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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. DE LOACH
MR. ROSEN
MR. BISHOP

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Assistant Director Al Rosen returned my call to him. I told him that in talking with the Attorney General there were two problems. I stated it seems that Arthur Hanes, the lawyer, has been demanding of the Department of Justice that he be allowed to come back on the plane with James Earl Ray and I told the Attorney General I was absolutely opposed to that and it should not be allowed and he was going to have Assistant Attorney General Fred Vinson call Hanes and tell him.

I said that secondly, I would like Mr. Rosen to find out from Legal Attache John Minnich in London what happened today at the hearing in court so we will know exactly what the status is and if he, Minnich, thinks the plane should go over to England now and stand by -- whether the movement of Ray is imminent. I stated if it were not going to be ¹⁰⁵ another week or ten days, there would be no reason to send it now, but if it were going to be in a few days, we would do it because we want to get the fellow out as fast as possible because Hanes apparently is going to London with the purpose of getting on the plane to return; that I did not think Hanes has any rights over in England, but he will probably try to put on a shyster act.

Mr. Rosen said that under normal conditions it takes 24 to 48 hours but under these circumstances the Home Secretary is going to keep it on his desk four days. Mr. Rosen said that Mr. Vinson was supposed to get in touch with the Minister who in turn would contact the Home Secretary and find out on an informal basis, and formally if necessary, just when the papers will be signed, assuming the final order will be put out on the 17th, which is the expiration of fifteen days. Mr. Rosen said that if that happens, the extradition order will be immediately signed and then, according to Vinson's information which he gave us, the Air Force needs 24 hours. Mr. Rosen said my comment made it even more important that we find out where we stand.

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Memorandum for Messrs. Tolson, DeLoach, Rosen, Bishop

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I told Mr. Rosen we want to get these men of ours aboard the plane to go over to England and if the Air Force needs 24 hours advance notice, if that is their procedure, we will have to adhere to it, but we do not want Ray sitting around waiting for the arrival of the plane; if the plane can go there and stand by there and be ready to take off, it would not be held up.

Mr. Rosen asked if I would suggest he touch base with the Department to see if they have made plans to see that we won't be in the middle on the diplomatic issues. I stated I did not want Minnich to take diplomatic action but I thought he might know what the situation is and get his feeling as to whether the plane should be going on over. Mr. Rosen said he would give me a rundown on this from Minnich.

Very truly yours,

J. E. H.

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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