writer

LONDON (AP) — James Earl Ray, the escaped convict accused of slaying Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., was transferred under police guard today to Wandsworth Prison where security has been tightened since one of Britain's great train robbers went over the wall four years ago.

Wandsworth is considered a safer place for Ray than Brixton Prison where Ray has been held since his arrest Saturday.

U.S. legal experts worked on plans to take Ray quickly and safely back to the United States for trial and police on both sides of the Atlantic tried to learn if Ray had help in his four-month flight.

American authorities took the first formal step toward extradition Monday night by obtaining a provisional British warrant charging Ray with the murder of King on April 4 in Memphis, Tenn.

In Nashville, Tenn., Gov. Buford Ellington signed "all necessary papers" required for American's request that Ray be returned to stand trial for murder. The extradition papers were forwarded to the U.S. State Department's spokesman for the governor said.

Some legal experts suggested Britain might speed the process by deporting Ray as an undesirable alien. But other lawyers said

that would be a violation of British law. Procedure as a

substitute for extradition.

The 40-year-old Ray made a two-minute appearance Monday in

South Street Court on charges of carrying a forged passport and

under the name of Ramon Sneyd.

Police equipped with walkie-talkies to guard Brixton Prison

and blocked all roads leading to it, keeping unauthorized persons at

least 100 yards away. Similar maximum security measures were taken

for Ray's transfer to Wandsworth, a jail in a western suburb of

London.

Security measures were instituted at Wandsworth since

Ronald Arthur Briggs, one of the train robbers disappeared

over the wall. Ray escaped from Missouri State Prison in

1967 by riding in a dress trunk.

Wandsworth is used for Britain's long-term prisoners and Ray

will have two British police officers in his cell around the clock.

American authorities have not yet interrogated Ray and legal

experts say he can veto any attempt to do so as long as he is in

British custody.

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1201: URGENT RAY--PAPERS:

NASHVILLE, TENN., JUNE 11 (REUTERS)--TENNESSEE GOV. BUFORD ELLINGTON TODAY SIGNED PAPERS REQUESTING THE EXTRADITION OF JAMES EARL RAY, ALLEGED KILLER OF REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING, AND THEY WERE FORWARDED TO THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT IN WASHINGTON.

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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE GOVERNOR SAID HE FILLED OUT THE PAPERS THIS MORNING.

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THE PAPERS MUST ALSO GO TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT BEFORE THE EXTRADITION PROCESS CAN BEGIN.

ASKED IF TENNESSEE HAD MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ARRIVAL OF RAY, WHO WAS ARRESTED IN LONDON SATURDAY, THE SPOKESMAN SAID "NO COMMENT."

MEMPHIS POLICE HAVE SAID THEY WERE PREPARED FOR RAY AND INTEND TO KEEP HIM UNDER TIGHT SECURITY.

RAY, 40, HAS BEEN CHARGED IN MEMPHIS WITH THE MURDER OF KING APRIL 4.

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in assistant superintendent manager said Monday he found a man who resembled James Earl Ray, accused assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., prowling in the back of the store April 22.

Samuel Marshall said the man told him he was looking for a job but left the store when Marshall asked the manager, the manager approached. Marshall furnished the man with a key to the store for a possible job.

Not until the next day, Marshall said, did he see a magazine photograph of King's suspected killer and concluded that the man in the store was Ray. He said he decided to go to the U.S. consulate with this information but became involved in a traffic accident on the way. Marshall said he then gave the information to a policeman but heard nothing further about it. A police spokesman said there was no Ray in such a report.

Ray, alleged assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was arrested in London and is now in custody in London, Tenn.

Police interviewed hundreds of persons living in an effort to trace all of Ray's movements in Toronto. Investigators said they were trying to find out whether he had friends in the city.

An employee at a magazine store said a man who resembled Ray bought two cellophane-wrapped books at \$5 each and paid for them with quarters. A woman who operated a variety store near one rooming house where Ray stayed said he bought cigarettes there.

Mrs. Sun Lee, Ray's landlady, was reported to have found in his room after he left for London an empty overnight bag, six rolls of film, a photographic light meter, a small, empty strongbox, a map of Toronto, three girlie magazines, three empty beer bottles and a dirty white shirt.

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Ray was held over for any further charges in connection with the King assassination. But British authorities said Ray would refuse any attempt by American authorities to extradite him until he is in U.S. custody. Ray's extradition would require a extradition or deporting him as a undesirable alien and the gun charge would be sufficient to do it. Some local experts said there is a strong tradition against paying deportation proceedings as a substitute for extradition.

Ray made a two-minute appearance in court Monday on the remand for charges. He was assigned a high level of security and request was ordered that without bail for another hearing June 11. In extradition proceedings, the court would require a bench warrant against Ray and he would then have 10 days to appear in the High Court. A further appeal could also be made to the House of Lords, causing additional delay.

British authorities said they would secure custody for Ray while the extradition proceedings move forward. Ray was then sent to Brixton Prison, transit and holding jail on London's south side. Although shifts of detectives guard him under guard around the clock, it was not felt secure enough.

Ray was then shifted to Wandsworth Prison, also on the south side, and put in an isolation cell under two-man guard. Wandsworth, a large brick and stone structure surrounded by walls, houses long-term prisoners.

Security at Wandsworth has been tightened considerably since Ronald Biggs, one of Britain's great train robbers, fled over the walls four years ago. Like most of the 14 men who have escaped from inside Wandsworth since 1962, Biggs made his getaway from the exercise yard.

Ray is not expected to be allowed out of his cell for exercise.

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WASHINGTON. A document to instruct the U.S. request to Britain for extradition of James Earl Ray, accused assassin of President John F. Kennedy, will be transmitted to London shortly, a State Department spokesman said Tuesday.  
The spokesman, press officer Robert J. McElroy, said the document had arrived at the Justice Department last Tennessee, where Ray is wanted for the murder of Martin Luther King Jr., and from Missouri where Ray was convicted of armed robbery.  
Both crimes are grounds for extradition under the 1921 U.S.-British extradition treaty.  
Ray was picked up by the British Saturday and is being held for the time being on charges of violating British laws forbidding use of a fraudulent passport and possession of an unlicensed pistol.  
McElroy noted that a U.S. provisional request for Ray's arrest already had been made, pending the U.S. follow-through with documentation supporting the U.S. claim that he should be extradited to this country.  
Earlier Tuesday, Tennessee Gov. Buford Ellington signed what was termed all the necessary papers for Tennessee's bid for extradition of Ray to that state. King was assassinated in Memphis.  
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UPI-136 (RAY)

WASHINGTON--THE STATE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY IT WILL SHORTLY TRANSMIT DOCUMENTS TO BRITAIN IN SUPPORT OF THE EXTRADITION REQUEST FOR THE SUSPECTED SLAYER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING.

STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ROBERT J. BUCKLESAID TOLD A NEWS BRIEFING THAT DOCUMENTS HAD ARRIVED AT THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT FROM BOTH TENNESSEE AND MISSOURI FOR THE PROCEEDINGS INVOLVING JAMES EARL RAY.

THESE UNSPECIFIED DOCUMENTS ARE PRESENTLY AT THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, BUT THE SPOKESMAN SAID THEY WOULD BE SENT TO BRITAIN "SHORTLY," POSSIBLY BY SPECIAL DIPLOMATIC POUCH.

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UPI-136

(RAY)

WASHINGTON--THE STATE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY IT WILL SEND DOCUMENTATION TO GREAT BRITAIN SHORTLY IN SUPPORT OF ITS REQUEST FOR EXTRADITION OF THE ACCUSED SLAYER OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

A STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID DOCUMENTATION HAS ARRIVED AT THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT FROM BOTH TENNESSEE AND MISSOURI FOR THE PROCEEDINGS INVOLVING JAMES EARL RAY.

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Under normal procedure Milton would study the petition and schedule a hearing about a week after receiving it.

If Milton grants extradition, Ray has 14 days to appeal to the High Court, and another 14 days to take the case to the House of Lords if his lawyers want to challenge the order on a point of law.

Ray's court-appointed British lawyer refused all comment on his case. The lawyer, Michael Brennan, specialized in police court cases and was picked to defend him on the passport and gun charges. Ray could request another lawyer for the extradition hearing, and that would delay the case.

So long as Ray is held here on passport charges, British police have legal authority to investigate his movements during his three weeks in London prior to his arrest. Scotland Yard is doing that.

John Brennan, receptionist at one hotel where Ray stayed, told a newsmen that the police are looking for another receptionist who checked Ray into the hotel. The other girl now is on vacation, but Miss Brennan said Scotland Yard wants to find out if someone accompanied Ray when he arrived at the hotel.

The police investigation carried out at the request and with the cooperation of the FBI, appears directed at determining whether evidence of a conspiracy to kill King can be turned up in London.

There was some suspicion here that Ray may have had an appointment to meet someone in London, perhaps a contact who had never turned up.

Miss Brennan said Ray had originally been booked to leave the hotel on June 7 and then extended his stay for two more days. When she asked him why, he said: "I'm having trouble with my visa."

Ray moved from his room to a secluded hotel with a private telephone number and stayed in his room for four days, trying to arrange a flight out of London. By that time, police apparently were on his trail and closing in.

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1210: RAY:

LONDON, JUNE 12 (UPI)—THE AMERICAN EMBASSY TODAY TURNED OVER A FILE ON JAMES EARL RAY TO THE BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE AS A PRELIMINARY TO EXTRADITION PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE ACCUSED ASSASSIN OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

BRITISH OFFICIALS WERE STUDYING THE INCH-THICK FILE THIS AFTERNOON TO ENSURE THE CASE COMPLIED WITH TERMS OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN EXTRADITION TREATY.

ONCE SATISFIED, THE FOREIGN OFFICE WILL PASS IT ON TO THE HOME OFFICE (INTERIOR MINISTRY). THE HOME OFFICE THEN MUST CHECK THAT LEGAL REQUIREMENTS ARE MET BEFORE PASSING THE FILE TO THE MAGISTRATE AT LONDON'S BOW STREET COURT FOR A PRELIMINARY HEARING.

AMERICAN EMBASSY OFFICIALS WERE HOPEFUL A PRELIMINARY HEARING MIGHT BE HELD LATE THIS WEEK OR EARLY NEXT WEEK.

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RAY WAS ARRESTED AT LONDON AIRPORT SATURDAY AS HE WAS ABOUT TO BOARD A PLANE FOR BRUSSELS. MONDAY HE WAS BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOW STREET COURT UNDER THE NAME OF RAMON GEORGE SNEYD.

HE WAS THEN CHARGED WITH ILLEGALLY POSSESSING A REVOLVER AND AMMUNITION AND WITH CARRYING A FORGED CANADIAN PASSPORT. THE COURT ORDERED HIM HELD IN CUSTODY FOR A HEARING JUNE 16. EXTRADITION PROCEEDINGS COULD EITHER BE BROUGHT UP THEN OR DEALT WITH SEPARATELY.

AMERICAN AUTHORITIES HAVE ALREADY OBTAINED A PROVISIONAL WARRANT FOR RAY ON THE CHARGE OF MURDERING KING.

THIS WAS A PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE TO ENSURE THAT RAY COULD BE REARRESTED IF THE HOLDING CHARGES FAILED TO STAND UP.

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AMERICAN AUTHORITIES MUST ESTABLISH A PRIMA FACIE CASE AGAINST RAY TO OBTAIN AN EXTRADITION ORDER. THIS IS EXPECTED TO TAKE MORE THAN ONE COURT HEARING.

EVEN AFTER EXTRADITION IS ORDERED THERE WOULD BE A DELAY BEFORE BRITISH OFFICIALS COULD TURN RAY OVER TO U.S. MARSHALS FOR THE JOURNEY BACK TO TENNESSEE.

AT LEAST 15 DAYS MUST ELAPSE FROM THE TIME RULING IS MADE TO THE TIME IT IS PUT INTO EFFECT. THIS IS TO ALLOW FOR APPEALS AND ANY APPEAL COULD TAKE SEVERAL WEEKS TO DECIDE.

BRITISH OFFICIALS TUESDAY SWITCHED RAY FROM BRIXTON PRISON TO WANDSWORTH JAIL IN A NEIGHBORING DISTRICT OF LONDON TO PROVIDE TIGHTER SECURITY.

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