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Memorandum

TO: Mr. DeLoach

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FROM: A. Rosen

1 - Mr. DeLoach
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1 - Mr. Martindale

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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Vinson advised me the Attorney General had received a letter from attorney Arthur Hanes asking for permission to be on the plane coming back with the prisoner. Vinson said he answered this letter and in effect told Hanes in view of Hanes' previous experience in the Bureau he should know that this was impossible.

He said that Hanes is on his way to London. The Solicitor representing the defendant, as well as the Solicitor representing the Tennessee and Missouri authorities who are seeking his extradition, will decide tomorrow after they talk with Hanes as to what is going to be done about the appeal.

The Home Secretary has been in touch with the Minister and the Consul General. The Consul General has advised Vinson that if there is no appeal he understands the Home Secretary will sign the order at the close of business Thursday.

Vinson inquired of the Consul General whether the order could be held by the Home Secretary without any publicity until the prisoner was released. The Consul General stated he has been advised that the Home Secretary would have to publicly announce the fact that he had signed the extradition order on Thursday night, London time.

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Vinson then asked the Consul General concerning the time when departure from London would have to take place. Vinson said he understood Minnich was in the office of the Consul General and asked to talk to him. He asked Minnich what his preference would be as to leaving London. Vinson advised me that Minnich indicated his personal preference would be Friday. I am advising Minnich he is not to talk to Vinson any more and to refer any inquiries to Washington.

Vinson said the departure time would have to be dependent upon when the Air Force could get its plane to London. He stated this presented some problems because he would not know definitely when the order would

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be signed until sometime Wednesday evening, at which time he expected a call from the Embassy in London. He said that recognizing the Air Force needed 24 hours advance notice it would mean that the Air Force, in order to be ready to handle the transportation Thursday night, would have to be advised Wednesday morning. He went into the problem of having to get in touch with the Air Force and put them on alert and perhaps cancel the plans if a change in departure time took place. Consequently he said he was a little reluctant to request any plans for the Air Force to stand by if he had to subsequently cancel them.

Vinson asked me for my views and I told him I thought it would be well to get the prisoner out of British hands just as soon as we could once the extradition order had been issued so that there could be no delay chargeable to us and this, therefore, would be Thursday night. I told him that insofar as our men were concerned we were ready and able to move at any time and that he should let us know when a decision is reached as to when departure will take place from London and also what arrangements have been made with the Air Force because our men are going to have to get on the plane that is going to transport the prisoner.

He said he would immediately begin discussions with the Air Force concerning this matter and he would let us know.

Subsequent to the above conversation, I talked with Minnich and told him the information which Vinson had given me concerning his conversation with Minnich. Minnich stated he was in the office of the Consul General and one of the individuals there indicated to Vinson that Minnich was in the office. Vinson asked to talk to Minnich. Minnich did not indicate any preference for Friday as stated by Vinson. Minnich indicated to me that insofar as he was concerned just as soon as the aircraft would be available and all arrangements made by Vinson, he, Minnich, was ready to move. He indicated he understood Vinson was to make all arrangements for the handling of the aircraft and just as soon as this was arranged there were no problems as far as he was concerned.

Minnich also advised me he had been in touch with the British authorities and they assured him that if the extradition order was issued and signed on Thursday, the British would be ready to move that day.

I again reiterated to Minnich if he gets any calls from Vinson he should refer them to Washington.

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ACTION:

We will keep the pressure on Vinson and find out when the aircraft will be ready and when the prisoner is going to be made available for transportation. This is his problem and it ought to be placed directly in his lap.

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