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TO: Mr. DeLoach

FROM: A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: July 17, 1968

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
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I met with Vinson concerning arrangements for the flight. He advised me he had spoken to Colonel Burleson and suggested I call him concerning the arrangements.

In the meantime, he said he wanted to advise me of tentative arrangements by the Home Secretary who is supposed to announce after the group is airborne that the extradition order has been signed. Vinson said he was saying this with tongue in cheek because he does not know whether this actually will be held by the Home Secretary or released just as soon as he signs the order.

I asked him when the Agents would depart. He said there is a probability of departing tomorrow and most likely on Friday.

I called Colonel Burleson in order to get him before the close of business and said Vinson had suggested I touch base with him. I advised him our Agents were ready to proceed and wanted to know where they were supposed to report. He said they should report to the MAT Terminal Building at Andrews Air Force Base between 9:30 and 9:45 tomorrow morning; that the plane would be at this terminal. It is Air Force Plane 4129. I gave him the names of the three Agents who would depart and stated Harold Light would be in charge of our party.

I advised him that Light would want to talk to the Flight Commander. Colonel Burleson said he would be at Andrews and would introduce Light to the Commander. I advised the Colonel that Light had certain plans with reference to the handling of the prisoner and so forth and would want to brief the Flight Commander. He said he would arrange for this.

The question of whether the flight would take place tomorrow was raised. Colonel Burleson said there was a 90% chance that it would leave tomorrow. (There is a possibility the President may want this plane for the Hawaiian trip.)

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There will be an air flight surgeon on board. Burleson was advised that he would need to examine the prisoner upon arrival at the air base, take care of any emergency in flight, and give him a physical examination upon arrival in the U.S. All food will be supplied by the Air Force.

With reference to the arrangements Vinson has made, he advised me that Colonel Burleson was to have a cover story for the flight.

Vinson asked about arrangements in London, and I advised him Minnich had been in touch with the General and had established necessary liaison for the handling of the prisoner.

Vinson stated he would alert Immigration Commissioner Farrell tomorrow to have a man available at the air base when it is definitely known that the prisoner will be returned.

Vinson also advised me J. J. Clark of the Bureau of Prisons will be in Memphis. He has previously looked over the facilities and will be there when the prisoner arrives. Vinson said he was obtaining the names of the employees of the Sheriff's Office who were assigned for special guard duty of the prisoner. He said the Bureau of Prisons men had previously checked on these persons and found them to be satisfactory; however, he would like to have a name check made through our files. He will furnish the names and date and place of birth of the various individuals. This will be handled when the names are received.

Vinson advised me he had planned to have a press release which was to be made when the prisoner was received at the Sheriff's Office. He said he was going to have Sessions of the Department get in touch with Bishop's office concerning this.

He advised me the plane will return from Memphis to D.C. and consequently our Agents will be able to return on the plane.

Vinson stated in his conversation with Burleson earlier today prior to my call, the question of payment for the craft was brought up and this was the first time it was mentioned. The Colonel indicated he thought it would run around \$10,000 and there was no further comment made of this by Vinson to Burleson. Vinson mentioned to me that, of course, the

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Department had no funds. I told him the Bureau had no funds for this transportation that I knew of and that insofar as we were concerned I was going to let the matter stand as is until some further comment was made. He said the question of funds came up because he asked Colonel Burleson whether the plane was coming back to Washington in which event the Agents could stay on the plane. It was at that time he said Burleson brought up the fact the Department of Justice was paying for the plane anyway so as many men as desired could get on the plane at that time. No mention was made to me concerning payment for the plane when I talked with Burleson.

ACTION:

Our Agents have been alerted and will be at Andrews in the morning at the designated time.

Minnich has been advised of the probability for his information only and Minnich has again advised me that all arrangements have been completed and he merely needs to know the time of arrival and is prepared to go forward with all of the arrangements that have been perfected.

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