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January 31, 1969

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Dear Mr. Eugene:

Thank you for your letter of January 28, 1969, which I received an hour ago at the Sheraton-Peabody Hotel here in Memphis.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Judge W. Preston Battle, and in order that he may be advised of the dates, I recapitulate as follows.

At 3:00 a.m., Memphis time, 9:00 a.m., London time, I telephoned you with reference to the testimony of F.B.I. Fingerprint Expert George Bonebreke. I understood from talking with you that you had in your possession copy of an affidavit signed by Mr. Bonebreke and furnished the English authorities before the hearing in London in July, 1968. Also, that you had a copy of testimony given by George Bonebreke at this hearing. You were unable to state, without reviewing your file, affirmatively, the exactness of Mr. Bonebreke's testimony and affidavit concerning alleged fingerprints of James Earl Ray. You suggested that I call you again at 4:00 o'clock London time, 10:00 o'clock Memphis time, and that you would then advise me what a review of the George Bonebreke affidavit and testimony revealed.

I did telephone you at 10:00 o'clock Memphis time, 4:00 o'clock London time, and you read me excerpts from the Bonebreke affidavit and testimony.

I asked you to have a copy of this testimony prepared and sent me airmail or air express to the Sheraton-Peabody Hotel here in Memphis. You stated that you had theretofore furnished a copy of both the affidavit and

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testimony of George Bonebreke to Arthur J. Hanes, Esq., the former attorney for James Earl Ray. I assured you that I had not been furnished either the original or the copy of this affidavit or testimony of George Bonebreke, and that I considered it highly material.

Subsequently, I undertook to obtain this Bonebreke affidavit and testimony through the good office of William Bradford Huie, Esq., of Hartselle, Alabama. Mr. Arthur J. Hanes, Sr., according to Mr. Huie, advised him that he had never seen the affidavit and testimony of Bonebreke.

Your letter of January 28th states: 'He (Arthur J. Hanes, Sr.) told me these (the affidavit and testimony of George Bonebreke) would be handed over to you (myself) immediately'.

The only records of any proceedings furnished me by Mr. Hanes were delivered to me on Tuesday, January 28, 1969, by William Bradford Huie, who stated that he had obtained them from Arthur J. Hanes, Sr. on Saturday afternoon, January 25, 1969. These consist of nine and one-fifth pages of 'THE PRESS ASSOCIATION SPECIAL SERVICES', third person account of proceedings had at Bow Street, London, commencing June 27 and adjourned to July 4, each of which are headed respectively, pages, 1. Sneyd to 9. Sneyd", and each of which have at the bottom mf. These appear to be the equivalent of an Associated Press or United Press International release of the story.

In addition to the foregoing, I was also furnished one page of what proposed to be 'Oral Statement of James Earl Ray, alias Ramon George Sneyd'. These do not show to what questions they purportedly respond.

And, in addition to the foregoing, I was furnished three pages, double spaced, of "Property in respect to Ramon George Sneyd". These were simply his personal effects, clothing, luggage, toilet articles, etc.

In my last conversation with you on January 14, I asked, and you agreed, to write me a letter that day stating on paper what you had told me over the telephone, to-wit: that you had furnished the Bonebreke affidavit and testimony to Arthur J. Hanes either the last week of October or the first week of November, 1968.

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I did not receive any communication of any kind from you until today, when I received your letter of January 28, 1969. If you have a copy of a covering letter showing that you sent the Bonebreke affidavit and testimony to Mr. Arthur J. Hanes, Sr., or if you have an independent recollection that you did so, either or both, I would appreciate a statement to that effect, airmail. Upon receipt of it, Judge W. Preston Battle will see that Mr. Arthur J. Hanes, Sr. makes this available to me, as attorney for James Earl Ray.

I enclose herewith Cashier's Check for \$14-85, which I understand is the English remuneration \$285 mentioned in your letter, as sufficient to cover the expense of the copies of the Bonebreke affidavit and testimony. \$34.05

I would appreciate your sending this either airmail or air express to me at Room 1125, Sheraton-Peabody Hotel, Memphis, Tennessee.

I am looking forward to the pleasure of your company when you come again to Memphis.

Respectfully yours,

PERCY FOREMAN

By _____
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