UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: July 15, 1968

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Martindale
1 - Mr. McDonough

John Minnich, Legat London, called at 6:20 a. m., 7/15/68, to advise that a Government board in London which grants legal aid certificates has refused to grant a certificate to James Earl Ray. Board has indicated it would be a waste of money to take Ray's cause to the high court.

The solicitor who is acting for Ray is appealing this board's decision to an appeals committee which will hear this on Wednesday, 7/17/68. If the appeals committee upholds the board's decision, that will be the end of Ray's legal actions and Ray's case will not go to the high court unless Ray or someone else will put forth money for legal aid. In the event no one puts up money, it means in all probability the final orders will be signed by the Home Secretary on or about 7/19/68. According to Minnich, this will mean that the Bureau will have to be prepared to move on the evening of 7/19 or 20, 1968.

Minnich states foregoing information will be telephonically given to Assistant Attorney General Vinson by the Consul General at the Embassy today at 12:15 p. m., London time, 7:15 a. m., Washington time.

It is noted Ray had been ordered extradited by the Magistrate's Court in London on 7/2/68. The procedure permits an appeal to be filed within 15 days and it was previously indicated an appeal would be filed 7/17/68 and heard 7/29/68.

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This is for your information. Minnich states he will keep the Bureau advised of further developments.

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