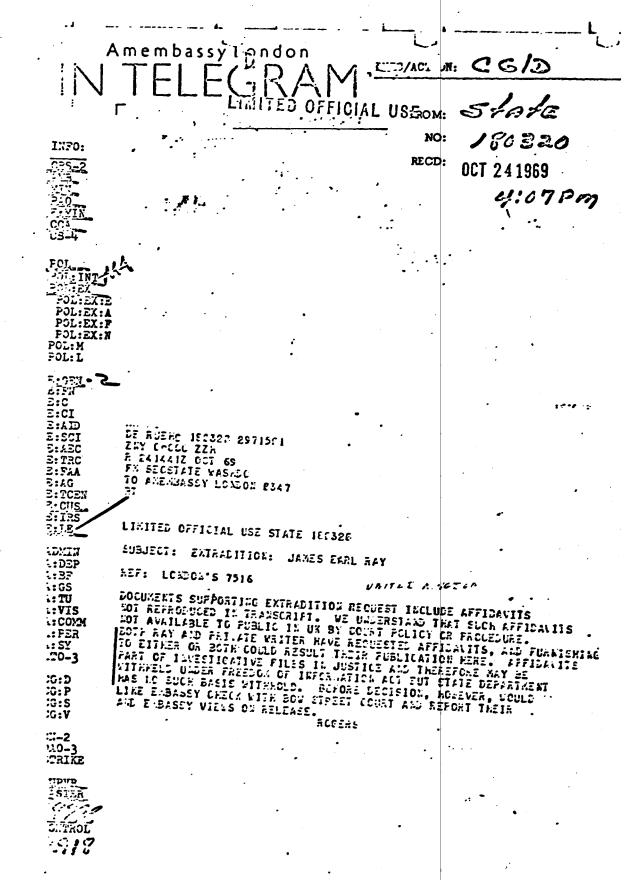
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1. As far as British law is concerned Bow Street Court is of opinion that Ray has right to have affidavits taken in U.S. and received in hearings at London last year. Bow Street official states he believes copies of these affidavits were given to defense after proceedings here were completed. He assumed documents were transmitted to Hanes in U.S. When informed giving affidavits to Ray might result in their publication, he repeated that Ray, as defendant, had every right to the affidavits, which he understood could include Ray's making them available to others if he chose to do so.

2. While Department correct that affidavits not available to prinlic in U.K., this policy does not apply to party in the proceeding who could publish it if he wished. Thus were Ray to have made request for documents, court would have released them. Court would not, rpt, not release to writer or any third party.

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3. Embassy has obtained views of Foreign Office and Rome Office which concur with those of Boy Street Court. Both

agree matter of publication would be up to Rey.

4. Since both Court and Home Office would have granted request by Ray for documents, Embassy of view that it would be awkward not to release documents to Ray. Embassy would not, rpt, not support giving documents to writer.

5. Foregoing has been coordinated with Gaither.

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