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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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Submitted herewith for the information and assistance of the Bureau are three items of correspondence. The first is a letter forwarded to JAMES E. RAY from the Chief Clerk of the Bow Street Magistrate's Court at London. The second letter was prepared by JAMES EARL RAY and forwarded to Honorable W. PRESTON BATTLE, Criminal Courts Building, Memphis, Tennessee. The third is from subject RAY to his attorney, ARTHUR HANES.

Of significance, RAY in his letter to HANES requests that Mr. HUIE not go to any of the addresses in Miami until after the trial. In this connection, RAY also states "that part of the story just covers a few days anyhow and is not too important."

The above material is being furnished for the Bureau's information.

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Mr. James E. Ray,
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BOW STREET MAGISTRATES COURT,
LONDON, W.C.2

AVH/RH

21st October 1968

Dear Sir,

Your letter addressed to the Chief Magistrate has been passed to me.

With regard to the extradition hearing at this Court, I should first explain that there is no transcript of the complete hearing. The only documents in existence were those sent from America and presented to the Court and the short verbal evidence, including your own, which was taken at this Court, but all those documents at the end of the proceedings were delivered to the Secretary of State. I do, however, understand that copies of the American documents and copies of the evidence given at this Court were in possession of the solicitor who acted for your defence, and I understand that he will be writing to you on the question of sending these to you.

As regards your second question, the assignment of Mr. Eugene, the legal position at the time that you appeared before this Court was that the Court, having granted you legal aid, was then had a duty to assign to you a solicitor from a list which is prepared by the Inner London Quarter Sessions. A defendant is normally asked whether he wishes to choose a solicitor himself from that list, but if he does not know any solicitor and does not wish to make the choice himself, then it is my duty to name a particular solicitor. This is done more or less in rotation down the list, but some special regard is had to extradition proceedings which require the solicitor assigned to have some experience in that field. The firm to which Mr. Eugene belongs, Messrs. Dresden & Co., were such solicitors and accordingly were assigned by the Court. The solicitors were then free to instruct whichever Counsel they chose, and apparently they chose Mr. Frisby. The point I must emphasise is that there was no question of any person recommending the firm of Dresdens. The assignment was in accordance with the normal practice.

Yours faithfully,

A. V. Mandham

Chief Clerk

Mr. James E. Ray,
c/o The Governor,
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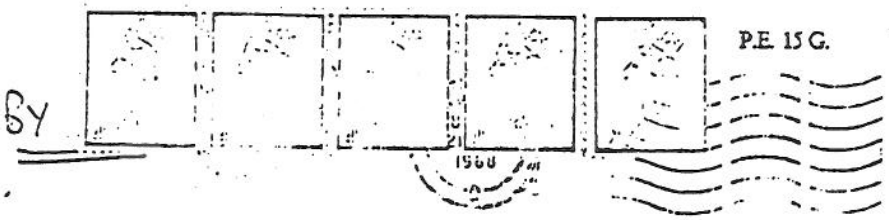

Mr. James H. Ray,
c/o The Governor,
County Jail,
MEMPHIS, Tennessee,
U.S.A.

J. RAY
COUNTY, JAIL
MEMPHIS, TENN

To. Hon. W. Preston Battle
Criminal Courts Bldg.
Memphis, Tenn.

10-18-68

Dear Sir;

I DON'T LIKE TO BOTHER YOU AGAIN WITH MINOR PROBLEMS, BUT IT WILL BE NESSARY FOR ME TO BUY SOME CLOTHING FOR TRIAL, I JUST HAVE ON CHANGE AT THE JAIL, EVERYTHING ELSE IS WINTER CLOTHING AND DON'T F.T. I WOULD LIKE YOUR PERMISSION FOR A TAILOR TO COME IN AS I HAVE TROUBLE GETTING CLOTHING TO FIT.

ALSO SINCE I HAVE BEEN IN HERE I HAVE BEEN USING AN ELECTRIC RAZOR WHICH CAUSES A RASH. SO WOULD. ALSO LIKE YOU PERMISSION DURING THE TRIAL

TO USE A SAFTY RAZOR. THEY HAVE THE SECURITY KIND THAT LOCKS THE BLADE IN WITH A KEY.

MR. HANES AND I DESIDED TO WRITE YOU AS HE IS TO BUSY TO FILE A MOTION, THE STATE JUST GAVE HIM A NEW LIST OF WITINESS AT THIS LATE DATE.

I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD LET ME KNOW IF THIS IS NOT IN YOUR JURISDICTION SO I CAN CONTACK SOMEONE ELSE BEFORE TRIAL.

IT, SEEMS THE SHERIF OFFICE DENIED BOTH OF THESE REQUEST BY MR. HANES.

ALSO ANY TAILOR THE AUTHORITES DESIDES ON IS ALLRIGHT WITH ME. THANKS

SINCERELY
James Ray

J. RAY
COUNTY JAIL
MEMPHIS, TENN

To. Mr. Arthur Hanes, Att.
617 - Frank Nelson Bldg.
Birmingham, Alabama
35203

10-18-68

Dear Mr. Hanes;

I was thinking about that long list of witnesses yesterday. It seems most of them resulted from Mr. Hanes going to Chicago. Therefore ask him not to go to any of the addresses in Miami until after the trial starts, That way if Clark send a couple divisions down there it will be too late to put them on the witness list. That part of the setup just covers a few days anyhow and is not so important, also if you didn't destroy those papers just send all of them to Jerry.
That all for now.

Sincerely, J. Ray

On Frank Search Slip paced all by an X but he is not mentioned in it. Wiseman testified he could not explain "X" before number

attachments relevant to surveillance Item of 12/23/75 request

Violated Judge Battle's order