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False Passport

**King Suspect
And Canadian
Mystery Man**

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The Royal Canadian Mounted Police are hunting a "fat man" who delivered an envelope to James Earl Ray, accused of slaying Dr. Martin Luther King, at a Chinese rooming house in Toronto's west side.

Four days after the fat man appeared, Ray flew to Lond. Ray's landlady, Mrs. Loo Sun, remembers that the fat man was the only visitor Ray received during the 16 days he rented a small second-floor rear bedroom at \$9 a week.



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Canadian police spotted this passport picture of Ramon George Sneyd as being James Earl Ray

She also remembers that it was rent day and that this was the third time she received advance payment from the man, a silent tenant who had impressed her chiefly as a man who vanished for days at a time and seldom used the room.

JACKET

The fat man wore no jacket, the landlady recalled, just shirt and trousers. He exchanged a few words with Ray and handed him an envelope, she told police.

On that same day Ray went to a travel bureau where he picked up a Canadian passport for which he had applied, giving the name of Ramon George Sneyd, and paid \$345 in Canadian currency for a 21-day excursion ticket to London.

Ray had been living at the Chinese resident since April 19. Before that he had lived for 11 days at a boarding house run by a Polish immigrant, Mrs. Fela Szpakowsky, at 102 Ossington street, about half a mile from the Chinese boarding house at 962 Dundas street weht.

HOUSE

Ray came to the Polish woman's house on April 8, four days after Dr. King was assassinated in Memphis.

He paid in advance, she said, and was well dressed

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and seemed gentlemanly. He was wearing a burgundy-colored sports jacket, she recalled, and carried a raincoat and a small suitcase.

She asked him his occupation and he told her he was in real estate, she said.

Ray made two telephone calls, she said, and one day someone telephoned him. Her small daughter had answered the phone. Ray was out. The daughter could not remember anything about the caller's voice.

ADDRESS

A few days after Ray departed on April 19, a letter came for him. Since he had left no forwarding address, Mrs. Szpakowsky returned it to the post office. The return address said 70 Lombard street, which is the Bureau of Vital Statistics.

The Mounted Police found that the letter contained a birth certificate made out to Paul Bridgeman at the Ossington street address. The real Paul Bridgeman is a consultant teacher employed by the Toronto Board of Education.

Paul Bridgeman was the first alias used by Ray in Toronto. After he moved to the Chinese residence he called himself Sneyd. The real Ramon George Sneyd is a Toronto constable.

(For related stories on the capture of James Earl Ray,

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This picture of James Earl Ray was taken by the the St. Louis police