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CANNONEER MOTEL CONTINUED

MARVIN ALFORD
Florence, Mississippi
Mississippi license T-2925

J. A. WAINWRIGHT, JR.
6077 Waverly Drive
Jackson, Mississippi

ROBERT L. BOUNDS
P. O. Box 536
Brandon, Mississippi

LEON ARMSTRONG
Box 299
Verona, Mississippi

Mr. and Mrs. HERBERT W. BERZ
186 East Market Street
Winona, Mississippi

JOE COX
Ripely, Mississippi

PRENTISS PEARSON
1110 Fillmore Drive
Tupelo, Mississippi

JOHN SIMPSON
110 Vance Place, Long Beach,
Mississippi

P. G. STEELE
Greenwood, Mississippi
Mississippi license N-7153

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SOUTHERN MOTEL

JOHN D. SMITH
2334 Caronet Place
Jackson, Mississippi

M. COLEMAN
9764 McCoughan Avenue
Long Beach, Mississippi

SHIRLEY JACKSON
4 Elm Street
Natchez, Mississippi

JIMMIE L. KIMERY
Byhalia, Mississippi
License 47-504, 1965 Dodge

JAMES L. TERPO
214 Pollard
Batesville, Mississippi
License 54-1293, 1966 Plymouth

JAMES E. SWOPE
Box 97,
University, Mississippi

Reverend WILSON W. BOGGAN
Box 643
Lucedale, Mississippi
George County Baptist Association

ILLINOIS MOTEL

JOE KELLUM and FRED ROWLAND
905 East Main
Charleston, Mississippi

CURTIS W. STOVER
4128 Cedar Street
Jackson, Mississippi

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FRANK BURROW
Jackson, Mississippi
(State Highway Department)
License S/6 574

PHILLIPS MOTEL

J. D. TOMPKINS
Kosciusko, Mississippi

CORONA PLAZA MOTEL

G. L. WALTON and J. H. LOCKE
712 Henderson
Greenwood, Mississippi
Mississippi license P/622538

HOWARD JONES
675 Scenic Drive
Grenada, Mississippi

CHARLES E. BANES
Raymond, Mississippi
(Federal Land Bank Association)

KENNETH WOOD
Box 7
Jonestown, Mississippi

BOBBY SHAW and JAY CLARK
University, Mississippi

FRANCIS WILLIAMS
University, Mississippi
(Department of Agriculture)

JULIUS C. REEVES
5350 Clair Street
Jackson, Mississippi
Mississippi license H16748

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PAT H. THOMPSON
P. O. Box 682
Magee, Mississippi

ED WALTON
State College, Mississippi

LLOYD L. FRITCH
1500 Glenn Drive
Amory, Mississippi
(Valley Tractor and Equipment Corporation)

MARIA INGRAM
Route 2, Seminary, Mississippi

THOMAS J. HOBBER
YMCA
Jackson, Mississippi
(1007 Jackson
Corinth, Mississippi)

LAY HINDMAN
Harper Road
Corinth, Mississippi

JENNINGS DAVIS
709 Magnolia
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

PHILIP D. BAILEY
P. O. Box 71
Plantersville, Mississippi
(Brown and Williamson Tobacco Company)
Mississippi license 73-5006

AARON GUTHRIE
Route 1,
Burnsville, Mississippi

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JAMES W. PENDERGRAPH
Jeff Davis Hotel
Tupelo, Mississippi

TOMMY SUTTERFIELD
1704 East Church Street
Booneville, Mississippi
Mississippi license 593292

MIKE SIMS
2755 Pine Tree Drive
Jackson, Mississippi

J. T. THOMPSON
212 Summer haven Drive
Columbus, Mississippi

B. L. MC MILLON
Madison, Mississippi

ROBBIE S. RUDDER
614 Browder Street
Columbus, Mississippi
Mississippi license 9-9835

D. ADRIAN WARREN
P. O. Box 2305
Laurel, Mississippi

CHARLES MC CARTY
Gardner Center
Laurel, Mississippi

JOHN WILLIS
741 North State Street
Jackson, Mississippi
(Jackson Dental Supplies)

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CLIFF PORTERFIELD
1434 Sunset Circle
Clarksdale, Mississippi
(Coahoma Chemical Company)

MERRY ACRES MOTEL

GEORGE E. BUTLER
333 Madison
Wiggins, Mississippi

EE-RAY MOTEL

C. A. EVANS
Southern Household
Shubuta, Mississippi

NOEL SIMMONS
AUDLEY PHELPS
University, Mississippi

PAUL W. CHAPPELL
787 Davis Street
Corinth, Mississippi

KENNETH FORD
Route 4,
Booneville, Mississippi

AUDIE RAY DAVIS
Fulton, Mississippi

C. S. COX
Jackson, Mississippi
(Standard Oil Company)

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TEETOTUM MOTEL

LOIS HINDMAN
Corinth, Mississippi

J. B. GUY
Route 2,
Meridian, Mississippi

JAMES PHILLIPS
Route 5,
Laurel, Mississippi

NITE-FALL MOTEL

J. L. BEAN
1200 Church Street
West Point, Mississippi

PAUL E. GRANTHAM
3291 Bienville Drive
Jackson, Mississippi
(U.S. Geological Survey)

LEADS:

JACKSON DIVISION

EACH RA

Will review the above names of those individuals who reside within their respective RA and conduct appropriate credit and criminal check and, if deemed advisable, will interview the individual if there is a possibility of any association with JAMES EARL RAY. All results of investigation should be furnished to SA JOHN L. PUDDISTER, Case Agent.

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AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

Will review above names through indices.

BACKGROUND

According to statements allegedly made by JAMES EARL RAY, which were published in a recent issue of a nationally distributed periodical, RAY spent the night at a motel near Corinth, Miss., while en route from Atlanta, Georgia, to Memphis, Tennessee. He allegedly engaged in target practice in Mississippi using the murder weapon. This occurred a few days prior to the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

The Bureau instructed the Jackson Division to check motel records in and near Corinth for the period March 29, 1968, to April 3, 1968, in an attempt to locate a guest record identifiable with RAY under his true name or known aliases, i.e., James Earl Ray, John Williard, Eric Starvo Galt, and if any record located, determine if RAY was alone, vehicle utilized, and people he may have contacted.

The foregoing list of names contained in this memo is the result of review of motel and hotel records. It is noted none seem to be identical to RAY.

Each individual listed should be further identified to establish such a person actually exists and is not an alias used by RAY. This can be done by credit and arrest agency checks. In the event arrest record is located for any individual listed, evaluation should be made as to advisability of interview to determine if the individual involved was associated in any way with JAMES EARL RAY.

This matter should be afforded immediate and expedite attention.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586) (P)

FROM : SA JOHN WILLIAM NEELLEY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/14/69

Re Jackson memo, dated 5/7/69.

EDWARD W. MONSOUR
1742 Marigold
Greenville, Mississippi
Mississippi license W-3130, Oldsmobile

Greenville City Directory, 1969 edition, lists EDWARD W. and wife, SADIE N. MANSOUR as residing at 1742 Marigold Street, Greenville, Mississippi. He is listed as a salesman for H. Siegfried and Sons.

Chief of Police WILLIAM C. BURNLEY, JR., Greenville, Miss., advised 5/13/69, that EDWARD W. MANSOUR, Box 821, Greenville, Miss., had several meter and traffic violations, but no criminal record. He was arrested on 1/21/52 for trespassing, which was later dismissed. He was fined \$30 on 4/13/56 for improper garbage disposal.

Mrs. VERA HENSON, Manager, Merchant's Credit Bureau, Greenville, Miss., advised 5/13/69, that in 1965, EDWARD MANSOUR resided at 1742 Marigold Street, Greenville, Miss., and was employed by Siegfried and Sons, St. Louis, Missouri. His credit rating in 1965 was satisfactory.

RECOMMENDATION:

No further investigation be conducted concerning EDWARD W. MANSOUR in referenced to captioned matter.

② - Jackson
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Date: 5/13/69

Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority)

TO: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)
FROM: SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (44-253)(P)
RE: MURKIN

Re Jackson airtel to Memphis, dated 5/7/69, which forwarded to Salt Lake City copies of FD-302s of H. C. FREEMAN and Mr. DON M. STRICKLAND.

A review of these FD-302s disclosed no individuals residing within Salt Lake City Division.

Jackson is requested to review the original motel registrations and furnish Salt Lake City with appropriate information.

② - Jackson
2 - Memphis (44-1987)
2 - Salt Lake City

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Date: 5/14/69

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

By airtel dated 4/7/69, the Bureau advised that in a third "Look" magazine article, WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE stated that JAMES EARL RAY had spent the night of 4/2/68 in a motel near Corinth, Miss. The Bureau instructed Jackson to review motel records in and around Corinth to determine the identities of individuals registered there during the period 3/29/68 to 4/3/68. By airtel dated 4/18/69, the Jackson Office advised the Bureau that motel records at Corinth, Miss., had been reviewed under the subject's true name and aliases and had been reviewed for subject's Alabama license number. Nothing identifiable with the subject was located.

2 - Bureau	2 - Miami
2 - Albany	2 - Milwaukee
2 - Albuquerque	2 - Minneapolis
2 - Atlanta	2 - Mobile
2 - Birmingham	2 - Newark
2 - Buffalo	2 - New Haven
2 - Charlotte	2 - New Orleans
2 - Chicago	2 - New York
2 - Cincinnati	2 - Oklahoma City
2 - Cleveland	2 - Omaha
2 - Columbia	2 - Philadelphia
2 - Dallas	2 - Richmond
2 - Denver	2 - Sacramento
2 - Detroit	2 - St. Louis
2 - Houston	2 - Salt Lake City
2 - Indianapolis	2 - San Antonio
② - Jackson	2 - San Diego
2 - Jacksonville	2 - Savannah
2 - Kansas City	2 - Seattle
2 - Knoxville	2 - Springfield
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2 - Los Angeles	2 - Memphis
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 Special Agent in Charge

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 Leads within
 Jackson Div.)

ME 44-1987

By airtel dated 5/7/69, copies of which were not furnished the Bureau, the Jackson Office set out leads for those offices to whom copies of this communication are designated. These offices have been requested to interview several hundred persons who spent the night in motels at Corinth, Miss., on or about 4/2/68.

In view of the fact that more than a year has passed since these persons stayed over night at Corinth, and since similar investigation of this type in this case has previously been unproductive, and since HUIE has admitted that RAY frequently is untruthful in statements to him, and further since it is not believed that it is of any particular importance to establish whether or not JAMES EARL RAY stayed over night at Corinth on 4/2/68, all offices will disregard the leads set out in Jackson airtel dated 5/7/69, unless specifically advised by the Bureau to cover same.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586) (P)

FROM : SA ROBIN O. COTTEN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/14/69

Re memo from SA JOHN S. CASTLES, 5/7/69.

KENT L. KINNIBURGH, was identified through Oxford Credit Bureau records on 5/12/69, furnished by Mrs. BARBARA WILLIARD. KINNIBURGH resides at Bratton Circle and is married to LYNDIA KINNIBURGH, who is an employee at the Bank of Oxford, Oxford, Miss.

The credit report dated 7/9/68, indicated that he was employed by the chemical company at Tupelo, Miss. Subsequent employment in a credit report of 11/19/69, indicated employment at the Pancake House and Hertz Rental Company, Oxford, Miss.

WILBUR D. DOWNING, 209 Cullen Road, was likewise identified from the above records indicating that he was transferred to Oxford, Miss., on 2/1/62, from Jackson, Miss., where he is presently employed as a plant manager of the South Central Bell.

Mr. DAVID D. LYNCH, Geologist, Foundation Investigation Unit, Soil Conservation Service, Research Laboratory, College Hill Road, Oxford, Miss., advised on 5/12/69, that JAMES E. SWOPE is a drill foreman, Foundation Investigation Unit, Soil Conservation Service, College Hill Road, Oxford, Miss., and his home address is Route 8, Carthage, Miss.

Mr. LYNCH advised that Mr. SWOPE works under his direct supervision, and stated that during the

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period of March 29 - April 3, 1968, Mr. SWOPE along with other Government employees, stayed at various hotels in the vicinity of Corinth, Miss. He explained that this group was inspecting a proposed watershed near Corinth.

He identified the following individuals as employees under his supervision who were in Corinth during the pertinent period of time:

BOBBY SHAW, who resides at Harmontown, Miss.

JAY CLARK, who resides at Harmontown, Miss.

FRANCIS WILLIAMS, Department of Agriculture employee, who resides at Harmontown, Miss.

NOEL SIMMONS, who resides on Highway 6, west Oxford, Miss.

AUDLEY PHELPS, who resides near NOEL SIMMONS

He concluded by stating that there were other members of the Soil Conservation Service engaged in the watershed survey in the vicinity of Corinth. He explained that the primary duties of the above group is to drill certain areas, and obtain soil samples in connection with building of bridges, and so forth.

LEADS:

JACKSON DIVISION

AT OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI

Will identify R. M. BRIDGES, Route 1, Box 27B, Water Valley, Miss., who was listed as an individual

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residing at the Holiday Inn Motel during the
pertinent period.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO :SAC, JACKSON (157-9586) *(p)*

DATE: 5/19/69

FROM :SA JOHN L. PUDDISTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Jackson airtel to Memphis, 5/7/69, and
Memphis airtel to Bureau, 5/14/69.

Referenced Jackson airtel to Memphis, sets out leads to numerous field divisions requesting that guests whose identities were determined from a review of motel records in Corinth, Mississippi, for the period March 29 - April 3, 1968, be located and interviewed to determine if any association exists with these individuals and Subject JAMES EARL RAY.

In addition, a memorandum was furnished to each RA in the Jackson Division with leads set forth to identify guests who were in motels in Corinth, Mississippi, during the pertinent period.

Referenced Memphis airtel to the Bureau and Bureau field divisions having leads in this matter, disclosed that inasmuch as WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE stated in a "Look" magazine airticle that JAMES EARL RAY had spent the night of April 2, 1968, in a motel near Corinth, Mississippi, and according to the Memphis Office, HUIE has admitted that Subject RAY frequently is untruthful in statements to him, Memphis requested that leads pertaining to guests at motels in Corinth, Mississippi, during the pertinent period be discontinued. Memphis Office also advised that similar investigation of this type in this case has previously been unproductive and that it is not believed that it is of any particular importance to establish whether or not JAMES EARL RAY stayed overnight at Corinth on 4/2/68.

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(1-Each RA)

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All RAs having leads in this matter set out in Jackson memo dated 5/7/69, should discontinue, unless specifically advised to cover same.

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Date: 5/14/69

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242) (RUC)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Jackson airtel to Memphis, 5/7/69.

A review of reairtel reflects that San Antonio would have a lead appearing in the 302 of H. C. FREEMAN, owner and operator, Corona Plaza Motel. A copy of this 302 was forwarded to San Antonio.

A thorough review of the 302 of H. C. FREEMAN dated 4/24/69, reflects on page 9 three individuals residing in Texas; however, none of them are listed as residing in the San Antonio Division. Further, this review failed to reflect any possible lead for San Antonio.

In view of the above, San Antonio is conducting no investigation in this matter.

2-Jackson (RM)
2-Memphis (44-1987) (RM)
1-San Antonio

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Date: 5-15-69

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Via _____
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TO: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)
FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565) (P)
RE: MURKIN
OO: ME

Bufile: 44-38861

Re Jackson airtel to ME and CV, 5-7-69.

Referenced airtel sets forth lead for CV to review an enclosed FD 302 re H. C. FREEMAN, owner and operator, Carona Plaza Motel, Corinth, Miss., and handle appropriate lead. CV not in receipt of this FD 302.

Jackson furnish copy of FD 302 re FREEMAN so this lead can be handled.

- 2 - Jackson
2 - Memphis (44-1987)
2 - Cleveland

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

FROM : SA CYRUS V. HOAGLUND, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/16/69

Re memo of SA JOHN S. CASTLES dated 5/7/69.

ELLA F. ATKINS, Credit Bureau of Natchez and GLEN ARNOLD, Natchez PD advised on 5/13 and 5/14/69 respectively that they could not locate any record identifiable with SHIRLEY JACKSON of 4 Elm St. , Natchez, Miss.

A review of the Natchez, Miss. Cmty Directory disclosed that a GEORGE A. and ESTER F. JACKSON who are retired reside at 4 Elm St. and have telephone 445-4986.

On 5/16/69 a pretext telephone call was made to the above number. Mrs. ESTHER JACKSON advised that SHIRLEY JACKSON who is employed by the Southern Baptist Convention as a missionary is currently serving in Brazil. She noted that SHIRLEY had left recently and would not return for about three years.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

FROM : *Cus* SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565) (RUC)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5-20-69

OO: Memphis

Bufile: 44-38861

Re Jackson airtel to Memphis and Cleveland, 5-7-69;
Cleveland airtel to Jackson and Memphis, 5-15-69; Memphis
airtel to Bureau, Cleveland and Jackson, 5-14-69.

Cleveland conducting no further investigation in
this matter in view of instructions set forth in referenced
Memphis airtel.

- ② - Jackson
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 1 - Cleveland

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TO: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565)
FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586) (RUC)
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(OO: MEMPHIS)
BUFILE 44-38861

Re Jackson airtel to Memphis and Cleveland, 5/7/69.
Cleveland airtel to Jackson, 5/15/69.

Discontinue lead set out in Jackson airtel, 5/7/69.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

DATE: 5/22/69

FROM : SA BENJAMIN F. GRAVES

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo of SA JOHN S. CASTLES 5/7/69.
Memo of SA JOHN L. PUDDISTER 5/19/69.

JAMES E. HUNT
5002 Kendall Avenue
Gulfport, Mississippi
Mississippi license 610661
(Page 8 of referenced memo dated 5/7/69)

The South Central Bell Telephone Directory for the Mississippi Gulf Coast for August, 1968, as checked by the writer on 5/16/69, reflects that JAMES E. HUNT resides at 5002 Kendall Avenue, Gulfport, Mississippi, and he has telephone Number 863-3956 listed to him.

DUDLEY RAMON, Identification Officer, Gulfport, Mississippi, Police Department, advised on 5/16/69 that his records reflect that JAMES E. HUNT, 5002 Kendall Avenue, Gulfport, was a material witness to an accident on 10/7/64 and on 4/6/63, he was fined \$12.00 for "Expired Inspection Sticker". His records reflect that HUNT is a white male and was born on 9/29/20.

HELEN LARSEN, Clerk, Credit Bureau of Biloxi-Gulfport, 1816 Pass Road, Gulfport, advised on 5/16/69 that her records reflect that JAMES E. HUNT 5002 Kendall Avenue, Gulfport is employed by the Scoville Manufacturing Company, Sportanburg, S. C. as a salesman and his income is \$13,200 as of 8/21/67.



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JOHN SIMPSON
110 Vance Place,
Long Beach, Mississippi
(Page 9 of referenced memo dated 5/7/69)

Chief of Police HARRY O. KALESTCH, Long Beach, Mississippi Police Department, advised on 5/16/69 that JOHN SIMPSON, aka., Jack Simpson resides at 110 Vance Place, Long Beach, Miss. He has no record with this police department.

WILLIAM SKELLEY, owner, Sunflower Grocery, Long Beach and Mayor Elect of Long Beach, advised on 5/16/69 that JOHN SIMPSON resides at 110 Vance Place, Long Beach, and he is employed by a firm that sells supplies to restaurants.

M. COLEMAN
9764 Mc Caughan Avenue
Long Beach, Mississippi
(Page 10 of referenced memo dated 5/7/69)

Patrolman GLEN RICHEL, Long Beach, Mississippi, Police Department, advised on 5/13/69, that the arrest records of his department failed to reflect captioned individual's name. He stated that Mc Caughan Avenue only goes to the 500 block. He stated the Cross Reference Directory reflects that WALTER H. COLEMAN resides at 276 Mc Caughan Avenue, and he is a plumber.

CHARLES R. WEBB, 276A Mc Caughan Avenue, Long Beach, advised on 5/13/69, that he purchased this residence from WALTER H. COLEMAN about 2/15/69, and the same date COLEMAN supposedly moved to 120 Thornton Street, Kosciusko, Mississippi.

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Reverend WILSON W. BOGGAN
Box 643,
Lucedale, Mississippi
George County Baptist Association
(Page 10 of referenced memo dated 5/7/69.)

JOE WESELY, Chief of Police, Lucedale, Miss., advised on 5/14/69, captioned individual was the pastor of a small church in Lucedale until a few months ago when he moved. He stated that in the past this daughter had worked for captioned individual.

Mrs. TED PURCELL, owner, Credit Bureau of George County, Lucedale, Mississippi, advised on 5/14/69, that her records reflect that captioned individual was formerly the minister of the Southside Baptist Mission in Lucedale and his wife, WILNA, was a teacher at the Lucedale Elementary School. She stated that captioned individual had a daughter named ELIZABETH L. BOGGAN, who is a teacher in Pass Christian, Mississippi.

GEORGE E. BUTLER
333 Madison
Wiggins, Mississippi
(Page 14 of referenced memo dated 5/7/69.)

Patrolman VANCE BOND, Wiggins, Mississippi, Police Department, advised on 5/14/69, that captioned individual lives at the indicated address in Wiggins and he is a driver for the Brown and Miller Pickle Company, which is located in Wiggins.

SAC, ATLANTA

6/20/69

SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

MURKIN

**Offices receiving this communication should
discontinue efforts to locate Rev. JAMES L. BEVEL for
interview in connection with this case.**

**2 - Atlanta
1 - Charlotte
1 - Columbia
① - Jackson
1 - New York
1 - Philadelphia
1 - Savannah
1 - Memphis**

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**Greene County party
will commemorate
Dr. King's birthday**

LEAKESVILLE—The National Assn. of Women of Greene County is sponsoring the observance of the birthday anniversary of the late Dr. Martin Luther King on Jan. 15. Members are asking all citizens of Mississippi to join in the celebration.

A party celebrating the date begins at 5 p.m. Friday when Mrs. Essie Mae Hartfield and other members of the association will entertain in the county office of the Friends of the Children of Mississippi in Leakesville. The public is invited to attend.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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HATTIESBURG AMERICAN

HATTIESBURG, MISS.

Orig to B

Date: JAN. 14, 1971

Edition: HOME

Author:

Editor: LEONARD LOWERY

Title: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Character:

or

Classification: 157-9586

Submitting Office: Jackson

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King Memorial Rallies Revolvers

Editor, Daily News—The birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. on January 15 was widely observed, newspaper accounts reported.

This reveals that those who scheduled the observance simply can't or won't understand the English language.

The public record of the civil rights leader shows that he had amassed 60 Communist-front citations in his lifetime. His subversive record has been thoroughly documented by the states of the Union and the national government and has been well publicized.

In addition, King has been called "the most notorious liar in the country" by FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover on November 18, 1964. U. S. Rep. F. Edward Hebert of Louisiana termed King "the American Castro" on April 30, 1967 and he added there is no place in this country for people like King.

Wittingly or unwittingly, those who scheduled the observance are playing into the hands of those who are pushing Congress to set up a federal legal holiday for King so that ostensibly his memory will be a rallying point for revolutionaries who intend to communize, pauperize and tyrannize over the American people.

Sincerely,
Jackson Ricau
Box 9048
Metairie, La.

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No Honors Due Martin L. King

Editor, Daily News—Martin Luther King, Jr., should not be honored by any true American whatsoever, as a so-called civil-rights leader, for the following reasons:

Father Daniel Lyons, S. J., reported in the May 7, 1967 issue of OUR SUNDAY VISITOR, a national Catholic publication: "I went to see this famous Christian (sic) leader when he spoke at the Riverside Church on April 14, in New York City. I was never more shocked in my life. Dr. King preached the straight Communist line. Dr. King praised the Viet Cong as 'the only party in real touch with the peasants. . . Only Marxism has the revolutionary spirit.' He condemned the United States as 'the

greatest purveyor of violence in the world today."

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover called King a "most notorious liar" that he had ever known—a statement Hoover has never retracted.

Sincerely,
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Memphis Sets King Route Dedication

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — The Memphis City Council by a narrow 8-6 margin Tuesday voted to name a north-south expressway after civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. who lost his life here.

The action came less than a week before the third anniversary of King's slaying.

He was felled by a sniper's bullet while standing on a motel balcony in downtown Memphis.

There was no council debate on the measure and the highway will keep its official federal designation as Interstate-225.

A memorial march and rally are scheduled Sunday, the anniversary of King's death, and city spokesmen said they hope to dedicate the road to him on that day.

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Freeway Dedicated To King

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Memphis, where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was killed on April 4, 1968, dedicated a section of its freeway system to the slain civil rights leader Sunday to mark the third anniversary of his death.

King was in Memphis when slain to help back demands by 3,000 city sanitation workers, 98 per cent of them black, for union representation.

The sanitation workers paid tribute to King by marching from the Lorraine Motel, the spot in this Mississippi river city where King was standing at the time he was shot.

The City Council, after debating the matter each year since his death, approved naming the entire north-south freeway for King by an 8-6 vote last Tuesday.

The Rev. James Netters, black councilman who presided at the dedication, told the gathering that it was appropriate to name the highways section for King because King "traveled America's highways and byways to stamp out injustice and discrimination."

The city's three black councilmen, and one white councilman were the only city officials who appeared for the dedication. Mayor Henry Loeb was absent, as were other top white officials. About 200 persons attended in all, a large majority of them black.

Later in the day a rally was planned to memorialize King, and scheduled to participate in that were Sen. Birch Bayh, D-Ind., who is white, and the Rev. Walter Fauntroy, a black elected recently as the first Washington, D.C., nonvoting representative to Congress.

Jerry Wurf, international president of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal employes, the sanitation-men's union, also was present at the dedication and was scheduled to speak at the rally.

The 12-mile north-south freeway, Interstate 255, goes through the heart of the city and bisects several black neighborhoods.

Memphis officials of the Sons of the Confederacy protested to the council late last week that the expressway should not be named for King, but should be called Confederate Parkway. They said officials in 1963 had promised them it would be so named, but they had no records to substantiate it.

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Ray Escape Try Might Have Meant His Death

May Never Have Survived Heat In Tunnel Had He Not Left It

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—James Earl Ray, self-confessed slayer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., almost turned his 99-year-sentence into death when he tried to escape through a prison steam tunnel.

"He would never have survived the heat if he hadn't got out of the tunnel," said Brushy Mountain State Prison Warden Robert H. Moore Monday after Ray's unsuccessful escape attempt.

As it was, he was captured within a half hour in the prison compounds—looking for way to get over the stone wall of the maximum security prison nestled in the Cumberland Mountains.

He faced a disciplinary board this morning.

"He was in the tunnel for only about 10 minutes," Moore said, "and he had a few burns but they didn't appear to be serious."

Moore said it would have been impossible for Ray to have reached the end of the tunnel without being scalded to death in the 400 degree heat. The tunnel, which leads to the prison steam plant outside the prison walls, supplies steam to the prison mess hall and is in use year round.

Otherwise, it was a "well-conceived escape attempt," Moore said.

"First, he removed a concrete block in his cell and out into an air chamber, a ventilating area behind the cell-block. He crawled along the air

chamber to the end and sawed one bar and broke another with a crowbar.

"He pulled himself through the hole and got cut into the prison yard behind the cell-block. Then he went to the steam tunnel which leads to our steam plant about 100 yards outside the prison."

Moore said Ray, who pleaded guilty to the sniper slaying of King outside a Memphis motel room on April 4, 1968, got help in his escape bid from his cellmate, Roy Morelock, 44, of Greene County.

The warden said Morelock, serving a life term as an habitual criminal from Greene County, worked as a prison maintenance man and had access to the tools Ray used in the escape attempt.

Moore said Morelock obviously intended to escape with Ray and supplied him with a hack-

saw, crowbar, hatchet and chisel.

"Morelock had access to such tools as these and he obviously intended to escape with Ray," Moore said. "Our guards caught up the attempt so fast he didn't have time to get out of the cell."

Ray is no stranger to escapes and was, in fact, a fugitive from Missouri at the time King was slain.

He had escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary April 23, 1967, where he was serving 20 years on a car theft charge. He was not recaptured then until he was picked up in London, some two months after King was shot to death in 1968.

His arrest record before he entered the Tennessee prison system shows he first was booked on suspicion of burglary in Los Angeles and was placed on two years' probation. He had been in and out of various charges until he was sentenced to the Missouri prison in 1967.

Ray has sought several times to obtain a new trial in the King slaying, contending he was pressured by his lawyer into pleading guilty. Each time he has lost, the latest rejections coming in Memphis Feb. 27.

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Ray Awarded Rehearing On King Murder

CINCINNATI, Ohio (AP) — James Earl Ray was given a chance Tuesday to contest his guilty plea in the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. because of allegations his attorneys compromised his interests to fatten their pocketbooks.

The 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that Ray, 41, who received a 99-year sentence for the 1968 murder of the civil rights leader, is entitled to a hearing to contest his 1969 guilty plea.

Ray argued that he was not given proper legal advice. He said his lawyers failed to properly investigate his case and that their only interest was to collect royalties on materials written about him.

In a 2-1 decision, the circuit court sent Ray's petition back to the U.S. District Court in Nashville for review.

Ray alleged he was poorly advised by attorney Arthur Hanes, and by Percy Foreman after he fired Hanes. He alleged both were more interested in funds that would accrue from articles and books planned by Alabama author William Bradford Huie than in his defense.

Ray said the lawyers considered his guilty plea paramount to the financial success of the articles and a possible movie on the case.

The court cited two letters written to Ray by Foreman. The first letter said Ray had signed all royalties to Foreman and that Foreman would keep all monies up to \$165,000. It also said Ray would get all royalties above that figure if he pleaded guilty and caused no embarrassing circumstances in the courtroom.

The second said Foreman

would give \$500 to Ray's brother Jerry, "contingent upon the plea of guilty and sentence going through on March 10, 1969 without any unseemly conduct on your part in court."

The court said only by giving Ray a hearing on his contentions "may it be determined whether the plea was intelligent or voluntary or entered as the result of coercion, threats and promises."

"The allegations ... if true, would support a finding that Ray's attorneys deliberately compromised their client's interests in order to further the financial success of Huie's works in which they themselves had a substantial interest."

"Such conduct would constitute an outrageous abrogation of the standards which the legal profession for itself and upon which its clients have a right to rely ..."

The appeals court noted the original trial judge had thoroughly questioned Ray about his plea, and whether it was voluntary.

But it said "it is clear, that the allegations which are the subject of Ray's petition have never been tried upon their merits or resolved by any court — allegations which, if true, plainly negate any notion or idea that his guilty plea and answers ... were made voluntarily and intentionally."

"... No inquiry was made into the specific contentions that are now before this court."

The major opinion was written by Judge William E. Miller and concurred in by Judge Harry Phillips.

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Judge May Order Ray To Memphis

MEMPHIS (AP)—If James Earl Ray has not arrived in Memphis by Thursday morning, a federal judge will be asked to direct his immediate transfer from the Tennessee Penitentiary in Nashville, an attorney for Ray said Tuesday.

Robert L. Livingston of Memphis said he is surprised that Ray already has not been transported to Memphis for an evidentiary hearing that begins Tuesday before U. S. District Court Judge Robert O. McRae Jr.

But Asst. State Atty. Gen. Henry Haile said the state has no plans to produce Ray in Memphis this week.

The hearing that is to last up to two weeks will be on Ray's claim that he was pressured into a guilty plea in the April, 4, 1968, slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Ray entered the plea March 10, 1969, and drew a 99-year sentence without the necessity of a full scale trial.

If McRae upholds Ray's contention that he was coerced, the judge could order the state to allow Ray

to withdraw the plea and stand trial for King's murder.

Livingston said Ray's Washington attorneys, Bernard Fensterwald and James Lesar, are scheduled to arrive in Memphis this evening and plan a series of pre-hearing conferences with Ray.

"We don't intend to be running back and forth between Memphis and Nashville to meet with our client," Livingston said. The distance is about 200 miles.

Haile told The Associated Press in Nashville, "He (Livingston) hasn't said anything to us about wanting him (Ray) over there."

Livingston, however, maintains that Haile "doesn't want Ray in Memphis at all. And it would not surprise me if he doesn't hold off until the morning of the hearing before having him brought in."

The dispute is the latest between Ray's lawyers and Haile, who on behalf of the state had opposed the evidentiary hearing. Haile also objected to a McRae order giv-

ing Ray attorneys access to a number of previously closed files and has an appeal pending before the U. S. Supreme Court in which the state seeks reversal of the ruling.

Livingston said defense lawyers this week were given until Monday to file an answer to the state's appeal. He said the defense would meet the deadline, although it probably would not be until Monday, and questioned what the Supreme Court could do between the time the papers are filed and the start of the Tuesday hearing.

McRae has designated the U.S. Marshal's office to handle security for Ray while he is in the city where King died, but Livingston said the judge's order requires state officials to transport Ray to Memphis, although no timetable is spelled out.

Deputy U. S. Marshal Willie Durham said Tuesday that Ray would be brought to Memphis "three or four days in advance of the hearing," but declined to give an exact day.

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FOR INFORMATION OF RECIPIENTS THE ATTORNEY GENERAL (AG) HAS ORDERED A REVIEW OF THE FBI'S INVESTIGATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING. ASSIGNED TO CONDUCT THIS REVIEW IS A TASK FORCE WORKING UNDER DIRECTION OF THE OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (OPR) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS INDICATED THE REVIEW IS TO RESOLVE THE FOLLOWING FOUR QUESTIONS: (1) WAS THE FBI INVESTIGATION OF KING'S ASSASSINATION THOROUGH AND HONEST? (2) IS THERE ANY EVIDENCE THE FBI WAS INVOLVED IN THE ASSASSINATION? (3) IS THERE ANY NEW EVIDENCE WHICH HAS COME TO THE ATTENTION OF THE DEPARTMENT CONCERNING THE ASSASSINATION? (4) DOES THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE BUREAU AND KING CALL FOR CRIMINAL PROSECUTIONS, DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS OR OTHER APPROPRIATE ACTION?

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FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TASK FORCE HAS RESULTED IN THE FOLLOWING CHANGE REGARDING REPRODUCTION OF FIELD OFFICE SERIALS IN THE MURKIN INVESTIGATION, AS OUTLINED IN REFERENCED TELETYPE.

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Minutemen, Klansmen Checked In King Probe

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The FBI investigated members of the Ku Klux Klan and the Minutemen in the early days of the search for Martin Luther King's assassin, newly disclosed FBI documents reveal.

Four days after King was slain in Memphis on April 4, 1968, FBI headquarters ordered an investigation of all known members of the Klan, the right-wing minutemen, "other hate group members, rabble rousers and any other individuals known to have violent proclivities located within your territories."

The order was sent to FBI field offices in Memphis and Knoxville; Tenn., Birmingham and Mobile, Ala., Jackson, Milwaukee and Minneapolis.

ROY K. MOORE of Jackson, who headed the FBI's Jackson field office from 1964 to 1971 and 1972 to 1973 before retiring, was not available for comment Wednesday night.

Moore is now director of security for a Jackson bank.

A spokesman for the FBI's Jackson office said he could not comment since the case had been reopened.

The memo is part of about 18,000 documents compiled by the FBI during its investigation of the civil rights leader's death.

THE FBI is releasing 442 pages to comply with requests under the Freedom of Information Act. Officials are screening the rest of the files to determine what else will be released.

The documents provide the first public details of the FBI probe. James Earl Ray, who was subsequently arrested, pleaded guilty to shooting King. As a result, the government never was required to present its evidence at a trial or any other public forum.

Ray has since attempted to change his plea and obtain a trial.

The first batch of papers dealt with the early days of the investigation and included no mention of Ray.

BUT THREE memos identified Eric Starvo Galt as a suspect. That was an alias Ray used.

The April 8 memo from headquarters told the seven field offices to investigate members of the Klan, Minutemen and other groups "to ascertain their whereabouts" at the time King was shot.

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Those without an alibi would be regarded as potential suspects and their fingerprints, obtained from military records or already on file with the bureau, would be checked against prints found in the rooming house where the shot was fired, the memo indicated.

The FBI paid special attention to some members of the Klan and Minutemen because of their past activities or because informers called attention to them, the memo disclosed.

FOR EXAMPLE, an informer identified as an ex-Klansman told the FBI about a Klan member in Greenville, Miss., whom he "be-

lieved capable of violence and be-

lieved possible he may have murdered King." Another informer said that a Klan leader he met in a Savannah, Ga., bar "is an exact look-alike to the artist's conception" of the suspected assassin. The artist's sketch of the suspect had been widely published in newspapers.

Agents also focused on Byron Beckwith, who had been arrested for the 1963 murder of civil rights leader Medgar Evers in Mississippi. Beckwith was tried twice but neither jury was able to reach a verdict.

Beckwith "has been involved in Klan activities for many years and has a propensity for violence," said one memo.

PHOTOS of Beckwith were circulated to agents in Birmingham and Memphis to show to persons being questioned in the investigation.

As for the Minutemen, the Boston field office reported that an unnamed informer said the right-wing group "had a general plan to foment civil strife by killing Negro leaders, Martin Luther King, Rap Brown and Stokely Carmichael and therefore, seize power in the confusion. No specific timetable was set."

The memo noted that Minutemen leaders Robert B. DePugh and Walter Patrick Peyson had been convicted of federal firearms violations.

At the time of the King assassina-

tion, DePugh and Peyson were wanted on federal fugitive warrants and the Memphis field office suggested the search for them should be intensified. But the Char-

lotte field office reported that an informer was questioned about the two Minutemen leaders and said "he had no knowledge that the Minutemen had any plans to kill King."

Besides, the informer said, if "any of the hard core Minutemen shot King, they would have dismantled the rifle and put it in a briefcase rather than abandon it, and would not have run from the scene."

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Attorneys: FBI Tried To Pressure Ray

PETROS, Tenn. — James Earl Ray told House investigators Thursday that the FBI tried to pressure him into naming alleged conspirators in the assassination of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Ray's attorney said. Attorney Jack Kershaw met with reporters after Robert Lehner, who is leading the King portion of the House Assassination Committee's investigation, spent more than six hours with Ray behind the walls of Brushy Mountain State Prison. Ray is serving a 99-year sentence for the 1968 murder of the civil rights leader. "I find today that the FBI is involved in this case, in my opinion, in an improper way," Kershaw said. "FBI pressure was brought upon James Earl Ray by means of threatening members of his family."

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I didn't shoot him . . . But . . . I purchased the weapon and things like that.
— James Earl Ray

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James Earl Ray:

'I'm Not Guilty,

But I Might Plead

Guilty Again'

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — James Earl Ray says he might once again plead guilty to the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. — even though he insists he never fired the fatal bullet at the civil rights leader.

"I was in a bind," Ray said in a copyrighted story in Sunday's Nashville Tennessean.

Ray, serving a 99-year sentence in the King assassination, claimed he was pressured into a guilty plea in 1969 by his lawyer at the time, Percy Foreman.

"I'M NOT GUILTY in any ways legally," Ray said. "In other words, I didn't shoot him . . . But I may be in some way partly responsible for it . . . I purchased the weapon and things like that."

Ray claims a mysterious man named "Raoul" furnished the money for the rifle apparently used to kill King in Memphis on April 4, 1968. But Ray said he had no idea "Raoul" was planning to shoot King.

"I understand the difference between knowing and unknowing . . . There's got to be an intent," he said in the interview.

Ray said Foreman put him "in a bind" by telling him that the chances were "99 per cent" sure Ray would go to the electric chair. He said he also feared his brother, Jerry Ray, might be prosecuted by the government unless he pleaded guilty.

HE SAID he signed a stipulation that he fired the shot that killed King, knowing it was false.

"If I had to do it all over again I would have had to — I think I would have to admit to that stipulation based on the position they had me in — Percy Foreman, the trial judge and the prosecutor," Ray said.

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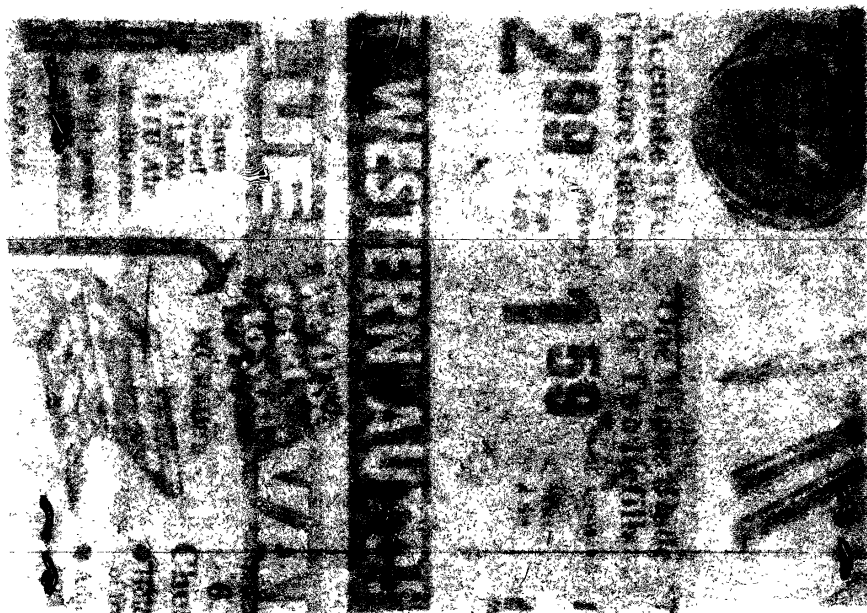
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Informant Finds Ray Escape Map

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A photo copy of a map reportedly drawn by James Earl Ray as part of a new escape plan was found by an informant in his brother's motel room and turned over to police, the House assassinations committee said Wednesday.

The crudely drawn map shows parts of the compound and grounds of the Brushy Mountain state penitentiary where Ray is serving a life sentence for the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

A committee report says it is "in James Earl Ray's handwriting," and that it was made available to the FBI and Tennessee police officials "to prevent a possible catastrophic event, another escape attempt by James Earl Ray."

The report was prepared by Rep. Louis Stokes, D-Ohio, the committee chairman, in an attempt to refute allegations made by Ray's attorney and an underground informant that activities by a committee investigator were illegal and improper.

Those allegations by attorney Mark Lane and Oliver Patterson, a former FBI informant, prompted some House members to ask that the committee's request for additional funding be delayed pending an investigation of its methods.

The Stokes report denied that investigator Conrad Baetz ever instructed Patterson to record the conversations of Ray's brother, Jerry, and said that staff members had instructed him not to do so on grounds such conversations could not be used as evidence.

"Apparently Patterson... elected to record certain conversations on his own," the report said.

It said that Patterson did obtain samples of Jerry Ray's hair in an attempt to learn if it matched unidentified human hair found near the scene of Dr. Martin Luther King's assassination in Memphis, Tenn., in April 1968.

The Stokes report did not say whether the samples matched but did assert that obtaining it from a bathroom used by Jerry Ray was "most appropriate" and an entirely legal investigative technique.

The report denied Patterson, a former FBI informant, ever was paid for his services other than to receive expense money.

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And it said no effort was made to encourage him to give false testimony as he has claimed.

"Based on all available information and evidence, the committee is satisfied that the allegations of Oliver Patterson are not founded on fact and that no unlawful or improper conduct has been engaged in by members of the staff," the Stokes report said.

The report said that in mid-April of this year, while Patterson in his undercover role was sharing a motel room in Washington with Jerry Ray, he asked committee investigators if he should go through Ray's effects "for documents pertinent to the committee's investigation."

"Patterson was told immediately and repeatedly that he should not engage in such conduct," the report maintained.

But it said that on the following day Patterson told investigators "that he had indeed rummaged through Jerry Ray's belongings and discovered a map that he thought would be of interest...."

The report said investigators at first told Patterson not to take the map and not to show it to them.

But it said later conversations with Patterson indicated that "the map suggested an active plan by James Earl Ray to escape.."

It said that given this new information the committee "felt compelled" to ask Patterson to obtain a copy of the map so that law enforcement officials could be alerted.