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1 - Mr. McGowan

1 - Mr. Long

MR. PHIL M. CANALE, JR., ATTORNEY GENERAL SHELBY COUNTY. MEMPHIS, TENN.

NEW SCOTLAND YARD, LONDON, ENGLAND, HAS ADVISED THE FBI THAT JAMES EARL RAY IS PRESENTLY IN CUSTODY IN LONDON, ENGLAND. THE FBI HAS BEEN TOLD THAT THE IDENTITY OF RAY HAS BEEN CONFIRMED THROUGH FINGERPRINTS.

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RAY IS SCHEDULED TO BE ARRAIGNED IN COURT IN LONDON ON JUNE TEN SIXTYEIGHT. HE CANNOT BE INTERVIEWED PRIOR TO ARRAIGNMENT. THEREFORE, IT IS NOT KNOWN WHETHER OR NOT HE WOULD WAIVE EXTRADITION.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF INSTICE EDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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NOTE: Harold Shapiro, Attorney Criminal Division of the Department advised that it would be necessary for a telegram to be sent to the Attorney General in Tenn., advising that Ray was in custody and how identification has been established and whether or not Ray would waive extradition.

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