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From Alin  
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(CITY AND STATE)

By me  
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned  Yes  
 No

Receipt given  Yes  
 No

Description: 1. a copy of an order signed by the President of the U.S. regarding the extradition of James Earl Ray  
2. a copy of custody log regarding return flight to U.S.  
3. copy of conversation between Mr. O'Keefe, Consul General attached to the American Embassy in London, & Arthur James, Counsel for James Earl Ray

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representing Sneyd or Ray that's in prison here. I notified the Attorney General yesterday morning at 11:30 for the purpose of coming over here to waive extradition and get this man back to the United States. I also requested in a letter to him a week or so ago that I be allowed to accompany this man back to the United States. Have you heard anything about that?

HERFURT:

I did talk to Mr. Vinson yesterday and he informed me of the fact that he had written to you that it was impossible to accompany Mr. Ray.

HANES:

I did not receive that letter. Do you know anything of the plans to return him?

HERFURT:

No, I do not.

HANES:

Of course, as of midnight tonight his time will have expired. I'm getting ready to announce to the press here that we will waive extradition and try to get back to the United States. I'm staying at the Royal Lancaster Hotel. I would insist; this man wishes that I go back with him. He is afraid of going back in custody alone. I have asked this officially. If it is denied, at least I ask that I be permitted once this man is turned over to see him and to talk to this man before his departure. I would like to be apprised of his departure.

HERFURT:

I do not know the plans.

HANES:

They will be dealing through your office.

HERFURT:

It's possible.

HANES:

Who will know about it when they're made? The British Home Office.

HERFURT:

It's possible that they will deal directly with the British Home Office.

HANES:

If you do hear from them, I'm at the Royal Lancaster Hotel, Room 501, and I shall be around here. Leave word for me.

HERFURT:

All right.

HANES:

I talked to the Attorney General's office and there was no mention of a flat turndown at that time. Maybe the letter came after I left or maybe today. I reiterate that I think it's a matter of right that this man not be interrogated without my presence. I would like to visit with him alone prior to his departure to the States. If not permitted to accompany him back, I want to see him the moment he lands Stateside.

HERFURT:

If I am talking to Washington today, I will convey your request.

HANES:

Thank you, Sir.

HERFURT:

I called Mr. Vinson in Washington and presented your request to him. He asked me to convey to you the following: "I am sure he understands why it is impossible to accompany Ray to the United States. Also I am sure he understands why it is impossible to see him at the departure." With respect to ~~his~~<sup>your</sup> request to talk to him here, I can appreciate your desire to see Ray before his departure from the prison but this is purely a decision which rests with the British authorities.

HANES:

I see no reason why once the British authorities turn this man over to the custody of the United States Government why then and there on the spot at the airport or anywhere I cannot be permitted to see him.

HERFURT:

I cannot comment on that. You asked me to present the request and I did.

HANES:

Yes, sir. I would like to be apprised when this man is going to be transferred. I don't want to be waiting here three days and him departing two days before. I certainly would like to know this man's movements. They certainly will have to take the consequences or any criticism which may come. I am at least entitled to know when this man has departed or is going to depart so that I can make arrangements to get back to the United States. I do wish you would relay this to them.

HERFURT:

I did.

HANES:

After all, if the man is going to be here 3 or 4 days, I want to stay here to see him. If he's going to be carted away tonight, I want to get back to the United States. I have no other reason to stay here. I want to know if they're going to hold him for 3 to 6 weeks or what they're going to do with him.

HERFURT:

I can't answer your questions because I don't know.

HANES:

This message came from Mr. Vinson? If you have any more contact, I need to know when the man is leaving.