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PRESIDENTIAL ORDER FOR EXTRADITION OF RAY

CUSTODY LOG

CONVERSATION BETWEEN HANES AND HERFURT

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Escort Party - SAs Harold Light, George Zeiss, John Minnich and Wilbur Martindale and SA Kenneth Bounds who boarded the plane at Memphis

CUSTODY LOG

JAMES EARL RAY

JULY 19, 1968

ABOARD USAF PLANE C135 4129

(All times given as London time until landing at Memphis)

**12:13 a. m.
HL, WLM, GZ**

Ray brought aboard plane by British, handcuffs removed by British and British officers left (Thomas Butler and Peter Elliott).

**12:14 a. m.
HL, WLM, GZ**

SA Light requested Ray to undress for physical examination and he started to do so - Light also advised him of Agents' identities.

**12:15 a. m.
HL, WLM, GZ**

Flight surgeon arrived and Ray completed undressing.

**12:17 a. m.
HL, WLM, GZ**

Flight surgeon asked routine questions in connection with physical examination such as his age and Ray would only reply that he had nothing to say.

**12:22 a. m.
HL, WLM, GZ**

Flight surgeon completed examination.

**12:23 a. m.
HL, WLM, GZ**

Ray photographed by SA Light and given custodial clothing.

**12:25 a. m.
HL, WLM, GZ**

Ray completed dressing and was handcuffed by SA Light after wrists were bandaged by SA Light.

**12:28 a. m.
HL, WLM, GZ**

Ray asked by SA Light if handcuffs were all right and he did not reply.

**12:29 a. m.
HL, WLM, GZ**

Restraining belt placed around Ray's waist by SA Zeiss and handcuffs padlocked to belt.

12:00 a. m. HL, WLM, GZ	Leg irons applied by SA Light.
12:31 a. m. HL, WLM, GZ	SA Light buckled Ray's seat belt.
12:38 a. m. HL, WLM, GZ	SA Light asked Ray if his seat was too far back and he shook his head.
12:40 a. m. HL, WLM, GZ	Airborne - Ray sitting quietly with legs crossed and eyes closed since 12:38 a. m.
12:48 a. m. HL, WLM, GZ	SA Light asked if he wanted anything at all - Ray shook his head - still sitting quietly.
1:03 a. m. HL, WLM, GZ	SA Light offered Ray a glass of Coca Cola - Ray refused by shaking his head - still sitting quietly - eyes sometimes open and sometimes closed.
1:30 a. m. HL, WLM, GZ	SA Light inquired as to whether the handcuffs were too tight and Ray said they were all right.
2:00 a. m. HL, WLM, GZ	SA Martindale asked Ray if he was all right - he replied that he was. Martindale then asked if there was anything that he wanted and he said no.
2:10 a. m. HL, WLM, GZ	Ray appeared to be trying to find a comfortable position to sleep. SA Zeiss asked if he wanted the seat adjusted - he said no.
2:22 a. m. HL, GZ	SA Light asked Ray if he wanted a pillow. Ray answered "no thanks."
2:37 a. m. HL, WLM, GZ	Ray was asked by SA Light if he wanted anything to eat. He replied that he didn't want anything.
2:52 a. m. HL, WLM, GZ	SA Zeiss rearranged chain on leg irons as Ray's legs appeared to be caught in an awkward position.
3:20 a. m. HL, WLM, GZ	Ray asleep.
4:10 a. m. HL, WLM, GZ	Ray resting quietly.

4:40 a. m.
HL, WLM
Ray still resting quietly.

5:10 a. m.
HL, WLM
Ray awake, some movement, but quiet.

5:27 a. m.
HL, WLM
Ray coughed, asked for Kleenex, padlock was removed from handcuffs and Kleenex provided to blow nose. Ray was told that he should let the Agents know if he wanted to go to the toilet. He made no request to use the toilet.

5:50 a. m.
HL, GZ
Ray's nose seems to be running slightly. He was given more Kleenex.

5:56 a. m.
HL, WLM, GZ
Ray removed his glasses which he has worn since he was delivered aboard plane.

5:57 a. m.
HL, WLM, GZ
Ray was asked for his glasses if he was not going to wear them. He said he would wear them and replaced glasses.

6:06 a. m.
HL, WLM
Ray declined to execute Customs Declaration form.

7:20 a. m.
HL, WLM, GZ
Ray, who had appeared to be sleeping, opened his eyes. he was told breakfast was being served to all persons on the plane but stated he wanted nothing to eat or drink and also said he was all right.

8:10 a. m.
HL, WLM, JTM
Ray awake - was asked by SA Martindale if he wanted anything - said he had a cold and wanted asperin. Flight surgeon was called and provided two asperin and water. Surgeon asked Ray if he was warm enough and he replied that he was.

8:07 a. m.
HL, WLM, GZ
Ray was asked if there was anything he needed and he inquired as to arrival time. Was told approximately thirty minutes and then asked to go to wash room. Seat belt removed, left handcuff removed, taken to toilet, urinated, washed face and hands.

8:08 a. m.
HL, WLM, GZ
Returned to seat and left with right hand padlocked to belt, left hand free. Stated wrists did not hurt.

8:30 a. m.
WLM, HL
Ray fastened his seat belt.

Lyndon B. Johnson

President of the United States of America

To Wilbur Martindale, George Zeiss, Harold Light and John Minnich

Whereas, It appears, by information in due form by me received, that James Earl Ray, alias Eric Starvo Galt, alias John Willard, alias Harvey Lowmeyer, alias Harvey Lowmyer, alias Ramon George Sneyd, alias Ramon George Sneya, alias W. C. Herron, alias James McBride, alias James O'Connor, alias James Walton, alias James Walyon, alias Paul Bridgman, alias "Jim," presently in custody in Great Britain under the name of Ramon George Sneyd, _____ charged with the crime of

murder and convicted of the crime of robbery with violence (Robbery First

Degree by means of a dangerous and deadly weapon)

_____ is _____ fugitive from the justice of the United States, supposed to have taken refuge in Great Britain

And Whereas, Application has been made to the British authorities for the extradition of said fugitive, in compliance with existing treaty stipulations between the United States of America and Great Britain

And Whereas, It is understood that, in compliance with such application, the necessary warrant is ready to be issued by the authorities aforesaid, for the delivery of the above-named fugitive into the custody of such person or persons as may be duly authorized to receive the said fugitive and bring him back to the United States for trial:

Now, Therefore, You are hereby authorized and empowered, in virtue of the stipulations aforesaid, and in execution thereof, to receive the said James Earl Ray, alias Ramon George Sneyd, and other aliases _____

as aforesaid, and to take and hold him in your custody, and conduct him from such place of delivery in Great Britain by the most

direct and convenient means of transportation, to and into the United States, there to sur-
render the said James Earl Ray, alias Ramon George Sneyd, and other aliases

to the proper authorities of the State of Tennessee and/or the State of Missouri

For all of which these Presents shall be your sufficient warrant.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto signed my name and caused the Seal
of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington, this 17th day
of July, A. D. 1968, and of the
Independence of the United States of America the
193rd.

By the President:



Dean Rusk

Secretary of State.