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To; Director, FBI (44-38861)
From: Legat, Ottawa (44-4)(P)
Subject: MURKIN
(OO: ME)

Re Ottawa airtel 10-25-68, and Ottawa routing slip 11-8-68, forwarding results RCMP interview of Claire Keating.

On 11-12-68, Legat, discussed question of dissemination with Sergeant Tobiasen, Criminal Investigation Branch, RCMP Headquarters, who said that in view of recent publicity in Canada identifying Keating as the woman Ray contacted in Grey Rocks, Montreal and Ottawa, there would be no objection to disseminating information in RCMP letter dated 10-25-68, to Tennessee authorities.

The information in Ottawa "A" Division report dated 11-1-68, may be disseminated if the information is paraphrased to protect the identities of Yvette Charlebois and Ruth Chappell.

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1 cc - Memphis (44-1987)
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ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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Director, FBI (44-38861)

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SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

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Transmitted herewith for the information of the Bureau are individual copies of a summons to appear in Criminal Court on November 12, a copy of an Order on Sequestration of Witnesses, and a letter advising the date of November 12 shall be disregarded as appearance date in Court. One copy each of these was delivered to SAC, Memphis, and SA ROBERT FITZPATRICK, Memphis Division.

2 Bureau (Enc. 6)
1 Memphis

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To Robert Fitzpatrick, Jr., D.D.

You are summoned to appear before the Judge

3 Division Criminal Court P.M.

CRIMINAL COURT BUILDING—2nd FLOOR
NORTHEAST CORNER WASHINGTON AVENUE AND SECOND ST.

in Memphis, Tenn., on Tuesday Mar. 14 1968

Witness in the case of

16645 STATE OF TENNESSEE

vs.

James Earl Ray J.E.R.
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WILLIAM N. MORRIS, JR., Sheriff

William N. Morris, Jr. D. S.



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IN THE CRIMINAL COURT OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE

STATE OF TENNESSEE

VS.

NO. 16645 Murder First Degree

NO. 16819 Carrying Dangerous Weapon

JAMES EARL RAY
Alias Eric Starvo Galt,
Alias John Willard,
Alias Harvey Lowmeyer,
Alias Harvey Lowmyer.

ORDER ON SEQUESTRATION OF WITNESSES

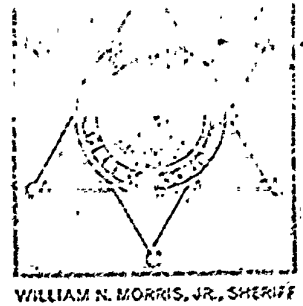
No witness subpoenaed in the case shall read newspaper articles about the case, watch television programs about the case nor listen to radio broadcasts about the case from the time of the beginning of taking testimony in the case until such subpoenaed witness has completed his testimony in the case and been excused by the Court. This provision shall not apply to the defendant, personally.

Clifton B. Riffe

JUDGE, DIVISION THREE
CRIMINAL COURT OF
SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Date: Dec 13, 1968.

OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF · SHELBY COUNTY · TENNESSEE



November 7, 1968

Mr. Robert Fitzpatrick
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Memphis, Tennessee

IN RE: STATE OF TENNESSEE
VS
JAMES EARL RAY
NO. 16645

Mr. Fitzpatrick:

As directed by the Honorable W. Preston Battle, Judge of Criminal Court, Division III, of Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, I enclose herewith for your information, copy of order on "Sequestration of Witnesses", which was entered in the minutes of said court on October 28, 1968.

Also enclosed is an official form of subpoena relative to the starting date in the case of State of Tennessee versus James Earl Ray. This will inform you to disregard the date of November 12, 1968 as your appearance date in court. You will be notified at a later date as to your personal appearance in the courtroom.

Yours very truly,

WILLIAM N. MORRIS, JR., SHERIFF

O. J. Billings
O. J. BILLINGS, ASSISTANT CHIEF

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Enclosures

To Robert Jensen & T.B.P.

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Mud WILLIAM N. MORRIS, JR., Sheriff
Ray, Plaintiff D. S.

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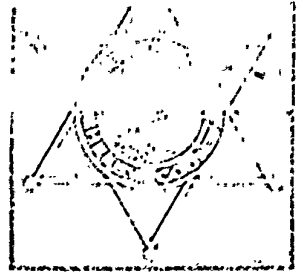
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SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Date: Dec 13, 1968

OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF • SHELBY COUNTY • TENNESSEE



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November 7, 1968

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CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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SEE NOTE PAGE TWO...

NOTE:

On November 18, 1968, a discussion was had between D. Robert Owen of the Department and SA Richard E. Long relative to your memorandums concerning the two articles appearing in "Look" magazine authored by William Bradford Huie. Concerning your memorandum of November 7, 1968, Mr. Owen was previously advised that the data regarding Ray's employment in Winnetka, Illinois, telephone calls received at the employment, Ray staying at a rooming house with the Donnellys and background data was previously furnished to you in report form. We are currently conducting investigation on the other aspects and will furnish the results of investigation to you. Mr. Owen was also advised that, regarding your memorandum of November 15, 1968, you have received the results of most of this investigation and we are presently conducting investigation on other aspects.

DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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SAC, NORFOLK (44-268)

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Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven copies of an LHM entitled "ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR." which are being submitted for possible dissemination at the Bureau. Enclosed for Memphis are two copies of this LHM.

Inasmuch as the statements made by Mrs. MARY PATRICIA BOLIN were admittedly made in an effort to obtain sympathy of her estranged husband, the Norfolk Division does not contemplate any further action regarding this matter.

③ - Bureau (Enc. 11)
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2 - Norfolk (44-268)
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Norfolk, Virginia

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

November 6, 1968

ASSASSINATION OF
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

On October 17, 1968, PAUL C. BOLIN, Navy Serial Number [REDACTED] assigned to the USS ORION, telephonically advised that approximately six weeks prior to that date his wife, MARY PATRICIA BOLIN, from whom he is separated, made several statements to him indicating that she and another individual, with whom she was living in a common-law status, had stolen a rented car from Florida and were wanted in several states for armed robbery and other crimes. He stated that although his wife had tried to commit suicide on several occasions, he felt that she was mentally unstable and armed with several weapons. He further stated that his wife told him that she had knowledge of the person's identity who killed Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., that this individual received \$500,000.00 for the assassination, and was hiding out in the State of Florida.

On October 30, 1968, MARY PATRICIA BOLIN was interviewed at the Norfolk Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at which time she admitted being separated from her husband and further admitted that she had told her husband that she and the individual, with whom she was living in a common-law status, had committed several armed robberies and also that she had information regarding the individual who assassinated Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. She admitted that she had made the statement to her husband that this individual had received \$500,000.00 and was hiding out in the State of Florida, but further admitted that these statements were all lies that she had fabricated and that she only told them to her husband inasmuch as he had lied to her on previous occasions about his activities. She admitted that she had told these things to her husband in order to obtain sympathy from him, but stated that she did not, in fact, have any information whatsoever regarding the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Mrs. BOLIN further admitted that she is presently out on bond for insufficient funds checks being cashed at Norfolk, and further stated that she did not, in fact, try to commit suicide in 1967, while residing in Florida.

ASSASSINATION OF
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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TO : Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

DATE: November 13, 1968

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Reference is made to _____ memorandum dated _____
(your file _____).

There is enclosed one copy of the **MEMORANDUM** ~~XXXXXX~~ of ~~Special~~
APXX Our Memphis Division dated **11/5/68** ~~XXXXXX~~
at _____.

A. This covers the preliminary investigation and no further action concerning a full investigation will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

B. The investigation is continuing and you will be furnished copies of reports as they are received.

C. The investigation requested by you has now been completed. Unless advised to the contrary no further inquiries will be made by this Bureau.

D. Pursuant to instructions issued by the Department, no investigation will be conducted in this matter unless specifically directed by the Department.

E. Please advise whether you desire any further investigation.

F. This is submitted for your information and you will be advised of further developments.

G. This is submitted for your information and no further investigation will be conducted unless specifically requested by the Department.

H. This covers the receipt of a complaint and no further action will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

Enc. The attached is in relation to information furnished by Bill Sartor to the Department. Mr. D. Robert Owen advised on 11/11/68 that individuals mentioned in your memorandum should be interviewed, if not already done.

11-5-68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P
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Enclosed to Bureau are four copies of LHM regarding information furnished by one BILL SARTOR to Departmental Attorney J. HAROLD FLANNERY regarding a possible conspiracy in instant case.

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1 MEMPHIS

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Memphis, Tennessee
November 5, 1968

RE: JAMES EARL RAY, Aka.;
Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY

Mr. J. Harold Flannery of the United States Department of Justice, has prepared a memorandum dated September 17, 1968, reflecting interviews on June 12, 1968, and August 22, 1968, with Mr. Bill Sartor of Greenville, Mississippi, a contract writer for "Time" magazine.

Sartor states that "Charlie Stein, a petty racketeer connected with organized crime, contacted James Earl Ray in Los Angeles and told him that there were people in New Orleans whom he ought to talk to." Sartor states he does not know whether Stein's initial contact with Ray was accidental or on purpose, but he states that "Ray was told that the people he ought to talk to would help him with money and his fugitive status." Stein's account of his involvement in this matter as well as other investigation relative to Stein is set forth in reports furnished to the Department of Justice.

Sartor tells us that Ray was in touch in New Orleans with "Mafia" representatives who referred Ray to Frank Liberto, described by Sartor as being a Memphis racketeer and a lieutenant of Carlos Marcellos, the southern Mafia chieftain in New Orleans. Sartor then related to Mr. Flannery that one John McFerren of Somerville, Tennessee, on or about the day of King's murder, heard a man say on the telephone "shoot him on the balcony, shoot him anywhere; and go to New Orleans for your money, don't come back here." Information concerning this reported incident has also been furnished to the Department of Justice.

Claude Cockrell, described by Sartor as a segregationist, extortionist, narcotics pusher, and petty racketeer, was an unsuccessful candidate for election to the U. S. House of Representatives in the election of November 5, 1968. Inquiries concerning Cockrell made among knowledgeable members of the Memphis Police Department reflect that he has been suspected of complicity in a moonshine whiskey operation and has a questionable reputation among police officers.

James Earl Ray, Aka.;
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Victim
CR - Conspiracy

Joe Cacameci and Larry Mann, identified by Sartor as professional killers, are unknown to this office. No information to date has connected these individuals with the murder of Dr. King.

According to Sartor, a young Negro boy allegedly heard a shot and saw a man jump up from the bushes behind the rooming house and below the window area from which the fatal shot is thought to have been fired. A thorough investigation was conducted in the neighborhood of this rooming house immediately after the murder and during the days immediately following the murder and no information was developed to indicate that any unidentified person was seen beneath the window from which Ray fired the fatal shot.

All of the individuals, both firemen and policemen, who were stationed in the fire house near the Lorraine Motel have been interviewed regarding the events before and after the murder, and these results have also been furnished to the Department of Justice.

Due to the tense racial situation that existed in Memphis on April 4, 1968, and because of the prominence of Dr. King, the Memphis Police Department had every reason to be in touch with persons at the Lorraine Motel in connection with the protection of Dr. King. There were police officers in and around the Lorraine Motel throughout the period that Dr. King was residing there.

Investigation is continuing relative to individual mentioned in Sartor's information.

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November 12, 1968

CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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Enclosures are six letters from Phil M. Canale, Jr. to:

- Honorable M. F. A. LINDSAY
- Honorable H. F. C. HUMPHRIES
- Deputy Chief BENARD SIMMONDS
- Commissioner JOHN WALDRON
- Mr. EDWARD J. FEIGIN, President
- MR. J. B. CLOUTIER

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CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION

November 8, 1968
ATTENTION: Mr. D. Robert Owen

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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NOTE: J. Harold Flannery of the Department advised to this relative
on 11/6/68.

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

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Remytel 11-5-68 concerning this matter.

Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies of the "Report of Amici Curiae," stating that there is probable cause to believe that WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE and the publishers of "Look" magazine are in contempt of court regarding pre-trial publicity in instant case. This report was filed 11-4-68.

③ BUREAU (Enc. 2)(AM)
1 MEMPHIS

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IN THE CRIMINAL COURT OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE

DIVISION THREE

STATE OF TENNESSEE

Vs.

JAMES EARL RAY, Alias
ERRIC STARVO GALT,
Alias JOHN WILLARD,
Alias HARVEY LOHMEYER

NOS. 16645 and 16819

FILED 11-4-68
J. A. BLACKWELL, CLERK
BY *[Signature]* D. C.

REPORT OF AMICI CURIAE

Your amici curiae herewith submit the following additional report:

As a result of an article appearing in the November 12, 1968 edition of LOOK, distributed in Memphis, Tennessee on October 29, 1968, and an interview reported in the Commercial Appeal of November 1, 1968 under headline: "FBI IS GOING PAST RAY IN SEARCH FOR SUSPECTS", there is probable cause to believe that William Bradford Huie, Cowles Communications, Inc., publishers of LOOK, and others closely connected with or interested in this case are in contempt of this Court's orders regarding pre-trial publicity in the above-styled cause.

It further appearing to your amici curiae that some of the above-mentioned parties are not presently within the jurisdiction of this Court, and that the trial of the above matter is imminent, your amici curiae believe that no immediate action can or should be taken, but that a petition for scire facias should be filed at such time as the above parties are within the jurisdiction of the Court and after the jury in this cause is sequestered, requiring said parties to show cause why they should not be held in contempt of this

Court's orders.

Your amici curiae further report that they have met on numerous occasions to discuss the problems of pre-trial publicity in this case and the enforcement of this Court's orders. The single and all-pervasive goal toward which this group has striven is the assurance of a fair trial by an impartial jury in this cause. There is no effort to "muzzle" or censor the news or publishing media; nor are this Court's orders reasonably susceptible to such interpretation.

But this Court has been strongly directed by the Supreme Court of the United States in Sheppard v. Maxwell, 384 U.S. 333 (1966) to insure by appropriate orders that any case such as this one which evokes wide-spread public interest will be tried only in a court of law, and only before a jury whose views of the case have not been pre-formed by outside influence, and only when all witnesses who testify or comment about the evidence are under oath and subject to cross-examination:

"The courts must take such steps by rule and regulation that will protect their processes from prejudicial outside interferences. Neither prosecutors, counsel for defense, the accused, witnesses, court staff nor enforcement officers coming under the jurisdiction of the court should be permitted to frustrate its function. Collaboration between counsel and the press as to information affecting the fairness of a criminal trial is not only subject to regulation, but is highly censurable and worthy of disciplinary measures." Sheppard v. Maxwell, supra at page 363.

This is the essence of the impartial jury trial required by the Constitution of the United States. Your amici curiae believe that this Court's orders are properly designed for this purpose and that this Court has, despite certain violations of its order, effectively complied with the Supreme

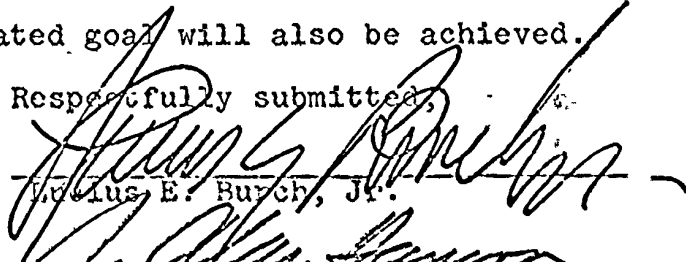
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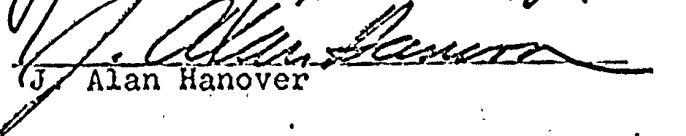
Your committee recognizes that, as the date of trial of this cause approaches, the temptations to increase the pressure of publicity will grow stronger. Your committee further recognizes that this Court's power to punish for contempt may seem limited when compared with what may appear to be the gains to be had from risking a conviction of contempt of this Court by violation of its pre-trial publicity orders. Your committee believes, however, that such "gains" are ephemeral and indeed illusory, and that they are not worth the severe price which will be paid by all in the resulting losses which may be sustained to individual rights. Your committee reports, therefore, that, in the last analysis, the integrity of the jury trial in this particular case, and of the jury trial system in this country, must depend in great part upon the self-discipline of the news media, the attorneys for the State and the defendant, and others who have or believe they have an interest in this trial.

Your committee assures the Court that it will, as indicated above, continue to assist diligently in the enforcement of this Court's orders, for, if the orders of this Court, or of any Court, are continually ignored or flaunted with impunity, there will soon be neither "fair trial" nor "free press" to discuss, to debate, or to protect. However, your committee believes that the success of this Court's efforts under Sheppard v. Maxwell to assure a fair trial in this cause will rest finally and ultimately, as do the freedoms guaranteed by the First Amendment itself, upon self-discipline and responsible self-control by all concerned.

To the extent that this is achieved, your committee believes that its above-stated goal will also be achieved.

Respectfully submitted,


Lucius E. Burch, Jr.


J. Alan Hanover

Casper Turner
Casper Turner, Jr.

James D. Causey
James D. Causey

Leo Bearman
Leo Bearman, Jr.

Lee A. Hardison
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Don G. Owens
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BY *J. A. Blackwell* D. C.

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CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION

November 6, 1968

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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Please see the note on page two.

NOTE: Enclosed you will find xerox copies of letters previously furnished to you. This is in response to your memorandum concerning information as given to you by Mr. Sartor. You will be furnished additional details of other aspects as contained in your interview with Mr. Sartor.

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Reference is made to my memorandum dated April 20, 1968, setting forth pertinent details relative to information furnished by Mr. John McFerren regarding his suspicions that circumstances which occurred at the L.L. and L. Produce Company in Memphis, Tennessee, on April 4, 1968, might be related to the killing of Martin Luther King, Jr.

As you were previously advised, the owners of the L.L. and L. Produce Company denied having any connection with the killing and Mr. Frank Camillo Liberto, one of the owners, advised that he had relatives in New Orleans and discussed large sums of money when making produce purchases over the telephone.

Other members of the Liberto family in New Orleans have been interviewed and they have advised that they have no knowledge of the killing beyond accounts appearing in local news media.

On the basis of the information reported by Mr. McFerren and the information developed through our inquiries, it is not felt further inquiries along these lines are warranted.

Returned herewith is the copy of the "Times" report previously furnished.

Enclosure

1 - The Deputy Attorney General

1 - Mr. Stephen J. Pollak
Assistant Attorney General

The Attorney General

April 20, 1968

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Director, FBI

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MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Information was received that John McFerren, a Negro of Somerville, Tennessee, had reported to "Time" magazine information concerning an individual possibly involved in the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. Mr. McFerren allegedly overheard one end of a telephone conversation while at a produce market in Memphis on April 4, 1968. According to the report, Mr. McFerren overheard the individual state, "Shoot the S.O.B. on the balcony. Don't worry about the money. Your brother will get it in New Orleans." Mr. McFerren allegedly was contacted on April 18, 1968, by a white man formerly of Somerville who now resides in Louisiana. It was indicated that as a result of this visit Mr. McFerren feared for his own safety.

On April 8, 1968, Mr. McFerren advised Agents of this Bureau that he had picked up supplies for his grocery store at the LL and L Produce Company, Memphis, Tennessee, on April 4, 1968. At that time he overheard a heavysset white male talking on the telephone say, "Kill the S.O.B. on the balcony and get the job done. You will get your \$5,000." Mr. McFerren stated another white male with a scar on his right cheek came by at this time and told him to go on to the back of the produce company and help himself.

After completing his business Mr. McFerren heard the telephone ring again as he was passing the office and the man with the scar answered the telephone. He then handed the telephone to the heavysset man. Mr. McFerren heard this man say, "Don't come out here. Go to New Orleans and get your money. You know my brother."

Mr. McFerren attached no significance to these remarks at the time. When he arrived home at Somerville, Tennessee, at approximately 6:15 p.m., April 4, 1968, he

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was advised by a neighbor that Martin Luther King, Jr., had been shot. Mr. McFerren advised that the following day he observed a sketch of the assassin in a newspaper. The artist's conception together with a description as read to him by his wife immediately made him think of an individual who had been employed at the LL and L Produce Company sometime in the late fall or early winter last year. He believed this man to be identical with the sketch of the unknown individual who shot Martin Luther King, Jr. He described this individual as five feet nine inches tall, weighing 140 pounds, white male, slender build and approximately twenty-five years of age.

Mr. McFerren was reinterviewed by Memphis Agents on April 18, 1968. Mr. McFerren stated he was suspicious because an individual he knows from Somerville, Tennessee, presently residing in Louisiana, visited his residence on the morning of April 18, 1968, and asked questions regarding his travel. Mr. McFerren identified this individual as Robert Powers who came to McFerren's residence with his wife driving a 1966-1967 late model beige Cadillac. Mr. McFerren advised he was not threatened by this individual and the only reason he suspects Powers of being strange is that McFerren states it is not common for a white man to shake a Negro's hand in that particular environment.

Mr. McFerren was shown six random photographs, one of which included the 1968 photograph of Eric Galt, and he definitely eliminated Galt as the individual he saw at the LL and L Produce Company and who he felt was identical with the sketch he saw in the newspaper. Mr. McFerren picked three photographs of individuals who are all under twenty-five years of age and do not resemble Galt at all. One individual in the photograph is known to be in prison at this time and the other two are not known to have been in the Memphis area at any time.

Investigation disclosed that individuals referred to by Mr. McFerren were Frank Camilla Liberto and James William Latch, President and Vice-President respectively of LL and L Produce Company. These individuals have been interviewed and emphatically deny ever discussing with

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anyone the possibility of shooting Reverend Dr. King or having any knowledge of the subject responsible for his death. They stated that they may have made derogatory remarks about the actions of Martin Luther King, Jr., in Memphis and that the fact that he had been responsible for a loss of revenue by business establishments in the Memphis area. They advised that such disparaging statements had been part of general conversation among workers in and around the produce company and other individuals residing in the Memphis area.

Each of the individuals denied receiving any telephone call wherein mention was made of Martin Luther King or the shooting of Martin Luther King. They stated they did not have any knowledge concerning the shooting of Martin Luther King, Jr., while at work at the produce company on April 4, 1968. Mr. Liberto advised he frequently makes trips to New Orleans, Louisiana, for produce. He stated it is common knowledge among employees and customers of his produce company that members of his family reside in New Orleans and he frequently mentions trips to New Orleans. He stated that most of the produce is purchased through telephone conversations and this involves talking about large sums of money over the telephone. Mr. Liberto stated he always employs Negro males as helpers in the produce department and had not had in his employment at the produce company any individual fitting the description of the unknown individual previously described by Mr. McFerren. In this connection, Mr. McFerren was not identified at any time to Mr. Liberto as being the source of the information.

Mr. Liberto's brother in New Orleans is being interviewed for any information he may have concerning this matter.

1 - The Deputy Attorney General

1 - Mr. Stephen J. Pollak
Assistant Attorney General

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CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION

11-6-68

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

**XXXXX a memorandum
Memphis**

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10-31-68**

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Memphis, Tennessee
October 31, 1968

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

A confidential source abroad has advised that American citizens traveling in Mexico as tourists may not legally engage in business or investigative activities. This source advised that efforts have been unsuccessful to obtain an informal waiver for Shelby County officials or to arrange for some type of special travel documentation permitting them to enter Mexico in furtherance of the prosecution of this case.

Mr. Phil M. Canale, State Attorney General, Shelby County, Tennessee, has stated that he still desires to interview persons in Mexico who may be able to furnish information concerning James Earl Ray, and that he has directed a letter to the United States Department of State requesting that they obtain for him special permission from the Mexican Government for representatives of his office to conduct interviews in Mexico.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

10/31/68

SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

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Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies of a self-explanatory LHM concerning the wishes of Mr. PHIL M. CANALE regarding investigation in Mexico.

The confidential source abroad mentioned in the enclosed LHM is the Legat, Mexico.



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ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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Chicago

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10-31-68

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NOTE: On October 29, 1968, Mr. J. Harold Flannery was orally advised of this information.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Chicago, Illinois
October 31, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 44-1114

**JAMES EARL RAY, ALSO KNOWN AS
DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER KING -
VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS**

Mr. Harvey Klingman, owner, Indian Trail Restaurant, Winnetka, Illinois, advised on October 30, 1968, that on the date he was interviewed by reporter Art Petacque he, Klingman, made no statement whatsoever to the effect that the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) had utilized tape recordings of voices of friends of James Earl Ray. He said that he also was interviewed by numerous television and newspaper commentators and reporters and on each and every occasion he made no mention whatsoever of tape recordings. He said that the comments regarding the tape recordings set forth in Mr. Petacque's articles were a complete figment of Petacque's imagination. Mr. Klingman did state that he told the various members of the news media that the FBI had asked his wife if she could possibly identify or recognize again the voice of the individual who made the telephone calls to Ray and that she had replied negatively.

Mr. Klingman advised that he and his wife have reviewed the article which is to appear in Look Magazine and that the only portion of it that they read was the information they furnished to Mr. Huie and that it was exactly the same as what they had previously told both Huie and the FBI.

Mr. Klingman reiterated his desire to cooperate with the FBI in this matter and again stated that neither he nor his wife made any statement which could be construed to indicate that the FBI was using tape recordings of the voices of James Earl Ray's acquaintances.

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AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to Chicago dated 10/30/68, Memphis teletype to the Director dated 10/15/68 and Memphis airtel to the Director dated 10/25/68.

Enclosed herewith are 7 copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) setting forth interview of Mr. HARVEY KLINGMAN. One (1) copy of LHM enclosed for Memphis.

Mr. KLINGMAN advised that he would be more than willing to testify for the State of Tennessee in the RAY trial, but that due to pressure of business his wife should be the individual to be subpoenaed.

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1 - Chicago

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ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR

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XXXXX three separate reports
Montreal

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10-20-68, 4-24-68, 6-10-68

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SEE NOTE PAGE TWO

NOTE:

Enclosed are three separate reports of Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP). We have provided the evidence as they listed in these reports to Mr. Canale in accordance with their instructions, and we also provided Mr. Canale with the RCMP reports of the detailed listing of the evidence. We have not provided Mr. Canale with the report dated 10-21-68, which is administrative data.

October 23, 1968

AIRTEL

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM LEGAT, OTTAWA (44-4) (P)
SUBJECT MURKIN
OO: MEMPHIS

Rebutel to Ottawa 10/16/68.

Enclosed are three copies of RCMP "D" Division report of October 21, 1968, together with enclosures, including evidence.

Please note Para 6 noting evidence required by the Attorney General, State of Tennessee, no later than November 6, 1968.

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1 Memphis (44-1987)
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OTHER FILE REFERENCES: REF. AUTRES DOSSIERS:	DIVISION "C"	DATE 21 OCT 68	RCMP FILE REFERENCES: REF. DOSSIERS GRC: 68GIS 790-107 68C 790-19 68HQ 790-Q-60 (VOL 5)
	SUB-DIVISION - SOUS-DIVISION		
	DETACHMENT - DÉTACHEMENT Montreal G.I.S.		

RE:
OBJET:

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

18 OCT 68

1. Further to verbal instructions and telex CIB 2725, Assistant District Attorney Robert K. DWYER and party, 15 Judicial Circuit of Memphis, Tenn., were met at Montreal International Airport at 9:00 p.m.

2. The purpose of their visit to this area was to interview the following persons in order that the District Attorney Department be in a position to ascertain the part that had been played in this investigation by each of these witnesses and if the witnesses would volunteer to proceed to the U.S.A. to render testimony at RAY's trial.

- (a) Mr. H. ROTHMAN - Owner of Harkay Apartments.
- (b) Mr. Louis FEIGAN - Owner of English & Scotch Woolen Co. Ltd, 1248 Ste-Catherine West, Montreal, P.Q.
- (c) Mr. John WELCH - Employee at English & Scotch Woolen Co. Ltd, 1248 Ste-Catherine West, Montreal, P.Q.
- (d) Mr. A. CHEVARIE - Manager of Tip Top Tailors, 488 Ste-Catherine West, Montreal, P.Q.
- (e) Mr. J.B. CLOUTIER - Salesman at Tip Top Tailors, 488 Ste-Catherine West, Montreal, P.Q.

19 OCT 68

3. Robert K. DWYER and members of his party, accompanied by Cpl. POWER and myself, interviewed the witnesses concerned. As a result of these interviews, Assistant District Attorney DWYER found that he would require the presence of FEIGAN and CLOUTIER to render testimony at RAY's trial. Both these witnesses informed Assistant District Attorney DWYER that they would readily proceed to the U.S.A. to testify in this case.

4. FEIGAN will render testimony respecting documentation covered in Montreal G.I.S. Exhibit Report 68/41, exhibit items 1 to 8 inclusive. CLOUTIER will testify respecting exhibit item #9 of same Exhibit Report.

5. In view of the above, Assistant District Attorney DWYER has requested that this Force make available to his Department exhibit items #1 to #9 inclusive of Exhibit Report 68/41 together with exhibit item #1 of Montreal G.I.S. Exhibit Report 68/37. This exhibit item is a lease signed by RAY under the name of GALT when he rented an apartment at the Harkay Apartments.

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Dr. Martin Luther KING -
Murder
- Assistance to F.B.I. -

6. Please find attached hereto a sealed envelope containing the exhibits mentioned above for transmittal to Mr. DWYER via our F.B.I. Liaison in Ottawa, Ontario. It will be noted that these exhibits will be required by Mr. DWYER no later than the 6 NOV 68 and are to be returned to Montreal G.I.S. when no longer required for prosecution purposes by the Attorney General Department, State of Tennessee.

7. Robert K. DWYER and party departed Montreal on flight 549 at 6:50 p.m. for London, England, with expected time of arrival at that point for 7:30 a.m. on the 20 OCT 68. As per instructions, F.B.I. Liaison Officer in Ottawa, Mr. Moss INNESS was contacted by telephone and advised accordingly.

E.D. 25-10-68

E.J.C. Kager
(E.J.C. Kager) Sgt.
Montreal G.I.S.

(JIB PROULX) S/SGT.
N.C.O. I/C G.I.S.

The COMMISSIONER, Ottawa
ATT: Liaison Officer

Your File No. 68HQ-791-Q-60
Div. File No. 68-C-190-19

1. FORWARDED for your information together with copies of Form C-246 and sealed envelope containing exhibits to be transmitted to Assistant District Attorney Robert K. DWYER.

2. You will note that these exhibits are to be returned to this H.Q. when no longer required.

S.U.I.

MONTREAL
21 OCT 68

J.R. Duchesneau, Insp.
A/Officer i/c C.I.B.

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
EXHIBIT REPORT

RCMP FILE REFERENCES 68HQ-791-2-60 68C-190-19		DIV. "CH"	SUB-DIV.	DATE 10 JUNE 68
68GIS-790-107		DET. Montreal CIB-GIS	EXH REPORT No. 68/41	PAGE 1
RE: Dr. Martin Luther KING - Murder of Assistance to F.B.I.				
M.F.T. POWER, Corporal CAME INTO POSSESSION OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED GOODS ON 10 JUNE 68 AT Montreal, Quebec BY obtaining same through investigation and holding same for investigation and evidence purposes.				

EXHIBITS LISTED BELOW ARE TO BE GIVEN ITEM NUMBERS IN CONSECUTIVE ORDER

EXHIBIT ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	RECIPIENT SIGNATURE AND DATE	WITNESS INITIALS
#1	Sample of material for Order #11526		
#2	Order and Measurements #L-11526		
#3	Receipt #S20422 for Order #11526, with sample of material attached.		
#4	Store Record for order #11526		
#5	Letter received from GALT, dated the 9-6-67		
#6	Canadian Postal Receipt dated SEP 9-67 for Order #11526.		
#7	A Canada Customs Export-Entry Form, Port # #66229 for Order #11526.		
#8	Label from the ENGLISH AND SCOTCH WOOLLEN CO. LTD.		
#9	Sales slip #RB-239758, dated the 19-7-67		

Handwritten notes:
17-6-68

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Signature of M.F.T. Power
Cpl.
(M.F.T. POWER) [Redacted]
Montreal C.I.B. -GIS

DISPOSITION: 21 Oct. 68 above exhibits FORWARDED to District Attorney General State of Tennessee. To be returned when no longer required.

Signature of E.J.C. Mager
Sgt.
(E.J.C. Mager) [Redacted]
Montreal G.I.S.

EXHIBIT REPORT

REV. 1-6-64

RCMP FILE REFERENCES 68 C 190-19	DIV. C	SUB-DIV. Montreal C.I.B.	DATE 24-4-68
68 GIS 790-107	DET. Montreal G.I.S.	EX. REPORT NO. 68/37	PAGE 1
RE: Dr. Martin Luther KING - Murder of: ASSISTANCE TO F.B.I.			
I, <u>Cst. G.W.J. Mousseau</u> CAME INTO POSSESSION OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED GOODS ON <u>18 APR 68</u> AT <u>Pont Viau, Quebec</u> BY <u>having same</u> <u>voluntarily handed over by the owner of Harkay Apts., 2589 Notre</u> <u>Dame East, Montreal, Quebec, one Harry Rothman.</u>			

EXHIBITS LISTED BELOW ARE TO BE GIVEN ITEM NUMBERS IN CONSECUTIVE ORDER

EXHIBIT-ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	RECIPIENT SIGNATURE AND DATE	WITNESS INITIALS
1	<p>1 Lease, duly signed by Rothman and Galt, dated the 19 JUL 68</p> <p><i>16/7/68</i> <i>3-6-68</i> <i>Bond</i></p> <p><i>Sgt Mousseau</i> (G.W.J. Mousseau) Cst. Mtl. C.I.B. G.I.S.</p> <p>Disposition: Above exhibit forwarded to District Attorney General, State of Tennessee via channels on the 21 Oct 68. To be returned when no longer required.</p> <p><i>E.S.C. Mager</i> Sgt. (E.S.C. Mager) 17440. Montreal G.I.S.</p>		

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October 28, 1968

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JAMES EARL RAY;
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM
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XXXXX a memorandum
BIRMINGHAM

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10/24/68

XXX (B) REL/hdc

NOTE: This information was orally given to Mr. J. Harold
Flannery of your Department on 10/23/68.

10-24-68

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

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

OO: ME

ReButel 10-24-68.

Enclosed is LHM requested, original and four copies.

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1-Birmingham
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

1400 - 2121 Building
Birmingham, Alabama 35203
October 24, 1968

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

On October 22, 1968, Mr. Arthur J. Hanes, Sr., Birmingham, Alabama, attorney representing James Earl Ray, telephoned Ralph J. Miles, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Birmingham, Alabama, stating that "This is a genuine concern call." Mr. Hanes expressed his deep interest in the well-being of his country and stated that the forthcoming trial of Ray could provide "a great forum for exposing some things which need exposing." In the ensuing conversation Hanes stated that his specific concern was "with the Black militant groups at work in this country whose activities should be exposed."

Mr. Hanes requested that arrangements be made for him to meet with an official of the FBI in Birmingham, Alabama; Washington, D. C.; or any other suitable location for the purpose of exchanging information as to activities of Black militants. He indicated that his purpose in securing information from the FBI was in order that a suitable expose of such Black militant activities could be made during the forthcoming trial of James Earl Ray in Memphis, Tennessee.

Mr. Hanes was informed that the FBI would be happy to receive from him any information pertinent to the security of the United States, but that information possessed by the FBI could not be disclosed to him under regulations of the Attorney General of the United States. This advice

James Earl Ray

was confirmed to Mr. Hanes by letter dated October 24, 1968, in which he was again informed that he should feel perfectly free to furnish to Mr. Miles or any representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Birmingham, Alabama, any information he believed would be of interest to the FBI.

This memorandum is loaned to you by the FBI, and neither it nor its contents are to be distributed outside the agency to which loaned.

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October 24, 1968

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ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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(2) NOTE: Please advise if you desire the attached to be furnished Mr. Phil M. Canale, Sr., Attorney General, Shelby County, Memphis.