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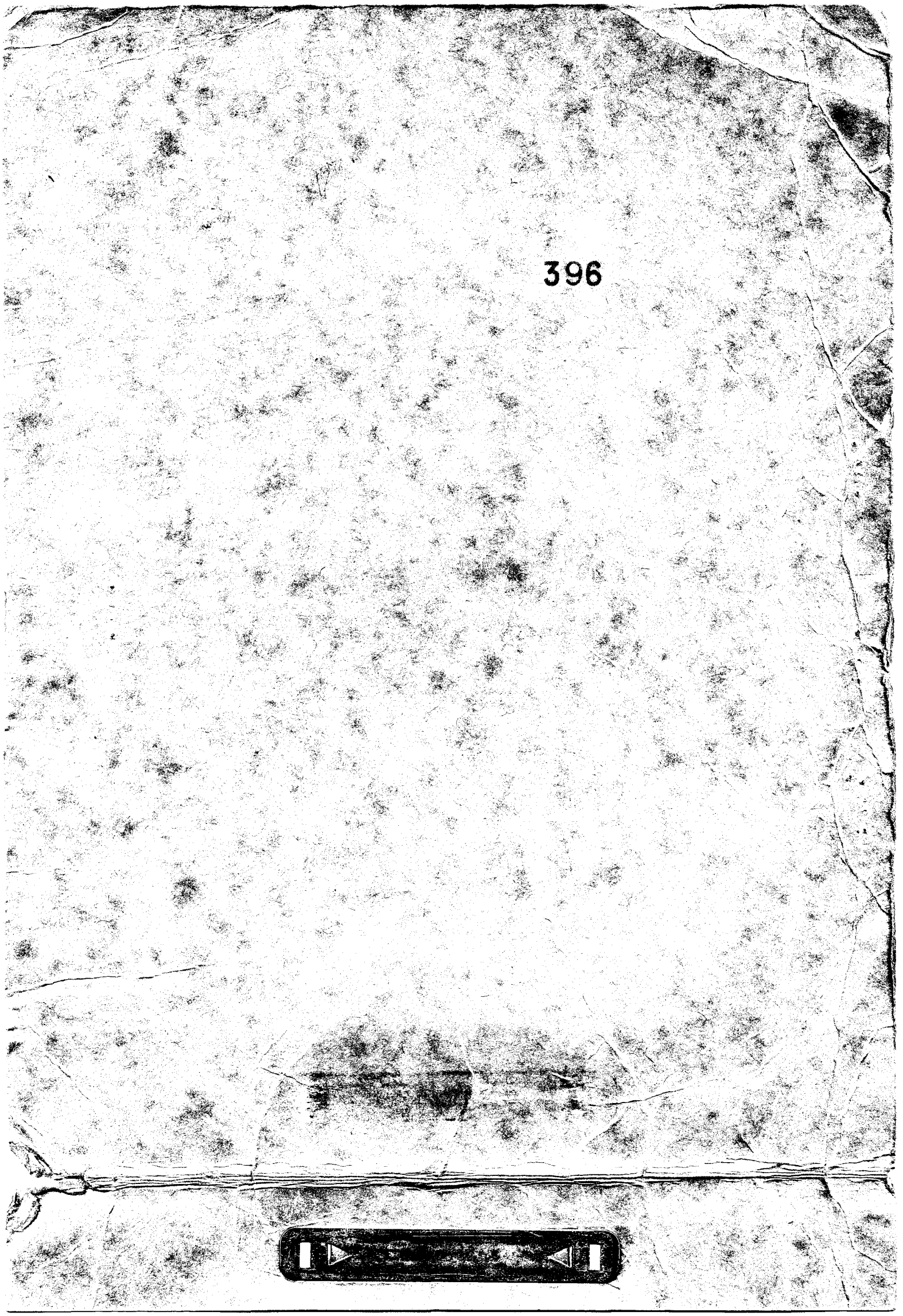

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4523	TT TO DIR FM DALLAS 6/13/68		2	2				✓								
4524	TT TO DIR FR MP 6/13/68		1	1				✓								
4525	TT TO DIR FM JOHNSON 6/14/68		2	2				✓								
4526	TT TO DIR FM SD 6/14/68		4	4				✓								
4527	INTERNAL MEMO 6/10/68		5	5				✓								
4528	INTERNAL MEMO 6/12/68		2	2												
4529	AIRTEL DIR FM LONDON 6/18/68		3	3				✓	✓							
4530	INTERNAL MEMO 6/17/68		1	1				✓	✓							
4531	INTERNAL MEMO 6/11/68		22	22												
4532	TT TO DIR FM MP		3	3				✓								
4533	TT TO DIR FM MP & LAB RPT		4	4				✓								
4534	INTERNAL MEMO 6/10/68		2	2				✓								

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	45560	AIRTEL TO DIR FM OKC, 6/14/68		5	5	7C, D	RELEASE
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	4570	INTERNAL MEMO, 5/27/68		2	2				✓								
	4571	TT TO DIR FM OTTAWA 6/11/68		2	2												
	4572	LTR TO DUNPE 6/19/68		3	3				✓								
	4573	INTERNAL MEMO 6/12/68		1	1				✓								
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TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: June 16, 1968

FROM : C. L. McGowan

1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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Bureau airtel to Legat, London dated 6-15-68, which enclosed two copies of an extract from a Kansas City report relating to James Earl Ray, was delivered to Pilot Captain Ernest Seazel of Trans World Airlines (TWA) by Special Agent J. J. O'Connor, Washington Field Office, at 7:10 p. m., 6-15-68. Pilot Seazel is flying TWA Flight #704 direct from Dulles International Airport departing 8:00 p. m., 6-15-68, with scheduled arrival at Heathrow International Airport, London, England, at 8:05 a. m., 6-16-68.

The package was prepared in the Bureau Mail Room and is addressed to John T. Minnich, and the pilot was instructed to deliver same to Minnich and/or Minnich's representative upon arrival in London.

The above information was telephonically furnished to Supervisor Bert Taylor, Domestic Intelligence Division, at 7:15 p. m., 6-15-68, and Mr. Taylor stated he would immediately use the "gray line" to call London to insure the package is picked up upon arrival.

Taylor subsequently advised at 7:30 p. m., 6-15-68, that he had placed the call to London and Minnich is cognizant.

ACTION: For information.

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ACTION: For information.

The above information was telephonically furnished to Supervisor Bert Taylor, Domestic Intelligence Division, at 7:15 p.m., 6-15-88, and Mr. Taylor stated he would immediately use the "text" time to call London to insure the package is picked up upon arrival.

Taylor subsequently advised at 7:30 p.m., 6-15-88, that he had briefed the call to London and Miranich is cognizant.

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1 - Mr. Rosen
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Enclosed herein airtel to Legat, London dated 6-15-88, which encloses two copies of an extract from a Kansas City report relating to James Earl Ray, was delivered to Pilot Captain Ernest Gessel of Trans World Airlines (TWA) by Special Agent J. L. O'Connor, Washington Field Office, at 7:10 p.m., 6-15-88. Pilot Gessel is flying TWA Flight #804 direct from Dulles International Airport departing 8:00 p.m., 6-15-88, with scheduled arrival at Heathrow International Airport, London, England, at 8:20 a.m., 6-16-88.

The package was prepared in the Foreign Mail Room and is addressed to John T. Miranich, and the pilot was instructed to deliver same to Miranich and\or Miranich's representative upon arrival in London.

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FROM : C. L. McGowan

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
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1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Gordon

Special Agent (SA) Bert Taylor, Domestic Intelligence Division, advised he received a call at 5:05 p. m. from Mr. Bob Johnson, Deputy Director, Passport Office, U. S. Department of State, who advised Arthur Hanes from Birmingham, Alabama, was in contact with the Passport Office in Washington, D. C. Hanes advised he was an attorney and he was going to London to represent Ray and wanted passport for himself and his son who is also an attorney. The Passport Office Duty Agent in Washington, D. C., was instructed to tell Hanes the Passport Office in New York will issue a passport for him and his son on Monday, 6-17-68, in the Passport Office, New York, New York. The Passport Office did not consent to issuing a passport for anyone on Sunday.

Mr. Johnson furnished additional information to SA Bernard C. Rachner, Liaison with State Department, Domestic Intelligence Division, that Hanes advised the Passport Office as follows:

Name: Arthur Hanes, Sr.; born: [redacted] Alabama; profession: attorney, Birmingham, Alabama; it is noted that Hanes, Sr., is a former Special Agent of the FBI who resigned 8-4-51.

Son's name: Arthur Hanes, Jr.; born: [redacted] Texas; profession: attorney, Birmingham, Alabama.

Hanes was reported by the Passport Office to have been contacted by an unknown English attorney on 6-14-68, regarding representing James Earl Ray. It was also reported that after receiving this request from the unknown English attorney, Hanes claimed he talked to a Mr. Pollak in the U. S. Department of Justice.

ACTION: The above information was furnished telephonically to the Birmingham Office.

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Special Agent (SA) Mary Jeanette Intelligence Division.
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Mr. Johnson furnished additional information to SA Leonard C.
Rosenau, Liaison with State Department, Domestic Intelligence Division.
that Hanes advised the Passport Office as follows:

Name: Arthur Hanes, Sr.; born: 4-19-10, Alabama;
profession attorney, Birmingham, Alabama; it is noted that Hanes, Sr.,
is a former Special Agent of the FBI who resigned 8-4-51.

Son's name: Arthur Hanes, Jr.; born: 4-19-42, Texas;
profession attorney, Birmingham, Alabama.

Hanes was reported by the Passport Office to have been contacted
by an unknown Muslim attorney on 6-14-68, regarding representing Hanes
Sr. It was also reported that after receiving this request from the
unknown Muslim attorney Hanes claimed he talked to a Mr. Pollak in the
U.S. Department of Justice.

ACTION: The above information was furnished telephonically to the
Passport Office.

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1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Gale
1 - Mr. Trotter

Mr. Stephen J. Pollak
Assistant Attorney General

June 17, 1968

Director, FBI

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The following additional pertinent information is being furnished relative to captioned case. The material set forth herein is based on preliminary information and complete details will be incorporated in reports of results of investigation.

There have been reports in the press indicating that subject's brother, John Larry Ray, is planning to travel to England to visit James Earl Ray. Press accounts have indicated he intended to apply for a passport on June 17, 1968.

Prior investigation has indicated John Larry Ray visited James Earl Ray while the subject was in prison, on at least nine occasions, the last of which was April 22, 1967, the day before the subject escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary in Jefferson City, Missouri. John Larry Ray sent his brother money while in prison. He denies any knowledge of James Earl Ray's escape or knowledge of his whereabouts following his escape. By way of background on John Larry Ray, records of our Identification Division on John Larry Ray, FBI number 368 725 A, indicate he received a sentence of two to five years for second degree burglary on January 24, 1950, and served time in the Indiana State Reformatory, Pendleton, Indiana. He also served time in the Illinois State Penitentiary at Menard, Illinois, for larceny of a motor vehicle being received there on June 2, 1953, and later discharged on February 1, 1960.

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The above information is being made available to appropriate British authorities in the event John Larry Ray attempts to visit the subject.

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Carol Pepper, the sister of John Larry Ray and the subject, has advised that John Larry Ray does not have funds to make the trip, that she does not intend to furnish him funds and she doubts if he will make the trip to London.

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NOTE: See Memo Rosen to DeLoach, dated June 17, 1968, captioned MURKIN, FJH:cs.

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Mr. Stephen J. Pollak

Mr. Robert Johnson, Deputy Director, Passport Office, U. S. Department of State, advised that about 5:00 p. m. on June 14, 1968, the Passport Office in Washington, D. C., had been contacted by one Mr. Arthur Hanes, Sr., from Birmingham, Alabama. Mr. Hanes advised the Passport Office that he was an attorney and was going to London to represent Ray and wanted a passport for himself and his son whom he also described as an attorney. Mr. Johnson advised that he instructed his duty officer to inform Mr. Hanes that the Passport Office in New York would handle his request for a passport on Monday, June 17, 1968, since the Passport Office does not consent to issuing a passport to anyone on Sunday.

Mr. Johnson advised that Mr. Hanes, Sr. had stated his name as Mr. Arthur Hanes, Sr., that he was born [redacted] in Alabama and that he is an attorney in Birmingham, Alabama. Mr. Hanes, Sr. said his son is Arthur Hanes, Jr., born [redacted] in Texas, also an attorney in Birmingham, Alabama. According to the information furnished by the Passport Office, Mr. Hanes, Sr. was reportedly contacted by an unidentified British attorney on June 14, 1968, relative to representing James Earl Ray. Mr. Hanes, Sr. then reportedly claimed he had contacted "a Mr. Pollak" in the U. S. Department of Justice.

For your information, Arthur Jackson Hanes, Jr., born [redacted], at Birmingham, Alabama, represented defendants in the case involving the murder on March 25, 1965, of Viola Liuzzo, the woman from Michigan, who was in Alabama in connection with civil rights activities.

1 - Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: June 17, 1968

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Gale
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Trotter

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The attached memorandum is being furnished to Assistant Attorney General Stephen J. Pollak of the Civil Rights Division with a copy to Assistant Attorney General Fred M. Vinson, Jr., of the Criminal Division. The material contained in the attached memorandum has been taken from cablegrams and teletypes, and Pollak and Vinson are being informed that the material is based on preliminary information and complete details will be incorporated in reports setting forth results of investigation.

The Department is being advised of background on John Larry Ray, subject's brother, in light of the press reports indicating that he may be planning to go to England to visit James Earl Ray. The background information includes his arrest record and the fact that he visited James Earl Ray on nine occasions when the subject was in prison in this country, the last visit being on the day before James Earl Ray escaped in April, 1967, from Missouri State Penitentiary. The Department is being advised that British authorities are being furnished pertinent data on John Larry Ray.

The Passport Office, Department of State, Washington, D. C., has advised that they received a request for passport for himself and his son from Arthur Hanes, Sr., who claimed he desired the passport in connection with a request from Ray and his British lawyer that Hanes represent Ray in the United States. The Passport Office advised Hanes to check with the Passport Office in New York on Monday, June 17, 1968, as they do not issue passports on Sunday.

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Memo Rosen to DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

Hanes is a former Special Agent of the Bureau who entered on duty October 25, 1948, and resigned August 4, 1951, less than three years' service. Subsequent to his Bureau service he was mayor of Birmingham and represented Klansmen defendants in the case involving the murder of Viola Liuzzo, the Michigan woman who was shot and killed on March 25, 1965, near Selma, Alabama. We are informing the Department of the information from the Passport Office on Hanes' inquiry and that Hanes was a defense counsel in the Liuzzo case.

ACTION:

For your information. In accordance with the Attorney General's request that Assistant Attorney General Pollak be kept advised of pertinent developments, there is attached a letter to Mr. Pollak. This case is continuing to receive high priority attention. A copy is being furnished Mr. Vinson in accordance with his request of June 15, 1968.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Memorandum

TO : Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: June 10, 1968

FROM : Stephen J. Pollak
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

SJP:ash

SUBJECT: James Earl Ray, Subject;
Martin Luther King, Jr., Victim
Conspiracy
CIVIL RIGHTS

Mr. Tolson
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
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Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

In order to secure extradition of James Earl Ray from Great Britain, affidavits must be presented to the British Court which establish probable cause that Ray committed the crime for which extradition is sought (the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King).

I attach, herewith, draft affidavits prepared for execution by the following seven individuals:

Ralph Meredith Carpenter
Guy Warren Canipe
Charles Quitman Stephens
John Webster deShazo
George J. Bonebrake
Robert A. Frazier
Donald F. Wood

The affidavits were prepared from the reports in this case submitted by your Bureau.

We intend to have these affidavits executed for submission as part of the case for extradition.

Before execution, each of the affidavits will be reviewed and approved by the Attorney General of Shelby County, Tennessee, Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., who is responsible for prosecution of the State's case.

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I would appreciate receiving any comments or suggestions you may have with respect to the attached affidavits.

John Rosenberg of this Division is in Memphis, Tennessee, and will be responsible there for securing execution of the affidavits of persons present in that City. Frank Allen of this Division, is in Birmingham, Alabama, and will be responsible there for securing execution of the affidavits of persons present in that City. Mr. Rosenberg and Mr. Allen will be in touch with your field offices in connection with this matter.

Attachments

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AFFIDAVIT

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA) ss:

ROBERT A. FRAZIER, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am 49 years old and I reside at 2705 Gaither Street, Hillcrest Heights, Maryland.

2. I obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Idaho in 1960. I have been a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation since December 1942. I am Chief of the Firearms Unit of the Physics and Chemistry Section of the Federal Bureau of Investigation laboratories in Washington, D. C. I have been assigned to the Firearms Unit continuously since June 9, 1941. I received the specialized training program in firearms identification of approximately one year; duration from the Federal Bureau of Investigation when I was initially assigned to the Firearms Unit. Since being assigned to this unit I have made thousands of comparisons of bullets and cartridge cases with firearms for the purpose of determining whether a particular firearm fired a certain bullet or cartridge case. I have testified on numerous occasions in federal and state courts, as well as in military courts martial, as a firearms identification expert witness.

3. On April 5, 1968, at the Federal Bureau of Investigation Laboratory, I received certain items of evidence from Special Agent Fitzpatrick, who had brought

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them by airplane from Memphis, Tennessee. These objects had been obtained in connection with the investigation of the shooting of Martin Luther King on the previous day.

4. Among the items of evidence I received was a 30.06 Springfield caliber Remington "Gamemaster" Slide-action rifle Model 760, Serial Number 461476, with Redfield telescopic sight, Serial Number A17350, with clip. I also received from Special Agent Fitzpatrick a .30 caliber metal-jacketed "soft-point" sporting type Remington-Peters bullet, a 30.06 Springfield Remington-Peters cartridge case, and Peters cartridge box, bearing manufacturers index number 3033 containing five 30.06 Springfield Remington-Peters cartridges and four 30.06 Springfield U. S. military cartridges containing full metal-jacketed bullets.

5. Because of distortion due to mutilation and insufficient marks of value, it was not possible to establish that the submitted bullet was fired from the submitted rifle. However, I determined that the .30-caliber metal-jacketed rifle bullet had been fired from a barrel rifled with six lands and grooves, right twist, and that the submitted rifle produces general rifling impressions on fired bullets having the physical characteristics of those on the submitted bullet. I also determined that the submitted bullet was a 150-grain soft point bullet identical to the bullets in the five cartridges contained in the submitted Peters cartridge box.

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6. The 30.06 Springfield Remington-Peters cartridge case was identified by me as bearing an extractor mark made by the extractor of the submitted rifle. Based on physical characteristics, I determined that the submitted bullet and the submitted cartridge case could originally have been portions of the same cartridge, which would have been similar to the cartridges in the Peters cartridge box.

7. On April 6, 1968, I received a window sill from Special Agent Fitzpatrick. This sill was identified to me as having been removed from the bathroom of the room house at 422 1/2 Main Street in Memphis, Tennessee. I examined the surface of this window sill and found a recent indentation which bore microscopic impressions. Even though there were not sufficient microscopic impressions in the indentation for positive identification of the object which made it, these impressions on the dent have characteristics similar to those produced by the polishing marks on the side of the barrel of the submitted rifle near its muzzle.

ROBERT A. FRAZIER

Sworn to before me this

_____ day of June, 1968.

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A F F I D A V I T

CITY OF MEMPHIS)
) ss:
STATE OF TENNESSEE)

I, GUY WARREN CANIPE, Jr., being duly sworn depose and say:

1. I reside at 1078 Brower Road, Memphis, Tennessee, and am the owner of the Canipe Amusement Company, 424 South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee. My store is located immediately adjacent to the rooming house at 422 1/2 South Main Street in Memphis.

2. My store was closed and unattended most of the day on April 4, 1968, and I returned to it shortly after 5:00 p.m.

3. Sometime around 6:00 p.m., I heard a thud in the vicinity of the front door of my store. When I looked up I saw a bundle lying in front of the door to the store. Almost simultaneously, I saw a white man walking on the sidewalk in front of the store.

4. I then walked onto the sidewalk to see what had happened to the man who had dropped this bundle. At that time a small white car, in which there was only the driver as occupant, pulled away from the curb just south of my store.

5. Immediately thereafter, I saw a deputy sheriff and other officers walking south on the sidewalk past my store. I called their attention to the bundle lying in front of my store.

6. The bundle or package appeared to include a large pasteboard box, the top of which was ajar and from which the portion of a gun barrel was extended. Some type of green cloth was over the top of the bundle.

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The box had the word "Browning" on it. There was also some type of suitcase or brief case underneath the cloth.

7. The bundle was taken into custody by officers of the Memphis Police Department.

GUY WARREN CANIPE, JR.

Sworn to before me
this_____day of
June, 1968.

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission expires:

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AFFIDAVIT

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM)
ss:
STATE OF ALABAMA)

I, John Webster De Shazo, being duly sworn, depose and say:

1. I reside at 17 Montevello Lane, Mountain Brook, Alabama, and am a regular and frequent customer at the Aeromarine Supply Company, 5701 Airport Highway, Birmingham, Alabama.

2. On March 29, 1968, I went to the Aeromarine Supply Company, arriving sometime around 3:00 p.m. I stayed there for approximately one to one and one-half hours.

3. About 20 minutes after I arrived, a man in a dark brown business suit came into the store. He looked at and handled several different weapons and finally decided to buy a Remington Model 700, caliber .243 Winchester. He also wanted a Redfield variable scope.

4. I recall saying to this man, "You have really got quite a gun there. You'll have to learn how to use it." I made this statement because the man did not appear to be a hunter and looked out of place in the store. He replied that he was going deer-hunting in Wisconsin with his brother or brother-in-law who had invited him to hunt.

5. On April 16, 1968, I was visited by two agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation who showed me seven photographs of white males. From this group of photographs, which were identified to me only by number, I selected the photograph which had been marked

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No. 5 (attached to this affidavit as Exhibit I) as the photograph of the man who could be identical with the one I observed on March 29, 1968, at the Aero-marine Supply Company in Birmingham and who purchased the Remington caliber .243 Winchester rifle and Redfield variable scope. I then told the agents: "I believe this is a photograph of this man, but I could be more positive if I saw this purchaser in person."

6. I have reexamined this photograph and re-affirm today my identification of it.

JOHN WEBSTER DE SHAZO

Sworn to before me this

_____day of June, 1968.

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A F F I D A V I T

STATE OF TENNESSEE)
) ss:
COUNTY OF SHELBY)

I, RALPH MEREDITH CARPENTER, being duly sown, depose and say:

1. On April 4, 1968, I was employed as a salesman at the York Arms Company, located at 160 South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee.

2. At approximately 4:00p.m. on the afternoon of April 4, 1968, a man entered the store and stated that he wished to purchase some binoculars. I obtained for him a pair of 7 by 35 Bushnell binoculars from the display window in the front of the store. The total cost of the binoculars, together with a leather or similar type carrying case, was $41.95.

3. The store does not record or maintain serial numbers for these binoculars, and I do not know what, if any, serial number was on these binoculars.

4. On April 16, 1968, I was visited by two agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation who exhibited to me the photographs of five men. After studying the photographs carefully, I placed my name on the back of the photograph which I felt most resembled the man who bought the set of binoculars from me on April 4, 1968. I was not furnished any names or any descriptive data regarding the photographs shown. Attached as Exhibit I is a photograph which is identical to the one I identified on April 16, 1968.

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5. I have re-examined this photograph and reaffirm today my identification of it.

RALPH MEREDITH CARPENTER

Sworn to before me
this_____day of
June, 1968.

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission expires:

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A F F I D A V I T

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA) ss:

GEORGE J. BONEBRAKE, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am 46 years old and I live at 12314 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland.

2. I am a Fingerprint Examiner in the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington, D.C. I have held this position since October 1941. I have attended schools and other training classes conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation to qualify me for my position. During the time I have been a Fingerprint Examiner, I have made millions of fingerprint comparisons for identification purposes. I have testified as a fingerprint expert witness in numerous cases in federal and state courts as well as in military courts-martial with regard to my findings based on comparisons of fingerprints.

3. On April 5, 1968, at approximately 5:15a.m., at the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington, I received certain objects of evidence from Special Agent Robert Fitzpatrick. These objects were identified to me as being part of the investigation into the shooting of Martin Luther King, Jr. in Memphis, Tennessee, on the previous day. Among the items delivered to me were a Remington Model 760 rifle, serial number 461475, with Redfield telescopic sight number A 17350, and a pair of 7 by 35 Bushnell binoculars, serial number DC 408654. I examined each of these objects for latent fingerprints, and subsequently on April 5, 1968,

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I developed one latent fingerprint on the rifle, one latent fingerprint on the telescopic sight, and one latent fingerprint on the binoculars. These were the only latent prints on these objects which contained sufficient ridge characteristic detail to be of value for identification purposes.

4. On April 19, 1968, I identified each of the afore-mentioned three latent prints as being the fingerprints of James Earl Ray. I made this determination by comparing the latent prints with a fingerprint card containing the known fingerprints of James Earl Ray, which were obtained by officials of the Los Angeles Police Department, Los Angeles, California, on October 11, 1967. The fingerprint card made by the Los Angeles Police Department is contained in the official fingerprint files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington, D.C. I determined that the latent fingerprint on the Remington rifle and the latent fingerprint on the binoculars were identical to the left thumbprint of James Earl Ray, and that the latent fingerprint on the telescopic sight was identical to the right ring-fingerprint of James Earl Ray

5. The official fingerprint files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington also contain the fingerprint record of James Earl Ray, taken in connection with his incarceration in the Missouri State Penitentiary on March 17, 1960, following a conviction of first degree robbery. I have compared the fingerprints of James Earl Ray taken in connection with his arrest on October 11, 1967, by the Los Angeles Police Department with the fingerprints taken in connection with the incarceration of James Earl Ray in the Missouri State Penitentiary on March 17, 1960, and I have determined that these prints are of the same person.

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6. Attached as Exhibit I is a photographic copy of the known prints of James Earl Ray, taken in connection with his arrest on October 11, 1967, by the Los Angeles, California Police Department. Attached as Exhibits II, III and IV are three photographs, each depicting one of the afore-mentioned three latent fingerprints developed by me respectively on the rifle, the telescopic sight, and the binoculars.

GEORGE J. BONEBRAKE

Sworn to before me
this _____ day of
June, 1968.

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission expires:

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AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF TENNESSEE)
) ss:
COUNTY OF SHELBY)

I, Charles Quitman Stephens, being duly sworn, depose and say:

1. I am 46 years of age and reside with my wife at 422 1/2 South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee. We occupy two rooms, a living-bedroom and a kitchen, in the north wing of the second floor of a rooming house at that address and were living there on April 4, 1968. Our apartment is number 6-B. The floor plan attached hereto and marked Exhibit I shows the relationship of the various rooms on my floor.

2. Mrs. Bessie Brewer is the resident manager of the rooming house. Around mid-afternoon on April 4, 1968, I saw her and a man standing in the hallway at the entrance to room 5-B, which is located immediately west of my living-bedroom. The man was a stranger to me and I assumed he was a new guest looking at a room. I got a good look at the man from his left side.

3. Attached and identified as Exhibit II is FBI Wanted Flyer 442-A. The photograph on the left, which is a profile view, is one which I identified on April 24, 1968 as looking very much like the man I saw looking at room 5-B on the afternoon of April 4, 1968. I have re-examined the photograph today and reaffirm that identification.

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4. My wife and I spent the rest of the afternoon in our apartment. I am a disabled war veteran who has been treated for tuberculosis and spend most of my time in my bedroom. My wife is also ill and was at that time a bed patient.

5. After seeing the strange man with Mrs. Brewer, I heard someone in room 5-B and assumed the man I had seen had rented the room next door. On several occasions on that afternoon I heard footsteps in room 5-B and also heard footsteps leaving room 5-B and going past my room and into the common bathroom at the east end of the hall. I was very much aware that when the person went from room 5-B to the bathroom, he remained in the bathroom for a considerable period of time. This was particularly noticeable because this is a common bathroom which must be used by a number of different tenants . I also recall specifically that on only one occasion did I hear the commode being flushed and I was therefore curious as to why this person was spending so much time in the bathroom.

6. During this period, Mr. Willis Anschutz, who occupies room 4-B, immediately west of room 5-B where the new tenant apparently was located, knocked on my door and inquired angrily as to who was staying in the bathroom so long.

7. At the end of the afternoon, sometime between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. I was in the kitchen of our apartment, which is immediately adjacent to the common bathroom. At that time I heard a sound which I am certain was a shot. I am certain it came from the bathroom, from a point within just a few feet of where I was sitting.

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8. Immediately after hearing the shot, I heard some people located across the street, east of my building in the vicinity of the Lorraine Motel, screaming. After a few moments, I walked out of my kitchen, through the living-bedroom, and opened the door leading to the hallway. I saw a man running west down the hallway, away from me. This man was carrying a large bundle of some kind. I estimate that this bundle or package was at least 3 or 4 feet long and 6 to 8 inches thick. Although I saw the man and the bundle only momentarily, I had the impression that the bundle was wrapped in something, possible a newspaper. The man continued running to the end of the hallway, then turned left (south) and apparently thereafter ran down the stairway and on to the street, although I did not actually see him going down the stairway.

9. Although I did not see the face of the man running down the hall, since his back was toward me, from my observation of him I believe he was the same man I had earlier seen with Mrs. Brewer in front of room 5-B.

CHARLES QUITMAN STEPHENS

Subscribed and sworn to before
me this _____ day of June, 1968.

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AFFIDAVIT

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM)
STATE OF ALABAMA) ss:

I, Donald F. Wood, being duly sworn, depose and say:

1. I reside at 405 Lance Lane, Birmingham, Alabama, and am employed by my father, Robert E. Wood, Sr., at his store, Aeromarine Supply Company, 5701 Airport Highway, Birmingham, Alabama, as a salesman.

2. On Friday, March 29, 1968, in the early afternoon I observed Mr. U. L. Baker, also a salesman at the Aeromarine Supply Company, completing the sale of a rifle to an individual unknown to me. The purchaser had given his name as Harvey Lowmeyer. He purchased a Remington Model 700, caliber .243 Winchester with a Redfield scope mounted thereon, and 20 rounds of .243 ammunition.

3. Either later that afternoon or early the following morning (Saturday) someone identifying himself as Lowmeyer called on the telephone and stated that he had had a conversation with his brother and had decided that he wished to exchange the rifle he had purchased for a Remington Model 760, 30.06 caliber. I agreed to make this exchange at additional cost.

4. At approximately 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 30, 1968, the same individual returned to the store with the gun he had previously purchased. I told him that I would change the scope from the caliber .243 rifle to the

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model 760, but that it would take me until approximately 3:00 in the afternoon.

5. He returned that afternoon and I gave him the model 760 gun with the scope mounted on it. The serial number of the gun was 461476, and a copy of the sales invoice is attached to this affidavit as Exhibit I. I also exchanged the box of .243 caliber ammunition for a box of 30.06 ammunition. I did not charge him the additional amount as anticipated because the base and rings used for mounting the scope on the second gun were less expensive and made up the difference. The purchaser left the store carrying the gun in a cardboard box utilized by the Browning Manufacturing Company. This box was given to him because, with the scope mounted on it, the rifle would not fit in the normal Remington box.

6. On April 16, 1968, I was visited by two agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and shown photographs of seven white males. After viewing the group of photographs, which were identified to me only by number, and after careful consideration, I selected the photograph which had been marked No. 5 (attached to this affidavit as Exhibit II) as the man to whom the rifle was sold on March 29, 1968, and who returned it to me on March 30, 1968, in exchange for a Remington Model 760. At that time I advised the agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation as follows: "I can't say exactly at this time but I think this is the man. To the best of my memory I believe that this is the man that bought the gun."

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7. Upon examining the photograph again today I reaffirm the statement I made on April 16, 1968, to the agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

DONALD F. WOOD

Sworn to before me this

_____day of June, 1968.

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: LEGAT, LONDON (88-72) (P)

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OO: MEMPHIS (44-1987)

Re London cable 6/5/68.

Enclosed are two copies of BOAC Passenger Manifest for Flight BA 600 departing Toronto for London 5/6/68.

As suggested in reLoncab, Bureau may desire to have RCMP locate and interview passengers on this flight.

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: June 10, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

1 - Mr. DeLoach
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1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Sullivan

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This is the investigation into the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The "London Times" of 6/10/68, had a headline as follows: "U. S. Department Chief Interviewed King Case Man" and in the article it is reported that during press conference Vinson said he had seen Ray. It is noted in British usage the verb "to see" means to talk to. The "London Sun" of 6/10/68, has an article stating that Ray was removed from his cell and taken to an interview room where Vinson talked to him. It has been determined that Ray was not removed from his cell and Vinson did not talk to Ray but did see him momentarily through a slot in the cell door.

"London Daily Telegraph" of 6/10/68, contains an article by Ian Colvin which states Sneyd (Ray) telephoned several times, first calling on 6/4/68. Colvin had previously written about mercenary soldiers in Africa and Sneyd sought information as to how he could join his brother, a mercenary in Angola. Sneyd wanted to contact a British mercenary officer and Colvin offered to ask a major to call Sneyd who sounded overwrought and incoherent. The major declined to call Sneyd and when Sneyd later called the reporter on 6/6/68, Colvin gave him unspecified Brussels address through which he might contact Angola mercenaries. Scotland Yard is attempting to interview Colvin for full details and to determine the Brussels address reportedly furnished to Sneyd by Colvin.

Investigation has established that subject departed from London for Lisbon, Portugal, on 5/7/68. He remained in Lisbon for ten days and on 5/17/68, returned to London from Lisbon. Scotland Yard has an entire team of men working to establish subject's whereabouts during the period 5/17 to 6/8/68, the date of his arrest.

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Memo Rosen to DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

ACTION:

Pertinent developments in this case will be brought to your attention.

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FBI

Date: 6-10-68

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565) Attn Crime Records

MURKIN

Enclosed herewith is a favorable editorial concerning the Bureau's performance in the MURKIN investigation, appearing in "The Plain Dealer", 6/9/68.

It is respectfully requested that a letter of appreciation be directed to Mr. THOMAS VAIL, Editor, The Plain Dealer, 1801 Superior Avenue, NE, Cleveland, Ohio 44114.

Indices Cleveland Division would not preclude requested letter.

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Ray's Arrest Tribute to Tenacity

The arrest in London yesterday of James Earl Ray, chief suspect in the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., is a tribute to the tenacious legwork of the FBI and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

The Mounties searched through more than 200,000 passport applications before spotting the photograph of a man who looked like Ray. This discovery set the FBI and Scotland Yard on Ray's trail.

The arrest, and subsequent trial, should clear up some of the mystery surrounding the assassination:

Was it Ray, a man of many aliases, an escaped prisoner with a long criminal record, who pulled the trigger that cut down the civil rights leader in Memphis?

Was he acting as part of a conspiracy on King's life?

Was he a paid killer?

The FBI came under heavy criticism as the weeks stretched by without the apprehension of the chief suspect. There were false trails, confusion occasioned by the use of the Galt alias, conflicting opinions about whether the murder was the act of a lone madman or a plotted killing involving other conspirators and perhaps other victims. There was a widespread belief that Ray would never be found alive.

But FBI agents worked on, while the nation was torn by rioting and recrimination. They made thousands of interviews, tracked down thousands of tips across the continent and in Mexico and Canada. They built up a massive dossier on this man who had once allegedly told a fellow prisoner he would be willing to kill for $1 million.

The FBI agents' work is not done. If there was a conspiracy, there are conspirators to be arrested, more evidence to be dug up. Ray will have to be given maximum protection.

Past experience would indicate that the FBI is up to the task.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM LEGAT, OTTAWA (44-4) 1P

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REQUEST EXACT LOCATION OF MARK T.F. TWO THREE ZERO SEVEN DASH TWO TWO ONE NINE IN ORDER THAT COMPLETE INVESTIGATION CAN BE MADE. (1)

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