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Mr. James H. Lesar
1341 Fourth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20024

Dear Mr. Lesar:

In accordance with Deputy Attorney General Flaherty's letter to you dated July 26, 1977, we are enclosing the documents which he indicated would be made available to you by the Criminal Division.

Very truly yours,

Benjamin R. Civiletti
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

By:

E. Ross Buckley

E. Ross Buckley
Attorney in Charge

Freedom of Information/Privacy Unit

6/14/68
1:25 pm

Harold Shapiro left this message:

"I have called Mr. Canale, Tenn., who advised that only 2 witnesses who testified before the grand jury were John L. Carlisle, a criminal investigator in AG's office and Lt. J. L. Harrison of the Memphis Homicide Bureau. Most of what they testified to was hearsay."
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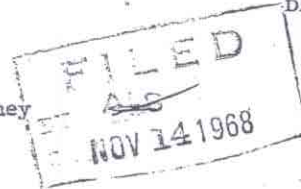
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DATE: November 7, 1968

FROM : Murray R. Stein, Attorney
Immigration Unit

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SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY

Pursuant to Mr. Canale's request, I contacted Ed Duggan, I.N.S., and Gene Malmberg, Legal Adviser's Office, Department of State. Both Mr. Duggan and Mr. Malmberg wanted more information. Therefore, I telephoned Mr. Canale.

Mr. Canale advised that his assistant, James C. Beasley, had interviewed Mrs. Lopes in Lisbon. She is willing to come to this country and to testify at Ray's trial. Her official duties at the Canadian Embassy brought her in touch with Ray. Although a Portuguese national, the Canadian Embassy in Lisbon wants all correspondence directed to her through regular diplomatic channels. The Canadian Government has an interest in the case and Mrs. Lopes will testify as an Embassy employee.

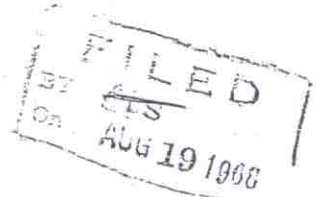
After a telephone conversation with me, Mr. John Lehman, Travel Control, I.N.S., advised that he has authorized parole for Mrs. Lopes. He would appreciate notification as to her travel plans. Mr. Malmberg, pursuant to my request, will advise the Canadian Embassy in D.C. of Mr. Canale's request. He will keep us advised of developments.

All conversations occurred on November 6, 1968.

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July 31, 1968

Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr.
District Attorney General
Shelby County Office Building
157 Poplar Avenue
Memphis, Tennessee 38103



Dear Phil:

I have just received and am forwarding you a copy of the "unofficial record" of the Bow Street Magistrates proceeding in London concerning the extradition of James Earl Ray.

I have also directed a memorandum to the FBI requesting formally that they turn over to you certain original documents used in the extradition proceeding which might be helpful to you.

The last time we talked, it was my impression that you were soon going to meet with Mr. Jensen, the Special Agent in Charge of the FBI in Memphis, in order to make plans for him to aid you in trial preparation with respect to those matters which were the subject of federal investigation.

If I can be of any help in this respect, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

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LONDON (AP)-JAMES EARL RAY, FIGHTING EXTRADITION TO THE UNITED STATES TO STAND TRIAL FOR THE KILLING OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. ADMITTED TODAY HE DID NOT KILL THE REVEREND CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER.

RAY, 37, WAS CONVICTED IN 1965 FOR THE MURDER OF THOMAS J. SULLIVAN, U.S. CONSOLE IN BOMBAY, AND IN 1968 FOR THE MURDER OF AN AMERICAN MEMBER OF THE PARLIAMENT.

RAY, WHO SERVED 99 YEARS IN BRITAIN'S PRISONS FOR THE MURDER OF SULLIVAN, SAID HE WAS THE MAN WHO KILLED DR. KING. HE SAID HE WAS HELD UP BY THE POLICE AND HIS BULLETS WERE FIRED AT DR. KING.

DR. KING WAS SHOT ON APRIL 4, 1968, IN MEMPHIS, TENN. HE WAS BEING MARCHED TO A HOTEL WHEN HE WAS SHOT.

RAY'S ADMITTANCE WAS RECEIVED BY THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT. HE IS CURRENTLY IN THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE'S CUSTODY.

RAY, WHO WAS BORN IN BRITAIN, FLED TO SWITZERLAND IN 1967. HE WAS ARRESTED BY SWISS POLICE AND DEPORTED TO THE U.S. IN 1968.

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REMARKS

RE: MRS. MANUELA TEIXEIRA LOPES
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See Phil Canale's request. He should have directed it to State, but we are trying to help him.

He doesn't need the witness for several weeks.

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FROM:	NAME	BUILDING & ROOM	EXT.	DATE
	HAROLD P. SHAPIRO			11/7/68

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June 14, 1968

AIR MAIL -- SPECIAL DELIVERY

Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr.
Attorney General for the
Fifteenth Judicial Circuit
State of Tennessee
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Canale:

I enclose for your file a full set of the nine affidavits, including the certifications and attachments (including photographs), which were forwarded for delivery to the Solicitor in London, England, in connection with the extradition of James E. Ray who faces pending indictment in Tennessee.

I am sending a copy of this letter along with a full set of the enclosed papers to Mr. Claude Armour and Mr. Albert D. Roe.

Sincerely,

STEPHEN J. POLLAK
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

cc: Mr. Claude Armour
Office of Governor Buford Ellington
State Capitol
Nashville, Tennessee

Mr. Albert D. Roe
State Attorney General's Office
Supreme Court Building
Nashville, Tennessee

bcc: Mr. Feldman, State Dept.
Mr. Fred Vinson, Justice Dept.
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June 12, 1968

Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr.
Attorney General for the
Fifteenth Judicial Circuit
State of Tennessee
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Canale:

I enclose for your file a full set of the papers and attachments (including photographs) which were forwarded to the Solicitor in London, England for the purpose of securing the extradition of James Earl Ray to face the pending indictment in Tennessee.

I am sending a copy of this letter with a xeroxed copy of these Tennessee extradition papers to Mr. Claude Armour and Mr. Albert D. Noe.

Sincerely,

STEPHEN J. POLLAK
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

cc: Mr. Claude Armour
Office of Governor Buford Ellington
State Capitol
Nashville, Tenn.

Mr. Albert D. Noe
State Attorney General's Office
Supreme Court Building
Nashville, Tennessee

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Mr. Feldman, State Department
Mr. Vinson, Asst. Atty. Gen., Criminal

U.S. Dept of State
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ADMINISTRATIVE
REGULATIONS SECTION

Dear Sir;

In July - 1968 - I was extradited from London England to the state of Tennessee.

Since that time attorneys representing me and I - have made various attempts to procure the transcript of the extradition proceeding in the London Court.

The court itself Bow St. Court, - wrote me that it turned over all transcript papers to the "U.S. State Dept." and that only they, and the English attorney representing me in London, Mr. Michel Eugene have a true copy.

Mr. Eugene always gives evasive answers when defense counsel ask him for his copy, or my copy, of the proceeding.

It is my belief, and attorneys representing me that Mr. Eugene was appointed to defend me at the instigation of the last Administration, and was acting in their interest, not mine.

Besides his failure to turn over the transcript to defense, his other actions sustain this view: as follows -
one. He was not chosen to represent me

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in the routine manner - as the English Court Clerk has so used me - specifically, several other law companies were passed over on the rotation list - which English Courts follow - to get to his company, the Michel Dresden Co.

Two! His, Mr. Eugene's questions seemed more directed to the crime - which I reminded him - than to the extradition proceeding.

Also the usual defensive action in a matter of this type of "having me sign a document, praising his performance".

Therefore my reason for writing your office is; would your office make available to the defense a true copy of the transcript, including all information, such as documents, pictures, ect, ect. that was originally sent to London.

The defense attorneys will pay what ever fee this may incur.

In the absence of this transcript Defendant would have to rely on notes he took after the proceedings, plus memory - he viewed transcript several times - or procure

the document from one of the news agencies
which initiated the proceedings.

Also, I think - under U.S. statute - where court
doesn't preserve transcript the defendant's personal
transcript of proceedings are considered official.
But defendant doesn't think this should be
necessary when their are two official
transcripts in existence.

Thanks for any consideration on this matter, and
if no satisfaction can be given would your
office post letter stating so.

Sincerely:

James Earl Ray

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME,

THIS THE 13th DAY OF AUGUST, 1969

Richard J. Bean

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MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 4-26-1972

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Washington - D.C.

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Dear Sir,

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REGISTRATIONS SECTION

This letter is in reference to an extradition hearing I had in London England, Bow-st. court, during the months of June and July - 1969.

At this hearing the United States presented various documents and to the court to support its request of the defendant.

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REGISTRATIONS SECTION
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Since returning to the United States the defendant in the extradition hearing has made several attempts to secure the documents presented to the English court as their prima facie case; as he will need this material for future court litigation.

However defendant has been advised by both the English court and the United States Dept. Department that such material has been returned in report to the United States Dept. Department. The defendant is requested to inform the court if the material is available to the United States Dept. Department.

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This letter is not meant to be a legal
argument for the material - just a request
But it seems unusual for a prosecution
party to submit such material to a
court of law in a criminal case, then
withhold such material when defendant
might want to challenge such material
evidence in further court litigation.

Defendant realizes a promotional proceeding
took place under the former administration
of Mr. Romney Clark and that what
has proceeded probably is irrevocable but
he would appreciate a letter for the record
of present administration position. Thanks.

Sincerely

James E. Ray

JAMES E. RAY

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME,

THIS THE 12th DAY OF JANUARY - 1970

Richard R. Brown

Notary Public

MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE #13885- 4-26-70