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Foreman Pays Visit To Ray

No Light Shed On Possible Memphis Member Of Defense Team

By CHARLES EDMUNDSON
Percy Foreman, Texas attorney who has taken over the defense of James Earl Ray, conferred yesterday with his client in the Shelby County Jail but delayed announcing what Memphis attorney he would ask to aid him in the

case.

Mr. Foreman came here after a five-hour conference in Birmingham with Arthur J. Hanes Sr. and his son, Arthur Jr., whom Mr. Foreman succeeded 10 days ago as Ray's counsel.

To give Mr. Foreman time to acquaint himself with the case of Ray, charged with the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Judge W. Preston Battle set the case forward at least till March 3.

In Birmingham Mr. Hanes said he and his son conferred with Mr. Foreman from 4 to 9 p.m. Monday. "We gave him the benefit of all our research and evidence," Mr. Hanes said.

Before counsel was changed, it was learned that defense plans called for an examination of Ray's blood to see if it would show a combination of chromosomes which some scientists say dispose a person to criminality. It is not known whether such a possible line of defense will be followed by Mr. Foreman.

Meanwhile it appeared unlikely that Judge Battle would agree to give a larger number of newsmen access to the trial through closed circuit televi-

sion.

"I don't think we can do it,"
Judge Battle said when asked
whether he would consider the
use of closed circuit TV to carry the trial to a nearby assembly room for probably more
than 150 news media representatives who will not get
seats in the courtroom.

The court has assigned 38 regular and 4 rotating seats to newsmen.

In Los Angeles the judge who will conduct the trial of Sirhan Sirhan, charged with killing Senator Robert F. Kennedy, says he favors the use of closed circuit television to carry the trial to newsmen who cannot be seated in his courtroom. Thirty-five seats are provided for newsmen there.

Whether the plan is carried through there will depend, it is understood, on the reaction of the prosecuting and defending attorneys.

Atty. Gen. Phil M. Canale said, "I'm against it" when asked his reaction to the California proposal. Mr. Foreman

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Judge Denies 2 Reporters Hearing in Contempt Case

Judge Mark Walker of the Termessee Court of Criminal Appeals today refused to grant a hearing to two Memphis newsmen who were cited for contempt for writing stories about the James Earl Ray case.

The Covington judge denied a petition for certiorari asking the court to review the matter and reverse Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle.

could not assume jurisdiction because the lower court had not passed sentence and thus its action was not final.

The two reporters, Roy B. Hamilton of The Press-Scimitar and Charles Edmundson of The Commercial Appeal, were held in contempt Sept. 30 on charges they violated Judge Battle's orders against pretrial publicity.

Ray's trial in the assassi-

Judge Walker ruled he nation of Dr. Martin Luther King was continued last week to March 3 after he switched attorneys.

Armistead Clay, attorney for the newsmen, said Judge Walker's decision paves the way for an appeal to the Tennessee Supreme Court.

The state Supreme Court last week refused to consider the case until application had been made to the Court of Criminal Appeals.

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Newsmen's Appeal Ruled Premature

Sentence For Contempt Is Due First, Judge Says

A conviction for contempt of court cannot be appealed unless sentence has been pronounced, Criminal Appeals Judge Mark Walker of Covington ruled yesterday.

Judge Walker announced his ruling in the case of two Memphis newspaper reporters held

in contempt in the James Earl
Ray case by Eriminal Court
Judge W Preston Battle
Judge Walker held that
Judge Battle's contempt conviction of Charles Edmundson of The Commercial Appeal and Roy Hamilton of the Memphis Press Scimitar will not be come final and subject to appeal until Judge Battle pro-

nounces a sentence.
Judge Battle held the two
newsmen, and also attorney
Arthur J. Hanes Sr. of Birmingham and investigator
Reniro Hays of Memphis, in
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them in violation of a pretrial them in violation of a pretrial publicity order in the case of Ray, charged with the April 4 murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Armistead Clay, attorney for the reporters and the Memphis Publishing Co., said Judge Walker's ruling opens the way for an appeal to the Tennessee Supreme Court, The Supreme Court earlier held that peti-ions of certiorari and superse-deas should be taken first to the Court of Criminal Appeals.

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Re Legat Ottawa airtel to Bureau dated 11/29/68.

Enclosed for the information of Memphis is a copy of a referenced communication and one copy each of three separate Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) reports regarding their efforts to identify "Raoul."

The RCMP reports as well as the referenced communication are for your information only and should not be disseminated to anyone at this time.

Separate communication directed to Legat Ottawa to determine if these RCMP "confidential" reports may be disseminated. You will be advised accordingly. Enclosures (4)

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1. Purther to memorandum of the A/Officer i/c C.I.B. with appended correspondence dated in Montreal 15 NOV 68, the following is to be reported.

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- Mr. RITCHIE of the Mariner's House was re-interviewed in this respect and could not offer any further information concerning RAY's possible visit there on on his possible association with one RAOUL. It was established that Mr. RITCHIE had during the latter part of October 1966 or beginning of Movember 1966, received the visit of three (3) Canadian newspapermen. These men were all English-speaking and represented a Montreal newspaper. They exhibited to RITCHIE two (2) photographs of RAY, one with RAY wearing glasses and the other without glasses. No pictures of a man reported to be RAOUL were shown to RITCHIE and no mention was made of the named RAGUL, the purpose of the mewspapermen's visit has been to establish whether or not Mr. RITCHIE could confirm the fact that RAY had frequented the Mariner's House. RITCHIE further added that this visit had been very brief because he was med and he did not want to speak about the RAY affair with newspapermen as he was somewhat put out due to the publicity given the Mariner's House. As the interview with the newspapermen had been very brief, RITCHIE stated he could not recall the description of the newspapermen or the name of the newspaper they had stated representing.
- A check of M.C.P. records has established that during the Summer of 1967, various body houses had been in operation and raided by police in the general area of the 1400 Ste-Catherine East. Their records do not however show any reported theft in the proximity of \$800.00 in that area, with a complaint originating from abjedy house.
- A. Mrs. Joanne LEMOING, present caretaker and rental clerk at the Harkey Apartments, was interviewed in a view of establishing if she had recently be in contact with newspaper reporters in respect to RAY having resided at the apartment during 1967. She replied in the affirmative, adding that on or about 3 NOV 68, two (2) young men who had identified themselves as reporters of the Montreal Star, had approached her in this regard. Mrs. LEMOING could not supply any description of the two (2) men.
- Further to the memorandum from the A/Officer i/c C.I.B. dated in Montreal on the 31 OCT 68, the operators of the only two (2) parking concessions in the area of the Markey Apartments were again contacted and no information was obtained concerning a 1956 Red Plymouth or any other vehicle of similar colour and different year of manufacture. Persons interviewed again stated that in 1967, a large amount of vehicles bearing many different types of registration plates had made use of their

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parking facilities and that no records had been kept by them.

- As per the attached photestat copies of the articles which appeared in LOOK magazine (Article 12 NOV 68, page 103), the red Plymouth is described as a 1962 model which RAY claims having purchased in St. Louis, Missouri; (Article 26 NOV 68, page 87) indicates that RAY sold this car in Chicago, Ill., while on route to Birmingham.
- 7. Purther to paragraph 4 of PCR dated 15 NOV 68, Michal BACON, 3685 Berri, Apt. 107, Nontreal, P.Q., telephone 843-3397, was interviewed with negative results.

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8. Purther to paragraph 9 of PCR dated 15 NOV 68, additional enquiries conducted at English & Scotch Woolen Co. Ltd, 1248 Ste-Catherine West, met with negative results as this firm had not been contasted by any reporters. You will note that in the article appearing in LOOK magazine, the name of this firm does not appear.

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- Emquiries conducted at Tip Top Tailors, 488 Ste-Catherine West, Montreal, in speaking with the Hanager, Mr. A. CHEVARIE, revealed that approximately three (3) weeks ago, he had been contacted by a newspaper reporter of the Montreal Star. This reporter wanted information on RAY and about the mgn who had visited the Tip Top store with clothing and a suitcase. Mr. CHEVARIE had declined to make any comment to the newspaper reporter in this respect; he was however exhibited two (2) pictures of RAY, one with RAY wearing glasses and the other without. The reporter was described as having fair hair, height 5'9" to 5'10". An interesting aspect of this reporter's enquiry is that on the 19 OCT 68, Mr. CHEVARIE and one of his clerks were interviewed by the writer in the company of Robert K. DWIER of the Attorney General Department, State of Tennessee. During this interview, Mr. BWIER's party had in their pessession the suit which RAY had purchased at that store, reference: our PCR dated 21 OCT 68.
- 10. Further to paragraph 2 (b) of PCR dated 21 OCT 68, the Mr. FEIGAN who was interviewed by Mr. DWYER was mentioned as having the first name Louis. It will be noted that the first name of the Mr. FEIGAN interviewed this time, was Eddy who is now operating English & Seotch Woolen Co. Ltd, since the death of his father, Louis, at the end of August 1968.
 - Enquiries conducted have failed to either locate or identify the person known as RAGUL. Bearing in mind Jean-Marie CHARRON's statement, reference: paragraph 5 PCR dated 15 NOV 68, to the effect that during the latter part of October 1968, two (2) newspapermen had exhibited to him a picture of a man whom they had identified as RAGUL,

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all business establishments mentioned in HUIE's article appearing in LOOK magazine dated 12 NOV 68, had been contacted by persons identifying themselves as newspaper reporters. On two instances, the persons contacted definitely secall that they had been approached by a person identifying himself as a pepresentative of the Montreal Star. No mention of a person or exhibition of a photograph alleged to be RACUL was however made during these interviews. Again having reference to HUIE's article in LOOK magazine on the 12 NOV 68, on page 104 where HUIE makes mention that he flew to Montreal on 14 SEPT 68 to try to confirm RAY's story, this can be confirmed as during the course of a previous interview with Mrs. LEMOING by the writer on the 19 OCT 68, she had made mention that a few weeks prior to our visit, she had received a visit from someone whom she believed to be a reporter and that this person had asked her to see the lease that RAY had signed at the Harkey Apartments. Mrs. LEMOING informed me that at the time she had attempted to locate documentation respecting to RAY's rental but that she had not been successful in doing so. Please note that this documentation had been in our hands since the outset of this investigation in the Montreal area prior to Mrs. LEMOING having become an employee at the Harkey Apartments.

- On pages 106 and 107 of the same article, HUIE makes mention that a year and seven (7) weeks later after Monday, 31 JUL 67, he HUIE, proceeded to the Gray Rocks Inn in the company of a French-speaking detective and a photographer named Jim MANSEN of LOOK magazine. In the same section, HUIE makes mention he interviewed a Canadian Government female employee in Ottawa during the same period. It is further confirmed in Ottawa G.I.S. report dated 16 OCT 68 where Mrs. KEATING mentions that she had been interviewed approximately one month prior to the 15 OCT 68 by HUIE.
- In view of the above, your further instructions will be awaited prior to approaching reporters of the Montreal Star in a view of ascertaining if they interviewed CHARRON at the Neptune Tavern and if so, exhibited to CHARRON a picture of a man whom they identified as RAOUL.
- IA. From perusal of HUIE's article in LOOK magazine 12 NOV 68, it is presumed by the writer that HUIE is an author maintaining residence in the U.S.A. and it is thus suggested that the F.B.I. contact HUIE with a view of determining if he was in the Montreal area during the latter part of October or early part of November 1968, and if he, or someone of his party, interviewed CHARROW using a photograph whom they identified as RAOUL.
- Having reference to the memorandum with appended F.B.I. correspondence dated in Montreal, 20 NOV 68 from the A/Officer i/c C.I.B., it is not possible at this point to conduct enquiries pertaining to a joint activity not fully described nor identified in HUIE's article for the simple fact that our investigation has not uncovered as to whether or not RAOUL is fact or fiction. The fact that HUIE makes mention in his article that HAY robbed a lody house in Montreal, P.Q., has already been covered earlier in this Perfort. As RAY is presently incarcerated in the U.S.A. and as HUIE is believed to be also a resident of that country,

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it is suggested that any further enquiries concerning these articles be directed to either RAY or HUIE by the F.B.I.

Please find attached hereto article of LOOK magazine as per your instructions of the 20 NOV 68.

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Sgt. Montreal G.I.S.

(JIB PROULX) S/SGT. N.C.O. I/C G.I.S.

The COMMISSIONER. Ottawa: CONFIDENTIAL

Your: 68HQ-791-Q-60

- FURWARDED for your information. This is further to your telex CIB3102/2 and our reply CIB1198.
- The magazine article mentioned in para. 16 above is retained on file here.
- This report has been placed in "confidential" classification in view of the contents of para. 12 therein.
- With regards to para. 13 above, your further instructions are awaited as to whether or not we are to contact the Montreal Star in this connection.
- as noted in this report we have been unable to date to identify the would-be newspapermen who exhibited photographs of both Ray and "Raoul" to Mr. Charron, owner of the Neptune Tavern in Montreal. Furthermore, we have been unable to establish whether or not these are the same people who visited Mr. Ritchie of the Mariner's House, Mrs. Lemoing of Harkey Apartments of Mr. Chevarie of Tip Top Tailors. We have also been unable to ascertain in what manner the supposed newspaperman learned that someone had visited the Tip Top Tailor Establishment as outlined in para. 9 above.
- Perhaps, further investigation by the F.B.I. if this has not already been done would be warranted and would clarify this matter as suggested in paras. 14 and 15 above.
- Copy of Look Magazine article on this matter issue dated 26-11-68 has been obtained at this point and was perused, however, same does not appear to contain any investigative leads which would be helpful to us. In any case, this matter continues to be given priority, and all possible of-

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MUNTREAL 27-11-68 J.R. Duchesneau, Insp. A/Officer 1/c C.I.B.

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- 1. Further to memo dated 31 OCT 68 received from the Officer Commending Nontreal Sub/Division in concern with the above, kindly be informed of the following.
- 2. On the 19 NOV 68, Mr. Robert EARLE, Front Desk Memager at the Grey Rocks Imm, St. Jovite Station Que., was interviewed. The latter infermed that from verification of records, GALT Eric S. was registered there from 2:20 PM of 30 JUL 67 to 2:02 PM of 5 AUG 67. On GALT's registration card, the license number "LM 5947" is mentioned, however, the address given is Montreal, Quebec. The total bill for the week amounted to \$ 195.15 which was paid for in each on departure from the Hotel.
- J. It might be of interest to mention that a reservation was made for GALT on the 27 JUL 68 by the P.LAWSON TRAVEL Ltd agency, 2055 Peel st, Suite 802, Montreal Que, clerk A.L. ADAM Reservation slip number 10946 H was received at the Grey Rocks Inn along with a deposit of \$20.00.
- Kindly note that an average of 4,000 clients a year attend the Grey Books Inn; therefore it is assumed by Mr EARLE and the writer that the clerk whom attended to the registration of GALT at this hotel does not remember him.
- 5. Photostat copies of the registration card and the note of GALT were obtained and are attached hereto for your perusal and information.

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J.C.P. Theriault 23116. St. Jerome Detachment.

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Your: 68GIS-790-107

l. FURNARDED for your information together with documents mentioned in para. 5 above.

2. Would you please have further inquiries conducted at the P. LAWSON TRAVEL AGENCY and endeavour to obtain all possible information concerning S-RAY's reservation made through this agency.

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The COMMISSIONER. Ottawa:

Your: 68HQ-791-Q-60

l. FURNARDED for your information together with documents mentioned above. Investigation is continuing as noted above and you will be further advised.

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Toronto C.I.B.General

68-790-74

RE: OBJET:

Martin Luther KING- Murder of Assistance to F.B.I.

13 NOV 66

Further to report submitted on 6 NOV 68, the following is reported. Childs

- Mr. Maurice (Rintal, 1392 Hickory Road, Windser, Ontario, was interviewed and he advises he will go to Memphis if requested. He states he can identify the man known to him as Bric GALT as having stayed in Apt. 18 at the Hickory Apartments in Montreal from August to the middle of September, 1967. He has no documents in his possession at present and suggests the pertinent documents would be in the hands of the owner of the apartments, Mr. N. Hothman, 11 Holthman Road, Hampstead, Quebec. He concluded by saying he would require a week to ten days' notice prior to his going to Tennessee.
- There appears to be no further action indicated at this point at this time. The file will remain open pending enquiries from the V.S. authorities.

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(L.H. Morse) S/Sgt. i/e Tor. C.I.B. Gen.

(M.J. Smith) Toronto C.I.B. General

THE OFFICER I/C C.I.B., TORONTG.

FORWARDED for your information.

2. When the three officers from Tennessee, mentioned in para. 1 of Toronto C.I.B. General report dated 25-10-68, visited this Office, they requested the presence of Cpls. Dunlop and Smith and S/Cst. David Yu at the trial of James Earl RAY. They advised that they expected the Defence to state that the Canadian witnesses had been "conched" and our members, who conducted all the interviews, would be used in rebuttal. Also, in view of the number of witnesses involved in this case, our members could assist them greatly in coordinating the affairs of the Canadian witnesses both at the trial and during their stay in Memphis.

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1 - Mr. Long

To:

SAC, Springfield (44-561)

SAC, Chicago (44-1114)

Director, FBI 44-38861)

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Re Springfield airtel to Bureau dated 11-19-68.

You should insure that all known names that Ray used are checked through Illinois Motor Vehicle Bureau to determine if Ray purchased a vehicle.

For your information records of a motel in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada where Ray was registered as a guest August 18, 1967, indicates he was driving a Plymouth, licen No. LN 5942 (no further description given) and gives an address of 507 Chestnut Street, Chicago, Illinois.

It is noted that 507 Chestnut Street, Winnetka, Illianis, is the address of Indian Trail Restaurant where Ray was employed after his escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary.

Chicago will determine if 507 Chestnut Street exists. and if so, conduct appropriate inquiry.

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Enclosures to Memo dated 11-19-68 to Mr. Conrad

Bureau (44-38861)

Re: MURKIN

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NOTE:

William Bradford Huie in his article which appeared in the November 12, 1968 issue of "Look" magazine alleges that Ray purchased a 1962 Plymouth in East St. Louis, Illinois in 1967. We are trying to learn of all details regarding this alleged purchase. Springfield unable to locate the purchase thus far.

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TO

Mr. Conrad

FROM

W. D. Griffith

SUBJECT:

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DATE: 11-19-68

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Legat, Ottawa, has forwarded to the Bureau the results of investigation conducted by the RCMP along with photocopies of a registration card of the "Town'n Country Motel," Ottawa, Ontario. This card indicates the registration of Eric Galt at the above motel on August 18, 1967.

A comparison of the handwriting appearing on the above-mentioned motel registration card with the known handwriting of the subject of this matter, JAMES EARL RAY, discloses that the registration card in question was in fact prepared by subject RAY.

Copies of the investigation conducted by the RCMP and the registration card of the "Town'n Country Motel" are attached hereto.

RECOMMENDATION: None. For information.

44-38861

1 - Mr. Mohr

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ADDENDUM: Results set forth in this memorandum and RCMP report have been furnished separately to Memphis with the admonition that, as yet, no clearance has been received from RCMP. for dissemination outside the Bureau

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SIGNED: Claire KEATING

WITNESS: A. SYNNETT, Cpl.

visit.

Her sister, Yvette CHARLEBOIS, was interviewed and the following statement was obtained from her:

STATEMENT OF: Ivette (Mrs. Maurice) CHARLEBOIS

232 Whitton Crescent, Ottawa, Ontario

RE: OBJET:

Dr. Martin Luther KING

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I have been employed as Secretary to the Registrar of Citizenship, Mr. Boss MARTIN, for the past 3 years. About one and a half months ago, my sister Claire told me about her involvement with James Earl RAY. It was after HUIE'S visit to Ottawa to see her. At no time did my sister ever ask me to help her obtain a passport for anyone. In fact, she never mentioned the word passport during the course of our conversation. The reason that she came to me after HUIE'S visit was that she was very worried and needed to confide in someone close to her. Claire is a very honest and dependable person, and her only fault is that she is a little too naive.

SIGNED: Yvette CHARLEBOIS

WITNESS: A. SYNNETT, Cpl.

I am satisfied that RAY did not mention anything about Passports to Mrs. KEATING and that the fact that her sister is Secretary to the Registrar of Citizenship is only a co-incidence. Mrs. KEATING has been most co-operative and I am positive that she is an honest person, placed in a very embarrassing position by her association with RAY.

In compliance with instructions received, I also reinterviewed Ruth CHAPPELL and asked her for a written statement. Mrs. CHAPPELL is a widow with a 19-year-old son. She is desperately afraid of her name being made public and only reluctantly agreed to give the following signed statement:

STATEMENT	OF:	Ruth CHAPPELL	
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		143 Longpre Street, Eastview, Ontario	<u>Andréan de la company</u>

During the first long week-end in August, I accompanied Claire KEATING to St-Jovite, P.Q., where we stayed at the "Petit Manoir" Inn. During the evening, we motored up to the Grey Rock Inn where we met a man who introduced himself as Eric GALT. I did not pay much attention to him and after a few drinks I went back to the Manoir. Claire stayed with him. I did not see GALT again until we visited him in Montreal the following Monday. Since it was impossible to find a room in Montreal because of Expo, we stayed with him during the two nights that we spent in Montreal. He took us out to the Acapulco Club. He seemed to have enough money to

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RE: OBJET: PAGE

Dr. Martin Luther KING

get along, but he did not strike me as being very prosperous. He never mentioned friends or associates and did not introduce us to anyone. He appeared to be a quiet and regular sort of a guy. He never mentioned the word passport to us. I never saw him again after we left Montreal. I heard from Claire later that he had been to Ottawa to see her. After James Earl RAY'S arrest, she called me and asked if I thought that he could be the man we had met. I did not think so at the time and was surprised when it turned out to be him.

SIGNED: Ruth CHAPPELL

WITNESS: A. SYNNETT, Cpl.

Discreet enquiries at the Town and Country Motel, 1476 Richmond Road, Ottawa, revealed that Eric GALT registered there on the 18th of AUGUST 1967 and left on the 20th of AUGUST 1967. He gave his address as 507 Chestnut Street, Chicago, Ill., and was driving a Plymouth, Licence No. LM5942. He stayed in Cabin No. 30, which is not equipped with a telephone. Any calls made by him from one of the several pay phones at the Motel would not go through the Motel Switchboard and be recorded. Although he registered as Mr. & Mrs. Eric GALT, Mrs. KEATING did not stay with him at the Motel, as mentioned in her statement dated 15 AUG 68. The Desk Clerk on duty at the Town and Country Motel when RAY, alias GALT, registered, Mrs. Edytha COBLEY, is reported to be dying from terminal cancer and will not be interviewed. It is extremely doubtful that she could remember anything of any significance about RAY. Copies of the Motel Registration Card are attached hereto.

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(J.A.G. Synnett) 19024

(J.S.W.) S/Sgt. N.C.O. 1/c G.I.S.

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(See 6-25-68 SL report, page 84) whose description fitted GAWRON, as a frequent customer. to recall RAY as having been a patron but recalled JACK (LMU), Opal's Bar at 1305 Lafayette from 1947 to 1961. She was unable CPAL HIGHLY advised on 8-15-68, she had operated

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From the foregoing it would appear REY was probably generally familiar with the 18th and Lafayette area in SL.

The current SL City Directory lists SARAH M. HALE as the resident at 1825 Lafayette, SLMO.

This address was observed by SA DOBSON on 11-21-68, to be a two-story single-family brick dwelling. Mrs. HALE advised him on the same date she had resided there for the past 22 years. She has never rented any portion of the premises to other persons during this period. She was unable to identify the names utilized by RAY or photographs of him as pertaining to any person she has ever known. She was likewise unable to recall ever having been acquainted with any member of RAY's family.

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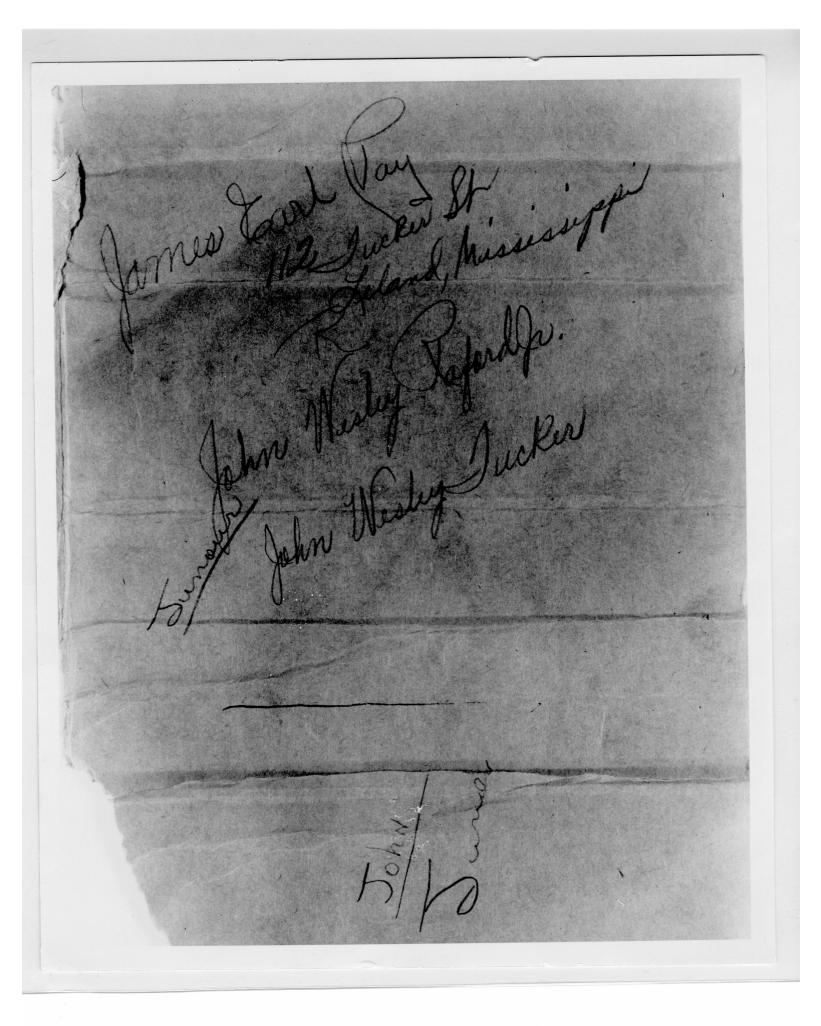
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Enclosed for the Laboratory is the original portion of the box, as furnished to SA PHILIP J. REILLY, for comparative examination with other samples of handwriting submitted in this matter.

Enclosed for the Bureau are three copies of a photograph of the handwriting. Two photographs of the above-described handwriting are enclosed for Jackson and Memphis.

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DIRECTOR, PBI

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Based upon articles in "Look" magazine by William Bradford Huie, we have requested the RCMP, through our Legat, Ottawa, in Ottawa, to make appropriate investigation. Squires, an editor of a newspaper in Tennessee, likewise, furnished us information as a result of a telephone call he received from an individual in Canada furnishing him information relative to James Earl Ray. We also requested the RCMP to make inquiry concerning this.

We are asking Legat, Ottawa, to advise status of investigation of RCMP concerning these items.

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in turn advise the Bureau. few days. Mr. OVENS will advise the Memphis Office, who will some official notification should be forthcoming within the next poned until after subject's forthcoming trial. Mr. OWENS said appear on 12-6-68 and that BONEBRAKE's appearance will be postthat he is certain Judge BATTLE does not desire BONEBRAKE to On 11-18-68, Attorney DON G. OWENS, Memphis, Tennessee, one of a group, of advisors to Judge W. PRESTON BATTLE, advised

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