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(TEXT) SEVERAL YEARS AGO ON THIS BRIDGE SHERIFF JIM CLARK'S
SOLDIERS AND MOUNTED POLICE USED GAS ON THE COLUMNS OF THE FAMOUS
MARCH FROM SELMA TO MONTGOMERY IN DEFENSE OF THE RIGHTS OF NEGROES
THEY BEAT THEM UP, TRAMPLED ON THEM, AND DISPERSED THEM. THIS
MARCH WAS LEADED BY MARTIN LUTHER KING.

ON THE EVENING BEFORE RAY ARRIVED IN SELMA, THE LOCAL NEWSPAPER,
THE "TIMES JOURNAL," WROTE: "MARTIN LUTHER KING HAS AGAIN BEGUN A
CAMPAIGN IN ALABAMA TO MOBILIZE PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE POOR
PEOPLE'S MARCH ON WASHINGTON.... KING AND HIS SUPPORTERS, "THE
PAPER POINTED OUT, "ARRIVED YESTERDAY IN ALABAMA AFTER A TWO-DAY

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FOUR OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI. TODAY HE PLANS TO VISIT LISMAN,
LINDEN, AND CAMDEN, AND AFTER THAT HE WILL FLY ON TO ATLANTA...."

ON 23 TWENTYTHREE MARCH JAMES EARL RAY LEFT SELMA FOR ATLANTA.

WITH THIS, HUGH FINISHES HIS ACCOUNT OF RAY'S CONFESSION. "THE
CONTENTS OF THE PLAN TO MURDER KING," HUGH WRITES, "ARE BECOMING
CLEAR TO ME. PERHAPS MY READERS HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO FULLY
UNDERSTAND IT, BECAUSE I AM UNABLE TO TELL EVERYTHING THAT HAS
BECOME CLEAR TO ME IN IT AND THAT I HAVE FOUND OUT BY CHECKING THE
FACTS, UNTIL RAY HAS BEEN TRIED." "ON THE BASIS OF MY OWN RESEARCH,"
HUGH CONTINUES, "I HAVE COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THE PLAN WAS AS
FOLLOWS: KING HAD TO BE MURDERED IN THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION YEAR;
THIS MURDER WAS THOUGHT UP NOT BY KING'S PERSONAL ENEMIES, BUT BY
PEOPLE OF COLD REASON WHO WANTED TO USE THE MURDER TO IGNITE A
SAVAGE WAR BETWEEN THE WHITE AND THE BLACKS."

"TOWARD 15 FIFTEEN MARCH," HUGH FURTHER WRITES, "THE CONSPIRATORS
BEGAN THEIR PRACTICAL PREPARATIONS TO MURDER KING IN ONE OF THE

TOWNS WHERE HE HAD PREPARED THE POOR PEOPLE'S MARCH ON WASHINGTON.

THEY PREFERRED TO DO IT IN BIRMINGHAM, MONTGOMERY, OR SELMA,

INASMUCH AS THESE CITIES WERE CENTERS WHERE KING WAS WAGING

THE STRUGGLE FOR THE RIGHTS OF HIS PEOPLE."

THE PROGRESSIVE AMERICAN PUBLIC LINKS THE PLOT AGAINST KING WITH THE INTENTION OF THE RACISTS TO INCITE HATRED IN THE COUNTRY BETWEEN THE BLACKS AND THE WHITES AND IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF HYSTERIA ON THE EVE OF THE ELECTIONS, TO INFLECT A BLOW UPON THE COUNTRY'S PROGRESSIVE MOVEMENT.

THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE TRIAL OF JAMES RAY, WHICH IS NOW POSTPONED UNTIL 3 THREE MARCH 1969 NINETEEN SIXTYNINE, MAY REVEAL NEW FACTS ABOUT THE OMINOUS CONSPIRACY AND SHOW WHO REALLY GUIDED THE HAND OF KING'S ASSASSIN. MANY DOUBT, HOWEVER, THAT RAY WILL LIVE

TO BE JUDGED. THE AMERICAN "TIME" MAGAZINE CITES THE FOLLOWING

STATEMENT OF A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CRIMINAL WORLD IN MEMPHIS:

"RAY WILL NOT LIVE TO GET TO COURT. MARK MY WORDS--HE WILL NOT
GET TO THE STAND."

THE FUTURE WILL SHOW WHETHER THE WORLD WILL HEAR FROM THE LIPS OF
KING'S MURDERER ABOUT THE PEOPLE WHO PLOTTED AND CARRIED OUT THE
CONSPIRACY OF HATRED AGAINST THEIR OWN PEOPLE. THE FUTURE WILL SHOW

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WHETHER THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES WILL MANAGE TO HIDE THE TRUTH

OUT THIS OMINOUS CONSPIRACY. ENDALL

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SECRET: "THE SECRET OF KING'S MURDER")

(TEXT) NEW YORK, 21 TWENTY ONE NOVEMBER--UP TO NOW THE AMERICAN
AUTHORITIES HAVE PERSISTENTLY MAINTAINED THAT THE BLOODY REPRISAL
AGAINST THE NEGRO CIVIL RIGHTS-STRUGGLE LEADER, MARTIN LUTHER KING,
WAS CARRIED OUT ON 4 FOUR APRIL IN MEMPHIS BY A LONE ASSASSIN.

THIS JULY JAMES EARL RAY, THE MAN SUSPECTED OF KING'S MURDER,
WAS HANDCUFFED AND TAKEN IN A BULLETPROOF SUIT FROM ENGLAND TO THE
UNITED STATES. HE WAS LODGED IN THE COMFORTABLE PRISON CELL THAT
HAD BEEN RESERVED FOR HIM IN THE CITY OF MEMPHIS, WHERE HE RESIDES
TO THIS DAY. APART FROM LAWYERS, THE PRISON AUTHORITIES DO NOT

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ALL THE DEFENDERS. RAY. WHEN RAY APPEARS AT PRELIMINARY (NOT HEARING,

ALL THE DEFENDERS IN THE HALL ARE THOROUGHLY SEARCHED. IT IS WELL

KNOWN THAT SEVERAL YEARS AGO RAY WAS CONVICTED OF A CRIMINAL

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

WAS RELEASED. HIS RECORD IS UNCLAS.

ESCAPED FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PRISON. AFTER HIS ESCAPE FROM

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

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

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

HUGH MADE MANY TRIPS THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES, CANADA, AND
MEXICO TO CHECK THOROUGHLY THE DETAILS GIVEN IN RAY'S NOTES. HUGH
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WRITES THAT ALL THE FACTS AS REPORTED BY RAY HAVE BEEN CORROBORATED.

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

CONCLUSION THAT ALREADY ON 15 FIFTEEN AUGUST 1967 NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN

THAT EXISTED A CONSPIRACY TO MURDER KING.

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

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

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

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CARRYING OUT CERTAIN PLANS."

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

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

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

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

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

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

AND SO THAT IS WHY I SAID TO RAOUL: 'O.K., I'LL MEET YOU IN MONROVIA.'"

FOR TAVING THE CONTRABAND PACKAGES OVER TO DETROIT, RAY GOT

750 SEVEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS FROM RAOUL AND THE TELEPHONE

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

OUT FOR BIRMINGHAM.

AFTER MEETING RAY IN BIRMINGHAM SEVERAL DAYS LATER, RAOUL

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

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

IS TRIP AROUND THE UNITED STATES AND IN WHICH HE FLED FROM MEMPHIS

ON 4 APRIL AFTER KING'S ASSASSINATION.

"I.S. PROOF," RAY WRITE, "THAT I WAS DRAGGED INTO A PLOT TO
KILL KING WHEN I TOOK THE PACKAGES FROM CANADA TO THE UNITED
STATES (21 TWENTY FIRST AUGUST 1967 NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN). IT
SEEMS TO ME THAT THE QUESTION HAD ALREADY BEEN DECIDED BEFORE THE
CAR WAS BOUGHT IN BIRMINGHAM, BECAUSE NOBODY WOULD HAVE GIVEN ME
3,000 THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS JUST TO TAKE DRUGS ACROSS A BORDER."
ON 5 FIVE OCTOBER RAY GOT A LETTER IN BIRMINGHAM FROM RAOUL WITH
A DEMAND FOR HIM TO BE AT THE BORDER BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND
MEXICO, FOR BRINGING ANOTHER BATCH OF CONTRABAND INTO MEXICO, AS
RAOUL HAD INSTRUCTED, RAY GOT 2,000 TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM HIS
PATRON. RAOUL PROMISED TO HAND OVER DOCUMENTS AND 12,000 TWELVE
THOUSAND DOLLARS TO RAY AT THEIR NEXT MEETING.
RAY STAYED IN MEXICAN RESORTS UNTIL THE END OF NOVEMBER.

WHILE DELAYING IN THE COE REACHES, HE APPEARED IN ORLEANS

ON 15 FIFTEEN DECEMBER FOR THE NEXT MEETING WITH RAOUL.

AS RAOUL HANDED OVER 2,500 TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS TO RAY,

HE TOLD HIM THAT IN TWO OR THREE MONTHS' TIME THEY "WILL HAVE TO DO

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ONE THING MORE." "WHEN I ASKED HIM WHAT IT WAS," RAY WRITES, "HE
TOLD ME THAT I HAD PROMISED NOT TO ASK ANY QUESTIONS."

AT THE BEGINNING OF MARCH THIS YEAR A PLASTIC FACIAL SURGERY
OPERATION WAS CONDUCTED ON RAY IN LOS ANGELES. ON 15 FIFTEEN MARCH
RAOUL GAVE RAY INSTRUCTIONS TO GO BY CAR TO SELMA. ON 22 TWENTY
TWO MARCH RAY SIGNED INTO THE "FLAMINGO" HOTEL THERE. THIS HOTEL
IS ON EDWARD BETTUS (AS TRANSLITERATED) BRIDGE, WHICH HAS PASSED INTO
THE HISTORY OF THE STRUGGLE FOR NEGRO CIVIL RIGHTS. MORE.

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McCarthy Terms Death Of Dr. King a Sacrifice

By RICHARD DUDMAN
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SAN FRANCISCO, April 5 — Senator Eugene J. McCarthy (Dem.), Minnesota, expressed shock and grief last night over the killing of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King.

"What has happened today seems to give us some kind of human symbol and sacrifice to which we must respond," he told 3000 persons who attended a \$3.50-a-couple dinner.

Shortly after learning of the shooting of the Rev. Dr. King in Memphis, McCarthy issued this statement:

"The death of Martin Luther King is a tragedy for all Americans. Not only have his people lost a noble and great leader, but all people, especially Americans, have lost a man of peace. We can only grieve."

Wife Joins Mrs. King

Mrs. McCarthy flew today to Atlanta to be with Mrs. King, McCarthy said. The two women knew each other through an organization called Church Women United.

McCarthy said he would not go to Atlanta for the King funeral. He said he would attend a memorial service wherever he happened to be at the time.

McCarthy referred only briefly to the killing in a speech largely on domestic affairs. He drew a standing ovation with an attack against the Central Intelligence Agency, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Selective Service System.

McCarthy's Attack Cheered

He listed the three agencies as "institutions that I think have gotten out of hand," and the audience jumped to its feet. Hershey.

"Since this is a government of men as well as a government of laws, I plan to make some use of the word 'alter' in asking what changes he would make in the government."

"The first is the Central Intelligence Agency, the second is the FBI, and the third is the draft under Gen. (Lewis B.) and cheered. There was additional applause when he said, 'And also the Department of Defense and the Executive Branch of the Government.'"

He was slightly more specific earlier in an address to an overflow crowd of 12,000 students in the University of California's Greek Theater in Berkeley.

"There are three agencies of government that need to be somewhat altered," he said, noting that a questioner had

changes."

McCarthy's attack was an unusual political act. Most politicians avoid criticism of the CIA and FBI. John F. Kennedy, before his inauguration as president in 1961, saw fit to announce that he would keep the then CIA director John McCone and FBI director J. Edgar Hoover in office.

On Draft Objectors

McCarthy drew more applause by indorsing campus assistance to draft resisters — although he said he did not favor encouraging draft resistance in the first place — and readmission of students to colleges and universities after serving sentences for draft evasion.

At a press conference, he advocated a "sort of amnesty" for young American men who have fled to Canada to avoid the draft. He said he would make them eligible for "selective objection" to war under an amended draft system that would permit alternate service

for those who honestly objected to a particular war.

win, a speech writer in the Kennedy and Johnson administrations, was still on his campaign staff, McCarthy said that Goodwin would remain with him as

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