

LON 88-72

The complete manifest for the flight taken by the subject from Toronto to London has been obtained. Efforts are being made to obtain from Lisbon the manifest for the flight from Lisbon to London and Scotland Yard has access to the microfilm manifest of subject's flight from London to Lisbon. The three manifests will be cross-checked in a search for common passengers.

Written apparently by RAY on a South Africa Air Line schedule found in his luggage are the words "Cinco tres cinco zero quatra una," This is Portuguese for the number 535041. Legat, Paris, has instituted inquiries to determine if this is a Lisbon telephone number and, if so, to identify the subscriber and determine if the subscriber has any connection with the subject.

Scotland Yard is interviewing flight crews on the flights taken by RAY from Toronto to London and from London to Lisbon. This has been substantially completed with negative results, and will be concluded as soon as personnel on overseas runs are available for interview. Legat, Paris, has previously arranged for interview of the flight crew on RAY's flight from Lisbon to London.

Scotland Yard's investigation to date has not developed any indication of RAY's having had any associate or significant contact in London.

Exhaustive checks have been made of immigration and airline records. No record has been found to indicate RAY left England between 5/17/68 and 6/8/68.

The statement in the first paragraph of this airtel regarding reports received on an unofficial and confidential basis refers only to items numbered 1, 5, 7 and 8.

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Date: 6/18/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: *JM* LEGAT, LONDON (88-72) (P)

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(SECURITY PRECAUTIONS -
OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
RE TRANSPORTATION OF SUBJECT)

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Additional observations and recommendations to insure complete security and the safe transportation of JAMES EARL RAY from England to point of destination in the U.S. are set forth as follows:

(1) A check is being made through New Scotland Yard to determine what exit controls RAY will have to go through on departing England. If it is necessary for his Certificate of Identity to be stamped by a British Immigration official, this will probably be accomplished right at the prison.

(2) Concerning aircraft, if a chartered commercial craft is used and if the identity of the company from which chartered leaks to the press, this company could possibly be subjected to a series of anonymous bomb threats for transporting RAY.

(3) It is estimated that a non-stop flight from England to some destination near Memphis, Tennessee may take ten hours, depending upon headwinds. Considering time difference of six hours between London time and Tennessee time. If we left England at 12 Midnight, which is a most desirable time here, we would be estimated to arrive at destination about 4 A.M., which would appear to be a desirable time there. Suggest this be checked with proper military or airlines people as to any possible difficulties involved in these times.

(4) Suggest that SAs ZEISS and BOUNDS be given sufficient time at the Bureau to prepare a comprehensive check list of

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things to be done here and at point of destination. This would be an all-encompassing list with the time each item is to be done, when done and the individual doing it.

(5) The restraining kit has arrived and is in Legat Office and if ZEISS and BOUNDS depart London June 19 next, they will leave two guns with Legat and bring two guns with them on return.

(6) It would appear that one of the most important decisions to be made would pertain to the attitude to be displayed to RAY by the escorting agents. In other words, should he be appropriately warned of all his rights and thereafter an attempt made to interview him? In answering this question it should be borne in mind that he will be under restraint, which will probably consist of handcuffs, leg irons and lead chains. If after appropriately warned of his rights he shows an inclination to engage in petty conversation of any type, should the escorting agents engage him in such conversation or should absolute silence be maintained by escorting agents with regard to RAY during the entire trip? If he is to be warned of his rights, etc., appropriate forms should be given to ZEISS and BOUNDS upon their return trip.

(7) Whether military or commercial craft is used, it is suggested that the door to the toilet facilities be removed and that all mirrors or glassware and sharp appurtenances be removed.

(8) Four flashlights with new batteries and bulbs should be furnished for emergency lighting use within the aircraft in the event the lighting equipment fails.

(9) Suggest consideration be given for arrangements to be made at final destination for RAY to be stripped, photographed and medically examined as proof that he was delivered to local authorities in good condition.

(10) It is contemplated that all property in his possession at the time of his apprehension will be turned over to this office by New Scotland Yard. It is contemplated this property will be taken aboard the aircraft and instead of being left at Memphis, escorting agents will take the property to Washington, D.C. for any further laboratory examinations desired.

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STATE 02
URGENT 6-21-68
TO DIRECTOR
FROM LEGAT LONDON NO 73

MURKIN.

Long

LONDON JEWELERS DO NOT HAVE TOOLS TO OPEN RAY'S AMERICAN MODEL WITTENAUER WATCH. IT WILL BE RECEIVED WITH RAY'S PROPERTY WHEN EXTRADITED.

RAY PURCHASED SWEATER LONDON JUNE SEVEN. SWEATER NOT AMONG PERSONAL EFFECTS WHEN ARRESTED.

RAY HAS REFUSED TO PROVIDE SCOTLAND YARD ANY INFO RE ACTIVITIES LONDON.

ALL LONDON CAR RENTALS NEGATIVE.

BALLISTIC EXAMINATION INDICATES RAY'S REVOLVER FIRED SEVERAL TIMES SINCE LAST CLEANED. TEST SHOT BEING OBTAINED. WILL BE FORWARDED.

OFFICER RECEIVING CALL FROM JIM TATUS*, HOUSTON, JUNE NINE, NOT IDENTIFIABLE.

INTENSIVE INVESTIGATION CONTINUING TO DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS MAY SEVENTEEN-TWENTY EIGHT. AIRTEL FOLLOWS.

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3RD CC: MR. BRENNAN

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Legal Attache, London, advised AAG Vinson discussed security arrangements with Director of Prison Security at Wandsworth Prison where Ray is confined. Vinson is to return to Washington tonight (6/13/68) and report to the Attorney General on morning of 6/14/68.

Director of Prison Security has requested information concerning medical history of subject, details of his escapes, any record of violence against prison staff and information such as lock picking ability.

Legal Attache will be furnished information concerning Ray's medical history, available information regarding his escapes and fact that he was known to have enrolled in locksmithing course. (The Bureau, of course, has no way of evaluating his ability to pick a lock.)

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STATE 008 AND 009
IMMEDIATE 6-13-68 EXR
TO DIRECTOR
FROM LEGAT LONDON NO. 56 AND 57

MURKIN. (King Assassination Case)

BRIGADIER M. S. R. MAUNSELL, DIRECTOR OF PRISON SECURITY, THROUGH ARRANGEMENTS EFFECTED BY MINISTER OF EMBASSY TODAY BRIEFED ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL VINSON, IN MY PRESENCE, ON ALL SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS AT WANDSWORTH PRISON WHERE SUBJECT IS CONFINED. HE WENT OVER IN DETAIL THE PHYSICAL SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS, THE FACT SUBJECT IS IN THE "CONDEMNED CELL" (DEATH ROW) TWO PRISON WARDENS ARE WITH HIM TWENTY FOUR HOURS, HE IS NEVER LEFT ALONE, ALL TOILET FACILITIES ARE IN SAME CELL, HE IS EXAMINED AT DIFFERENT TIMES IN YARD WHERE THERE ARE NO OUTSIDE BUILDINGS FROM WHICH OUTSIDERS CAN LOOK INTO YARD, HE IS UNDER ESCORT WHILE
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MR. BELMONT FOR THE DIRECTOR

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EXERCISING, FOOD COMES FROM PRISON MESS BUT NO ONE KNOWS WHICH PORTION WILL GO TO SUBJECT. THESE ARE HIGHLIGHTS AND WHEN BRIEFING OVER, VINSON COMMENTED, "THOSE ARE MAGNIFICENT PLANS."

LOOKING TOWARDS OUR RESPONSIBILITIES FOR ESCORTING AND TRANSPORTING SUBJECT TO US, I ASKED MAUNSELL IF SUBJECT HAS BEEN AFFORDED A PHYSICAL EXAM AND IF HE WOULD BE AFFORDED ONE AT TIME HE IS TURNED OVER TO ESCORT OFFICERS. MAUNSELL SAID THEY HAD NOT THOUGHT OF THIS BUT HE ^{KE} LIKD THE IDEA AND WOULD SEE IF IT COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED.

MAUNSELL, ^{BRITISH DIRECTOR OF PRISON SECURITY} THEN ASKED IF I COULD OBTAIN INFO THAT WOULD BE OF GREAT ASSISTANCE TO HIM AS FOLLOWS:

MEDICAL HISTORY OF SUBJECT; DETAILS OF SUBJECT'S ESCAPE FROM MISSOURI STATE PEN, DETAILS OF ANY OTHER ESCAPES OR ATTEMPTED ESCAPES; ANY RECORD OF VIOLENCE AGAINST PRISON STAFF; ANY OTHER AVAILABLE INFO THAT WOULD BE OF VALUE TO PRISON AUTHORITIES, SUCH AS LOCK PICKING ABILITY, ETC. ALSO ANY DETAILS AS TO METHOD ALLEGEDLY USED BY RAY TO SATURATE A CLOTH WITH AMPHETAMINE TYPE DRUGS, METHOD OF RECOVERING SUCH DRUGS AFTER CLOTH HAS DRIED AND ANY INFO AS TO HOW RAY'S CLOTHES COULD BE CLEANED TO INSURE ANY DRUGS IN CLOTHING ARE REMOVED.

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I TOLD MAUNSELL I WOULD ATTEMPT TO EXPEDITIOUSLY OBTAIN THIS INFO.

VINSON AT THIS TIME TOLD HIM "THE FBI HAS DONE AN OUTSTANDING JOB IN TRACING AND COMPILING SUBJECT'S BACKGROUND AND WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE MOST OF THE INFO DESIRED READILY AVAILABLE."

ALL INFO FURNISHED BY MAUNSELL IS CONSIDERED BY BRITISH HOME SECRETARY TO HAVE BEEN FURNISHED WITH UNDERSTANDING IT SHOULD NOT BE DISSEMINATED IN ANY FASHION WHICH WOULD PUT IT IN REALM OF PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE.

VINSON LATER TOLD ME HE MUST REPORT TO ATTORNEY GENERAL FIRST THING MORNING JUNE ONE FOUR. HIS PLANE DELAYED AND NOW ESTIMATED TO TAKE OFF AT FOUR THIRTY PM LONDON TIME. HE SAID HE MUST REPORT ON STATUS INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED PORTUGAL AND HERE IN EFFORT TO DETERMINE SUBJECT'S MOVEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES THESE COUNTRIES.

LEGAT PARIS ADVISES HIS REPORT BEING POUCHED JUNE ONE FOUR NEXT.

BUREAU HAS BEEN AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE KEPT IMMEDIATELY ADVISED PERTINENT RESULTS INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED HERE BY TEAM NEW SCOTLAND YARD OFFICERS.

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CC-MR. ROSEN

3RD DEPT. ATTORNEY

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URGENT 6-17-68 EXR
TO DIRECTOR
FROM LEGAT LONDON NO. 64

MURKIN.

FOLLOWING RECEIVED IN ABSOLUTE CONFIDENCE AND ANY LEAK WOULD EMBARRASS BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND JEOPARDIZE LEGAT SOURCE.

JOHN J. CAPELLO, OAKLAND, NEW JERSEY, SENT RAY WESTERN UNION JUNE ELEVEN "IF YOU NEED ANY HELP LET US KNOW."

RAY WROTE BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA BAR ASSOCIATION REQUESTING ASSISTANCE AND SUGGESTED LETTER BE FORWARDED THROUGH FORMER MAYOR AND FORMER BUREAU AGENT HAYNES.

RAY RECEIVED LETTER DATED JUNE ELEVEN, RETURN ADDRESS THREE NINE THREE BRADFORD STREET, BROOKLYN "DEAR EARL, DON'T FEEL US SO, YOURS TRULY, KEITH ROBERTS."

SOURCE FURNISHED OTHER INFO IN CONFIDENCE AS FOLLOWS:

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SUBJECT RECEIVED ONE FULL MEDICAL EXAM AT BRIXTON AND ONE SINCE ARRIVAL WANDSWORTH PRISON. HE RECEIVES TWO DAILY VISITS FROM MEDICAL OFFICER AND WILL RECEIVE ONE FULL MEDICAL EXAM WEEKLY.

AT NINE: TWO ZERO PM JUNE FIFTEEN LAST ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE CALL MADE TO PRISON BY MALE WITH AMERICAN ACCENT WHO SAID "RAY WILL BE RELEASED ABOUT ELEVEN PM, THIS IS GENUINE CALL." TWO VANS AND SIX CARS OF POLICE IMMEDIATELY DISPATCHED TO PRISON BUT NOTHING UNUSUAL OCCURRED.

WARDERS WHO SPENT TIME IN CELL SATURDAY REPORTED SUBJECT SEEMED UNUSUALLY ELATED ALL DAY BUT APPEARED BACK TO NORMAL SUNDAY.

SUBJECT REFUSED TO SEE TWO SCOTLAND YARD OFFICERS JUNE FOURTEEN LAST AND SAID HE WOULD ALSO REFUSE TO SEE FBI IF THEY ASKED TO SEE HIM. YARD OFFICERS MADE REQUEST TO SEE HIM IN EFFORT TO ASCERTAIN HIS ACTIVITIES IN ENGLAND FROM MAY SEVENTEEN TO JUNE EIGHT.

SUBJECT NOT SAYING ANYTHING SIGNIFICANT TO WARDERS AS HE NOW BELIEVES THEY ARE TRYING TO EXTRACT INFO FOR POLICE.

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SOURCES ADVISE IF RAY'S BROTHER CAME TO ENGLAND, DUE TO CRIMINAL RECORD, HE MAY NOT BE GIVEN PERMISSION TO LAND BUT IF HE WERE, UNDER PRISON RULES NO ONE WITH RECORD, EVEN RELATIVE, IS PERMITTED ENTRY TO PRISON.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO AIRMAIL IDENT RECORD AND FINGERPRINTS JOHN LARRY RAY AND IF POSSIBLE CLARIFY WHETHER HE IS BROTHER OR HALF BROTHER OF RAY.

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STATE 004

IMMEDIATE 6-20-68

TO DIRECTOR

FROM LEGAT LONDON NO. 72

MURKIN.

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LEGAT PRESS SOURCES ADVISED ARTHUR J. HANES HELD PRESS CONFERENCE ABOUT THREE PM TODAY.

SOURCES ADVISE HE WAS UNIMPRESSIVE, STATED HE RECEIVED LETTER FROM RAY, HE HAS NOT SEEN HIM, AND WHEN ASKED IF HE EXPECTED TO, RELIED "I RATHER DOUBT IT."

HE WAS ASKED WHO WAS PAYING FOR HIS TRIP AND HE DECLINED TO ANSWER.

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REMYTEL SIX ELEVEN LAST.

RCMP THIS DATE ADVISED LAUNDRY MARK ON SHIRT IDENTIFIED AS THAT OF COMMUNITY CLEANERS, SEVEN EIGHT NINE DUNDAS STREET WEST, TORONTO. EMPLOYEES INTERVIEWED UNABLE TO IDENTIFY PHOTOS. DR. SOLOMON CAPPE, THREE NINE FIVE COLLEGE STREET, TORONTO, HAS RECORDS INDICATING HE VACCINATED SNEYD ON FOUR TWENTYNINE LAST BUT CAN OFFER NOTHING FURTHER. JOHN MELAN, LOCAL CANADIAN REPRESENTATIVE OF AMERICAN IMPORTS CO., ONE ONE SIX SEVEN MISSION STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, WHO HANDLES IMPORTS OF MIROKU FIREARMS ADVISED THAT THERE HAVE NOT BEEN ANY LIBERTY CHIEF PISTOLS IMPORTED INTO CANADA. RESULTS INVESTIGATION ENGLISH AND SCOTCH WOOLENS, MONTREAL, OBTAINED AND FORWARDED BUREAU BY AIRTEL SIX TWENTY LAST. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING MONTREAL.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: LEGAT, LONDON (88-72) (P)
 MURKIN

Enclosed are two copies of photograph of laundry mark in the neckband of subject's shirt, and two copies of photograph of a different laundry mark appearing on a pair of shorts.

Scotland Yard is continuing intensive investigation to account for the subject's whereabouts in London between May 17 and 28, 1968. It is noted that at the time of his arrest his only identification papers were in the name of RAMON GEORGE SNEYD and his Canadian passport does not show any exit from England after his arrival 5/17/68. To have left England he would have needed a passport and the passport would have been stamped at the time of his departure, and again at the time of his return, as well as at the time of his arrival and departure from any other country he visited.

Chief Inspector KENNETH THOMPSON, Scotland Yard, has advised in confidence that he interviewed Major ALISTAIR WICKS. WICKS has been a leader in mercenary forces for a number of years and is considered to be an established liaison man and go-between for the hiring of mercenaries. WICKS stated that he had reason to believe RAY had contacted the Biafra Mission in Lisbon and made application to go to Biafra as a mercenary, but that Biafra does not want any outsiders to enter the country at this time.

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The transistor radio in subject's possession at the time of his arrest is labeled on the outside "Deluxe Hi Fi" and "Merc-Radio." On the inside of the plastic cover which removes to provide access to the batteries, there is attached a paper bearing a schematic diagram of the set, and on this paper are two stamped numbers, "Model HT-6043" and Model HT-6082." No other pertinent information could be found on the outside or inside of the radio. The radio was equipped with an Ever-Ready 9 volt battery, Model PP3.

As the Bureau has been advised, ads have been placed in London newspapers on behalf of the Washington Post to solicit information from the public regarding RAY's activities between May 17 and 28, 1968. Scotland Yard had previously considered a public appeal for such information and attempted to arrange such publicity on 6/18/68, but permission was denied by the Home Office.

Scotland Yard has done a tremendous amount of work in attempting to completely trace RAY's movements and is continuing to expend a great deal of manpower. This is being closely followed with the Yard and the Bureau will be kept currently advised of pertinent developments.