JN 157-9586

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LEADS:

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All offices receiving copies of this communication will review the FD-302s which they have received for names of those individuals who reside within their respective divisions and will review the names through the appropriate office indices and will identify the individual through 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.

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FD-36 (Rev. 5-22-64)

FBI

Date: 5/7/69

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel, dated 4/7/69; Birmingham airtel to Bureau, dated 4/15/69, and Jackson airtel to Bureau, dated 4/18/69.

2 - Memphis (Enc. 13) (RM)
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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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Enclosed for each office, except for Memphis and Birmingham, is one copy of referenced Bureau airtel, dated 4/7/69.

As directed by Bureau, a review of all motel records for the period March 29, to April 3, 1968, of motels in Corinth, Miss., made and the names of those individuals registered at the motels during this period have been obtained, and their names are revealed on appropriate FD-302s. One copy each of the FD-302s, where appropriate, are being submitted to the appropiate offices, as set out below:

FD-302	Division
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Lead discontinued by Sr. A 346

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FD-36 (Rev. 12-13-56)

FBI

Date: 5/14/69

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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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Approved: R C Jensen
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-818) (C)

DATE: 6/30/69

FROM : SA JAMES G. NAGLE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Jackson airtel to Memphis, 5/7/69, (serial 345), and Memphis airtel to Director, 5/14/69, (serial 346).

Re airtel, 5/14/69, above cancelled investigation requested of NHO by re airtel, 5/7/69.

Accordingly, no further investigation remains outstanding in New Haven Division in this matter, and this case is being considered closed.

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TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR (100-106670)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BUDED AUGUST 9, 1976

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?

THIS REVIEW IS A CONTINUATION OF A "PARTIAL REVIEW" RECENTLY

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CONDUCTED BY THE CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT UNDER DIRECTION OF ASSISTANT AG J. STANLEY POTTINGER. ALL PERSONNEL ON THE TASK FORCE ARE AUTHORIZED TOTAL ACCESS TO OUR FILES PERTAINING TO KING'S ASSASSINATION, OUR INTELLIGENCE INVESTIGATION OF KING AND ANY FILES RELATING TO BASIS FOR THESE INVESTIGATIONS. THIS WILL INCLUDE COVER PAGES OF COMMUNICATIONS CONTAINING IDENTITIES OF SOME FBI SOURCES AND INFORMANTS WHO WERE NOT AFFORDED SYMBOL NUMBERS AT THAT TIME AND INDIVIDUALS WHO EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED CONFIDENTIALITY.

TO DATE THE TASK FORCE HAS REVIEWED FBIHQ AND WFO FILES CONCERNING THE ASSASSINATION OF KING CAPTIONED "MURKIN, BUREAU FILE 44-33861. TASK FORCE MEMBERS HAVE TRAVELED TO MEMPHIS, MILWAUKEE, KANSAS CITY, OMAHA, SAN FRANCISCO AND LOS ANGELES AND REVIEWED MURKIN AND INTELLIGENCE INVESTIGATION FILES OF THOSE OFFICES. FUTURE TRAVEL BY THE TASK FORCE IS PLANNED FOR ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, CHARLOTTE, CHICAGO, NEW ORLEANS, NEW YORK, SPRINGFIELD AND ST. LOUIS.

AFTER ABOVE TRAVEL IS COMPLETED AND KING RELATED SECURITY FILES AT FBIHQ ARE REVIEWED, THE TASK FORCE WILL HAVE SEEN THE MAJORITY OF SERIALS IN OUR FILES RELATING TO THE KING INVESTIGATIONS. HOWEVER, SINCE IT IS THE GOAL OF THE TASK FORCE TO REVIEW KING RELATED FILES IN EVERY FIELD OFFICE, IT WILL BE

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NECESSARY TO FORWARD XEROX COPIES OF FILES FROM THE REMAINING OFFICES TO FBIHQ FOR REVIEW.

THEREFORE, ALL RECIPIENTS WITH EXCEPTION OF THOSE OFFICES NAMED ABOVE, FURNISH FBIHQ ONE XEROX COPY OF EACH SERIAL CONTAINED IN YOUR KING ASSASSINATION FILE CAPTIONED "MURKIN." IT IS REQUESTED THIS MATERIAL BE PROCESSED AND MAILED TO REACH FBIHQ PRIOR TO AUGUST 9, 1976. THIS MATERIAL SHOULD BE SENT BY REGISTERED MAIL, ATTENTION DEPUTY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR INGRAM, INTELLIGENCE DIVISION.

IF MURKIN FILES CONTAIN ANY PHOTOGRAPHS, EXHIBITS OR OTHER ITEMS WHICH CANNOT BE XEROXED A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF EACH ITEM AND ITS LOCATION SHOULD BE SET FORTH IN YOUR COMMUNICATIONS TRANSMITTING THE DOCUMENTS TO FBIHQ.

SUBSEQUENT INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE ISSUED CONCERNING SUBMISSION OF COPIES OF OUR INTELLIGENCE INVESTIGATION OF KING AND RELATED SECURITY FILES. OFFICES TO BE VISITED IN THE FUTURE BY TASK FORCE PERSONNEL WILL ALSO BE FURNISHED APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTIONS BY SEPARATE COMMUNICATION.

END

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670) 8/2/76

SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-818) (C)

"MURKIN"

Re Bunitels, 7/29, 7/30/76.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are all serials contained in NH 157-181, main file on "MURKIN", and description of contents in Sub-A file. As per instruction in Bunitel 7/30/76, only page one of serials previously sent to Bureau are enclosed. New Haven Sub-A file contains photographs only. In view of poor production on xerox only description of contents of Sub-A file are being set forth.

The following discrepancies are noted. (1) Serial 287 is missing. A review of NH 100-18410 disclosed that serial 115 of that file captioned, "MARTIN LUTHER KING, SM-C, OO: AT", was previously designated for NH 157-818 but changed to 100-18410. It is not known if the second copy was designated for 157-818 or destroyed in consolidation program, which sought to maintain only one copy of a communication in each fike. (2) Mis-serialization due to clerical error - It is noted that a large gap appears between serial 178 and 199 which at first glance would indicate these serials are missing. However, in view of the date sequence and the numerical writing over the block stamp of serial 178, it is obvious that a clerical error was made - the misconstruing of 178 to be 198, and the error consistently carried on to the completion of the file.

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DIRECTOR, FBI
(ATTN: BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING,
FINANCE AND PERSONNEL DIVISION)

8/11/76

SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-818) (C)

MURKIN

Re Bunitel, 8/6/76, captioned "MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR; DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW; COST DATA."

The following personnel of the New Haven Division participated in the MURKIN project requested by the Bureau in Bunitel, 7/29/76:

One (1) Special Agent - Grade 13 Step 4	- 6 hours
One (1) Clerk - Grade 3 Step 4	- 2 hours
One (1) Clerk - Grade 5 Step 2	- 4 hours

All personnel utilized on this project did so on regular shifts thereby precluding overtime. No unusual or out-of-ordinary costs were involved in the project.

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9:00PM NITEL 7-30-76 CMB

TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR (100-106670)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; BUDED AUGUST 9, 1976.

REBUTEL TO ALL SACS JULY 28, 1976.

FURTHER DISCUSSIONSSWITH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TASKD FORCE HAS RESULTED IN THE FOLLOWING CHANGE REGARDING REPRODUCTION OF FIELD OFFICE SERIALS IN THE MURKIN INVESTI-GATION, AS OUTLINED IN REFERENCED TELETYPE.

IT WILL BE NECESSARY ONLY TO XEROX THE FIRST PAGE OF ANY DOCUMENT IN YOUR MURKIN FILE IF A COPY OF THAT DOCUMENT HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO FBIHQ. THIS WILL INCLUDE BOTH DOCUMENTS ORIGINATING IN YOUR OFFICE AND THOSE RECEIVED FROM OTHER FIELD DIVISIONS. ANY DOCUMENTS IN YOUR MURKIN FILE, COPIES OF WYICH HAVE NOT BEEN SUBMITTED TO FBIHQ MUST BE REPRODUCED IN THEIR ENTIRETY AND FORWARDED TO FBIHQ.

IT IS NOTED THAT THIS FIRSZ PAGE SYOULD CONTAIN THE FIELD OFFICE SERIAL NUMBER IN ORDER THAT THE DEPARTMENT CAN MAKE A COMPLETE CHRONOLOGICAL ACCOUNTING OF EACH FIELD OFFICE SERIAL.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

FOR INFORMATION RECIPIENTS, THE DEPARTMENT'S OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (OPR) TASK FORCE HAS BEEN REVIEWING OUR SECURITY INVESTIGATION AND OUR INVESTIGATION INVOLVING THE ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. OPR PERSONNEL ADVISED THAT THEY INTEND TO INTERVIEW SEVERAL FORMER BUREAU OFFICIALS. THE INTERVIEWS WILL BE CONCERNED WITH ASCERTAINING WHY CERTAIN INSTRUCTIONS AND ACTIONS WERE ISSUED FROM FBIHQ TO THE FIELD AND OTHER ASPECTS OF THE SUPERVISION OF THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., INVESTIGATIONS.

No Action 12/20/76
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THE DEPARTMENT IS GOING TO INTERVIEW THE FOLLOWING FORMER BUREAU OFFICIALS: MR. A. BELMONT, FORMER ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR, 240 CHATHAM WAY, MOUNTAIN VIEW, CALIFORNIA, 94040; MR. F.J. BAUMGARDNER, FORMER SECTION CHIEF, 3915 TAYLOR BOULEVARD, LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY, 40215; MR. W.C. SULLIVAN, FORMER ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR, SUNSET ROAD, SUGAR HILL, NEW HAMPSHIRE, 03585; MR. C. D. DELOACH, FORMER ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR, PERKINSCOAD, GREENWICH, CONNECTICUT, 06830; MR. G.H. SCATTERDAY, FORMER SECTION CHIEF, 5911 OSCEOLA ROAD, WASHINGTON, D.C., 20016; MR. J. W. BROWN, FORMER SECTION CHIEF, 10621 MANTZ ROAD, SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND, 20903; AND MR. C.L. MCGOWAN, FORMER SECTION CHIEF, 3111 63RD PLACE, CHEVERLY, MARYLAND, 20785.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF LOUISVILLE AND SAN FRANCISCO, OPR PERSONNEL WILL BE ADVISED CONCERNING THE HEALTH OF MR. BELMONT AND MR. BAUMGARDNER, BOTH OF WHOM ARE KNOWN TO BE IN ILL HEALTH. IF EITHER OFFICE HAS ANY CURRENT INFORMATION CONCERNING THESE INDIVIDUALS' STATUS, WHICH WOULD DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT OPR PERSONNEL SHOULD NOT INTERVIEW THEM, ADVISED FBIHQ.

RECIPIENTS SHOULD ADVISE THOSE FORMER EMPLOYEES RESIDING WITHIN THEIR DIVISIONS THAT OPR PERSONNEL WILL BE CONTACTING

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THEM CONCERNING AN INTERVIEW AND FURNISH THEM WITH THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS: (1) THEY ARE RELEASED FROM THE OBLIGATION IMPOSED BY THEIR EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENTS TO MAINTAIN INFORMATION OBTAINED IN THE COURSE OF THEIR EMPLOYMENT IN CONFIDENCE, TO THE EXTENT THE AGREEMENT IS APPLICABLE IN SUCH A SITUATION. (2) THE BUREAU DESIRES TO EXTEND FULL COOPERATION TO THE DEPARTMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THIS INQUIRY AND, THEREFORE, THEY ARE ENCOURAGED TO COOPERATE WITH THE INQUIRY. HOWEVER, FORMER EMPLOYEES WILL BE ADVISED TO UNDERSTAND, CLEARLY AND UNEQUIVOCABLY, THEY MUST DECIDE FOR THEMSELVES WHETHER OR NOT TO ANSWER SPECIFIC QUESTIONS. (3) WITH REGARD TO REQUESTS FOR COUNSEL, FORMER EMPLOYEES WILL BE ADVISED THAT THE BUREAU HAS NO AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE ~~SUCH~~ such counsel. ~~(3)~~! THE FORMER EMPLOYEE MUST DECIDE FOR HIMSELF IF HE FEELS THE NEED FOR PERSONAL COUNSEL IN CONNECTION WITH HIS INTERVIEW. REQUESTS FOR APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL BY THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AT DEPARTMENT EXPENSE OR FOR APPOINTMENT OF PRIVATE COUNSEL SHOULD BE MADE IN THE FORM OF LETTERS DIRECTED TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE DEPARTMENT BY FBIHQ.

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IN ADDITION, FORMER EMPLOYEES SOULD BE ADVISED THEY ARE NOT TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS WHICH MIGHT DIVULGE THE IDENTITY OF ANY INFORMANTS OR SOURCES.

OPR TASK FORCE PERSONNEL HAVE INDICATED IN ORDER FOR THEM TO MEET THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S DEADLINE FOR COMPLETION OF THE INQUIRY IT WILL BE ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY THAT THESE INTERVIEWS BE COMPLETED NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1976 OR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1976.

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A I R T E L

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)
ATTN: DOMESTIC SECURITY SECTION

FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-818)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Re: Bureau teletype, 12-20-76.

C.D. DE LOACH, former Assistant to the Director, was ontacted concerning reference teletype on 12-21-76 by SAC THOMAS R. DUGAN. Up until 9:00 a.m., 12-22-76 DE LOACH had not yet been contacted by department representatives. DE LOACH further advised that he intends to request appointment of counsel by the department at department expense to be sought by DE LOACH at the appropriate time.

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Photographs taken 1975 FBI No. 405,942 G



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IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS PERSON, PLEASE NOTIFY ME OR CONTACT YOUR LOCAL FBI OFFICE. TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES OF ALL FBI OFFICES LISTED ON BACK.

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FBI Convinced Ray Acted Alone In King Slaying

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Martin Luther King's friends believed there must have been a conspiracy to kill him — and even James Earl Ray said he had an accomplice — but the FBI privately decided Ray killed King with help from no one.

In the largest manhunt in history, the bureau decided Ray had both the racial hatred to provide a motive and the means to finance an escape that carried him to Mexico two days after the slaying and to Lisbon and to London within five weeks.

The FBI, trying to question everyone in contact with Ray in the year between his escape from prison and the April 4, 1968, slaying, could find no one who plotted murder with him.

The bureau's internal files on the King case, compiled by 3,075 agents and totaling more than 40,000 pages, were made available to United Press International in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act.

They portray a small-time robber who charged fellow prisoners 50 percent interest on loans to finance their poker games. And he "mainlined" amphetamines and barbiturates, and after he escaped from a Missouri prison moved to Los Angeles, visited a hypnotist, paid a plastic surgeon to reconstruct his nose, and pulled bills from a fat wad in his pocket to pay for dancing lessons. He signed up for lessons wherever he moved — but never became much of a dancer.

His racism came through in a remark he made to a friend, Charles Stein, who drove with him from Los Angeles to New Orleans and back.

"If Negroes want to be free, they should go north or west," Stein quoted Ray. "If they stay in the South, they should be willing to be slaves."

The FBI acknowledged in a memo that it failed to establish how Ray raised the money for the $1,995 white Mustang in which he escaped or the $134.95 for the .30-06 caliber Remington pump rifle with $74.60 telescopic sight used to kill King, or the money to go first to Mexico, then to Canada, where he bought a roundtrip ticket to London.

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A view through a simulated telescopic gunsight showing what the killer of Martin Luther King may have seen just before he fired the fatal bullet. Inset left is Dr. King, and at right convicted assassin James Earl Ray. (UPI)

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