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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Memphis, Tennessee August 29, 1968

Re: JAMES EARL RAY;
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY

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FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

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AREA AND WILL SET HIM UP FOR INTERVIEW.

NO OTHER NEW INFORMATION DEVELOPED TO DATE.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Director

Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: August 30, 1968

FROM: Sol Lindenbaum

Executive Assistant to the Attorney General

SUBJECT:

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Dear Sir:

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I wish to remain anonymous, but I firmly believe Mr. John J. Shoop, recently premoted to Vice-President of Business Affairs at Covenant College, Lookout Mountain, Tennessee, is capable of being The James Barl Ray that shot Martin Luther King. At any rate he swindles students at that school and smears their character to expel them. There is no law on the mountain, so they can get by with almost anything. They an juggle their money to confiscate student government leans, without question the place is dangerous, and the cheated students are too afraid to speak up in their own defense. I know of two, who were smeared by him and goodness how many more.

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In one of Martin Luther Hing's last speeches, he remarked, "Let Freedom ring from different points to different points mentioning Lookout Mountain, Tennessee" Please investigate this matter and you might get a lead on Communism among student inluding funds for the Communists in this country. I'm sure he is robbing and exploiting certain students there some of which will not return this year, Please believe me is serious and dangerous.

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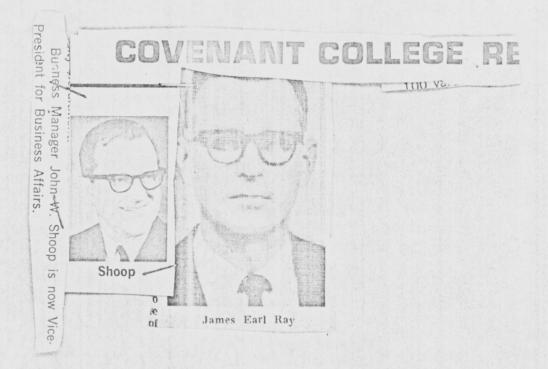
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FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

September 4, 1968 Date:

MURKIN CR

Examination requested by:

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FBI File No.

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Lab. No.

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Reference:

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Airtels, 8/25/68 and 8/24/68

Examination requested:

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Remarks:

A separate report is being furnished regarding the results of the latent fingerprint examination and return of Q398 through Q408.

This report confirms and supplements Bureau teletype to Memphis dated 8/27/68. REC- 41

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Re: MURKIN CR Date: September 4 1968 44-38331

Lab. No.

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Specimens received

8/26/68, from FBI, Chicago

Eight payroll checks of Indian Trail Restaurant, Inc., payable to JOHN RAYNS or JOHN L. RAYNS, further described as follows:

SPECIMEN	NUMBER	DATE	AMOUNT
Q398	4338	5/7/67	\$84.39
Q399 Q400	4913 4987	5/1//67 5/21/67	34.39 34.89
Q401	5058	5/28/67	84.39
0402	5130	6/4/67	89.63
Q403	5209	6/11/67	39.63
Q404	5283	6/18/67	95.19
Q405	5357	6/25/67	77.53

Q406 Employee's Withholding Exemption Certificate dated
May 10, 1967, bearing Social Security Number
and signed "John L. Rayns"

Specimens received 8/20/68, from FBI, Chicago

- Q407 Sheet from rooming house ledger, page 13, bearing on line 24 the signature "John Larry Rayms"
- Q408 Registration card, No. 8075, dated 6/18/67, bearing the signature "John L. Rayns"

Result of examination:

It was concluded that JAMES EARL RAY, K171, K211 and K257 prepared the questioned Rayms signature on Q407; the questioned handwriting on Q408 and the questioned handwriting and hand printing on Q406. Although significant similarities were noted in the endorsements on Q398 through Q405, except the

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Callinan _____ Tuve! _____ endorsement on Q403, when compared with the known writings of RAY, the presence of unexplained variations, insufficient comparable material and distortion in some of the questioned endorsements precluded a definite determination as to whether RAY prepared the endorsements on Q398 through Q405.

The endorsement on Q403 is too distorted for comparison purposes. Although some similarities were noted in the date on line 24 on Q407 beside the Rayms signature when compared with the comparable writing of RAY, the limited and overwritten nature of this date precluded a definite determination as to whether RAY prepared this date.

Q398 through Q408 have been photographed and will be returned to Chicago separately.

Page 2 D-680826101 JK

August 24, 1968-GENERAL INVESTIGAT E DIVISION

William Bradford Huie, author whose books include "Three Lives for Mississippi," dealing with the murder of three civil rights workers in June, 1964, has reportedly bought James Earl Ray's story and is preparing an article to appear in "Look," proofs of which are to be ready 9-10-68.

Ray escaped from Missouri State Penitentiary, 4-23-67, and his whereabouts from 4-23-67, until he appeared in Montreal, 7-17-67, have previously been unknown.

This will be discussed with the Department to determine if material given Huie by Ray through his attorney can be seized as evidence and if Federal action in this regard is not possible, it will be discussed with state authorities who will also be informed so the local judge can determine whether his order against discussing the case is being violated. Above action will be taken, if approved, and Department will also be asked to consider bringing Huie before a grand jury.

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1154PM URGENT 8-23-68 RFJ

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR MURKIN. OR: MEMPHIS OFFICE OF ORIGIN

-HARVEY A. AND CLARA S. KLINGEMAN, OWNERS OF INDIAN TRIAL

RESTAURANT, WINNETKA, ILLINOIS, INTERVIEWED THIS EVENING AT WINNETKA

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PO FOLLOWING CONTACT BY THEM WITH WINNETKA CHIEF DONALD DERNING. A(NA)

THEY WERE CONTACTED TUESDAY, AUGUST TWENTY, LAST, BY
WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE, HARTSELLE, ALABAMA, AUTHOR OF "THREE LIVES
FOR MISSISSIPPI" AND "LOOK" MAGAZINE PHOTOGRAPHER HANSEN. HUIE
EXHIBITED LETTERS PURPORTEDLY FROM SUBJECT RAY ADDRESSED TO RAY'S
ATTORNEY AND GIVEN TO HUIE. HUIE SAID HE HAS OBTAINED ALL
COMMERCIAL RIGHTS TO RAY'S STORY AND IN RETURN IS UNDERWRTING
COSTS OF RAY'S DEFENSE. LETTERS WRITTEN ON HALF SHEETS OF YELLOW
LEGAL FOOLSCAP AND KLINGEMANS CLAIM RECOGNIZED SUBJECT RAYS HANDWRITING

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BROTHER AND SUBSEQUENTLY MAILED LETTER TO RESTAURANT REQUESTING
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DID MAIL CHECK WHICH WAS CASHED. ALL PAY CHECKS OBTAINEDAND
WILL BE FURNISHED FBI LAB ALONG WITH FORM W DASH FOUR. GAVE LOCAL
ADDRESS OF TWO SEVEN THREE ONE, SHEFFIELD, CHICAGO, BUT CHECK
MAILED TO BROTHER CONTAINS ADDRESS ONE SIX FOUR EIGHT LUNT,
CHICAGO WITH DATE JULY THREE, SIXTYSEVEN.

SUBJECT WAS EXCELLENT EMPLOYEE, QUIET, HAD NO FRIENDS OR VISITORS, BUT RECEIVED THREE OR FOUR PHONE CALLS DURING LAST WEEK OF EMPLOYMENT FROM PERSON STATING HE WAS BROTHER.

AUTHOR HUIE SHOWED LETTERS FROM RAY TO KLINGEMANS IN WHICH
HE LISTED EMPLOYMENT AT INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT (AN OLD, LARGE,
UPPER CLASS RESTAURANT OF EXCELLENT REPUTATION).

HUIE DESCRIBED METHOD OF ESCAPE OF SUBJECT FROM

JEFFERSON CITY VIA BREAD TRUCK AND CLAIMED RAY WALKED TO CHICAGO,

BECOMING VERY SORE FOOTED. (KLINGEMAN RECALLS WHEN RAY EMPLOYED

HE HAD SORE AND SWOLLEN LEGS). AFTER BECOMING EMPLOYED, HUIE

ALLEGES RAY WAS CONTACTED BY CONSPIRATORS WHO THREATENED TO REVEAL

HIS IDENTITY AND CAUSE HIS RETURN TO PRISON IF HE DID NOT WORK

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FOR THEM. HUIE SAYS RAY WAS GIVEN TWELVE HUNDRED DOLLARS DURING
INITIAL CONTACTS AND ULTIMATELY WAS PAID FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS,
BUT WAS TO RECEIVE MORE.

UPON LEAVING RESTAURANT EMPLOYMENT, HUIE ALLEGES RAY

MADE TWO TRIPS TO CANADA THROUGH DETROIT TUNNEL, TESTING DIFFICULTY

OF ENTERING AND LEAVING CANADA. HE ALSO MADE THIRD TRIP TO CANADA

AND ACCORDING TO HUIE, "WAS INSTRUCTED" TO OBTAIN FORTY YEAR OLD

MEWSPAPER, OBTAIN NAMES OF MALES BORN, THEN SEARCH CURRENT PHONE

BOOKS FOR SIMILAR NAMES. THEN SURVEIL INDIVIDUALS WITH SIMILAR

MAMES TO FIND OUT WHETHER THEIR PHYSICAL DESCRIPTIONS MATCHED HIM.

THEREAFTER HE TELEPHONED PERSONS OF HIS LIKE DESCRIPTION USING

PRETEXT AND FOUND MAN WHO HAD NEVER APPLIED FOR PASSPORT. THEN

APPLIED FOR PASSPORT IN THIS NAME.

HE WAS THEN GIVEN MORE MONEY TO PURCHASE

CAR, WHICH WAS TO BE DRIVEN TO ACAPULCO, MEXICO, TO OBTAIN TOURIST

STICKER, THEN DRIVEN THROUGH MEXICO TO WEST COAST. HUIE CLAIMS

RAY WAS FLOWN TO ATLANTA FROM WEST COAST, BUT TIME WAS NOT RIPE,

SO WAS RETURNED TO CALIFORNIA. HE WAS GIVEN MONEY TO BUY

BINOCULARS AND SHOTGUN AND WAS TO GO TO MEMPHIS AT CERTAIN TIME AND PLACE.

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HUIE ALLEGES A NEGRO CALLED KING TO BALCONY, WHERE HE
WAS SHOT. ACTUAL MURDERER WAS NOT RAY, ALTHOUGH RAY WAS PRESENT,
AND AT LATER TIME RAY WILL IDENTIFY MURDERER. RAY DID PICK UP
RIFLE, RAN TO HIS CAR AND PROCEDED TO RENDEZVOUS AT ATLANTA,
HOWEVER, CONSPIRATORS DID NOT APPEAR WITH REMAINING "BUNDLE OF MONEY."

RAY WAS THEN TO FLEE TO MEXICO, BUT IMMEDIATELY FLY NORTH
TO THROW OFF PURSUIT AND TO STEER ALL INVESTIGATION TO MEXICO.

SINCE CONSPIRATORS DID NOT APPEAR, HE FLED TO CANADA AND HUIE
ALLEGATIONS THEN FOLLOW SUBSEQUENT NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS. HUIE

DID SAY RAY ROBBED BANK IN LONDON BECAUSE HE GOT REAL LOW ON MONEY.

HUIE DID NOT AT ANY TIME IDENTIFY ANY ALLEGED CONSPIRATORS.

HUIE SWORE KLINGEMANS TO SECRECY, SAYING HE WOULD MAIL

THEM "LOOK" PROOFS ON SEPT. TEN, NEXT, COPIES OF WHICH WILL BE
FURNISHED BY KLINGEMANS TO CHICAGO FBI, AND STORY IS TO BE IN "LOOK"
NOVEMBER TEN, NEXT, ISSUE. KLINGEMANS BROKE PROMISE OF SECRECY
UPON REFLECTION, BELIEVING THEIR PUBLIC DUTY WAS TO CONTACT POLICE.
HUIE NOT AWARE OF THEIR TALKING WITH FBI AND THEY WILL NOT TELL
HIM WITHOUT APPROVAL OF FBI THROUGH CHIEF DERNING, NA.

CHICAGO SUGGESTS BUREAU CONSIDER NOTES AND LETTERS FROM END PAGE FOUR

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RAY IN POSSESSION OF HUIE MAY CONSTITUTE EVIDENCE OF FEDERAL CRIMINAL VIOLATIONS, NOTABLY CONSPIRACY, AND EVEN THOUGH OBTAINED BY RAY ATTORNEY LOSE THEIR PRIVILEGE WHEN SHOWN TO OUTSIDERS.

KLINGEMANS ARE ELDEDERLY, REPUTABLE CITIZENS, WHO ARE WILLING TO ASSIST BUREAU IN ANY WAY DESIRED.

HUIE OBTAINED PHOTOSTATS OF PAYROLL LEDGERS AND TOOK
MANY PHOTOGRAPHS AT INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT AS WELL AS AT RAY'S
CHICAGO RESIDENCE, ACCORDING TO KLINGEMANS.

CHICAGO CONTINUING INVESTIGATION INCLUDING ADDRESSES MENTIONED.

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Re telephone call from Bureau Supervisor RICHARD LONG, General Investigative Division, to Buffalo, 8/24/68, during which Supervisor LONG advised that highly confidential information had been received indicating that the subject, JAMES EARL RAY, might have been arrested by the Metropolitan Toronto Police Department in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, during June or July, 1967, on a charge of jaywalking.

On 8/27/68, Inspector RICHARD GIBSON (NA), Head of the Central Identification Division of the Metropolitan Toronto Police Department (MTPD), was requested to make the necessary record checks to determine whether RAY was, in fact, arrested in Toronto for jaywalking, and in connection with this request, was furnished with all known aliases used by RAY in the past.

On 8/28/68, Inspector GIBSON advised that subject, under his true name and all aliases, had been checked through the Central Identification Bureau, the Records and Inquiry Bureau, and the Letter File of the MTPD; and no information was developed indicating an arrest in Toronto at any time under any of RAY's aliases.

In addition, Inspector GIBSON pointed out that it was not the practice of the MTPD to arrest individuals for jaywalking but that on infrequent occasions, a policy officer would issue summonses for this offense. Inspector GIBSON had all available records of the MTPD checked regarding summonses issued for jaywalking and determined that no unanswered summonses were on file for the offense of jaywalking in the City of Toronto during the months of June and July of 1967.

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Inspector GIBSON pointed out that ordinarily if a person failed to appear in answer to a jaywalking summons, a bench warrant would be issued for his arrest and that the records of the MTPD contained no outstanding warrants based upon this type of violation during the pertinent period.

For the further assistance of the Bureau in connection with Supervisor LONG's inquiry concerning innocuous calls previously received by the individuals in Toronto whose identities subject assumed while in Toronto during the period from April 8 to May 6, 1968, attention is called to Buffalo airtel to the Bureau dated 6/11/68 with which were forwarded two copies of a memorandum setting forth a chronology of subject's activities while in Toronto insofar as was known at that time and which included specific references to the innocuous calls received by the individuals whose identities RAY assumed. More detailed data concerning those calls was undoubtedly submitted by Legat, Ottawa, since the RCMP in Toronto are known to have prepared a lengthy report for Legat, Ottawa, including that type of information.

The same situation exists insofar as the third point raised by Supervisor LONG in referenced telephone call, that is, the availability of vital statistics information utilized by RAY in connection with the assumed identities while in Toronto.

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James Earl Ray, charged stand. with slaying Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., conferred at the Shel-witness stand, Judge Battle by County Jail yesterday with his attorney, Arthur J. Hanes Sr., on preliminary defense motions to be argued next Friday before Judge W. Darrell and Judge Battle would be asked to instruct the jury to disregard anything they might have heard or read in regard to a criminal record. day before Judge W. Preston Battle.

Neither defense nor prosecution will present witnesses at the hearing, it was learned, but will rely on legal arguments.

One of Mr. Hanes' motions asks the court to void Ray's first degree murder indictment on the ground that "pervasive and widespread publicity" has made it impossible for him to receive a fair trial. This is true, the motion argues, not only in Shelby County but throughout the United States.

Another motion asks Judge Battle to direct Atty, Gen. Phil Canale to give defense counsel access to all records, physical evidence and witnesses the state expects to use in the

One witness Mr. Hanes wants to talk to is <u>Charles</u> Quitman Stephens, held in jail here for a month under a \$10,000 material witness bond. Circuit Judge William W. O'Hearn last week ordered Mr. Stephens released on a writ of habeas corpus alleging illegal deprivation of liberty.

Mr. Stephens, like three other material witnesses, is reported to have accepted police protection outside jail. Mr. Hanes contends he has a right

to see all such witnesses. Whether they want to talk to him is for them to decide.

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Mr. DeLoach

FROM

A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: September 4, 1968

1 - Mr. DeLoach

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1 - Mr. McGowan

1 - Mr. Long

1 - Mr. Bishop

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

The New Orleans Division, on August 30, 1968, received a telephonic inquiry from Mr. Ken Zimmerman, Associated Press (AP), New Orleans, Louisiana, as to what records were taken by the FBI from the Provincial Motel in New Orleans concerning Eric Starvo Galt. He was advised that we had no comment to make. It is noted that the subject, in December of 1967, resided at the Provincial Motel in New Orleans for a few days under the name of Eric Starvo Galt, and we do have the motel records.

Mr. Zimmerman was queried as to his reason for wanting this information. He advised that his New York Headquarters was endeavoring to obtain all information concerning the whereabouts of subject Ray from the time he escaped from the penitentiary on April 23, 1967, and Headquarters of AP had instructed various AP offices to develop all information they could.

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UNITED STATES.

ARTHUR J. HANES JR. OF BIRMINGHAM, ALA., FILED MOTIONS WITH THE SHELBY COUNTY CLERK OF COURT TO HAVE RAY'S INNOCENT PLEA WITHDRAWN AND

THE FIRST DEGREE MURDER CHARGE DROPPED.

THE MOTION SAID THE PUBLICITY IN THE CASE WAS "CALCULATED TO AND IS HAVING THE EFFECT OF CREATING WIDESPREAD PUBLIC EXCITEMENT AND

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AND SO DEPICTED THE VICTIM OF THE CRIME (KING) THAT "WIDESPREAD PUBLIC OUTRAGE AND HATRED HAVE BEEN GENERATED" TOWARD RAY.

HANES, WHO WITH HIS FATHER ARTHUR HANES SR., FORMER MAYOR OF BIRMINGHAM, ARE RAY'S DEFENSE ATTORNEYS, FILED TWO OTHER MOTIONS IN THE CASE.

ONE ASKED THAT CRIMINAL COURT JUDGE PRESTON W. BATTLE ORDER THE PROSECUTION TO PRODUCE ALL ITS PHYSICAL EVIDENCE FROM FINGERPRINT RECORDS TO BALLISTIC TESTS ON THE RIFLE SLUG THAT KILLED KING FOR INSPECTION BY THE DEFENSE.

THE MOTION ALSO ASKED THAT PROSECUTION WITNESSES BE MADE AVAILABLE

FOR QUESTIONING BY DEFENSE ATTORNEYS.

THE THIRD MOTION ASKED THE COURT TO DROP THE SECOND CHARGE AGAINST RAY, CARRYING A DANGEROUS WEAPON. IT SAID RAY WAS EXTRADITED FROM LONDON WITHOUT BEING CHARGED WITH THAT CRIME AND THEREFORE COULD NOT TRIED FOR IT.

KING WAS KILLED BY A SINGLE RIFLE BULLET APRIL 4 AS HE STOOD ON THE BALCONY OF THE LORRAINE MOTEL. RAY WAS THE OBJECT OF AN

INTENSIVE MANHUNT AND WAS ARRESTED AT A LONDON AIRPORT IN EARLY JUNE.
THE MOTION TO DISMISS THE MURDER CHARGE AGAINST RAY SAID THAT
PUBLICITY ABOUT HIM AND THE CASE HAS BEEN "SO PERVASIVE AND WIDESPREAD WITHIN THIS JURISDICTION AND THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE UNITED STATES THAT MOST IF NOT ALL PROSPECTIVE JURORS...WILL HAVE BEEN REPEATEDLY EXPOSED TO PUBLISHED MATTER TENDING TO INFLUENCE PUBLIC OPINION."

IT ALSO SAID RAY HAS HAD NO CHANCE TO "CONFRONT OR CROSS EXAMINE"
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AS A RESULT OF ALL THIS, THE MOTION SAID, RAY HAS "BEEN EFFECTIVELY PRECLUDED FROM RECEIVING A FAIR AND IMPARTIAL TRIAL WITHIN ANY

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TO: SAC, Memphis (44-3599)

FROM: Director, FBI

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News media report that attorneys for James Earl Ray have filed a motion in court at Memphis, Tennessee, that murder charges against Ray be dropped because "pervasive and widespread" publicity on the case has ruined chances for a fair trial for Ray anywhere in the United States. The news media also report that several other motions have been filed in Shelby County Court by Arthur J. Hanes, Jr., including a request for the prosecution to produce all its physical evidence and to drop the second charge against Ray, carrying a Gangerous weapon.

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The Washington Capital News Service in its press release states that attorneys for James Earl Ray have filed several motions before the court in Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee.

Memphis being advised to determine if motions have been filed, and if possible, to obtain copies of them. They are also being requested to follow this matter and keep the Bureau advised.

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Report of SA JOE C. HESTER dated 6/10/68 at Memphis.

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The report of SA JOE C. HESTER dated 6/10/68 at Memphis reported pertinent investigation up to and including subject's arrest at London, England, on 6/8/68. The investigation conducted by New Scotland Yard to locate the subject, as well as statements taken after his arrest, is contained in a report dated 7/22/68, prepared by the Flying Squad (C-8 Branch), Criminal Investigation Department of New Scotland Yard. Inasmuch as the Bureau, the Justice Department, and Mr. PHIL CANALE,

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