

(d) At the time of the execution of said Basic Agreement and for some period thereafter, Hanes was engaged to act and did act as attorney for Ray in connection with Ray's coming trial, but such engagement has been terminated, Hanes no longer represents Ray as his attorney in any capacity, and Percy Foreman, an attorney at law, has been substituted to act and now acts as attorney for Ray.

(e) The parties are desirous of effecting certain releases and other acts with respect to said Basic Agreement as hereinafter provided.

(2) Hanes does hereby transfer and assign to Ray all of Hanes' right, title and interest in, to and under said Basic Agreement and the Assignment Agreement, including but not being limited to any and all moneys and other compensation of any kind to which Hanes may now or hereafter be entitled thereunder. Hanes further agrees that he shall not hereafter write or authorize to be written any literary material relating to the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr., Ray's alleged participation in or Ray's coming trial for such murder, or the life or activities of Ray, and that he shall not hereafter make or authorize to be made magazine, book, dramatic, motion picture, television and/or other adaptation of any kind relating to any such subjects.

(3) Hanes hereby forever releases and discharges Ray and Author and each of them from any and all claims, demands, actions and causes of action which Hanes, but for this release, might now have or hereafter might have against them or either of them under or pursuant to said Basic Agreement, the Assignment Agreement or any other agreements or contracts, written or oral, of any kind or nature whatsoever heretofore entered into between said parties or any of them with respect to the subject matter of said Basic Agreement. Without limiting the foregoing, Hanes does hereby acknowledge that he has received from Author and Ray any and all

moneys and other compensation which Hanes heretofore may have been entitled to receive from Author or Ray under said Basic Agreement, the Assignment Agreement or otherwise.

(4) Author and Ray, and each of them, do hereby forever release and discharge Hanes from any and all claims, demands, actions and causes of action which they or either of them, but for this release, might now have or hereafter might have against Hanes under or pursuant to said Basic Agreement, the Assignment Agreement or any other agreements or contracts, written or oral, heretofore entered into between said parties or any of them with respect to the subject matter of said Basic Agreement.

(5) The parties hereby agree that for any and all purposes Hanes shall no longer be or be considered as a party to said Basic Agreement, and shall have no further right, title or interest of any kind or nature whatsoever thereunder or under the Assignment Agreement or any other agreements or contracts, written or oral, heretofore entered into between the parties or any of them, with respect to the subject matter of said Basic Agreement. Hanes hereby agrees to execute and deliver to Author and/or Ray upon demand any further instruments necessary or desirable to implement or effectuate this Amendatory Agreement.

(6) Ray does hereby acknowledge and confirm that as of the date hereof there are no moneys or other compensation of any kind now due or payable to Ray from Author under or pursuant to said Basic Agreement, the Assignment Agreement, or otherwise.

(7) Author and Ray hereby agrees that paragraph 5. of said Basic Agreement shall be and the same hereby is amended to provide that all acts therein specified to be done by Author's agent shall be done, instead, by Author, and to provide further that all payments to be made and all statements, notices and other documents to be furnished or given to Ray shall be made, furnished

or given to Ray in care of Ray's Attorney, Percy Foreman, Esq., at 1116 Capitol Avenue, Huston, Texas, 77002.

(8) The parties do hereby confirm and agree that except as hereinabove expressly set forth said Basic Agreement is in full force and effect and has not been and is not hereby altered, amended or modified in any manner or particular whatsoever, that Author has and shall continue to have all of the rights, titles and interests given or granted, or agreed to be given or granted, to him by Ray and/or Hanes under said Basic Agreement, and that the writing by Author and the publication by Cowles Communications, Inc. in Look Magazine and by Dell Publishing Co., Inc. of certain literary materials, hereinabove referred to, has been and is authorized under said Basic Agreement and such rights, titles and interests.

(9) This Amendatory Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective personal representatives, executors, administrators, heirs, legatees and assigns. Author may transfer or assign this Amendatory Agreement, and/or all or any part of the rights, titles and interests herein referred to, to any person, firm or corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have executed this Amendatory Agreement as of the date first above written.

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND CONTENT:

Percy Foreman  
Percy Foreman, as Attorney  
for James Earl Ray

William Bradford Huie  
William Bradford Huie, "Author".

James Earl Ray  
James Earl Ray, "Ray".

Arthur J. Hanes  
Arthur J. Hanes, "Hanes".

WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE

HARTSELLE, ALABAMA

March 7, 1969

Dear James Ray....

Enclosed you will find:

1. The original agreement signed by you, Mr. Hanes, and me.
2. The letter attached to that agreement by which I agreed to advance \$35,000 in anticipation of earnings from this project.
3. Receipts from your attorneys for the \$40,000 which I have advanced to date. (\$30,000 to Mr. Hanes and \$10,000 to Mr. Foreman.)

I am also having sent to you, from my attorneys, the Supplementary Agreement which was signed by Mr. Foreman, Mr. Hanes, you and me. I suggest that you sign another copy of this for Mr. Foreman, so that we can have two copies bearing all four original signatures.

This gives you copies of all agreements existing between you and me; and you will note that I have followed them to the letter. I will continue to do so.

To this date this project has earned \$30,000. Additional earnings will shortly be received from LOOK magazine, from foreign magazines, and from Dell Publishing Company, which will publish the book in May.

LOOK Magazine will publish my next article on April 15th. The book, titled HE SLEW THE DREAMER, will be published about May 15th.

I am currently negotiating with Carlo Ponti, the film producer, over picture rights. I'll keep you informed of developments.

As soon as you are moved to Nashville, I will attempt to see you...or rather we will attempt to get permission for you to see me. We need a picture of you to use on the front cover of the book.

Jerry keeps in touch with me; and if it is your desire you can count on me to keep in touch with you indefinitely. I'll help you in any way I can.

And of course I will keep both you and Mr. Foreman informed as to earnings.

Best wishes.

*Bill Huie*

MAIN AT RUSK

LAW OFFICES OF  
PERCY FOREMAN  
604 SOUTH COAST BUILDING  
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77002

CA 4-0321

March 9th, '69

Mr. James Earl Ray,  
Shelby County Jail,  
Memphis, Tennessee.

Dear James Earl:

You have heretofore assigned to me all of your royalties from magazine articles, book, motion picture or other revenue to be derived from the writings of Wm. Bradford Huie. These are my own property unconditionally.

However, you have heretofore authorized and requested me to negotiate a plea of guilty if the State of Tennessee through its District Attorney General and with the approval of the trial judge would waive the death penalty. You agreed to accept a sentence of 99 years.

It is contemplated that your case will be disposed of tomorrow, March 10, by the above plea and sentence. This will shorten the trial considerably. In consideration of the time it will save me, I am willing to make the following adjustment of my fee arrangement with you:

If the plea is entered and the sentence accepted and no embarrassing circumstances take place in the court room, I am willing to assign to any bank, trust company or individual selected by you all my receipts under the above assignment in excess of \$165,000.00. These funds over and above the first \$165,000.00 will be held by such bank, trust company or individual subject to your order.

I have either spent or obligated myself to spend in excess of \$14,000.00, and I think these expenses should be paid in addition to a \$150,000.00 fee. I am sure the expenses will exceed \$15,000.00 but I am willing to rest on that figure.

Yours truly,

*Percy Foreman*

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*James Earl Ray*

LAW OFFICES OF  
PERCY FOREMAN  
804 SOUTH COAST BUILDING  
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77002

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CA 4-9321

MAIN AT RISK

March 9, 1969

Mr. James Earl Ray,  
Shelby County Jail,  
Memphis, Texas.

Dear James Earl:

You have asked that I advance to Jerry Ray five (\$500.00) of the "\$5,000.00", referring to the first five thousand dollars paid by Wm. Bradford Huie. On January 29th, Mr. Huie advanced an additional \$5,000.00. At that time I had spent in excess of \$9,500.00 on your case. Since then, I have spent in excess of \$4,000.00 additional.

But I am willing to advance Jerry \$500.00 and add it to the \$165,000.00 mentioned in my other letter to you today. In other words, I would receive the first \$165,500.00. But I would not make any other advances - just this one \$500.00.

And this advance, also, is contingent upon the plea of guilty and sentence going through on March 10, 1969, without any unseemly conduct on your part in court.

Yours truly,

*Percy Foreman*

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P.S. The rifle and the white mustang are tied up in the suit filed by Renfro Hays. Court costs and attorneys fees, will be necessary, perhaps, to get them released. I will credit the \$165,500.00 with whatever they bring over the cost of obtaining them, if any.

*James Earl Ray*

*Percy Foreman*  
Percy Foreman

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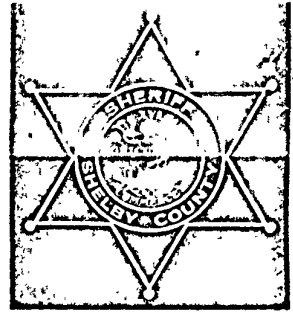
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CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Attached letter was received by our Memphis Office and is being furnished to you for your information.

OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF • SHELBY COUNTY • TENNESSEE



WILLIAM N. MORRIS, JR., SHERIFF

April 1, 1969

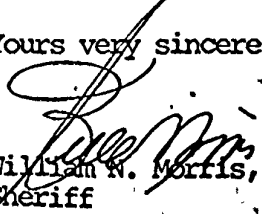
Mr. Robert G. Jensen  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Federal Office Building  
167 North Main Street  
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Jensen:

On behalf of all the law enforcement agencies in this community and the people of Shelby County, we wish to extend to you and your entire staff, as well as others from your department throughout the country, our warmest thanks and appreciation for your support in helping us in the case of James Earl Ray, accused assassin of Martin Luther King.

Mr. Jensen, I know that so many people in your department helped on this case, and it would be impossible to name each of them individually. I hope that in some way you can communicate with those that you know best of our great appreciation. If we can ever serve you in any way, please give us the opportunity, for until that time we remain in your debt and sincerely your friend.

Yours very sincerely,

  
William N. Morris, Jr.  
Sheriff

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ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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Jackson

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3-26-69

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Jackson, Mississippi  
March 26, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

JAMES EARL RAY;  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM  
CIVIL RIGHTS

The following letter was received at FBI  
Headquarters dated March 19, 1969:

"3/19/69

"Dear Director;

"Last spring I was staying at a boarding  
house in Columbia. Mrs. Rawls on Church St.

"one Sunday about one week before Dr. King  
was killed. I was sitting on the front porch talk-  
ing to a retired Dentist. It was after dinner on  
a Sunday.

"He told me that They were going to kill  
Dr. King this next week. A few days later he  
was killed!

"If you think this meant any thing the doctor's  
name was Bush! It sounded like he was in on the  
knowing about it ot me. I thought I would pass  
this information on along to the Bureau. No  
one knows about this but me I hope. There were  
one or two others on the porch at the time  
we were but I don't know if they heard him tell  
me this or not. (Weather they were listening to  
our conversation or not.) I would like to remain  
unknown to them (The Dr. Bush) if you decide it  
is worth any thing.

Your Friend,

"/S/Harry Pope."

JAMES EARL RAY;  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM

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On March 26, 1969, a representative of the FBI contacted Harry Pope at Columbia, Mississippi, concerning the above letter. Mr. Pope advised that he did not recall having written the above letter and denied ever having had a conversation with Doctor Bush concerning the death of Martin Luther King, Jr.

On March 26, 1969, Tom Rainey, Chief of Police, Columbia, Mississippi, advised a representative of the FBI that Harry Pope suffers from a mental disorder and frequently makes unfounded allegations and complaints concerning various citizens and their activities in Columbia, Mississippi.

Chief Rainey advised that Doctor Bush referred to in Mr. Pope's letter would be Doctor Russell Bush, 911 Main Street, Columbia, Mississippi. Chief Rainey advised that Doctor Bush is a retired dentist and is currently a lay preacher who is extremely active in religious affairs and is one of the most respected citizens in Columbia, Mississippi. Chief Rainey advised that in his opinion, Doctor Bush would be the least likely person in Columbia, Mississippi, to have made any remarks concerning the possible assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Date: 3/26/69

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

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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

MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to Jackson, 3/24/69 and Bureau letter to HARRY POPE, Route 4, Box 762, Columbia, Miss., 9/9/68 with copy to Jackson.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above. One copy of above LHM being designated for Memphis.

Referenced Bureau letter of 9/9/68 addressed to HARRY POPE, Route 4, Box 762, Columbia, Miss., forwarded to Jackson copy of a letter which Mr. POPE had written to the Director, wherein he alleged that certain people at Columbia, Miss., were conspiring with the Mafia in an effort to kill him.

On 9/12/68 the contents of Mr. POPE's letter were furnished to TOM RAINEY, Chief of Police, Columbia, Miss., who advised that POPE was well known to the Columbia, Miss., PD and the Marion County, Miss., SO. Chief RAINEY advised that POPE is mentally ill and makes complaints to both the SO and PD. POPE was interviewed on 3/26/69 concerning his letter to the Director on 3/19/69 wherein he alleged that one Dr. BUSH might have information concerning the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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2 - Jackson  
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

JN 157-9586

Jackson indices negative re DR. RUSSELL BUSH.

Investigation set out in enclosed LHM was  
handled by SA J. L. MARTIN.

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CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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Memphis

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3-21-69

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

*In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.*

Memphis, Tennessee  
March 21, 1969

RE: JAMES EARL RAY;  
Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM  
CR - CONSPIRACY

An article appearing in the March 18, 1969, edition of the "New York Times," a daily newspaper published at New York, New York, contained an article datelined March 17, 1969, at Philadelphia, which states that Reverend James Bevel, identified in the article as Director of Non-Violent Education and Direct Action for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, has indicated that "there definitely was a conspiracy" to kill Dr. King. This article quotes Rev. Bevel as saying that as a result of a mistake made by Memphis Postal Authorities, a letter addressed to a white woman was delivered to a Negro woman of the same name who lived in another part of Memphis. This letter, he stated, contained the "relevant and pertinent information that Dr. King was to be assassinated while in Memphis." Rev. Bevel further states that this letter was immediately turned over to the Memphis Police but that no special security measures were placed around the Lorraine Motel, at which place Dr. King was killed.

On March 21, 1969, Inspector N. E. Zachary, Memphis Police Department, Memphis, Tennessee, who was in charge of the Homicide Bureau at the time Dr. King was killed, advised that he has never heard of such a letter and that at no time during his investigation of the King murder was it ever called to his attention that such a letter had ever existed.

On March 21, 1969, Inspector Don Smith, Memphis Police Department, Memphis, Tennessee, who was in charge of security arrangements for Dr. King's visit to Memphis on April 3, 1968, advised that when he met Dr. King and

**RE: JAMES EARL RAY;  
Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM**

his associates at the Memphis Airport on April 3, 1968, he inquired of Dr. King as to his plans for his stay in Memphis in order that necessary security measures might be put into effect. Inspector Smith said he was told by Rev. James Lawson, Pastor of the Centenary Methodist Church, Memphis, and who was one of Dr. King's associates, that Dr. King's plans had not been fully made and that he was unable to furnish Inspector Smith any information. Inspector Smith said that when Dr. King left the Memphis Airport, he (Inspector Smith) had no idea of the destination and that he "tagged along" to find out where they were going. He said that as soon as Dr. King arrived at the Lorraine Motel, he called for additional officers and had them posted in the vicinity of the Lorraine Motel.

Inspector Smith stated that he has never heard of a letter such as the one described by Rev. Bevel, and he doubts that such a letter ever existed.

On March 21, 1969, Mr. Louis Peele, Postal Inspector's Office, Memphis, Tennessee, advised that he has no information in his possession to indicate that such a letter as the one described by Rev. Bevel ever existed.

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3/21/69

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

Enclosed for the Bureau are 4 copies and for Philadelphia 2 copies of an LHM pertaining to statements made by Rev. JAMES BEVEL, as reported in the March 18, 1969, edition of the "New York Times."

No further investigation is being conducted in this regard.

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2 - Philadelphia (Encs. 2)  
1 - Memphis

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Date March 21, 1969

RE:

**ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**

For information     Retention optional     For appropriate action     Surep, by \_\_\_\_\_

The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report,  conceal all sources;  paraphrase contents.

Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA \_\_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks:

**Enclosed is one copy each of two separate RCMP reports. Do not disseminate.**

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**CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION**

**3-21-69**

**ATTENTION: D. Robert Owen**

**ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**

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**In view of termination of trial, no action is being taken  
in reference to paragraph two of RCMP report of 2-26-69.**

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SUB-DIVISION - SOUS-DIVISION

DETACHMENT - DÉTACHEMENT  
Toronto C.I.B. General

RE:  
OBJET:

Martin Luther KING -  
Murder of.  
(ASSISTANCE TO F.B.I.)

17 FEB 69

1. On this date, Mrs. Mabel AGNEW, ARCADE PHOTO STUDIO, advised that her doctor informed her that she has a heart condition. Considering this problem and her fear of air travel, she did not think that she would be able to testify at the trial of James Earl RAY. She was interviewed this same date and the importance of her evidence was discussed. As a result of this interview, she agreed to go to Memphis with a friend, Mrs. RICHARDSON.

20 FEB 69

2. Raymond SNEYD contacted me on this date and disclosed that on 10 JAN 69 he received notification that a year's free subscription to the Magazine "Play Boy" had been given to him by a person by the name of Ahmed NABER. He did not consider this as being anything but a prank until he received two copies of this publication. The original notification is being retained here as an exhibit and photostat copies are attached. SNEYD advised that he has never applied or had previously received a copy of this Magazine and further the person by the name of Ahmed NABER is completely unknown to him. The cost of a year's subscription to this publication is \$13.00 and in view of this and the fact that he will be giving testimony in this case might be of some significance. The possibility exists that this is a movement to discredit the witness or reflect on his morals. Possibly the U.S. authorities might be able to obtain some further information in this regard.

3. On this date, Henry MOOS was acquitted of the charges emanating from the signing of the Passport Application for James Earl RAY. Mrs. Lillian SPENCER gave evidence at this trial indicating that she assisted RAY in completing the Application for Passport Forms and also identified a photograph of him. Mr. D. CANTWRIGHT, Crown Prosecutor in this case suggested that being that SPENCER was a very poor witness, and that she had admitted to helping RAY, and further identified him by photo, the prosecuting authorities in Memphis would no doubt be interested in receiving a copy of the transcript of this trial.

MAR 17 1969

4. Mr. T. MORAN, Court Reporter, Old City Hall, Toronto, advised that the cost of this service was approximately \$25.00 for SPENCER's testimony and \$100.00 for the complete trial.

5. In considering the time element involved in preparing this transcript and also the problems concerning Mrs. AGNEW, Mr. Robert A. DEAN was contacted in Memphis and advised.

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Martin Luther KING

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6. Attached are copies of Forms C.246.

S.S.I.

D.D.: 30-4-69

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(S.S.I.) S/Sgt.  
i/c Tor. CIB Gen.

Cpl.  
(J.S. Dunlop) # 17852.  
Toronto C.I.B. General.

THE COMMISSIONER, OTTAWA

FORWARDED for your information, together with the mentioned enclosures.

2. While no confirmation has been received, the investigator has advised that the trial is now scheduled for 7-4-69. However, U.S. authorities do not expect they will be in a position to call any witnesses until after 12-5-69.

3. Your further instructions as indicated in memorandum from the Assistant Officer i/c Headquarters C.I.B. dated 13-12-68 will be awaited.

TORONTO  
7-3-69

(C.R. Doey), Supt.  
Officer i/c C.I.B.

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RE:  
OBJET:

Martin Luther KING -  
Murder of:  
- Assistance to F.B.I. -

1. Further to memorandum of the A/Officer i/c C.I.B. dated in Montreal on the 19 FEB 69 and appended FBI correspondence, enquiries conducted with the MCP revealed that only two (2) unsolved armed robberies occurred during the periods running from July 17, 1967 to August 17, 1967, and from April 8, 1968 to the 6 May 1968. The establishments robbed are as indicated hereunder:

(a) Date: 21 JUL 67

Tupper Grocery  
Louis WEINER (prop.)  
2067 Tupper Street,  
Montreal, Quebec.

Amount: \$1,280.00

MCP file P-7-10-6284 -

This robbery was committed by two armed individuals who spoke English with a French accent and the perpetrators were identifiable by Louis WEINER. WEINER was interviewed by Cst. GUAY of this office on the 3 MAR 69, at which time he was exhibited photographs of James Earl RAY. At the time of exhibition to WEINER, photographs of RAY had been mixed together with photographs of other individuals. No identification made and WEINER was positive that the photographs of the men who had robbed the store were not among the ones he viewed.

(b) Date: 4 MAY 68

Laiterie Perrette,  
6355 Sherbrooke East,  
Montreal, Quebec.

Amount: \$1,098.91

MCP file P-8-7-2261

Witnesses: Lucien BLOUIN, Manager,  
7122 Candiac,  
St-Léonard, Quebec.

Robert PCUPART, employee,  
8135 Fabre,  
Apt. 2,  
Montreal, Quebec.

MAR 17 1969  
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This robbery was committed by one individual who spoke French and is identifiable by the two witnesses. Enquiries conducted at Laiterie Perrette revealed that BLOUIN was no longer employed there and his present whereabouts were unknown. Enquiries conducted at BLOUIN's known home

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address also met with negative results as BLOUIN has moved out approximately four (4) months ago leaving no forwarding address. At the present time, attempts are being made to locate BLOUIN. POUPART is no longer employed at the Laiterie Ferrette and was contacted at his residence by telephone. When he was advised of the purpose of our wishing to meet him to identify photographs of the possible robber, he stated that he did not wish to get involved in any police investigation which might lead him to become a witness in any type of prosecution. Attempts will be made to interview POUPART personally, at his home, and the outcome will be reported on. It is however, to be noted, that the perpetrator of this theft in this case, spoke French and it is not believed at this point that James Earl RAY speaks French.

D.D. 14-3-69

*E.P. for AOL*  
(JIB. PROULX) S/SGT.  
NCO I/C G.I.S.

*E.C. Nager*  
( E.C. Nager ) #17440  
Sgt.  
Montreal G.I.S.

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**CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION**

**ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**

**XXX (B) REL:jms**

*See Memphis Airtel To Bureau  
3/18/69 re copy of conversation between  
transporting officer + Ray's*



March 21, 1969

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

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

The attached sets forth statements made by one of the local officers regarding the conversation that took place between James Earl Ray and the officers who accompanied Ray during transfer from Memphis to Tennessee State Prison, Nashville. Ray stated that about 90% of the information appearing in "Look" magazine (written by William Bradford Huie) were lies. Ray compared the British jails with the Shelby County jails and stated a "Federal man" had the Shelby County jail windows boarded.

The reference to the "Federal man" apparently pertains to U. S. Bureau of Prison personnel who consulted with local authorities relative to Ray's incarceration at Memphis.

Attached statement being furnished to the Department.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

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There are enclosed two copies of report of Captain RICHARD M. DAWSON, one of the officers who accompanied RAY during his transfer from custody of the Sheriff's Department, Memphis, to the Tennessee State Prison, Nashville.

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Statement of RICHARD M. DAWSON, Captain of the Tennessee Highway Patrol, station at Jackson, Tennessee. Made in the Attorney General's Office at 11:40 A.M. on Tuesday, March 18, 1969. Questioned by John L. Carlisle. Typed by Mrs. Loretta Bondora.

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Relative to the JAMES EARL RAY case.

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Q. Captain Dawson, on the morning of March 11, 1969, did you, with other officers of the Tennessee Highway Patrol, accompany James Earl Ray to the State Penitentiary at Nashville?

A. Yes sir, I did.

Q. Would you name the officers that accompanied you and relate any discussion as you can recall between Ray and any of the officers.

A. Yes sir. We assumed custody of Ray at approximately 5:20 A.M. in the Highway Patrol Station on Summer Avenue, Memphis. He was placed in the rear seat of the automobile. I sat on his left. Commissioner O'Rear was on his right. Inspector Mickey McGuire drove. Deputy Commissioner Bud Hopton sat in the front on the right. I recall some...for the first 15-20 minutes, there was very little conversation. As we continued on, Ray made some remarks concerning the landscape and scenery. I remember asking Ray that yesterday was his birthday and he looked like he had celebrated it with a bang. He said, hell, yesterday wasn't my birthday. I've lied to them so much they don't know when I was born, ..or words to that effect. I remember Inspector McGuire asking Ray then if the articles in Look Magazine pertaining to his case were in fact truth. Ray responded...hell no, about 90% of it is lies and Huie now knows about the time that I was in a mental institution and I understand that his next article is going to say that I'm crazy. I also remember McGuire asking Ray if he had been in Nashville before. Ray said that is where the Grand Ole Opry is, isn't it? I don't remember if he said he had or had not been in Nashville but he said he had not been to the Grand Ole Opry. I remember Ray asking me if I was with the prison. I told him no and asked why. He said I was wondering if legal services are available in the State Pen. Commissioner O'Rear told him he would have to take that up with the warden of the institution. I remember Ray saying they had not treated him badly in the Shelby County Jail other than the damn Federal man had had the windows boarded up and he could not see out or get any fresh air with the exception of what was blown in and it made him feel like he had a cold all the time. I remember asking Ray how the jail here compared to the confinement facilities in England. He said in England they had two types of jails, one before trial and one after trial and that the one before trial was not bad, but he understood the other one was rough as hell. I remember him saying that he was trying to get to Africa, but the riots were going on in France and he had gone to Portugal, but was unable to get a boat to Africa; but heard he could get one in Brussels so he returned to England intending to get to Brussels. He said he had run out of money, and that he had intended to go to Brussels and get a boat to Africa. I recall some conversation and I don't know who asked the question, concerning getting the passports in Canada and also the mention was

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made that one of them, we understood, was in the name of a police officer and he laughed heartily, but he didn't elaborate. He made no reference to the crime itself. He did ask one time if he would be placed in a cell or be allowed to be outside some and he was told that he should take this up with the warden of the institution. He indicated that he sure hoped they would not lock him in a cell. I recall that he said he had sure messed up and if it was to do over, he would not have pleaded guilty to the offense. We arrived at the Penitentiary at 8:05 and Ray was released to the prison authorities.

Q. That's all, thank you.

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RICHARD M. DAWSON

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March 21, 1969

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

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

The attached sets forth statements made by one of the local officers regarding the conversation that took place between James Earl Ray and the officer who accompanied Ray during transfer from Memphis to Tennessee State Prison, Nashville. Ray stated that about 90% of the information appearing in "Look" magazine (written by William Bradford Huie) were lies. Ray compared the British jails with the Shelby County jails and stated a "Federal man" had the Shelby County jail windows boarded.

The reference to the "Federal man" apparently pertains to U. S. Bureau of Prison personnel who consulted with local authorities relative to Ray's incarceration at Memphis.

Attached statement being furnished to the Department.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

1. For your information, I am enclosing communications which may be of interest to you.
2. No further investigation is contemplated with regard to this matter.
3. You will be advised of the pertinent developments in connection with this inquiry.
4. Please note change in caption of this case.
5. Status of case:     Completed             Incomplete.

Very truly yours,

  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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San Antonio, Texas

March 12, 1969

FREDERIC L. CARLIN

At approximately 11 a.m., March 11, 1969, an individual identifying himself as Frederic L. Carlin appeared at the San Antonio Office of the FBI advising he had a "conspiracy theory" concerning the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King which he wished to discuss with the FBI.

Carlin proceeded to explain his "theory" which among other things encompassed the Russian Revolution of 1917 and the Senate debate on the appointment of Abe Fortas as Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court in 1968. Carlin contended the conspirators in the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. were Senator Phillip A. Hart (D-Mich.) for "being suspect" in the Detroit race riots; Senator Steven M. Young (D-Ohio) for "being suspect" in the Cleveland race riots; Senator Eugene Mc Carthy for being so liberal on different issues and for stating he planned to visit Red China if he were elected President; former Attorney General Ramsey Clark for supporting anti-gun law legislation; and FBI Special Agent George Bonebreak (phonetic), if not the whole FBI in general.

Carlin elaborated the conspirators in this case were the product of Communist infiltration into every phase of the United States Government, civil rights groups, and church groups in the United States, and each of the conspirators had contributed large sums of money to finance James Earl Ray and to keep Ray quiet, thereby protecting themselves.

Carlin stated if an investigation was launched to examine Congressional voting records, this would bear out his theory.

Carlin's main point in this theory centered around criticism of the FBI and Agent Bonebreak, stating the FBI acted too swiftly in issuing "two wanted flyers" on Ray. The

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first flyer was on an Eric Starvo Galt while the second one was on James Earl Ray. Carlin contended the FBI could not possibly have known Eric Starvo Galt was an alias Ray might have used prior to actually identifying Ray by what was reported to be an exhaustive fingerprint examination. He, therefore, stated the FBI should be held accountable for possibly causing arrest and/or death of an innocent person.

Carlin, who throughout the foregoing conversation spoke in an extremely arrogant and belligerent manner, stated he had been discharged from the United States Navy in 1961. He exhibited a Navy identification card, No. 322795, showing him to be a "non petty officer".

Carlin stated he was a former letter carrier for the United States Post Office, San Antonio, having been employed by that office until mid-1968, at which time he "resigned" or was "removed" due to medical problem involving his blood sugar count and the fact he had overextended his sick leave privileges. He stated he was presently self-employed as a farmer owning a small farm near Stockdale, Texas.

Carlin gave no exact address, stating he does not like to use a street address and that he received his mail through General Delivery or occasionally a box he might rent at the Post Office in San Antonio.

Carlin returned to an earlier statement of his concerning anti-gun law legislation and stated this was even more evidence to prove a Communist infiltration of the United States Government as he felt Americans should be allowed to own firearms as he felt they would be needed one day in the battle against Communism. He stated he personally owned firearms and described them as a .38 Special revolver and a "nice" 30.06 deer rifle.

Carlin indicated he had written the following individuals concerning his "conspiracy theory" and hoped they would see an investigation was launched to bear this theory out:

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Governor Ronald Reagan of California (whom Carlin stated he backed in a bid for the Presidency of the United States);

Governor John McKeithan of Louisiana;  
Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau of Canada;  
Former President Lyndon B. Johnson while in office;  
President Richard M. Nixon;  
New Orleans, Louisiana, District Attorney James Garrison; and  
U. S. Senators Strom Thurman, Robert P. Griffin, James O. Eastland, Sam Ervin, Jr., Ted Kennedy, and John Tower.

From observation during the above conversation Frederic L. Carlin is described as a white male; in his early 30's; approximately 5'9"; 155-160 pounds; dark hair and eyes; wears glasses; and has pock marked complexion.

At approximately 2 p.m., March 11, 1969, Deputy United States Marshal Mario Granados, San Antonio, Texas, telephonically contacted the San Antonio Office of the FBI advising he had received the following information from his brother Rudy Granados.

At approximately 12:45 p.m., March 11, Rudy Granados was in Cap'n Jim's restaurant located at the intersection of Loop 13 and Roosevelt, San Antonio, and overheard an unknown man state he had "a .357 magnum" in his car and was "leaving to take care of Garrison". Granados observed this unknown individual, described as a white male, 5'8", approximately thirty years of age, leave the restaurant and drive off in a light blue Chevrolet Nova automobile bearing 1968 Texas license plates GNS 308.

Check of these license plates through Bexar County automobile registration records reflected they had been issued for a 1963 Chevrolet, Vehicle Identification No. 30411K127278, registered to F. L. Carlin, 511 Monticello, San Antonio, Texas.

A check of the current San Antonio city directory

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reflected 511 Monticello is the address for one Clifford T. Carlin, a printer for the San Antonio Express Publishing Company. This directory further carried the listing for one Frederic L. Carlin, who was a carrier for the United States Post Office, San Antonio, and has a Post Office Box of 10039.

Driver records, Texas Department of Public Safety, Austin, Texas, reflected the following descriptive data for the above individuals:

Clifford Theodore Carlin:

White male; born October 28, 1908; 5'9"; 180 pounds; brown eyes; black hair; Texas operator's license 0031853; address 511 Monticello, San Antonio, Texas.

Frederic Leroy Carlin:

White male; born February 9, 1939; 5'10"; 168 pounds; brown hair; brown eyes; Texas operator's license 1135972; address 511 Monticello, San Antonio, Texas.

The files of the San Antonio Division of the FBI fail to reflect any information identifiable with Frederic L., Frederic Leroy, or Clifford Theodore Carlin.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)  
 RE: MURKIN

Re San Antonio teletype to the Bureau and New Orleans dated 3/11/69 captioned as above.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of an LHM suitable for dissemination. Two copies are being furnished New Orleans and two copies are also being furnished Memphis for information purposes in view of the fact that division is 00 in captioned matter.

Local dissemination has been made to U.S. Secret Service, San Antonio and Austin in view of the fact it would appear subject of enclosed LHM would fit Category 2 of the Agreement between Secret Service and this Bureau concerning Presidential protection. 112th MI Group, San Antonio, has also been furnished a copy of this LHM.

No further action is being taken by San Antonio.

- ③ - Bureau (Encs. 8)
- 2 - New Orleans (157-10673)(Encs. 2)
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)(Encs. 2)
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Los Angeles, California

March 11, 1969

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JAMES EARL RAY

On February 28, 1969, Leo Mc Namara personally appeared at the New Haven, Connecticut Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He advised that on March 14, 1968, he and Greg Birmingham flew to Los Angeles, California, and registered at the Shangri Lodge, 9510 Van Nuys Boulevard, Panorama City, California. According to Mr. Mc Namara, Birmingham registered under the name of Eric S. Galt.

The records of the Shangri Lodge for March, 1968 were located at Bekins Records Center, 215 North Canon Drive, Beverly Hills, California on March 3, 1969 and were reviewed by Special Agents of the FBI. No record for Eric S. Galt, Gregory Birmingham, or Leo Mc Namara for March 14, 1968 was located.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBO (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Los Angeles tels 2/28/69 and 3/3/69; Memphis airtel to Los Angeles dated 3/6/69.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are six copies of a Letterhead Memorandum concerning GREG BIRMINGHAM's registering as ERIC S. GALT at Shangri Lodge, Panorama City, California, 3/14/68.

Information copies are being furnished Memphis and New Haven.

- ③ - Bureau (Enc. 6)(RM)
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- 1 - New Haven (Enc. 1)(RM)
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 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Memphis airtel to Los Angeles 2/28/69.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies and to Memphis and New Orleans two copies each of Letterhead Memorandum (LHM) recording interview with CHARLES JOSEPH STEIN.

- ③ - Bureau (Enc. 5) (RM)
- 2 - Memphis (44-1487) (Enc. 2) (RM)
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Charles Joseph Stein was interviewed in Los Angeles on February 13, 1969 and furnished the following information:

During April, 1968, he was contacted by a reporter from the "Los Angeles Times", a daily metropolitan Los Angeles newspaper. This reporter was named Larsen. During the conversation with Larsen, they discussed a memorandum slip, the type used in hotels to give messages regarding incoming telephone calls during ones absence, which Stein had received from James Earl Ray. This slip had the address of Stein's sister, Marie Lee, where Stein stayed while in New Orleans, Louisiana during December, 1967 when he and Ray travelled from Los Angeles to New Orleans and return. This slip also bore a phone number which Stein cannot recall. Stein said that he did not now have the slip of paper in his possession since he has moved several times during the interim.

Stein felt that the phone number might be of great financial value since he felt the phone number might be the location where James Earl Ray could be located. According to Stein, Larsen offered him \$15 or \$20 for the slip which he felt was not enough money.

Following the conversation with Larsen, Stein said he spent his last dollar to call the phone number on the slip, which was a New Orleans phone number. He said that the person answering the phone identified the number as being that of the Greyhound Bus Station in New Orleans. Stein continued that Ray was eager to leave New Orleans for the return trip to Los Angeles but that he wanted to stay a day or two longer. Stein suggested to Ray that they check weather conditions prior to departing New Orleans for Los Angeles since on the trip to New Orleans, they had encountered a snow storm. Stein continued that Ray called the fire station, who suggested he call the Greyhound Bus Depot for weather

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information. According to Stein, Ray did call the Greyhound Bus Station and made a notation on the memorandum slip.

Stein stated during interview that he is eager to go to Memphis, Tennessee, to be a witness in the Ray trial. He said he intends to take with him a camera or a photographer to record his actions as a witness and that he intends to write a book about his experiences in this case. Stein said that he will embellish on his story to make the book a good seller and to profit financially from it.

Stein was asked if he had ever heard Ray mention anyone named Faul, to which he answered negatively. He said he knows of no connection between the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy, Senator Robert F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King, Jr.

Stein continued that James Garrison, New Orleans District Attorney, had contacted his sister, Marie Lee in New Orleans asking to have Stein contact him. Stein said he made two attempts to call Garrison collect but the calls were not completed.

Stein advised that he had called the District Attorney's Office in Memphis to obtain permission to telegraph Ray in prison for information concerning the December, 1967 trip to New Orleans. Stein said that the District Attorney "took the fifth amendment" and while permission was not granted, Stein did telegraph Ray in prison. As of the date of interview, Stein stated he had not received any information from Ray.

During the interview with Stein, on several occasions, he digressed into the realm of metaphysical thought concerning the continuous creations of many new Christs. Stein stated that he had no permanent address in Los Angeles, but that he is living on a day-to-day basis with friends.

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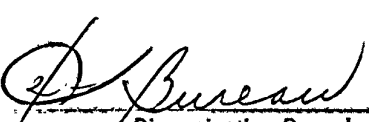
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