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September 25, 1968

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: MURKIN

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr:

The sheriff of Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, made available to us the following/correspondence (letters) of James Earl Ray. It was made available to us on a confidential basis, not to be disclosed outside the Bureau. Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., who is handling the/state's prosecution is aware of the correspondence.

> 1. To Arthur Hanes (attorney for Ray)

From James Earl Ray

Date Oftober 18, 1968 (probably meant to

be September 18, 1968)

Substance: Ray desires more than one legal opinion

before agreding to a proposition (unknown) of\Hanes and stating he thinks

William Bradford Huie (author who is writing a book about Ray) misunderstood

him.

2. J. B. Stoner (vice-president of National To

States Rights Party)

From James Earl Ray Date September 18, 1968

Substance: Advising Stoner he will reimburse him

for expense of coming to Memphis.

3. Jerry Ray (brother of Vames Earl Ray)

From James Earl Ray

Da te September 18, 1968 Substance:

Subject Ray wants Jerry to contact J. B. Stoner to come to see him and he wants Jerry to contact Percy Foreman (criminal

trial lawyer from Houston, Texas) about James Earl Ray taking the Witness stand.

Enclosure

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Rosen to DeLoach memorandum. RE: MURKIN

4. To : Michael Eugene (attorney in London for

subject Ray)

From : James Earl Ray
Date : September 20, 1968

Substance: Attempting to obtain a transcript of the

entire extradition proceedings, at suggestion of his attorney Hanes.

5. To : Jerry Ray (brother of James Earl Ray)

From : James Earl Ray
Date : September 20, 1968

Substance: Subject Ray wants Jerry to contact the

London attorney, inquiring if Jerry talked to attorney Percy Foreman and

J. B. Stoner.

6. To : James Earl Ray

From : Jerry Ray (brother of James Earl Ray)

Date: September 17, 1968

Substance: Advising he has not talked to Hanes or

Stoner lately and Hanes previously

mentioned he wanted to talk to some of

Rays relatives.

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For your information, you will be advised of pertinent developments. Attached are these letters for inspection.

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Today Special Agent Joseph Hester, Memphis Division, called to advise that pursuant to prior arrangements made with the Bureau, three representatives of the Attorney General's office in Memphis will be arriving tomorrow (Wednesday, September 25) to examine the evidence being held in the Laboratory in this case. The three men are:

Robert K. Dwyer - special assistant to the District Attorney;

James Beasley - assistant district attorney; and,

John Carlyle - investigator: for the District Attorney's office.

The precise itinerary of these gentlemen is unknown at this time but it is expected they will arrive at approximately noon, tomorrow, Wed., Sept. 25.

I advised SA Hester to have the representatives of the District Attorney's office contact your (Mr. Conrad's) office telephonically upon arrival and to proceed to the Justice Building and come to room 7621.

SA Hester stated that after the evidence has been reviewed, the three visitors intend to return to Memphis.

Memphis is confirming these arrangements by teletype.

RECOMMENDATION:

None - for information.

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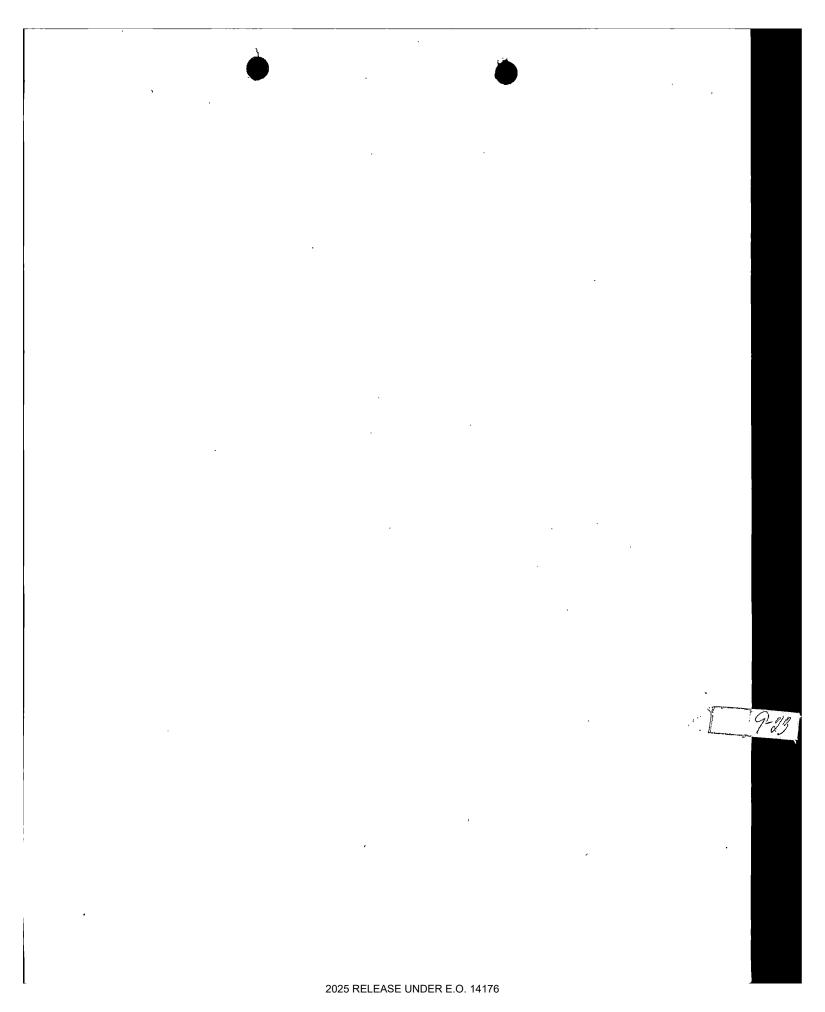
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Septemb 25, 1968 GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The attached relates to information furnished to us on a confidential basis, and should not be disclosed outside this Bureau. Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County, Tennessee, who is handling the state's prosecution is aware of the contents in the attached.

J. B. Stoner is no doubt identical to Jesse B. Stoner, Vice-chairman of the National States Rights Party (a vicious anti-Semitic, anti-Negro, right wing hate group based in Savannah, Georgia.) E 0

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TO:

DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM:

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On this date, Sheriff WILLIAM N. MORRIS, JR. advised that he received information that J. B. STONER, Attorney, had been in correspondence with JAMES EARL RAY. The nature of the correspondence was to the effect that J. B. STONER volunteered his services at no cost to JAMES EARL RAY and indicated that he would arrive in Memphis on Wednesday, 9/25/68, to meet with JAMES EARL RAY.

Sherff MORRIS was of the opinion that JAMES EARL RAY was losing interest in ARTHUR HANES, his present attorney, and might conceivably let STONER defend him in the forthcoming trial. Sheriff MORRIS also advised that he had picked up information indicating that JAMES EARL RAY at the present time was desirous of taking the stand on his own behalf when the trial occurs in Memphis. Sheriff MORRIS also stated that the current attorney, ARTHUR HANES, does not want his client JAMES EARL RAY to testify.

Bureau will be kept advised of additional developments as they occur.

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Special Agent in Charge	;		

September 20, 1968

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1 - Mr. Long

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To: SAC, MEMPHIS

From: DIRECTOR, FBI

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TOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT MR. PHIL M. CANALE, JR., STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL, SHELBY COUNTY, MEMPHIS AND ADVISE HIM HE AND/OR HIS REPRESENTATIVES MAY PROCEED TO OUR LABORATORY IN WASHINGTON, D. C. FOR REVIEW OF THE EVIDENCE IN BUREAU'S POSSESSION. HE SHOULD PROVIDE US WITH SUFFICIENT NOTIFICATION AS TO HIS DATE OF ARRIVAL. YOU SHOULD ADVISE THE BUREAU AS TO THE IDENTITY OF THE RESPECTIVE FIELD OFFICES THAT MR. CANALE PLANS TO HOLD PRETRIAL CONFERENCES WITH AGENTS AND WITNESS IN ORDER THAT SACE WILL HAVE SUFFICIENT NOTICE TO ARRANGE THEIR PERSONAL ATTENDANCE IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE BUREAU'S INTEREST.

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NOTE: See Rosen to DeLoach memo, 9/19/68, captioned "MURKIN," REL: jms.

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: Mr. DeLoach

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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DATE: September 19, 1968

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SYNOPSIS:

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther Evidence recovered by Memphis authorities returned to King, Jr. Evidence recovered by Bureau, including the 1966 Mustang vehicle and documents, retained by Bureau in view of outstanding Federal charge against James Earl Ray. Department does not desire to dismiss charge at this time. In view of scheduled state trial of Ray in Memphis on November 12, 1968, disposition of evidence recovered by Bureau discussed with Department. Department advises 1966 Mustang should be turned over to Memphis authorities, and we should retain all other evidence in view of outstanding Federal charge. The Department further advised in connection with future court action, if Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., who is handling state prosecution, should make a request for any particular piece of evidence retained by the Bureau, such items should be made available to him. Conference held with Mr. Canale and other representatives of his office and they recommend their representatives meet with our Laboratory examiners to review the evidence in our possession and in selecting those items which will be most advantageous to introduce at time of Mr. Canale plans to hold pretrial conferences in the field with all witnesses including FBI Agents. When this is firmed up instructions will be issued to SACs to personally attend to protect Bureau's interest.

ACTION:

- 1. Laboratory being advised of conference with Mr. Canale and review and selection of evidence to be used for trial.
- 2. Attached for approval are a teletype to Memphis and Atlanta instructing the 1966 Mustang be released to Mr. Canale and a letter to the Department confirming the conversation concerning disposition of the evidence.

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Rosen to DeLoach Memorandum RE: MURKIN

BACKGROUND:

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

At the specific instructions of the Director the evidence recovered by the Memphis Police Department at the scene of the assassination in Memphis was returned to them after our Laboratory examination. The report of our Laboratory findings was also transmitted to the Memphis Police Department.

Evidence recovered by the Bureau has been retained in our Laboratory in view of the outstanding Federal charge, namely, the Civil Rights conspiracy charge against subject Ray. The evidence we have recovered includes the 1965 Mustang automobile, maps, bed sheets, a television set, various items of food, and personal articles of clothing. It is noted that a latent finger-print was located on a map which matched Ray's fingerprints and hairs and fibers located in the articles of clothing compared favorable with those located in the evidence at the scene of the assassination.

We also have in our possession documents which include the handwriting, hand printing, and typewriting identified as being prepared by Ray. We are continually comparing new documents with those we are retaining. For example, on August 23, 1968, we learned that subject Ray was employed by a restaurant in Winnetka, Illinois, during May and June, 1967. The documents relating to Ray's employment were obtained and forwarded to the Laboratory for examination purposes and identifications were made.

We have raised the question with the Department as to whether or not the complaint filed against James Earl Ray should be dismissed. The Department has advised that in their view it would not be appropriate to dismiss the complaint at this time as the conspiracy investigation is still underway. The Department further advised that after investigation has been completed, they would want to review the facts to determine whether or not Federal prosecution of Ray or other persons might be appropriate.

In view of the scheduled state trial of James Earl Ray in Memphis, Tennessee, on November 12, 1968, we discussed with the Department the disposition of evidence recovered by the Bureau. As a result thereof, the Department has advised that the 1966 Mustang automobile recovered in Atlanta should be turned over to the Memphis authorities; however, all other evidence which we recovered, including the documents, should be maintained in our possession in view of the outstanding Federal charge and our continuing investigation. The Department further advised they