

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 7/26/68

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

cc Mr. DeLoach

Mr. Mohr

Mr. Rosen

Mr. Bishop

Mr. Callahan

SUBJECT:

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Mohr	/
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While having lunch at Hammel's on 7/25/68, Jim McShane, Chief, U. S. Marshal's Office, Department of Justice, asked if he could sit at my table for a few minutes. I told him to sit down.

McShane told me that he wanted to express the deep resentment that he and all US Marshals felt over the fact that the FBI had brought James Earl Ray from London to the US. He stated this was logically a job for the US Marshals and that, while he had always meticulously adhered to the premise that the Marshals should never infringe on FBI jurisdiction, yet the FBI had certainly infringed on the Marshals' responsibilities in this instance. McShane also told me that he had discussed this matter with Fred Vinson and planned to mention it to the Attorney General.

I told McShane that it appeared his complaint was being misplaced, inasmuch as this was something he should discuss with the AG. I told him that, although the AG made the final decision, I wanted McShane to definitely realize that I personally was glad that the FBI had brought the subject back to the US. I stated this was a highly important case, very technical and complex in nature, and if this man had started discussing the aspects of the case with marshals, the marshals would have definitely been completely lost.

McShane replied that he personally had brought a subject back from overseas in a previous important case. I told him I remembered this, inasmuch as this particular subject had gotten away from him and had succeeded in slashing his wrists. McShane laughed and admitted this.

McShane told me that his complaint meant nothing personally between the two of us; however, he definitely wanted the FBI to

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know of his feelings. He stated he did not care whom I told of his complaint. I stated it made little difference to me whom he complained to; however, once again, if he desired to lodge a complaint regarding the policy involved in the return of the subject, he should discuss this with the AG and not the FBI. He stated he planned to do this. He then left my table.

The Director was advised of this matter on 7/26/68.

ACTION:

For record purposes.

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