

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

1-Mr. DeLoach
1-Mr. Rosen

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TO: MR. TOLSON

FROM: C. D. DE LOACH

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Legat Minnich called me at 1:30 p. m. this afternoon. He wanted to report on the latest information he had received in captioned case. He stated that previously the defense attorney, Arthur Hanes, had written the Attorney General (AG) to indicate that he did not want his client to be interviewed. He also stressed in his letter to the AG that he, Hanes, desired space on the plane bringing his client back to the United States. Minnich stated he understood that the AG, in effect, had advised Hanes that insofar as space was concerned, this would be impossible.

Minnich stated that Hanes called the AG today to indicate that he was proceeding to London and that he wanted to fly back with his client. Minnich told me it was his understanding that the AG had replied that this was impossible. I interrupted Minnich to tell him that I had just returned from lunch and did not know of these details. Mr. Rosen advised me that the Director had called him asking several questions and had indicated the above information. He was also advised that the Director was very definitely opposed to Hanes being allowed on the plane and would object very strenuously to it.

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Insofar as the appearance this morning in court by subject Ray, Minnich stated that this was a simple remanding procedure whereby Ray was legally held over by the British authorities for another eight days based upon his violations of British law. This was a necessary procedure every eight days so that the subject can be legally held under British law. This procedure has nothing to do with subject's extradition. The entire hearing lasted some 30 seconds this morning.

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Minnich was asked about the timing of the subject's departure. It was indicated that we were particularly concerned with getting him out of London once authority had been given to do this. It was pointed out that the Director did not want any delays chargeable to the FBI in connection with the transportation to the United States.

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DeLoach to Mr. Tolson
Re: MURKIN

Minnich stated that his best estimate of the situation is that the Minister of the U. S. Embassy will be informed by the Home Secretary as to when the extradition order will be signed. Minnich understands that Vinson has been in touch with the Minister and that just as soon as the Minister learns of the time that the order will be signed, he will be in a position to call Vinson and alert him. Under the present plans, the Minister believes he will know at approximately midnight on Wednesday, July 17, 1968. This will be around 7:00 p. m. Washington time. Minnich understands that Vinson is to receive a call around 7:00 p. m. from the Minister alerting him to the fact that the extradition order will be signed the following morning, which will be Thursday, July 18, 1968.

In this connection it is noted that if the order is signed on Thursday morning, in order to get the subject out of London that evening, it would be necessary for the plane to leave the United States no later than 9:00 a. m. Thursday morning, July 18th. It would appear that the Air Force would therefore have to be alerted so that it can be prepared to depart on schedule. We have previously been informed by Vinson that the Air Force needs 24 hours advance notice. This being true, then Vinson should alert the Air Force no later than tomorrow morning.

I told Minnich that I felt this answered the questions that the Director had raised, but in the event there were any additional questions, I would be back in touch with him immediately.

ACTION:

In view of the above information, it is suggested that we call Vinson and tentatively pose the question as to whether or not the Air Force should be put on notice as of tomorrow morning, July 17, 1968. As things now stand, this would certainly seem to be in order.

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