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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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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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Mr. James E. Ray,
c/o The Governor,
County Jail,

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BOW STREET MAGISTRATES COURT,
LONDON, W.C.2

21st October 1968

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.

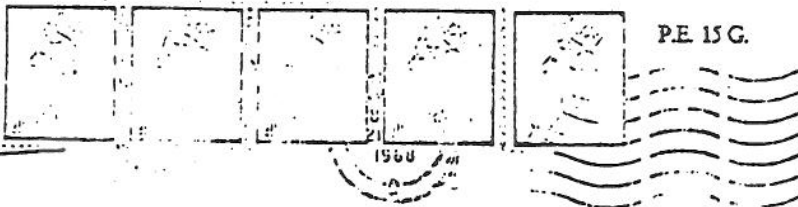
As regards your second question, the assignment of Mr. Eugene, the legal position at the time that you appeared before this Court was that the Court, having granted you legal aid, then had a duty to assign to you a solicitor from a list which is prepared by the Inner London Quarter Sessions. A defendant 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,

BY



Mr. James H. Ray,
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 CHARGE 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 YOUR PERMISSION DURING THE TRIAL

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

MR. 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 WITNESS AT
THIS LATE DATE.

I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD LET MR
KNOW IF THIS IS NOT IN YOUR JURISDICTION
SO I CAN CONTACK SOMEONE ELSE BEFORE TRIAL.
IT SEEMS THE SAERKIF OFFICE DENIED BOTH
OF THESE REQUEST BY MR. HANES.

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

SINCERELY
James Ray

J. RAY
COUNTY TRAIL
MEMPHIS, TENN



To. Mr. Arthur Hower, att.
617 - Frank Nelson esq.
Birmingham, Alabama
35203

10-18-68

Dear Mr. Hower;

I was thinking about that boy list of
witnesses yesterday. It seems most of
them resulted from Mr. Hower 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 divisions 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 those papers just
send all of them to Jerry.
That all for now.

Sincerely,
J. Ray

On Frank Search Slip passed by us but
he is not mentioned in it. USerman testified he
could not explain "X" before number

att achments relevant to surveillance I team
of 12/23/75 request

Violated Judge Batt's order