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SEVEN ZERO FOUR-SEVEN FIVE FOUR-FOUR NINE THREE ZERO. ATTEMPT
TO IDENTIFY ROBERT (LNU) IN UNION GROVE, WIS. BY DISCREET
INVESTIGATION. CONDUCT INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY RUBY
ANDERSON AND APPARENT SIGNIFICANCE OF ABOVE CALLS ,

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CALLER SAID AS FOLLOWS: "I'VE GOT TO HAVE MONEY, A WHOLE LOT OF MONEY TO GET OUT OF THE COUNTRY. I'M GOING TO CALL BACK TOMORROW NIGHT. YOU TELL THE CLAN (PH) TO GET MENSOME MONEY OR I'M GOING TO BLOW THIS THING SKY HIGH. WHEN THEY GET RAY BACK INTTHIS COUNTRY HE WILL SPILL HIS GUTS." THE MALE IN NORTH CAROLINA RECEIVING THE CALL SAID, "I THOUGHT YOU WERE STRAIGHTENED OUT BEFORE YOU LEFT DOWN HERE." [REDACTED] HAS IMPRESSION CALLER WAS REFERRING TO JAMES EARL RAY. SHE SAID CALLER MENTIONED SEVERAL TIMES HIS NEED FOR A LOT OF MONEY AND THAT HE WOULD TALK IF HE DID NOT RECEIVE IT. [REDACTED] DESCRIBED CALLER AS A WHITE MALE WITH A SOUTHERN ACCENT, INTELLIGENT VOICE, APPEARED TO BE IN LATE THIRTY'S OR EARLY FORTY'S. SHE STATED CALLER DID NOT APPEAR UNBALANCED OR INTOXICATED. [REDACTED] STATED THAT SHE HAD FAILED TO CONTACT AUTHORITIES EARLIER DUE TO FEAR OR RETALIATION SHOULD SHE BECOME INVOLVED.

CHARLOTTE. DETERMINE SUBSCRIBERS OF TELEPHONE NUMBERS SEVEN ZERO FOUR-SEVEN FIVE EIGHT-TWO NINE ZERO EIGHT; SEVEN ZERO FOUR-SEVEN FIVE EIGHT-TWO ONE ZERO ZERO; AND

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) CHARLOTTE AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
 FROM: MILWAUKEE (44-388) P
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ON JUNE FIFTEEN INSTANT [REDACTED] LONG-DISTANCE
 TELEPHONE OPERATOR, [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED], CONFIDENTALLY ADVISED AS FOLLOWS AND REQUESTED HER
 IDENTITY BE PROTECTED: ON JUNE ELEVEN LAST AT APPROXIMATELY
 TEN FORTYTWO PM A MALE CALLER AT UNION GROVE, WIS., CALLED
 HER AND SHE ENDEAVORED TO PLACE CALLS TO THE FOLLOWING
 NUMBERS IN NORTH CAROLINA FOR HIM: SEVEN ZERO FOUR-SEVEN
 FIVE EIGHT-TWO NINE ZERO EIGHT; SEVEN ZERO FOUR-SEVEN FIVE
 FOUR-FOUR NINE THREE ZERO; AND SEVEN ZERO FOUR-SEVEN FIVE
 EIGHT-TWO ONE ZERO ZERO. THE CALLER ~~CALLER~~ ALSO ATTEMPTED
 TO LOCATE NUMBER FOR RUBY ANDERSON (PH), LEONA, NORTH
 CAROLINA. [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT SHE OVERHEARD PORTIONS OF THE
 CALLER'S CONVERSATION WITH PERSON IN NORTH CAROLINA, AND THAT
 DURING CALL TO SEVEN ZERO FOUR-SEVEN FIVE FOUR-FOUR NINE
 THREE ZERO CALLER WAS ASKED IF HE WERE "ROBERT" AND REPLIED
 "YES". IN CALL TO SEVEN ZERO FOUR-SEVEN FIVE EIGHT-TWO ONE
 ZERO ZERO CALLER CONTACTED MALE WITH HILLBILLY VOICE AND

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[REDACTED] said she was extremely reluctant to discuss the above information with anyone and had almost decided to forget about it because of the possible consequences of divulging this information. She noted she is a [REDACTED] and would probably get in a great deal of trouble if anybody found out she furnished this information to anyone. She said she had almost decided to forget about it when she went out with her friend, MELVIN CLAYBROOKE, who is a Negro officer on the Racine, Wisconsin, PD, who convinced her that the information should be furnished to someone in a position of authority.

She said after several drinks she agreed to tell CLAYBROOKE what happened and did so with the understanding that it would go no further.

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remarks: "I've got to have money, a whole lot of money to get out of the country. I'm going to call back tomorrow night. You tell the clan to get me some money or I'm going to blow this thing sky high. When they get RAY back in the country, he will spill his guts." The individual receiving the call in North Carolina made remarks to the effect, "I thought you were straightened out before you left down here."

██████████ advised that as mentioned previously, she did not hear the entire conversation, but received the distinct impression that the individual calling from Union Grove, Wisconsin, was referring to JAMES EARL RAY. She said he was very excited during the conversation and mentioned several times he needed a lot of money to get out of the country and reiterated several times that he would talk unless he received it. She said the individual in North Carolina spoke very quietly and did not say very much, only acknowledging with a "Ya" or a guttural sound.

██████████ advised that after the call, the individual flashed her back to obtain the charges and asked her at that time, "Operator, would you tell me one thing? Just why do operators have to listen in on conversations/" To this remark ██████████ said she did not know what he was talking about and asked him if he wished to speak to her supervisor. She said it was impossible for this individual to know if she had listened in on the conversation. She also recalled that during his conversation with the man in North Carolina, he mentioned that he did not want to talk too much because of nosey operators.

██████████ described the caller as a white male with an intelligent sounding voice, speaking with a southern accent. She guessed the individual would be in his late 30's or early 40's and stated he did not sound intoxicated or mentally unbalanced. She noted the individuals whom he talked to in North Carolina sounded like "hillbillies."

██████████ advised she has been an operator with the ██████████ and that she is also a ██████████.

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individual then told her it was a nonpublished number and requested that she recall the second number, 754-4930, in order to obtain RUBY ANDERSON's number. She called this number and, with the individual on the line, asked for RUBY ANDERSON's number. A male voice informed that he was not sure if he should give out the number, at which point the individual calling from Union Grove told the individual in North Carolina to furnish the operator with the number. The male in North Carolina said, "Hey ROBERT, is that you," at which the individual replied, "Yes." The male in North Carolina then said, "I don't know if (uncle?) wants me to give out that number." The operator said thanks at this point and disconnected, but the individual told her he wanted her to call back and insisted she obtain the number. [REDACTED] called back and spoke to the same individual and after some discussion obtained a number, which she subsequently called, but which was a wrong number.

She advised the individual in Union Grove of the fact she was unable to obtain the number, but he again insisted she call the previously mentioned individual for the number. She did this, but the individual in North Carolina hung up advising that he had given her the only number he had.

[REDACTED] then became involved in a heated discussion with the individual calling from Union Grove, during which time he insisted on several occasions that she call back. He made several references to "a 19 year old kid like his nephew" and became extremely angry with [REDACTED]. (Referring to the male called in North Carolina.) At this point [REDACTED] transferred the caller to her supervisor. After several minutes the call was transferred back to her again and her supervisor instructed her to attempt to place the individual's call noting that she had made a record of the individual's troublesome attitude so that [REDACTED] would not get a bad record. When she talked to the individual again, he made a smart remark about her transferring the call to her supervisor and then gave her telephone number 704-758-2100 to call. At this point, [REDACTED] had become very suspicious of this individual and decided to listen to the call. She noted the call was answered by a white male with a southern accent. However, she was busy during this period and was unable to listen to the entire call, but heard the following

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (44-388)

DATE: 6/15/68

FROM : SA JOHN L. DUFFY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 6/15/68, [REDACTED], was interviewed at the residence of Officer MELVIN CLAYBROOKE, Racine, Wisconsin, PD. At the outset of the interview, [REDACTED] requested the information furnished be kept in the strictest confidence as she was fearful of her life and her position with the telephone company should she become identified as the source of this information. She then furnished the following information:

On 6/11/68, she was working as a long-distance operator for the [REDACTED], and received a call from Union Grove, Wisconsin, to place a long-distance call. The caller, whom she believed was a white male with a southern accent, told her he wished to call number 704-758-2908. She placed a call for the individual and he talked less than three minutes, after which he flashed her back to obtain the charges. The individual paid 95 cents, which was 5 cents too much, and was told by [REDACTED] that he did so. The individual then told her to credit it to him because he was going to place several more calls. ([REDACTED] noted that she initially dialed the above number wrong and the individual made several funny remarks concerning the fact that she had probably been out late the night before.)

This individual then gave her the number 704-754-4930 to dial, which she did. At this time he also talked less than three minutes and was charged 95 cents, which he paid. After this the individual told her to contact the information operator in Leona, North Carolina, in order to obtain the telephone number for one RUBY ANDERSON. She contacted the operator and was told there was no listing for this individual, which information she then passed on to the caller. The

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CLAYBROOKE stated that he has known [REDACTED] for about [REDACTED] years and considers her to be reliable. He stated that he would be willing to accompany Agents of the FBI during their interview of her if such was desired. He stated that she gets off from work at approximately 11 p.m.

On 6/14/68, Special Investigator C. S. ACKLEY, Intelligence Unit, Racine PD, advised that he is familiar with Officer CLAYBROOKE and with [REDACTED]. He stated he considered CLAYBROOKE to be reliable, and that he has no reason to question the reliability of [REDACTED].

He added that [REDACTED] is a [REDACTED] and has associated with known narcotics addicts.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (44-388) (P)

FROM : SA TOLBERT L. GREENWOOD

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: June 14, 1968

On 6/14/68, Officer MELVIN CLAYBROOKE, Racine PD, who resides at 941 La Salle, (telephone, 637-2737), advised SA TOLBERT L. GREENWOOD that he was contacted instant date by a friend, [REDACTED], who is an employee of the [REDACTED]. She advised CLAYBROOKE today that on 6/11/68, at 10:42 p.m., she placed a long distance telephone call for a ROBERT ANDERSEN of Union Grove, Wisconsin to Leona, North Carolina.

She claimed to have overheard segments of this conversation believed to be with RUBY ANDERSEN. ROBERT ANDERSEN allegedly stated that he was worried about the capture of JAMES EARL RAY and was afraid that RAY would "spill his guts." He demanded a large sum of money, claiming that he was afraid RAY would talk and that he wanted to leave the country. He also stated that if he did not get the money, he would "spill everything and break this case wide open." During this conversation, the Klan was mentioned. The following telephone numbers were called at Leona, North Carolina in order to reach RUBY ANDERSEN:

704-758-2908
704-754-4930
704-758-2100

Officer CLAYBROOKE furnished a piece of note paper which [REDACTED] had used to scribble down parts of the conversation. He advised that she was very scared and told him this on a confidential basis, requesting that no one be advised of her identity.

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British Act in Ray Case

London, England -AP- The British government started speedy official action on a formal United States request Wednesday for the extradition of James Earl Ray to stand trial in Tennessee for the as-

sassination of the Rev. Martin Luther King, jr.

By the end of the day the application had cleared its first legal hurdle at the British foreign office.

But court formalities and

appeals, if the 40 year old, escaped convict chooses to use them, could delay Ray's return up to six weeks or even longer should the case take some unexpected turn.

United States officials, headed by Asst. Atty. Gen. Fred M. Vinson, jr., chief of the justice department's criminal division, beat their self-imposed deadline for handing in the petition by one day.

But parts of the petition, which was at least an inch thick when it was handed in to the foreign office by United States Consul General Jack Herfurt, apparently had been readied in advance of Ray's arrest last Saturday at London airport as he tried to board a plane for Brussels.

The petition contained a summary of some of the evidence against Ray in King's murder at a Memphis motel Apr. 4. It also contained information on his escape from the Missouri state prison while serving an armed robbery charge.

The United States government is seeking extradition on both counts and must satisfy a British judge that both would also be crimes under British as well as United States law.

The petition also contains fingerprints and other material to identify Ray as the man now being held under guard in London's Wandsworth prison. Officially he is being held here as Ramon George Sneyd, traveling under a Canadian passport issued in that name and charged with passport offenses as well as carrying a loaded gun.

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SAC, Milwaukee (44-388)

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Re Bureau teletype to All SACs, 6/8/68.

Enclosed for the Memphis Division are two stop notices, inadvertently retained at Milwaukee.

For the information of Memphis, these stops have been removed, in accordance with referenced teletype.

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"There were so many similarities between Ray and myself that I was afraid someone might be tempted to think I really was the one and take a pot shot at me," he said.

Travels to Florida

Galt said he was in the Memphis area two years ago and that he traveled regularly to Florida for skin diving in the summer.

Ray, however, was in the Missouri state prison until he escaped in April, 1967 with more than 12 years remaining of a 20 year sentence.

Canadian police also were searching for three persons who allegedly were connected with Ray while he was in Toronto.

The three are a fat man who came to one of Ray's rooming houses with an envelope for Ray; a husky, fair haired man with whom Ray drank beer several times in a sleazy tavern, and a woman who, one source said, applied for one of Ray's phony birth certificates and said she was his aunt.

Scotland Yard, meanwhile, was checking in Lisbon and Brussels on reports that Ray may have been picking up funds funneled through a Swiss bank.



—AP Wirephotos

NAMES USED BY ACCUSED ASSASSIN—James Earl Ray, the accused assassin of the Rev. Martin Luther King, jr., used the names of at least three Toronto men. He took the names of education consultant Paul Bridgman (center) and Toronto policeman Raymond George Sneyd (left) to obtain false passports and birth certificates. The name of Eric St. Vincent Galt (right) was used by Ray while living in a Toronto boarding house.

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Ray in Tighter Prison; Slaying Writ Names Him

From Press Dispatches

London, England — James Earl Ray, the escaped convict accused of slaying the Rev. Martin Luther King, jr., was transferred under police guard Tuesday to Wandsworth prison where security has been tightened since one of Britain's "great train robbers" went over the walls four years ago.

Wandsworth is considered a safer place for Ray than Brixton prison where the suspect had been held since his arrest Saturday.

American authorities Monday took the first formal step toward extradition of Ray by obtaining a provisional British warrant charging him with the murder of King.

Tuesday, Gov. Buford Ellington signed "all necessary papers" required for Tennessee's formal request that Ray be returned from London to Memphis to stand trial for murder in the Apr. 4 sniper slaying.

Substitute Unlikely

Some legal experts suggested that the British government might speed up the process by deporting Ray as an undesirable alien. But other lawyers said there was a strong tradition against using this procedure as a substitute for extradition.

Ray, 40, made a two minute appearance Monday in Bow Street court on charges of carrying a forged passport and a loaded gun, the charges on which he was arrested at London airport Saturday under the name of Ramon George Sneyd.

There was still some mystery about Ray's earlier movements. London airport officials first said he had been arrested upon flying in from Lisbon. Later they said he was outward bound for Brussels.

Reports from Lisbon showed that the man known as Sneyd had certainly been in

Lisbon earlier.

Hunt for Accomplices

Meanwhile, the New York Times News Service reported, police were investigating the possibility that Ray had important, perhaps underworld, accomplices helping him make his escape to Europe through Canada.

Ray had lived in Toronto for a month before flying to London May 6 using a Canadian passport bearing the name Sneyd.

"He didn't come cold into the city. There was help of some kind," said a Royal Canadian mounted police (RCMP) spokesman. He noted that many Canadians, seeking passports and related documents in the normal way, often complain that it takes longer than the two weeks it took Ray.

Aliases Pose Mystery

RCMP sources note that Ray used the loopholes known to espionage agents and other underworld figures to enter and leave the country. Ray had money. He had also been in Canada a year ago. He lived in Montreal for a while last July, signing an apartment lease under the alias of Eric S. Galt, a name he also used in Los Angeles.

The real Galt, Eric St. Vincent Galt, is a warehouse foreman in Toronto.

One mystery confronting the police is how it happened that the three men whose names Ray used as aliases all lived within a few blocks of each other. They are Galt, Paul Bridgman, a consultant teacher with the Toronto

board of education, and Raymond George Sneyd, a constable of the Toronto police force.

Although Sneyd's first name is Raymond, the name on Ray's forged passport was Ramon George Sneyd.

All three men — Galt, Bridgman and Sneyd — bear certain resemblances to Ray, police say. All have dark hair as does Ray. They are about Ray's height — 5 feet 10 inches. Ray is reported to weigh 174 pounds, Galt weighs 172 and Bridgman 190.

Have Similar Scars

Ray first was sought under the name Eric Starvo Galt. Eric St. Vincent Galt has a signature which looks like Eric Starvo Galt. He uses the middle initials St. V., but with small zeros instead of periods.

Galt and Ray have similar scars, in the middle of the forehead and on the palm of the right hand.

"I don't know what to think," Galt said. "It's a bit more than coincidence. The weight is right, the height range is right and the identification marks are there."

"I've wondered where our paths might have crossed, but I just don't know."

Galt said he was relieved that Ray had been arrested.

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ing June 18. The issuance of the warrant followed.

Asst. United States Atty. Gen. Fred M. Vinson, Jr., is expected to make formal application to Britain's home secretary for extradition as soon as he receives the necessary documentation from the United States.

The home secretary, James Callaghan, will forward the application to the chief magistrate at Bow Street court who will consider whether the documentary evidence submitted by Vinson would be substantial for extradition. The application is expected to reach the court on Tuesday.

Ray will then have 15 days to apply for a writ of habeas corpus.

Under British law and the 1935 treaty of extradition between Britain and the United States, the home secretary cannot surrender Ray to United States authorities before 15 days have passed.

Security measures so tight that even lawyers submitted to frisking, were in effect when Ray was brought into court Monday. No one except the police and legal officers had seen Ray since his arrest Saturday when he tried to board a plane for Brussels.

False Passport

Under the name Sneyd, Ray was charged with using a false passport with that name and carrying an unlicensed, loaded gun. There was no mention in court of the name Ray or of the American charges against him.

Ray is sought on an American federal warrant charging that he took part in a conspiracy to deprive King of his civil rights. He is also charged by a Tennessee court with first degree murder in the slaying of King in Memphis Apr. 14.

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Warrant Says He Killed King BRITAIN CHARGES RAY

US Plans Move for His Return

London, England —AP— The United States government Monday obtained a provisional British warrant charging James Earl Ray with the murder of the Rev. Martin Luther King, jr., clearing ground for a formal application in the next day or two for Ray's return to the United States.

The move followed a calm and impassive appearance by Ray at a perfunctory, two-minute British court session during which he was assigned

a British lawyer in what legal experts said could be his first move to fight extradition for trial.

It was the first bit of legal sparring in a case capable of spiraling into months of argument if the suspect contests the United States justice department request to extradite him "very soon."

Legal sources said the earliest possible date for Ray's return would be June 28, but arguments could run into August if there is a battle.

The landlady of one of the two rooming houses where James Earl Ray lived during his stay in Toronto said Monday that the suspected slayer was visited by a "fat man" who gave him an envelope.

Mrs. Yee Sun Loo said, "A fat man came to the door and asked me if I would give the envelope to him (Ray)." Mrs. Loo, 32, is of Chinese extraction and speaks English poorly.

ly. He said, because of her difficulties with English, he called Ray to come down from his room to collect the package himself. Mrs. Loo said Ray spoke a few words to the man and took the package.

Went to Toronto

At the time of his arrest in London, the Royal Canadian mounted police said Ray came to Toronto on Apr. 8 — four days after the King assassination. The RCMP said he remained until May 6 when he flew to London on a 21 day tourist excursion ticket bought through the Kennedy travel agency in Toronto.

Quick movement was already delayed Monday when Ray, 40, was ordered held without bail by Chief Magistrate Frank Milton, for a hear-

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weeks after Ray came, a letter arrived addressed to Bridgman from provincial registrar's office, which issues birth certificates, Mrs. Sbakowski said. The man left that day and never returned, she said.

Mrs. Sun Loo, the owner of another boarding house where Ray registered under the name of Sneyd, said she saw a "fat man" pass a small envelope to the suspect about four days before he flew to London May 6.

Paid \$345 for Flight

She said she could not give a detailed description of the man and did not know what was in the envelope. Ray got the envelope on the day his rent was due and the day he paid \$345 for an excursion flight ticket to London.

Deputy Chief B. J. Simmonds of the metropolitan Toronto police said Ray somehow was able to obtain enough information on a Paul Bridgman living in suburban Don Mills and Ramon George Sneyd, a Toronto constable, to apply for passports by mail in both their names.

"Our job now is to ascertain how Ray got that information," Simmonds said.

Ray's identity was uncovered after Canadian authorities spent a month searching through as many as 400,000

passport photos. The word was passed to the FBI and to authorities in Europe.

In Lisbon May 8

Ray arrived in Lisbon, Portugal, on May 8. He stayed in the Hotel Portugal until May 17, paying just over \$2 a day for his room on the first floor. Staff members at the hotel recall that he was generally out of his room 15 or 16 hours a day.

The London Daily Express reported that Scotland Yard detectives believe Ray flew back to London between May 16 and May 20 and that he was known to have been at a West London hotel May 22. Scotland Yard refused to confirm or deny the report.

In Washington, however, an FBI spokesman said that, according to the bureau's information, Ray arrived in England May 7, left the same day for Lisbon and flew back to London Saturday.

A Daily Telegraph reporter in London also reported that a man who identified himself as Ramon George Sneyd telephoned the paper several times last week to inquire about joining mercenary forces in Africa.

The reporter said he gave the caller an address in Brussels at which to pursue the matter.



—AP Wirephoto

PASSPORT PHOTO — This passport photograph, seized in Toronto by the Royal Canadian mounted police, led to the arrest in London of James Earl Ray, charged with the murder of the Rev. Martin Luther King, jr.

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British Grant Ray a Lawyer; US Pressing for Extradition

From Press Dispatches

London, England - James Earl Ray made a two minute appearance in Bow Street court Monday. London's chief magistrate ordered the accused killer of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., held without bail for another court appearance June 18.

There was no mention during the brief preliminary hearing of extradition to the United States. But Ray, in a written application, asked the court to appoint an attorney for him, and this was granted.

American legal officials said the extradition process was already in motion and they hoped to return Ray to the United States "very soon."

Spoke Only Twice

In the preliminary hearing on gun and passport violations in Britain, the 40 year old escaped convict spoke only twice and said "No" both times.

First, he was asked by Magistrate Frank Milton if he objected to limiting press coverage of his hearing. The second time he was asked if he had a lawyer.

The June 18 court date gave the prosecution and the defense more time to prepare to argue the charges that Ray held fraudulent passports and a loaded gun illegally when arrested Saturday at London airport. His capture ended a worldwide hunt that began Apr. 4 when King was slain in Memphis, Tenn.

3 Charges in US

Ray is wanted on a Tennessee charge of murder, a federal charge of conspiring to deny King his civil rights, and a Missouri charge that he escaped from prison there on Apr. 23, 1967.

Fred M. Vinson, jr., assistant attorney general, flew to London and saw Ray in his

cell Sunday. But in Washington, Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark said Ray had made no statement.

Clark said he could not estimate how soon Ray might be returned to the United States. It is possible, he said, that Ray might waive extradition or that he might be deported.

If extradition is necessary, legal sources in London said, the Bow Street court would require material evidence showing a case against Ray. The procedure normally would take two or three weeks, but if Ray fought the case it could take much longer.

Michael Dresden was named by the court as Ray's solicitor, or lawyer. Dresden will prepare the defense and choose an attorney to argue the case in court.

Dresden's office declined to answer questions about the case, including what stand it might take on an extradition request.

Ray came into the court through a side door, flanked by two policemen. He looked calm and spoke in a firm voice.

The suspect's dark hair was flecked with gray at the temples, and his face was tanned.

Two benches were occupied by about 35 reporters. Another 20 were outside the courtroom, and about 50 persons jammed the enclosure set aside for the public. Everyone entering the court was searched for weapons.

Police Line Court

Plainclothesmen and uniformed police lined the courtroom and led Ray away after the hearing. It was believed that he was taken to Brixton prison, considered one of London's most secure jails.

Ray was arrested under the name of Ramon George Sneyd, the name on his Canadian passport.

The United States embassy

in London refused to disclose any information on his activities or whereabouts before his arrest Saturday. Gradually, however, the story began to unfold.

Four days after the Apr. 4 slaying, Ray went to a rooming house in Toronto and rented a \$10 a week room under the name of Paul Bridgman, said the landlady, Mrs. Adam Szpakowski.

Mrs. Szpakowski said she thought she recognized him from a newspaper sketch of the man wanted for King's slaying, but her husband told her she was wrong and they forgot it.

Later, she said, when she was cleaning Ray's room, she found a newspaper folded open to the sketch. She said her suspicions were not aroused because "he was such a gentleman."

That same day, about two

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (44-388)

DATE: June 10, 1968

FROM : SA EUGENE I. SATHER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At Eau Claire, Wisconsin

On 6/4/68 Mrs. T. MAC NICHOL, Salvation Army, 102 West Grand Avenue was furnished an identification order of RAY and stated this individual was unknown to her. She said her husband, Major MAC NICHOL and herself are in charge of this location. She related before they furnish lodging at a local hotel for a transient that person has to be cleared by the local police department.

Mrs. MAC NICHOL stated they would notify the FBI immediately if any information pertaining to RAY came to their attention.

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DOLGE was at the bar working on 5/8/68 and did not resemble RAY except for general build. It is noted other offices have reported RAY to be attending bartender schools and to be in other areas, such as California, in early 1968, during period DOLGE continued his employment at the Steak Knife.

Bartenders are licensed in this area and their fingerprints are forwarded to the FBI Identification Division.

Mrs. ERMA MC GILL, Credit Bureau of Milwaukee stated that bureau records concerning one GERALD DOLGE and wife, KATHLEEN, last address 2112A South 31st Street, date back to July, 1965. This GERALD DOLGE was born In 1967 he filed bankruptcy.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (44-388)

DATE: 6/12/68

FROM : SA DONALD E. REILLY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Memo to SAC, Milwaukee from SA GEORGE J. VOPAL dated 5/6/68; Memo to SAC, Milwaukee from J. RICHARD NICHOLS dated 5/8/68.

On 5/9/68, the following persons were contacted with negative results:

Mrs. A. WILLIAMS, Secretary to Bakers' and Confectionery Union, 3711 North National Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Mrs. LENORE HAHLEBECK, President, American Bakers' Union, 3412 West Burleigh, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The following investigation was conducted by SA RAYMOND L. JOHNSON and SA DONALD E. REILLY on 5/8/68:

Mrs. BEATRICE MICHAUD, Owner, Busy Bee Embroidery, 4701 West North Avenue, Milwaukee, was contacted and advised that a man came in to her store to have a bartender's jacket embroidered with the name "JERRY" on it. She stated that this individual stated he was a bartender at the Steak Knife Restaurant, Milwaukee.

She advised from photographs exhibited in the newspaper this individual closely resembled JAMES EARL RAY.

On 5/8/68, GEORGE KRANTZ, Owner, Steak Knife Restaurant, 11703 West Bluemound Road, Elm Grove, Wisconsin, stated that GERALD "JERRY" DOLGE has been employed as a bartender for months working days steadily, is not identical with JAMES EARL RAY, and could not have been in Memphis at the time of the KING assassination due to his steady employment.

He displayed employment records for the year 1968 and same reflect DOLGE, Social Security # [redacted] address - 7010 West North Avenue, telephone # 258-6951, worked every week during pay periods ending 12/31/67 - 4/28/68. He worked 45 hours during week ending 4/7/68.



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To: All SACs
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[Signature]
From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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For your information and investigative assistance, subject James Earl Ray has been known to consort with prostitutes and "street bums." A photograph of subject was obtained from a prostitute in Mexico. This photograph showing subject wearing sunglasses was previously forwarded to your office.

This should be borne in mind in your daily contact with informants, officers of vice squads and prostitutes in covering leads in connection with this and other cases.

Armed and dangerous.

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Post Office Box 663
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201

June 11, 1968

Commander Donald Hintze
United States Coast Guard
Marine Inspection Team
135 W. Wells
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53203

Dear Mr. Hintze:

This letter will confirm a telephone conversation between yourself and Special Agent William Y. Doran of my office on June 10, 1968, cancelling a stop notice on James Earl Ray.

Your cooperation and efforts in this matter are greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

DEAN W. ELSON
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 663
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201

June 11, 1968

Victor Chorinski
Special Deputy
Milwaukee County Airport
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53207

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Special Agent in Charge



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (44-388)

DATE: May 8, 1968

FROM : SA J. RICHARD NICHOLS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 1 PM, 5/8/68 Mrs. BEATRICE MICHAUD, Owner, Busy Bee Embroidery, 4107 West North Avenue, Milwaukee, telephone 871-1160, home address 14460 Mildale Street, Brookfield, Wisconsin, home phone 781-3444, telephonically reported the following information.

Mrs. MICHAUD stated that she was alerted by a picture appearing in the "Milwaukee Sentinel" 5/8/68 of an individual without glasses which indicated he was JAMES EARL RAY, being sought in connection with captioned case. She said this individual had been in early in the year and left a jacket and did not return for this jacket until 4/16/68, stating that he had been out of town. She said he resembled the picture in the photograph of the "Milwaukee Sentinel" and was a fidgety sort of character, around 34 years of age, 5'8" - 5'10", broad shoulders and well built, around 185 pounds, blond hair, lighter than sandy in color. She said he indicated he was a bartender at the Steak Knife Restaurant on Bluemound Road in Milwaukee.

It is suggested that an Agent be immediately assigned to re-contact Mrs. MICHAUD who will be at her place of employment until 4 PM this date and at home tomorrow, 5/9/68, and will return to the Busy Bee Embroidery Shop at 1 PM, 5/9/68.

Investigation should be conducted at the Steak Knife Restaurant on Bluemound Road in an attempt to identify this individual.

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copies of Ray's fingerprints and an account of his mysterious movements from King's assassination last April until his arrest last Saturday. The American case also will include depositions from persons who saw the alleged assassin shortly before King was shot in Memphis.

As a safety measure, United States officials also plan to file a formal request for Ray's extradition on a Missouri bank robbery charge. Ray had served 7 years of a 20 year sentence for the holdup when he escaped from prison last year.

[Jerry Ray, the brother of the accused slayer, said Tuesday in a Chicago television interview that Ray did not shoot King, but "was used" by a "rich southern party." He did not specify the party.]

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Mysteries Cloud Activities of Ray Across Europe

London, England -UPI- The mysterious activities in Europe of James Earl Ray, wanted for the murder of the Rev. Martin Luther King, jr., were clouded in a fog of conflicting reports Tuesday.

While United States officials swiftly gathered documents to present a formal request Wednesday or Thursday for Ray's extradition to the United States, both American and British officials declared a news blackout on the enigma of the much traveled fugitive.

Officials confirmed Tuesday only that Ray had been transferred from ancient Brixton prison to the maximum security wing at Wandsworth prison. Two policemen were posted inside Ray's prison cell at all times.

Scotland Yard detectives fanned out across London, interviewing hotel keepers where Ray stayed under the alias of Ramon Sneyd and confiscating registration records in an effort to determine if he had any contacts in this city.

No Contacts Found

Indications were Ray had no contacts in London. Hotels reported he seldom ventured from his rooms and received no phone calls, mail or visitors before his arrest at the London airport last Saturday on a tip from the United States federal bureau of investigation that he was the alleged King assassin.

Because officials offered no explanations for fear pretrial leaks would prejudice a case against Ray, the London press was in an uproar over the mystery.

Two versions of Ray's movements circulated here

● Ray arrived in London from Canada around May 5, flew to Lisbon May 7 and returned June 8 to London to make a connecting flight to Brussels. He was arrested after he walked into the airport transit lounge and questioned for three hours. This version was furnished by police sources within minutes of the announcement of Ray's arrest and continued to be supplied by the FBI in Washington after local evidence to the contrary appeared here.

● Ray returned from Lisbon to London May 17 and stayed in at least two small hotels until he was arrested at the airport en route to Brussels. But passengers leaving England would not go through the transit lounge, although officials insisted that was where he was apprehended.

Reports circulated Ray had gone to Lisbon and planned to travel to Brussels to pick up money transferred to him from a Swiss bank. Lisbon banks were said to have been asked by Scotland Yard to check all new accounts and transfers. Unanswered was who had opened any accounts, when and why.

Sought Mercenaries

The London Daily Telegraph insisted Ray telephoned its offices to ask the address in Brussels of a now outlawed recruiting office for white mercenaries fighting in Africa. Mercenary centers also are said to exist in Lisbon, causing belief that a wish to hide out in a mercenary squad and not money drew Ray to Portugal and Belgium.

The owner of an obscure hotel in rundown Pimlico district Monday confirmed the second version of Ray's movements.

Mrs. Anna Thomas, owner

of the Pa hotel, said Ray "refused to sign the register but told me his name was Sneyd" when he checked in last Wednesday for three days.

He kept the door of his room locked at all times and when I brought his breakfast up he told me to leave it outside," Mrs. Thomas told reporters.

The tenant left suddenly Saturday morning, paying 4 pounds 10 shillings (\$10.80) for his room, Mrs. Thomas said.

In Toronto, a rooming house landlady said Tuesday that a short, slight man came looking for James Earl Ray three or four days after Ray flew to London.

Mrs. Fela Szpakowski was unable to give newsmen any more details of the caller, the second Ray received during his month long stay in Toronto.

Meanwhile, American officials ordered documents from Missouri, Tennessee and other points to try to establish airtight proof that the sullen man called Sneyd really was James Earl Ray.

Informed legal sources said that the American request for Ray's extradition to the United States would have to establish his identity as Ray beyond the shadow of a doubt "in the eyes of British law." The United States also must lay out a good legal case for murder charges in Tennessee, the legal sources said.

The sources said the American file would include FBI

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Ray Extradition Formally Sought

London, England -AP- A formal request for the extradition of James Earl Ray, accused assassin of the Rev. Martin Luther King, jr., was handed to the British foreign office Wednesday by United States officials.

The documents were handed to the foreign office's treaties and nationalities section by American Consul General Jack Herfurt.

The United States embassy declined details of the petition. It merely described it as "documents required for the extradition proceedings."

The documents run several hundred pages and contain information on Ray's identity and the cases against him — both in connection with King's murder and his escape from the Missouri state prison while serving an armed robbery sentence.

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The man appeared May 2, paid Miss Spencer \$345 in cash for the ticket, picked up his passport and left. The travel agency had mailed the passport application to officials in Ottawa.

The case with which the fraudulent passport application was accepted prompted Canada's external affairs minister, Mitchell Sharp, to order an investigation of passport issuing practices.

The search for King's assassin first turned up a suspect identified as Eric Starvo Galt, but the FBI later said Galt really was Ray, a 40 year old escapee from the Missouri state penitentiary.

Questions Raised

Among the questions raised by Ray's extensive travels since the shooting is where he got the money.

An extensive check of the suspect's activities since he escaped about a year before King's murder showed that he rarely worked but appeared well supplied with money. He had served seven years of a 20 year sentence for armed robbery.

A chief source of speculation about the shooting has been that Ray was part of a group that plotted King's death with care, but no other persons are known to be involved at this point.

A fellow inmate in Missouri said Ray once told him he would be willing to kill King for \$1 million.

It was not clear immediate-

ly whether Ray would be returned — under the United States-British extradition treaty — on a federal conspiracy charge or under a Tennessee indictment for first degree murder.

Quick Return Sought

Under the latter charge Tennessee would initiate the extradition proceeding and Gov. Buford Ellington said Saturday that "whatever needs to be done will be done" to return Ray as soon as possible.

Fred M. Vinson, jr., assistant attorney general in charge of the criminal division of the justice department, left Saturday evening for London to review "the custody, protection and expeditious return to this country of James Earl Ray," the department announced.

Ray is being held for a hearing Monday at London's Bow Street court.

King's widow, Mrs. Coretta King, was informed of Ray's capture as she attended the funeral of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy in New York Saturday. She did not comment.

The death of King had sparked racial riots in more than 100 cities and came as he was organizing the poor people's campaign — an attempt to push the federal government to greater efforts on behalf of the nation's poor.

Ray's capture was announced to the poor people's marchers in Washington over the public address system at Resurrection City.

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Ray Finally Found in 400,000 Photos

From Press Dispatches

The break that led to the capture of James Earl Ray, the accused assassin of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., came after an examination of up to 400,000 passport photos in Washington and in Ottawa, Ontario.

Ray's arrest at London airport Saturday came about through the co-operation of the federal bureau of investigation, the royal Canadian mounted police, Scotland Yard and authorities in Portugal.

The project that put police on Ray's trail was initiated by the FBI in Washington shortly after King's slaying in Memphis, Tenn., on Apr. 4.

Search Begun Apr. 5

It involved going through every photo of every passport issued since Apr. 5.

The FBI had no luck on its efforts. But since it was known that Ray once visited Canada, the FBI asked Canadian officials to institute a similar search.

Early last month, a Canadian passport form bearing Ray's photograph, but under the name Ramon George Sneyd was turned up. The hunt focused on Toronto.

Police there had no trouble locating the real Sneyd. He is a 35 year old metropolitan policeman who spells his first name Raymond instead of Ramon. He knew nothing about any passport application.

Month Spent in Canada

Police discovered that Ray had lived in Toronto for a month, after arriving in the city Apr. 8.

They said the suspect used two addresses during his stay — one a rooming house in the Italian district and the other on Dundas st., a district of small shops.

It was learned that Ray, posing as Sneyd, had arranged with a travel agency to obtain a passport and to buy a round



James Earl Ray

trip ticket to London. He flew to London May 6.

The following day, he turned in the return half of his ticket and obtained a flight to Lisbon, Portugal, instead. He is believed to have left for Portugal the same day.

In Lisbon he obtained a second Canadian passport from the Canadian embassy on May 16. He then dropped out of sight.

After the fraudulent passport was uncovered a few days ago, Portuguese and British immigration officials, police and airline personnel were instructed to be on the lookout for a person using the Ca-

nadian passport under the name of Sneyd.

Saturday morning in London, Ray arrived in transit to Brussels, Belgium. He was still posing as Sneyd.

Authorities spotted him promptly. While his passport was being examined, he was searched and a loaded pistol was found in a hip pocket.

Scotland Yard then was called and the arrest followed.

Complaints to Canada

There have been past complaints to the Canadian government that foreigners have been able to obtain Canadian passports too easily.

A person applying for a Canadian passport must have someone, usually a professional man, sign a declaration that he has known him for two years, or else the applicant must swear an affidavit before a notary public.

Miss Lillian Spencer, the office manager of the travel firm, said the man identified as Ray told her that he had been born in Toronto, had moved away and then had returned. She said he told her that he did not have a birth certificate and that, as a recent returnee, he could not find a guarantor who would vouch for having known him two years.

Statement Witnessed

It is routine in such cases, she said, a notary public witnessed the man's statement that he was Sneyd.

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US Official Visits Ray After Capture

London, England -AP- Asst. United States Atty. Gen. Fred M. Vinson, jr., arriving in London to "expedite the extradition" of James Earl Ray, visited the accused killer of the Rev. Martin Luther King, jr. at a heavily guarded police station Sunday, but declined to estimate how long it will take to get him back to the United States.

Talking to newsmen on the steps of the American embassy, where about 200 persons waited to sign a condolence book for Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, Vinson said: "I would not want to go into any details about court procedure."

Ray, 40, was being kept under tight security at Cannon Row police station in preparation for his appearance Monday morning at Bow Street magistrate's court. He will answer there to two charges growing out of his arrest Saturday at Heathrow airport—traveling under a forged passport and illegal possession of a firearm.

Ray, who disappeared for two months after King's assassination Apr. 4, had a fully loaded pistol in his hip pocket when immigration officers seized him trying to catch a plane for Brussels while in transit from Lisbon.

Vinson also declined to say if he would seek to extradite Ray on the federal charge of conspiring to deny King his civil rights or on a Tennessee charge that he murdered King.

The state of Missouri Sunday requested the return of Ray, who escaped from a prison there on Apr. 23, 1967. Gov. Warren E. Hearnes said he hoped the Missouri request would speed Ray's extradition, but he did not say whether his extradition request should be given precedence over one from Tennessee.

A United States embassy spokesman said Vinson talked during the day with Thomas Butler, Scotland Yard's ace detective who worked on the Ray case, about speeding up procedures and setting a timetable for Ray's transfer to the United States.

The suspect was booked under the name of Ramon George Sneyd, the name which appeared on his false Canadian passport, but the justice department said he definitely was Ray.

An American embassy official said Ray's extradition papers would include "all his known aliases," and that the name Sneyd would raise no problems in that respect.

The narrow street leading to Cannon Row police station, about 200 yards from the house of parliament, was deserted Sunday, in marked contrast to the crowd which milled there after word of Ray's arrest was announced Saturday.

Seized at Airport

Ray was seized by immigration officials at Heathrow airport after he stopped over at 6:10 a.m. Saturday on a British European Airways jet from Lisbon. He was headed for Brussels.

At the immigration barrier for transit passengers, officials asked Ray to enter their office "for further inquiries" on suspicion that his Canadian passport was false.

Searching him they found the loaded revolver.

Close Security

Police made their formal arrest five hours after Ray's arrival. But they kept a close security clamp on him and repeatedly denied that they were holding him even after the announcement of his arrest came from Washington.

Vinson told newsmen at London airport earlier that people in America were "delighted" at Ray's arrest and that was greeted with "a great feeling of relief."

"We have been looking for him for a long time," Vinson said.

Vinson was asked whether he would apply for a voluntary or a compulsory extradition order.

'Easiest Way Best'

"The easiest way is always the best one," he replied.

He gave the impression he did not anticipate any difficulty or much delay in bringing Ray back to the United States for trial.

It was learned that Ray had flown from Canada to London May 6 with a round trip ticket but cashed in the return portion in exchange for passage to Lisbon and went right on to Portugal getting off in the British capital.

The federal bureau of investigation, with the help of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, had picked up Ray's trail in Canada—apparently after he left—and officers satisfied themselves a few days ago that the man bearing a passport in Sneyd's name was Ray.

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Race
Sex
Date of Birth
Place of Birth
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White
Male

Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Chronic alcoholic between
1958 and present;
presently practicing member
of Alcoholics Anonymous
and considered a recovered
alcoholic

HEEDERIK also stated that being involved in radio and television work as he was, he had a special radio antenna and equipment in his automobile. He also used to spend many hours sitting by the window of the hotel with binoculars just watching the general public. HEEDERIK said that for these reasons he was probably considered a suspicious character, and for that reason believed that RICH (LNU) was an FBI Agent or some other type of Agent who was assigned to surveil him.

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JACKSON DIVISION

AT Gulfport, Mississippi

Will at Holders Hotel, attempt to determine occupants of above-described rooms during pertinent period and evaluate significance of above information.

front of the Holders Hotel. They saw a man get out of the car and heard him running up the stairs of the Hotel toward HEEDERIK's room. HEEDERIK stated that at about this time RICH put a handlock on HEEDERIK and whispered, "Make it look real." At about this point, the man who was in the black automobile entered HEEDERIK's room and said, "RICH, leave him alone." HEEDERIK stated that at this point RICH and the unidentified man from the automobile left the room together, and he, HEEDERIK, has never seen either of them since. HEEDERIK stated that recent photographs of JAMES EARL RAY in which RAY was wearing glasses as on Canadian passport photo have caused him to believe the man in the black automobile was, in fact, JAMES EARL RAY. HEEDERIK offered the following descriptions:

1) RICH LNU

Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5'9"
Weight	175 lbs.
Complexion	Buddy
Hair	Sparse, light brown-reddish; combed straight back
Eyes	Blue
Age	Approximately 29 years old

2) Man in black automobile

Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5'9"
Weight	160 lbs.
Hair	Dark
Glasses	Hornrimmed
Age	30 years old

HEEDERIK stated he never reported the above-described incidents to anyone in Gulfport, Mississippi, and unless he had seen the photographs of RAY in the paper, he would not have reported it at all.

DELBERT HEEDERIK is described as follows:

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AIRMAIL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE (44-388) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 6/18/68, DELBERT HEEDERIK, Laboratory Aide, Radio Isotopes Section, Wood Veterans Hospital, Wood, Wisconsin, furnished the following information concerning instant case:

HEEDERIK, a recovered alcoholic, with a record of numerous arrests for drunkenness and disorderly conduct by the Milwaukee Police Department, advised that approximately 5/27/67, he was staying at the Holders Hotel in Gulfport, Mississippi. He stated that he occupied an upstairs front room on the southeast corner of the Hotel, and that the room directly west of him was occupied by an individual he described as a muscle man for the Klan. He also stated that an individual known to him as RICH (LNU) occupied the room west of the Klansman's room. He stated that while staying at the Hotel, he was employed at Oberlies Radio and TV Company as a repair technician.

HEEDERIK stated that on approximately 5/27/67, he invited a man known to him only as RICH (LNU), and who was reportedly to be a guitar player, into his room for a glass of beer. He stated that while he and RICH were drinking beer, they noticed a large black automobile, which appeared to be an executive limousine, drive up in

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they have a first cousin by the name of RUBY CRUMP who has been married several times and whose whereabouts are unknown.

They advised they did not lie as to ROBERT's whereabouts and if he were responsible for the theft of a car or passing bad checks or any other crime, he should be caught and punished.

Investigation in Lenoir indicated that all members of IVEY SANDERS' family are law-abiding citizens with the exception of ROBERT FRANKLIN and they are a working class people with good reputations. There is no indication that SANDERS are engaged in any klan activities. EARL HALL operated a used car business in Lenoir for a number of years but sold out but just recently re-established this business. He has the reputation of being a shrewd car dealer not known to engage in any illegal activities.

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1. Re-interview [REDACTED], bearing in mind above information and the fact ROBERT FRANKLIN SANDERS is the suspect in a car theft and in the cashing of numerous worthless checks.

2. Attempt to obtain toll tickets concerning telephone calls set forth in referenced Milwaukee teletype.

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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Date:

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On 6/17/68 SAMUEL JERRY SANDERS was recontacted and advised he had discussed this matter with his wife and youngest brother, JACOB DOUGLAS SANDERS and they both advised him they had not received any telephone calls from ROBERT FRANKLIN SANDERS or anyone else from the State of Wisconsin during the week of 6/9-16/68.

For the information of the Bureau and all offices, PAUL and JERRY SANDERS were interviewed at length and at no time displayed any animosity toward minority groups of the Federal Government and indicated a high regard for the FBI.

They both advised their father, IVEY SANDERS, had tried to help their oldest brother, ROBERT FRANKLIN SANDERS, for a number of years but finally gave up. They stated there were 13 members of the immediate family and on numerous occasions had sent ROBERT money to pay fines or lawyer's fees when actually the money was needed to buy food and clothing for other members of the family. Both brothers also indicated they and other members of the family had helped ROBERT on numerous occasions but for the past several years have refused to assist any financial aid and no longer accept any collect telephone calls from him. They both stated they had unlisted telephone numbers for this reason in order to prevent any unnecessary calls from ROBERT or any of his associates to their homes. They stated that ROBERT had traveled extensively over the U. S. and the family never knew where he was or when he would next appear in Caldwell Co., N. C., PAUL indicated that he could not place any confidence in any information that ROBERT gave him and he might tell you he was going to Calif. when actually he would be going to the next county.

ROBERT SANDERS' brothers indicated that they knew EARL HALL as a used car dealer only and have no personal association with him. RUBY ANDERSON is unknown to them but

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On 6/17/68 PAUL ELLISON SANDERS, 109 Radcliff Rd., Lenoir, N.C., Telephone 754-4930, advised he does not accept any collect telephone calls from his brother, ROBERT FRANKLIN SANDERS, and the last time he talked with his brother, ROBERT, was about 2 or perhaps 3 weeks ago when ROBERT called him at approximately 4 or 5 A.M. desiring to know if PAUL had heard from ROBERT's wife and family. This was the last contact he has had with ROBERT and stated he definitely did not receive any long distance telephone calls during the week of 6/9-16/68 from ROBERT or anyone else from the State of Wisconsin. He stated he worked several nights until around 11 P.M. and on Friday night, 6/14/68, visited his father, IVEY SANDERS of Lenoir. PAUL SANDERS pointed out it was possible his wife may have received a call from his brother, ROBERT FRANKLIN SANDERS from Wisconsin.

Subsequently on 6/17/68 PAUL SANDERS advised that he had discussed this matter with his wife and she stated she did not receive any long distance telephone calls during the week of 6/9-16/68. She stated ROBERT SANDERS had called PAUL's home on Sunday evening either 6/2/68 or 6/9/68 from an unknown location and this was the last contact she had had with ROBERT SANDERS. She definitely received no calls from Wisconsin to her knowledge during the week of 6/9-16/68.

On 6/17/68 EARL HALL, Hall's Used Cars, Lenoir, N.C., Telephone 758-2908, advised that he usually closes his used car lot at approximately 6 P.M. and at the latest 6:30 P.M. He stated ROBERT FRANKLIN SANDERS was unknown to him to the best of his recollection. He stated he did not receive any long distance telephone calls during the week of 6/9-16/68 and especially from anyone in the State of Wisconsin.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365)

MURKIN

Re Milwaukee teletype to Bureau, 6/15/68 and Charlotte teletype 6/16/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA BOIS D. CROCKER in Caldwell Co., N. C., under pretext ROBERT FRANKLIN SANDERS being sought by FBI for questioning in car theft and suspect in cashing of numerous worthless checks in connection with Charlotte file 26-39873.

On 6/16/68 SAMUEL JERRY SANDERS, Route 1, Box 111, (Cottrell Hill Rd.), Lenoir, N. C., Telephone 758-2100, advised he had just returned from 2 weeks National Guard duty at Ft. Bragg, N. C., on that date. During the two weeks of guard duty his wife resided with his brother's wife, Mrs. BILL SANDERS, in Lenoir. His 19 year old brother, JACOB DOUGLAS SANDERS resides in the home with him and would have been at home at this telephone number at nights only. He denied receiving any telephone calls from his brother, ROBERT FRANKLIN SANDERS or anyone else and especially calls from the State of Wisconsin.

On 6/16/68 JACOB DOUGLAS SANDERS, Route 1, Box 111, Lenoir, N. C., advised he resided with his brother but did not receive any telephone calls from Wisconsin during the previous week and he has had no recent contact with his brother, ROBERT.

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Ray Counsel Won't Fight Extradition

Atlanta, Ga. —AP— The attorney who tentatively has agreed to defend James Earl Ray says he does not plan to fight extradition — which would return the accused assassin of the Rev. Martin Luther King to this country.

Arthur J. Hanes, former FBI agent and former mayor of Birmingham, Ala., made the comment here as he boarded a plane for Washington Tuesday to check on passport arrangements for his trip to England, where Ray is being held.

Hanes was asked if he planned to request a change of venue once Ray was returned to Memphis for trial.

"No sir, I will not," Hanes said. "I feel that the people of Memphis and the people of Tennessee are fair minded and just — like most Americans."

Hanes said he had no personal knowledge of the prisoner.

"I've never heard of Ray, and I've never heard of any of the aliases used," he said. "This man, whoever he may be, is unknown to me. I don't know who's in jail in London, and I'm not so sure that anybody in this country knows as of now."

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British Court Sets June 27 For Ray Extradition Case

Los Angeles Times Special

London, England - Formal extradition proceedings against James Earl Ray, accused in the slaying of the Rev. Martin Luther King, jr., were set for June 27 by a British court Tuesday in a preliminary hearing.

The only unexpected event during the brief, 10 minute session in Bow Street magistrates court was a denial by Ray's defense counsel, "on behalf of my client," of a British newspaper headline that said Ray had been "interviewed" by a United States official.

The denial does nothing for Ray's case. If anything, it helps the case against him for he might have tried to claim improper interference in British law by a foreign official if it were true.

So the incident was surprising and even puzzling. A possible explanation was that Ray, who gets newspapers in prison, wanted it known that he had not been "talking."

Does Not Speak

The 40 year old prisoner appeared in court under the same heavy police guard as on his first hearing June 10.

He did not speak at any point and showed no emotion when the British lawyer representing the United States, Nigel Graham Maw, read the two extradition counts. The first said:

"James Earl Ray, hereinafter called the defendant, suspected and accused of the commission of the crime of murder, to wit, on Apr. 4, 1968, in Shelby county, state of Tennessee, did unlawfully, feloniously, willfully, deliberately, premeditatedly and of

his malice aforethought, kill and murder Martin Luther King, jr. within the jurisdiction of the United States."

The second count dealt with robbery with violence and a deadly weapon in 1960 for which Ray was sentenced to 20 years. He is wanted for escaping from a Missouri prison last year.

British Case Told

Chief Magistrate Frank Milton dealt initially with the British case of passport and gun violation charges against the prisoner who is charged here in the name of Ramon George Sneyd. Ray was arrested on those charges June 8 at London airport as he sought to board a plane for Brussels. Two days later he was remanded in custody until Tuesday.

The magistrate continued the remand until June 27, and he agreed with the prosecution request that extradition should take precedent over the British case in the future. Presumably, there will be no further action on the British charges, except for keeping Ray in custody on them until completion of the American case.

Extradition was then taken up while Ray, between escorts, continued to stand facing the magistrate. A human wall of nine plainclothes officers stood behind him facing the audience of 50 correspondents and 25 in the public gallery, all of whom had been searched before they were admitted.

Complaint Cited

Ray's court appointed lawyer, Roger Frisby, rose to complain of the headline (but not the story) in the London

Times June 10 which said Ray had been "interviewed" in jail the day before by Asst. United States Atty. Gen. Fred M. Vinson, jr.

"Mr. Sneyd (alias Ray) is extremely anxious to make clear," Frisby said, "that there was no interview with Mr. Vinson or any other officer of the United States government. . . ." such an interview would be a "most improper thing," he added.

The magistrate agreed and thanked Frisby for the statement.

Confusion Traced

The misunderstanding arose when Vinson, who had come to London to speed extradition of Ray, was asked by reporters on June 9 whether he had "seen" Ray in Cannon Row police station. He replied simply "yes." Immediately after the Times headline appeared, Vinson made a public statement denying any interview, explaining that he caught a glimpse of Ray through the cell door while visiting the jail.

The incident would not jeopardize the extradition case because there was in fact no interview, but why Frisby and Ray should have gone out of the way to set the record straight remains curious.

The court was also told that all the necessary evidence against Ray had now been submitted by the United States.

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TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (137-1626)

DATE: 6/25/68

FROM : SA RAYMOND L. JOHNSON

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

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SUBJECT: MARY ANN WICKS

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Purpose and results of contact		
☐ NEGATIVE		
☒ POSITIVE		
☐ STATISTIC		
PCI stated that DYRELL DENNIS, who was contacted by SA WILLIAM Y. DORAN at the Royal Hotel in the past in connection with MURKIN, continues to reside in room 311 at the hotel. DENNIS has been placing \$15 to \$20 almost every day in the hotel safe for safekeeping. PCI suspects DENNIS may be prostituting herself as DENNIS has attempted to take males to her room and there have been many instances where men have attempted to go up to her room.		
☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating VERY GOOD	Coverage SAME

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TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (44-388)

DATE: June 27, 1968

FROM : SA JOHN L. DUFFY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Memo of SA WILLIAM Y. DORAN, 5/24/68.

On 5/29/68, Captain WARREN VOEGELI, Walworth County Sheriff's Department, Elkhorn, Wisconsin, advised his department had no unidentified dead individuals at the present time.

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Ray's 2nd Day in British Court Will Begin Extradition Contest

© New York Times News Service
London, England — James Earl Ray, accused of slaying the Rev. Martin Luther King, jr., will make his second appearance in Bow st. magistrate's court Tuesday.

At that time, the chief metropolitan magistrate, Frank Milton, will inform him that American authorities are seeking two warrants for his extradition.

The hearing had been scheduled to examine charges on which Ray was arrested at London airport last Saturday: Possessing a forged passport and carrying a firearm. These charges probably will be set aside, and the magistrate will fix a date for the formal hearing on the extradition warrants.

Warrants Outlined

One warrant seeks Ray's extradition to face trial in Memphis, Tenn., for the murder of King Apr. 4. The other seeks his extradition as an escaped convict. In 1967, Ray fled the Missouri state penitentiary, where he still had 13 years to serve of a 20 year term for armed robbery and car theft.

Extradition from Britain is a complicated procedure. The extradition act of 1870 provides for the surrender by Britain of fugitive criminals to another state, but only after several conditions are met.

The United States authorities must establish, to the satisfaction of the chief magistrate, that there is prima facie (self-evident) evidence that Ray murdered King. Mere suspicion that the escaped felon committed the assassination is not enough.

Interview Denied

Moreover, if evidence of Ray's guilt could be produced only after American authorities interrogated him, the application for extradition would be rejected.

That was why the United

States was at pains to deny published reports that Fred M. Vinson, jr., assistant attorney general, had interviewed Ray before Vinson returned to Washington last Thursday.

The British law permits Ray to argue that his alleged crime was a political offense. Under the extradition act no one may be turned over to another country for a political crime.

This law probably explains why American authorities also are seeking his extradition as an escaped criminal.

Alternative Procedure

But under the 1931 extradition treaty with the United States, if Ray is surrendered on the lesser charge he cannot later be charged in an American court with the murder of King. It is assumed that the United States will press for extradition on the murder charge.

However, there is an alternative to extradition under the 1870 act. This is the device of "disguised extradition."

It means using the powers given to the home secretary to deport any alien. A deportation order that expressly required an alien to leave Britain and go to the United States would be illegal. But there may be a way of getting around this.

In 1917 it was held lawful for the home secretary to require an alien to leave Britain on a particular ship or plane, even if the sole object was to give effect to a request from a

foreign state for his surrender. However, the house of lords, in its judicial capacity, could overturn this decision.

Could Agree to Return

Ray could uncomplicate the issue by agreeing to return voluntarily to the United States. Wandsworth prison, where he is now held, is probably grimmer than most American jails. But the comparative comforts of the jails are hardly likely to induce him to return home and face trial for murder.

The formal hearing on the extradition warrants would normally be set in a week or 10 days, but Ray's court appointed counsel could request another week to study the evidence submitted by the United States.

Then, if extradition is ordered, Ray will have 15 days to appeal.

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TO : SAC, Milwaukee (44-388)

DATE: 5/31/68

FROM : SA Tommy E. Cauthen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 5/28/68 EDWARD J. WAVRO, Kenosha County Coroner, advised that he would be the one to know if there were any unidentified deceased in the Kenosha County area and that there were none who had not been identified in the county.



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (44-388)

DATE: 6/12/68

FROM : SA TOLBERT L. GREENWOOD

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo of SA WILLIAM Y. DORAN dated 5/24/68.

The following individuals were contacted per this memo by SA GREENWOOD with negative results:

Chief Deputy, Robert Berteman, Racine County Sheriff's Department on 6/4/68

Captain Earl O. Christensen, Chief of Detectives, Racine Police Department on 6/4/68

The Rescue Mission and Salvation Army Mission in Racine do not operate boarding facilities and operate only a mission and as collectors of salvage and donated articles.

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lars discarded in a shop doorway after King was killed at the Lorraine motel in Memphis, Tenn., Apr. 4.

"I found one print on the rifle and one on the sight and also on the binoculars," Bonebrake said. "I compared them for fingerprints of James Earl Ray in the Los Angeles police file. I found that they belonged to one and the same individual."

Third Hearing

It was Ray's third court appearance. His two preliminary hearings had been brief. The proceedings Thursday provided the first extensive look at the United States government's case against him.

Referring to Ray throughout as Sneyd, Calcutt gave the court this account:

On Mar. 29, six days before King was killed in Memphis, Tenn., Ray went to a store in Birmingham, Ala., and bought a rifle with telescopic sights and ammunition. There was another customer in the shop at the time, John Deshazo, an Alabaman.

Deshazo declared in a sworn affidavit read by Calcutt that he saw a man in a dark business suit handle several weapons and buy a rifle. The man said he was going hunting in Wisconsin with his brother or brother-in-law, Deshazo said.

The next day Ray was not satisfied and wanted to change the rifle, Calcutt said,

and he took instead a Remington 760 that had telescopic sights attached to it. He also bought ammunition.

Calcutt said United States authorities had a witness who saw Ray enter a rooming house bathroom overlooking

the Memphis motel where King died, heard a shot fired from the bathroom and watched Ray come out of the room a minute later.

The witness was Charles Stevens, a resident of the rooming house in Memphis at the time of the slaying.

Witness Vanishes

Memphis, Tenn. — Charles Stevens has dropped out of sight.

Stevens lived in room No. 6 of Mrs. Bessie Brewer's rooming house until a few weeks ago. Authorities claim that room No. 5 was occupied by Ray.

The FBI denied any knowledge of Stevens' whereabouts. In addition, Mrs. Brewer is no longer at her rooming house. Her whereabouts could not be immediately learned.

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Ray Called to Stand, Denies Killing King

From Press Dispatches

London, England - James Earl Ray took the witness stand in a surprise move at his extradition hearing Thursday and denied that he was the killer of the Rev. Martin Luther King, jr.

Asked by his counsel, "Did you kill Dr. Martin Luther King?" Ray replied quickly and in a matter of fact tone: "No, sir."

The British counsel for Ray, Roger Frisby, announced his plan to save Ray from extradition: He will contend that the assassination of King was a political crime.

Political Crimes Excluded

"The whole burden of my case is that Dr. King is a political figure," Frisby told the court. The extradition agreement between the United States and Britain does not cover political crimes.

The suspect was ordered held without bail for another hearing Tuesday.

Ray had entered the courtroom chewing gum. He hunched forward, his jaw muscles twitching from time to time.

Ray, who has been silent since his arrest at London airport June 8 on charges of having illegal passports and carrying a pistol, rose after his lawyer announced to a stunned court: "I call my client."

Marches to Stand

Flanked by two Scotland Yard detectives, Ray marched to the witness stand. One of the detectives, shifted to shield him from the main body of the court.

The attorneys and Magistrate Frank Milton then discussed under what name Ray should be sworn in. He was

arrested as Ramon George Sneyd and has been referred to under this name in the hearing.

Ray was decided not to swear him in at all, but merely to have him answer his counsel's questions. Thus Ray could not be cross examined.

"Are you the man arrested at London airport June 8?" asked Frisby.

"Yes, sir," replied Ray.

"Did You Have Grudge?"

"Did you know Martin Luther King personally?"

"No, sir."

"Did you have a grudge against him?"

"No, sir."

"Did you kill Dr. Martin Luther King?"

"No, sir."

During his brief testimony Ray sat back in his chair in the witness box, resting his left arm on the railing. The court clerk took down the procedure in shorthand and then read it back to Ray. Asked if it was correct, Ray said, "Yes, that's correct."

The clerk then asked Ray if he would like to sign his statement.

Name Confusion

Ray suddenly leaned forward in the chair, looked slightly surprised, and said, "Well, how would I sign it?"

The comment, uttered with a trace of a southern accent, drew mild titters from the courtroom.

There was more consultation between the magistrate and Frisby. Frisby then said

Ray should not sign the document. Ray resumed his seat in front of the iron railed prisoner's dock.

The hearing in Bow Street court was held under unprecedented security precautions. A lawyer representing the United States government gave evidence that Ray's fingerprints were found on the rifle suspected of killing King.

The lawyer, David Calcutt, told Milton that "this tragic death of Dr. King was the working of the single hand of this man," referring to Ray.

"Feel So Trapped"

A Scotland Yard detective testified earlier that shortly after Ray's capture, the suspect collapsed in his cell moaning: "My God. I feel so trapped."

The extent of King's involvement in American politics was brought up by the British lawyer defending Ray. Roger Frisby closely questioned an American witness in an effort to get statements about King's political involvement into the court record.

At one point the witness, George Jacob Bonebrake, an FBI fingerprint expert, admitted under questioning that there appeared to have been a certain amount of dislike for King in the United States.

Bonebrake also testified that Ray's fingerprints were found on a rifle and binocu-

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (44-388) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Milwaukee teletype to Bureau dated 6/15/68;
Charlotte airtel to Bureau dated 6/17/68.

Referenced leads set out for Milwaukee in referenced airtel. Bureau authority is requested to check appropriate toll records re calls made from Wisconsin to North Carolina.

No Federal Grand Jury presently in session, EDW.

Records can be obtained through established sources and the review may be accomplished with full security and the Bureau's interest will be protected.

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