or to grant some other form of relief.

CENSORSHIP

The lawyers also asked the court to direct the sheriff to

permit them to confer in private with Ray and to permit them to exchange notes and correspondence without censorship. They said the notes they make during consulta-

tions with Ray are now Rad by a guard before they are permitted to leave the jail. They also said Sheriff Morris reads and censors Ray's mail to his counsel.

Prisoner Charges Ray Favoritism

A Shelby County jail prisoner today told of life there with James Earl Ray as a fellow inmate—and complained

that it means guards neglect the others.

The prisoner, Carl Lindquist, described system of red lights flashing on whenever the door to Ray's specially built enclosure is opened. The Sheriff's Department said Lindquist is in jail on charges of carrying a pistol and robbery with a deadly weapon.

Lindquist said in a written report: "Since James E. Ray has been here, on many occasions they have set our food on the benches in front of our cells and went on 'red light' (which is when they feed Ray or anytime they

open his door for anything).
"They usually stay on this red light for about 20 minutes, and while 72 men's food gets cold, they sneak in Ray's A-tank with his padlocked stainless steel box

containing, I imagine something somewhat better than

we get.
"For your information, the A-tank where Ray is being kept has 16 bunks for one man. They seal off the inside of this floor and you couldn't get a guard to unlock this side if you cut your throat, while the red lights are on.

"When they get finished with Ray and our food is

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cold, they open back up, and come around and unlock our doors so we can eat.

In telling of unrest among other prisoners in jail with Ray, who is charged with the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Lindquist said:

"I do not know if Ray has reading material or not, but since he got here, they stopped ours. I do know he has a TV. They call it the guards. I think they should put a couple of TVs, one at each end of the tanks, for us. It's not uncommon in large jails to have TV and it also has been known to cut down

a lot of fights, etc.

"If they would put in the TV and call it the guards, we don't care. Just as long as we can watch it, we don't care what they call it. I do know without anything to read, and no recreation, and nothing to do all day, it's just a matter of time before all hell breaks lose, which nobody wants, but with so many men placed in a small confinement, it's bound to happen sooner or later.

Lindquist also said he felt a blood plasma program to help prisoners make money to buy cigarettes, stamps, envelopes and personal items would be desirable.

HANES

Meanwhile, Arthur Hanes, attorney for Ray, said he will not pursue a motion that would ask better jail conditions for Ray. He had lashed out earlier at around-the-clock lighting and television security of Ray. He said lights shine on Ray at all times and he has to sleep with his head under a pillow. Hanes said it was 'enough to bug anybody'' and said he feared for Ray's health.

Lindquist, 29, is from Tulsa, Okla. He has been in jail since March and his trial comes up Oct. 14. He is charged with two others in connection with the robbery.

Sheriff William N. Morris today took issue with some of the complaints that Lindquist made in his letter to The Press-Scimitar.

Morris conceded that county jail is overcrowded, but that this has been a continuing problem. He said conditions have been allievated to some extent by opening up the jail facilities at the Penal Farm.

He said no recreational privileges have been taken away from the prisoners since Ray's arrival. He said there is no TV available, but prisoners are permitted radios and games such as cards, checkers and dominoes

Morris said "the jail is one of the cleanest in the country and we serve the best food." He declined comment on Lindquist's reference to a red light system in connection with Ray's security.

Mail that prisoners send out and receive is read by guards but no attempt is made to censor it unless something involving jail security is mentioned.

"We wouldn't hold up any complaints made to a newspaper," Morris said.

4 Face Citations In Ray Case

James Earl Ray's chief defense counsel, Arthur B. Hanes, two Memphis newspaper reporters and a private detective today faced possible contempt citations on charges of violating Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle's order restricting "publicity" in the Ray case.

Hanes and the others, Roy B. Hamilton of The Press-Scimitar, Charles Edmundson of The Commercial Appeal, and Renfro Hays, a private investigator employed by the defense, were ordered by Judge Battle to appear in

his court at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 27, and show cause why they should not be held

in contempt.

PETITION .

A petition seeking contempt citations against the four was filed yesterday by a committee of lawyers appointed by Judge Battle to advise him on publicity and courtroom procedures in the Ray case.

The committee said that in its opinion statements attributed to Hanes and Hays in stories a p p e a r i n g under Hamilton's and Edmundson's bylines in their newspapers last Thursday were in violation of the court's order.

The committee said the order, entered July 18, amended July 23 and supplemented July 30, prohibited and enjoined "the perpetration of certain specific acts in connection with publication given instant case."

STATEMENTS

The petition said the ban included extrajudicial statements involving "the treatment, acts and attitude of the defendant," and "all other statements" which might be prejudicial to his right to a fair trial.

The Commercial Appeal story quoted Hays as saying that security arrangements in Ray's county jail cell were endangering the prisoner's health and the defense might ask for a continuance of his trial scheduled Nov.

The Press-Scimitar story

quoted Arthur J. Hanes Jr., who is assisting his father in Ray's defense, as saying there were "no plans" to ask for a postponement of the trial. The story also quoted Hanes as saying in a Birmingham interview that the round-the-clock guards, lights and TV scrutiny of Ray's cell constituted "cruel and inhuman treatment" and were "enough to bug anybody." These statements were not made to a Press-Scimitar reporter but were taken from a story by The Associated Press.

'EXHIBITS'

Copies of the two newspaper stories were attached to the petition as exhibits. The petition was signed by the following members: Lucius E. Burch Jr., J. Alan Hanover, Cooper Turner Jr., James D. Causey, Leo Bearman Jr., Lee A. Hardison and Don Owens, who is president of the Bar Association.

Hamilton and Edmundson were called separately into the office of Chief Roy Nixon, administrative assistant to Sheriff William N. Morris, where a deputy read and issued them copies of the court summons.

Judge Battle's order enjoined all principals in the Ray case, including attorneys and their employes, law enforcement officers, witnesses and others, from making public statements, but the injunction did not apply to reporters or the news media.

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Prisoner Ray Seeks Privacy; Motion Filed

By JOHN MEANS

James Earl Ray is becoming "nervous and disturbed" by high-powered lights in his cell, and by television cameras and microphones that monitor him around the clock, a motion filed on his behalf says.

The legal paper asks Criminal Court Judge Preston Battle to order Sheriff William N. Morris Jr. to turn out the lights, disconnect the microphones and remove the televison camera.

It was one of two such motions filed yesterday by Arthur Hanes of Birmingham, Ray's attorney. The other motion says Mr. Hanes is not permitted to talk to his client without two officers present, that the television camera and microphones pick up every word they say, and that he is searched for notes from his client before he is allowed to leave Ray's County Jail cell.

It asks that the accused slayer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. be allowed to confer in private "absent from the presence of law enforcement officers" with Mr. Hanes and Arthur Hanes Jr., his two attorneys, and "to permit defendant and counsel to exchange notes and to correspond without the censorship of the sheriff," stating that Ray's mail to his attorneys is read by Sheriff Morris before being sent.

Mr. Hanes and his son would not idiscuss the two motions yesterday, and left for Birmingham shortly after visiting the office of Atty. Gen. Phil Canale where they were allowed to inspect physical evidence involved in the nation's most celebrated murder case.

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Mr. Hares, a private detective on his staff, and two Memphis newspaper reporters were ordered by Judge Battle earlier in the week to show cause Friday morning why they should not be held in contempt of court for violation of Judge Battle's order relating to publicity in the Ray case. The action was recommended by a committee of lawyers appointed by the judge to advise him on publicity and procedures in the Ray case.

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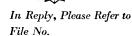
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Marcia Louis∈ Petrone, aka., Scheble, born of 324 E. Bridge Street, Elyria, Ohio, driving 1968 Mercury, Ohio license 6464 MN, was questioned by the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) on 9-11-68, at which time she claimed she was drugged and had information re the murder of Martin Luther King. A check by the OPP with Ohio authorities diselosed the two childrenshe had with her, Joan and Robert, had been awarded by the Domestic Relations Court, Lorain County, Ohio, on 9-25-65, to the father and had been abducted by her. A child stealing warrant was issued.

At request of the Legat, the RCMP, London, Ontario, Sub-Division checked further and found she had been given voluntary departure by Canadian Immigration authorities on 9-12-68, and had been taken into custody by the Port Huron Police Department on an abduction charge laid by the Loraine Police Department. Detective Sergeant Knox of the OPP, who interviewed her, said that in his opinion, she is a "complete idiot" and that nothing she said made any sense. He said he was satisfied that this woman know nothing re the Murkin case.

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The indices of the Los Angeles Office and the records of the Los Angeles Retail Merchants Credit Association and the Los Angeles Police Department are negative regarding LEON WILLIAM SHORT.

The records of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Office (LASO) contained FBI Identification Record under FBI No. 47 983 F for SHORT.

The records of the LASO revealed under Booking No. 601 160 that LEON WILLIAM SHORT, white male, born Lima, Ohio, 6'2", 185 pounds, brown hair and eyes, was arrested on 9/29/67 by the Pomona, California Police Department. His residence address was listed as 4200 East Holt, Pomona, and his occupation as tile maker. His mother was listed as RITA JACKSON, 4130 East Mission, Pomona.

The records of the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office, the Santa Barbara Police Department, and the Santa Barbara Credit Association, all of which cover Goleta, California, were negative regarding SHORT.

Mrs. INEZ RICHARDS, established source, Goleta Lemon Association, Goleta, California, advised that LEON WILLIAM SHORT was employed as a itinerant lemon picker

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His permanent address was contained in these records as 4138 East Mission, Space 56, Pomona, California. Mrs. RICHARDS stated that it had been learned from SHORT's foreman that, during his employment by the San Marcos Labor Camp, SHORT was described as having erratic behavior.

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On 9/11/68, Mr. JAMES BEASLEY, Assistant State Attorney General, Memphis, Tennessee, advised that he is currently taking inventory of all evidence in possession of his office concerning the scheduled trial of JAMES EARL RAY in connection with the murder of Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., scheduled for Shelby County Criminal Court, Memphis on 11/12/68.

Mr. BEASLEY stated that all evidence in possession of his office will be maintained in a locked safe that will be retained in his office. He stated that insofar as following instructions of a finalized order to be issued by the Honorable W. PRESTON BATTLE, Shelby County Criminal Court Judge, in relation to making evidence available to the attorneys for RAY, a system will be devised by his office to always maintain strict control of the evidence. He stated that any evidence with the exception of Ray's 1966 Mustang that the defense attorneys desired to review will have to be reviewed in the Attorney General's Office under strict security precautions, and any reproductions of same will be made under the same security precautions in the Attorney General's office.

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Re Springfield airtel dated 9/13/68.

CHARLES BOZE, Aka CHUCK, interviewed 9/16/68. He stated that he has heard rumors implicating HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON, JOHN MC CLINTOCK, and DELMAR GRINDSTAFF in robbery of the Bank of Alton 7/13/67. He said, however, that they are not talking about it and he does not believe that they have spent money if they were involved. BOZE advised he will cooperate with FBI to extent of trying to draw suspects out in conversation. BOZE will be recontacted to develop further information from him.

Informants, Police agencies, and Bank officials at Bank of Alton contacted during past week could provide no new or additional information.

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ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERALS ROBERT K. DWYER AND JAMES BEASLEY. ND MR. JOHN CARLISLE. INVESTIGATOR FROM THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, ARE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE WDC ABOUT NOON, SEPTEMBER TWENTYFIVE NEXT. THEY HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO PROCEED DIRECTLY TO THE OFFICE OF ASST. DIRECTOR CONRAD FOR PURPOSE EXAMINING EVIDENCE IN MURKIN CASE WHICH IS BEING HELD AT LABORATORY.

MR. DWYER HAS STATED THEY WILL RETURN MEMPHIS FROM WASHINGTON AND HE WILL ADVISE MEMPHIS OFFICE AT THAT TIME OF HIS PROPOSED ITINERARY AND WILL FURNISH LIST OF AGENTS AND WITNESSES IN THE VARIOUS CITIES WHICH ARE TO BE INTERVIEWED BY HIM AND HIS STAFF. P.

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Prisoner Ray Seeks Privacy; Motion Filed

By JOHN MEANS

James Earl Ray is becoming "nervous and disturbed" by high-powered lights in his cell, and by television cameras and microphones that monitor him around the clock, a motion filed on his behalf says.

The legal paper asks Criminal Court Judge Preston Battle to order Sheriff William N. Morris Jr. to turn out the lights, disconnect the microphones and remove the televison camera.

It was one of two such motions filed yesterday by Arthur Hanes of Birmingham, Ray's attorney. The other motion says Mr. Hanes is not permitted to talk to his client without two officers present, that the television camera and microphones pick up every word they say, and that he is searched for notes from his client before he is allowed to leave Ray's County Jail cell.

It asks that the accused slayer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. be allowed to confer in private "absent from the presence of law enforcement officers" with Mr. Hanes and Arthur Hanes Jr., his two attorneys, and "to permit defendant and counsel to exchange notes and to correspond without the censorship of the sheriff," stating that Ray's mail to his attorneys is read by Sheriff Morris before being sent.

Mr. Hanes and his son would not discuss the two motions yesterday, and left for Birmingham shortly after visiting the office of Atty. Gen. Phil Canale, where they were allowed to inspect physical evidence involved in the nation's most celebrated murder case.

Mr. Hanes, a private detective on his staff, and two Memphis newspaper reporters were ordered by Judge Battle earlier in the week to show cause Friday morning why they should not be held in contempt of court for violation of Judge Battle's order relating to publicity in the Ray case. The action was recommended by a committee of lawvers appointed by the judge to advise him on publicity and procedures in the Ray case.

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1 - Mr. Long

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To: SAC, MEMPHIS

From: DIRECTOR, FBI

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YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT MR. PHIL M. CANALE, JR. STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL, SHELBY COUNTY, MEMPHIS AND ADVISE HIM HE AND/OR HIS REPRESENTATIVES MAY PROCEED TO OUR LABORATORY IN WASHINGTON, D. C. FOR REVIEW OF THE EVIDENCE IN BUREAU'S POSSESSION. HE SHOULD PROVIDE US WITH SUFFICIENT NOTIFICATION AS TO HIS DATE OF ARRIVAL. YOU SHOULD ADVISE THE BUREAU AS TO THE IDENTITY OF THE RESPECTIVE FIELD OFFICES THAT MR. CANALE PLANS TO HOLD PRETRIAL CONFERENCES WITH AGENTS AND WITNESS IN ORDER THAT SACS WILL HAVE SUFFICIENT NOTICE TO ARRANGE THEIR PERSONAL ATTENDANCE IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE BUREAU'S INTEREST.

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NOTE: See Rosen to DeLoach memo, 9/19/68, captioned "MURKIN," REL: jms.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

Mr. DeLoach

A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: September 19, 1968

1 - Mr. Deloach

1 - Mr. Rosen

1 - Mr. McGowan

1 - Mr. Long

1 - Mr. Conrad

1 - Mr. Trotter

- Mr. Malley

SYNOPSIS:

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr. Evidence recovered by Memphis authorities returned to them. Evidence recovered by Bureau, including the 1966 Mustang vehicle and documents, retained by Bureau in view of outstanding Federal charge against James Earl Ray. Department does not desire to dismiss charge at this time. In view of scheduled state trial of Ray in Memphis on November 12, 1968, disposition of evidence recovered by Bureau discussed with Department. Department advises 1966 Mustang should be turned over to Memphis authorities, and we should retain all other evidence in view of outstanding Federal charge. The Department further advised in connection with future court action, if Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., who is handling state prosecution, should make a request for any particular piece of evidence retained by the Bureau, such items should be made available to him. Conference held with Mr. Canale and other representatives of his office and they recommend their representatives meet with our Laboratory examiners to review the evidence in our possession and in selecting those items which will be most advantageous to introduce at time of trial. Mr. Canale plans to hold pretrial conferences in the field with all witnesses including FBI Agents. When this is firmed up instructions will be issued to SACs to personally attend to protect Bureau's interest.

ACTION:

Laboratory being advised of conference with Mr. Canale and review and selection of evidence to be used for trial.

2. Attached for approval are a teletype to Memphis and Atlanta instructing the 1966 Mustang be released to Mr. Canale and a letter to the Department confirming the conversation concerning disposition of the evidence.

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Rosen to DeLoach Memorandum RE: MURKIN

BACKGROUND:

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

At the specific instructions of the Director the evidence recovered by the Memphis Police Department at the scene of the assassination in Memphis was returned to them after our Laboratory examination. The report of our Laboratory findings was also transmitted to the Memphis Police Department.

Evidence recovered by the Bureau has been retained in our Laboratory in view of the outstanding Federal charge, namely, the Civil Rights conspiracy charge against subject Ray. The evidence we have recovered includes the 1966 Mustang automobile, maps, bed sheets, a television set, various items of food, and personal articles of clothing. It is noted that a latent finger-print was located on a map which matched Ray's fingerprints and hairs and fibers located in the articles of clothing compared favorable with those located in the evidence at the scene of the assassination.

We also have in our possession documents which include the handwriting, hand printing, and typewriting identified as being prepared by Ray. We are continually comparing new documents with those we are retaining. For example, on August 23, 1968, we learned that subject Ray was employed by a restaurant in Winnetka, Illinois, during May and June, 1967. The documents relating to Ray's employment were obtained and forwarded to the Laboratory for examination purposes and identifications were made.

We have raised the question with the Department as to whether or not the complaint filed against James Earl Ray should be dismissed. The Department has advised that in their view it would not be appropriate to dismiss the complaint at this time as the conspiracy investigation is still underway. The Department further advised that after investigation has been completed, they would want to review the facts to determine whether or not Federal prosecution of Ray or other persons might be appropriate.

In view of the scheduled state trial of James Earl Ray in Memphis, Tennessee, on November 12, 1968, we discussed with the Department the disposition of evidence recovered by the Bureau. As a result thereof, the Department has advised that the 1966 Mustang automobile recovered in Atlanta should be turned over to the Memphis authorities; however, all other evidence which we recovered, including the documents, should be maintained in our possession in view of the outstanding Federal charge and our continuing investigation. The Department further advised they

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Rosen to DeLaoch memorandum RE: MURKIN intend to meet with Mr. Phil M. Canale, State Attorney General, Shelby County, Tennessee, during the latter part of September. 1968, to thoroughly discuss the state's prosecution. Mr. Canale is, of course, aware of the existence of the evidence and the results of our findings. The Department advised that in the event Mr. Canale desires a particular piece of evidence for court purposes which we recovered and in our possession, we should make arrangements to turn it over to him. A conference was held at our Memphis Office with Mr. Canale and his representatives and the matter of lining up witnesses and evidence in the forthcoming state trial was discussed. Mr. Canale proposed the following procedures be established: 1. Representatives of his office to meet with our Laboratory examiners who conducted examination of the evidence. He would like this meeting to take place preferably next week. Mr. Canale would desire that his representatives thoroughly review the actual physical evidence for the purpose of selecting those items which will be most advantageous to introduce and it would be determined the number of examiners he may need in connection with the trial. 3. After review of the evidence he proposes that representatives of his office contact pertinent field divisions and discuss with Agents who obtained the evidence what they can testify to and he may desire to talk to the witnesses. effect will amount to a pretrial conference with Agents who conducted the investigation, would obviate the necessity of unnecessary Agents to appear for extensive pretrial conferences, and would minimize the time Agents will spend in Memphis in connection with the trial. This, of course, would result in the savings of Agents travel and per diem cost. Mr. Canale mentioned the possibility that a representative of his office may become involved in foreign travel which would relate to the investigation conducted in those foreign countries. Mr. Canale would, of course, do this at his own expense. Mr. Canale feels it will be necessary for him to evaluate the persons as witnesses and to conclude which witnesses it would be necessary to utilize.

Rosen to DeLoach memorandum
RE: MURKIN

It was of the opinion of Mr. Canale that if the preliminary work can be completed, he can better evaluate what he needs for the trial and feels that on this basis he will need a minimum of FBI personnel to testify as to the various items that may be of pertinence in this case. The SAC in Memphis concurs with Mr. canale and recommends that we honor his request.

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

MR. I. W. CONRAD

 $_{\rm DATE} = 9/24/68$

FROM : W. D. GRIFFITH

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

Today Special Agent Joseph Hester, Memphis Division, called to advise that pursuant to prior arrangements made with the Bureau, three representatives of the Attorney General's office in Memphis will be arriving tomorrow (Wednesday, September 25) to examine the evidence being held in the Laboratory in this case. The three men are:

Robert K. Dwyer - special assistant to the District Attorney;

James Beasley - assistant district attorney; and,

John Carlyle - investigator for the District Attorney's office.

The precise itinerary of these gentlemen is unknown at this time but it is expected they will arrive at approximately noon, tomorrow, Wed., Sept. 25.

I advised SA Hester to have the representatives of the District Attorney's office contact your (Mr. Conrad's) office telephonically upon arrival and to proceed to the Justice Building and come to room 7621.

SA Hester stated that after the evidence has been reviewed, the three visitors intend to return to Memphis.

Memphis is confirming these arrangements by teletype.

RECOMMENDATION:

None - for information.

1 - Mr. Mohr

Mr. DeLoach

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September 25, 1968.

GENERAL INVESTIGATE DIVISION

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

The attached relates to information furnished to us on a confidential basis, and should not be disclosed outside this Bureau. Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County, Tennessee, who is handling the state's prosecution is aware of the contents in the attached.

J. B. Stoner is no doubt identical to Jesse B. Stoner, Vice-chairman of the National States Fights Party (a vicious anti-Semitic, anti-Megro, right wing hate group based in Savannah, Georgia.)

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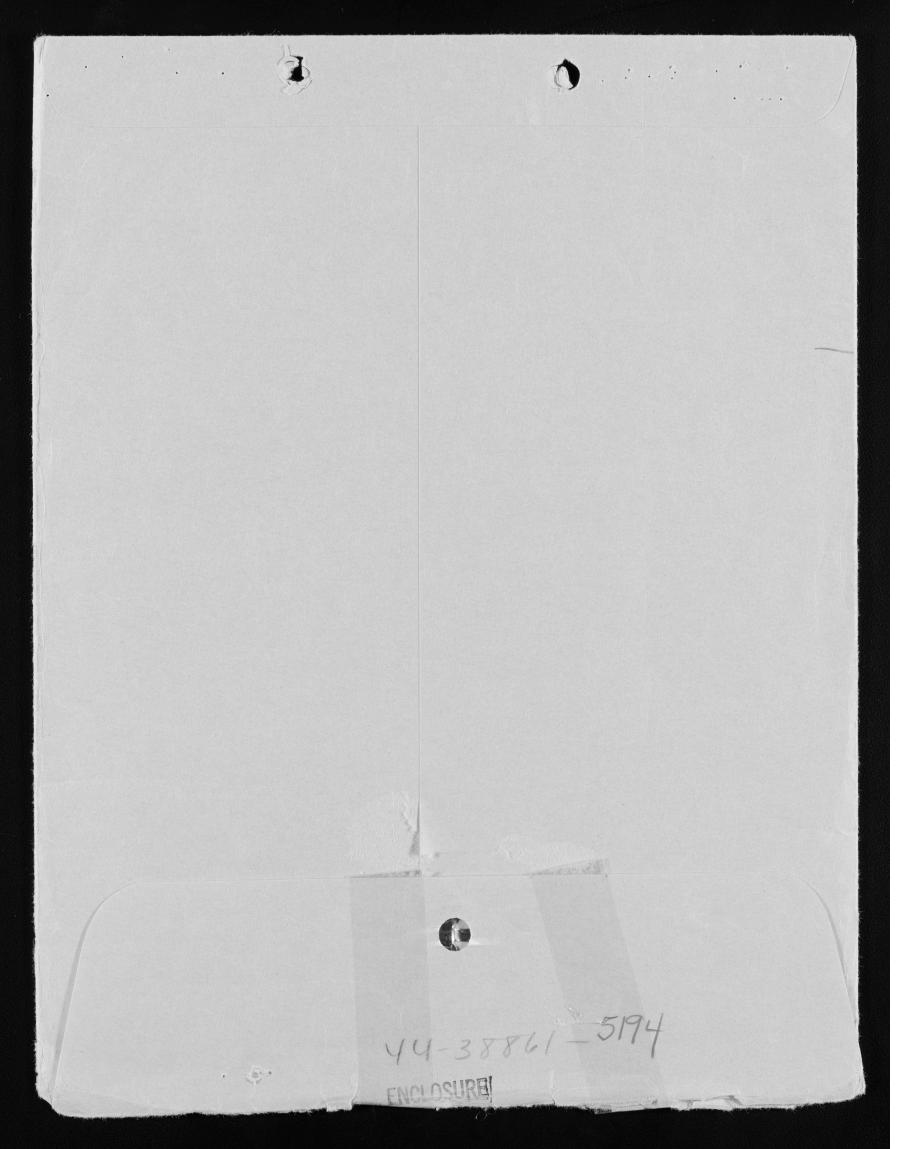
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