

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

DATE: 6/2/68

FROM : ASAC C. O. HALTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At approximately 12:20 PM, 6/2/68, Supervisor HUNTER HELGESON of the Bureau telephonically furnished the following information:

At 9:30 PM, 6/1/68, MOSS INNES, Legal Attache, Ottawa, Canada, telephonically advised the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) are conducting a survey of Canadian passports in an attempt to locate JAMES EARL RAY.

RCMP investigators have located Canadian Passport No. DJ 909324 for one RAMON GEORGE SNEYD, issued 4/24/68 at Ottawa, this passport containing a photograph of SNEYD which RCMP advises is very definitely similar to RAY and there is a good probability it is a photograph of RAY.

SNEYD's application for passport was filed on his behalf by the Kennedy Travel Bureau, 962 Dundas St. West, Toronto, and was handled by Miss L. SPENCER, whom RCMP is attempting to locate for interview. SNEYD filed an affidavit, in lieu of listing a guarantor, that he had only been in Toronto three weeks and did not know a guarantor.

Passport data listed SNEYD as a white male, born 10/8/32, at Toronto, 5' 10", 168 lbs., hair black, eyes blue, residence 968 Dundas Street, Toronto. (RCMP established this to be a Chinese rooming house where SNEYD arrived 4/19/68 and remained for three weeks. He also listed as a friend PAUL BRIDGMAN, 102 or 108 Ossington St., Toronto. (RCMP has been unable to locate BRIDGMAN to date.)

The purpose for the Canadian passport was for SNEYD to fly to London, England, 5/6/68, via British Overseas Airlines Company (BOAC) and return to Canada, 5/21/68. RCMP has no information as yet as to what BOAC flight SNEYD may have taken to London and

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there is no indication he has returned to Canada.

RCMP have instructed their personnel to go all out to further identify and locate SNEYD. The handwriting on the application is being examined by the RCMP and will be forwarded to the FBI Laboratory by the Legal Attache, along with photograph of SNEYD.

Based on name checks from data furnished, there is no identifiable record of SNEYD in Bureau fugitive indices, NCIC, or Identification Division files.

The Bureau has telephoned the Legat in London, however, the Legat is not very optimistic about being able to develop anything on SNEYD. Records are not maintained in London on persons arriving on Canadian passports. ?

A search of the Identification Division files has disclosed a record of one PAUL BRIDGMAN. An entry reflects fingerprints were taken by the Dept. of Corrections, Jefferson City, Mo., of PAUL BRIDGMAN, who was received at the Dept. of Corrections, April 23, 1965, after having received a 5-year sentence for robbery. The sentence was commuted in Jan., 1968.

The Bureau is instructing Kansas City to obtain complete details regarding this PAUL BRIDGMAN. It would appear that BRIDGMAN probably served time in the Missouri State Penitentiary at the same time as RAY.