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To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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Bureau is in receipt of a copy of a letter from James Earl Ray addressed to J. B. Stoner, Savannah, Georgia, as provided to you by the Sheriff of Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee. This letter is thanking Stoner for coming to Memphis and states that Ray's brother will be in touch with Stoner.

In your teletype of 9/30/68, you advised that in the motion filed by Arthur J. Hanes, Ray's attorney, in Shelby County Criminal Court, Memphis, Tennessee, pertaining to Ray's corresponding with his attorney, Judge W. Preston Battle, ruled that written notes exchanged between Ray and his attorney are privileged; however, the Shelby County Sheriff or his designated agent has the authority to peruse these notes to determine if there is any attempt to breach security of the jail. These notes should not be perused for the purpose of ascertaining the full contents of the messages.

In view of the above order of W. Preston Battle, you should not accept any written communication from the sheriff regarding correspondence between Ray and other individuals. If it is not in violation of the court order you may accept information from the sheriff if he volunteers this information and it is on an oral basis only.

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RE:

Bureau is in receipt of a copy of a letter from
Earl Ray addressed to J. B. Stoner, Savannah, Georgia,
provided by the Sheriff of Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee,
our Memphis Office. This letter is thanking Stoner for coming to
Memphis and states that Ray's brother will be in touch with Stoner.

Memphis by teletype of 8-30-68, advised that in
a motion filed by Arthur J. Hanes, Ray's attorney, in Shelby
County Criminal Court, Memphis, Tennessee, pertaining to
Ray's corresponding with his attorney, Judge W. Preston Battle,
that written notes exchanged between Ray and his attorney
are privileged; however, the Shelby County Sheriff or his
designated agent has the authority to peruse these notes to
determine if there is any attempt to breach security of the
case. These notes should not be perused for the purpose of
obtaining the full contents of the messages.

This communication is advising Memphis not to accept
written communication from the sheriff regarding Ray's
correspondence; however, they may accept information on an oral
basis from the sheriff. Memphis also being instructed to insure
that the acceptance of this oral information is not in violation
of the court order.

Prior information indicates that Ray has been in
contact with J. B. Stoner with a view towards engaging him as
counsel, although Hanes continues to be Ray's attorney of record.

JAMES RAY
COUNTY JAIL
MEMPHIS, TENN.



To Mr. J. B. Stoner

P.O. Box - 6263

Savannah, Georgia - 31405

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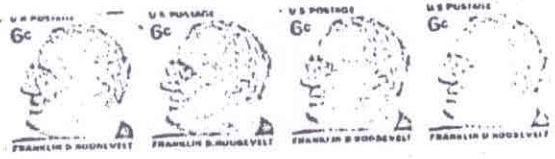
Dear Mr. Stoner;

I will just write a few lines to thank you
for coming to Memphis, also my brother come
to visit me after you and I talked to him
about the libel case and he said he
would visit...

I suppose he's another one of Clark's
stoges. I guess that's about all for now

Sincerely
James E. Ray

J. RAY
COUNTY JAIL
MEMPHIS, TENN.
U.S.A.



To, Mr. Frank Melton
Chief Magistrate
Bow Street Court
London, England.

C/o Chief Clerk,

10-7-68

DEAR SIR;

I WOULD APPRECIATE IT VERY MUCH IF
IF YOU COULD GIVE ME ANY INFORMATION
ON THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

SEND ME THE PRICE OF THE

MR. EUGENE ASK ME THIS QUESTION ALSO,
THINKING I HAD SELECTED HIM, AS I
UNDERSTAND IS THE PROCEDURE IN ENGLISH
COURTS, I UNDERSTAND MR. FRANK MELTON
APPOINTED HIM OFFICIALLY BUT I WOULD LIKE
TO KNOW WHO RECOMMED MR. EUGENE

SINCERELY

James E. Ray

P.S. THE NAME.

Ramon George Sneyd

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