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TO : Members of the Board of Directors  
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This will be a very brief report on my recent trip to England (November 2-15, 1969).

Most of the time was devoted to the activities of the several James Earl Rays. However, I did find several people who were quite knowledgeable re Sirhan, Tshombe, Hammarskjold.

I received an unusual amount of cooperation and assistance in some directions (Eugene Michael, Ray's lawyer; several newspaper people; plain folk, like Ray's landladies), less in others (BOAC) and zero in others (the police). There is still a chance of getting some answers from official sources, but Scotland Yard seems as "up tight" about this case as does the FBI.

At this point, I am convinced that there were two Sneyds in London some of the time between May 17 and June 8; I am not convinced that two were arrested though this is possible.

Some factual discoveries:

- 1) Between May 16 and May 28, 1968, a Sneyd stayed at Heathfield House, 183 Cromwell Road, S.W. 5, London. We interviewed the landlady who ran the hotel then. It has changed hands since and is now called the Monarch Hotel. It is near BEA terminal and Earls Court and the Overseas Visitors Club (180 Earls Court Road), a hangout for white mercenaries.
- 2) This Sneyd moved to the New Earls Court Hotel (Penywern St.) and then to an undiscovered hotel in this area. It is my view that he did not move to the Pax on June 5.
- 3) According to Mrs. Anna Thomas, proprietor of the Pax, her Sneyd was brought there by a tall blonde male who kept silent; Sneyd had come from next door, the YWCA, which normally takes male guests; she had the impression that he had just arrived from Canada; he received telephone calls and letters; one call after he departed; talked of going to Germany; phone calls from BOAC (which flies only to Frankfurt and Zurich in Europe); appeared drugged; found syringe and needle; very frightened; great pressure on Mrs. Thomas from FBI and Yard to keep quiet. Mrs. Thomas said Memphis and Nashville Sneyds were definitely not her Sneyd.
- 4) Police "charge sheet" said Ray had on him a) BEA "ticket" to Brussels, and b) BOAC "ticket" to Toronto. However, Ray early said he was enroute to Paris. Also, Toronto "ticket" could be "stub" from his original Toronto-London flight.
- 5) London newspaper interviewed Sgt. Birch and said he was on "pre-breakfast tour of duty." 11:50 a.m.?
- 6) An airport official said that the arrest was "a stroke of luck." Query what this means.

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