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Dear Jimmy, 1/2/80

Hasty response to your 12/28/79, before it can get lost in the stacks of stuff I have all over the place.

I do have both of the documents to which you refer and I believe others like them. It may be that I forced the committee to use these they did by my giving them to the press and using them on a Washington TV show right after Eist testified.

Recovering them may not be easy, however, because I have not been able to keep keep up with my filing. I can't even count the number os stacks of things awaiting doing.

So if and when you feel you have a need, please get Mark to make the request. I know him as you appear not to and I don't want to do anything that can be misinterpreted in any way. This is why I let Carol send you what I thought would interest you. You should have more by now, what Jerry just assumed his "holy man" was responsible for but wasn't.

I can't recall why that Alton record is familiar but it is. I still hope to get all those records.

The name of the 4/2 motel is the DeSoto. I have not found any record of their checking there as I know they did.

Thanks for your good wishes. Everything is going about as well as I can expect. The last time I saw you was the first time I was released to travel after hospitalization for thrombosis, both legs and thighs. Since then problems with the arteries have been diagnosed. But nonetheless I manage to make out.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

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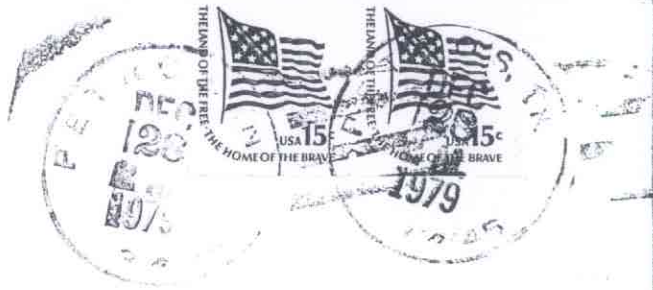

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Dear Harold:

I have recently been reading the Volumes reflecting the "Select Committee" final report. In one Volume V111, I read a FBI document dated 17 July 1968 introduced by Jim reading:

> "Subject, meaning James Earl Ray, refused to see two Scotland Yard officers June 14 last and said he would also refuse to see the FBI if they asked to see him. Yard officers made request to see him in an effort to ascertain his activities in London from May 17 to June 8. Subject not saying anything significant to Warders as he believes they are trying to extract information for the police. Vol. V111, p. 606.

If you have a copy of this document I would very mush appreciate a copy, although don't go to a lot of bother since I can just quoate the Volume. What I intent doing is sue the British government under the declaratory judgment act. England has now produced three(3) oral statements against me by Scotland Yard officers and, I believe, under the declaratory judgment act I can get a yes or no answer as to anything else in the way of oral statements they have hanging-over-my-head so to speak.

Enclosed is a document from the FBI about the matter, as you can read the document say's I was becoming even more "uncooperative" with my English attorney. In addition to these documents I also wrote Ramsey Clark & J. Edgar Hoover while in the London prison saying I would make no oral statements--so I think if I should receive a trial the 'Eist(s) stories would not carry to mush weight.

In another matter, Carol sent me a copy of a document you received from the J.D. saying John would not be prosecuted for perjury re: Bank robberies. In re: to bank robberies, the FBI also sent me a document (enclosed) concerning a bank robbery in Alton, Illinois. As you can see a woman identified John in the robbery 11 years later by stating he had white hair/red wig/blue or gray eyes. The FBI said this document had recently been declassifiifed thus apparently it was not made a part of the Select Committee final report--although they should have seen it.

Regarding the FBI/FOIA, I have filed numerous suits but receive a lot of double talk; when I get anything helpful it is usually something I did not ask for. (The bureau still won't admit that I was in the Motel, you visited, I said I was on April 2, 1968 near Memphis.

Hope everything is going ok.

Sincerely: James Earl Ray

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

June 25, 1968

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The following additional pertinent information is being furnished relative to the captioned case. The material set forth herein is based on preliminary information and complete details will be incorporated in reports of results of investigation.

The British Attorney General has ruled that no request would be made to the Governor of Prisons to interview subject James Earl Ray until he is ordered extradited by the British courts. The New Scotland Yard officials have advised that subject James Earl Ray has become more uncooperative, even with his defense counsel.

Investigation at the South African Embassy in Lisbon, Portugal, reveals that James Earl Ray made a telephone inquiry there regarding conditions for entering South Africa. Additional inquiry at banks in Lisbon, Portugal, regarding accounts opened by the subject have not resulted in any positive information.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police previously advised that they had a telephone call from a dance studio, Montreal, Canada, to the effect that James Earl Ray was seen at a dance studio in Montreal on May 25, 1968. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police has advised that a person who visited the Zeda Zare Dance Studio on May 25, 1968, was definitely identified as James Earl Ray by [redacted] who is the piano player at the studio. It is noted that on May 25, 1968, the subject was allegedly in London, England.

When the subject was arrested in London, England, on June 8, 1968, among his personal effects was a suit of clothing and the name contained in the suit was Eric S. Galt. According

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to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police on July 21, 1967, a suit of clothing was ordered from the English and Scotch Woollen Company, Limited, Montreal, Canada, by an individual using the name Eric S. Galt. That individual paid $75.06 in cash. A letter was received by the English and Scotch Woollen Company, Limited from Eric S. Galt, giving a return address of 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, and the letter states he was enclosing his address so the company could mail the suit to him at Birmingham, Alabama, as he had to leave Montreal before the suit was finished. No identification could be made of any of the photographs of James Earl Ray by the employees of this firm. Investigation is continuing by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police of all aspects of matters concerning the subject's reported activities in Canada.

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATION (HSCA)

ON DECEMBER 5, 1978, [redacted] CONTACTED THE ALTON RESIDENT AGENCY OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI) CONCERNING THE ROBBERY OF THE BANK OF ALTON WHICH OCCURRED IN 1967. [redacted] ADVISED "THE ALTON TELEGRAPH", ALTON, ILLINOIS, RAN AN ARTICLE ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1978, CONCERNING THE RAY BROTHERS' ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT IN THE 1967 ROBBERY OF THE BANK OF ALTON. [redacted] ADVISED UPON OBSERVING THE TWO PHOTOGRAPHS OF JOHN RAY AND JERRY RAY THAT JOHN RAY IS THE INDIVIDUAL SHE OBSERVED ON THE DAY OF THE BANK ROBBERY CROSSING THE STREET NEXT TO THE BANK OF ALTON.

[redacted] ADVISED THAT ON THE DAY OF THE ROBBERY OF THE BANK OF ALTON IN JULY, 1967, SHE WAS GOING HOME FROM WORK FOR LUNCH AT

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APPROXIMATELY 1:00 P.M. [redacted] ADVISED SHE WAS HEADING EAST ON BROWN STREET APPROACHING THE INTERSECTION OF BROWN AND WASHINGTON STREET WHEN SHE OBSERVED TWO MEN CROSS BROWN STREET FROM THE DIRECTION OF THE BANK OF ALTON HEADING IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION TOWARD THE REAR OF THE CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH. [redacted] ADVISED THERE WAS A HOLLOW BEHIND THE CHURCH THAT WAS WOODED.

[redacted] STATED THAT ONE OF THE MEN STOPPED DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF HER CAR IN THE LANE OF TRAFFIC AND THE SECOND MAN WAS A FEW STEPS AHEAD OF THE INDIVIDUAL WHOM SHE IDENTIFIED AS JOHN RAY.

[redacted] ADVISED BOTH MEN WERE WEARING GRAY AND WHITE LOOSE COVERALLS AND THE INDIVIDUAL SHE IDENTIFIED AS JOHN RAY WAS WEARING A GRAY AND WHITE CAP DESCRIBED AS ONE WORN BY A RAILROAD ENGINEER. (b)(7)(C) (b)(7)(D)

[redacted] STATED WHEN JOHN RAY STOPPED IN FRONT OF HER CAR, HE WAS APPROXIMATELY 12 TO 15 FEET AWAY AND AS HE TURNED TO LOOK AT HER HE REMOVED HIS CAP AND SHE NOTICED HE WAS WEARING A RED WIG AND SHE STATED THAT JOHN RAY HAD GRAY HAIR SHOWING UNDER THE WIG.

[redacted] STATED HE WALKED OVER TO THE CURB IN THE SAME DIRECTION AS THE SECOND MAN. [redacted] NOTED THAT THE SECOND MAN WAS NOT WEARING

A CAP AND WAS HOLDING HIS RIGHT THIGH GIVING THE IMPRESSION HE WAS CARRYING SOMETHING.

[redacted] FURTHER STATED THAT IF SHE COULD SEE A PROFILE OF JERRY RAY, SHE COULD POSSIBLY IDENTIFY HIM AS THE MALE INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS WITH JOHN RAY. [redacted] STATED SHE DID NOT KNOW ABOUT THE BANK ROBBERY AT THE TIME AND DID NOT LEARN ABOUT THE BANK ROBBERY UNTIL LATER THAT DAY WHEN SHE NOTIFIED THE FBI AND FURNISHED INFORMATION CONCERNING HER OBSERVATIONS.

ACCORDING TO [redacted], SHE WAS SHOWN A PHOTOGRAPHIC LINEUP OF NUMEROUS INDIVIDUALS, HOWEVER, DOES NOT RECALL EVER SEEING A PICTURE OF ANY OF THE RAY BROTHERS. [redacted] STATED THAT THE FIRST TIME SHE SAW A PHOTOGRAPH OF JOHN RAY WAS THE PHOTOGRAPH SHOWN IN THE DECEMBER 2, 1978, EDITION OF "THE ALTON TELEGRAPH". [redacted] FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF THE TWO INDIVIDUALS SHE OBSERVED ON THE DAY OF THE BANK ROBBERY OF THE BANK OF ALTON: THE FIRST INDIVIDUAL WHOM SHE IDENTIFIED AS JOHN RAY WAS DESCRIBED AS A WHITE MALE, 5'9", 150 TO 160 POUNDS, GRAY HAIR STICKING OUT FROM UNDER A RED WIG, BLUE OR GRAY EYES, WEARING WORK SHOES

PARTIALLY LACED, CLEAN SHAVEN, 35 TO 40 YEARS OF AGE WITH LONG FAIRLY WELL SHAPED HANDS. THE SECOND INDIVIDUAL WAS DESCRIBED AS A WHITE MALE, 5'10" TO 5'11", SLENDER BUILD, APPROXIMATELY 140 POUNDS, HAIR DARK, PARTED ON SIDE AND COMBED BACK, BROWN EYES, CLEAN SHAVEN, APPROXIMATELY 25 TO 28 YEARS OLD.

LEADS. SPRINGFIELD DIVISION. WILL RECONTACT [redacted] (b)(7)(C) (b)(7)(D)

IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A SIGNED STATEMENT.

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