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Submitted herewith for the information and assistance of the Bureau are three items of correspondence. The first is a letter forwarded to JAMES E. RAY from the Chief Clerk of the Bow Street Magistrate's Court at London. The second letter was prepared by JAMES EARL RAY and forwarded to Honorable W. PRESTON BATTLE, Criminal Courts Building, Memphis, Tennessee. The third is from subject RAY to his attorney, ARTHUR HANES.

Of significance, RAY in his letter to HANES requests that Mr. HUIE not go to any of the addresses in Miami until after the trial. In this connection, RAY also states "that part of the story just covers a few days anyhow and is not too important."

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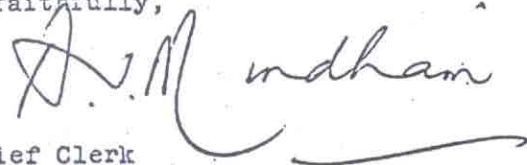
Dear Sir,

Your letter addressed to the Chief Magistrate has been passed to me.

With regard to the extradition hearing at this Court, I should first explain that there is no transcript of the complete hearing. The only documents in existence were those sent from America and presented to the Court and the short verbal evidence, including your own, which was taken at this Court, but all those documents at the end of the proceedings were delivered to the Secretary of State. I do, however, understand that copies of the American documents and copies of the evidence given at this Court were in possession of the solicitor who acted for your defence, and I understand that he will be writing to you on the question of sending these to you.

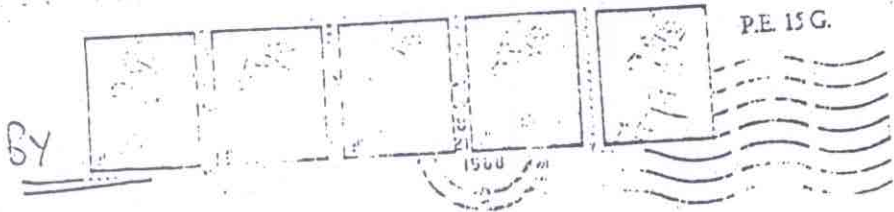
As regards your second question, the assignment of Mr. Eugene, the legal position at the time that you appeared before this Court was that the Court, having granted you legal aid, then had a duty to assign to you a solicitor from a list which is prepared by the Inner London Quarter Sessions. A defendant is normally asked whether he wishes to choose a solicitor himself from that list, but if he does not know any solicitor and does not wish to make the choice himself, then it is my duty to name a particular solicitor. This is done more or less in rotation down the list, but some special regard is had to extradition proceedings which require the solicitor assigned to have some experience in that field. The firm to which Mr. Eugene belongs, Messrs. Dresden & Co., were such solicitors and accordingly were assigned by the Court. The solicitors were then free to instruct whichever Counsel they chose, and apparently they chose Mr. Frisby. The point I must emphasise is that there was no question of any person recommending the firm of Dresdens. The assignment was in accordance with the normal practice.

Yours faithfully,



Chief Clerk

Mr. James E. Ray,  
c/o The Governor,  
County Jail,  
Memphis, Tennessee,  
U.S.A.



Mr. James A. Roy,  
c/o The Governor,  
County Jail,  
Memphis, Tennessee,  
U.S.A.

J. RAY  
COUNTY JAIL  
MEMPHIS, TENN



To, Hon. W. Preston Battle  
Criminal Courts Bldg.  
Memphis, Tenn.

10-18-68

Dear Sir;

I DON'T LIKE TO BOTHER YOU AGAIN  
WITH MINOR PROBLEMS, BUT IT WILL BE  
NECESSARY FOR ME TO BUY SOME CLOTHING  
FOR TRIAL, I JUST HAVE ON CHANGE AT  
THE JAIL, EVERYTHING ELSE IS WINTER  
CLOTHING AND DON'T FIT. I WOULD LIKE  
YOUR PERMISSION FOR A TAILOR TO COME  
IN AS I HAVE TROUBLE GETTING CLOTHING  
TO FIT.

ALSO SINCE I HAVE BEEN IN HERE I  
HAVE BEEN USING AN ELECTRIC RAZOR  
WHICH CAUSES A RASH, SO WOULD ALSO  
LIKE YOU PERMISSION

TO USE A SAFTY RAZOR. THEY HAVE THE  
SECURITY KIND THAT LOCKS THE BLADE  
IN WITH A KEY.

MIR. HANES AND I DESIDED TO WRITE YOU AS  
HE IS TO BUSY TO FILE A MOTION, THE STATE  
JUST GAVE HIM A NEW LIST OF WITNESSES AT  
THIS LATE DATE.

I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD LET ME  
KNOW IF THIS IS NOT IN YOUR JURISDICTION  
SO I CAN CUNTACK SOMEONE ELSE BEFORE TRIAL.

IT, SEEMS THE SHERIFF OFFICE DENIED BOTH  
OF THESE REQUEST BY MR. HANES.

ALSO ANY THAIOR THE AUTHORITES DESIDES  
ON IS ALLRIGHT WITH ME. THANKS

SINCERELY  
*James Ray*

J. RAY  
COUNTY JAIL  
MEMPHIS, TENN



To. Mr. Arthur Honea, att.

617 - Frank Nelson Bldg.

Birmingham, Alabama

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10-18-68

Dear Mr. Honea;

I was thinking about that boy list of  
witnesses yesterday. It seems most of  
them resulted from Mr. Honea going to Chicago.  
Therefore ask him not to go to any of  
the addresses in Miami until after the  
trial starts, that way if Clark send  
a couple division down there it will be too  
late to put them on the witness list.  
That part of the story just covers a  
few days anyhow and is not so important,  
also if you didn't destroy these papers just  
send all of them to Jerry.  
That all for now.

Sincerely,  
J. Ray