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information as to his contacts, associates and activities. Inspector SILVA visited the following bars and nightclubs:

Texas Bar
Arizona Bar
Niagara Bar
California Bar
Europa Bar
Atlantico Bar
Bolero Bar
Maxime's Nightelub
Galo Bar and Nightelub
Togide Nightelub
Nina Nightelub

Inspector SILVA interviewed approximately 60 individuals, including doormen, managers, bartenders, bar girls and prostitutes. He displayed the subject's photograph in all instances to determine if the subject was known and, if so, the extent of the contacts. Inspector SILVA advised that subject had visited the Texas Far on two occasions alone and had purchased beer on each occasion. He had not remained for more than an hour. The same was true at the Niagara Bar. There were various individuals in the other bars contacted who vaguely thought they recognized his photograph but could furnish no specific information.

At the Bolero Bar, the proprietor indicated that the subject had come there on two occasions at approximately midnight and had remained there until 2:00 or 3:00 AM drinking beer. He was alone and quiet and attracted no special attention.

At Maxime's Nightclub, GLORIA SAUSA RIBEIRO, a prostitute, advised that she had met the subject when he had visited there one night. She spent several hours with him in the nightclub and then went out and spent the night with him. She advised that she does not speak English and he did not beak Portuguese and, therefore, they spoke "only the international language of love." She declined to say where she had spent the night with him, but did advise that he insisted on presenting her with gifts rather than paying her in cash since this made the transaction less commercial. He, therefore, presented her with a dress and stockings in payment for her services. She has not seen nor heard from the subject

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again. She could not recall specifically the date when she met him and could furnish no further pertinent information. She reiterated that the conversation was very limited.

At the Galo Bar, MARIA JOSE GUTERRES recognized the subject's photograph and stated that he had visited this bar on two occasions and had bought her drinks on each occasion. She likewise speaks practically no English and, therefore, the conversation was very limited. On each occasion, he spent one or two hours drinking beer and departed alone. No further pertinent information was available from this source.

At the Fontoria Nightclub, the subject was vaguely known by various employees. One Spanish girl, not further identified, stated that the subject had purchased her beer during a visit when he stayed there for one or two hours. No further specific information was available from this source.

It was noted that at the time of the subject's arrest in London, England, he had in his possession a timetable of South African Airways on which Salisbury, Rhodesia, was checked.

Sr. PASSO advised on June 11, 1968, that the South African Airways office in Lisbon had been contacted. One employee, not further identified, vaguely recognized the photograph of the subject as a person who may have made inquiry, but he was not certain as to this. He stated that numerous persons enter the South African Airways office and that no particular note is made of the transaction unless something unusual occurs. He may have inquired for a timetable, but the employee does not specifically recall this. There is no record of any travel having been purchased by SNEYD at this office.

Sr. PASSO also advised that inquiry had been conducted at the Rhodesian Mission in Lisbon. Employees there failed to recognize the subject's photograph and there was no record of any inquiry having been made by him.

Since the British press indicated that an inquiry had been received at the Biafra office in Lisbon from an individual who requested information as to going to Biafra as a white mercenary, Sr. PASSO was requested to make inquiry

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at the Biafra office.

Sr. PASSO advised that the Biafra office, which is located at 16 Avenida Torre da Belem, Lisbon, does not ordinarily receive inquiries from prospective white mercenaries. He stated that the purpose of this establishment is probably to purchase arms throughout Europe and to handle their transit through Lisbon en route to Biafra. He stated that inquiry there had failed to reflect that the subject had made any inquiries there.

It was also noted that the British press had indicated that the subject had made some inquiries in London of a British reporter regarding the possibility of going to Angola, a Portuguese possession in Africa, as a white mercenary.

Inquiry was made of Sr. PASSO regarding this possibility. He advised that there are no white mercenaries fighting in Angola. He also advised that no foreigner is allowed to enter Angola without the specific permission of the Portuguese authorities.

Since information was received indicating that the subject had converted South African money into British money in London, inquiry was conducted in Lisbon to determine if he had purchased South African currency at the Lisbon Airport.

Mr. CARLOS GAMEIRO, Manager, Banco Lisboa Acores, Lisbon Airport, failed to recognize a photograph of the subject. He also displayed the photograph to several employees of the bank, who likewise failed to recognize the photograph. They explained that they handle numerous exchange that actions and they do not necessarily note an individual's appearance.

In all of the above inquiries particular attention was given to attempting to determine if the subject was alone or was accompanied by other individuals. It was ascertained that he was alone in all instances, except those described above.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 6/21/68

W. A. Branigan

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This case involves the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

One question in our investigation of Ray is how and when he was able to obtain the background information concerning Galt, Bridgman and Sneyd which enabled him to assume their identities after his escape from prison and after the murder. All three were residents of Toronto and reside in close proximity to one another. It is difficult to understand why Ray would flee to the very city in Canada where all three of these individuals reside, if in fact, he knew that these three individuals were then residing in Toronto. One answer would be that he did not know this and, if not, it would follow that he did not select these identities and he either purchased this background information or someone else obtained this information for him. If the latter is the case, it would indicate a possible existence of a conspiracy in this case.

Background information for false identities is generally available in the criminal underworld and it would be assumed that there is some criminal in the Toronto area who prepares such information for sale to the underworld and to Americans fleeing to Canada to evade the draft, legal process, etc.

In view of the above, the following suggestion is offered for consideration. Consider making inquiry of Buffalo Office to determine if any of Buffalo's top-level criminal informants in La Cosa Nostra and other criminal syndicates know of the identity or existence of any individual in the United States or Canada, particularly Toronto, who

1 - Mr. C. D. Deloach 1 - Mr. A. Rosen

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prepares such documentation for the underworld. Buffalo could also be requested to review its selective service and deserter cases wherein subjects have sought refuge in Canada under assumed names in order to determine if any of the subjects in those cases have ever reported the existence of an individual who prepares background information for assumed identities.

If we could establish the existence of such an individual and locate him, he should be interviewed to determine if he prepared the background information used by Ray and, if so, the identity of the individual to whom he furnished such information.

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Re San Diego teletype dated 6/14/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau is a handprinted note written in green ink and a known handprinting sample of GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER, FBI No. 584 742 F..

For the information of the Laboratory, enclosed note was received in the mail at the U.S. Post Office, San Diego, California, 6/11/68.

GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER was subsequently arrested by the San Diego Police Department 6/12/68 on an outstanding warrant issued at Seattle, Washington, for grand larceny.

On 6/13/68 GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER was interviewed, at which time handprinting was taken from him since circumstances seemed to indicate he had written the note himself, although he denied having written this note.

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The Laboratory is requested to conduct handwriting examination on enclosures and advise the San Diego Office of the results.

The Bureau is requested to return enclosed items to the SanDiego Division.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO Mr. DeLoach

DATE: June 18, 1968

1 - Mr. DeLoach 1 - Mr. Rosen 1 - Mr. Conrad 1 - Mr. Bishop

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SUBJECT:

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 Department is being advised of the receipt of passport documents of the subject furnished by the Canadian Embassy in Lisbon, Portugal, and documents furnished by Portuguese authorities. These documents indicate that the subject applied for and received a new passport from the Canadian Embassy in Lisbon since the passport issued by the Canadian Passport Office in Ottawa on 4-22-68 carried his name as Ramon George Snyea instead of Sneyd.

These documents are being examined by the FBI Laboratory and handwriting comparisons are being made.

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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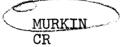
DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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FROM

SAC, RICHMOND (44-657) -P-

SUBJECT:





Re San Antonio airtel to Bureau, 5/21/68.

The current Northern Virginia Directory of the Chesapeake and Potomac (C&P) Telephone Co., reflects the subscriber of telephone number 356-4286 as the Peter Piper School, 1351 Scotts Run Road, McLean, Va.

On 6/4/68, Mrs. WILLA F. ECKELS, 1351 Scotts Run Road, McLean, Va., advised that her telephone number is 356-4286. She stated, to the best of her knowledge, telephone calls received at her number on 12/16/67, from Texas, were made by Lt. JOHNATHAN SEARFOSS, stationed at Lackland Air Force Base.

Mrs. ECKELS advised that Lt. SEARFOSS is engaged to her daughter, KAREN ECKELS.

Mrs. ECKELS advised that she had no knowledge of JAMES RAY. She further stated that she knows no one else in Texas, other than Lt. SEARFOSS.

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Mr. Harry W. Falk
Falk and Buxton
Suite 306
350 E Street
Eureka, California 95501

Dear Mr. Falk:

I have received your letter of June 12th and want to thank you for your sentiments regarding this Bureau. Your support is very much appreciated, and it is my hope that the activities of this Bureau will continue to merit your approval.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Congratulations upon your activities in apprehending James Earl Ray.

Your action proves the necessity and advantage of a strong Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Yours very truly,

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To: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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Attention: FBI Laboratory FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

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The Birmingham office is in receipt of a letter from AUBRY DEE CHANDLER, Scottsboro, Alabama, the original of which is being furnished the Bureau, and Xerox copies of same are being furnished New Orleans and Memphis.

CHANDLER was contacted on June 18, 1968, at Scottsboro, Alabama, and furnished a pamphlet concerning which he had written to the Birmingham office. The original of this pamphlet is an application with the Palmer Writers School, Minneapolis, Minnesota, which is being furnished the Bureau, and Xerox copies thereof are being furnished New Orleans and Memphis.

It is noted that the typewritten name ERIC A. WAUGH, which appears above the name CHARLES MARTIN, Inspectors of Petroleum, New Orleans, Louisiana, may have been typed by a different typewriter than MARTIN's address.

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together with background information furnished by WAUGH, the possibility exists that same may have been written by subject RAY, based upon photographic specimens of his handprinting furnished the Birmingham office by the Bureau, by Routing Slip dated June 17, 1968. This, together with the fact it is known that RAY was visiting in New Orleans on March 22, 1968, which was the date indicated the Palmer Writers School pamphlet was executed, plus RAY's known propensity for correspondence courses, makes it desirable that investigation be conducted at New Orleans, as set forth below.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to make a handprinting comparison of the executed portions of the Palmer Writers School pamphlet filled in by ERIC A. WAUGH, with known handprinting specimens of subject RAY and that Birmingham, New Orleans, and Memphis be advised of the results.

LEADS:

NEW ORLEANS DIVISION

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA:

- 1. Will conduct investigation at Apartment No.3, (upstairs) 2928 Tulane Avenue, and determine occupant on the date of March 22, 1968. Determine whether subject RAY may possibly have rented the apartment temporarily or may have been visiting the normal occupants thereof.
- 2. Will interview CHARLES MARTIN, Inspectors of Patroleum, P.O. Box 19465, New Orleans, Louisiana, 70119, regarding the pamphlet of the Palmer Writers School, and

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determine whether he was acquainted with the ERIC A. WAUGH, whose name appears above that of MARTIN, as desiring to be enrolled in the Palmer Writers School. Will determine from MARTIN whether he is acquainted with anyone by the name of ERIC A. WAUGH or whether he might recognize photographs of subject RAY. (New Odeans refer to its previous report regarding RAY's presence in New Orleans on the date in question).

The Attorney General

June 21, 1968

Director, FBI

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Enclosed are 12 items which have been made available on a confidential basis by New Scotland Yard. This information is not to be disseminated outside of the Department of Justice. The items include:

Report to Detective Chief Superintendent dated June 13, 1968, relative to the subject, James Earl Ray.

Copies of documents used by New Scotland Yard to support the report.

Certificate of vaccination of Ramon George Sneyd.

Copy of registration at New Earls Court Hotel, London, showing registration of Ramon G. Sneyd on May 28, 1968. The subject has used that name while in England.

Statement of Ian Colvin, columnist, "The Daily Telegraph," London.

A page of notes apparently in Ray's handwriting which he had in his possession when arrested. For your information "FLE 4342" is the telephone number of "The Daily Telegraph."

Statement of Anna Elizabeth Thomas.

Statement of Janet Elizabeth Nassau.

Memorandum of Kennedy Travel Bureau for Mr. R. Sneyd siving details of his flight from Toronto to London and a copy of his ticket envelope. Those items were in the subject's luggage.

Currency exchange voucher of Lloyds Bank Limited.

A document captioned "Silencers."

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The Attorney General

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On page eight, item 38, of the report to Detective Chief Superintendent, dated June 13, 1968, it is stated, "The United States authorities have already made tentative arrangements for this officer to travel to this country, if this step is considered necessary." The statement refers to Ramon George Sneyd, a police officer serving in Toronto, Canada. This Bureau has not, and is not, making any such arrangements, and New Scotland Yard has been so informed.

Enclosures (12)

- 1 The Deputy Attorney General Enclosures (12)
- 1 Mr. Stephen J. Pollak Assistant Attorney General - Enclosures (12)
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should insure that the return flight should be non-stop from point of origin in England to destination - Tennessee.

- 2. Effect arrangements for a medical doctor with all equipment he deems necessary to his profession to be on board the aircraft and to accompany the aircraft on its return flight. It should be understood the doctor is to be available only if needed and he should not be considered part of the escort. In this regard, his name should not be put on the extradition paper requiring names of escorting officers.
- 3. Make appropriate arrangements for Immigration, Customs and U.S. Public Health clearances at point of destination into the U.S. Advise where this is to be done. In this regard, a Certificate of Identity will be issued to RAY by the Consular Section, American Embassy, London. However, in order for his entry to be a legal one into the U.S., he must be cleared by the foregoing agencies.
- 4. Advise by name the persons RAY is to be released to and where the official release is to be made.
- news releases concerning arrival in U.S. until RAY is turned over to appropriate local authority. In this regard, it is appreciated that the Bureau may not have the final decision as to what press releases are made; however, we suggest that press coverage could be achieved through a lottery of press representatives and the desired solution would be to limit press and photographic coverage to one reporter and one photographer each, these individuals to be checked out security-wise and not be told the actual destination of the aircraft but merely to be available for a 24-hour period and then taken under police escort to the destination with no opportunity to communicate with any outside individuals.
- 6. Concerning official release of RAY to local authorities, the local officers who are to assume custody should be accompanied by a Bureau representative to whom they are known. It is suggested that lapel pins for escorting and receiving officials be used for identification purposes and that this office be furnished a supply of these pins or else a description of them.
- 7. Equipment needed in London which can either be sent or put on the craft to be used, provided the craft leaves from the U.S. to England, is as follows:

Two .38 revolvers with right-hand holsters, and ammunition.

One restraining kit with locks and keys.

- If there are no restrictions, send body armour Spooner vest of a size that would fit
 subject's physical description. This to
 be used at any point from jail in London
 to aircraft at field, and from destination
 to jail in Tennessee.
- 8. At point of destination, authorities concerned should consider transporting RAY in a closed van with escorts front and rear. Suggest a bullet-proof type vehicle be used, such as Brinks armored vehicle or similar type.
- 9. Suggest we be permitted to make arrangements for the return flight to touch down at destination in the early morning hours (1 A.M. to 5 A.M.) provided this can be worked out with Air Traffic Control. A touchdown at this time would avoid a lot of local traffic and maintain much tighter security.
- 10. Suggest that in all planning an alternate field be designated in England in the event fog or other conditions prevent the craft from setting down at the designated field. Similar arrangements should be made at point of destination.
- 11. Suggest code words be used for flight, for fields to be used and for alternate pack-up plan. In connection with any alternate plan, if it involves any other FBI Field Offices, they should be alerted.
- 12. In the absence of complete investigative knowledge of this matter, personnel now in this office are not aware as to whether there is any sound reason to believe the assassination involves a conspiracy by right-wing forces, a hostile intelligence service, etc. Consequently, for consideration, it is suggested if there is any evidence to indicate an attempt could be made against the craft when returning from England to the U.S. by any other aircraft in the air, give consideration to a fighter escort.
- 13. To insure that the Bureau is kept advised of the progress of the flight, arrangements will be effected in London to

block off a telephone line from the field used to this office and as soon as the craft is airborne, this office will be advised and will immediately advise the Bureau. It is suggested that the Bureau ascertain the location of the Communications set-up that will monitor communications from the aircraft and place an agent at this point to monitor the communications reprogress of the craft and to report this information to the Bureau or any other pertinent authority who should receive same.

- 14. The foregoing are recommended on the basis that a military craft and military air fields at both points will be utilized. However, if the craft is a chartered commercial craft, it is recommended that arrangements be made for the craft to arrive at a military field in England and to land at a military field at destination, again for obvious security reasons. To bring a commercial craft into Heathrow (London) Airport would create almost unsurmountable security problems, primarily due to the fact that we would be dealing with foreign civilian authorities who under these circumstances would undoubtedly generate miles of red tape which could not be overcome in a hurry.
- 15. If chartered commercial craft is used, arrangements similar to those suggested for the military craft should be put into effect and in addition, the crew should be carefully checked for security reasons. The craft should be thoroughly searched and checked and in this regard it should be determined that even though a chartered commercial craft, perhaps under the circumstances it could be manned by a military crew.
- 16. Any crew used, whether commercial or military, should not be told the reason for the flight or the destination until the craft is in the air.
- 17. The security of the craft used, if departing from the U.S. or the European Continent, should be insured in all aspects. At destination here two of the agent personnel now in this office will be awaiting its arrival, liaison will have been set up with the Commanding Officer and all security arrangements, such as putting the craft under a complete military security guard, checking of fuel, food, etc., will be arranged and the Commanding Officer will be requested to put a complete clampdown on the reason for the craft's arrival and any information concerning its departure.

- 18. A complete set of clothing, including shorts, tee shirts, pants (no metal buttons), shirts, shoes, socks, hand-kerchiefs and possibly a windbreaker type jacket will be purchased for RAY and when he is turned over to escorting officers at the aircraft, immediately upon being taken aboard, he will be afforded a strip-search and the new clothing given to him.
- 19. Food aboard the aircraft enroute to destination will be of a type that will not require the use of utensils, paper cups will be used and if the military cannot effect arrangements, escorting officers will do so, for the purchase of the food, water and soft drinks, at a place where its ultimate use could not possibly be ascertained.
- 20. As has existed since inception of this matter, close liaison will be maintained with Scotland Yard to insure security for transporting RAY from place of incarceration to the aircraft. In this regard, it is the responsibility of the British Government; however, we are in a position to make suggestions.
- 21. A complete log will be maintained regarding the operation from the time subject is delivered over to escorting officers until he is turned over to proper authorities at point of destination.
- 22. I strongly recommend that we be kept fully and completely advised of all arrangements being made in the U.S. so that we can make plans to dovetail into such arrangements.

The foregoing should not be considered complete or final in any way as continuous thought is being given to this matter, realizing the national importance of safely transporting RAY back to the U.S. Any observations or suggestions that the Bureau may have will be sincerely appreciated.

The extradition papers that In picked up at the airport did not contain on the form provided the names of the escorting officers. I recommend that the Bureau, through liaison, expeditiously have the names of the escorting officers provided to the Embassy. It is my understanding at this date that the escorting officers will be: GEORGE ZEISS, KENNETH BOUNDS, W. L. MARTINDALE, JOHN T. MINNICH and that I am to have the responsibility for the escort party. If I do not understand this correctly, I would appreciate the Bureau's advice.

All information pertaining to security arrangements being effected and all planning pertaining to aircraft movement and transportation of subject at point of origin, point of destination, should be limited in distribution to only those officials in the U.S. and local government who need to know. It is suggested some consideration may be given to maintaining a list of individuals who are furnished information concerning these plans. In this regard, in order to restrict distribution, I will send all communications from London to Assistant Director ROSEN in a sealed envelope marked "Personal and Confidential", via diplomatic pouch. Consequently, where copies of communications are normally sent to the Liaison Section at the Bureau, no such copies will be disseminated on this planning.

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TO: /DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM TEGAT, LONDON (88-72) (P)

MURKIN SECURITY PRECAUTIONS -

OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS RE TRANSPORTATION OF SUBJECT)

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Additional observations and recommendations to insure complete security and the safe transportation of JAMES EARL RAY from England to point of destination in the U.S. are set forth as follows:

- (1) A check is being made through New Scotland Yard to determine what exit controls RAY will have to go through on departing England. If it is necessary for his Certificate of Identity to be stamped by a British Immigration official, this will probably be accomplished right at the prison.
- (2) Concerning aircraft, if a chartered commercial craft is used and if the identity of the company from which chartered leaks to the press, this company could possibly be subjected to a series of anonymous bomb threats for transporting RAY.
- (3) It is estimated that a non-stop flight from England to some destination near Memphis, Tennessee may take ten hours, depending upon headwinds. Considering time difference of six hours between London time and Tennessee time. If we left England at 12 Midnight, which is a most desirable time here, we would be estimated to arrive at destination about 4 A.M., which would appear to be a desirable time there. Suggest this be checked with proper military or airlines people as to any possible difficulties involved in these times. REC-116 44-3-66/-

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things to be done here and at point of destination. This would be an all-encompassing list with the time each item is to be done, when done and the individual doing it.

- (5) The restraining kit has arrived and is in Legat Office and if ZEISS and BOUNDS depart London June 19 next, they will leave two guns with Legat and bring two guns with them on return.
- (6) It would appear that one of the most important decisions to be made would pertain to the attitude to be displayed to RAY by the escorting agents. In other words, should he be appropriately warned of all his rights and thereafter an attempt made to interview him? In answering this question it should be borne in mind that he will be under restraint, which will probably consist of handcuffs, leg irons and lead chains. If after appropriately warned of his rights he shows an inclination to engage in petty conversation of any type, should the escorting agents engage him in such conversation or should absolute silence be maintained by escorting agents with regard to RAY during the entire trip? If he is to be warned of his rights, etc., appropriate forms should be given to ZEISS and BOUNDS upon their return trip.
- (7) Whether military or commercial craft is used, it is suggested that the door to the toilet facilities be removed and that all mirrors or glassware and sharp appurtenances be removed.
- (8) Four flashlights with new batteries and bulbs should be furnished for emergency lighting use within the aircraft in the event the lighting equipment fails.
- (9) Suggest consideration be given for arrangements to be made at final destination for RAY to be stripped, photographed and medically examined as proof that he was delivered to local authorities in good condition.
- (10) It is contemplated that all property in his possession at the time of his apprehension will be turned over to this office by New Scotland Yard. It is contemplated this property will be taken aboard the aircraft and instead of being left at Memphis, escorting agents will take the property to Washington, D.C. for any further laboratory examinations desired.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

emorandum

: Mr. DeLoach

DATE: June 15, 1968

: A. Rose

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. DeLoach

1 - Mr. Rosen 1 - Mr. Malley

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

Fred Vinson called to advise me that he had just spoken with the prosecutor in London and that he was most pleased with the evidence which had been submitted by the Department. He said he had all that he needed. Vinson parenthetically told me that he had all that he needed and then some. He was referring to the affidavits which have been submitted based upon the investigation which we have conducted in the United States.

He said that with reference to George Bonebrake, the latent fingerprint examiner who made the identification in this case, he, in talking with the prosecutor, was advised that they would like to have Bonebrake in London two days before the hearing in order that the prosecutor may have a chance to confer with him. The extradition is set for the 21st; however, Vinson feels that the hearing will be set over until the 27th. He advised me that he would let me know on Tuesday concerning Bonebrake. We have previously alerted Bonebrake to the possibility that he might be needed. The above information is also being furnished to him.

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To: Legat Ottawa

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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Re Legat London airtel to the Bureau dated 6/5/68.

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

Legat Ottawa may desire to have the RCMP locate and interview passengers on this flight.

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