

June 15, 1968

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ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The following additional pertinent information is being furnished relative to captioned case. The material set forth herein is based on preliminary information and complete details will be incorporated in reports of results of investigation.

Brigadier M. S. R. Maunsell, Director of Prison Security, Wandsworth Prison, where Ray is presently confined, requested that if available, he be furnished prison background information relating to Ray. Officials of Missouri State Penitentiary made available to the FBI records of Ray which have in turn been forwarded to our Legal Attache in London and will be furnished to Brigadier Maunsell. These records were made available on a strictly confidential basis and Brigadier Maunsell will be so informed.

Sources in England have advised that at Magistrate Court on June 18, 1968, the Magistrate will announce that the extradition hearing will take place on June 21, 1968. The public prosecutor will then ask for adjournment on local charges. On June 21, 1968, if the defense is ready, the extradition hearing will commence. Should the defense ask for more time he will be given until June 27, 1968, and if the hearing does not actually start until June 27, 1968, the Magistrate is prepared to sit on June 29, 1968, (Saturday) in order to expeditiously dispense with the matter.

Under the name Ramon George Sneyd, the following charges are pending against Ray in England:

- "(1) That you did on the 8th June 1968 at London Airport, without lawful authority use for the purpose of the Alien's Order 1953, a forged passport. Contrary to Article 25 (3) of the Alien's Order 1953.
- "(2) That you, not being a person exempted from the requirements of the Firearms Act, 1937, did, on

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the 8th June 1968, at London Airport, have in your possession, a firearm, namely a .38 'Liberty Chief' revolver, and 5 rounds of .38 ammunition, to which Part 1 of the said Act applies, and did not hold a firearms certificate at the time.
Contrary to Section 1 of the Firearms Act. 1937."

The June 13, 1968, issue of "The Washington Daily News" contained an article on page one wherein it is stated, "Ray arrived in Britain May 8. He hurried off to Lisbon to pick up some money transferred from a Swiss bank account, according to Scotland Yard sources."

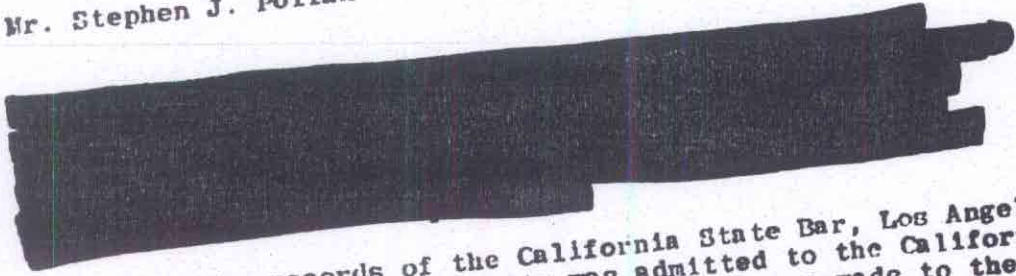
For your information New Scotland Yard has no knowledge of any money allegedly transferred to Ray from a Swiss bank account.

The same article also stated, with reference to Ray's arrival at the New Earls Court Hotel, "A second man had appeared with Ray when he checked in. Jane never saw him again. Ray left June 5, carrying the airline flight bag he always clutched, possibly containing the Liberty Chief pistol he was arrested with Saturday." "Jane" is identified as Jane Nassau, a hotel clerk at the New Earls Court Hotel.

Investigation conducted in England indicates Ray arrived alone at the New Earls Court Hotel.

As you were previously informed, New Scotland Yard advised that Frederick J. Schwartz, born June 1, 1939, at Detroit, Michigan, and currently residing in London, has contacted the court appointed attorney for Ray stating that he, Schwartz, has an academic interest in the case. Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory indicates Frederick J. Schwartz is an associate of the law firm of Dahlstrum, Walton and Butts, Los Angeles, California.

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The records of the California State Bar, Los Angeles, California, reveal Mr. Schwartz was admitted to the California Bar on January 5, 1965. No inquiries have been made to the California Bar by British legal authorities concerning his legal background.