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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

DATE: 6/20/68

FROM : SAC, ALBANY (44-493) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

(OO: Memphis)

RICHARD TOMKINSON, 97 Union Avenue, Saratoga Springs, New York, President of the Delaware Corporation, a small vending machine company, advised SA DANIEL V. HOGAN that he has an acquaintance named NELSON SCHAUB of Saranac Lake, N.Y. SCHAUB, according to TOMKINSON, is a coin dealer, recently convicted of smuggling gold into the United States, who is always looking for a chance to make big money. SCHAUB told TOMKINSON that he had an idea which might make a lot of money for both of them. SCHAUB said that the United States Government was offering a reward of \$100,000.00 for JAMES EARL RAY, killer of MARTIN LUTHER KING. SCHAUB was aware that there was a far right group in Lake Placid, N.Y., which included many prominent local people. This group included doctors and lawyers. It had recently sponsored a speech at the Lake Placid Arena by a former member of the "Green Berets", the Army Special Services Force. That speech and the talks of those who introduced and thanked the speaker, was very critical of United States policy in Vietnam.

SCHAUB had heard some people in Lake Placid discuss the death of MARTIN LUTHER KING and he felt they were not unhappy at KING's death and said they felt he had probably had his appearance changed and was out of the country.

He told TOMKINSON that if the United States Government would investigate this group which he believed to be a John Birch Society group, the Government might obtain information regarding the KING killing and SCHAUB and TOMKINSON could share in the reward money.

The Albany Office indices indicate that NELSON RAYMOND SCHAUB is a former PCI operated by SA EDWARD A. MC SHANE, Jr., while SCHAUB operated a coin exchange at Plattsburgh, N.Y. This case was closed when SCHAUB was arrested by the U. S. Treasury Department and convicted of gold smuggling in 1966. SA MC SHANE determined that SCHAUB has since been involved in a \$30,000 swindle in the Tupper Lake, N.Y. area; is the subject of outstanding warrants for bad checks in the



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Saranac Lake, New York area, and is heavily in debt.

Local and New York State Police in the Saranac Lake and Plattsburgh areas characterize SCHAUB as a "con-man", of absolute unreliability.

SCHAUB was located and interviewed by SA EDWARD A. MC SHANE, Jr. on 6/7/68, at which time he stated that he had absolutely no reason to suspect anyone or any group in the Lake Placid, N.Y. - Saranac Lake, N.Y. area of involvement in the King killing, but feels that such a group might be responsible for KING's death.

In view of SCHAUB's poor character, and history of unreliability, no further action is being taken.

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Date: 6/20/68

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReNYtel to Bureau, 6/18/68.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are an original and five copies of an LHM setting forth review of NYO indices for KEITH EDWARD ROBERTS and JOHN JOSEPH CAPELLO.

For the information of the Bureau, the following files were in support of the information contained in the LHM:

KEITH EDWARD ROBERTS - NYO - 10590488

Bureau reference - Bulet to NY, 8/28/67
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TO : (Attn: SA's RICHARD E. LONG, DIA, SIX)
DIRECTOR, FBI

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

June 20, 1968

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Mr. Roberts was then employed as a mail and file clerk at the Brooklyn Army Terminal and used the name Keithley Edwin Roberts. As a result of irrational actions while at work in 1964, he was examined at the United States Public Health Service and it was concluded that he was the subject of "Schizophrenic Reaction", which was no reason for separation if the employing agency would tolerate his behavior.

In 1965, he was escorted to the Kings County Hospital in handcuffs for examination following the writing of an irrational letter to a General Montgomery. It was concluded at the Kings County Hospital that there was no evidence of physical or psychotic abnormalities on the part of Roberts.

Roberts was listed as living at 393 Bradford Street, Brooklyn, New York. He was married and had a six year old son in 1965. He was married seven years in 1965, and his wife's name was Celestia.

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ADD: 146-06 Liberty Ave., Jamaica N.Y.

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ENCLOSURE

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Keith Edward Roberts;
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TO : MR. D. J. BRENNAN, JR. *DR*

DATE: 6/20/68

FROM : R. H. HAYNES *RHH*

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 6/18/68, Mr. William Morgan, Personnel Office, Defense Communications Agency (DCA), telephone: Code 11, Extension 41052, advised that a Miss Jo Ann Lambert of DCA advised him that she saw a person whom she believed may have been James Earl Ray at Dulles International Airport on May 5, 1968.

Morgan described Miss Lambert as a responsible individual, and he wanted to pass this information on in the event it might have some significance to the Bureau's investigation of this case. In the event an interview of Miss Lambert is desired by the Bureau, she may be contacted through Mr. Morgan.

ACTION:

For the information of the Civil Rights Section.

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1-Mr. McGowan
1-Liaison
1-Mr. Haynes

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I-MR. HAYNES
I-MR. TOLSON
I-MR. MCCORD

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For the information of the Staff Rights Section.

ACTION:

Mr. Tolson.

Mr. Tamm is dealing with the Bureau, and may be contacted
investigation of this case. In the event an interview of
event it might have some significance to the Bureau, a
individual, and he wanted to have this information on in the
Morgan described this Tamm as a responsible

May 2, 1968.

been given FBI and it might be information without on
suggested that are not a Bureau from are received may have
Extension 41025, suggested that a letter to you Tamm of DCV
Defense Communications Agency (DCA), telephone: Code 11.

On 5/18/68, Mr. William Morgan, Personnel Office,

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B. H. HAYNES

MR. D. J. BUREAU, JR.

5/30/68

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1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. McGowan

TO: SAC, Kansas City
FROM: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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RE *mc King*
FOR REVIEW AT *rbm* AND/OR *blm* BY
IN *mc* RE REQUEST DATED 5-3-78...
(SEE BUFILE 62-117200)

Unless already completed, Kansas City, at Missouri State Prison, will interview the warden to ascertain whether any information has ever come to his attention concerning the existence of a Cooley Organization.

It is possible sources available to the warden including persons assigned in various capacities to the Missouri State Prison furnished information to the warden which may have been obtained by them in connection with their contacts with various inmates of the prison.

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REP
NOTE: Through interviews of former prison inmates of the subject, we received information on rumors that a Cooley Organization exists at Missouri State Prison and this is an underground type of operation which furnishes assistance of an illegal nature to convicts both inside and outside the prison. We are still endeavoring to account for the subject's source of funds and to date we have not learned of his sources of funds, nor have we been able to ascertain any concrete information regarding the Cooley Organization. Kansas City, if not already done, is being requested to interview the warden concerning the existence of a Cooley Organization which may assist in tracing subject's source of funds.

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which was seized in this case, subject, a notice of inquiry.
Michigan concerning the existence of a covert organization
it was stated that the report indicated to the Michigan
information regarding the covert organization. Kansas City,
inquiry was made we have been able to ascertain any concrete in-
of inquiry and to date we have not received any notices, or
the still indicating the subject for the subject, a notice
nature to contacts both inside and outside the prison. We
type of operation which indicates assistance of an interest
exists at Missouri State Prison and this is an underground
we received information on rumors that a covert organization
NOTE: Through interviews of former prison inmates of the subject,

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with various inmates of the prison.
obtained by them in connection with their contact
information to the Michigan which may have been
submitted to the Missouri State Prison inmates
which including persons residing in Austin
it is possible notices submitted to the

organization.
his attention concerning the existence of a covert
suspicion against and information has been come to
Missouri State Prison, with interest the Michigan to
interests completely completed, Kansas City, of

WALKIN

FROM: Director, FBI (44-38861)

TO: SAC, Kansas City

(SEE BUFILE 65-111500)
TO WASH DC DIRECTOR BUREAU
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9-45 PM URGENT 6-21-68 WPK

TO DIRECTOR, CINCINNATI AND MEMPHIS (PLAINTEXT)

FROM NEW YORK 44-1689 2P

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**URGENT CALL TO BUREAU SIX TWENTY ONE, SIXTY EIGHT.
ROBERT SIMON, CBS-NEWS, NY, NY, TELEPHONICALLY**

FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AT EIGHT PM THIS DATE-

**MR. SIMON STATED AT SIX TWENTY AM, SIX TWENTY ONE,
SIXTY EIGHT A TELEPHONE CALL WAS RECEIVED BY CBS-NEWS FROM
HAMILTON, OHIO. THE CALLER IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS COLE AND STATED
"I THINK IT'S ABOUT TIME I BROKE THE NEWS. I WAS WITH
JAMES EARL RAY ON JANUARY FIFTH, SIXTY EIGHT AT WINCHESTER,
VIRGINIA. WHEN QUESTIONED FURTHER COLE JUST REPEATED SAME
STATEMENT.**

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STATEMENT.

VIRGINIA. WHEN QUESTIONED FURTHER COLE JUST RECALLED SOME
THINGS ABOUT MAY ON JANUARY EIGHT SIXTY EIGHT AT WINCHESTER.
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RECALLED TO BUREAU SIX TWENTY ONE SIXTY EIGHT.

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FROM NEW YORK 44-1000 SB

TO DIRECTOR, CINCINNATI AND MEMPHIS (67-11111)

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COLE BEFORE HANGING UP FURNISHED HIS PHONE NUMBER AS AREA CODE FIVE ONE THREE - EIGHT NINE FIVE - NINE EIGHT SEVEN EIGHT.

SIMON ADVISED CBS DETERMINED THIS WAS A GOOD NUMBER FOR HAMILTON, OHIO AND THE ADDRESS WAS ONE THREE SEVEN NORTH SECOND STREET, HAMILTON, OHIO.

CBS TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED COLE AFTERNOON SIX TWENTY ONE, SIXTY EIGHT AND HE ADMITTED MAKING PRIOR CALL. COLE ADMITTED TO CBS THAT HE HAD BEEN DRINKING AT TIME PREVIOUS CALL MADE. COLE STATED HE WAS HITCH HIKING IN THE VICINITY OF WINCHESTER, VIRGINIA, ON ONE FIVE SIXTY EIGHT WHEN HE WAS PICKED UP BY A TRUCK. COLE STATES HE BELIEVES THE DRIVER OF THIS TRUCK WAS IDENTICAL WITH JAMES EARL RAY. COLE FURTHER STATED THE DRIVER HAD A GUN AND WHEN A CAR LOAD OF NEGROES ATTEMPTED TO PASS THE TRUCK, THE DRIVER BECAME

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UPSET AND TOOK THE GUN OUT. SIMON SAID COLE CAN DESCRIBE THE GUN.

MR. SIMON SAID CBS-NEWS WAS TAKING NO
FURTHER ACTION ON ABOVE INFORMATION AND FURNISHED SAME TO
THIS BUREAU FOR ANY ACTION DEEMED ADVISABLE.

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AT HAMILTON, OHIO. ONE) WILL LOCATE AND THOROUGHLY
INTERVIEW COLE, ONE THREE SEVEN NORTH SECOND STREET, OBTAIN
FULL FACTS REGARDING INCIDENT OF JANUARY FIVE, SIXTY EIGHT AT
WINCHESTER, VIRGINIA.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN.

RE SI TEL TO BUREAU JUNE TWENTY LAST.

SI ONE SIX ONE FOUR DASH C TO DATE UNABLE TO VERIFY
RESIDENCE HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON AT FOURTH STREET ALTON
ABOUT TIME OF BR AT BANK OF ALTON. INFORMANT CONTINUING
INQUIRY INSTANT MATTER.

HAZEL DREW, MOTHER OF CAROLYN WYATT, STATES CAROLYN
NOT IN ALTON AT THIS TIME. DUE TO RETURN EARLY NEXT WEEK.
WILL BE INTERVIEWED AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY.

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TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) 4P

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MURKIN.

RE MEMPHIS RADIOGRAM TO BUREAU AND LOS ANGELES JUNE TWENTYONE LAST.

JOSEPH M. MARKS HAS CONTACTED THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE NUMEROUS OCCASIONS SINCE MARCH TWENTY, FIFTY-FOUR. LOS ANGELES INDICES CONTAIN NUMEROUS REFERENCES TO HIM.

HE CLAIMS TO BE LICENSED PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR AND HAS ALSO BEEN EMPLOYED AS REALTOR IN THE APPLE VALLEY, CALIFORNIA AREA.

IN GENERAL, MARKS HAS ENGAGED IN LEGAL BATTLE FOR PERIOD OF YEARS WITH THOMAS P. AND ANNA MARIE ROSE AND THEIR ASSOCIATES OVER PROPERTIES AND OTHER CIVIL MATTERS. MARKS HAS CLAIMED THAT HE HAS NOT RECEIVED SATISFACTION IN STATE COURTS IN THESE MATTERS AND MANY OF HIS CONTACTS WITH THIS OFFICE HAVE RELATED TO THESE THINGS. AS THEY HAVE BEEN MATTERS ON WHICH THIS BUREAU HAS NO JURISDICTION, NO ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN IN THESE AFFAIRS BY THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE.

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ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, MARKS HAS BEEN INTERVIEWED PERSONALLY BY BUREAU AGENTS. IN GENERAL, HE RELATES THESE MATTERS IN A RAMBLING AND INCOHERENT MANNER. HE HAS BECOME ABUSIVE, DEMANDING AND HAS GIVEN EVIDENCE OF BEING UNSTABLE. OTHER INDIVIDUALS INTERVIEWED ABOUT HIM HAVE DESCRIBED HIM VARIOUSLY AS A "NUT" AND A MENTAL CASE.

HE HAS ON AT LEAST ONE OCCASION TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. AND HAS, AT VARIOUS TIMES, CONTACTED THE U. S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA ABOUT THESE SAME MATTERS.

ON OCTOBER SEVEN, SIXTY-FOUR, HE WAS ARRESTED BY THE SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA POLICE DEPARTMENT AS A RESULT OF FELONY COMPLAINTS FILED AGAINST HIM BY MR. AND MRS. ROSE (SUPRA). ON NOVEMBER THIRTEEN, SIXTY-FOUR, HE WAS INTERVIEWED AT THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE AT WHICH TIME HE CLAIMED HIS CIVIL RIGHTS HAD BEEN VIOLATED REPEATEDLY AS A RESULT OF THIS ARREST BY THE SANTA MONICA POLICE DEPARTMENT AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

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IN THE ABOVE MATTER, AS WELL AS IN OTHER STATE AND LOCAL PROCEEDINGS IN PAST YEARS, MARKS HAS CAUSED SUBPOENAS TO BE ISSUED FOR VARIOUS SPECIAL AGENTS OF THIS OFFICE AND ALSO OF TWO SPECIAL AGENTS IN CHARGE OF THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE.

CONSIDERABLE BACKGROUND INFORMATION HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN FURNISHED TO THE BUREAU RELATIVE TO JOSEPH M. MARKS. CERTAIN OF THIS INFORMATION IS CONTAINED IN LOS ANGELES AIRTEL TO BUREAU DATED OCTOBER FIFTEEN, SIXTYFOUR, CAPTIONED, "UNSUB; UNKNOWN OFFICERS, SANTA MONICA POLICE DEPARTMENT AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE; JOSEPH MORRIS MARKS DASH VICTIM DASH CIVIL RIGHTS" (LOS ANGELES FOUR FOUR DASH ONE ZERO THREE ZERO DASH FOUR). IN ADDITION, THIS COMMUNICATION IDENTIFIES FOR THE BUREAU SEVERAL OTHER LOS ANGELES COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BUREAU, ALL CONTAINING ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION RELATING TO MARKS.

ATTEMPTS WERE MADE ON JUNE TWENTYTWO INSTANT TO INTERVIEW MARKS AT HIS BUSINESS ADDRESS, ONE EIGHT TWO ONE ZERO SHERMAN WAY, RESEDA, CALIFORNIA, AND ALSO AT RESIDENCE ONE EIGHT FOUR TWO FOUR COLLINS STREET, TARZANA, CALIFORNIA. THESE EFFORTS WERE NEGATIVE.

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MARKS' LANDLADY STATED THAT MARKS CLAIMS TO BE AN INVESTIGATOR FOR VARIOUS LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES. SHE STATED THAT SHE CONSIDERS MARKS TO BE MENTALLY DISTURBED.

CONTINUING ATTEMPTS WILL BE MADE TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW MARKS. BUREAU AND MEMPHIS WILL BE ADVISED.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (PP.1)

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MURKIN

RE SI TEL TO BUREAU JUNE TWENTYONE, LAST.

HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON ARRESTED DURING PAST WEEKEND IN
POSSESSION OF STOLEN CUB CADET TRACTOR. INCARCERATED MACOUPIN
COUNTY JAIL. WILL BE INTERVIEWED.

SI ONE SIX ONE FOUR - C REPORTS NO SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS
ON INQUIRIES BUT CONTINUING EFFORTS.

CAROLYN WYATT HAS NOT RETURNED ALTON TO DATE.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) ATLANTA (44-2386) BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

NEWARK, NEW YORK & PHILADELPHIA

FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) 2P

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RE SAN FRANCISCO AIRTEL JUNE THREE LAST.

AIRTEL NOT FURNISHED NEWARK, NEW YORK AND PHILADELPHIA.

RE: BRUCE IRWIN GOVERN, AKA.

Un

ROBERT LAWRENCE RUSSELL, AKA ROBERT LAWRENCE, FBI NUMBER EIGHT NINE TWO DASH ONE FOUR FOUR A, INTERVIEWED SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY JAIL JUNE FOUR, LAST, STATED HE HAD WRITTEN FOUR PAGE LETTER ADDRESSED TO BRUCE SET OUT IN RE AIRTEL. RUSSELL STATED THIS LETTER WAS A COMPLETE FABRICATION OF HIS IMAGINATION AND HE GAVE LETTER TO GOVERN WHO WAS A "HIPPIE," SEEMED TO BE ALL DOPED UP, AND WAS USING "SOMETHING" EVEN WHILE CONFINED TO SAN FRANCISCO JAIL.

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RE: ROBERT LAWRENCE RUSSELL.

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RUSSELL STATED HE HAD MET A JIMMY GALT IN NEW ORLEANS, LA., IN LATE APRIL OR EARLY MAY, SIXTYSEVEN. HE OBSERVED THE MOST RECENT PHOTOGRAPHS OF JAMES EARL RAY AND ADVISED THE PHOTOGRAPH WITH THE

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-100000)

SUBJECT: [Illegible]

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SUNGLASSES IN SHORT SLEEVE SHIRT DID NOT RESEMBLE THE MAN HE MET IN NEW ORLEANS. HD ADVISED THE PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY IN A BUSINESS SUIT RESEMBLED THE MAN HE MET IN NEW ORLEANS.

DURING THE ENTIRE INTERVIEW OF RUSSELL, HE APPEARED VAGUE, RAMBLING, INDECISIVE, INCOMPLETE, AND WHEN ASKED TO REPEAT HIS STORY SUFFICIENTLY SO AS TO WARRANT SKEPTICISM AS TO THE HONESTY AND ACCURACY OF HIS STATEMENTS. ^{VARIED}

SAN FRANCISCO CONTEMPLATES REINTERVIEW OF RUSSELL AFTER INFORMATION IS RECEIVED FROM OTHER OFFICES WHICH WOULD PERMIT THE INTERVIEWING AGENTS TO HAVE SOME AWARENESS OF HIS CREDIBILITY.

THE IDENT DIVISION IS REQUESTED TO FURNISH SAN FRANCISCO WITH A CURRENT IDENT RECORD FOR RUSSELL.

NEW YORK, NEWARK, AND PHILADELPHIA ARE REQUESTED TO FURNISH THIS OFFICE WITH ANY INFORMATION THEY HAVE WHICH WOULD PERMIT THIS OFFICE TO MAKE A DETERMINATION OF RUSSELL'S RELIABILITY AND CREDIBILITY.

SUTEL.

JAMES EARL RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

~~CORR - P 2 PARA 2 LINE 3 SHLD RD "VARIED HIS STORY, ETC"~~

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Robert
M. Steele
By *W. T. Moore* Time 3:56pm

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: June 12, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

1 - Mr. DeLoach 1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Rosen 1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Malley 1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. McGowan 1 - Mr. Sullivan

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This involves the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

An item has been appearing in the Toronto, Canada, newspapers as to a mysterious "Fat Man" who delivered an envelope to subject James Earl Ray while Ray was residing at 962 Dundas Avenue, West Toronto, during latter part of April and early part of May, 1968.

The mysterious "Fat Man" who identified himself as Robert McDouldton of Toronto, contacted Deputy Chief Simmonds, Toronto PD, (National Academy) with his wife and explained that in May of this year he had used a public telephone booth in the vicinity of Dundas Avenue and found an envelope which was addressed to Sneyd. He, thereafter, took this envelope to the address on Dundas Avenue and gave it to Sneyd in the presence of Sneyd's landlady. According to McDouldton, the envelope contained a Toronto postmark, no return address and he had the impression it contained some kind of application for a job. The landlady at Dundas Avenue viewed McDouldton and identified him as the "Fat Man" to whom she previously referred to in newspaper articles.

Officers of the Toronto Police Department and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police are satisfied that McDouldton, who has been employed as a salesman for a paint company in Toronto for the past eight years, is a reputable citizen and has no knowledge of or involvement with subject as Sneyd.

Two Department of Justice employees with the U. S. Bureau of Prisons contacted our Memphis Office and advised that they have been in Memphis for two days on instructions of the Attorney General counseling with local authorities concerning the security measures which may be needed in the event James Earl Ray is returned to Memphis. They stated they are in Memphis in an advisory capacity and desired to be helpful, and their purpose in contacting our office was to advise they were in the city and they would appreciate any suggestions our office may have in connection with handling of Ray. Our Memphis Office will make absolutely

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Memo to Mr. DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

no comments regarding the handling of security of Ray if and when he is returned to Memphis.

Tennessee State Attorney General Phil M. Canale contacted our Agent in charge in Memphis and advised he is not in agreement with Department Attorney John Rosenberg in regard to making efforts to obtain affidavits from Ralph M. ~~X~~ Carpenter. Carpenter is an employee at the company who sold binoculars to the subject and who is currently confined to a psychiatric hospital in Memphis. Canale was of the opinion that any extensive interviews with Carpenter may well lead to publicity regarding his incarceration and could have detrimental effect on the future of the case. Departmental Attorney Rosenberg contacted our Memphis Office and he advised that at the present time no interview will be attempted with witness Carpenter. *Town*

We have ascertained that the raincoat in possession of subject when he was arrested by London authorities in London, England, on June 8, 1968, was purchased at "Andy's Mens Shop" in Toronto, Canada, on May 6, 1968, and he paid for it with a \$50 Canadian bill. The wife of the store owner has identified subject as purchaser of this coat.

ACTION:

You will be kept advised of all pertinent developments.

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1:05 PM

June 20, 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. DE LOACH
MR. ROSEN
MR. BISHOP
MR. SULLIVAN

While talking to Attorney General Ramsey Clark on another matter, he asked how the James Earl Ray investigation looked now. I said I thought it was more or less stymied in legal technicalities in Great Britain as it has to go through a long process on extradition. I commented that, of course, the lawyer who has gone over to represent Ray is a former FBI Agent; that he is no good and was the attorney in the Mrs. Viola Liuzzo case, but, of course, we got convictions in that, but this lawyer has always been strongly pro-Klan. I said he was Mayor of Birmingham, Alabama, at one time and at that time he was a strong supporter of "Bull" Connor and I thought it significant that Ray should get a fellow who has certainly a strong smell of the Klan about him. I said he denies that he is a Klansman or that he ever attended any of their meetings and he claims he does not know how Ray came to ask for him as his lawyer. I said that Ray claims he read about him in the newspaper when he was in the penitentiary in Missouri. The Attorney General said he does not see how Ray would remember that. I agreed and told the Attorney General that the lawyer and his son, who is a partner, went over to England and we alerted our London Office to alert the British as to his background so they would know with whom they are dealing.

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The Attorney General asked how long ago the fellow was with the Bureau and I stated it must have been before the war. The Attorney General then asked how long he was with the Bureau and I told him about three years and that he then went into the practice of law and got into politics in Birmingham and, as I had said, he was a very strong supporter of "Bull" Connor in the use of police dogs, et cetera, in civil rights matters. I said he was the lawyer in the Liuzzo case and won in the local court and then it went to the Federal court on civil rights and he lost. I said he has made many public statements against Martin Luther King when King was living and he has strong animosity against King and against Kennedy. I said it was significant that he is the attorney selected by Ray to represent him in the trial in this country. I said

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he does not intend to ask for a change of venue if he is to be tried in Memphis. The Attorney General asked if we were getting any evidence that Ray had somebody helping him and supporting him and I told him none whatsoever. I said we were checking various lines as to Ray and Sirhan Sirhan in the Robert F. Kennedy case as to the mysterious woman in the pantry of the Ambassador Hotel and so far they have all fallen through. I said the girl in the Sirhan case has refused to take a lie detector test, but I thought the police were going to give her one although so far she has refused to take one. The Attorney General asked if this were the woman in the polka dot dress and I told him it was the one who claimed she saw the woman in the polka dot dress. The Attorney General said he had read the report on her and got the feeling she was unbalanced. I commented that she was seeking publicity.

I continued that we are also checking as to who was with Sirhan Sirhan at the rifle range when he was practicing with the revolver as well as persons with him when he bought the ammunition. I stated in these instances they were men.

I stated that in Ray's case, we have not found a single angle that would indicate a conspiracy. I said the only significant thing is the money he had and which he spent freely in paying bills and I thought that could have been obtained from a bank robbery. The Attorney General said that if we could show he robbed the bank at Alton, it would be helpful. I said we are working on that because he was paying his bills with \$50 bills up to his arrest. I said on the other hand he stayed at flop houses and never stayed at a first-class hotel but at the same time he spent, I thought, \$1200 or more in buying guns and the car, which I thought was \$1500, and then he took dancing lessons, bartender lessons, and lessons in picking locks, and that is why I think security is so exceedingly important not only in England but on the way back to this country and when he gets here.

The Attorney General commented that he hoped my men can bring him back and asked if that were satisfactory. I told him it was and that I would be strongly of the opinion, unless there is a compelling reason to the contrary, that he ought to be brought back by military plane; that I could not see any difference between a military plane, a Cunard liner, or Pan American; and on the Military plane we would have our Agents and have Ray confined with

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leg irons and handcuffs. I said he is a dangerous individual and is not a damn fool; that he is desperate and will make any effort to escape that he can. I said I thought he should be landed at the Naval airport in Memphis and not the regular airport. The Attorney General asked if we should have a representative of the Memphis Police Department on board or not, and I said I would not think so. I said I would think we would be responsible for taking him from the British and arrange with Frank Holloman to have the Memphis Police at the airport in Memphis on arrival, but to do it almost on an "eyes only" basis so there will be no leak as to where or when he is coming in because we will be plagued by the press, as they are trying everything they can in England to get a line on when he is being moved. I said I noted the lawyer says he expects to be advised exactly when and where he will depart. The Attorney General commented that he will know when he gets in.

I said there is a military airport in London and I thought that is where the military plane should land if it goes from this country with absolute silence on the part of the Commanding General as to its departure; that the first knowledge in this country would come when he is delivered to the Memphis Police with sufficient time to get him into jail. I said the plane should arrive so as not to allow them to go through the city in the daytime but to arrive around 2:00 or 3:00 in the morning. The Attorney General said he was sure that was exactly right. I said otherwise there will be efforts to kill him if there is a conspiracy and if there is no conspiracy, the supporters of Dr. King will do everything in their power to kill him. I said the same thing is true in the case of Sirhan Sirhan in Los Angeles because the feeling on behalf of the Kennedy followers is so strong that they will have to take great precautions to see he is not killed. I said it would be a horrible thing as it would be charged it was done by the Federal Government or something like that and for that reason it must be very carefully handled both as to transportation of Ray from London and incarceration, if he is ever extradited as I think it is going to drag on for five or six weeks. I said what I am afraid of is that there is going to develop in this country criticism on the part of the British in getting this fellow back here. I said people have asked how soon he will be brought back and I have told them it is up to the British as it is not our responsibility as we have done everything so that he has legal representation.

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The Attorney General stated that Assistant Attorney General Fred Vinson, Jr., will be going back over to England Monday night as the Home Secretary and our Ambassador asked that he come back. He said that we have urged in every way that it be speeded up because of the strong feeling in this country about it.

The Attorney General asked then if I thought a military plane is better than leasing a commercial plane and I said I did because when you lease a commercial plane, you would have a crew, unless you put a military crew on it, but there would be no purpose putting a military crew on a commercial plane. I said I could not see any legal difficulty as the method of getting him back does not make much difference as to the legality of the thing or the image of it. The Attorney General commented that he had been thinking the other way. I said he is a dangerous man and has proven himself to be very clever as he headed for various parts of the world as I thought he was headed for Brussels to join the mercenaries and he had plans to go to Rhodesia and he was in Lisbon where he laid around for about a week and came back to London. I said the London Police have never been able to pick up what he was doing for the balance of the time. I said he is a slippery, shrewd individual and he is most contemptuous in manner and action with the prison authorities over there. I said another thing about the British is that they are not tight on security as they do not search a person unless he is convicted and they do not search anybody visiting someone in jail, but that is the old British procedure. The Attorney General commented that it is absolutely wrong. I said I thought any person visiting a prisoner ought to be searched. The Attorney General said he thought my men talked them into doing that. I said they finally did, but they always talk about traditions over there. The Attorney General commented that they were about as strict as anybody on those.

I said I thought we have a very serious problem in moving this fellow and we ought to do it with very carefully laid out plans and take him into the Naval airport in Memphis and arrange to turn him over to Holloman and then announce he is in the custody of the Memphis Police. The Attorney General said he hoped my men were working on that so we will be ready and I told him we were.