

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: July 10, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

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SUBJECT: MURKIN

I spoke with Fred Vinson, Assistant Attorney General of the Criminal Division, today concerning items which have not been resolved in connection with the transportation of subject Ray to the United States upon completion of the order of extradition.

1. Vinson advised me he had been in touch with the Secretary of the Air Force and preliminary discussions indicated the Air Force would handle transportation. No decision has yet been made as to whether the plane will be assigned to this mission from European bases or whether the plane will depart from the United States on this mission. This is important to the Bureau inasmuch as our escort Agents will be able to fly to Europe on the Air Force plane if it departs from the United States.

2. Vinson indicated the Air Force Secretary suggested they might have a 707 available in Germany, in which event it would be designated in time to allow the transporting Agents to arrange for appropriate liaison with the crew in London. In any event, Vinson understood we will need at least two days if the plane is to depart from the United States in order to give the crew a chance to rest up and, of course, our Agents in any event would allow themselves two days in order to be physically fit to handle the transportation. It is observed one night's sleep is lost going east from the United States to London in view of the difference of five hours in time.

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3. No decision has been reached by Vinson as to who is to stand the cost of the flight. As a matter of fact, Vinson indicated the Secretary mentioned the cost of the flight would run around \$20,000 although he had no fixed figure. I advised Vinson, of course, the Bureau had no funds to take care of this. He said he thought it would be proper if the Air Force did not handle the matter to make some preliminary inquiries with the State of Tennessee concerning the transportation costs

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inasmuch as we would be handling the matter which ordinarily would have to be provided for by the State of Tennessee. As it now stands, Vinson understands the Bureau has no intention of paying for the costs of transportation. Vinson also mentioned the Secretary of the Air Force indicated they might have a constellation (this is a propeller-type plane) which might run less in cost. Vinson said this would be unsatisfactory because of the slowness of the plane and, of course, the most modern equipment should be used. There was no problem insofar as this was concerned, according to Vinson.

4. Vinson had previously advised me he was going to determine whether arrangements could be made so that all persons on the flight upon arrival at touch down in the United States would immediately be cleared so there would be no delays by Customs, Immigration, and Public Health. Vinson stated he had checked into this and Farrell, Immigration and Naturalization Service Commissioner, had indicated he would have arrangements made so that all will be immediately cleared without any difficulty upon touch down in the United States.

5. We had previously discussed the question of medical assistance upon departure from London, en route and at touch down in the United States. It had previously been mentioned it would be preferable to have a military doctor rather than Public Health Service doctor. Vinson again mentioned he preferred Public Health, someone who was familiar with prison procedures. I mentioned a decision should be reached on this but it would appear the Air Force could supply plenty of doctors and insofar as a physical examination is concerned an Air Force doctor would be much more familiar with Air Force procedures in the event some emergency arose en route. The doctor, of course, will be needed to examine the prisoner upon departure and also to examine the prisoner at arrival in the United States so that no question can be raised concerning his physical condition upon delivery to the authorities in the United States. Arrangements, of course, will also be made for proper photographing of the prisoner at departure and arrival in order to support the transporting officers' proper handling of the prisoner.

6. We discussed arrangements for the handling of Ray's personal effects and I advised Vinson appropriate receipts would be

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obtained at both points and these would be prepared in advance so there would be no delay at either point in handling any personal effects which might be sent. It was also pointed out that appropriate papers would be prepared to be handed to the local authorities upon arrival so that all they need do would be to affix their signatures to such papers and this in turn would also prevent any delays.

7. We had previously discussed the necessity for Vinson to arrange with the Home Secretary in London the departure procedures with specific reference to whether some indication can be received from the British as to when the prisoner may be obtained once the final order is signed by the Home Secretary. Vinson stated he had had discussions with the State Department and had informally prepared certain papers which will be required for the delivery of the prisoner to the transporting Agents. He said the identities of the Agents will be inserted in the order and the State Department procedure will probably be delivery of the request of the State Department to the Home Secretary by the Ambassador in London, for the delivery of the subject to the transporting Agents who have been designated by the United States Government to handle the transportation. Vinson stated he will assume the responsibility for working this out and will advise us in ample time. He said he hoped to be able to get some informal reaction from the Home Secretary concerning the possibility of keeping the extradition order bottled up until the Agents depart. He felt this was highly unlikely but he was going to try but said the British were rather stuffy about this. He said we need not be concerned with the preparation of these papers as he will advise us of their preparation in final form.

8. In connection with the aforementioned, it will be necessary for Minnich to obtain completed exit control papers and Vinson stated he had talked to Minnich about this and Minnich has excellent liaison with the British authorities and will go forward with the preparation of the necessary papers so the prison officials will deliver the prisoner to the transporting Agents once the Home Secretary hands the order to the prison officials. In this connection, instructions will be issued today to Minnich to advise the Bureau the exact nature of such papers so there will be no delay in the preparation of same and in order that the Bureau will be fully advised of the details concerning the handling of this phase of the matter.

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9. Vinson indicated in previous discussions that he viewed favorably the FBI taking the prisoner from touch down, which would be the Naval Air Station at Memphis, to the Sheriff's Office. He had not reached any definite decision as to this inasmuch as he felt the local authorities might desire to pick up the prisoner as soon as our plane touched down at the Naval Air Station. He said this matter had not been resolved yet and he asked whether the Bureau had any views concerning this insofar as the Memphis authorities were concerned. He also wanted to know whether the Memphis authorities were equipped to handle the transportation from the Naval Air Station to the jail. I advised him our SAC at Memphis had been in touch with the Memphis Sheriff who will handle the prisoner on behalf of state authorities. I advised Vinson the Sheriff had designated a special crew to handle the prisoner while he is being detained at the jail and they will have no other function. I also advised Vinson that if the Sheriff was to transport the prisoner from the Naval Air Station to the jail he would obtain a closed van and would have the necessary escort party. Vinson indicated it would be desirable to ascertain the attitude of the local authorities before a definite decision was reached as to who was to handle the prisoner from the point of touch down (Naval Air Station) to the County Jail which would be under the jurisdiction of the Sheriff. We will ascertain this in contact with our SAC today. In this connection, it would seem preferable to have the Sheriff assume the responsibility for transporting the prisoner from the Naval Air Station.

10. In connection with the handling of our function in the United States, it is suggested that Special Agent Kenneth Bounds, who accompanied George Zeiss to London and who is being relieved of this assignment in view of personal reasons, be sent to Memphis two days before the plane will arrive in Memphis in order to insure that arrangements which have been initiated are adequate. Bounds has attended conferences at the Seat of Government concerning the detailed plans which have been made concerning the handling of the prisoner both in England and in the United States and is fully conversant with all discussions, as well as having had the experience of being in London. It also may be well for ASAC Harold Light, who will be in charge of the transporting party, to make a quick trip to Memphis in order to be familiar with any arrangements there in the event the Agents have to transport the prisoner from the Naval Air Station to the jail. Otherwise, such a trip would not be necessary on the part of Light.

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ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

1. Minnich will immediately be alerted to the above discussion and instructed to go forward with the necessary arrangements and advise the Bureau concerning the exit control papers and procedures. This is on the assumption we will go by military aircraft.

2. The SAC at Memphis will be immediately alerted to the above developments in order that he may be completely familiar with the procedures and he will ascertain if Memphis authorities will assume responsibility for transporting the prisoner from the Naval Air Station to the jail. In this connection, if approved, we will suggest to Jensen that such arrangements be effected if possible. Vinson will be appropriately advised of the decision of Memphis authorities.

3. A final determination will need to be made by Vinson as to the point from which the plane will depart on this mission, whether it be from a European point or the United States, in order that appropriate arrangements can be made for (1) the transportation of the Agents from the United States to London and (2) the establishment of appropriate liaison with the Commanding General who will have the overall responsibility of the Air Force crew. This was discussed with Vinson and he agrees that the Commanding General should have control of the plane. This will eliminate going through a lot of red tape with intermediate officers of the Air Force. Vinson stated he will obtain the identity of the Commanding General so appropriate liaison can be maintained.

4. The escort party previously approved by the Director will be Legat John Minnich, London; ASAC Harold Light, Quantico, Virginia; and George Zeiss, Quantico Firearms Instructor. It is suggested that Supervisor W. L. Martindale, who previously went to London, also be a member of the transporting party in the event

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Ray is at all talkative. Martindale, of course, is familiar with the details of this case. In this connection, it is noted that Vinson today indicated he had a note from the subject stating he had no intention of talking, that he would discuss all matters with his attorney Arthur Hanes, and that when he was transported back to the United States by U. S. Government officers he hoped they would send someone with less imagination than Vinson. Vinson does not know what the subject is referring to but he suspects he has in mind the comment made by the British press that Vinson spoke with Ray when as a matter of fact he did not. Vinson stated he would send us the original of this note.

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Martindale being
in the group. *Barrett*
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