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Dear Commander Lampard,

US HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS

I attach a copy of a further letter we have received from James Earl Ray. It does not seem to us to raise any new points on which we need seek your advice. It would however be helpful in dealing with any further correspondence if you could let us know when Mr Bist was tried and details of the charges of which he was acquitted.

There remains the queries in Ray's earlier letters to the Home Secretary and the Commissioner and, (unless you have already dealt with this), the Select Committee's request for the dates and times during the extradition proceedings that Ray was removed and returned to custody at Wandsworth Prison. The information we can ourselves provide is limited, since a search of the prison records at Wandsworth has failed, to trace Ray's file. (I do not think there is anything sinister in this!). All we could say is that in 1968 the prison regulations stipulated that a prisoner could be interrogated by the police only if he consented. As regards Ray's court appearances, our files indicate that he appeared at Bow Street on 10th, 18th and 27th June and 2nd, 9th and 16th July 1968 but we cannot give details of times.

I think it would be our intention to reply to Ray by saying that much of the information he requests is no longer available but that such information as exists has been supplied to the Select Committee at their request. I imagine ten years after the event your own researches will not have thrown up much relevant information either. We should however be grateful for confirmation of this and also if you could let us know how the most recent visit of the Select Committee staff went.

Yours sincerely  
Eddie Guy  
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