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To: SAC, Birmingham (44-1740)
✓ From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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ReBHairtel to the Bureau dated 9/2/68.

You should not honor the request of Huie as set forth in referenced communication, and under no circumstances should you "bargain" with him.

Keep the Bureau fully advised of any further contacts Huie may make with you.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1740) (P)

DATE: 9/13/68

FROM : SA ROY M. OSBORN

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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OO: ME

SAC ROBERT G. JENSEN of the Memphis Office telephonically contacted the Birmingham Office inquiring as to any evidence that the Birmingham Office might possess in captioned case; also if any evidence was located in the FBI Laboratory or any other place known to Birmingham. SAC JENSEN specifically mentioned receipts for the car, weapon and rent that might have been obtained by the Birmingham Office; also the names of witnesses and their locations to be subpoenaed.

SAC JENSEN stated they would need this information prior to Wednesday, 9/18/68, as a court order would be considered in Memphis on that date. He further advised he would like the above information to be forwarded from Birmingham by Monday morning, 9/16/68, if at all possible.

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AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

MURKIN
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OO: ME

Re telephone call of SAC ROBERT G. JENSEN at Memphis, 9/13/68.

In response thereto, a review of the Birmingham file in this matter reflects the following items of possible evidence maintained in the exhibits section of the file and are identified as to Birmingham serial number already referenced:

- 1A3 Xerox copy of Aeromarine Supply Company, 5701 Airport Highway, Birmingham, Alabama, sales invoice #2251A under name HARVEY LOWMEYER, 1907 South 11th Street, Birmingham, 3/29/68, for gun and box of .243 caliber shells
- 1A1 Signed statement of DONALD F. WOOD, employed at Aeromarine Supply Company, residence 405 Lance Lane, Birmingham, regarding sale of gun on 3/29/68, and substitution for another on 3/30/68
- 1A2 Signed statement of U. L. MATTHEW BAKER, Clerk, Aeromarine Supply Company, Birmingham, regarding purchase of gun on 3/29/68, and his making out sales invoice #2251A

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- 1A36 Xerox copies of 1) rental agreement with ERIC S. GALT for safe deposit box #5517 at Birmingham Trust National Bank (BTNB), 8/28/67; 2) record of access to safe deposit box #5517; 3) bank ledger card regarding box #5517 and 4) letter of ERIC S. GALT cancelling rental of box
- 1A37 Registration card and enrollment agreement by ERIC GALT for dance lessons at Continental Dance Club Studios, Birmingham
- 1A48 Signed statement of JOHN WEBSTER DeSHAZO, a customer at Aeromarine Supply Company
- 1A51 Copies of drawings of purchaser of gun at Aeromarine Supply Company by JOHN WEBSTER DeSHAZO
- 1A49 Signed statement of DONALD F. WOOD, Aeromarine Supply Company, dated 4/16/68, regarding his opinion that GALT's photo resembled purchaser of gun
- 1A63 Seven photos exhibited to WOOD and other employees, of which GALT's photo was designated as #5
- 1A50 Xerox copy of purchase of bank draft in amount of \$337.24 by ERIC S. GALT from Exchange Security Bank, Birmingham, on 9/28/67, payable to Superior Bulk Film Company

Birmingham file reflects the Aeromarine Supply Company sales invoice #2251A and the rental agreement and related documents from the safe deposit box #5517, at Birmingham Trust National Bank, had been forwarded to the FBI Laboratory immediately after receipt.

As possible witnesses, the following individuals are being listed, noting that the page numbers except wherein otherwise indicated following their names are taken from the report of SA HENRY A. SNOW at Birmingham, 4/17/68:

Murder Weapon

JOE F. BIDDLE, Manager, Sporting Goods
Department, Wimberly-Thomas Hardware
Company, Birmingham - page 14

Shanahan

DONALD F. WOOD, Aeromarine Supply
Company, 5701 Airport Highway,
Birmingham - pages 15 and 171

*Shanahan &
Moynihan*

JOHN WEBSTER DeSHAZO, 17 Montevallo
Lane, Mountain Brook, Birmingham -
pages 22 and 173 (Recent information
is that he will be Captain JOHN
DeSHAZO, SN FV3184110, UFAP Hospital,
PAZAF, APO San Francisco, California
96323.)

*Barnett &
Sancier*

Fictitious Address Given by Purchaser of Gun

Attorney WILLIAM ARTHUR JENKINS, JR.,
302 Frank Nelson Building, Birmingham -
page 35 (Mrs. VIRGINIA B. JENKINS, SR.,
former occupant of 1907 South 11th
Street, Birmingham, is now deceased.)

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Purchase of White Mustang

SAs NEIL P. SHANAHAN and/or ROBERT
M. BARRETT regarding check of motor
vehicle registration records -
page 49

*Barnett &
Shanahan*

WILLIAM D. PAISLEY, 701 South 48th
Street, Birmingham - page 50

WILLIAM D. PAISLEY, JR., 701 South
48th Street, Birmingham - page 52
and also page 11 of Birmingham report
dated 5/20/68

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Rooming House, 2608
Highland Avenue, Birmingham

PETER CHERPES, 2608 Highland Avenue,
Birmingham - pages 63, 66, 68 and also
pages 29 and 31 of Birmingham report
dated 5/20/68

*Sansier &
Shawham*

HERBERT KELLY, Cook, 2608 Highland
Avenue, Birmingham - page 65 and also
pages 30 and 32 of Birmingham report
dated 5/20/68

*Berrett &
Shawham*

Rental of Safe Deposit Box #5517,
Birmingham Trust National Bank

Mr. C. E. KIRKPATRICK, Vice President,
Birmingham Trust National Bank -
page 82

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Mrs. CATHERINE REEDY, Manager, Safe
Deposit Box Department, Birmingham
Trust National Bank - page 88

*Snow &
Yarnall*

Miss DIANNE BATTLE, 2425 Shades Crest
Road, Vestavia, Birmingham - page 91

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Continental Dance Studios

Mr. MARLIN C. MYERS, 7960 Crestwood
Boulevard, Birmingham - page 97

*Bodkin &
Yarnall*

Mrs. JOAN MYERS, 7960 Crestwood
Boulevard, Birmingham - page 100

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Possible Witnesses from Report of SA HENRY A. SNOW, at
Birmingham, dated 5/20/68:

Purchase of Bank Draft Payable to
Superior Bulk Film Company

Mr. BOB CRADDOCK, Exchange Security
Bank, Birmingham - page 7

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Ex-cons Acquainted with RAY

JAMES W. BROWN, Route 1, Box 176-B,
Reform, Alabama - pages 15, 18 and 19
(Should subpoena be contemplated,
Birmingham desires contact BROWN prior
to service.)

Birmingham Agents for possible witnesses in
connection with investigation conducted are as follows:

SA ROBERT M. BARRETT
SA WILLIAM A. SAUCIER
SA NEIL P. SHANAHAN
SA HENRY A. SNOW

9/16/68

TELETYPE

TO DIRECTOR

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN.

THIS DATE, CONFERENCE HELD WITH DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL PHIL M. CANALE, MEMPHIS, AND HIS REPRESENTATIVES. MATTER OF LINING UP WITNESSES AND EVIDENCE DISCUSSED. CANALE PROPOSED FOLLOWING PROCEDURES BE ESTABLISHED SO THAT HE CAN COMPLETE REVIEW AND ANALYSIS OF PERTINENT EVIDENCE:

FIRST, HE WOULD LIKE REPRESENTATIVES OF HIS OFFICE TO MEET WITH LABORATORY EXAMINERS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE, PREFERABLY ON DATE NEXT WEEK. CANALE PROPOSES THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF HIS OFFICE HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS FINDINGS WITH INTERESTED EXAMINERS AND HIS REPRESENTATIVES TO HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW EVIDENCE STILL MAINTAINED AT LABORATORY.

CANALE FEELS THAT IF HIS REPRESENTATIVES GIVEN THIS OPPORTUNITY, THEY CAN MAKE DECISION, BASED ON EVIDENCE AVAILABLE, AS TO NUMBER OF EXAMINERS THEY MIGHT NEED IN CONNECTION WITH TRIAL, TYPE OF EVIDENCE THAT MIGHT BE SUITABLE FOR USE, AND THIS WOULD ALSO GIVE THEM AN IDEA AS TO VARIOUS FIELD DIVISIONS AND WITNESSES IN THOSE DIVISIONS.

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CHICAGO (AM)
KANSAS CITY (AM)

CC: LOS ANGELES (AM)
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NEW ORLEANS (AM)
ST. LOUIS (AM)

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CANALE STATES THAT AFTER REVIEW OF DATA WHICH IS AVAILABLE AT LABORATORY, HE PROPOSES THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF HIS OFFICE THEREAFTER CONTACT PERTINENT FIELD DIVISIONS AND DISCUSS WITH AGENTS WHO SECURED EVIDENCE THE INFORMATION THEY CAN TESTIFY TO, AND HE WOULD AT THIS TIME ALSO TALK TO WITNESSES IN THE RESPECTIVE DIVISIONS WHOM HE MIGHT HAVE TO SUBPOENA.

CANALE ALSO MENTIONED THE POSSIBILITY THAT IN CONNECTION WITH LINING UP WITNESSES, A REPRESENTATIVE OF HIS OFFICE MIGHT HAVE TO BECOME INVOLVED IN FOREIGN TRAVEL. SPECIFICALLY, HE MENTIONED THE POSSIBILITY OF GOING TO LONDON, TO MEXICO CITY, AND TO MONTREAL AND TORONTO.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO ADVISE SUITABLE DATE ON WHICH REPRESENTATIVES OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE CAN MEET WITH LABORATORY REPRESENTATIVES TO REVIEW PERTINENT EVIDENCE AND DISCUSS FINDINGS SO THAT APPROPRIATE WITNESSES CAN BE LINED UP.

IT WAS OPINION OF CANALE THAT IF THIS PRELIMINARY WORK CAN BE COMPLETED, HE CAN BETTER EVALUATE WHAT HE NEEDS FOR THE TRIAL AND FEELS THAT ON THIS BASIS HE WILL NEED A MINIMUM OF FBI PERSONNEL TO TESTIFY AS TO THE VARIOUS ITEMS THAT MAY BE OF PERTINENCE IN THIS CASE.

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AIR MAIL COPIES TO ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, CHICAGO, KANSAS
CITY, LOS ANGELES, NEWARK, NEW ORLEANS, AND ST. LOUIS. P.
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DIRECTOR, FBI

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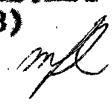
SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)(P)

REQUEST FOR HUMAN INTEREST
ITEMS ON ASSASSINATION OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
RESEARCH (CRIME RECORDS)
BUDED: 9/20/68

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A review has been made of the numerous memoranda in the MURKIN file as maintained in the Birmingham Office; also, all agent personnel who participated in this investigation in the Birmingham territory have been contacted relative to this matter. The results thus far have been negative insofar as locating items of unusual interest which have not previously been incorporated in report form.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

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ReNonairtel to Memphis, 9/4/68, regarding information furnished by one JIM LOCKHART concerning ROBERT PRATT, Birmingham attorney, who was reported in 1963 to have agreed to represent anyone who might be apprehended in executing a "contract" to assassinate Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

Birmingham file styled "ROBERT N. PRATT; ET AL; INFORMATION CONCERNING", Bufile 68-6353, BH/file 92-272, contains considerable derogatory information concerning the character of PRATT, a disbarred attorney of Birmingham. Two copies each of BH airtels to the Bureau dated 9/3 and 9/5/68 containing background information on PRATT are being furnished the Memphis office, and for ready reference of the Bureau, one copy of each airtel is attached. Mobile is also being furnished one copy each.

Contact with warden's office, Jefferson County Jail, Birmingham, revealed it would be practically impossible to determine the identity of an inmate by nicknames only during the year 1963 since there are confined daily an average of 250 inmates.

SACB, Birmingham considers that any contact with PRATT would be inadvisable at this time and no action regarding him will be taken.

- 2 - Bureau (Enc. 2)
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- 2 - Birmingham

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Director, FBI (65-6353)

September 1, 1968

SAC, Birmingham (62-472) (P)

ROBERT H. PRATT;
JOHN PHARO;
ALABAMA BOARD OF PAROLES
AND PAROLEES;
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On August 29, 1968, Mrs. JOHN PHARO, also known as Carolyn Case, 1719-2 Woodcrest Road, Capline Apartments, Birmingham, Alabama, Telephone Number 421-1323, was contacted concerning her son, ROBERT H. PRATT, an escaped Federal Prisoner, who escaped from Kelly Prison, Montgomery, Alabama, on August 5, 1968. (Mobile file 76-1000 - Birmingham file 76-2441).

PHARO stated that ROBERT H. PRATT, a disbarred Birmingham attorney, had been taking payoffs for several years for the Parole Board. She stated that PRATT told her on several occasions that he could get her son out of prison. On June 11, 1968, PHARO again asked her son who would pay him \$300.00 and said, "WILLIAM, LAWRENCE's friend, agreed to pay PRATT \$250.00." Since PHARO has arthritis in her hand, she permitted PRATT to fill out one of her checks on the Exchange Security Bank, Birmingham, in the amount of \$300.00, payable to R. H. PRATT. She then signed the check, and WILLIAM gave PRATT a check for \$250.00.

Subsequently, PRATT informed her that he had been unable to get her son out of Kelly for \$300.00 and said it would take \$2,500.00. She and her husband, JOHN PHARO, told PRATT that they did not have that much money and after some arguing, PRATT returned the money to WILLIAM and LAWRENCE. Mrs. PHARO stated that she has the canceled check in her possession and it was endorsed "R. H. PRATT, ROBERT PRATT."

PHARO stated that she and her husband appeared before the Parole Board in Montgomery, Alabama, on August 1, 1968, and that she handed the three-man board a long envelope

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which contained a letter from the local Bricklayers Union, which was directed to the board and said they would give LAUREY PEARO a job if he was paroled. She handed the envelope to the board, who merely said "This is for you," at which point the members of the board looked at each other and all appeared reluctant to open the envelope. She was of the opinion that the board thought the envelope contained money rather than papers concerning possible employment for her son.

Then she handed the envelope to the board member in the middle, who was short and stocky, whom she knew JOHN PENBERTON and she replied that she did not and asked who he was. The man told her that it did not matter and they would talk with her later.

PEARO stated that on a previous occasion she observed JEANETTE KILPATRICK, wife of AROLD DOUGLAS KILPATRICK, pay PRATT \$500.00 at the home of THOMAS WARD, a well known Birmingham madam, so that she, KILPATRICK, could remain out on parole. KILPATRICK was afraid that she would have to return to prison since she had been arrested while on parole. PEARO stated that she had learned from THOMAS WARD that there is apparently another middle man besides PENBERTON in Montgomery but she does not know his name.

PEARO stated that she has told her Birmingham attorney, CHARLES WINTER about paying PRATT in an effort to get her out of prison.

It is noted Birmingham officials are negative on JOHN PENBERTON; however, PENBERTON is Clerk of the Alabama House of Representatives and a strong supporter of former Governor GEORGE WALLACE. Birmingham file 66-106 entitled "Criminal Survey, Birmingham Division (Bureau and Birmingham letter to Bureau dated January 13, 1961) reflects that in 1951, EUGENE "BULL" CONNOR, former Birmingham Police Commissioner, advocated a change with the Pardon and Parole Board at a

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

MURKIN

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

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

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

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : File (44-1740)

FROM : SAC, Birmingham

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 9-30-68

At approximately 3:30 p.m., 9-30-68, SAC ROBERT G. JENSEN, Memphis, telephonically furnished the following information:

Set forth below is a list of potential witnesses in the MURKIN case. These are the individuals that representatives of the District Attorney General's Office at Memphis will be interested in interviewing. The representatives of the District Attorney General's Office are:

" ROBERT DWYER, National Academy
JAMES BEASLEY, Assistant Attorney General
JOHN CARLISLE, National Academy - Investigator
with Attorney General's Office

DWYER is Number One Assistant in District Attorney General's Office."

Potential Witnesses:

WILLIAM D. PAISLEY and Junior
701 South 48th

Barrett & Shanahan

PETER CHERPES
2608 Highland

Saucier & Shanahan

DONALD F. WOOD
5701 Airport Highway

Moynihan & Shanahan

JOHN W. DeSHAZIO
17 Montevallo Lane
Mountain Brook

(overseas) Barrett & Saucier

JOHN D. HANNERS
806 Meg Drive
Center Point

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Barrett & Saucier

U. L. BAKER
1408 Clairmont Drive

(IAZ) Barrett & Moynihan

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A. L. IRWIN *p. 29* ✓ *Barrett & Sancier*
7822 - 6th Avenue South

JOE B. GILLILAND *p. 45* ✓ *Jensen - Transferred*
5013-B Georgia Road

HERBERT KELLY ✓ *Barrett & Shanahan*
2608 Highland

C. E. KIRKPATRICK ✓ *Kresak*
Vice President, BTNB

DIANA BATTLE ✓ *Snow & Gannall*
BTNB employee

MARLIN C. MYERS and ✓ *Botkin & Gannall*
Mrs. JOANN MYERS
7960 Crestwood Boulevard

DORIS LADNER *p. 105* ✓ " "
2121 - 36th Avenue

RUBY GOODMAN *p. 109* ✓ *Daly*
2222 Highland

O. H. ABRAMS *p. 111* ✓ *Barrett*
2188 Highland

CLYDE R. MANASCO *pp. 116 + 117* ✓ *Arnett*
Route 9, Box 602
Birmingham

JOHN M. KOPP *p. 122* ✓ *Arnett*
1420 - 35th Street

It is SAC JENSEN's understanding that all of these potential witnesses appear in one or another of SA SNOW's reports.

9-30-68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)
SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

Re ME airtel 4-19-68.

Following is the cumulative cost data for the
Birmingham Division through the month of September, 1968:

1.	MAN HOURS SPENT ON CASE:	<u>REGULAR</u>	<u>OVERTIME</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
	A. SPECIAL AGENTS	5057:15	2408:15	7465:30
	B. CLERICAL	<u>1759:55</u>	<u>340:00</u>	<u>2099:55</u>
	TOTALS	<u>6817:10</u>	<u>2748:15</u>	<u>9565:25</u>
2.	TOTAL MILEAGE BUCARS:			27,603
3.	OTHER COSTS: Transportation (Common Carrier)			\$416.00
	Per Diem			<u>494:00</u>
				\$910.00
4.	PEAK NUMBER SPECIAL AGENTS WORKING ON CASE:			0

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : AGENTS NAMED FROM SAC

FROM : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 10/1/68

Memphis has advised that with Bureau approval, the following officials, who will assist in prosecution of subject RAY, will come to Birmingham on morning of Thursday, 10/3/68, for purpose of contacting potential witnesses, a list of whom appears in serials 2059 and 2064 which will be available:

ROBERT DWYER, National Academy
JAMES BEASLEY, Assistant Attorney General
JOHN CARLISLE, National Academy - Investigator
with Attorney General's Office

A review of file reflects following Agents are familiar with one or more of the prospective witnesses and these Agents should be available to assist in this matter on the above date:

J. T. ARNETT
ROBERT M. BARRETT
PETER JOHN BODKIN
DAVID T. DALY
JOHN H. KRESEK
PATRICK J. MOYNIHAN
WILLIAM A. SAUCIER
NEIL P. SHANAHAN
HENRY A. SNOW
ROBERT J. YARNALL.

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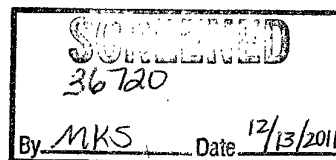
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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)(P)

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REBUAIRTEL SEPTEMBER ELEVEN, SIXTYEIGHT.

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FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) BIRMINGHAM MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

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BENNET OLAN, ATTORNEY FOR DR. RUSSELL C. HADLEY,
PLASTIC SURGEON, LA, ADVISED HADLEY PERFORMED SURGERY
ON NOSE OF JAMES EARL RAY IN LA APPROXIMATELY THREE WEEKS
BEFORE ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING. SURGERY DID
NOT EFFECT APPEARANCE TO ANY DEGREE BUT REMOVED A
PROJECTION. OLAN REQUESTED IF HADLEY INTERVIEWED HE BE
PRESENT. UACB, LA WILL ARRANGE INTERVIEW WITH DR. HADLEY.

WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE HAS NOT CONTACTED THE LA OFFICE
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JUDGE W. PRESTON BATTLE AT CONCLUSION OF CONTEMPT PROCEEDINGS ADVISED THAT HE DID FIND ATTORNEY ARTHUR J. HANES, SR., PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR RENFRO T. HAYS, AND NEWSPAPER REPORTERS CHARLES EDMUNDSON AND ROY HAMILTON ALL GUILTY OF CONTEMPT OF COURT. HE ADVISED THAT HE WOULD HOLD FINAL DECISION IN ABEYANCE AS TO POSSIBLE SENTENCE FOR ALL FOUR.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL PHIL M. CANALE, JR. ADVISED THIS DATE THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS REPRESENTATIVES OF HIS OFFICE WILL BE IN FBI OFFICE ATLANTA A.M. TUESDAY, OCTOBER ONE. AT THIS TIME THEY WILL HOLD PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCES WITH AGENTS WHOM THEY FEEL MIGHT BE NECESSARY IN CONNECTION WITH THIS TRIAL. EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL ROBERT DWYER ADVISED FOLLOWING ARE AGENTS OF INTEREST IN ATLANTA OFFICE:

JAMES DOLAN, JACK SIMPSON, RICHARD DAVIS, CARL CLAIBORNE, ALDEN F. MILLER, JACK T. BEVERSTEIN, JOHN G. SULLIVAN, ROBERT L. KAAS, AND JOHN OGDEN.

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IN ADDITION, DWYER REQUESTED CONTACT BE MADE WITH THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL WITNESSES IN ATLANTA FOR ASSISTANCE OF HIS OFFICE. THESE POTENTIAL WITNESSES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

MRS. ESTELLE PETERS, JIMMIE D. GARNER, HENRY H. WATERS, MARY L. BRIDGES, LUCY CATON, MRS. ERNEST PAYNE, CHARLES STEPHENS, AND TWO ATLANTA DETECTIVES, R. L. DAVIS AND MACK CREARY. THIS INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED ATLANTA TELEPHONICALLY.

DWYER STATED HE HOPED TO HAVE ALL INTERVIEWS COMPLETED AND WOULD DEPART ATLANTA IN ORDER TO ARRIVE BIRMINGHAM THURSDAY MORNING. AT BIRMINGHAM, DWYER STATED PRESENT INDICATIONS ARE THERE WILL BE NO NEED FOR ANY AGENT PERSONNEL TO TESTIFY. DWYER REQUESTED IF POSSIBLE ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE SO THAT HE AND STAFF COULD CONTACT THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE BELIEVED OF INTEREST TO HIS OFFICE:

WILLIAM D. PAISLEY, SR. AND JR., PETER CHERPES, DONALD F. WOOD, JOHN W. DESHAZIO, JOHN D. HENNERS, U. L. BAKER, A. L. ERWIN, JOE B. GILLILAND, HERBERT KELLY, C. E. KIRKPATRICK, DIANA BATTLE, MARLON C. MYERS, MRS. JOANNE MYERS, DORIS LADNER, RUBY GOODMAN, O. H. ABRAHMS, CLYDE R. MANASCO, JOHN M. KOPP.

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BIRMINGHAM DIVISION HAS BEEN TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED
OF DWYERS REQUEST.

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RE BIRMINGHAM TEL OCTOBER ONE, SIXTYEIGHT.

BUREAU ATTENTION DIRECTED TO KANSAS CITY REPORT DATED
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INTERVIEW WITH GEORGE BEN EDMUNDSON, FORMER TOP TEN WHO USED
NAME ALEXANDER PETER BORMANN WHILE IN CANADA. KANSAS CITY REPORT
SETS FORTH EXTENSIVE INTERVIEW WITH EDMUNDSON WHEREIN EDMUNDSON
DENIES HAVING HAD ANY DEALINGS WITH JAMES EARL RAY INSIDE OR
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AIRMAIL

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

Re Memphis teletype to Bureau, 9/30/68.

The three state prosecutors from Memphis, ROBERT DWYER, JAMES BEASLEY, and JOHN CARLISLE, spent the entire day and early evening in Birmingham on 10/3/68 and were afforded courtesies of the Birmingham Office in arranging interviews, etc., with prospective witnesses. They appeared to be satisfied with responses obtained. They also gave the impression of being extremely dedicated toward the prosecution of this case.

For consideration of the Bureau, it appears advisable at this time for the physical evidence which was personally delivered to the FBI Laboratory immediately after being located to be returned to Birmingham in order that the items may be available for witnesses at Birmingham to produce in response to subpoenas duces tecum. These items include the Aeromarine Supply Company Sales Invoice #2251A, 3/28/68, under the name HARVEY TOWNERY and the rental agreement, plus related papers, for Safe Deposit Box #8517 at Birmingham Trust National Bank dated 8/28/67 under the name ERIC S. GALT.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Birmingham (44-1740)

DATE: October 11, 1968

✓ FROM : Director, FBI (44-38861)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Birmingham airtel to Bureau dated 10/8/68.

Department is handling the evidence in this matter, and you will be advised accordingly.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 10/9/68

Dr. RUSSEL HADLEY, 7080 Hollywood Boulevard, was interviewed and furnished the following information:

Dr. HADLEY stated that the information he would furnish concerns a patient and therefore he considers it of a confidential nature. He stated that prior to making this information public or prior to his testifying to it he first would need a release from the patient.

JAMES EARL RAY utilizing the name of ERIC S. GALT appeared at Dr. HADLEY's office on February 19, 1968, at 11:30 a.m. for consultation. He furnished his address as 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, telephone 464-1131 and date of birth as [REDACTED]. He listed his nearest relative as CARL L. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama. GALT stated he had been referred to Dr. HADLEY by the Los Angeles County Medical Association.

Dr. HADLEY stated he performed a nasal tip reconstruction for an elongated nasal tip on GALT in his office on March 5, 1968. A local anesthetic was used. On March 7, 1968, GALT returned to Dr. HADLEY's office to have packs removed from his nose. On March 11, 1968, he again returned and the sutures were removed from his nose by Dr. HADLEY.

GALT was scheduled to return in six weeks for a final postoperative checkup but failed to keep the appointment.

Dr. HADLEY stated he personally saw GALT on each visit. He continued that GALT was quiet and pleasing in manner, unassuming and composed. Dr. HADLEY stated that GALT paid \$200 in cash for the surgery on the date of the operation, March 5, 1968. Dr. HADLEY stated that the surgery he performed on GALT did not alter his appearance to any degree.

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sent by J.A.
10-11-68*

On 10/2/68 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 44-1574
by SA JAMES R. PACE and
SA THEODORE J. A'HEARN/TJA/nmb/lmt Date dictated 10/7/68

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Re Los Angeles tel dated 10/1/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau and other receiving offices are two copies of an FD-302 reflecting an interview with Dr. RUSSELL ~~BRADLEY~~, who performed nose surgery on JAMES EARL RAY.

Dr. RUSSELL ~~BRADLEY~~, 7080 Hollywood Boulevard, was interviewed on 10/2/68 and furnished the following information:

On 9/25/68 WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE made an appointment with Dr. ~~BRADLEY~~ for professional services. He furnished his residence as 411 Day Street, Hartsville, Alabama and his employment as real estate broker and investor. He furnished his local address as the Bel-Air Hotel, Beverly Hills, California.

During this appointment HUIE advised Dr. ~~BRADLEY~~ that he was actually present to obtain information from BRADLEY concerning surgery he had performed on the nose of JAMES EARL RAY, known to Dr. ~~BRADLEY~~ as ERIC S. GALT. Dr. ~~BRADLEY~~ stated he could furnish no information from his records without first having the written consent of the patient.

HUIE advised ~~BRADLEY~~ that he would obtain RAY's consent.

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HUIE reappeared at Dr. ~~W~~ADLEY's office on 9/27/68 with a handwritten medical release from RAY witnessed by RAY's attorney ARTHUR HAYNES. With approval of his personal attorney Dr. ~~W~~ADLEY then furnished HUIE information concerning ERIC S. GALT from his files.

This information consisted of the facts that ~~W~~ADLEY had a first appointment with GALT on 2/19/68 for consultation. On 3/5/68 ~~W~~ADLEY performed a nasal tip reconstruction for an elongated nasal tip on GALT in his office. On 3/7/68 packs were removed from GALT's nose and on 3/11/68 sutures were removed. GALT was scheduled to return in six weeks for a postoperative checkup but failed to keep the appointment.

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

JAMES EARL RAY, AKA; DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., VICTIM;
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ON THIS DATE ARTHUR j. HANES, SR., BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, DEFENSE ATTORNEY IN THIS CASE, TELEPHONED BIRMINGHAM SAC RALPH J. MILES, STATING QUOTE THIS IS A GENUINE CONCERN CALL UNQUOTE. AFTER STATING HIS GREAT ADMIRATION FOR THE FBI AND HIS INTEREST IN THE WELL BEING OF HIS COUNTRY, HANES SAID THE FORTHCOMING TRIAL OF RAY WOULD PROVIDE QUITE A GREAT FORUM FOR EXPOSING SOME THINGS WHICH NEED EXPOSING UNQUOTE. ENSUING CONVERSATION DEVELOPED THAT HANES CONCERN WAS QUOTE WITH THE BLACK MILITANT GROUPS AT WORK IN THIS COUNTRY WHOSE ACTIVITIES SHOULD BE EXPOSED UNQUOTE.

HANES REQUESTED THAT HE BE ALLOWED TO MEET WITH A BUREAU OFFICIAL IN BIRMINGHAM, WASHINGTON, OR ANY OTHER SUITABLE LOCATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXCHANGING INFORMATION AS TO ACTIVITIES OF BLACK MILITANTS WITH A VIEW TOWARD USING ANY DATA
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SAC BIRMINGHAM RECOMMENDS THAT HANES AGAIN BE INFORMED THAT THE BUREAU WOULD BE RECEPTIVE TO ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION HE POSSESSES BUT CANNOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES FURNISH HIM WITH ANY INFORMATION ALONG THE LINES REQUESTED. IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED THAT HANES BE ADVISED THAT IF HE WISHES TO PURSUE THE MATTER FURTHER HE SHOULD DIRECT A WRITTEN REQUEST TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

BIRMINGHAM WILL AWAIT BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE RETURNING HANES CALL.

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RE BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE TO BUREAU OCTOBER TWO TWO LAST.

YOU SHOULD ADVISE ARTHUR J. HANES, ATTORNEY FOR JAMES
EARL RAY, IN WRITING THAT IF HE HAS ANY INFORMATION WHICH
HE BELIEVES WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO THE FBI, HE SHOULD FEEL
FREE TO FURNISH IT TO THE BIRMINGHAM OFFICE. SULHM.

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FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

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ON THIS DATE ARTHUR J. HANES, SR., BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA,
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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

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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.