

JOHN TERRY
5323 Rutherglass
Houston, Texas
Texas license NB2767, Chevrolet

W. B. HANEY
818 Venice
Sugar Land, Texas

JAMES P. EADIE
3604 Milton
Dallas, Texas
Tennessee license, Ford (rented)

DUANE E. FULLER
2154 East 3300 Street
Salt Lake City, Utah
Utah license BD8517, Plymouth

C. W. MILES
2716 Northfields Road
Charlottesville, Virginia
Virginia license 54031, Buick

JAMES H. NASH
4914 Poplar
Alexandria, Virginia
Texas license FKP 244, Mercedes

H. A. SEWELL
South 418 _____ Avenue
Newport, Washington
Washington license PEG531, Ford

JIMMIE B. BORKOWITZ
2817 E. 12th
Cheyenne, Wyoming
Wyoming license 2-386E, Chevrolet

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/24/69

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BROOKS PHILLIPS, Owner, Southern Motel, Highway 72 West, Corinth, Mississippi, made available the motel registration records for the period March 29, 1968, through April 3, 1968. The following individuals were registered during this period:

GLEN M. SWICEGOOD
501 South Cherokee Avenue
Dothan, Alabama
(Foreign Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention)

F. C. MCGINNIS
125 Lake Drive, Northeast
Birmingham, Alabama
Alabama license 1-56569, Chevrolet

J. A. SMELLEY
Sheffield, Alabama

L. O. ELLIS
Sheffield, Alabama

JACK CORNELIUS
413 Tia Juania Street
Muscle Shoals, Alabama

EARL CRAWFORD
Route 4
El Dorado, Arkansas
Arkansas license J-5092 (truck)

ERVIN SHERWOOD
118 South Harrison
DeWitt, Arkansas



On 4/15/69 at Corinth, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586

by SA FRANCIS G. HONAN /bdb Date dictated 4/21/69

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W. S. BLOUNT
3496 Lenardo Drive, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia
(Wright Contracting Company)

R. C. BOBO
212 North West
Waukegan, Illinois

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. GRACE
2920 Grail
Wichita, Kansas

GEORGE WALKER
14 Hilby Road
Louisville, Kentucky
License J29-270, Chevrolet

Mr. and Mrs. M. PLATT
P. O. Box 163
Angola, Louisiana

JOHN D. SMITH
2334 Coronet Place
Jackson, Mississippi

M. COLEMAN
9764 McCoughan Avenue
Long Beach, Mississippi

SHIRLEY JACKSON
4 Elm Street
Natchez, Mississippi

JIMMIE L. KIMERY
Byhalia, Mississippi
License 47-504, 1965 Dodge

JAMES L. TERPO
214 Pollard
Batesville, Mississippi
License 54-1293, 1966 Plymouth

JAMES E. SWOPE
Box 97
University, Mississippi

Reverend WILSON W. BOGGAN
Box 643
Lucedale, Mississippi
George County Baptist Association

JAMES E. WASHBURN
Caruthersville, Missouri

TOMMY LEE JONES
P. O. Box 5552
Raleigh, North Carolina

JOE BEE (illegible) and family
34 Clemson Drive
Aiken, South Carolina

SAM NORRIS
56 North McLean
Memphis, Tennessee

JOE N. SMITH
Memphis, Tennessee

OLIVER HENDERSON
4050 Kenach
Memphis, Tennessee

FLOYD PALMER
427 North Graham
Memphis, Tennessee
License PB 9481

ELIZABETH TRULY
130 North Willomet
Dallas, Texas

FBI

Date: 5/7/69

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
 FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel, dated 4/7/69; Birmingham airtel to Bureau, dated 4/15/69, and Jackson airtel to Bureau, dated 4/18/69.

2 - Memphis (Enc. 13) (RM)	2 - Minneapolis (Enc. 6) (RM)
2 - Albany (Enc. 2) (RM)	2 - Mobile (Enc. 6) (RM)
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Approved: _____
 Special Agent in Charge

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Per _____

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Enclosed for each office, except for Memphis and Birmingham, is one copy of referenced Bureau airtel, dated 4/7/69.

As directed by Bureau, a review of all motel records for the period March 29, to April 3, 1968, of motels in Corinth, Miss., made and the names of those individuals registered at the motels during this period have been obtained, and their names are revealed on appropriate FD-302s. One copy each of the FD-302s, where appropriate, are being submitted to the appropriate offices, as set out below:

FD-302

Mrs. LOUISE BREWER, Mgr.
Round-Town Motel

Division

Birmingham
Chicago
Dallas
Detroit
Indianapolis
Jacksonville
Kansas City
Little Rock
Louisville
Memphis
Miami
Milwaukee
New York
Omaha
St. Louis
Springfield
Tampa

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FD-302

Division

Mr. DON M. STRICKLAND, Mgr.,
Holiday Inn Motel

Atlanta	Miami
Birmingham	Minneapolis
Charlotte	Mobile
Chicago	Newark
Cincinnati	New Haven
Columbia	New Orleans
Dallas	New York
Denver	Oklahoma City
Detroit	Omaha
Houston	Philadelphia
Indianapolis	Richmond
Jacksonville	Salt Lake City
Kansas City	Savannah
Knoxville	Seattle
Little Rock	Springfield
Louisville	Tampa
Memphis	

WALTER COUTURE, Mgr.
Cannoneer Motel

Albany	Minneapolis
Atlanta	Mobile
Birmingham	New Orleans
Cincinnati	New York
Denver	Oklahoma City
Detroit	Omaha
Indianapolis	Philadelphia
Kansas City	Sacramento
Knoxville	St. Louis
Memphis	Savannah
Miami	Springfield
Milwaukee	Tampa

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FD-302

Division

BROOKS PHILLIPS, Owner,
Southern Motel

Atlanta	Little Rock
Birmingham	Louisville
Charlotte ✓	Memphis
Chicago	Mobile
Columbia	New Orleans
Dallas	St. Louis
Kansas City	

HOWARD STARNES, Mgr.,
Illinois Motel

Atlanta	Knoxville
Birmingham	Little Rock
Chicago	Memphis
Cleveland	Milwaukee
Dallas	Mobile
Detroit	St. Louis
Indianapolis	Savannah
Jacksonville	Springfield
Kansas City	Tampa

WILLIAM PHILLIPS, Owner,
Phillips Motel

Atlanta	Little Rock
Birmingham	Los Angeles
Cleveland	Memphis
Columbia	Omaha
Dallas	Sacramento
Detroit	St. Louis
Kansas City	San Diego
Knoxville	

H. C. FREEMAN, Owner and
Operator, Carona Plaza Motel

Birmingham	Miami
Chicago	Minneapolis
Cleveland	Mobile
Dallas	Oklahoma City
Denver	Omaha
Houston	Salt Lake City
Indianapolis	San Antonio
Kansas City	Savannah
Louisville	Springfield
Memphis	

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Division

Mrs. FREDDIE GLOVER, Owner,
Merry Acres Motel

Birmingham
Little Rock
Memphis

Milwaukee
Minneapolis
Springfield

Mrs. BERRY (SHIRLEY) SMITH,
Owner and Manager,
El-Ray Motel

Birmingham
Chicago
Cleveland
Columbia
Dallas
Detroit

Indianapolis
Memphis
Miami
New Orleans
St. Louis
Springfield

Mr. PAUL HAYES, Mgr.,
Dixie Court

Memphis
Milwaukee

J. H. WICKER, Mgr.,
No-El Motel

Albuquerque
Atlanta
Birmingham
Buffalo
Detroit
Indianapolis
Knoxville

Little Rock
Memphis
New Orleans
Oklahoma City
Savannah
Springfield
Tampa

Mrs. G. N. PRUETTE, Owner,
Teetotum Motel

Memphis

Mrs. BERRY (SHIRLEY) SMITH,
Nite-Fall Motel

Atlanta
Indianapolis
Little Rock
Memphis
Minneapolis

Omaha
Richmond
St. Louis
Springfield

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A Xerox copy of each motel registration has been made by the Jackson Division, and copies of these registrations are being maintained in the bulky exhibit file of Jackson File 157-9586.

It is noted on the registrations that there is registration from Saskatchewan, Canada, at the Round-Town Motel, and a registration from Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, at the Holiday Inn, during the pertinent period. It is being left to the discretion of Memphis, the Office of Origin, as to whether appropriate LHM should be submitted to the Bureau to have these individuals identified in Canada.

The names of those individuals appearing on the motel registrations who reside within the Jackson Division are being identified through indicés check in the Jackson Office and appropriate credit and criminal being conducted within the cities in which they indicate they reside.

LEADS:

ALL RECEIVING OFFICES

All offices receiving copies of this communication will review the FD-302s which they have received for names of those individuals who reside within their respective divisions and will review the names through the appropriate office indices and will identify the individual through appropriate credit and criminal check, and if deemed advisable, will interview the individual if there is a possibility of any association with JAMES EARL RAY.

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Date: 5/14/69

Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority or Method of Mailing)

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

By airtel dated 4/7/69, the Bureau advised that in a third "Look" magazine article, WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE stated that JAMES EARL RAY had spent the night of 4/2/68 in a motel near Corinth, Miss. The Bureau instructed Jackson to review motel records in and around Corinth to determine the identities of individuals registered there during the period 3/29/68 to 4/3/68. By airtel dated 4/18/69, the Jackson Office advised the Bureau that motel records at Corinth, Miss., had been reviewed under the subject's true name and aliases and had been reviewed for subject's Alabama license number. Nothing identifiable with the subject was located.

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C.W. Wilkerson

Approved: *R. Jensen* Sent _____ M Per _____
 Special Agent in Charge

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By airtel dated 5/7/69, copies of which were not furnished the Bureau, the Jackson Office set out leads for those offices to whom copies of this communication are designated. These offices have been requested to interview several hundred persons who spent the night in motels at Corinth, Miss., on or about 4/2/68.

In view of the fact that more than a year has passed since these persons stayed over night at Corinth, and since similar investigation of this type in this case has previously been unproductive, and since HUIE has admitted that RAY frequently is untruthful in statements to him, and further since it is not believed that it is of any particular importance to establish whether or not JAMES EARL RAY stayed over night at Corinth on 4/2/68, all offices will disregard the leads set out in Jackson airtel dated 5/7/69, unless specifically advised by the Bureau to cover same.

SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

6/4/69

SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (RUC)

MURKIN

Re Jackson airtel 5/7/69, and Memphis airtel
5/14/69.

In view of the instructions set forth in
referenced Memphis airtel, no leads have been set forth
by the Charlotte Office for interviews with persons from
N.C. who stayed overnight in motels at Corinth, Miss.

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SAC, ATLANTA

6/20/69

SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

MURKIN

Offices receiving this communication should discontinue efforts to locate Rev. JAMES L. BEVEL for interview in connection with this case.

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- 1 - Columbia
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- 1 - New York
- 1 - Philadelphia
- 1 - Savannah
- 1 - Memphis

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Ray's Brother Wins Acquittal

SAVANNAH, Ga. (AP)—James Earl Ray's brother, Jerry William Ray, has been acquitted of a charge of aggravated assault in the shooting of a 17-year-old youth.

Jerry Ray, 35, whose brother was imprisoned after pleading guilty to the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., was cleared by a jury yesterday.

He said he shot the boy, Steven Donald Black, in self-defense after catching him in the act of trying to steal records from the headquarters of the racist National States Rights party, where Ray was a security guard. ~~Black~~ recovered from a wound in the chest.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

9 CHARLOTTE OBSERVER
Charlotte, N. C.

Date: 11-25-70
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Editor:
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Character:
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BRENDA POWELL, DAUGHTER-IN-LAW OF LEON POWELL, ADVISED LEON POWELL WORKING AT UNKNOWN LOCATION IN ROCKDALE COUNTY AND WOULD NOT RETURN TO ATLANTA UNTIL LATE PM OF JANUARY 7, 1976.

CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION (CYD), US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, REQUESTES THE FOLLOWING IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION TO RESOLVE ALLEGATION MADE BY LEON OWEN POWELL:

EL PASO AT MIDLAND. WILL INTERVIEW CLAUDE POWELL AT SCOTTISH INN FOR ANY INFORMATION HE HAS RE LEON OWEN POWELL'S ALLEGATION. OBTAIN ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OF RALPH (LNU) FROM
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CLAUDE POWELL. HANDLYE THROUGH FACIAL IDENTIFIATION CATALOG AS SET FORTH IN FBI HANDBOOK, PARK I, PAGE 21. IMMEDIATELY FACSIMILE RESULTS DIRECTLY TO EXHIBITS SECTION, FBIHQ, AND TELEPHONICALLY DISCUSS ANY PROBLEMS RE ARTIST'S CONCEPTION DIRECTLY WITH EXHIBITS SECTION .

CHARLOTTE AT CHARLOTTE. DETERMINE ALL PLACES WHERE CLAUDE POWELL REPORTEDLY INCARCERATED TO DETERMINE IF EVER INCARCERAED WITH JAMES EARL RAY.

ATLANTA AT ATLANTA. OBTAIN ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OF RALPH (LNU) FROM LEON OWEN POWELL'S. CONTINUE EFFORTS TO LOCATE RAY GODFREY AND ANNIE LOIS COMPOS.

ALL OFFICES HANDLE ANY ADDITIONAL OBVIOUS AND LOGICAL LEADS DEVELOPED DURING INTERVIEW. IF ANY QUESTION ARISED RE COVERING ANY ADDITIONAL LEAD, PROMPTLY CONTACT FBIHQ.

IMMEDIATELY CONDUCT THIS INVESTIGATION AND SUTEL SUMMARY ON DAILY BASIS UNTIL INVESTIGATION IS COMPLETED. HANDLE ANY LEADS OUT OF YOUR DIVISION BY TELETYPE. HANDLE PURSUANT TO SECTION 27, VOLUME II, MANUAL OF INSTRUCTIONS. ALSO FURNISH ALL INFORMATION TO MEMPHIS OFFICE OF ORIGIN AND ATLANTA.

COPY MAILED MEMPHIS.

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COUNTY PD ARREST NUMBER IS 4822. DESCRIPTION OF CLAUDE POWELL, JR. IS WHITE MALE, DATE OF BIRTH MARCH 26, 1926, SIX FEET TWO INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-ONE POUNDS, FBI NUMBER 212 946 A.

RECORDS OF THE ATLANTA PD REVEALED LEON POWELL ARRESTED AUGUST 26, 1955 BY PROVOST MARSHAL, FORT BENNING, GEORGIA, CHARGED WITH ARTICLE 86. NO DISPOSITION AVAILABLE. ARRESTED JUNE 28, 1962 FOR WIFE BEATING AND ABANDONMENT, CHARGE WITHDRAWN JULY 6, 1962. LEON OWEN POWELL DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, DATE OF BIRTH APRIL 27, 1945, FBI NUMBER 220 012 E.

BRENDA POWELL, DAUGHTER-IN-LAW OF LEON POWELL, ADVISED LEON POWELL WORKING AT UNKNOWN LOCATION IN ROCKDALE COUNTY AND WOULD NOT RETURN TO ATLANTA UNTIL LATE PM OF JANUARY 7, 1976.

CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION (CYD), US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, REQUESTES THE FOLLOWING IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION TO RESOLVE ALLEGATION MADE BY LEON OWEN POWELL:

EL PASO AT MIDLAND. WILL INTERVIEW CLAUDE POWELL AT SCOTTISH INN FOR ANY INFORMATION HE HAS RE LEON OWEN POWELL'S ALLEGATION. OBTAIN ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OF RALPH (LNU) FROM
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CLAUDE POWELL. HANDLYE THROUGH FACIAL IDENTIFIATION CATALOG AS SET FORTH IN FBI HANDBOOK, PARK I, PAGE 21. IMMEDIATELY FACSIMILE RESULTS DIRECTLY TO EXHIBITS SECTION, FBIHQ, AND TELEPHONICALLY DISCUSS ANY PROBLEMS RE ARTIST'S CONCEPTION DIRECTLY WITH EXHIBITS SECTION .

CHARLOTTE AT CHARLOTTE. DETERMINE ALL PLACES WHERE CLAUDE POWELL REPORTEDLY INCARCERATED TO DETERMINE IF EVER INCARCERAED WITH JAMES EARL RAY.

ATLANTA AT ATLANTA. OBTAIN ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OF RALPH (LNU) FROM LEON OWEN POWELL'S CONTINUE EFFORTS TO LOCATE RAY GODFREY AND ANNIE LOIS COMPOS.

ALL OFFICES HANDLE ANY ADDITIONAL OBVIOUS AND LOGICAL LEADS DEVELOPED DURING INTERVIEW. IF ANY QUESTION ARISED RE COVERING ANY ADDITIONAL LEAD, PROMPTLY CONTACT FBIHQ.

IMMEDIATELY CONDUCT THIS INVESTIGATION AND SUTEL SUMMARY ON DAILY BASIS UNTIL INVESTIGATION IS COMPLETED. HANDLE ANY LEADS OUT OF YOUR DIVISION BY TELETYPE. HANDLE PURSUANT TO SECTION 27, VOLUME II, MANUAL OF INSTRUCTIONS. ALSO FURNISH ALL INFORMATION TO MEMPHIS OFFICE OF ORIGIN AND ATLANTA.

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6:15PM NITEL JANUARY 8, 1976 JDC

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)
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EL PASO
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FROM: CHARLOTTE (44-1365)

MURKIN.

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE TO THE DIRECTOR, DATED JANUARY 7, 1976.

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MECKLENBURG COUNTY CLERK OF COURT RECORDS REFLECT WENDELL SUTTON POWELL BORN JULY 10, 1929, ARRESTED AND SENTENCED AT SAME TIME TO SAME TERM AS CLAUDE POWELL ON ARMED ROBBERY CHARGE. WENDELL SUTTON POWELL, POSSIBLY A BROTHER OF CLAUDE, HAS SEVERAL OTHER ARRESTS FOR OPERATING A VEHICLE WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE AND PUBLIC DRUNK, LAUT BEING ARRESTED MARCH 17, 1974, FOR PUBLIC DRUNK. WENDELL SUTTON POWELL RESIDED 218 EWING DRIVE, BELMONT, N. C., AT THAT TIME.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

ATLANTA (44-2386)

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FROM: CHARLOTTE (44-1365)

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RE CHARLOTTE TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, DATED JANUARY 8, 1976.

FLOYCE POWELL BRYSON, ROUTE NUMBER FIVE, BOX 192,
FRANKLIN, N. C., INTERVIEWED ON JANUARY 14, 1976, AND ADVISED
AS FOLLOWS:

LEON AND CLAUDE POWELL ARE BRYSON'S BROTHERS AND ALTHOUGH
THEY ARE BOTH MORALLY GOOD MEN THEY EACH HAVE A DRINKING
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CLAUDE POWELL, JR., CHAMBE LANE, DECATUR, GA.

EDWARD POWELL, SHALLOWFORD, CHAMBLEE, GA.

HUBERT POWELL, ROUTE THREE, TACOA, GA.

LEON POWELL.

ATLANTA, HANDLE INTERVIEWS OF FAMILY.

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2/24/76

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (RUC)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Atlanta teletype to the Bureau dated 1/7/76,
and Charlotte teletypes to the Bureau dated 1/8/76, 1/9/76,
and 1/14/76.

A review of Charlotte file reflects all
investigation has been completed, and this matter is being
considered RUC.

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Date 2-25-76

TO: SAC Charlotte
FROM: SA Gene P. Cole
RE: File No. 44-1365

I have reviewed this file, and under the criteria set forth in Part II, Section 3, of Manual of Rules and Regulations, this file should be:

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365)

FROM : SUPERVISOR JOHN P. KENNEY

SUBJECT: *MURKIN*

DATE: 7/30/76

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RE CHARLOTTE TELEPHONE CALL TO BUREAU, JANUARY 28, 1977.

FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU AND RECEIVING OFFICES, ON
JANUARY 28, 1977, DR. EUGENE V. GRACE, EYE SURGEON, 911
NORTH BROAD STREET, DURHAM, N. C., WHO ALSO OPERATES MOORE
PUBLISHING COMPANY, 907 NORTH BROAD ST., REPORTED RECEIPT OF
TELEPHONE CONTACT JANUARY 27, 1977, FROM OTIS MOORE, LOMAS
VERDES NUMBER 40, SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO, TELEPHONE NUMBER
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IN BOOK HE IDENTIFIED ASSASSIN OF MARTIN LUTHER KING AND IMPLIED THIS ASSASSIN HAD FIRST SOUGHT TO HIRE MOORE FOR THE ASSASSINATION. MOORE CLAIMED TO HAVE REPORTED INFORMATION TO FBI AND THAT KELLEY HAD ASSIGNED MOORE A FILE NUMBER. MOORE INDICATES HE WAS IN CONTACT WITH OTHER PROSPECTIVE PUBLISHERS AND ALSO CLAIMS CORRESPONDENCE WITH U. S. SENATORS FRANK CHURCH AND EDWARD KENNEDY. HE FEELS LIFE IS IN DANGER.

GRACE STATES HE HAS SCHEDULED PROSPECTIVE RECONTACT WITH MOORE CONCERNING PUBLICATION ABOUT SUNDAY, JANUARY 30, 1977. GRACE PLANS TO DEPART DURHAM, N. C., NOON, JANUARY 28, 1977, TO DRIVE TO DIPLOMAT MOTEL, HOLLYWOOD BEACH, FLA., JANUARY 29, 1977, TO ATTEND MEDICAL MEETING. GRACE OFFERED TO FLY TO SAN JUAN SUNDAY, JANUARY 30, 1977, AND TAKE FBI UNDERCOVER AGENT AS ASSISTANT PUBLISHER TO MEET WITH MOORE OR OTHERWISE COOPERATE IN ANY WAY. OFFER OF HAVING FBI AGENT PARTICIPATE IN ANY INTERVIEW WITH MOORE DECLINED. GRACE ADVISED HE WOULD REPORT RESULTS OF ANY FUTURE CONTACTS WITH MOORE.

MIAMI AND SAN JUAN BEING ADVISED IN THE EVENT OF ANY FUTURE CONTACT.

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MEMPHIS REVIEW INDICES REGARDING OTIS MOORE AND ADVISE.

CHARLOTTE WILL PROMPTLY FURNISH ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
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RE CHARLOTTE TELEPHONE CALL TO BUREAU, JANUARY 28, 1977.

FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU AND RECEIVING OFFICES, ON
JANUARY 28, 1977, DR. EUGENE V. GRACE, EYE SURGEON, 911
NORTH BROAD STREET, DURHAM, N. C., WHO ALSO OPERATES MOORE
PUBLISHING COMPANY, 907 NORTH BROAD ST., REPORTED RECEIPT OF
TELEPHONE CONTACT JANUARY 27, 1977, FROM OTIS MOORE, LOMAS
VERDES NUMBER 40, SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO, TELEPHONE NUMBER
780-4533, OFFERING BOOKS BY MOORE FOR PUBLICATION. MOORE
IDENTIFIED SELF AS RETIRED U. S. MASTER SERGEANT AND STATED

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IN BOOK HE IDENTIFIED ASSASSIN OF MARTIN LUTHER KING AND IMPLIED THIS ASSASSIN HAD FIRST SOUGHT TO HIRE MOORE FOR THE ASSASSINATION. MOORE CLAIMED TO HAVE REPORTED INFORMATION TO FBI AND THAT KELLEY HAD ASSIGNED MOORE A FILE NUMBER. MOORE INDICATES HE WAS IN CONTACT WITH OTHER PROSPECTIVE PUBLISHERS AND ALSO CLAIMS CORRESPONDENCE WITH U. S. SENATORS FRANK CHURCH AND EDWARD KENNEDY. HE FEELS LIFE IS IN DANGER.

GRACE STATES HE HAS SCHEDULED PROSPECTIVE RECONTACT WITH MOORE CONCERNING PUBLICATION ABOUT SUNDAY, JANUARY 30, 1977. GRACE PLANS TO DEPART DURHAM, N. C., NOON, JANUARY 28, 1977, TO DRIVE TO DIPLOMAT MOTEL, HOLLYWOOD BEACH, FLA., JANUARY 29, 1977, TO ATTEND MEDICAL MEETING. GRACE OFFERED TO FLY TO SAN JUAN SUNDAY, JANUARY 30, 1977, AND TAKE FBI UNDERCOVER AGENT AS ASSISTANT PUBLISHER TO MEET WITH MOORE OR OTHERWISE COOPERATE IN ANY WAY. OFFER OF HAVING FBI AGENT PARTICIPATE IN ANY INTERVIEW WITH MOORE DECLINED. GRACE ADVISED HE WOULD REPORT RESULTS OF ANY FUTURE CONTACTS WITH MOORE.

MIAMI AND SAN JUAN BEING ADVISED IN THE EVENT OF ANY FUTURE CONTACT.

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