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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Bishop

DATE: 7/17/68

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This is the case involving James Earl Ray, the alleged killer of Martin Luther King.

Attached for approval is a proposed press release concerning Ray's return to the United States from Britain. It is noted that in the second paragraph blank spaces appear. The exact time of Ray's release by British authorities to FBI Agents will be inserted in these spaces as soon as it is known.

If approved, this release will be issued in Washington, D. C., and Memphis, Tennessee, at the time Ray is turned over to Shelby County, Tennessee, officials.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) That the attached proposed press release be approved.

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(2) The Director is respectfully requested to sign the attached, undated letter of transmittal to Mr. Sessions in the Department. The date will be inserted prior to transmittal.

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(3) That the attached material be expeditiously returned to your (Mr. Bishop's) office for further processing.

not used. release attached supplemented 7-19-68

Enclosures (2)

1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enclosures (2)
1 - Mr. Bishop - Enclosures (2)
1 - Mr. Rosen - Enclosures (2)
1 - Mr. Sullivan - Enclosures (2)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
July 19, 1968

James Earl Ray, who is charged with the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr., was returned safely to the United States today.

British authorities turned Ray over yesterday evening to the custody of FBI Agents, who accompanied him on a nonstop flight from London aboard a U. S. Air Force C-135 to Memphis, Tennessee.

The plane left Great Britain at 7:38 p.m., EDT, yesterday and arrived at the Memphis Naval Air Station at 4:37 a.m., EDT, today.

Upon arrival he was turned over by the FBI to the Shelby County, Tennessee, Sheriff's Office and was lodged in the Shelby County jail.

The transportation of Ray to the United States was accomplished without incident.

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ENCLOSURE

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLIFF SESSIONS
DEPUTY CHIEF, OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION

Attached is a press release concerning the return of James Earl Ray to the United States which I thought you might like to make available to the press.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

1 - Mr. DeLoach (detached)
1 - Mr. Bishop (detached)
1 - Mr. Rosen (detached)
1 - Mr. Sullivan (detached)

NOTE: See M. A. Jones to Bishop Memo dated 7/17/68, captioned: "MURKIN."

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