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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Date: **July 16, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CR**

FBI File No. **44-38861-4856**
Lab. No. **D-680712073 JK**

Specimens received **7/12/68**

Q388 American Heritage business reply card bearing on reverse side the hand printed name and address "Eric S. Galt Loraine Motel Memphis Tenn."

Result of examination:

Significant differences were noted as the result of comparing the questioned hand printing on Q388 with the known hand printing of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405942G; however, because of the limited nature of the hand printing involved and the presence of certain characteristics a definite conclusion was not reached.

Q388 will be returned separately. Photographs were made.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
(ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565) (P)

RE: MURKIN
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OO: MEMPHIS

CV tel to Bureau, 7/3/68.

Enclosed for Bureau and Memphis are 1 and 8 copies respectively of FD-302 reflecting interview of ALVIN R. CARLSON, Marion, Ohio. Also enclosed for Bureau is an American Heritage Business Reply Postcard from ERIC S. GALT, Lorain Motel, Memphis, Tennessee.

Bureau is requested to compare the hand printing appearing on enclosed specifically the name ERIC S. GALT Lorain Motel, Memphis, Tennessee, with any known hand printing off file for JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405 942 G.

Bureau is also requested to process enclosure for latent prints and if any developed determine if identical with prints of RAY.

Bureau is requested to furnish Memphis and Cleveland results of examination, and return enclosure to Cleveland.

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2 - Cleveland

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FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (P 1)

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MC CLINTOCK LEFT ALTON JULY FIFTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN
TWO DAYS AFTER BANK ROBBERY AT THE BANK OF ALTON; FURTHER
THAT MC CLINTOCK HAS ALWAYS BEEN CLOSE TO HAROLD RICHARD
COVINGTON AND WILLIE LEE.

PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY DISPLAYED TO HAZEL DREW,
PAMELA SCHNEIDER AND PCI HELEN GRABLE. ALL STATE THEY
ARE CERTAIN RAY NOT AN ASSOCIATE OF MC CLINTOCK, COVINGTON
OR LEE AND RAY UNFAMILIAR TO THEM.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM SAC, NEW YORK (100-100000)
SUBJECT: [Illegible]
[Illegible text follows, appearing to be a teletype message with several lines of information.]

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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FROM: SAC, Memphis (44-1987) P

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Enclosed are original and one of seven clippings from local newspapers re captioned matter.

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British Charges Against Ray Cited

Lawyer Says Extradition
Would Cancel Counts

LONDON, July 8. — (UPI) — The British lawyer defending James Earl Ray on two British charges said Monday they would probably never be pressed if Ray is extradited to America for trial as the accused murderer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Ray's barrister, Michael Eugene, said "nothing" would happen Tuesday when Ray is scheduled to appear again in Bow Street Magistrates' Court under the name of Ramon George Sneyd. The hearing is in connection with charges Ray violated British gun and passport laws.

"He will be turned around and remanded until the following Tuesday," Eugene said.

The British lawyer said he still has not filed an appeal of last Thursday's ruling that Ray be extradited to face the United States charges against him.

Eugene indicated the filing of a writ of habeas corpus in district court would not take place before early next week. Ray has 15 days to lodge an appeal.

London Chief Magistrate Frank Milton last Thursday ordered Ray extradited to face the United States charges of murdering King in Memphis on April 4 and of escaping from the Missouri State Penitentiary last year.

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Ray Brothers In Memphis—One Faces

By GEORGE BRYAN

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Witness Absent At Ray Hearing

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Video Surveillance To Track Ray Trial

By CHARLES EDMUNDSON

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Charles Holmes, director of information for Memphis State University and new public relations adviser to Sheriff William N. Morris for the trial, yesterday confirmed that security plans call for such a tape to be made. This, he said, will be the first time such a precaution has been taken in a trial anywhere.

Identity cards with photos will be issued to all newsmen accredited for the trial. More than 50 such accreditations have been requested and this is considered only a start.

South Central Bell, it was learned, is preparing to run 150 new telephone lines to the Shelby County Office Building, adjacent to the Criminal Courts Building, to accommodate newspapers, radio, television and law enforcement.

Cables are expected to be laid between the scene of the trial and the three Memphis television stations, a telephone company representative said. Cables are necessary for prolonged live television broadcasts, although motorized microwave stations can bridge the gap for brief periods.

In keeping with a long-standing rule, no press or television photos may be made in the courtroom, even during court recess. But protocol, until now at least, has allowed photos to be made in corridors.

This is expected to be one of the most highly publicized trials ever held in the United States. Press, radio and television reports will be carried in practically every nation in the world. Those in charge of preparations expect the non-white majority of the world's population to observe the trial as a test of justice administered "without regard to race, color or condition."

But Atty. Gen. Phil M. Canale and Sheriff Morris declined to comment on this beyond saying: "The trial will be conducted in strict keeping with established standards of dignity and justice."

To emphasize that the judicial process is operating normally, the trial will be held in one of the five regular courtrooms of the Shelby County Criminal Court. The largest will seat, in addition to the principals of the trial, hardly more than 100 persons.

Most of the seats will be reserved for the press, but reservations are assured also for relatives of the defendant and of the family of Dr. King.

Sheriff Morris said a certain proportion of the seats will be reserved for the general public, even though all the newsmen present at any one time may not be seated. Tennessee law calls for a "public trial."

The last world-famous Tennessee trial was the so-called "monkey trial" at Dayton, near Chattanooga, in 1925. This was to test the validity of a law, since repealed, to forbid teaching the theory of evolution in tax-supported schools.

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The Northern and foreign press criticized what it termed the "carnival atmosphere" at that trial.

"There will be no carnival air here," Sheriff Morris said last night. "This is a serious matter. The sheriff, the judges and the attorney general have been conferring at intervals for several weeks to assure a fair and orderly trial in a dignified atmosphere."

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Charles Holmes, director of information for Memphis State University, a new public relations adviser to Sheriff William N. Morris for the trial, yesterday confirmed that security plans call for such a tape to be made. This, he said, will be the first time such a precaution has been taken in a trial anywhere.

Identity cards with photos will be issued to all newsmen accredited for the trial. More than 50 such accreditations have been requested and this is considered only a start.

South Central Bell, it was learned, is preparing to run 100 new telephone lines to the Shelby County Office Building, adjacent to the Criminal Courts Building, to accommodate newspapers, radio, television and law enforcement.

Cables are expected to be laid between the scene of the trial and the three Memphis television stations, a telephone company representative said. Cables are necessary for prolonged live television broadcasts, although motorized microwave stations can bridge the gap for brief periods.

In keeping with a long-standing rule, no press or television photos may be made in the courtroom, even during court recess. But protocol, which now at least, has allowed photos to be made in corridors.

This is expected to be one of the most highly publicized trials ever held in the United States. Press, radio and television reports will be carried in practically every nation in the world. Those in charge of preparations expect the non-white majority of the world's population to observe the trial as a test of justice administered "without regard to race, color or condition."

But Atty. Gen. Phil M. Canale and Sheriff Morris declined to comment on this beyond saying: "The trial will be conducted in strict keeping with established standards of dignity and justice."

To emphasize that the judicial process is operating normally, the trial will be held in one of the five regular courtrooms of the Shelby County Criminal Court. The largest will seat, in addition to the principals of the trial, hardly more than 100 persons.

Most of the seats will be reserved for the press, but reservations are assured also for relatives of the defendant and of the family of Dr. King.

Sheriff Morris said a certain proportion of the seats will be reserved for the general public, even though all the newsmen present at any one time may not be seated. Tennessee law calls for a "public trial."

The last world-famous Tennessee trial was the so-called "monkey trial" at Dayton, near Chattanooga, in 1927. This was to test the validity of a law, since repealed, to forbid teaching the theory of evolution in tax-supported schools.

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The Northern and foreign press criticized what it termed the "carnival atmosphere" at that trial.

"There will be no carnival here," Sheriff Morris said last night. "This is a serious matter. The sheriff, the judges and the attorney general have been conferring at intervals for several weeks to assure a fair and orderly trial in a dignified atmosphere."

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'Sneyd' Was Name Used In Letter

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'LORD' TITLE

Asked about the title, "Lord," John Ray said, "That's probably his idea of a joke."

The Daily News published portions of the letter which in part read, "I could appeal my extradition hearing but I am getting tired of listening to these liars so I might close it up about Tuesday."

There was no indication which Tuesday the letter referred to. John Ray said he interpreted the letter as evidence that his brother did not kill King, who was shot to death on the balcony of a Memphis motel April 4.

"If he really did it," John Ray said, "he wouldn't be thinking about signing these extradition papers, would he?"

UNDATED

The letter was mailed to a married sister who lives in a suburb of St. Louis, the Daily News said. It was not dated.

U.S. officials working on obtaining Ray's extradition have said they are convinced that Ray and Sneyd are the same person.

The letter also implied that Ray would have sufficient funds to finance his defense when he is returned to Memphis to stand trial.

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

Hanes, of Birmingham, Ala., is representing Ray in London.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-1854) (P)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

WILLIAM SOMERSETT, formerly MM 607-R, who is no longer being contacted by the Miami Office and who is characterized as having furnished reliable information in the past, and in addition has furnished information which cannot be verified or corroborated, telephonically advised on 7/12/68 as follows:

Since the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., he has made trips to Atlanta, Ga. and Memphis, Tenn. at the request and expense of the Florida State Attorney's Office and the Miami, Florida Police Department. He indicated the purpose of these trips was to try and develop information relative to the assassination of Doctor KING and other information relating to the National States Rights Party. He did not elaborate on his assignments nor did he indicate he had developed any unusual or pertinent information. He reportedly was in contact with witnesses involved in the KING case and based on information heard on the "street," it was said that the chauffeur of Doctor KING was suspected of "setting up Doctor KING for the assassination." SOMERSETT was unable to identify source of this information.

It is not known why the Florida States Attorney's Office or the Miami Police Department would have SOMERSETT

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Special Agent in Charge

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Office of the Miami Police Department would have been advised

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make trips to Atlanta, Ga. and Memphis, Tenn. except for possibly some sensational information that would afford them nationwide publicity.

The above is being furnished to the Bureau, Atlanta and Memphis for information and to be aware of the fact that SOMERSETT has been in Atlanta and Memphis regarding the KING case.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Conrad *JWC*

DATE: July 16, 1968

FROM : W. D. Griffith *W*

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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The Department has forwarded to the Bureau a handwritten letter addressed to the Attorney General under the signature of R. G. Sneyd. A typewritten copy of the contents of this letter and Xerox copies of the envelope and letter are attached hereto.

A comparison of the questioned writing appearing on the letter and envelope with the known handwriting of subject JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405942G, disclosed that the letter in question was prepared by Subject Ray.

44-38861

ACTION: None. For information.

- 1 - Mr. Mohr *P*
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach *✓*
- 1 - Mr. Rosen (Mr. Long 2260)
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Griffith
- 1 - Mr. Mortimer
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In replying to this letter, please write on the envelope:-
Number 059184 Name SNEYD.

H. M. Prison,
Heathfield Road,
Wandsworth,
London, S. W. 18.

Dear Sir;

I am at present in detention at the above listed address in London England. In the near future I will most probably be deported to the United States. The reason I am writing you is that you will probably dispatch agents to London to return me to the U. S. and I would like to have it on record now that I have no intentions of making any oral statements not that I have anything to hide but I would prefer to tell my story to a judge & Jury. Therefore I would respectfully suggest you send someone with less imagination than Mr. Vinson. I have also written my attorney Mr. Arthur Honas a similar letter.

Sincerely

R. G Sneyd.

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Mr. Ramsey Clark
attorney general, United States
Washington, D. C.

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Legat, London has forwarded a photocopy of a page of the guest book of the Heathfield House Hotel, London, England, which bears the signature Ramon George Sneyd and indicates that this individual registered at this hotel on May 17, 1968.

Handwriting characteristics noted indicate that the Sneyd signature on the above described page was probably prepared by subject JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405942G, but because of the indistinctness of the photocopy submitted a definite opinion could not be reached.

RECOMMENDATION: None. For information.

44-38861

- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen (Mr. McDonough 2260)
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Griffith
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1 - Mr. McDonough

To: SAC, New York

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Legat, London has learned from New Scotland Yard that it has been determined that Ray under the name Ramon George Sneyd, stayed at the Heathfield House Hotel, 181 - 183 Cromwell Road, London, 5/17-28/68, the period previously unaccounted for relative to Ray's activities in England.

The proprietress of the Heathfield House Hotel, Mrs. Doris Catherine Westwood, advised that sometime after Ray checked out on 5/28/68, her husband deposited three \$10 American Express checks to their account at their bank. Neither she nor her husband can specifically recall but believe there is a possibility that these travelers checks could have been received from Ray.

It is not known whether it is possible for American Express, New York to check for any checks issued to Ray under the name Ramon George Sneyd without the check numbers, however, if it can be done, New York appropriately handle.

1 - SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

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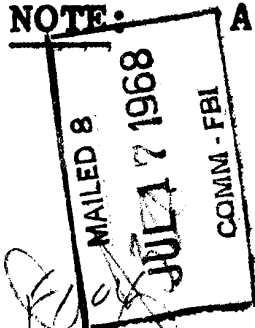
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I - AL. MCDONOUGH

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July 17, 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. DE LOACH
MR. ROSEN
MR. BISHOP

MURKIN

While talking to the Attorney General on another matter, I told him there were some developments in the James Earl Ray matter. I stated first that the airport from which we were going to leave in England is under repair so the plane will be leaving from a different airport called Lakenheath, which is near the other one and is perfectly satisfactory so far as we are concerned. The Attorney General asked if it were a public airport or a Royal Air Force airport and I told him it was a Royal Air Force airport.

I continued that we were told yesterday here in Washington that the Air Force was contemplating going to another field in Arkansas in case some emergency prevented their landing at Memphis. I stated we took the position this was most undesirable because it would involve the transportation of the prisoner from Arkansas to Memphis. The Attorney General stated there are all those bridges to cross, too. I stated also there was the matter of jurisdiction which would be raised. I stated we would not leave the plane if it had to land in Arkansas and just wait until the emergency was resolved and then take off for Memphis.

I said there is also complication in regard to the matter of a plane from here. I stated that Assistant Attorney General Fred Vinson yesterday indicated the Air Force indicated a plane might not be available in view of the President going to Honolulu and having to press a number of planes into service. I said there has been no further word this morning. I said this man can leave right now if we had the plane over there, but we have to wait and see what the Air Force is going to do and if they won't furnish a plane, we will have to charter a commercial plane. The Attorney General said he could not believe the Air Force does not have enough planes. I commented that it is ridiculous.

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Memorandum for Messrs. Tolson, DeLoach, Rosen, Bishop July 17, 1968

I told the Attorney General that confidentially, the Commandant of the Air Base in London when he was here last week was briefed and told the plane is standing by ready to take off without advance notice. I said this is highly confidential because the Commandant was told this by officers of the Air Force. I said I think they are playing games at the Air Force as they say we have to wait for the return of this Colonel Burleson (phonetic), who is the one Mr. Vinson has been dealing with and he is due back around noon today. I said at that time we will probably know more what the situation is because Ray has now signed the order waiving any appeal so he is ready to move as soon as we get a plane over there. The Attorney General said the Home Secretary has to sign the order. I said he had not yet but he would by noon today so that will clear all formalities, but Ray has already signed the paper he was supposed to sign waiving appeal.

The Attorney General said he would talk with Mr. Vinson, that Clark Clifford, Secretary of Defense, was out of the country. I said I thought it was a matter where he might talk to the highest official over there. The Attorney General said he was sure there was no problem. I said our men are ready to leave at a moment's notice and it should be possible to leave as soon as the Air Force gives clearance and be over in England by evening and be able to arrange to come back tomorrow.

The Attorney General said that the jail may not be ready down there yet, which would be another complicating factor. I told him we understood from our people in Memphis that they were ready as they had put in the bullet-proof shields, et cetera, the Sheriff had picked his squad, and he had five cars standing by in case they were needed.

The Attorney General said then he would talk with Mr. Vinson further and see if we can't move it out and thanked me for calling.

Very truly yours,

J. E. H.

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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The Attorney General

July 19, 1968

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. McGowan

JAMES EARL RAY

With reference to the extradition of James Earl Ray, Ray was turned over by Agents of this Bureau to officers of the Shelby County, Tennessee, Sheriff's Office and incarcerated in the Shelby County Jail at 5:32 a. m., Eastern Daylight Time, July 19, 1968.

Transportation of Ray from Great Britain to the Memphis Naval Air Station and from the Naval Air Station to the Shelby County Jail was accomplished without incident.

The Air Force flight surgeon who conducted physical examinations of Ray aboard the plane en route from Great Britain to the United States stated that Ray was in good physical condition.

1 - The Deputy Attorney General

1 - Mr. Stephen J. Pollak
Assistant Attorney General

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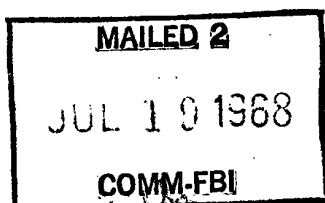
1 - Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
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SAC
XXXX Legat, Bern (88-21)**July 17, 1968**Director, FBI **(44-38861)****MURKIN**

Attached is the translation which you requested by letter dated **6/26/68**.

The contents thereof, where pertinent, must be reported under appropriate captions and afforded whatever investigative attention is necessary.

Disposition of the foreign language material submitted this connection is set forth below:

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- 1 - Mr. Rosen (Attn.: Criminal Section), sent direct with enclosure.**
- Foreign Liaison Unit, sent direct without enclosure.**

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