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LEGAT, LONDON AIRTEL JUNE EIGHTEEN LAST CONTAINED INFO RE POSSIBLE INTERVIEW OF SUBJECT. FOR POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION OF BUREAU IN CONNECTION WITH ANY AUTHORIZED INTERVIEW, BUREAU SHOULD CONSIDER THAT SUBJECT WHEN RETURNED TO MEMPHIS WILL BE IN CUSTODY LOCAL AUTHORITIES. POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT ANY INTERVIEW OF SUBJECT BY FBI WHILE IN LOCAL CUSTODY MIGHT RAISE POSSIBLE DEFENSE ALLEGATION OF FBI HARASSMENT OR INTERFERENCE IN WHAT IS NOMINALLY A STATE MURDER TRIAL. MEMPHIS OF OPINION THAT ULTIMATELY AN INTERVIEW OF RAY WILL BE NECESSARY IN ORDER TO PROVE OR DISPROVE ALLEGATION OF CONSPIRACY IN CONNECTION WITH DEATH OF MARTIN LUTHER KING. MEMPHIS OF OPINION THAT MOST PRACTICAL TIME FOR CONDUCTING INTERVIEW OF SUBJECT WILL BE PRIOR TO HIS RETURN TO LOCAL CUSTODY. MEMPHIS SUGGESTS IT MIGHT BE FEASIBLE TO MAKE EFFORTS TO CONDUCT INTERVIEW OF SUBJECT DURING HIS RETURN TO U.S. IT IS PRESUMED BUREAU AGENTS WOULD HAVE COMPLETE CONTROL OVER CONDITIONS OF INTERVIEW AT THAT TIME. MEMPHIS FULLY RECOGNIZES PROBABILITY THAT SUBJECT WILL NOT NECESSARILY FURNISH ANY INFO OF PERTINENCE,

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BUT FEELS EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO CONDUCT INTERVIEW.

E. B. GULLETT, ATTORNEY AT LAW, ADMITTED TO TENNESSEE STATE BAR IN NINETEEN TWENTYSEVEN AND HAS BEEN PRACTICING ATTORNEY SINCE THAT TIME. HE IS ASSOCIATED WITH THOMAS W. STEELE, VAL SANFORD, AND CHARLES W. WHITE. LAW FIRM PRACTICES UNDER NAME GULLETT, STEELE, SANFORD AND WHITE AT NASHVILLE, TENN. FORMER ASSOCIATES OF GULLETT INCLUDED FEDERAL JUDGE HARRY PHILLIPS, CURRENTLY MEMBER OF U. S. SIXTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS, AND WELDON WHITE, MEMBER TENNESSEE STATE SUPREME COURT PRIOR TO HIS DEATH.

GULLETT WAS MEMBER OF TENNESSEE STATE SENATE FROM DAVIDSON COUNTY, TENN., WAS PRESIDENT, TENNESSEE BAR ASSOCIATION IN NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, AND IS ACTIVE IN WORK OF AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION AND TENNESSEE STATE BAR ASSOCIATION. U. S. ATTORNEY G. MERRITT, JR., MDT, AND W. E. HOPTON, DIRECTOR, TENNESSEE BUREAU OF CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION, BOTH AT NASHVILLE, ADVISED GULLETT AND ASSOCIATES ARE HIGHLY REPUTABLE ATTORNEYS IN NASHVILLE AREA AND WELL REGARDED BY ASSOCIATES IN TENNESSEE. MEMPHIS INDICES DISCLOSE NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION RE GULLETT OR ANY MEMBERS OF HIS LAW FIRM.

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