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To : Mr. Cook *OK*

Date 9/30/83

From : S. I. Wiles *FW*

EW Subject : FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST OF HAROLD WEISBERG FOR RECORDS CONCERNING THE ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., (MURKIN) *FW*

PURPOSE:

To facilitate the placement of the ticklers of the Civil Rights Program, (CRP), General Investigative Division (GID), concerning the MURKIN investigation into Bufile 44-38861.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the MURKIN ticklers be made an enclosure to this memorandum and maintained as a bulky exhibit to Bufile 44-38861, inasmuch as they have been released to the public through litigation and have been made available to the HSCA. *Jam*

DETAILS:

Pursuant to a Court Order issued October 26, 1978, by District Judge June L. Green in the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit styled Harold Weisberg v. U.S. Department of Justice USDC, DC C.A. No. 75-1996, the ticklers of the former Civil Rights Section (CRS), GID, concerning the MURKIN investigation were to be processed for release to plaintiff. These ticklers, which were on loan at that time from CRS to the former Congressional Inquiry Unit (organized in order to respond to requests from the House Select Committee on

1 E. Hatfield, Jr., Civil Rights Program
Room 5131

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Memorandum to Mr. Cook from S. I. Wiles
Re: Freedom of Information Act request of Harold
Weisberg for records concerning the assassination
of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (MURKIN)

Assassinations for FBI records concerning President Kennedy
and Dr. King) were borrowed by the Freedom of Information-
Privacy Acts (FOIPA) Section for processing in compliance with
the above Court Order.

At the conclusion of the review by FOIPA, the
Congressional Inquiry Unit advised that as that Unit had
served its purpose, it was disbanding and no longer required
possession of the CRS ticklers.

SA Eugene E. Hatfield, Jr., CRP, GID was contacted
and advised that CRP no longer desired to maintain the MURKIN
ticklers and requested that they be made a part of the MURKIN
investigation files.

MURKIN TICKLERS

- 1 Allegation of Leon Owen Powell & Claude Powell, Jr.
- 2 Assassination - Martin Luther King
- 3 Rev. James Bevel - Threat
- 4 Canale's Rep. Travel
- 5 Cost Data Volume I
- 5A Cost Data Volume II
- 6 Departmental Request
- 7 Dissemination of Information Volume I
- 7A Dissemination of Information Volume II
- 7B Dissemination of Information Volume III
- 8 Jury Panel
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Memo

Mr. Rosen

June 7, 1968

C. L. McGowan

1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long

MURKIN

This is to advise that Midnight Duty Agent, Security Division, at 5:10 a. m. today, received the following message from Legat London:

"Name concerned in MURKIN case definite on manifest for Flight 074 of British European Airways which departed London 10:55 (a. m. or p. m. not indicated), 5/7/68, for Lisbon."

ACTION:

Above for information.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: June 6, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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It is noted that there is no direct travel possible from London to Rhodesia. Anyone planning to travel from London to Rhodesia would normally go through Lisbon.

ACTION:

Legat London has been instructed to brief Legat Paris of these developments and instruct the Legat Paris to send a Bureau representative to Lisbon as quickly as possible to institute appropriate investigation for the purpose of further developing the subject's movements.

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Mr. DeLoach

June 6, 1968

A. Rosen

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JOHN T. MINNICH
LEGAT, LONDON

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1 - Mr. Martindale
1 - Mr. Long

1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. Callahan
1 - Mr. Sullivan

John T. Minnich, Legal Attache, London was originally scheduled for three day conferences at the Seat of Government beginning 6/10/68, to be followed by home leave. This was cancelled in view of the fact that it had been determined James Earl Ray flew from Toronto to London, 5/6/68.

It has now been determined that Ray left London en route to Lisbon, Portugal, 5/7/68.

ACTION:

It is recommended that Legal Attache John T. Minnich, London report for conferences at the Seat of Government, 6/10/68, as originally scheduled.

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Mr. DeLoach

June 6, 1968

A. Rosen

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1 - Mr. Long

1 - Mr. Bishop

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Investigation has determined that subject James Earl Ray resided in Canada April 8, 1968, until May 6, 1968, under the names of Paul Bridgman and Ramon George Sneyd. Subject departed Canada for London, England, on May 6, 1968, as Sneyd and is believed using Canadian passport in this name. In view of the fact subject may enter the United States using Sneyd passport, it is recommended that the name of Ramon George Sneyd be entered in National Crime Information Center. If any inquiries are received, the response should be made that Sneyd is wanted by the Memphis Office of the FBI on charges of Unlawful Flight to Avoid Confinement - Robbery.

ACTION:

That the name of Ramon George Sneyd be entered in National Crime Information Center.

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Mr. Rosen

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June 5, 1968

C. L. McGowan

1 - Mr. Rosen

1 - Mr. Malley

1 - Mr. Long

MURKIN

1 - Mr. McGowan

Supervisor Robert Harmon of the Kansas City Office on 6/4/68 telephonically furnished the following information.

In connection with efforts to locate Paul Bridgman, the individual who served time with Ray in the Missouri State Penitentiary and whose name Ray listed as the person to be notified in the event of an emergency in connection with Ray's application for a Canadian passport, inquiry has identified Jacqueline Kline, also known as Jacqueline Goldstein and Kaye Rosenberg, as Bridgman's girlfriend.

Kline resided in an apartment at 5438 Skyline Drive, Mission, Kansas (a suburb of Kansas City) until 5/22/68 when she moved to the Netherlands Hotel, 3835 Main Street, Kansas City. She left the Netherlands Hotel on 6/2/68 indicating she was going to join Bridgman in some unidentified city.

Investigation by the Kansas City Office developed that Kline made two telephone calls from the Netherlands Hotel to an unknown number in Minneapolis, Minnesota, one on 5/29/68 and one on 5/30/68.

Harmon requested authority to review long distance telephone company records to determine the identities of the individuals called by Kline. Harmon gave assurance that a review of such records could be accomplished with full security and that the Bureau's interests will be fully protected. He added there is no grand jury currently in session through which the records could be obtained.

ACTION:

Due to the importance of locating Bridgman as soon as possible to determine all knowledge in his possession as to Ray's current whereabouts, Harmon was authorized to have the appropriate telephone company records reviewed under the conditions that the Kansas City Office could assure the review could be made with full security and the Bureau's interests would be fully protected.

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Memo

Mr. DeLoach

June 5, 1968

A. Rosen

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It has now been determined that James Earl Ray obtained a Canadian passport in the name of Ramon George Sneyd stating that he was to travel to London by British Overseas Airways Corporation (BOAC) on 5/6/68 and would return to Canada by BOAC on 5/21/68. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police have advised that the records of BOAC show that a person using the name Ramon George Sneyd did travel to London on 5/6/68 but there is no record of his return from London on 5/21/68. Scotland Yard has undertaken extensive investigation in England.

ACTION:

In view of the importance of this matter it is recommended that a Bureau Supervisor with detailed knowledge of this case immediately proceed to London to maintain full-time liaison with Scotland Yard.

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Memorandum

Mr. Conrad

6/5/68

W. D. Griffith

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As has been set forth in detail in prior memoranda the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) have located a passport application in Toronto in the name "Ramon George Sneyd" dated April 16, 1968. There is a photograph of "Sneyd" taken April 11, affixed to certain of the papers and the photograph strongly resembles subject James Earl Ray. We have compared, with known writing of James Earl Ray, the hand printing on a letter directed by "Sneyd" to a travel agency in Toronto together with the signatures appearing on the three documents submitted in connection with passport application and have found that these were prepared by subject Ray. The General Investigative Division has been advised and a teletype is being sent to Legat Ottawa, Memphis and to Buffalo.

In addition, a portrait parle comparison has been made between the passport photograph of "Sneyd" and known photograph of the subject and although there are not enough individual characteristics to make a positive identification, the many similarities found strongly suggest that passport photograph of "Sneyd" is actually a photograph of subject Ray.

ACTION: None. For information.

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- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Trotter
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Griffith
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SUBJECT: MURKIN

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With respect to the Canadian developments in this case, a check at the Arcade Photo Studio in Toronto where the suspect had his Canadian passport photograph made disclosed that he had used the name Paul Bridgman, 102 Ossington Street, Toronto, Canada, at the time he had the photo taken on 4-11-68.

Investigation at the Ossington Street address resulted in the landlady identifying the passport photo as being that of a man known to her as Paul Bridgman who had stayed at her rooming house from 4-8-68, through 4-19-68, when he moved out. The landlady told the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) investigator that at the time Ray's photograph appeared in local papers, she told her husband "Bridgman is the man who killed Martin Luther King." She said she tried to get her husband to call the police at the time but he refused to do so.

Investigation has further disclosed that the suspect resided at 962 Dundas Street, Toronto, under the name Ramon George Sneyd from 4-19-68 (the date he moved from the Ossington Street address) until 5-6-68, when he reportedly departed for England. Investigation at 962 Dundas Street, Toronto, revealed that the suspect departed leaving a flight bag, six unexposed rolls of film, city maps of Montreal and Toronto and an empty cash box. These items are being processed for latent prints by the RCMP and photographic copies of these, as well as a photographic copy of a handwritten note by Sneyd, are being forwarded to the Bureau expeditiously for appropriate processing.

It had previously been reported to the RCMP that a person using the name of Sneyd had traveled on British Overseas Airways Corporation (BOAC) to London, England, from Toronto, Canada, on 5-6-68, and a

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RE: MURKIN

person using the name Sneyd returned to Toronto from London on 5-21-68. RCMP investigators have now reviewed BOAC manifests and verified departure on 5-6-68, from Toronto to London of a man using the name Sneyd; however, the manifest for 5-21-68, does not contain his name as previously reported by BOAC personnel on 6-3-68. BOAC is being checked to determine if return trip portion of the ticket has ever been used and also a check of BOAC manifests on flights to and from Canada from 5-6-68, for travel of anyone using the name Sneyd.

It has been learned that the crew on the flight on which Sneyd departed Toronto for England was disbanded after the flight of 5-6-68, and have not been reassigned to Canadian flights. Legat, London has been instructed to have members of this crew identified through BOAC Headquarters and have them interviewed for full details. Legat, London is also checking to ascertain if Sneyd departed London since 5-6-68, for any destination.

In view of the prior residence of James Earl Ray, using the name Eric S. Galt, in Montreal in the summer of 1967, and the map of Montreal now being located at the 962 Dundas Street address and the likelihood the suspect would not return to Toronto, Legat, Ottawa requested appropriate checks be made at Montreal on the names Bridgman and Sneyd. On contact, RCMP, Montreal, advised that as a result of prior circularization of dance studios, a call had been received two days prior from a dance studio indicating that a man believed to be identical with Ray had been there. Investigation had been conducted and the studio staked out but nothing productive developed. Copies of the passport photo have been sent by wire photo to Montreal for exhibiting to witnesses and other investigation.

The letter written by Sneyd furnished by the Kennedy Travel Bureau, a copy of which is being forwarded to the Bureau for examination, was dated April 20, 1968, and in it Sneyd indicated he had to go to Capreol, Ontario, Canada, for several days and would pick up his passport on his return. He furnished no address at Capreol and Legat, Ottawa advises that Capreol is a small railroad town which it is understood has some good fishing lodges in the immediate vicinity which could be an ideal spot for a hideout.

Legat, Ottawa has been instructed to insure that Canadian aspects are completely run out as expeditiously as possible.

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RE: MURKIN

The Canadian Passport Office has requested that no publicity be given to the fact that the current investigation came as a result of a review of Canadian passport records. The field has been appropriately instructed.

ACTION:

We are continuing to vigorously press all aspects of this investigation.

Investigation regarding Sneyd is being handled discreetly as any publicity connecting this name with Ray could cause him to immediately abandon this identity if Ray actually is the person who has been using the name Sneyd.

*Keep absolutely held so
no leak can occur*

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Mr. DeLoach

A. Rosen

John T. Minnich
Legat, London

6/4/68

John T. Minnich, Legal Attache, London is scheduled for 3-day conferences, arriving at SOG on June 10, 1968. It is understood he is to depart for the United States on June 7th.

In view of developments in the MURKIN case (murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.) it is recommended that Minnich's conference be cancelled for the time being.

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Mr. DeLoach

June 4, 1968

A. Rosen

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Identification Orders were provided to 290 U. S. Consular offices covering nations throughout the free world.

We also prepared and distributed 14,000 Circular Letters to be distributed to laundries and dry cleaning establishments throughout the United States.

ACTION:

For information. This case continues to receive top priority investigative attention.

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June 4, 1968

A. Rosen

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This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr., on 4-4-68.

The total facilities of the FBI have been fully committed to this case since the outset and all phases of the investigation continue to receive top priority attention. The following are selected highlights to illustrate the intensive nature and extensive scope of investigative activity in this regard.

A peak of 3, 075 field Agents have been assigned to this case and the estimated cost of the investigation at the end of April was \$781, 407. During the month of April, Agents assigned to this case performed 5, 380 hours of unpaid overtime, while Bureau automobiles were driven an estimated 332, 849 miles in connection with this case. It is estimated that more than 30, 000 interviews have been conducted.

More than 70 latent fingerprints and palm prints were developed on various items of evidence. These have been compared with the prints of approximately 500 individuals and the identification of James Earl Ray as Eric Galt resulted from a project of checking selected latent fingerprints against the fingerprints of approximately 53, 000 fugitives.

The FBI Laboratory has also conducted extensive examinations covering more than 360 questioned specimens of evidence and more than 625 known specimens. Laboratory identifications of material typed and written by Ray have been of substantial assistance in the investigation.

Canadian and Mexican authorities have conducted extensive investigation on a national basis at our request. Among other projects undertaken by them was an examination of Canadian passports issued since 4-23-67. The initial examination is being limited to 177, 000

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passports issued since 4-1-68, and has resulted in the location of a passport issued 4-24-68, in the name of Ramon George Sneyd, whom the Canadians believe to be probably identical with Ray. This is being vigorously pursued.

A special squad of Agents in Washington Field Office is examining the records of over 2,000,000 passports issued by the State Department since 3-1-67. This is not being restricted to a name check but is being conducted on the basis of photographs and handwriting.

Ray is not known to have ever had a bank account but is known to have maintained a safe deposit box. All safe deposit boxes are being checked in selected cities where he might logically maintain such a box. In a similar project to identify any possible payoff to Ray, various selected field divisions are checking all withdrawals from banks in the amount of \$10,000 or more during April, 1968.

When Ray purchased his Mustang in Birmingham in August, 1967, he made a point of not driving it until he had obtained a driver's license in the name of Eric S. Galt. Driver's license records in all states and the District of Columbia are being checked for all new driver's licenses issued since 4-1-68. To illustrate the scope of this project, over 675,000 licenses have been issued since 4-1-68, in California, over 600,000 have been issued in Texas, and in Virginia those issued since 4-1-68, are not segregated from those issued for the entire year, making it necessary to examine 2,000,000 licenses.

In connection with other projects, approximately 2,000 long-distance telephone calls have been checked, unsolved bank robberies have been reviewed, and Salvation Army Missions and other similar organizations, as well as more than 14,000 laundries and dry cleaning establishments have been circularized. Extensive reviews have also been made of airline travel records, all travel facilities have been circularized, and extensive investigation has been conducted regarding automobiles sold and stolen at selected places and times related to Ray's movements.

As a result of the unprecedented publicity that has been given to Ray's fugitive status, suspects are being continuously reported

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throughout the field. All suspects are immediately processed and up to the present time more than 800 suspects have been under investigation.

In addition to widespread investigation throughout the United States, Canada, and Mexico, specific inquiries have been made in various other foreign countries, including England, Germany, Rhodesia, the Netherlands Antilles, Guatemala, Venezuela, New Zealand, Australia, Japan, Jamaica, Honduras, Italy and Bermuda.

As a result of the massive investigation conducted in this case, James Earl Ray has been identified as the subject and substantial evidence has been developed for prosecutive use as soon as he is apprehended.

ACTION:

This investigation is continuing to receive top priority attention.

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: June 4, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

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Bureau of Vital Statistics records established that a person named Ramon George Sneyd was born in Toronto on 10-8-32, the date and place of birth shown on the passport application. This man is a member of the Toronto Police Department and he advised RCMP he has lived in Toronto all of his life, did not file application for a passport, did not make a trip to London, and he does not know how his birth data could have come into possession of any other person.

Further investigation by the RCMP has disclosed that the person who obtained a passport in the name of Sneyd was in Toronto as early as 4-16-68.

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The RCMP is conducting intensive interviews at the Kennedy Travel Bureau and will promptly provide us with the results. Photographic copies of documents from the travel agency and the passport files, including a photograph of the suspect, are being flown to the Bureau for review and appropriate Laboratory examination.

Extensive investigation is continuing in Canada to trace and identify the person who obtained the passport. Investigation is also proceeding in England to identify the person who traveled under the name Sneyd and to account for his movements in England.

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ACTION:

We are continuing to vigorously press all aspects of this investigation.

Investigation regarding Sneyd is being handled discreetly as any publicity connecting this name with Ray could cause him to immediately abandon this identity if Ray actually is the person who has been using the name Sneyd.

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Mr. D. J. Brennan, Jr.

6/3/68

N. F. Stames

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Reference is made to memorandum A. Rosen to Mr. DeLoach dated 5/22/68.

This case involves the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Liaison was requested to contact the Chief Postal Inspector without identifying the case involved and obtain his clearance to publish ~~such~~ an advertisement designed to solicit a reply from a particular fugitive.

On 5/27/68 this matter was discussed with Mr. Henry B. Montague, Chief Postal Inspector, U.S. Post Office, Washington, D.C., who advised as follows:

Montague stated that the subject of hypnosis is most controversial, particularly among the medical profession, and his Department has several pending false representation cases where claims regarding hypnosis were too grandiose in offering positive results.

Montague, after reviewing the sample advertisements set forth in referenced memorandum, stated that as presently written, it would probably bring strong complaints from the medical profession as well as Better Business Bureaus. He suggested that the word "positive" be eliminated and the sentence "Results guaranteed or your money back" be replaced by "Money back if not completely satisfied." He stated these minor changes would make the advertisement inoffensive since no positive claims would be made and the Post Office would then be in a position to so advise anyone who lodged a complaint. Montague stated the advertisement, with the above-mentioned changes, would not violate postal laws and could be used by the Bureau in an effort to obtain the desired results.

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Montague stated that when final arrangements were made to run the advertisement, he should be advised of the address where inquiries would be received. He explained that if any inquiries or complaints were made in the field to Postal Inspectors, they would submit this information to the Inspector in Charge of the District where the addressee is located. Montague could then insure that all inquiries concerning this particular advertisement would not receive any investigative attention by his Department.

ACTION:

For information of the General Investigative Division,
Civil Rights Section.

*In view of Canadian developments
as of 6/5/68 this being
held in abeyance*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

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FROM : A. Rosen

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ACTION:

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It was indicated that CBS was going to do a program on Martin Luther King and one of the comments would pertain to Rev. Ralph Abernathy's comment concerning the fact that the FBI was doing nothing to bring about the arrest of King's murderer.

ACTION RECOMMENDED

The Attorney General according to Cliff Sessions desired some statement which might be suggested which he could make or give to CBS representatives.

It is believed that any statement which we might give to the Attorney General should be brief and succinct and we, therefore, recommend for your consideration the brief comments which are attached. All of the information in the attached statement has previously been publicly released.

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ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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Starting with an unknown subject, the man known as Eric Galt was identified by the FBI as a prime suspect within five days. Within another week the FBI had obtained a photograph of the subject and the Attorney General considered sufficient evidence had been developed to warrant Federal process. Three days later, as a result of a project to check latent fingerprints against the fingerprints of more than 53,000 fugitives, James Earl Ray was determined to be identical with Galt.

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ACTION:

This investigation is being handled on a top priority basis.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: June 2, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

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