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TO: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

FROM: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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Reurtel July 17, 1968.

Pursuant to your request, Bufiles have been reviewed and contain no pertinent derogatory data concerning any of the names listed in retel other than data which appears in your files.

Under date of July 18, 1968, AAG Vinson furnished a list of 25 local officers who will be responsible for Ray's security, with a request for check of Bufiles.

For your information, there is enclosed herewith a copy of Mr. Vinson's request, together with a copy of the Bureau's reply thereto dated July 18, 1968.

The above is for your information.

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TO : Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: July 18, 1968

95-100-473

FROM : Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

SUBJECT: James Earl Ray

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Attached is a list setting forth the names, birth dates, race and residence of those members of the Shelby County Sheriff's Department, Memphis Police Department and the Tennessee Highway Patrol who will be assigned to security detail during the above subject's incarceration in Shelby County.

Will you please run an indices check and let me know the results as soon as possible.

Attachment

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1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Name Check

July 19, 1968

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

Director, FBI

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JAMES EARL RAY

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Reference is made to your letter of July 18, 1968, your reference 95-100-473, requesting a check of the files of this Bureau concerning 25 members of local law enforcement agencies who will be assigned to security detail during the above subject's incarceration in Shelby County.

The files of the FBI have been reviewed based on the identifying data furnished by you and our files reveal no identifiable pertinent information concerning the individuals listed by you with the exception of the following:

Hobert Jackson Beckham, Jr. We have not investigated Beckham. However, our files reveal that Hobert Jackson Beckham, Sr., who may be the father of Hobert Jackson Beckham, Jr., was the subject of two civil rights investigations. He, the father, was a deputy sheriff of Hardin County, Tennessee. Copies of the reports of these investigations were furnished the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice in the cases captioned "Con D. Seaton, Sheriff, Hardin County, Savannah, Tennessee; Hobert Jackson Beckham, Sr., aka, Deputy Sheriff, Hardin County, Savannah, Tennessee; James L. Hunt - Victim" and "Richard Clay Jerrolds; Et Al.; Harvey McNeal Vanhoose, Et Al. - Victims."

Howard Don Clifton. This individual was the subject of a civil rights investigation in September, 1964. A copy of the investigative report was furnished the Civil Rights Division of the Department under the title "Howard Don Clifton; Jimmy Donald Music; Memphis, Tennessee, Police Department; James Edward Pugh - Victim."

William A. DuFour. This individual was the subject of a civil rights investigation along with others in 1966. Copies of the investigative reports were forwarded to the

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Civil Rights Division of the Department under the title of "James Roy Edwards; William Albert DuFour; Fred McCoy Sansone; Carlton Eugene Mendenhall, Officers, Shelby County Sheriff's Office, Memphis, Tenn.; R. C. (IO) Mitchell - Victim."

John Emmet Overbey. Investigations were conducted involving Overbey and others on civil rights matters in June, 1963, and November, 1965. Copies of the investigative reports in both cases were furnished to the Civil Rights Division of the Department under the titles "Patrolmen J. E. Overby, R. R. Davis, Memphis PD; Alonzo Houston, aka Lonzo Houston, Joe Joe Fonzo - Victim" and "John Emmett Overbey; Don Owen Lewis; Officers, Memphis, Tenn., PD; Roscoe Baggett - Victim."

Jerry Joseph Wells. This individual was the subject of a civil rights investigation in March, 1967, and a copy of the investigative report was furnished to the Civil Rights Division of the Department under the caption "William Thad Knight, Jerry Joseph Wells, Patrolmen, Memphis Police Department, Memphis, Tennessee; Herman Richard Taylor, Jr. - Victim."

NOTE: Regarding Beckham matter, two civil rights investigations alleging the father of subject of inquiry and other deputy sheriffs beat a drunk and cafe owner, both white. Case was tried by jury and subjects found not guilty in July, 1965. The other investigation was typical allegation of beating. Department furnished copies; no further action. (44-21964)(44-25219)

The Clifton matter was a typical civil rights allegation of brutality involving the beating of a white male. Reports furnished Department and no further action taken. (44-26792)

In the DuFour matter, complete investigation conducted concerning four highway patrolmen in Memphis. Reports furnished the Department; no further action taken. Allegation was that officials manhandled a Negro male, his wife and two daughters. Allegations denied.(44-31655)

In the Overbey matter, both investigations involved Negro victims who were drunk and disorderly. Preliminary investigation conducted and no further action requested by the Department. (44-22308)

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Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr.

NOTE, CONTINUED:

In the Wells matter, victim, white male, alleged beaten by subjects. Subject advised victim hit with flashlight when resisted arrest. No further action requested by Department. (44-35582)

In addition to the above data, Warner J. Berry was the subject of a Bureau applicant matter in July, 1955. Investigation developed no derog re Berry but did raise some question regarding morals of his in-laws. In view of the nature of this information, it is not being furnished to Vinson. (67-539740). Berry was also investigated as an applicant for INS in 1962. No derogatory information was developed. (77-90617).

Re Eugene Joseph Miller, he EOD'd in the Bureau 12/2/57 and resigned 1/24/58 as he desired to be nearer his home in Tennessee. No derogatory information and above not furnished to Vinson. (67-556048)

Classified "Confidential" inasmuch as incoming so classified. No "group" classification being assigned as Vinson had no such classification on incoming.

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Name	DOB	Department	Race	Residence
Hobert Jackson Beckham, Jr.		Tennessee Highway Patrol	white	Memphis
Buddy Edward Bowers		Tennessee Highway Patrol	"	"
Howard Don Clifton		Tennessee Highway Patrol	"	"
James Earl Hardin		Shelby Co. Sheriff's Dept.	"	"
John William Horton		Tennessee Highway Patrol	"	"
Cecil A. Hurst		Shelby Co. Sheriff's Dept.	"	"
Leonard E. Schultz		Tennessee Highway Patrol	"	"
Clifford A. Ballard		Shelby Co. Sheriff's Dept.	"	"
Warner J. Berry		Shelby Co. Sheriff's Dept.	"	"
Eulton L. Cobb		Shelby Co. Sheriff's Dept.	"	"
William A. DuFour		Shelby Co. Sheriff's Dept.	"	"
Elwym Quinn Hartline		Shelby Co. Sheriff's Dept.	"	"
Walter R. Lincoln		Shelby Co. Sheriff's Dept.	"	"
Stephen Boyd Scott		Shelby Co. Sheriff's Dept.	"	"
Guy Amon Cain, Jr.		Memphis Police Dept.	"	"
Carroll Douglas Dunn		Memphis Police Dept.	"	"
Luther Edward Jamison		Shelby Co. Sheriff's Dept.	"	"
Joe Rus Kent		Memphis Police Dept.	"	"
Eugene Joseph Miller		Memphis Police Dept.	"	"
Ralph Frederick Muench		Memphis Police Dept.	"	"
John Emmet Overbey		Memphis Police Dept.	"	"

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Name	DOB	Department	Race	Residence
Raphm Lane Roby		Memphis Police Dept.	white	Memphis
Jerry Joseph Wells		Memphis Police Dept.	"	"
James Ronald Riechert		Memphis Police Dept.	"	"
Richard King Wilson		Memphis Police Dept.	"	"

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July 19, 1968

BY LIAISON

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

Mrs. Mildred Stegall
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Stegall:

With reference to the extradition of James Earl Ray, who is charged with the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr., I thought the following information might be of interest to the President.

British authorities turned Ray over yesterday evening to the custody of Agents of this Bureau who accompanied him, aboard a United States Air Force plane, to the Naval Air Station at Memphis, Tennessee.

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

The transportation of Ray from Great Britain to the Memphis Naval Air Station as well as 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.

Sincerely yours,

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN.

SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY ARRIVED ABOARD MILITARY AIRCRAFT AT MILLINGTON NAVAL AIR STATION THREE THIRTYSEVEN A.M. THIS DATE PRE-PLANNED ARRANGEMENTS WENT SMOOTHLY. TRANSFER OF PRISONER TO SHERIFF COMPLETED FOUR ZERO ONE AM. DEPARTURE FROM NAVAL AIR STATION IN CONVOY AT FOUR ZERO SIX AM. SUBJECT ENTERED INTO SHELBY COUNTY JAIL FOUR TWENTYNINE AM. THIS DATE. ENTIRE PROCEEDINGS HELD WITHOUT INCIDENT.

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All info. herein was included in memo sent to Rosen + White House - also thru exec. office

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TO DIRECTOR (AA-3886)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

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RE SI TEL TO BUREAU JULY NINETEEN LAST.

HAZEL DREW, PAMELA SCHNEIDER, CAROLYN LEE, CAROL WYATT AND PCI HELEN GRABLE, ALL OF WHOM ARE AQUAINTED WITH SUSPECTS IN ROBBERY THE BANK OF ALTON, AND HAVE EXPRESSED DESIRE TO COOPERATE WITH BUREAU, ADVISED THEY HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO DEVELOP ANY INFORMATION IN ADDITION TO THAT ALREADY FURNISHED. ALL INDICATE THEY WILL CONTINUE TO SEEK POSITIVE INFORMATION IN THIS REGARD.

DEMOS NICHOLAS, MADISON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, DEVELOPING WILLIE LEE AS INFORMANT; STATES HE FEELS LEE HAS INFORMATION TO PROVIDE AND WILL ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP SAME AND PROVIDE INTELLIGENCE TO BUREAU.

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

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609) (RUC)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to New York dated 7/17/68, with copy for Memphis requesting New York to determine if American Express Company could check for any checks issued to RAMON GEORGE SNEYD without the check numbers.

Mr. CAMPBELL in Mr. LAWRENCE SHOEMAKER's Office, American Express Company, Inspector's Office, 351 Park Avenue South, New York, stated that a check by name only cannot be made.

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TO : Director, FBI (44-38861) DATE: 7-22-68

FROM : SAC, Memphis (44-1987) P

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Submitted herewith for the completion of Bufile instant case is a property list pertaining to subject this case. It is noted that Legal Attache JOHN T. MINNICH signed this list as being the data and material which he received from Scotland Yard. The second signature is that of SAC, who acknowledged receipt of same from Legat MINNICH, and the third signature is that of the Chief Jailer, Shelby County Sheriff's Department, H. L. PARKER, who received the material from SAC, Memphis. The original is being maintained in the Memphis file.

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PROPERTY IN RESPECT OF RAMON GEORGE SNEYD

On Person

ONE .38 'Liberty Chief' revolver

FIVE rounds of .38 ammunition

ONE Canadian Passport No. [redacted] in name of Ramon George Sneyd.

ONE Canadian Passport (cancelled) No. [redacted] in the name of Ramon George Sneya.

ONE Birth Certificate No. NO [redacted] in the name of Ramon George Sneyd

ONE black billfold

ONE comb

ONE pencil

ONE Airline ticket B.E.A. No. 0602/9903/116- London to Brussels

ONE Airline ticket B.O.A.C. No. 0614/4256/8753- London to Toronto

ONE Key on ring

ONE yellow metal tie clip

ONE white metal wristlet watch on white metal bracelet

A quantity of correspondence

ELSEWHERE

ONE suitcase

ONE light brown jacket

ONE pair blue trousers

ONE pair brown trousers

ONE pair grey trousers

ONE Polaroid 220 camera

SIX gent's shirts

THREE pairs of underpants

FOUR gent's singlets (T-shirts)

FIVE handkerchiefs

FIVE pairs of socks

TWO towels

ONE blue cap

FIVE ties

ONE Hifi Deluxe radio in case

TWO pairs of sunglasses

ONE Collin's dictionary

ONE plastic wallet

John T. Minnich
Robert B. Jenson
J.D.L. Parker

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Elsewhere (continued)

ONE Portuguese 50 centavos piece
TWENTY-ONE air mail envelopes
ONE bottle opener
ONE writing pad
ONE screwdriver
ONE pair of nail clippers
FIFTEEN Aspros
ONE can shaving foam
ONE safety razor
ONE can deodorant
ONE jar skin cream
ONE bottle shampoo
ONE tube hair dressing
TWO tubes toothpaste
ONE toothbrush
ONE inhaler
ONE bottle liniment
ONE suede brush
ONE tin shoe polish
ONE hand mirror
TWO bars soap
TEN safety pins
ONE book matches
THREE plasters
TWO metal clips
ONE reel thread
ONE comb
ONE roll adhesive tape
ONE raincoat
ONE tie
ONE belt
ONE pair of trousers
ONE jacket
ONE baggage ticket
ONE envelope bearing name 'R. SNEYD'
962 Dundas Street, Toronto
ONE Barclays Bank slip in name of Sneyd
ONE passenger ticket No. 0471"125363 T.A.P. Airlines
ONE envelope containing four photographs of self

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Elsewhere (continued)

ONE receipt No. 177 from Hotel Portugal

ONE Kennedy travel bureau receipt No. 33273

ONE 1967 almanac

ONE book on Rhodesia

ONE book 'The Ninth Directive'

ONE map of London

ONE S.A.L. timetable

ONE map of Portugal

ONE picture magazine

ONE book 'Self Hypnotism'

ONE book 'Psycho'

ONE book 'How to cash on your hidden memory power'

TWO paper-backed books on hypnotism

TEN 5-pound Bank of England notes

ONE 1-pound Bank of England note

9/6d silver

One blue plastic carrier bag.

Two brown suits

One multi-colored handkerchief

One pair brown shoes

One pair black socks

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM LEGAT, OTTAWA (44-4) 1P

MURKIN.

REBUTEL JULY TWELVE LAST.

REQUEST CONTAINED IN REBUTEL JULY TWELVE LAST WAS DISCUSSED WITH ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER H. S. COOPER, DIRECTOR OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION, RCMP HEADQUARTERS, ON JULY SEVENTEEN LAST AND HE SAID NO OBJECTION TO FURNISHING TENNESSEE AUTHORITIES ANY OF INFO DEVELOPED AS RESULT RCMP'S INVESTIGATION.

IN VIEW ABOVE, ADVISE IF STILL NECESSARY TO SUBMIT COMPLETE LISTING.

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1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long

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TO LEGAT OTTAWA (44-4)

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861) 4908

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REURDAB JULY EIGHTEEN LAST.

YOU SHOULD FURNISH COMPLETE LISTING OF ITEMS SUBMITTED BY YOU UNDER MURKIN CAPTION.

COPY MAILED MEMPHIS.

1 SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (Enc.) (per HLW)

1 - Foreign Liaison Unit (cleared with SA Graham Day)

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NOTE: In view of subject being prosecuted by Tennessee authorities, Legat, Ottawa had been requested to advise if items submitted by them can be disseminated to Tennessee authorities. They advised that items of investigation as conducted by RCMP can be disseminated and requested to advise if a complete listing should be submitted. Legat is being requested to submit a complete listing to Bureau in order to insure that we are in receipt of all items.

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NOTE: In view of subject being prosecuted by Tennessee authorities, Legat, Ottawa had been requested to advise if items submitted by them can be disseminated to Tennessee as non-investigation authorities. They advised that items of investigation conducted by RCMP can be disseminated and requested to advise if a complete listing should be submitted. Legat is being requested to submit a complete listing to Dulaney in order to insure that we are in receipt of all items.

1 - Mr. Tolson
1 - Mr. Mohr

July 19, 1968

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Honorable Harold Brown
Secretary of the Air Force
Washington, D. C. 20330

Dear Dr. Brown:

I want to express my sincere appreciation to you, Mr. John A. Lang, Jr., and Colonel Frank Simokaitis for the invaluable assistance you rendered in connection with the transportation of James Earl Ray back to the United States.

The importance of this task cannot be overstated and without your complete cooperation, it could not have been accomplished so successfully. My associates and I are indeed grateful and send our thanks to each of you.

Sincerely yours,

1 - Memphis

NOTE: See Rosen to Mr. DeLoach memorandum, dated 7-19-68, captioned: "MURKIN."

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: July 19, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. McDonough
1 - Mr. Bishop

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

In connection with the handling of the transportation of James Earl Ray back to the United States and his delivery to custody of local authorities in Memphis, Tennessee, on 7/19/68, the following individuals are being suggested for letters of appreciation in recognition of their contribution to the successful completion of this mission.

- Honorable Harold Brown
  Secretary of the Air Force

- Mr. John A. Lang, Jr.
  Administrative Assistant to the
  Secretary of the Air Force
  (rode in the plane and perfected arrangements for obtaining the Air Force plane)

- Colonel Frank Simokaitis
  Aide to Mr. Lang
  (rode in the plane and also assisted in the obtaining of the aircraft)

- Colonel Aaron C. Burleson
  (Air Force liaison with the Department in working out arrangements for Air Force transportation)

- Major Frank K. Babbitt and crew
  (Babbit was Flight Commander and crew, of course, were fully cooperative)

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Captain Charles A. Rohrmann
(Air Force flight surgeon who examined Ray in the aircraft en route to the United States)

Major General Lawrence Lightner
Commander, Third Air Force
Ruislip, England, and Staff
(General Lightner and his staff afforded full cooperation to Legat, London in perfecting the phases of this mission in England)

Sheriff William N. Morris, Jr.
Shelby County (Memphis), Tennessee
(Sheriff Morris took custody of the subject in Memphis and was fully cooperative in connection with the security arrangements worked out for the transfer of the prisoner from FBI custody to his custody)

Chief Henry Lux
Memphis Police Department
(furnished assistance in security arrangements connected with the transfer of custody of the subject)

Captain William B. Morton
Chief of Naval Air Technical Training
Naval Air Station
Memphis, Tennessee
(afforded cooperation in connection with touch down area)

Captain L. A. Hoke, Jr.
Commanding Officer
Naval Air Station
Memphis, Tennessee
(afforded cooperation in connection with touch down area)

It is suggested that the letter involving Secretary of the Air Force Brown, Mr. John A. Lang and Colonel Frank Simokatis be addressed to Mr. Brown only but that it comment on Mr. Lang and Colonel Simokatis specifically for their cooperation.

ACTION:

That this be forwarded to the Crime Records Division for appropriate letters of recognition to the indicated individuals.

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

James Earl Ray was returned to the United States today on a U. S. Air Force plane in the custody of FBI Agents and was turned over to the Sheriff's Office of Shelby County (Memphis), Tennessee, early this morning. This mission was completed without incident.

The extradition order was signed by the British Home Secretary at 6 p.m., London time, 7/18/68 (1 p.m., Washington, D. C., time).

The Air Force plane departed London at 7:38 p.m., Washington, D. C., time, 7/18/68, and touched down at the Naval Air Station in Memphis, Tennessee, at 4:37 a.m., Washington, D. C., time, 7/19/68. The subject was afforded a physical examination by the Air Force flight surgeon aboard the aircraft, was processed by the Customs Inspector and Ray was then turned over to the custody of Sheriff William M. Morris of the Shelby County (Memphis), Tennessee, Sheriff's Office.

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The subject was then transported in an armored van preceded by three Sheriff's Office cars and followed by three additional Sheriff's Office cars. The party escorting the prisoner left the Naval Air Station at Memphis at 5:07 a.m., Washington, D. C., time, and Ray was incarcerated in the Shelby County Jail at 5:32 a.m., Washington, D. C., time. The transportation of the subject from Great Britain to the Naval Air Station in Memphis and from thence to the jail was accomplished without incident.

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Memo Rosen to DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

According to SA Harold Light, who was in charge of the FBI escort crew, Ray was no problem on the plane, was docile and although food and drink was offered to him, he declined to eat or drink. No effort was made to interview him and he volunteered no information. Just prior to touchdown in Memphis Ray complained of having a headache, the Air Force doctor was notified and he provided Ray a couple of aspirins. The Air Force flight surgeon, after giving Ray a physical examination on departure from England and arrival in Memphis, stated that he was in good physical condition.

The original proposed press release (copy attached) was discussed with Cliff Sessions, Departmental Public Information Officer, on 7/18/68 and he insisted the release be discussed with Assistant Attorney General Vinson and the Attorney General. Vinson and the Attorney General instructed that the press release be shortened and the names of the Attorney General and the Director be omitted in order to, as they stated, play the release in a lower key. Appropriate action, however, was taken by the Crime Records Division on conferring with our news contacts in making an extensive dissemination to the news media of the attached approved release at 5:34 a.m., Washington time, today, 7/19/68. The release was also furnished to the Memphis Office.

Letters have been prepared for the White House and the Attorney General advising them of the successful completion of this mission.

ACTION:

For information.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
July 19, 1968

James Earl Ray, who is charged with the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr., was returned safely to the United States today.

British authorities turned Ray over yesterday evening to the custody of FBI Agents, who accompanied him on a nonstop flight from London aboard a U. S. Air Force C-135 to Memphis, Tennessee.

The plane left Great Britain at 7:38 p.m., EDT, yesterday and arrived at the Memphis Naval Air Station at 4:37 a.m., EDT, today.

Upon arrival he was turned over by the FBI to the Shelby County, Tennessee, Sheriff's Office and was lodged in the Shelby County jail.

The transportation of Ray to the United States was accomplished without incident.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

James Earl Ray, wanted in connection with the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was returned to the United States today according to an announcement by Attorney General Ramsey Clark.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said that British authorities released Ray at today to the custody of FBI Agents. Ray was immediately placed aboard a U.S. Air Force plane which proceeded nonstop to the Memphis Naval Air Station, Memphis, Tennessee. Upon arrival in Memphis, FBI Agents released Ray to the custody of the Shelby County Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Hoover explained that Ray, due to his failure to appeal a British court ruling that he be extradited to the U.S., had, in effect, waived further judicial proceedings in Great Britain. Mr. Hoover said that the extradition proceedings in Great Britain had been based on a first degree murder indictment which was returned by the Shelby County Grand Jury in Memphis on May 7, 1968, and on his escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri, in April, 1967.

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Mr. Hoover further advised that Ray will be held in custody in Memphis pending prosecutive action by local authorities.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

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MURKIN

Criminal Court Judge W. PRESTON BATTLE will hear trial of JAMES EARL RAY. Memphis indices disclose no pertinent derogatory data concerning BATTLE. Memphis indices disclose Airtel submitted to Bureau in Bufile 44-30948 captioned "Deputy (FNU) BONNANO, East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana, Sheriff's Office; UNSUB, Jailer, East Baton Rouge Parish Jail, East Baton Rouge, Louisiana; UNSUB, Jailer, Memphis Police Department Jail, Memphis, Tennessee; Judge W. PRESTON BATTLE, Shelby County Criminal Court, Division #3, Memphis, Tennessee; DOUGLAS LANIER - VICTIM, CR." This Airtel was RUC communication from Memphis. Victim instant case alleged Judge BATTLE violated his constitutional rights.

Another reference in Memphis file disclosed Airtel dated 11-1-65 submitted to Bureau under caption "W. PRESTON BATTLE, Judge, Shelby County Court, Memphis, Tennessee; GEORGE EDWARD DRAPER, Public Defender, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee; WILLIAM D. HAYNES, Assistant Attorney General, Shelby County, Memphis, Tenn.; Lt. JAMES P. TALLEY, Police Department, Memphis, Tennessee; HAROLD WARD YATES - VICTIM, CR." In this Civil Rights complaint, victim YATES alleged that Judge BATTLE refused to let him say anything during course of trial and alleged BATTLE violated his rights by this and the excessive sentence which was given him.

In addition, City Attorney JOSEPH A. CANALE, former Special Agent (Retired), advised he has known Judge BATTLE personally for 25 years. He described BATTLE as being respected both socially and professionally in the community. Judge BATTLE further described as Judge who makes all attorneys "toe the line" in his courtroom and is strict in regard to proceedings. Former SA CANALE advised in confidence that he had never heard a word against Judge BATTLE's character, reputation, integrity, or ethics as a Judge.

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Further, for the assistance of the Bureau, there is submitted herewith an article which appeared in the Mid-South Edition of the "Memphis Press Scimitar" on 7-19-68, which further described Judge BATTLE.

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He's 'Stickler For the Law'

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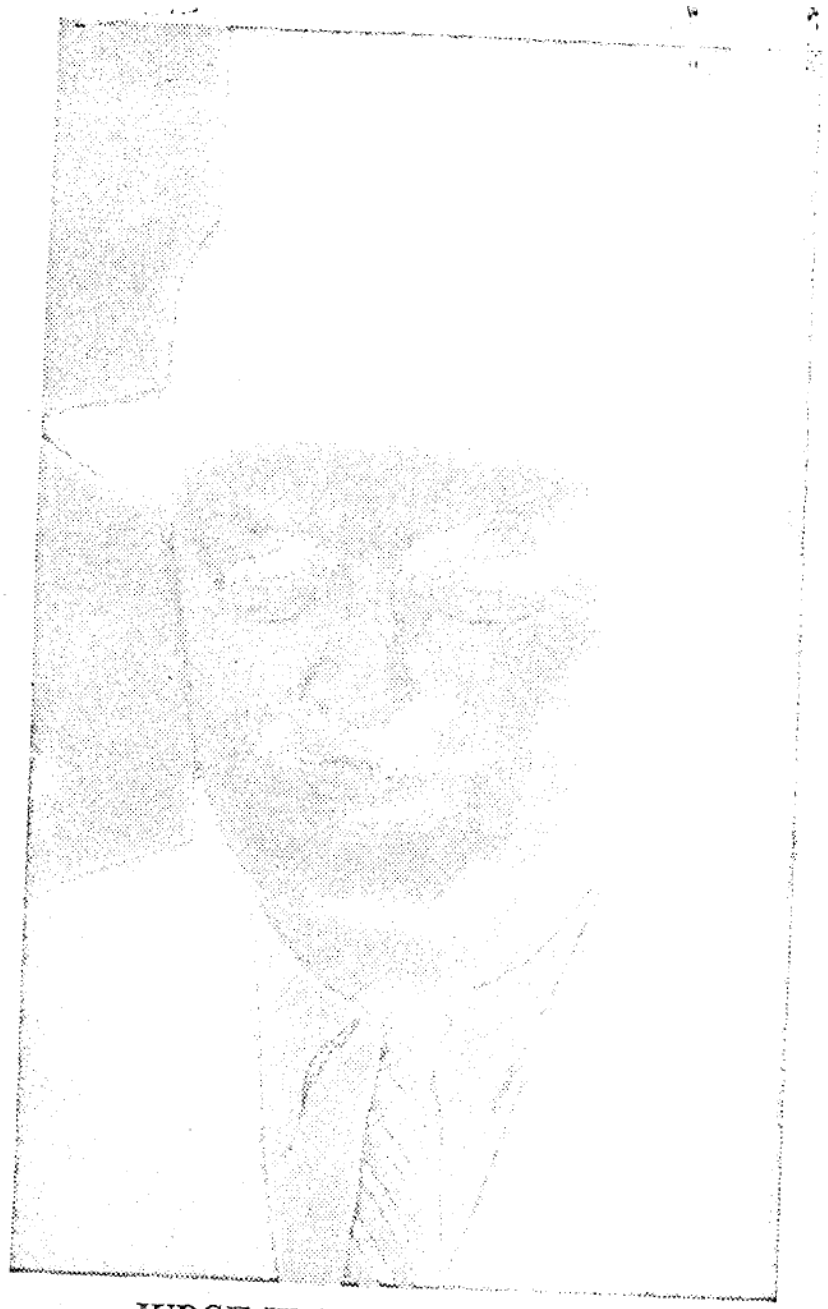

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, LITTLE ROCK (157-1215) (P)

RE: MURKIN

Re Atlanta teletype, 7/3/68; Jackson airtel, 7/5/68; and, Little Rock airtel, 7/11/68.

Re: RAYMOND CURTIS,
INTERVIEW IN COUNTY JAIL
AT DALTON, GEORGIA

On July 21, 1968, Mr. DUKE C. ALLISON, JR., Assistant Trust Officer, National Bank of Commerce, Pine Bluff, Arkansas, telephonically contacted SA GEORGE A. BARRON, JR. at Pine Bluff, advising he had received a telephone call from Mrs. J. BURNETT from New Iberia, Louisiana. Mrs. BURNETT told Mr. ALLISON she understood the FBI desired to talk with her and she could be reached at that time at New Iberia, Louisiana, telephone 387-0214. Mr. ALLISON told Mrs. BURNETT that as he was personally acquainted with SA GEORGE A. BARRON, JR. and the fact that Mrs. BURNETT was also acquainted with SA BARRON, he would attempt to reach SA BARRON and have SA BARRON telephone Mrs. BURNETT.

On July 21, 1968, SA GEORGE A. BARRON, JR., from Pine Bluff, Arkansas, Resident Agency, telephonically contacted Mrs. J. BURNETT at telephone number 387-0214, New Iberia, Louisiana. Mrs. BURNETT stated she had heard through her cousin, JIM RHODES, that the FBI wanted to talk with her and that was why she was trying to contact Agent BARRON. She furnished the following information:

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She and her former husband, CHARLES WILLIE, owned a houseboat known as the "Nell Willie." After her former husband's death, she sold this houseboat to a Mr. CARTWRIGHT, owner and operator of Cartwright Nursery Company near Memphis, Tennessee, and delivered the boat to him about February 1966. She was not acquainted with anyone named RAYMOND CURTIS or JAMES EARL RAY. She stated Mr. ALLISON could furnish the name and address of the party to whom she sold the boat.

On July 22, 1968, Mr. DUKE C. ALLISON, JR., Assistant Trust Officer, National Bank of Commerce, furnished SA GEORGE A. BARRON, JR. the following information:

Mrs. BURNETT sold the houseboat "Nell Willie" to A. D. CARTWRIGHT, JR., owner of Cartwright Nursery Company, Collierville, Tennessee, and delivered the boat approximately February 3, 1966. Mr. CARTWRIGHT re-named the boat "The Ponderosa." The boat is believed to be presently docked out of Memphis, Tennessee.

LEADS:

MEMPHIS:

AT COLLIERVILLE, TENNESSEE:

Will locate Mr. A. D. CARTWRIGHT, JR. in order to substantiate information or to disprove information set out in Atlanta teletype of July 3, 1968.

NEW ORLEANS discontinue efforts to locate Mrs. J. BURNETT.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (1P)

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RE SI TEL TO BUREAU JULY TWENTY TWO, LAST.

AS RESULT OF DREW PEARSON SYNDICATED COLUMN ON JULY TWENTYTWO, LAST, ALTON AREA POLICE AGENCIES AND NEWS MEDIA CONTACTED AND WILL IMMEDIATELY FURNISH CONTENTS OF CITIZEN CALLS RESULTING THEREFROM.

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ARRANGEMENTS MADE TODAY THROUGH DEPUTY DEMOS NICHOLAS, MADISON COUNTY SO, TO INTERVIEW WILLIE LEE WHOM NICHOLAS IS USING AS INFORMANT. RESULTS WILL BE FURNISHED BUREAU PROMPTLY.

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CC-MR. ROSEN

MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

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