

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (44-38861)

DATE: 10/29/69

FROM : Legat, London (88-72) (RUC)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Walters	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Bishop	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. Felt	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

Attached is one copy each of State Department telegrams dated 10/24/69 and 10/28/69 concerning the request by JAMES EARL RAY for documents prepared in connection with his extradition hearings in London.

- (3) - Bureau (Encls. 2)
 - 1 - Liaison
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SUBJECT: EXTRADITION: JAMES EARL RAY

REF: LONDON'S 7516

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DOCUMENTS SUPPORTING EXTRADITION REQUEST INCLUDE AFFIDAVITS
NOT REPRODUCED IN TRANSCRIPT. WE UNDERSTAND THAT SUCH AFFIDAVITS
NOT AVAILABLE TO PUBLIC IN UK BY COURT POLICY OR PROCEDURE.
BOTH RAY AND PRIVATE WRITER HAVE REQUESTED AFFIDAVITS, AND FURNISHING
TO EITHER OR BOTH COULD RESULT THEIR PUBLICATION HERE. AFFIDAVITS
PART OF INVESTIGATIVE FILES IN JUSTICE AND THEREFORE MAY BE
WITHHELD UNDER FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT BUT STATE DEPARTMENT
HAS NO SUCH BASIS WITHHOLD. BEFORE DECISION, HOWEVER, COULD
LIKE EMBASSY CHECK WITH BOW STREET COURT AND REPORT THEIR
AND EMBASSY VIEWS ON RELEASE.

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LONDON 8797

SUBJECT: EXTRADITION: James Earl RAY

REF: State 180320

1. As far as British law is concerned Bow Street Court is of opinion that Ray has right to have affidavits taken in U. S. and received in hearings at London last year. Bow Street official states he believes copies of these affidavits were given to defense after proceedings here were completed. He assumed documents were transmitted to Hanes in U. S. When informed giving affidavits to Ray might result in their publication, he repeated that Ray, as defendant, had every right to the affidavits, which he understood could include Ray's making them available to others if he chose to do so.

2. While Department correct that affidavits not available to public in U. K., this policy does not apply to party in the proceeding who could publish it if he wished. Thus were Ray to have made request for documents, court would have released them. Court would not, rpt, not release to writer or any third party.

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Approved: CG/D:W.V. Fisher

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3. Embassy has obtained views of Foreign Office and Home Office which concur with those of Bow Street Court. Both agree matter of publication would be up to Ray.
4. Since both Court and Home Office would have granted request by Ray for documents, Embassy of view that it would be awkward not to release documents to Ray. Embassy would not, rpt, not support giving documents to writer.
5. Foregoing has been coordinated with Gaither.

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