10/31/68

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To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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Bureau is in receipt of a copy of a letter from James Earl Ray addressed to J. B. Stoner, Savannah, Georgia, as provided to you by the Sheriff of Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee. This letter is thanking Stoner for coming to Memphis and states that Ray's brother will be in touch with Stoner.

In your teletype of 9/30/68, you advised that in the motion filed by Arthur J. Hanes, Ray's attorney, in Shelby County Criminal Court, Memphis, Tennessee, pertaining to Ray's corresponding with his attorney, Judge W. Preston Battle ruled that written notes exchanged between Ray and his attorney are privileged; however, the Shelby County Sheriff or his designated agent has the authority to peruse these notes to determine if there is any attempt to breach security of the jail. These notes should not be perused for the purpose of ascertaining the full contents of the messages.

In view of the above order of W. Preston Battle, you should not accept any written communication from the sheriff regarding correspondence between Ray and other individuals. If it is not in violation of the court order you may accept information from the sheriff if he volunteers this information and it is on an oral basis only.

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2 ENCLOSURE

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RE:

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provided by the Sheriff of Shelb County, Memphis, Tennessee,
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This communication is advising Memphis not to accept
written communication from the sheriff regarding Ray's
respondence; however, they may accept information on an oral
is from the sheriff. Memphis also being instructed to insure
the acceptance of this oral information is not in violation
the court order.

**Prior information indicates that Ray has been in
tact with J. B. Stoner with a view towards engaging him as
nsel, although Hanes continues to be Ray's attorney of record.**

JAMES RAY
COUNTY. JAIL
MEMPHIS, TENN.

To. Mr. J. B. Stoner

P.O. Box - 6263

Savannah, Georgia - 31405

11-8-68

Dear Mr. Stoner;

I will just write a few lines to thank you for coming to memphis, also my brother come to visit me after you and I talked to him about the libel case and he said he wanted out.....

I suppose he's another one of Clark's stooges. I guess that's about all for now

Sincerely

Lomer E. Ray

J. RAY
COUNTY JAIL
MEMPHIS, TENN.
U.S.A.

To. Mr. Frank Melton
Chief Magistrate
Bow Street Court
London, England.

C/O Chief Clerk,

10-7-68

DEAR SIR;

I WOULD APPRECIATE IT VERY MOSH IF IF YOU COULD GIVE ME ANY INFOXIMATION ON THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

... SEND ME THE PRICE OF THE

MR. EUGENE ASK ME THIS QUESTION ALSO, THINKING I HAD SELECTED HIM, AS I UNDERSTAND IS THE PROCEDURE IN ENGLISH COURTS, I UNDERSTAND MR. FRANK MELTON APPOINTED HIM OFFICIALY BUT I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHO RECOMMED MR. EUGENE

SINCERELY

James E. Ray

P.S. THE NAME.
Ramon George Sneyd
WAS USE AT THE
BOW ST. HEARING.