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(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)_____
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)_____
(CITY AND STATE)By Colton _____
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)To Be Returned ☐ Yes
☒ NoReceipt given ☐ Yes
☒ No

Description:

Interview log
James Harvey White

Ft. Lauderdale,
Fla.

5/2/68

Interview Log

James Harvey White

re assassination Martin Luther King

- 12³⁰_p - Interview began. White advised identity of agents, & advised of rights by SA Colton & shown on unexecuted warning & waiver form
- 12³²_p - Interview re King and statement reportedly made by him
- 1³⁰_p - Interview Terminated.

Roger B Colton, SA, FBI, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. 5/2/68
Eugene L. Ryne " " " " " "

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☒ No

Description:

Unexecuted warning +
waiver form - James
Harvey White

INTERROGATION; ADVICE OF RIGHTS

YOUR RIGHTS

Place H. Lauderdale, Fla.
 Date 5/2/68
 Time 12:30p

Before we ask you any questions, you must understand your rights.

You have the right to remain silent.

Anything you say can be used against you in court.

You have the right to talk to a lawyer for advice before we ask you any questions and to have him with you during questioning.

If you cannot afford a lawyer, one will be appointed for you before any questioning if you wish.

If you decide to answer questions now without a lawyer present, you will still have the right to stop answering at any time. You also have the right to stop answering at any time until you talk to a lawyer.

WAIVER OF RIGHTS

I have read this statement of my rights and I understand what my rights are. I am willing to make a statement and answer questions. I do not want a lawyer at this time. I understand and know what I am doing. No promises or threats have been made to me and no pressure or coercion of any kind has been used against me.

Signed _____

Witness: SA Roger B. Colton FBI
H. Lauderdale Fla.
 Witness: 5-2-68
 Time: 12:31p

After reading above James Harvey White indicated desire not to sign anything but willing to furnish info & co-operate w/ FBI without presence of attorney

RBC
5/2/68

File No. 44-1854-1A²⁶Date Received 5/6/68From Bu
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(CITY AND STATE)

By SW #417
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)To Be Returned ☐ Yes
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Description:

Photos of James Earl Ray
aka Eric S. Galt in fall
of 1967!



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File No. 44-1854-1A²⁷Date Received 5/9/68From Bw.
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

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By Mr. #466
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)To Be Returned ☐ Yes
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☒ No

Description:

Photos of James Earl Ray
FBI # 405,942G.



JAMES EARL RAY
FBI No. 405,942 G

JAMES EARL RAY
FBI No. 405,942 G
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INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ROBBERY

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Photographs on left taken 1960, other taken 1968

DESCRIPTION

AGE: 40, born March 10, 1928, Alton, Illinois
HEIGHT: 5'10" EYES: blue
WEIGHT: 163 to 174 pounds COMPLEXION: medium
BUILD: medium RACE: white
HAIR: brown, possibly cut short NATIONALITY: American
OCCUPATIONS: baker, color matcher, laborer
SCARS AND MARKS: small scar on center of forehead and small scar on palm of right hand
REMARKS: noticeably protruding left ear; reportedly is a lone wolf; allegedly attended dance instruction school; has reportedly completed course in bartending

44-1854-1A27

File No. 44-1854-1A28
Date Received 5-3-68
From HAZEL V. PEACOCK
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)
608 HANCOCK
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)
OKEECHOBEE FLA
(CITY AND STATE)
By R. Judd
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes
☒ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes
☒ No

Description:

Her notes of phone
conversation with
Donald Carpenter on
4-4-68

Phone Call at 12 midnight 4 April
from Birmingham (Collect) from D.C.
(T.A.S. w/ him, could hear) him in
background ^{I think} one other man)

Stated "We're on the run!"

Why? — "Haven't you been watching TV?"

No — "You mean you haven't heard
the news?"

No — "Well — MFK is dead"

Oh, No! What do you mean? —

"We did it? they're hot on
our ass!"

You don't mean this. Don't kid me
about this!

"Can you hide us out for a
couple of weeks?"

I don't know — no — Oh, I guess so.

"Do you know what you'd be
charged with if we were found there?"

Yes, nothing. I don't believe you.
Where are you?

"Birmingham — The cops went off to the
north, but we're here? okay!"
When are you coming?

"Tomorrow night late. We get our money

in Dothan, outside of Dothan (He was
connected as to location by TAS)
tomorrow (Sagile) and then we'll
come to Okreechobee."

You are serious, aren't you? How
much is a job like this worth on
the market today?

"\$100,000, split 2 ways"

How could you do this?

"We need the money"
It isn't worth it. How will you,
an old Ga boy, explain all that
sudden wealth? You're crazy.

"Don't worry about it. Why is your
voice shaking?"

I'm scared for you - I'm shaking
all over.

"Ya, too. Terry thought he missed.
He ^(nuk) leaned over just as he
fired, but he got him.
He's dead."

I still can't believe all this.

"Well, go to sleep. I'll be there
tomorrow night? Let us do the
worrying. I can't believe we could
be so slick!"

File No. 44-1854
Date Received 5-3-68
From HAZEL V HAT PEACOCK
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)
608 HANCOCK, OKEECHOBEE, FLA.
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

By R. J. Smith
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To be returned YES ()
To be returned NO (X)

Description:

note left PEACOCK
BY TERRANCE SMITH

Hazel,

I had to split the scene. I know I would as soon as my assignment was finished, but once you're in you're in and no way out until they are finished with you. I never know how long I'll be in one place but I know this would be a short trip but I couldn't say anything. I wish I could be here to see your face when (don Juan) Don arrives but it was impossible. I'm sure you will be very happy, (but for how long?) Never base your happiness on the future, only

excitement comes from thinking
of the future, happiness is the
present, but - - - - - who knows
the future? A person can
talk himself into believing anything
or thinking it possible unless he
asks why? or how? I have
my own thoughts about you &
Don, there are many things I
could say and tell you because
I've seen it happen time & time
again but maybe it will be
different ^{this} time, only time will
tell as always. I'm not trying
to discourage you but stop wishing
and start doing, keep your self-
confidence it will always pull you
through.

I'll contact you within a week to see what happens.

Well good-bye, wish I could take you with me to see the many wonders of the world, in actions, ——— people.

A friend,

I

A thought....

Life can be very short, live it for yourself, don't sacrifice your feeling for something unless you have the ace.

"Atlas shrugged"

John Galt speaking —

'Happiness is not to be achieved at the command of emotional whims. Happiness is not the satisfaction of whatever irrational wishes you might blindly attempt to indulge. Happiness is a state of non-contradictory joy — a joy without penalty or ~~guilt~~ guilt,

a joy that does not clash with any
of your values and does not work for
your own destruction, not the joy of
escaping from your mind, but using
your mind's fullest power not the joy
of taking reality, but of achieving
values that are real, not the joy of a
drunkard, but of a producer. Happiness
is possible only to a rational man,
the man who desires nothing but
rational goals, seeks nothing but
rational values and finds this joy
in nothing but rational actions.

File No. 44-1854-1A²⁹Date Received 5/14/68From Bu
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(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(CITY AND STATE)

By SAV. #492
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)To Be Returned ☐ Yes
☒ NoReceipt given ☐ Yes
☒ No

Description:

Photos of laundry
markings on bed linen
for James Earl Ray while
in the L.A. area.



File No. 44-1854-1A²⁹Date Received 9-30-68From Donald Lee Mitchell
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)Collier County Jail
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)Naples, Fla.
(CITY AND STATE)By Ernest Harrison Jr.
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)To Be Returned ☐ Yes☒ NoReceipt given ☐ Yes☒ No

Description:

Waiver of Rights
signed by
Donald Lee Mitchell

YOUR RIGHTS

Place Naples, Fla.
Date 9/30/68
Time 9:30 A.M.

Before we ask you any questions, you must understand your rights:

You have the right to remain silent.

Anything you say can be used against you in court.

You have the right to talk to a lawyer for advice before we ask you any questions and to have him with you during questioning.

If you cannot afford a lawyer, one will be appointed for you before any questioning if you wish.

If you decide to answer questions now without a lawyer present, you will still have the right to stop answering at any time. You also have the right to stop answering at any time until you talk to a lawyer.

WAIVER OF RIGHTS

I have read this statement of my rights and I understand what my rights are. I am willing to make a statement and answer questions. I do not want a lawyer at this time. I understand and know what I am doing. No promises or threats have been made to me and no pressure or coercion of any kind has been used against me.

Signed Donald Lee M. Tuttle

Witness Ernest Harrison, Jr.

Witness FBI - Miami, Fla.

Time 9:35 A.M.

File No. 44-1854-1A³⁰Date Received 5/14/68From Bu
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(CITY AND STATE)

By Ser. #492
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)To Be Returned ☐ Yes☒ NoReceipt given ☐ Yes☒ No

Description:

Photos of laundry markings
Placed on James Earl
Ray's ~~the~~ shirt while
in the L.A. area.



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Date Received 5-27-68

From JK
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(CITY AND STATE)

By ser. #627
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes
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Receipt given ☐ Yes
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Description:

Application for Driver's
License. (Blank)

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File No. ~~44-1854-7A~~

Date Received 8-13-68

From F.B.I.
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)3801 Biscayne Blvd.
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)Miami, Fla.
(CITY AND STATE)By SA Jellison
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)To Be Returned ☐ Yes
☐ NoReceipt given ☐ Yes
☐ No

Description:

1 photo of James Earl
Ray, with beard.



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8-22-68 33. 1 photo of James Earl Ray with the eyes drawn in by artist

" 34. 2 photos of James Earl Ray, taken 3-17-60 at Jefferson City, Mo.

" 35. 3 photos of James Earl Ray in sunglasses & suit

" 36. 1 photo of (early) of James Earl Ray

10-3-68 * 37. Veron copy of ltr to Shelby County Sheriff, Memphis, Tenn.

OCT 4 1968 * 38. Signed statement Donald Lee Mitchell

" * 39. Waiver of rights " " "

DEC 3 1968 * 40. Palm prints of Kathryn Gibson

" * 41. Fingerprints " " "

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Date Received 8-13-68
From F. B. I.
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)
3801 Biscayne Blvd.
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)
Miami, Fla.
(CITY AND STATE)
By SA Jellison
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes
☐ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes
☐ No

Description:

1 photo of James Earl Ray
with the eyes drawn in by
artist.



ERIC STARVO GALT, ALSO
KNOWN AS HARVEY LOWMYER
AND JOHN WILLARD (EYES
DRAWN IN BY FBI ARTIST)

ERIC STARVO GALT, ALSO KNOWN
AS HARVEY LOWMYER AND JOHN
WILLARD

44-1854-1A

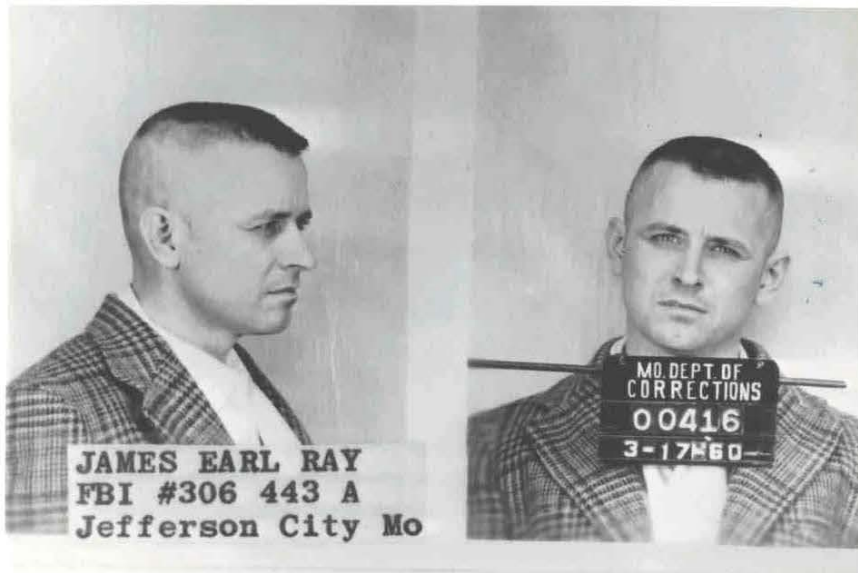
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File No. ~~44-1854-1A3~~
Date Received 8-13-68
From F.B.I.
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3801 Biscayne Blvd.
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)
Miami, Fla.
(CITY AND STATE)
By SA Jellison
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes
☐ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes
☐ No

Description:

2 photos of James Earl Ray,
taken 3-17-60 at Jefferson
City, Mo.



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Date Received 8-13-68
From F.B.I.

(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

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(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)
Miami, Fla.
(CITY AND STATE)

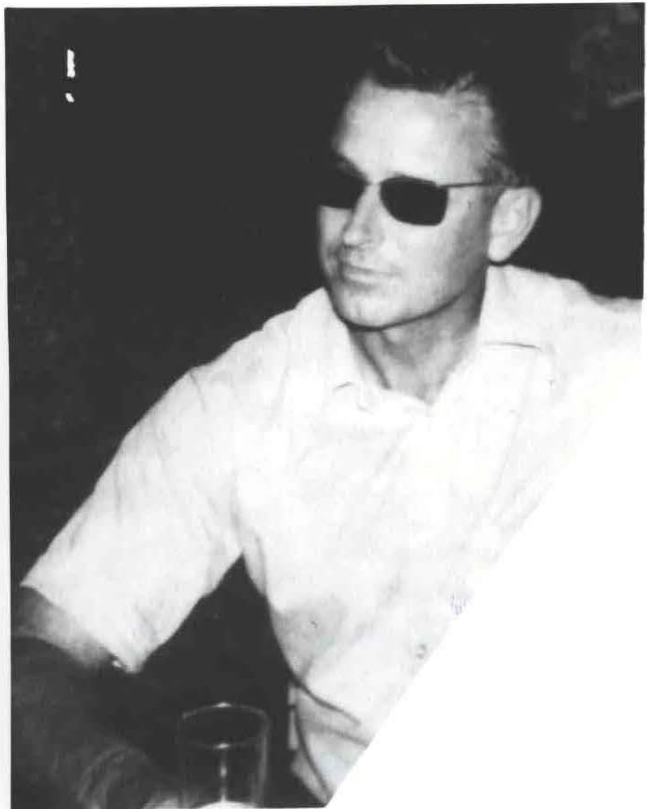
By SA Johnson
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes
☐ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes
☐ No

Description:

3 photos of James Earl
Ray in sunglasses & suit



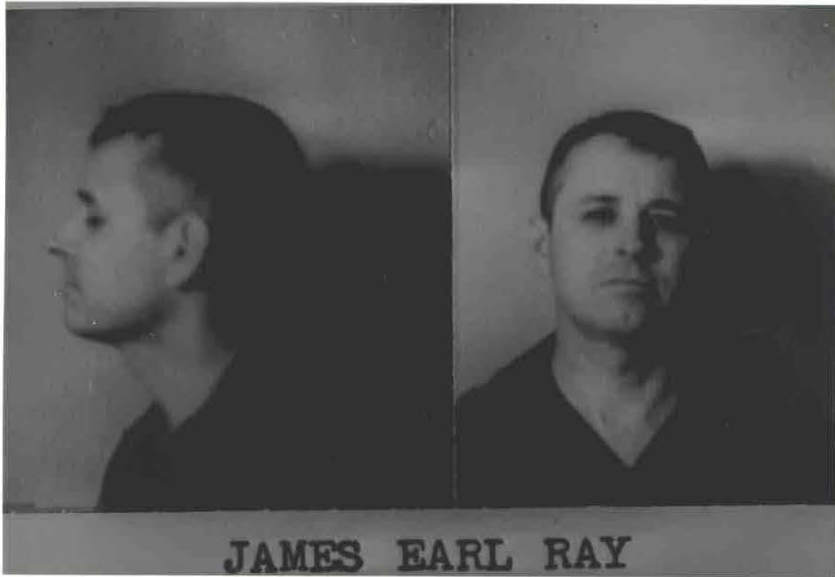
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(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)
3801 Biscayne Blvd.
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)
Miami, Fla.
(CITY AND STATE)
By SA Jellison
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes
☐ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes
☐ No

Description:

1 photo (~~early~~ early) of
James Earl Ray



File No. 44-1854-1A³⁷Date Received 10-2-68From ME
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(CITY AND STATE)

By Serial # 716
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)To Be Returned ☐ Yes
☐ NoReceipt given ☐ Yes
☐ No

Description:

Xerox copy of ltr to
Shelby County Sheriff Memphis,
Tenn. from
Donald Lee Mitchell

Sept. 24, 1968

P.O. Box 1277

Naples, Fla.

Dear Sheriff:

My name is: Donald Lee Mitchell, age 26, years.

I have been in the Missouri State Prison, three (3) times.

This is to let you know I got out June 1, 1966. I was in the Walls from January until June, 1966.

Sir, I have some information concerning James Earl Ray. If you are interested please contact me at the

Collier County Jail,
Naples, Florida, Box 1277.

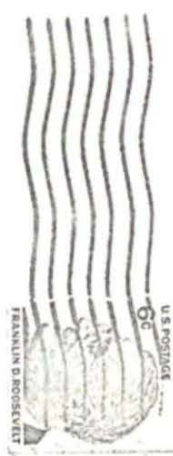
I think that you
will be very much in-
terested, but may I
also state that I want
something out of the
deal as well.

I am doing two (2)
years at the County
Jocade, but I am new
in the County Jail for
an escape, of the 22nd,
September, 1968.

Hoping to hear from
you soon. Sincerely,
Don R. Mitchell

P.S. I want this time suspended
on me out of state 30-40

W. J. Mitchell
P.O. Box 1277
Naples, Fla.
33940



To: Shelby County Sheriff's
Department
Memphis, Tennessee
"PERSONAL"
"BUSINESS"

OK
9/24

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(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)Collier County Jail
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)Naples, Fla.
(CITY AND STATE)By Ernest Harrison, Jr.
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)To Be Returned ☐ Yes
☒ NoReceipt given ☐ Yes
☒ No

Description:

Signed Statement
by Donald Lee Mitchell

PAGE #1

September 30, 1968

OF A TEN (10) PAGE STATEMENT
GIVEN TO: ERNEST HARRISON, JR.

I Donald Lee Mitchell, make the following statement to Special Agent Ernest Harrison, Jr. Whom I knew to be a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

In 1961, I had the opportunity to meet one James Earl Ray, I was introduced by a friend of mine by the name of Hawks, who was doing twenty four (24) years. He was from New Madrid, Missouri, not far from my home town of Kennett.

We informed Ray that I was about the last of the good convicts. Ray, said he was pleased to meet me, because the big city boys from: St. Louis, & K. C. Mo. were turning out to be a bunch of "punk". This was the Mo. State Pen, Jefferson City, Mo. ^{W.D.M.}

Ray was the quiet type of guy. We had very little to say to each other or guards for that ^{I know}

matter. I seen him every now and then, but didn't ask many questions. We had used a little dope together, but that was all.

Ray showed great contempt for the colored contacts, as he very seldom talked to them except on business deals for dope or money. He was always telling me how the boys from St. Louis, & K.C. Always kissed their, "black ass." He said he never would, because if it hadn't been for Lincoln they would still be shining his shoes.

I was released from prison on August 21, 1962. And never heard from Ray until, 1966.

In June 4, 1965, I received two (2) years from Butler County Mo. after thirty (30) days in Quarantine I was sent to Church Farm, (one of the prison farms, (which is honor)).

Later in January 1966, I was
D. L. M.

Transferred back to the Wall
to complete the rest of my
time.

I was placed in Food Service
& there I remained until my
release of June 1, 1966, from the
Missouri State Penitentiary, at Jefferson
City, Mo.

On, or around the middle of
February 1966, I came in contact
with James Earl Ray, again. He
explained that it was nice to
see me & that he had a good
deal for me.

He wanted to know if I would
do him & myself a big favor; so
I said yes; anything to help a
friend.

When he first mentioned Escape
I thought he wanted me to
leave with him, but I quickly
explained that I got out on
June 1, 1966. That year. He said
no, I want you to help me.
W.H.M.

Then after I make it I'll wait on you in St. Louis. He asked me how I would like to make a lot of money so: I said doesn't everyone. But I explained I had this girl friend in Tennessee, who was waiting on me, but he let me know that it really didn't make any difference at all.

So I wanted to know what his plans were. This is how Ray, explained it to me. Some people, (Friends in St. Louis) fixed it with some one in Philadelphia, for him to kill Dr. Martin Luther King.

I told Ray I didn't want to get mixed up in it: so he let me know real politely that I was already in it only I didn't realize it yet. And I couldn't get out unless I wanted it. Then I agreed to go along, after
D. Ann.

I heard this. Also he told me I was coming up there to the pen, for Chicken feed, was I afraid to get ahead? I told him no, but killing King, we couldn't get away with.

Ray told me not to worry about a thing. Also how did a grand sum of Fifty Thousand, (50,000.) Dollars sound to me? I said great, but what if we get caught? He explained we wouldn't if we did we would get out of it with a fixer lawyer, besides who in the South like "Niggers"??

Ray also said: After we get King, well be able to get more for one of the Kennedy's. I said that the Kennedy Family had done more for the United States, than anyone ever had. He said they were like, King, a bunch of communists all of them & that in the way they wanted people to believe, a
Whm.

I did.

Ray said: Take that punk J.F.K., (meaning John F. Kennedy, Late President.) for instance, he made you eat with a nigger on the streets didn't he? He made you live by them, go to school with them. So how is he so great? I said, That a change had to come & we had better be ready for one. Ray got mad at me & said not as long as I can kill one of the bastards. I seen he was angry, so I told him, I guess he was right about it. He said, he knew he was & would get King to prove it.

At this time I wanted to know how, James Earl Ray, planned to escape from the walls, of the Mo. State Pen.

This is how it was to be done. Ray would leave his cell in the month of April, or approx.
D.H.M.

for the show. He would then have his bed fixed so no guard would not discover his missing. Then I came into the picture:

Ray was to place himself on top of the Main Kitchen, where I worked. Then at 2:30 AM, I was to send him food & Cigarettes, with a jar of Water. He was to remain there for about three days, after that I was to get some kind of pills he gave me into the coffee that was to be sent to the Harvard Towers.

After that he would wait until they were asleep & he would go over the wall. He had someone, by the name of Vince or Vinceson waiting on him from St. Louis, Mo.

Ray continued to pass me notes, on the matter up until the night he plan to leave.
O.K.M.

The first note read: 'Don't. Don't let me down if you do you know the score. But you won't.'

The second was. 'Tear these notes up & flush them!' Say can't you just see all that money for one lousy Nigger? We will live in style, & travel the world. You can bring your girl along.

Your Pal Jim

No. Three: "Pal, the time has grown near, so all is left in the wait. I think April 12, is a good day, or do you believe Lucky 13. Smile friend. Jim

The last note was:

Tonight is it my friend & I know I can count on you for your part. Don't lose those pills I gave you!! Remember everything, because my side will be
O.K.

there. See you on June 1, my friend.

Your Friend Always
James

Ray's escape would have been good if not a guy by the name of Seebing, (or something of the sort) hadn't tried it as well as the same night, but they found him hiding in the show after everyone had left for the Cell-House.

Ray, was latter captured on top of the Main kitchen, where a guard had seen him, when he tried to change places.

James Earl Ray, never stated which one of the Kennedy family; all he said was. One day it will be: K. K. K. as he put it Kennedy, King, & Kennedy. Then our worries will be over.

He never stated who the other
W.H.M.