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(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)To Be Returned ☐ Yes
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Description:

*Investigative notes of
SA Paul A. Joensen dated*

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5/15/69

☐ Birth ☒ Credit ☒ Criminal ☐ Motor Vehicle ☐ Death ☐ Marriage * ☐ INS

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Return to Jensen File number 44-374

Name and aliases of subject, applicant, or employee, and spouse

LEIGH ~~KETCH~~ FITCH (Eleanor D)

Addresses 249 Penfield Rd., Rochester (Brighton)

Residence

Business retired

Former

* Date and place of marriage (if applicable)

Race	Sex ☐ Male ☐ Female	Age	Height	Weight	Hair	Eyes
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Birth date	Birthplace
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Specific information desired

also check MR 866 (N.Y. license)

Results of check

NR - PD/50 5/15 *W*

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Father died - Aug 1938
Hattie, mother, Apr. 1939

Fitch, Leigh W. (Eleanore)
249 Penfield Rd, Brighton

1952:

A carpenter by trade, formerly id.
with his father Frank E. Fitch
in that line now self empl.
in building contracting bus, operating
on small scale.

1939-⁸ 150 collection acct. - rd.

On file since 1926 - Credit performance
somewhat erratic. No derog public
records - but occasional accts
have been placed for collection. His
financial responsibility not too keen
or as particularly large.

all 2/15/52

1941 - steady, industrious, & good habits
but hard pressed for working
capital - generally slow in payment

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8/8/49 - age 55 - married. He is
carpenter by trade & believed
connected with La Due & Fitch Inc.

inquiry (lead) 12/18/67-

National Clothing

1 - 3/13/65 - Flah & Co. inquiry

Later yrs ok

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MR 866

LEIGH M. FITCH

249 Penfield Rd, Rock

DOB - 9-07-93

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Ray's Capture Muffles FBI Critics

By RALPH MCGILL

ANOTHER phase of the sickness of our society, of which petty, petulant cynicism and a wish to believe the worst are symptoms, was revealed by the capture of James Earl Ray, suspected of killing Dr. Martin Luther King.

A Bible text may be helpful beginning with Matthew 11:12:

"From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence and the violent carry it away . . .

"The man who has ears to hear, he must use them.

"But how can I show what the people of this generation are like? They are like children sitting in the market place calling out to their friends, 'We played at weddings for you but you would not dance, and we played at funerals and you would not cry.' For John came, neither eating nor drinking; and they said, 'He is a hypocrite and crazy!' Then the Son of Man came, enjoying life, and people say, 'Look, a drunkard and a glutton — the close friend of the tax collector and the sinners . . .'

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ALWAYS the doubters — the cynics, the nay-sayers, the makers of false rumors — refuse to accept reality.

Dr. King was murdered April 4. Ray was arrested in London.

on June 8. Yet, in those few weeks the most amazing rumors, doubts and evil reports were circulated about the Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Some of these false accusations and spurious claims of "inside reports" were set in motion by persons of malice, by enemies of the American system or those who tried to make the Negro doubt the integrity of the administration.

Among the more commonly circulated false rumors and lies was one that the FBI didn't want to catch the man because the FBI didn't like Dr. King.

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IT IS SURPRISING how many do not understand the legalisms that restrict the FBI to in-

vestigative work connected with violations of federal law. The bureau is not a police force. The FBI for example, was largely impotent in the civil rights area until Congress enacted federal laws.

It is a tribute to J. Edgar Hoover and his bureau that they have done so tremendous a job in federal law enforcement and detection. Maybe the FBI has a peer, but no superior.

While "they" were whispering that they "knew" the FBI was not trying to find James Earl Ray, a massive force was at work in 50 states, in Mexico and Canada. Now Ray is caught.

The geese will be quiet for a time — but soon they will be at it again. Not even the truth stops them.

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Buffalo Evening News
Buffalo, New York

*cc: Bureau
6/20/68
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Date: 6/19/68
Edition: Complete
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Editor: Ralph McGill,
Title: Author

MURKIN

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) 2P

MURKIN.

IT IS SUGGESTED FOR THE BUREAU'S CONSIDERATION THAT LEGAT BERNE BE REQUESTED TO DETERMINE IF SUBJECT RAY HAD BANK ACCOUNT OR SAFE DEPOSIT BOX IN SWITZERLAND UNDER TRUE NAME OR ALIASES.

BUFFALO AND DETROIT ARE REQUESTED TO AGAIN CONTACT POLICE SOURCES FOR ANY INDICATION OF ROBBERIES INVOLVING MORE THAN TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS IN WHICH SUBJECT MIGHT HAVE BEEN INVOLVED DURING PERIOD APRIL TWENTY THREE NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN TO JULY EIGHTEEN SIXTY SEVEN.

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ST. LOUIS OFFICE ADVISED BY TELETYPE MAY TWELVE LAST THAT FORMER MSP INMATE JAMES H. CARPENTER SAW SUBJECT BETWEEN MAY TEN AND SEVENTEEN SIXTY SEVEN AT ST. LOUIS. MEMPHIS HAS NOT RECEIVED IRF REFLECTING FULL INTERVIEW WITH CARPENTER AND INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED TO SUBSTANTIATE HIS ALLEGATION.

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 - 1 - Newark (AM)
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ST. LOUIS PLEASE FURNISH SAME.

ST. LOUIS SHOULD ALSO BE ADVISED THAT MEMPHIS FEELS
INFORMATION FURNISHED THUS FAR BY JERRY RAY HAS BEEN
WORTHLESS AND MEMPHIS DOES NOT INTEND TO MAINTAIN CONTACT
WITH JERRY RAY IF HE CHANGES RESIDENCE TO MEMPHIS, TENN.
MEMPHIS BELIEVES MORE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED THROUGH
NEWARK PCI MARJORIE FETTERS THAN BY DIRECT CONTACT WITH
JERRY RAY. P.
END.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-374) (P)

FROM : SA R. GORDON EDDY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 6/25/68

On 6/14/68, Superintendent CARL DOEY, RCMP, Toronto, Ont., Canada, telephonically advised that he had received a telephone call from their Ottawa Office. The Ottawa Office had informed him that they had received information from their liaison office at the Bureau that he had received information concerning an individual in Montreal during the summer of 1967, who might be the individual referred to by ROBERT JOHNSTONE, Reporter for the "Toronto Star."

Superintendent DOEY identified this individual as JULIUS ROCCO KIMBLE. KIMBLE allegedly was an Agent recruited by some State law enforcement agency from the South to infiltrate the Ku Klux Klan (KKK). KIMBLE did infiltrate the KKK, but once he did so, he doubled in favor of the KKK and furnished them with information, as to what law enforcement was doing.

Superintendent DOEY said this was all the information he had relative to KIMBLE.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-374) (P)

DATE: 6/24/68

FROM : SA R. GORDON EDDY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Memphis has requested that the Buffalo Office again contact law enforcement agencies within the Buffalo Division to determine if there have been any robberies or burglaries which occurred during the period 4/23/67 - 7/18/67 in which more than \$10,000.00 might have been obtained. These cases would be unsub cases wherein JAMES EARL RAY might have been involved.

LEAD

AGENTS RECEIVING THIS MEMORANDUM

Contact PDs, SOs, and NYSP BCI Investigators to determine if they are aware of any such robbery or burglary during the period 4/23/67 - 7/18/67.

- 1 - SA ROBERT W. BUCHER
- 1 - SA RICHARD W. RUDY
- 1 - SA DON FRITZ HEIM (A)
- 1 - SA JEROME C. O'HANLON
- 1 - SA RAYMOND D. ANGLE, JR.
- 1 - SA ROBERT F. UTZ
- 1 - SA JACK R. SMALLDON
- 1 - SA JOHN F. RISDON (A)
- 1 - SA EUGENE A. HEVERON
- 1 - SA JAMES A. COMFORT
- 1 - SA JAMES E. NEAL, JR.
- 1 - SA JAMES P. MC MAHON
- 1 - SA R. GORDON EDDY

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)
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On 7/3/68, Mr. WALTER PACKARD, JR. 26 Raymond Road, Penfield, New York, Telephone 586-2276, contacted SA ROBERT W. DAWSON by long distance telephone and advised that he had some observations concerning captioned matter. PACKARD admitted that he had been a former patient at Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester, New York, inasmuch as he had been mentally disturbed. He had undergone numerous electric shock treatments and these treatments had "really blasted my memory".

PACKARD stated that he is studying for advancing academic degree; and based upon his education and upon his experience in the past, it is his belief that an intelligent properly trained individual could have programed the slaying of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. into the mind of JAMES EARL RAY through chemotherapy or subliminal processes. He further believed that RAY could have been programed to have left evidence such as dropping the gun and could have been programed to break down and involve some innocent party rather than the

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person who was actually controlling him.

PACKARD stated he had discussed this theory with Dr. JOHN ERTLE, who is a Doctor of Philosophy and Psychology at the University of Ottawa, and with other educated individuals who believed that the KING assassination could have been carried out in such a manner.

PACKARD desired to be interviewed more fully concerning the above and wished that an Agent possessing scientific background could conduct such interview.

It is suggested that BU may desire to interview PACKARD in the event there is no information available to indicate such interview would be undesirable.

15 Tuxford Road
Pittsford, N.Y. 14534
June 29, 1968

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Buffalo
New York

Dear Sirs:

As advised by my lawyer, I am enclosing a check endorsed by Peggy Wray and giving an address in Santa Maria, California.

When we lived in Santa Maria, she worked for me, and from conversations I recall, I feel she may have been married to James Earl Ray. The validity should easily be checked by contacting the Santa Maria High School....because this woman had a son registered in high school at that time. If my memory is correct she called him James Earl. 44-374

I have no further information that I think would be of help to you, but if for any reason you do feel it necessary to contact me, please do so by telephone first. My children remember her only as "Peggy" and I do not feel it wise for them to be aware of this connection, if it should prove to be true.

My delay in contacting you is because of my personal concern for her and her efforts to make a new life for herself and her children. If information concerning her is not pertinent to the case I would urge you not to intrude on her.

Respectfully,

Stewart F. Lambers

Mrs. Stewart F. Lambers

Enc.:Cancelled Check #310

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-374) (P)

DATE: 7/3/68

FROM : SA JAMES A. COMFORT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Mr. GERALD CASTIGLIA, Innkeeper, Holiday Inn, Camp Road, Hamburg, advised on 6/21/68 that a review of his records for the period 4/6,7,8 and 9/68 and 4/10/68 failed to reflect anyone registered at that motel by the name of JAMES EARL RAY or his aliases.

He stated further that the photographs of RAY are not familiar to him as a person having stayed at that motel. He further stated that his motel has a large lunch and dinner serving and it is possible for many individuals to eat there who do not stay overnight. He added that if anyone looking like RAY had stayed there, during that period, they would have been listed in his records.

Mr. CASTIGLIA further stated that the display of photographs to the personnel employed here failed to locate anyone who could identify RAY as having stayed at this motel.

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Ray Testifies That He Didn't Assassinate Dr. King

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BREAKS LONG SILENCE TO DISCLAIM GUILT AT LONDON HEARING

No Grudge Against Negro Leader, Defendant Tells the Court as Extradition Fight Opens

By United Press International

LONDON, June 27—James Earl Ray took the witness stand today in his fight against extradition and denied he is the assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King.

Asked by his counsel: "Did you kill Dr. Martin Luther King?" Ray replied quickly and in matter-of-fact tones:

"No, sir."

Ray entered the courtroom in Bow Street Magistrate Court chewing gum, his face already showing the stubble of a beard.

He hunched forward, his jaw muscles twitching from time to time as British attorney David Calcutt, acting for the United States, said Ray was the "single-hand" killer of Dr. King and demanded his return for a murder trial.

Not Sworn In.

Ray, who has been silent since his arrest at London Airport June 8 on charges of having illegal passports and carrying a pistol, rose after his lawyer announced to a stunned court:

"I call my client."

Ray, flanked by two Scotland Yard detectives, marched to the witness stand.

The attorneys and Magistrate Frank Milton then discussed under what name Ray should be sworn. He was arrested as Ramon George Sneyd. It was decided not to swear him at all but merely have him answer his counsel's questions.

"Are you the man arrested at London Airport June 28?" his attorney Roger Frisby asked.

"A Political Figure"

"Yes, sir," replied Ray.

"Did you know Martin Luther King personally?"

"No, sir."

"Did you have a grudge against him?" Mr. Frisby asked.

"No, sir," Ray said. He spoke quickly and clearly.

Then Mr. Frisby asked: "Did you kill Dr. Martin Luther King?"

"No, sir," Ray said.

Mr. Frisby had told the court: "The whole burden of my case

is that Dr. King was a political figure." The extradition agreement between the U. S. and Britain does not cover political crimes.

The court clerk took the procedure down in shorthand and then read it back to Ray. He asked if it were correct and Ray said: "Yes, that's correct."

The clerk then asked Ray if he would like to sign his statement.

Ray looked slightly surprised and said: "Well, how would I sign it?"

There was more consultation between the magistrate and Mr. Frisby and Mr. Frisby then said Ray should not sign the document. He was held for a further hearing July 2.

"Have a Witness"

Mr. Calcutt had begun his testimony today by accusing Ray of executing the "calculated, brutal and senseless murder" of Dr. King April 4, in Memphis, Tenn., with a rifle which bore his fingerprints.

Mr. Calcutt said U. S. authorities had a witness who saw Ray enter a rooming house bathroom overlooking the motel where Dr. King died, heard a shot fired from the bathroom and watched Ray come out of the room a minute later carrying a bundle.

Mr. Calcutt identified the witness as a "Mr. Stevens," but did not give his first name. An affidavit carried the name Charles Stevens, 46, of Memphis.

In Memphis, neighbors of Mr. Stevens in Mrs. Bessie Brewer's rooming house said Mr. Stevens moved out about the time Ray was arrested and has dropped out of sight. The FBI denied any knowledge of his whereabouts.

In addition, Mrs. Brewer is no longer at her rooming house.

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3 King Witnesses Believed Under Protective Custody

By United Press International
MEMPHIS, Tenn., June 28 — Three persons, believed to be key witnesses in the April 4 slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., may have been taken into protective custody.

Local authorities refused comment, and a special agent of the FBI said he had "no knowledge" of the whereabouts of Charles Q. Stevens and Willie Anchutz, both occupants, and Mrs. Bessie Brewer, the former manager, of the rooming house on South Main St. from which the fatal shot was fired.

All three saw the man who checked into the rooming house and who allegedly fired the shot that killed Dr. King.

The FBI later identified that man as James Earl Ray, a fugitive from a Missouri prison arrested June 8 in London under the name George Ramon Sneyd.

In extradition proceedings in London Thursday, Barrister David Calcutt, representing the United States, said Mr. Stevens was a witness to the King

assassination, a statement that sparked a search here for the witnesses.

A check of the rooming house revealed that Mrs. Brewer and her husband, Frank, had been replaced in the manager's office by Mr. And Mrs. James MacDonald; Mr. Stevens' room No. 6 was padlocked; and there was no report on Mr. Anchutz.

Frank Holloman, director of fire and police, said he could make no comment on any facet of the case. He repeated the statement as he was questioned about the whereabouts of the three.

Robert Jensen, special agent in charge of the FBI office here, said he talked with Mr. Stevens a "few weeks" ago, but "I have no knowledge of his whereabouts at the present time."

Mr. Jensen refused comment about Mrs. Brewer and Mr. Anchutz, saying, "I'm restricted and can say nothing about the case."

A check of all penal institutions, both city and county, failed to turn up any report of Mr. Stevens.

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Ray Disputes Quote By Detective About Reaction to Capture

From News Wire Services

LONDON, June 28 — Shortly after a Scotland Yard detective testified that James Earl Ray had said "Oh, God, I feel so trapped" upon his capture, the accused slayer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. took the stand Thursday and denied making the statement.

Chief Detective Supt. Thomas Butler told the Bow Street Magistrate's Court in an extradition hearing that Ray had made the remark after being told his identity was known and he was wanted for murder.

Ray himself advised the court he wanted to contest Mr. Butler's testimony and then went on to deny slaying Dr. King April 4, or even knowing him.

The hearing was adjourned until next Tuesday after Ray's testimony.

Meanwhile, an organization called the Patriot Legal Fund announced in Savannah, Ga., that it has offered to defend Ray free of charge.

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FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (44-374) (P)
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	<u>Regular Hours</u>	<u>Overtime Hours</u>	<u>Total Hours</u>
1. A. Special Agents	140	42	182
B. Clerical Employees	15	--	15
	<u>155</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>197</u>
2. Total Mileage Traveled	182 miles		
3. Unusual or Out of Ordinary Costs	\$72.00	(reproduction of photographs locally)	
	\$144.00	per diem	
	\$19.50	confidential item	

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-374)

DATE: 7/1/68

FROM : SA RICHARD W. RUDY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Ref memo of SA R. Gordon Eddy, 6/24/68.

On 6/28/68 following each advised they have no knowledge of any robberies or burglaries which occurred during the period 4/23/67 - 7/18/67 in which more than \$10,000.00 might have been obtained:

Joseph Ordway, COP, Canisteo, N. Y. PD.
Sgt. John Fennelly, Hornell, N. Y. PD.
Acting COP Harry E. Bulkley, Bath, N. Y. PD.
Wilbur Read, Dep. Sher. Steuben CO. SO, Bath, N. Y.

On 6/27/68 SA Robert W. Bucher contacted following with negative results concerning above matter:

Det. Philip Shea, Elmira, N. Y. PD.
Ludwig Cartarius, BCH, NYSP, Horseheads, N. Y.
Ronald Genung, Dep. Sher., Chemung Co. SO, Elmira, N. Y.
Maurice F. Dean (NA), Schuyler Co. SO, Watkins Glen, N. Y.

Route copy this memo to SA Eddy.

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Ray's Extradition

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COURT RULES SLAYING OF DR. KING WASN'T A POLITICAL CRIME

Defense Plans Appeal; Could Delay Extradition for Several Weeks; Missouri Charge a Key

By SCOTT B. BRUNS
UPI Staff Correspondent

LONDON, July 2 — A court today ordered James Earl Ray extradited to the United States to stand trial for the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Ray, 40, identified as an escaped convict from a Missouri prison, was accused of shooting the civil rights leader in Memphis, Tenn., on April 4. He was arrested at London Airport June 8.

Ray's defense attorney, Roger Frisby, argued in Bow Street Magistrate Court that the slaying was a political crime. But Frank Milton, chief metropolitan magistrate for London, agreed with the U. S. position that it was outright murder.

Ray, so nervous he was almost incoherent, had shown earlier in a surprise statement to the court that he feared — and perhaps expected — extradition to be granted. He charged that he had been denied the right to see an American lawyer who had agreed to represent him.

Cites Missouri Charge

There was still much legal red tape to go through before Ray returns to the U. S. His defense attorney indicated he would appeal in a maneuver that could take weeks.

Judge 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.

Committed to Prison

Judge Milton approved Ray's extradition on both counts. At last week's hearing, Ray denied killing Dr. King.

"All I know in this affair is that the man says he did not do it," Judge Milton said today, adding:

"If the only evidence is that a public figure, a political figure, a controversial figure has been killed then this is not enough.

"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.

"Therefore both submissions failed to be accepted and the defendant will be committed to a prison to await extradition on both counts."

"You will not be released for 15 days," Judge Milton told Ray. "You may apply for habeas corpus."

Looks Up Slowly

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.

Ray showed virtually no emotion when Judge 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 Judge Milton.

He received further instructions from the court. 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.

He expressed fear that the "liberal press" in the U. S. would attach too much importance to testimony by a Scotland Yard detective superintendent that he said: "Oh, God, I feel so trapped" when the detective arrested him at London Airport June 8.

Whose Finger on Trigger?

Mr. Frisby 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 Dr. 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.

Mr. Frisby said the passing of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 was in a sense the culmination of the efforts of Dr. 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.

Rebuttal Given

The attorney went on: "It becomes abundantly plain that whoever did the killing did not do it on personal grounds but on grounds which arose out of the disapproval of the type of activity Dr. King was conducting."

In rebuttal David Calcutt, the British lawyer representing the U. S., said:

"There is not a shred of evidence to show that the murder took place to further the ends of a larger enterprise. There is nothing to show that this shooting was done to further the cause of the colored people. There was no conspiracy. No other man or other body was involved."

"There have been undertones that this might be so, but the evidence before this court points to a lone assassination for private purposes."

Ray's Full Court Statement

By United Press International

LONDON, July 2 — Here is the full court statement of James Earl Ray as reported by the British Press Association:

"I don't want to repeat myself. I would like to take the opportunity to object to Mr. Butler's testimony, 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. (Detective Chief Superintendent Thomas Butler arrested Ray at London Airport)

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

"One other thing I object to, I'm not sure it is 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 the trip to consult with me. This was opposed by the home secretary and I made an application to the home secretary and I received no answer.

"I then wrote to Mr. Edward Heath (Conservative Party leader) and I was informed by the governor at Wandsworth Prison that this was not permissible and he would forward the letter to Mr. Callaghan (home secretary). 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."

7/9/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re WFO airtel to Bureau, 7/3/68.

Inasmuch as WALTER PACKARD, JR., Penfield, N. Y., is obviously a mental case, Buffalo should not bother to interview him UACB.

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TO : SAC (44-374)
ATT: SA Eddy

DATE: 7/11/68

FROM : SA RAYMOND D. ANGLE JR

SUBJECT: MHRKIN

RE: Memo of SA R. Gordon Eddy dated 6/24/68

The following were contacted regarding rememo and advised that they have no knowledge of any such robbery or burglary as described in rememo:

ARLIE WILSON, Chief Criminal Deputy, Chaut. Co SO
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Inv. Donald J. Munch, NYSP, BCI, Fredonia,

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Ray's Brother Reveals Letter From Suspect Proving Use of Alias

Special to Buffalo Evening News

CHICAGO, July 15 — The first known communication from James Earl Ray since his arrest last month in the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King was made public here today.

The two-page, handwritten letter removes any doubt that Ray and Ramon George Sneyd, the name under which he was arrested, are the same man.

It also suggests that he originally intended to return voluntarily to the U. S. to face trial and implies that he has an independent source of money to cover arrangements for his defense.

The undated letter was sent from London's Heathfield Rd. Prison, where Ray has been held, to a married sister who lives in a St. Louis suburb.

It was signed "Lord R. G. Sneyd."

Believes Letter Genuine

While government officials working on the King assassination have not expressed doubt that Ray and Sneyd are the same person, the fact that Ray was using an alias has been a point of legal confusion during extradition hearings in England.

However, Ray's younger brother, John Ray, is convinced that the letter is genuine and was sent by Ray despite the signature "Lord R. G. Sneyd."

A copy of the letter, along with an interview of John Ray, was published today in the Chicago Daily News.

John Ray said he based his conclusion on the handwriting and language of the letter and on the personal comments it contained.

Asked about his brother's assumption of the title "lord," John said:

"That's probably just his little joke."

Even though the letter was addressed to Ray's sister, it was written in response to a letter from John Ray, who wanted to assure himself that the man arrested in London was actually his brother.

Offered to Visit

John said he addressed his letter to James Earl Ray, and in it he raised the possibility of visiting his brother in the London prison.

He also said he asked about hiring Texas criminal lawyer Percy Foreman to handle Ray's defense and discussed action on his brother did not kill Dr. King. Ray's appeal of the 20-year armed robbery sentence Ray was serving when he escaped from Missouri State Prison April 23, 1967.

The reply bore a stamped letterhead reading: "H. M. Prison, Heathfield Rd., Wandsworth, London, S. W. 13."

It said, in part:

"Dear John:

"I will just write you a few lines to let you know everything is all right. I will probably be back shortly.

"Anyway, don't come over. For one, you couldn't get in. Attorney Hanes couldn't. And two, it's too expensive."

The reference to Arthur J. Hanes, Ray's U. S. lawyer, helps date the letter. Hanes arrived in London June 20 and was at first denied a visit with Ray but eventually met the accused assassin July 5.

Offered to Repay \$600

"About Judge Casey wanting to reverse my case, I don't want it reversed. I will explain later, but you know their things are not doing anything to benefit me."

(This apparently is a reference to Circuit Court Judge John G. Casey of St. Louis, who originally sentenced Ray to 20 years in prison and was reported ready to rule on Ray's appeal when Ray broke out of jail.)

"If you could, I would like for you to give the attorney (Arthur Hanes) \$600. You can get some of it back off Jerry, and I will straighten it up with you when I get back."

(Jerry Ray is another brother of the accused man. While the letter implied they would be reimbursed for the \$600, neither Jerry nor John would speculate on where the money would come from.)

Ordered Extradited

"You mention Percy Foreman. He is a good attorney, but I will wait until I get back as I want some attorneys who can work together, so I will let Hanes decide on someone he thinks would be best.

"I could appeal my extradition hearing, but I am getting tired of listening to these liars, so I might close it up about Tuesday."

"Lord R. G. Sneyd" John Ray said the letter constituted "strong evidence" that his brother did not kill Dr. King. "If he really did it, he wouldn't be thinking about signing those extradition papers, would he?" John asked.

A British court on July 2 ordered Ray extradited to the U. S.

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TO : SAC, (44-374)

FROM : SA EUGENE A. HEVERON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 7/18/68

Re memo of SA R. GORDON EDDY, 6/24/68.

The following persons contacted on dates indicated and all advised that did not have any robbery or burglary of \$10,000.00 or more, during the period of 4/23/67- 7/18/67 :

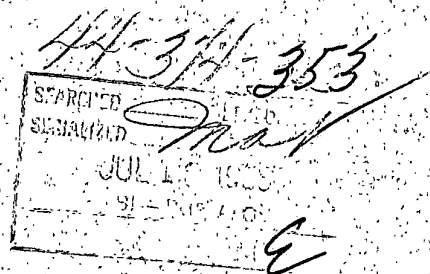
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It is suggested the above information be routed to SA R. GORDON EDDY.

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Ray Abandons Efforts To Prevent Extradition

LONDON (AP)—James Earl Ray flying to London and was due here this morning. He may ask for permission to accompany Ray home, but U.S. officials indicated this request would be turned down.

He is expected to fly home under heavy guard in the next few days for trial in Memphis, Tenn., in the shooting of the Nobel laureate there last April 4. Ray, an escaped convict from the Missouri State Penitentiary, was arrested in London June 8. He has steadily claimed his innocence of the killing.

A legal informant said Ray signed a statement declaring he would not pursue an appeal in the British High Court against a Magistrate's Court order July 2 extraditing him to the United States.

Little Chance of Success

The statement, signed Tuesday morning at a conference with his court-appointed lawyer, cut short a complicated legal case which had little chance of success.

People who talked to Ray recently in Wandsworth Prison said he had been growing restless and tired of waiting. Another factor was the news that the British had refused to continue legal aid for his appeal. He had been granted free legal service for the lower court case.

Ray's statement was signed in an irregular hand, "Ramon George Sneyd," the alias under which he had been held here since his arrest.

Could Emplane Soon

Ray could be on a plane headed for the United States within 24 hours.

His American lawyer, Arthur J. Hanes of Birmingham, Ala., is

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TO: ALL SACs
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)
SUBJECT: ✓ MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to Memphis, 7/9/68.

The Bureau has requested that all divisions continue to submit monthly cost data until further notice.

In view of the above, all divisions are requested to comply with the Bureau's instructions, including offices who have negative cost data to report.

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TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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TO : SAC (44-374) (P)

FROM : SA JAMES E. NEAL, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 7/31/68

Rememo of SA GORDON R. EDDY, 6/24/68.

Contact with officers of Police Departments, Sheriff's Offices, and New York State Police Stations located within the territories covered by the writer; that is, Northern Erie County and Batavia Road Trips, disclosed no outstanding cases in which JAMES EARL RAY could be considered a logical suspect.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-374)

DATE: 7/31/68

FROM : SAA JOHN F. RISDON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo of SA R. GORDON EDDY, 6/24/68.

The following individuals were contacted by the writer on the dates indicated and each advised that he is not aware of any burglary or robbery during the period 4/23/67 - 7/18/67 in which over \$10,000 was obtained:

Sgt. ARTHUR FILJONES, Olean, N.Y. PD. Contacted 7/1/68.
COP JOHN KOWALSKI, Salamanca, N.Y. P.D. Contacted 7/5/68.
Sr. Inv. ROBERT JACKSON, BCI, NMSP, Wellsville, N.Y. Contacted 7/8/68.
t Sheriff CHARLES HILL, Cattaraugus County SO, Little Valley, N.Y. Contacted 7/9/68.
Inv. ROBERT MCGINTY, BCI, NYSP, Allegany, N.Y. Contacted 7/18/68.

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James Joseph Scully 2 M 21 W 19 Ref: 21 I 17 Ra 19	1, 170, 115	3342	4202			Located Arcadia, Calif., 7-23-68. (8-2-68)
Jimmie Johnson 20 L 1 Ut 6 Ref: U M 1 U T	11, 215 F	3343	4203			Located St. Louis, Missouri, 7-15-68. (8-2-68)

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BALTIMORE, Maryland 21202	408 U. S. Post Office Bldg.	301 LE 9-6700
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-374)

DATE: 8/26/68

FROM : ASAC WASON G. CAMPBELL

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY, aka
Paul Bridgeman,
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Paul Edward Bridgeman
Paul E. Bridgeman,
Eric Starvo Galt,
W. C. Herron,
Harvey Lowmyer,
James McBride,
James O'Conner,
Ramon George Sneyd,
James Walton,
James Walyon,
John Willard,
Jim - FUGITIVE
IO #4182,
WF #442-A;
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM;
CR - CONSPIRACY;
UFAC - ROBBERY.

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Sneyd*
On 8/24/68 at about 2:30 PM, Bureau Supervisor RICHARD LONG, General Investigative Division, telephoned concerning captioned case with regard to information that has become available from a source which Mr. LONG described as highly confidential. He said that the Bureau is very anxious to establish whether subject spent some time in Toronto, Canada, as early as June or July, 1967. Information from this described source suggests that RAY was arrested in early 1967 (probably June) by the Metropolitan Toronto Police Department on a charge of Jaywalking, but the name under which the arrest occurred is not known.

Supervisor LONG, in speculating how subject came to use the SNEYD, GALT and BRIDGEMAN aliases, wondered whether old newspapers would have had the necessary information concerning the parents of these individuals. I told him that investigation conducted in June, 1968, at Toronto while SA JAMES MC MAHON and I were there, developed the possibility that this could have been the source since such newspapers are available in the various branch libraries.

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He also said the question has arisen as to whether any pretext interviews were made of SNEYD, GALT or BRIDGEMAN to establish the necessary information for this new identity by RAY. He was told that there had been some telephone calls which were unexplained at the time but in retrospect could well have been RAY setting up his identity. He was told that all available information in this regard has been previously set forth in communications from Buffalo.

Supervisor LONG requested that any additional investigation possible be conducted with a view toward placing RAY in Toronto in 1967 with emphasis on the alleged jaywalking arrest.

LEADS:

AT TORONTO, CANADA

- (1) Will check ~~any and~~ all known aliases of RAY through all available MTPD arrest records;
- (2) Review for the Bureau the innocuous calls previously received and comment on their possible significance to the establishment of an additional identification by RAY;
- (3) Confirm and comment on the availability of vital statistics information in old newspapers which could have been the source of RAY's information concerning his assumed identities of individuals in Canada.

For assistance of SA MC MAHON in handling this matter, charge out and send to him serials 276, 284, 292, 293, 305, 306 and 319.

9/3/68

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (44-374) (P)
MURKIN

Re telephone call from Bureau Supervisor RICHARD LONG, General Investigative Division, to Buffalo, 8/24/68, during which Supervisor LONG advised that highly confidential information had been received indicating that the subject, JAMES EARL RAY, might have been arrested by the Metropolitan Toronto Police Department in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, during June or July, 1967, on a charge of jaywalking.

On 8/27/68, Inspector RICHARD GIBSON (NA), Head of the Central Identification Division of the Metropolitan Toronto Police Department (MTPD), was requested to make the necessary record checks to determine whether RAY was, in fact, arrested in Toronto for jaywalking, and in connection with this request, was furnished with all known aliases used by RAY in the past.

On 8/28/68, Inspector GIBSON advised that subject, under his true name and all aliases, had been checked through the Central Identification Bureau, the Records and Inquiry Bureau, and the Letter File of the MTPD; and no information was developed indicating an arrest in Toronto at any time under any of RAY's aliases.

In addition, Inspector GIBSON pointed out that it was not the practice of the MTPD to arrest individuals for jaywalking but that on infrequent occasions, a police officer would issue summonses for this offense. Inspector GIBSON had all available records of the MTPD checked regarding summonses issued for jaywalking and determined that no unanswered summonses were on file for the offense of jaywalking in the City of Toronto during the months of June and July of 1967.

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Inspector GIBSON pointed out that ordinarily if a person failed to appear in answer to a jaywalking summons, a bench warrant would be issued for his arrest and that the records of the MTPD contained no outstanding warrants based upon this type of violation during the pertinent period.

For the further assistance of the Bureau in connection with Supervisor LONG's inquiry concerning innocuous calls previously received by the individuals in Toronto whose identities subject assumed while in Toronto during the period from April 8 to May 6, 1968, attention is called to Buffalo airtel to the Bureau dated 6/11/68 with which were forwarded two copies of a memorandum setting forth a chronology of subject's activities while in Toronto insofar as was known at that time and which included specific references to the innocuous calls received by the individuals whose identities RAY assumed. More detailed data concerning those calls was undoubtedly submitted by Legat, Ottawa, since the RCMP in Toronto are known to have prepared a lengthy report for Legat, Ottawa, including that type of information.

The same situation exists insofar as the third point raised by Supervisor LONG in referenced telephone call, that is, the availability of vital statistics information utilized by RAY in connection with the assumed identities while in Toronto.

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AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (44-374) (P)

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COST DATA

Reurairtel, dated 4/19/68, and myairtel,
dated 7/1/68.

	<u>Regular Hours</u>	<u>Overtime Hours</u>	<u>Total Hours</u>
1. A. Special Agents	6	0	6
B. Clerical	<u>45</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>51</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6</u>
2. Total Mileage Traveled	205		
3. Unusual or Out of Ordinary Costs	None		
4. Peak Number of Special Agents Working on Case During August, 1968	2		

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1. A. Special Agents	0	0	0
B. Clerical	0	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
2. Total Mileage Traveled	0		
3. Unusual or Out of Ordinary Costs	None		
4. Peak Number of Special Agents Working on Case During September, 1968	None		

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STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL PHIL M. CANALE, MEMPHIS, TENN.,
HAS ADVISED HE FEELS IT NECESSARY THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF HIS
OFFICE HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO INTERVIEW FOLLOWING WITNESSES:

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PAUL EDWARD BRIDGEMAN, EIGHTY CASSANDRA BLVD., APT. ONE;
DON MILLS, EMPLOYED BY TORONTO BOARD OF EDUCATION, ONE FIVE FIVE
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DRIVE, SCARBOROUGH, ONTARIO, EMPLOYED BY UNION CARBIDE, TORONTO;
RAMON GEORGE SNEYD, ONE SEVEN THREE ONE VICTORIA PARK AVE., TORONTO,
ONTARIO, EMPLOYED BY TORONTO POLICE DEPT.; BLANCH VAN LUVEN, ONE
FOUR KINGSTON ROAD; SAMUEL MARSHALL, ONE FOUR FIVE THREE QUEENS
ST. WEST, TORONTO, EMPLOYED BY LOBLAWS GROCERY; ENESON BENNS, ONE
FOUR FIVE THREE QUEENS ST. WEST, TORONTO, EMPLOYED LOBLAWS
GROCERY; MRS. SUN FUNG LOO, NINE SIX SIX DUNDAS ST., TORONTO;
LILLIAN SPENCER, FOUR TWO FOUR BLOOR ST. WEST, TORONTO, EMPLOYED
BY KENNEDY TRAVEL BUREAU; MRS. ADAM SVPAKOWSKI, ONE ZERO TWO
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