



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

6/19/78

Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Re: Freedom of Information Case # 810154

Under CIA # F-76-392

I am writing in response to your recent request for material under the Freedom of Information Act.

- (4) 1. Our search has revealed information relevant to your request. The releasable documents are enclosed. Payment is now due in the amount of \$ N.C. (\$ _____ for search and \$ _____ for duplication \$ _____ computer services.) Please make your check payable to the Treasurer of the United States and send it to this office.
- () 2. If you prefer to come to the Department of State Reading Room (Room 2811, Main State Building, 22nd and C Street, N.W. Washington, D. C.) to examine the material, you may do so on payment of the search fee. The duplication fee is then payable only for those items you wish to take.
- () 3. Our search has revealed classified information relevant to your request which originated in _____. Your request has accordingly been referred to _____ today and you will hear from them in due course.
- () 4. Our search has revealed no information relevant to your request.

Sincerely,

KRS

Kenneth R. Strawberry
Freedom of Information Staff
Bureau of Public Affairs

*None documents
referred to State by
Other CIA are released
to you in the enclosure.*

MEMORANDUM FOR:

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9 documents
for direct response

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APPEAL (F-76-382)

Doesn't he owe us money?

Appeal F-76-382

Mr. Gene Wilson, FCIA/PA Coordinator
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C.

Rt. 12, Frederick, Md. 21701

7/21/77

(Tom O., or successor)

Dear Mr. Wilson,

F77-101

LOG-THIS AS A NSG REQUEST

The news account of your coming release of an additional 4,000 pages on what might be called mind-bending reminds me that my requests seem to me to cover this and that you have not notified me of this release. I do want these. If you interpret my prior requests as not covering them then consider this a new request. My recollection is that my initial requests cover anything and everything directly or indirectly related to this subject. That you have interpreted my requests as I have is evidence from prior correspondence notifying me of releases.

Under the Act there is authority for the remission of all costs and fees. I believe I meet the requirements for this remission and I make the request formally. My work is restricted exclusively to what is now regarded as important historical cases, in one on which I have paid the CIA large sums without compliance, the King assassination, the previous Attorney General so held, formally, confirmed by a federal judge. I have already arranged to give all my records, not just these, to a university system. I believe at an earlier date I reserved the right to recover these fees. I have delayed a formal appeal pending a determination of a judge that there be a ruling by the Department of Justice with regard to me and on this. The Department provided a bargain-basement response, a 60% remission that I have appealed and will if necessary litigate. I hope the CIA will act favorably on this.

It has been a very long time since I have heard from you about a multitude of requests all long overdue by your own backlog claims. One of these is on the King assassination, in that you may recall you estimated a \$1,000 search fee and asked for and received a \$500 deposit. What you have sent is ludicrous. In the long time in which I have heard and received nothing further I think you have in effect refused the request after charging fees so this is also an appeal on the King/Ray records.

I am asking again when I may expect to hear from you on all the other requests, including my PA request for the records on me. The appeal is several years old now. My recollection is that your last reference to this stated the processing of the appeal had not been completed. I have rights under the Act to more than copies. I want to exercise those rights. This is impossible without obtaining all copies first. As I have told you repeatedly I would prefer not to have to litigate this. What I am thus really asking you is does the CIA want me to suit it on a request that goes back to 1971 and on which it is not in compliance? Not even processed the appeal?

Among the factors making it difficult to keep track of these non-compliances is your failure to respond as well as to comply. I believe I have asked this before. If I have then what follows is an appeal from a refusal. If I have not it is a new request. I would like all records relating to my requests and appeals, including their sequential relationships to other requests, under both Acts and particularly as this relates to compliance with other requests.

Ed K.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20024
TELEPHONE (202) 484-6023

December 3, 1976

Mr. Gene F. Wilson
Information and Privacy Coordinator
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. Wilson:

In response to your letter of November 30, 1976, Mr. Harold Weisberg has authorized me to state his willingness to pay search and copying charges up to the amount of \$1,000 if such charges are required by his Freedom of Information Act request for records pertaining to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his assassination. Because you require a down payment of half the anticipated charges, I enclose a check for \$500.00:

This payment of \$500.00 and any subsequent payments made in connection with this request are tendered with the express reservation that Mr. Weisberg does not waive his right to recover them.

C.I.A. regulations provide:

Records shall be furnished without charge or at a reduced rate whenever the Coordinator determines that waiver or reduction of the charge is in the public interest because the furnishing of the information can be considered as primarily benefiting the general public. The Coordinator also may waive or reduce the charge whenever he determines that the interest of the government would be served thereby. 32 C.F.R. §1900.25(a).

In accordance with this regulation, I call upon you to determine that it is in the public and governmental interest to waive search and copying charges incurred in connection with Mr. Weisberg's request. Enclosed herein is a copy of a letter to Deputy Attorney General Harold R. Tyler, Jr. which makes a similar request of the Department of Justice. The reasons expressed in that letter for granting a waiver are incorporated in my request that you grant a waiver.

Should you require it, I will provide you with affidavits by myself, Mr. Weisberg, and others in support of this request for a waiver of the search and copying charges for these records. If you do wish supporting affidavits, I would appreciate it if you would

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inform me of this as soon as possible. I would also request that you indicate what standards, if any, you have established for determining whether or not a request for waiver should be granted.

You state that you can proceed no further with Mr. Weisberg's request "unless and until we are in receipt of notarized statements of release from Mrs. Coretta King and James Earl Ray, respectively." Because Mr. Weisberg's request undoubtedly comprises records which do not involve any proper claim of privacy, this cannot be true. I do enclose, however, a copy of a notarized waiver by James Earl Ray. I will immediately contact Mrs. King about a waiver by her. In the meantime, I request that you proceed to make available those records responsive to Mr. Weisberg's request which do not involve any proper claim of invasion of privacy.

Sincerely yours,

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June 11, 1976

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Mr. Gene F. Wilson
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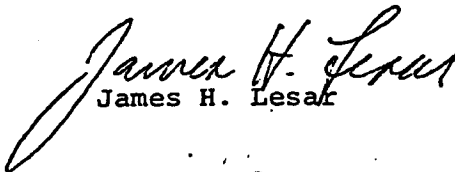
Dear Mr. Wilson:

On behalf of Mr. Harold Weisberg of Frederick, Maryland, I request access to the following:

1. All records pertaining to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
2. All records pertaining to the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
3. All records pertaining to James Earl Ray, under whatever name or alias.
4. All records on any alleged or suspected accomplice or associate in the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
5. All collections of published materials on the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
6. All analyses, commentaries, reports, or investigations on or in any way pertaining to any published materials on the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. or the authors of said materials.
7. All records, letters, cables, memorandums, routing slips, photographs, tape recordings, receipts, sketches, computer printouts or any other form of data pertaining to or in any way relevant to the foregoing requests for information, regardless of source or origin.

This request is made under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. §552, as amended by Public Law 93-502

Sincerely yours,


James H. Lesar

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DATE: Oct. 30, 1967

FROM : AmConGen STRASBOURG
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SUBJECT: Martin Luther King to Deliver Viet-Nam Speech in Strasbourg?

REF :

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Organizations in Strasbourg financially backing the King visit are, according to Gabet, as follows:

- ✓ Aumônerie Universitaire Protestante
- ✓ Comité Latino-Américain pour la Paix
- ✓ Comité Universitaire de Paix
- ✓ Fédération Française des Associations Chrétiennes à Etudiants
- ✓ Jeunesse Universitaire Chrétienne
- ✓ Jeunesse Communiste Révolutionnaire
- ✓ Union des Etudiants Communistes
- ✓ Etudiants Socialistes Unifiés
- ✓ Etudiants Communistes Tunisiens
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The University groups involved are coordinating their support under the direction of Professor MALAMOND, a member of the University's Faculty of Letters and a well known communist.

Gabet understands that after the King speech, a large demonstration will be held at the University with a possible march to the Consulate General.

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COMMENT:

Gabet is well known in Strasbourg for his right-wing activities. His group has successfully infiltrated left-wing student and university organizations. He is rather fanatic in his dislike for Asians, Africans and Communists and has frequently visited the Consulate with reports of left-wing goings on in Strasbourg.

However, most of his reports have proved quite accurate as his net of contacts is acknowledged by Strasbourg police as "very efficient". Hence, the Consulate must give some credence to Gabet's statement that Rev. King will visit here in December.

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 4623

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SUBJ: EXTRADITION JAMES EARL RAY

REF: WATSON-FISHER TELCONS JULY 3

1. ARTHUR J. HANES TELEPHONED EMBASSY JULY 3 FROM BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA STATING HE WAS ATTORNEY FOR JAMES EARL RAY AND HAD BEEN DENIED PERMISSION TO SEE RAY IN PRISON DURING FOUR-DAY VISIT TO LONDON LAST MONTH. HANES STATED HE WAS PREPARED TO COME TO LONDON AGAIN TO TRY AND SEE RAY IN PRISON AND REQUESTED EMBASSY TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER PERMISSION FOR SUCH A VISIT WOULD BE GRANTED BY HOME OFFICE.

2. HOME OFFICE UNDERSEC IN CHARGE OF PRISON DEPT INFORMED EMBASSY PERMISSION FOR HANES TO SEE RAY AS ORDINARY VISITOR HAD BEEN GRANTED LAST MONTH FOLLOWING REQUEST BY RAY, BUT WHEN DECISION WAS TAKEN HANES COULD NOT BE LOCATED (HE HAD APPARENTLY RETURNED TO U.S.). UNDERSEC, AFTER SPEAKING WITH HOME SECRETARY, STATED PERMISSION FOR VISIT WAS STILL VALID BUT SPECIFIED THAT VISIT WOULD BE UNDER NORMAL RULES FOR ORDINARY VISITORS, NAMELY, GUARD WOULD BE WITHIN SIGHT AND HEARING AND GLASS PANEL BETWEEN HANES AND RAY; VISIT COULD NOT TAKE PLACE UNDER SPECIAL CONDITIONS ALLOWED LEGAL ADVISORS SINCE HANES IS NOT RAY'S LEGAL ADVISOR HERE.

3. HANES WAS INFORMED BY COLLECT CALL EVENING OF JULY 3 THAT VISIT WOULD BE PERMITTED BUT ONLY UNDER CONDITIONS DESCRIBED ABOVE. HE STATED HE APPRECIATED EMBASSY'S EFFORTS AND THAT HE HAD BEEN PLANNING TO FLY TO LONDON MORNING OF

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C O N F I D E N T I A L LONDON 10554

SUBJECT: EXTRADITION JAMES EARL RAY

REF: STATE'S 195240 AND LONDON 10500

1. ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL VINSON IS RETURNING TO WASHINGTON JULY 3 AND STATES HE WILL DISCUSS MATTERS RAISED IN PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 2 OF STATE 195240 WITH APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES FOLLOWING RETURN.

2. AS TO PARAGRAPH 3 OF STATE 195240 DIPLOMATIC NOTE WOULD PROBABLY NOT REPEAT NOT BE HELPFUL. BRITISH COURTS ARE TOTALLY INDEPENDENT AND FOREIGN OFFICE WOULD NOT VENTURE TO INFLUENCE THE OPINION OF THE COURT. FOREIGN OFFICE ROLE IN EXTRADITION IS CONFINED TO SERVING AS DIPLOMATIC CHANNEL. OFFICIAL IN NATIONALITY AND TREATY DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN OFFICE AND MAW BOTH EMPHATICALLY AGREE WITH THIS VIEW. AS AN EXAMPLE OF INDEPENDENCE OF COURTS IN THESE MATTERS MAGISTRATE DID NOT CONSULT FOREIGN OFFICE BEFORE MAKING HIS FINDING THAT KING'S MURDER WAS NOT A CRIME OF A POLITICAL NATURE. BRUCE

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APPROVED BY: L: MJ. BELMAN

JUSTICE: MR. N LEWIN

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TO AMEMBASSY LONDON IMMEDIATE

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SUBJ: EXTRADITION JAMES EARL RAY

FOR HERFURT AT OPENING OF BUSINESS

1. JUSTICE ADVISES DEFENSE PRESSING ARGUMENT THAT ARMED ROBBERY PER MISSOURI LAW NOT EQUIVALENT TREATY CRIME ROBBERY WITH VIOLENCE. APPARENTLY MAW NOW OF VIEW THAT UNDER BRITISH LAW THREAT WITH PISTOL OR OTHE DEADLY WEAPON DOES NOT CONSTITUTE VIOLENCE. WOULD APPRECIATE DETAILED REPORT DEFENSE ARGUMENT ON THIS POINT AND OUTLINE OF BRITISH JURIDICAL AND DIPLOMATIC PRACTICE WITH US AND THIRD COUNTRIES.
2. WE WILL ASK MISSOURI AUTHORITIES FOR THE AFFIDAVIT REQUESTED BY MAW SETTING FORTH PROVISIONS OF MISSOURI LAW AND FACTS OF ROBBERY IF READILY AVAILABLE AND HELPFUL.
3. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR JUDGMENT AS TO WHETHER DIPLOMATIC NOTE BY USG ON THIS POINT WOULD BE HELPFUL. DO BRITISH COURTS WEIGH VIEWS OF FONOFF ON SUCH TREATY QUESTIONS? WOULD FONOFF BE PREPARED TAKE STRONG POSITION ON THIS ISSUE IF NECESSARY? RUSK

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SUBJECT: EXTRADITION JAMES EARL RAY

THE MAGISTRATE OF BOW STREET COURT MR. FRANK MILTON CONVENED COURT TUESDAY JUNE 18 AT 10:30 AM. THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTION ADVISED THE COURT AT THE OPENING OF THE HEARING THAT HE HAD COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT AS EXTRADITION CHARGES AGAINST SNEYD WERE PENDING THEY TOOK PRECEDENCE OVER THE ENGLISH CHARGES AND THEREFORE REQUESTED THAT SNEYD BE REMANDED IN CUSTODY FOR THE MAXIMUM PERIOD UNTIL THE EXTRADITION HEARING WAS CONCLUDED. THE COURT AGREED. THE MAGISTRATE FORMALLY REMANDED SNEYD ALIAS RAY IN CUSTODY FOR THE MAXIMUM PERIOD. THE MAGISTRATE STATED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE EXTRADITION HEARING CONCLUDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND PREFERABLY WITHIN THE PERIOD THAT RAY IS REMANDED IN CUSTODY ON THE ENGLISH CHARGES. THE MAGISTRATE SUGGESTED THE DATE OF THURSDAY, JUNE 27, FOR THE HEARING. BOTH NIGEL GRAHAM MAW, COUNSEL FOR THE U. S., AND DEFENSE COUNSEL, ROGER FRYSBY, AGREED TO THIS DATE AND THE MAGISTRATE SO ORDERED THE HEARING TO BE HELD ON THE 27TH OF JUNE.

NIGEL GRAHAM MAW, COUNSEL FOR THE U. S., THEN FORMALLY READ THE CHARGES QUOTE JAMES EARL RAY, HEREINAFTER CALLED THE DEFENDANT, SUSPECTED AND ACCUSED OF THE COMMISSION OF THE CRIME OF MURDER, TO WIT ON 4 APRIL 1968 IN SHELBY COUNTY, STATE OF TENNESSEE, DID UNLAWFULLY, FELONIOUSLY, WILLFULLY, DELIBERATELY, PREMEDITATELY AND OF HIS MALICE AFORETHOUGHT KILL AND MURDER

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MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE USA. RAY, HEREINAFTER CALLED THE DEFENDANT, CONVICTED OF COMMISSION OF THE CRIME OF ROBBERY WITH VIOLENCE TO WIT ON FEBRUARY 19, 1960 WAS SENTENCED FOR THE CRIME OF ROBBERY FIRST DEGREE BY MEANS OF A DANGEROUS AND DEADLY WEAPON WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE USA UNQUOTE

ROGER FRISBY, DEFENSE COUNSEL, WISHED TO MAKE A STATEMENT WHICH MR. SNEYD ASKED HIM TO MAKE. FRISBY REFERRED TO THE JUNE 10 LONDON TIMES HEADLINES WHICH STATED QUOTE U. S. JUSTICE DEPARTMENT CHIEF INTERVIEWS KING CASE MAN UNQUOTE FRISBY CONTINUED THAT MR. SNEYD STATED THAT HE WAS NOT INTERVIEWED BY MR. VINSON NOR ANY OTHER U. S. OFFICIAL. FRISBY ADVISED THAT COUNSEL WAS AUTHORIZED TO STATE BY CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT THOMAS BUTLER METROPOLITAN POLICE THAT AT NO TIME WAS MR. SNEYD INTERVIEWED BY MR. VINSON OR ANY OTHER AMERICAN OFFICIAL. MR. NAW, COUNSEL FOR U. S., CONFIRMED THIS STATEMENT. HEARING ADJOURNED UNTIL JUNE 27.

IN DISCUSSION WITH MAW PRIOR TO THE HEARING, HE ADVISED EMBASSY OFFICIAL WHO ALSO PRESENT AT HEARING THAT DEFENSE COUNSEL STATED OFF THE RECORD REPEAT OFF THE RECORD THAT HIS ONLY ARGUMENT IN THIS CASE IS ON THE GROUNDS THAT IT IS A POLITICAL EXTRADITION. MAW ALSO ADVISED THAT IN DISCUSSIONS WITH DEFENSE COUNSEL CASE WOULD BE COMPLETED ON 27TH.

IN ADDITION, TWO WARRANTS FOR ARREST WERE ISSUED BY THE COURT ON JUNE 13. COPIES WILL BE FURNISHED DEPT. SOONEST. BRUCE

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SUBJECT: EXTRADITION JAMES EARL RAY

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BUREAU HAS INFORMED ITS REPRESENTATIVES LONDON TO MEET PLANE.
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C O N F I D E N T I A L LISBON 1567

SUBJ: PRESENCE OF JAMES EARL RAY IN PORTUGAL

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PARIS FOR LEGAL ATTACHE

1. DESPITE EXTENSIVE PUBLICITY IN INTERNATIONAL PRESS OF PRESENCE IN PORTUGAL FOR SOME DAYS IN MAY OF ALLEGED KILLER OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, THERE HAS STILL BEEN NO MENTION IN LOCAL PRESS OF THIS FACT.
2. NONETHELESS BY LAST WEEKEND INTERNATIONAL PRESS REPORTERS HERE HAD WIND OF PORTUGUESE ANGLE OF STORY AND HAD BEEN JOINED BY FAIRLY LARGE GROUP OF REPS FROM ENGLISH AND AMERICAN PRESS, MAGAZINES AND TV SEEKING DETAILS. INITIALLY THESE REPORTERS WERE FRUSTRATED BECAUSE OF DIFFICULTY TRACING RAY/SNEYD'S ACTIVITIES DURING HIS STAY AND INABILITY TO FIND ANY SOURCES OF HARD INFO. EVENTUALLY REPORTERS DUG OUT NAME OF LOCAL HOTEL WHERE RAY, UNDER NAME OF SNEYD, HAD BEEN STAYING AND INTERVIEWED HOTEL EMPLOYEES, GIRLS IN NEARBY BARS AND OTHER LOW LEVEL SOURCES WHO, WE GATHER, WERE UNABLE TO PROVIDE ANYTHING OTHER THAN LOCAL COLOR.
3. FOR DEPT'S INFO, WE BELIEVE REPORTERS, ESPECIALLY FROM LIFE, HAVE PURSUED TWO ANGLES HERE WHICH THEY MAY SEEK TO USE. FIRST OF THESE IS EXCHANGE OF

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NOTES CONNECTED WITH 1908 PORTUGAL/US EXTRADITION TREATY WHICH APPEARS TO FORECLOSE EXTRADITION TO US OF PERSON CHARGED WITH CAPITAL CRIME. WE UNDERSTAND REPORTERS MAY BE BUILDING ON THIS LIMITATION A SCENARIO BY WHICH AMERICAN AUTHORITIES, POSSIBLY INCLUDING EMBASSY, WERE AWARE OF RAY/SNEYD'S PRESENCE HERE BUT DID NOTHING ABOUT IT BECAUSE OF EXTRADITION TREATY PROVISIO, INSTEAD WAITING UNTIL HE WAS SOMEPLACE WHERE SUCH RESTRICTION DID NOT EXIST. ALTHOUGH EMBOFFS IN GOOD CONSCIENCE DENIED THEY HAD ANY KNOWLEDGE DURING DATES RAY/SNEYD WAS REPORTEDLY IN PORTUGAL OF HIS PRESENCE IN PORTUGAL, AND MADE NO COMMENT AFTER LEARNING OF FACTS FROM FBI REP, WE ARE NOT SURE THESE DENIALS HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED IN LIGHT OF "ANGLE" REPORTERS HAVE DISCOVERED.

4. OTHER ANGLE WAS THAT RAY/SNEYD CAME HERE TO INVESTIGATE POSSIBILITY OF ENLISTING AS MERCENARY GIVEN ALLEGED REPUTATION OF LISBON AS CENTER FOR MERCENARY RECRUITMENT. WE DO NOT RPT NOT KNOW WHAT RAY/SNEYD MAY HAVE DONE ALONG THESE LINES NOR DO WE KNOW WHAT REPORTERS MAY HAVE FILED IN THIS CONNECTION. FONMINISTRY OFFICIAL TOLD EMBOFF THAT CIRCULATION OF THIS PARTICULAR RUMOR IN INTERNATIONAL PRESS WAS ONE REASON WHY GOP HAD WITHHELD ANY STATEMENT OF FACTS TO PRESS UNTIL JUNE 12. HE ADDED GOP HAD ALSO WISHED TO GIVE APPROPRIATE AGENCIES ADEQUATE TIME TO CHECK AVAILABLE FACTS.

5. FONMINISTRY INFO DIRECTOR CALLED IN LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL PRESS REPS JUNE 12. REPORTERS WERE GIVEN BRIEF FACTUAL ACCOUNT, INCLUDING DATES WHEN RAY/SNEYD HAD BEEN HERE, ISSUANCE SECOND CANADIAN PASSPORT BY CANADIAN EMBASSY LISBON, THAT PIDE HAD BEEN COOPERATING WITH FBI WHICH HAD SENT REP TO LISBON TO CHECK INTO RAY/SNEYD'S STAY HERE, THAT GOP HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF HIS STAY HERE AT THAT TIME, AND THAT THERE WAS NOTHING UNUSUAL ABOUT HIS ACTIVITIES HERE AS FAR AS AUTHORITIES COULD DETERMINE. PORTUGUESE REPORTERS APPARENTLY STILL PREVENTED BY CENSORSHIP FROM PUBLISHING ANY MENTION OF RAY/SNEYD'S PRESENCE IN PORTUGAL. GP-4

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1. WE ARE ADVISED THAT PHOTOGRAPH AND FINGERPRINT CARD SENT TO DEPARTMENT BY MISSOURI AND ATTACHED TO ORIGINAL WILKINSON CERTIFICATE FORWARDED TO LONDON ARE THE ORIGINAL RECORDS TAKEN FROM THE FILE OF THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY (BELIEVE ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE DESCRIBES THEM AS TRUE COPIES).
2. YOU ARE REQUESTED TO PRESENT SUPPLEMENTARY NOTE REQUESTING RETURN OF ORIGINAL PHOTOGRAPH AND FINGERPRINT CARD TO USG UPON COMPLETION OF EXTRADITION HEARING. RUSK

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PER HERFURT-BELMAN TELECON JUNE TEN FOLLOWING IS DRAFT OF
NOTE TO BRITISH GOVERNMENT REQUESTING RAY'S EXTRADITION QUOTE

1. THE AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AT LONDON
PRESENTS HIS COMPLIMENTS TO HER MAJESTY'S PRINCIPAL
SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND HAS THE HONOR, ON
INSTRUCTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, TO REQUEST THE ARREST
AND DETENTION, WITH A VIEW TO HIS RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES UNDER
THE EXTRADITION TREATY OF 1931, RATIFIED IN 1932, ENTERED INTO
FORCE JUNE 24, 1935, ("THE 1935 TREATY"), OF JAMES EARL RAY
ALIAS ERIC STARVO GALT, ALIAS JOHN WILLARD, ALIAS HARVEY
LOWMEYER, ALIAS HARVEY LOWMYER, ALIAS RAMON GEORGE SNEYD,
ALIAS RAMON GEORGE SNEYA, ALIAS W.C. HERRON, ALIAS JAMES
MCBRIDE, ALIAS JAMES O'CONNOR, ALIAS JAMES WALTON, ALIAS
JAMES WALYON, ALIAS PAUL BRIDGMAN, ALIAS "JIM", PRESENTLY IN
CUSTODY IN THE UNITED KINGDOM UNDER THE NAME OF RAMON GEORGE
SNEYD, WHO IS PRESENTLY UNDER INDICTMENT IN SHELBY COUNTY IN
THE STATE OF TENNESSEE FOR MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE. THIS
CRIME APPEARS TO FALL WITHIN PARAGRAPH 1 OF ARTICLE 3 OF THE
1935 TREATY BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND GREAT
BRITAIN. MR. RAY HAS ALSO BEEN CONVICTED OF THE CRIME OF (DEPT
TO SUPPLY PARTICULARS REGARDING CONVICTION AND ESCAPE BY CABLE)

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IN THE STATE OF MISSOURI. THIS CRIME APPEARS TO FALL WITHIN PARAGRAPH (DEPT TO SUPPLY PERTINENT PARAGRAPH (S) BY CABLE) OF ARTICLE 3 OF THE 1935 TREATY. BOTH THE STATE OF TENNESSEE AND THE STATE OF MISSOURI ARE INTERESTED IN HIS EXTRADITION. AUTHENTICATED DOCUMENTS COVERING THE AFOREMENTIONED INDICTMENT AND CONVICTION ARE ATTACHED.

2. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IS PREPARED TO DESIGNATE AGENTS ON BEHALF OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE AND THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO RECEIVE MR. RAY ALIAS ERIC STARVO GALT, ALIAS JOHN WILLARD, ALIAS HARVEY LOWMEYER, ALIAS HARVEY LOWMYER, ALIAS RAMON GEORGE SNEYD, ALIAS RAMON GEORGE SNEYA, ALIAS W. C. HERRON, ALIAS JAMES MCBRIDE, ALIAS JAMES O'CONNER, ALIAS JAMES WALTON, ALIAS JAMES WALYON, ALIAS PAUL BRIDGMAN, ALIAS "JIM", IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND CONVEY HIM TO THE UNITED STATES AT THE PROPER TIME. THEREFORE, THE AMBASSADOR WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT WOULD INFORM HIM WHEN THE AGENT OR AGENTS SHOULD COME TO THIS COUNTRY TO RECEIVE THE SAID JAMES EARL RAY, ALIAS RAMON GEORGE SNEYD.

3. THE LAW FIRM OF ROWE AND MAW, STAFFORD HOUSE, STRAND, LONDON, W.C. 2, HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED TO REPRESENT THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON THE REQUISITIONS OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE AND THE STATE OF MISSOURI IN THIS MATTER.

ENCLOSURES: REQUISITION(S) WITH ATTACHMENTS. UNQUOTE

FOREGOING DRAFT HAS BEEN COORDINATED WITH ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL VINSON AND NIGEL GRAHAM MAW OF LAW FIRM REPRESENTING U. S. GOVERNMENT.

WE MAY HAVE TO SPLIT ABOVE NOTE INTO TWO PARTS, COVERING EACH CRIME SEPARATELY, IF THE COURT SO SUGGESTS.

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