

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: July 16, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Martindale

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Assistant Attorney General Vinson called and indicated he had learned through his sources in London that it was highly unlikely any appeal would be filed by subject Ray.

I asked him what arrangements had been made with reference to the aircraft. He said that he will have to wait until noon 7-17-68, for the return of Colonel Burleson. He said the real problem has been due to the Hawaiian Conference coming up at this time, creating a problem for the Air Force. He said he would be in a better position to tell us on 7-17-68, of the arrangements that will be made.

He said he has gotten word to London that Hanes will not be allowed on the plane.

Vinson advised me the Air Force was considering an alternate landing field in case of an emergency and indicated there was one in Arkansas approximately 50 miles from Memphis. I told him that insofar as we were concerned if an emergency landing was necessary, we had no intention of leaving the plane, that we would wait until the emergency was clear and deliver him to Memphis in accordance with our initial arrangement. It was noted that if we delivered him to Arkansas authorities, this would create another problem, not only regarding transportation on land but also insofar as jurisdiction is concerned.

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Subsequent to Vinson's call, it was learned that the Department of State had advised the Embassy in London with reference to a revision in the letter which is being prepared by the American Government concerning the extradition of Ray. One sentence was of concern to the Bureau inasmuch as it indicated the Agents will carry the "usual Presidential warrant."

Upon receipt of this information, I immediately called Vinson and advised him this was the first information we had received that

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our Agents would carry a Presidential warrant and that such was necessary. He said he would check on it immediately. He called me back and indicated that such a warrant was necessary and that he had made arrangements for it to be prepared and delivered to the Bureau. He asked that I communicate with the individual in the State Department who would be familiar with it.

I contacted Mr. M. B. Feldman and advised him of the identity of the four Agents who would be in the escort party. He said he would have the Presidential warrant prepared and would have it ready in a couple of days. I told him that this would not be satisfactory, that we might need this warrant tomorrow or the next day and that it would have to be gotten into my hands as soon as possible.

I then called Vinson and advised him that the State Department apparently did not realize that this had to be obtained as quickly as possible. He said he would call State Department and jack them up on it.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

1. I have a call in trying to get Vinson. I have not been able to reach him this morning as yet (July 17, 1968).

2. We have received information from Minnich this morning that he has established contact in London with the Air Force and the field will be near Mildenhall, which is under repair. The landing will, therefore, be at Lakenheath.

Minnich: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] understands the flight is on a stand-by basis. This is contrary to the information Vinson has been feeding us. It appears if this is correct the Attorney General and Vinson are jockeying for a time to suit themselves. The Minnich call is the subject of a separate memorandum.

In connection with the above, this does not change the information which we had initially received that the time does not expire mandatorily for appeal until the close of business today, which is midnight London time, which means that the flight, in order to get the subject out as quickly as possible, would have to leave by 9:00 a. m., Thursday morning. We will keep pressing Vinson on this.