

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

FROM : <sup>SJP</sup> Stephen J. Pollak  
Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Rights Division

SUBJECT: James Earl Ray, Subject;  
Martin Luther King, Jr., Victim  
Conspiracy  
CIVIL RIGHTS

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

DATE: June 10 1968

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In order to secure extradition of James Earl Ray from Great Britain, affidavits must be presented to the British Court which establish probable cause that Ray committed the crime for which extradition is sought (the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King).

I attach, herewith, draft affidavits prepared for execution by the following seven individuals:

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| Ralph Meredith Carpenter | Guy Warren Canipe    |
| Charles Quitman Stephens | John Webster deShazo |
| George J. Bonebrake      | Robert A. Frazier    |
| Donald F. Wood           |                      |

The affidavits were prepared from the reports in this case submitted by your Bureau.

We intend to have these affidavits executed for submission as part of the case for extradition.

Before execution, each of the affidavits will be reviewed and approved by the Attorney General of Shelby County, Tennessee, Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., who is responsible for prosecution of the State's case.

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I would appreciate receiving any comments or suggestions you may have with respect to the attached affidavits.

John Rosenberg of this Division is in Memphis, Tennessee, and will be responsible there for securing execution of the affidavits of persons present in that City. Frank Allen of this Division, is in Birmingham, Alabama, and will be responsible there for securing execution of the affidavits of persons present in that City. Mr. Rosenberg and Mr. Allen will be in touch with your field offices in connection with this matter.

Attachments