

Memorandum

TO: Mr. DeLoach

DATE: July 17, 1968

FROM: A. Rosen

1 - Mr. DeLoach

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SUBJECT: MURKIN

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I have been in touch with Vinson this morning and he has advised me the news stories concerning subject Ray's waiving an appeal are totally misleading. He said the contact he has made with English barristers is clearly to the effect the 15-day waiting period is mandatory and he could sign 18 waivers in the meantime and they would have no effect. This means the 15-day period will not expire until midnight, London time, tonight. According to the information Vinson has, the British authorities would not sign the extradition order until tomorrow and that most probably it will be at the close of business, British time, tomorrow.

I asked him if the plane was ready inasmuch as our Agents are prepared to leave. I also mentioned if the order was to be signed tomorrow we ought to be ready to pick him up tomorrow. He said he did not think this would be done tomorrow but rather would be done on Friday. I stressed the need for getting a definite answer from him as soon as possible.

I asked him if the Presidential warrant had been prepared. He advised me he had talked with the State Department yesterday and had jacked them up on it but it is not ready as yet. He said he would check again with them. He said that insofar as the subject being interviewed is concerned, he is sending some correspondence to the Bureau indicating that Hanes had requested that subject Ray not be interviewed and if he be interviewed it should be done in his presence. He also said he would send some correspondence concerning a letter Ray sent to the Attorney General in which he mentioned he had gotten a lawyer and did not intend to talk.

Vinson said this raises a question as to whether we should interview him at all in view of the fact he will be transported as a prisoner. He said, of course, if Ray volunteers any information, we, of course, would listen. He also advised me in the correspondence he was sending over there is a reference to the fact Ray feared for his life because he was being transported by the FBI.

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The question of whether a recorder should be used was discussed during the conversation and Vinson said after consideration he did not feel this was desirable as such equipment would have to be on at all times in order to be acceptable and then the Agent's testimony would be necessary anyway.

ACTION:

I will keep pressing Vinson for a definite answer with reference to the departure time and the Presidential warrant.

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Keep pressing.
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