

Mr. EVANS. According to Mr. Galt, he has not signed his name that way since approximately 1965. He could not give any explanation for Ray's use of his name and he did not know Messrs. Sneyd, Bridgman, or Willard.

When Ray returned to Canada in April 1968 after Dr. King's assassination, he used the names of two other Toronto citizens in obtaining a Canadian passport and fleeing to Europe.

Ray told committee staff members that he obtained the Sneyd and Bridgman names from birth announcements in 1932 Toronto newspapers, and then established through a 1968 Toronto phone directory that they both still resided in Toronto.

There were discrepancies in Ray's story. For example, in one version he found the names at a newspaper office and in another the names were found in a library. Nevertheless, the technique is not unknown in criminal circles.

At least one former inmate of Missouri State Penitentiary interviewed by committee counsel and myself said that the procedure for obtaining aliases was common knowledge among the inmates.

Like the RCMP and the FBI, the committee was unable to resolve the question of how Ray obtained the aliases he used.

The staff found Ray's explanation for the aliases highly incredible. Yet, the investigation could uncover no evidence that he contacted an alias ring or received other assistance, despite the remarkable coincidences and possible sinister interpretations.

In fact, one knowledgeable RCMP officer involved in the original investigation told our investigators that Ray could easily have purchased a complete set of false identifications in his own Toronto neighborhood for as little as \$5.

It seems that if Ray did have underworld contacts, he could have obtained a passport in the summer of 1967 when he first visited Canada.

The RCMP also found no evidence that Ray used a passport ring.

A Toronto map was found among the belongings Ray left behind at the Dundas Street roominghouse in that city. The original map was destroyed by the RCMP under their regular procedures for destruction of files, but the committee learned from reports concerning the map that it bore marks presumably made by Ray, near the residences of Bridgman, Sneyd and Galt and along transportation lines from Ray's roominghouses to the area of the Scarborough suburb where the men resided.

Mr. Chairman, this would be a good time to have entered into the record what has been premarked MLK exhibit F-232.

Chairman STOKES. Without objection, it may be entered into the record at this point.

[The information follows:]

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