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Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies each of a letter dated 10/13/69 from H. ROWAN GAITHER, Department of State, Washington, D. C., to District Attorney General PHIL M. CANALE, JR., Memphis, Tennessee, and Mr. CANALE's reply to Mr. GAITHER, dated 10/14/69, by means of which Mr. CANALE forwarded to the Department of State the original, certified copy of the transcript of the proceedings in the JAMES EARL RAY extradition case. Other documents which were also forwarded with enclosed letter are described in Mr. CANALE's letter.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

October 13, 1969

Honorable Phil M. Canale, Jr.
District Attorney General
Fifteenth Judicial Circuit
Shelby County Office Building
Memphis, Tennessee 38103

Dear Mr. Canale:

Regarding our telephone conversation of last week, I wish to request your office to transmit to the Department of State the original certified copy of the transcript of the proceedings in the James Earl Ray extradition case before the Bow Street Court, London, in July of 1968. Insofar as that court is concerned, that transcript was intended for delivery to the Department of State. It was apparently handed to the agents of the United States who escorted Ray from the United Kingdom to the United States.

You have indicated that a certified copy of this transcript is in your possession and I request that it be transmitted directly to the Department of State by registered mail. Upon receipt, I will obtain a photographic copy of the documents which I will transmit to you. This photographic process will not require the breaking of the seals.

Thank you very much for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

H. Rowan Gaither
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October 14, 1969

Mr. H. Rowan Gaither
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Washington, D. C. 20520

Dear Mr. Gaither:

In response to your request contained in your letter to me of October 13, 1969, I am forwarding to you and enclosing herewith the original, certified copy of the transcript of the proceedings in the James Earl Ray extradition case before the Bow Street Court, London, in July of 1968.

There was also delivered to this office three (3) additional official papers of a single page each, two of these being warrants of apprehension, and the third appearing to be a mittimus to the Governor of Her Majesty's prison at Wandsworth. I am also enclosing these three papers in case you have any need for them.

I have made copies of these three single sheets for my file, and will await your sending me a copy of the transcript of the extradition proceedings when you make same.

Sincerely yours,

PHIL M. CANALE, JR.
District Attorney General

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Enclosures

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