

NOTE:

The Criminal Division of the Department in cooperation with the U. S. Department of State, handled extradition of James Earl Ray from London, England, to Memphis, Tennessee, extradition finalized on 7/19/68. In connection with the extradition the Department requested and received the original fingerprint card of James Earl Ray from Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP). One of the charges of extradition was escape from MSP.

The Department received the original fingerprint card and transmitted it with other documents through the State Department to London, England for extradition proceedings. According to the Department the fingerprint card was returned to the Department who in turn forwarded this card to Mr. Canale in Memphis, Tenn., who is prosecuting the state's case against Ray.

The officials of MSP have requested return of this original fingerprint card and in view of the fact the card is now in possession of Mr. Canale, Memphis being instructed to bring the request of MSP officials to the attention of Mr. Canale. Kansas City being instructed to bring location of card to the attention of MSP officials.