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INFORMATION THAT RAY WAS IN LISBON BRIEFLY IN MAY 1968, SHORTLY
BEFORE HIS APPREHENSION IN LONDON IN JUNE 1968.

- P. MR. G. ROBERT BLAKEY, CHIEF COUNSEL AND STAFF DIRECTOR
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