

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: June 26, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. McGowan
- 1 - Mr. Long
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. Gale
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Subject James Earl Ray escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri, on 4/23/67, and the very first account we had of him after his escape was in Montreal, Canada, where he appeared on 7/18/67. A preliminary survey was made of fugitives apprehended in Canada during the Summer of 1967, and as a result thereof, it was ascertained that one [redacted] who was an escapee from the Missouri State Penitentiary, was apprehended in Campbells Bay, Quebec, Canada, on [redacted] was a [redacted] and was being sought for Unlawful Flight to Avoid Confinement - Armed Robbery.

In view of the above, [redacted] was interviewed at the Missouri State Penitentiary where he was confined and he stated that he was not acquainted with James Earl Ray, the subject of the MURKIN investigation. Since [redacted] had been apprehended in Canada, he was questioned as to the [redacted] at this time, stated that it is very easy to [redacted]

It is to be noted that during July and August of 1967, subject Ray resided at 2589 Notre Dame Rue in Montreal, Canada.

As a result of the information furnished by [redacted] our Legal Attache in Canada was requested to contact the appropriate Canadian officials to determine if [redacted] could be made by them for the period of 4/23/67, to the present date. As a result of this project requested by us, it was determined the subject was [redacted] under the name of Ramon George Sneyd.

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Memo Rosen to DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

The subject was subsequently apprehended in London, England, on 6-8-68, [REDACTED] under the name of Sneyd. [REDACTED] has been interviewed in depth concerning his activities in Canada, particularly [REDACTED] has furnished us complete details of his knowledge [REDACTED] is in a form suitable for dissemination to Canadian authorities. (Copy attached for information.)

On 6-21-68, Arthur J. Hanes and his son, who practices law with him, visited Scotland Yard where they saw a Chief Inspector. We have been advised in confidence that Hanes requested an interview with Ray and was told he could not see him. He was asked the source of his fee and replied that he expected to collect his fee from Ray. When he was told that Ray is practically without funds, he apparently lost interest in seeing him and requested that Ray be given Hanes' business card, on the back of which he wrote, "Dear Mr. Sneyd. We made an effort to see you but will see you immediately upon arrival in the USA."

The Atlantic edition of "Time" magazine, 6-21-68, has been withdrawn from sale in England because of an article on pages 22-23 captioned "Ray's Odd Odyssey." This article includes details of the subject's prior criminal activities as well as a detailed summary of this case and his activities since July, 1967. Publication of such material concerning a defendant under pending charges is strictly prohibited by British law.

ACTION:

1. We are forwarding to the Legal Attache, Ottawa, the letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination to be transmitted by the Legal Attache [REDACTED]
2. We are pursuing all aspects in a most expedite manner.

June 28, 1968

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1 - Mr. Long

To: Legat, Ottawa
From: Director, FBI (44-38861) REC-18 11/15

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Reference Kansas City airtel to Bureau, 6/18/68.

Enclosed for Legat Ottawa are 3 copies of a letterhead memorandum reflecting interview with [redacted] who is presently [redacted] Missouri. The contents of the letterhead memorandum [redacted]

You may disseminate this letterhead memorandum to appropriate Canadian authorities in view of the contents thereof. The dissemination of this should, in no way, be connected with the MURKIN case.

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1 - Memphis (Info)

1 - Foreign Liaison

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NOTE: See memorandum Rosen to DeLoach dated 6/26/68, captioned "MURKIN," REL:cs.

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- "Rosen" (signature)
- "DeLoach" (signature)
- "W.C." (signature)
- "3" (handwritten number)
- "EST" (stamp)
- "FBI" (stamp)



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Kansas City, Missouri

June 18, 1968

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[redacted] who was captured [redacted] after escaping from Missouri State Penitentiary. [redacted] is currently [redacted] and during re-interview on June 14, 1968, he advised as follows:

It is much easier to [redacted] He said he is not familiar with [redacted] contacts in Toronto, but is [redacted] He advised that there is no difficulty in passing over to Canada from the United States.

[redacted] and perhaps light "dope" such as marijuana. He is the type of person [redacted] describes as a "hustler". [redacted] advised that [redacted] understands this is furnished through a [redacted] stated he was also told this [redacted] to validate the record should any question arise. He said he doubts this, and it could be it was used as a "come along".

[redacted] fills out the [redacted] and puts [redacted] If you do not know a [redacted] he will provide the name of one and [redacted]. The cost of a [redacted] runs from \$25 to \$150 depending on the amount of work [redacted] said his [redacted] was applied for on Friday and it was furnished to him by [redacted] on the following Monday or Tuesday ready to be [redacted]

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[REDACTED] advised that the best method, and the one he would have used had he had a chance to study the matter, is as follows:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] he did not actually use it because he studied the system in the meantime, and then sent his [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

He said it is also possible to obtain [REDACTED] as this [REDACTED] A person does not actually have to have [REDACTED] requirement will be waived.

In connection with "crossing over" to Canada, [REDACTED] said this presents no problem. He said the first time he crossed it was at Plattsburg, New York, about nine or ten days after he escaped [REDACTED] He had hitchhiked a ride from New York City. He showed a drivers license he had as identification. He believed it was in the name of [REDACTED] This time he was asked why he was going to Canada and for how long. He said he replied he was going for two weeks if his money held out. [REDACTED] stated he went back and forth six or eight times while he was an escapee, and except this once, he was never questioned or required to show any identification. He said the best plan is to pick one of the busiest places to cross. This could be the International Bridge at Detroit, Michigan, and at Plattsburg, New York.

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[redacted] also advised persons entering Canada in a fugitive status like to leave the United States from a busy airport such as New York City, and go to Montreal. He said customs are so busy they merely spot check certain passengers and do not ask for identification.

[redacted] advised that the information he has was picked up by him by reading regulations and [redacted] and the system is not hard to understand.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] He said he met some of these but [redacted] said he recalled one "hustler" who [redacted] [redacted] and can get about anything one would want in the way of [redacted]. He stated [redacted] also traffics in prostitution and may handle a little "pot".

Another associate of [redacted] [redacted] to deal in "dirty pictures, pot, and generally hustles" for [redacted] He said this man is a "blatant homosexual".

Another associate [redacted] He has been "rapped" in Montreal for "hot" cars.

[redacted] said he was arrested and put in jail at Ottawa, Canada. [redacted] came to see him and offered him a lot of services for a price. He wanted \$350 and took care of some things for [redacted] He said for another \$1000 he could get [redacted] but he sent this message through [redacted] [redacted] authorities would not let him re-visit [redacted] and stated he was deported on [redacted] Therefore, [redacted] would have had a visit with him between July 1 and August 9, 1967. [redacted] further advised he was using the name of [redacted] while living in Canada.