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The State's proof would show,
Gentlemen of the Jury, that upon the
Defendant's return to London, as Ramon
George Sneyd, he lived at the Heathfield
House Hotel from May the 17th to May 28th.
He lived in New Earl's Court in London,
England, from May 28th to June the 5th,
and at the Pax Hotel from June 5th until
June the 8th.

In the meantime, after many hours of
extra duty by members of the Royal

1 Canadian Mounted Police, including preparing
2 this picture of James Earl Ray with all
3 passports, it was determined that the pic-
4 ture on the passport of Ramon George Sneyd
5 was identical to James Earl Ray, although
6 in the passport picture the Defendant was
7 wearing glasses.

8 Through the cooperative efforts in
9 law enforcement, officials of New Scotland
10 Yard in London, England, and the Portuguese
11 International Police, the search was started
12 for Ramon George Sneyd.

13 Upon request for assistance in this
14 case, Chief Inspector Ron Burroughs of New
15 Scotland Yard set up the investigation.
16 All entry and exit points in the country
17 were notified and a special fugitive team
18 was set up.

19 We would show that Detective Chief
20 Inspector Kenneth Thompson of New Scotland
21 Yard and Detective Sgt. Peter Ayd were
22 making an extensive investigation and learn-
23 ing the things that I have heretofore
24 enumerated to you.

1 The Defendant, as Ramon George Sneyd,
2 appeared at the Heath Row London Airport,
3 attempting to board a flight to Brussels;
4 that at approximately 11:30 A.M. on June
5 the 8th, 1968, Detective Sgt. Phillip
6 Frederick Birch, of New Scotland Yard, who
7 was seated next to the immigration officer
8 checking passports, when the Defendant
9 presented the two passports, the one can-
10 celled in the name Sneya, the current pass-
11 port in the name Sneyd, which both of these
12 passports would be introduced and shown to
13 you gentlemen.

14 Immediately Sgt. Birch, based on in-
15 quiries that had previously come to him,
16 asked the Defendant to talk with him, step
17 out of the line and talk with him with
18 reference to these passports.

19 Sgt. Birch would testify that after
20 the Defendant accompanied him from this
21 area around to the office that was used
22 there by the police and he placed a call
23 to the headquarters and told them that he
24 had Ramon George Sneyd, he was instructed

1 at that time to make a safety search, which
2 he did make, and he found one .38 caliber
3 snub-nosed Liberty B revolver on the person
4 of the Defendant.

5 Also on his person were the tickets
6 from London to Brussels and some of the
7 ticket stubs, etc., on the London to Toronto
8 flight along with various items of corres-
9 pondence which would be introduced as being
10 relevant but not particularly for purposes
11 of this inquiry.

12 Chief Insp. Arthur Bryan, of New Scotland
13 Yard, would be called as the fingerprint ex-
14 pert with over 21 years experience. He
15 would testify that he accompanied Supt. Butler
16 of New Scotland Yard to Heath Row Airport in
17 response to this call. He obtained prints
18 from the Defendant. He compared them with
19 prints that had been sent to them in the
20 course of this investigation from the United
21 States, and would testify that this was one
22 and the same person, Ramon George Sneyd and
23 James Earl Ray were one and the same person.

24 Chief Supt. Thomas Butler, who is now

1 retired after some 34 years of service with
2 New Scotland Yard, would be called to testi-
3 fy with reference to his going to the airport
4 in response to this call, his questioning
5 the Defendant with reference to the pass-
6 ports and a pistol and cautioning him with
7 reference to his rights, et cetera; that he
8 then contacted the American authorities and
9 subsequently turned the Defendant, was
10 subsequently turned over to the American
11 authorities.

12 From the luggage of the Defendant there
13 were numerous items which, moving along I
14 will just mention to you here rather than
15 taking the time to pull them out of this
16 area here, a Polaroid camera which was de-
17 termined to fit the styrofoam box that had
18 been recovered from the Mustang in Atlanta,
19 Georgia; a suit of clothes which Mr. J. B.
20 Pluvier, of the Tip-Top Tailors in Montreal,
21 Canada, would testify he sold to Eric Galt
22 of 2589 Notre Dame Street back on July 19th,
23 1967.

24 There was another suit of clothes,

1 which Mr. Edward John Fagan, who is the
2 owner of the English and Scotch Woolens
3 and Linens-- that is a tailoring concern
4 in Montreal, Canada -- would testify that
5 on April -- excuse me -- that on July the
6 21st, 1967, Eric S. Galt was measured for
7 a suit of clothes, at that time living at
8 2589 Notre Dame in Montreal, Canada; that
9 between the ordering and the completion of
10 the suit, their records reflect a request
11 that this suit be forwarded to the Defendant,
12 as Eric S. Galt, at 2608 South Highland in
13 Birmingham, Alabama.

14 This was done. This is the same suit
15 that was recovered from the Defendant at
16 the time of his arrest in London, England.

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