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WORK SHEET - XEROX REQUEST

SUBJECT - MARTIN LUTHER KING JR
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	(UNRECORDED)	MEMO TO SAC, MOBILE 7-12-68		2	2				✓								RELEASE
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	4853	AIRTEL TO JEN 7-16-77		5	5												
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

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ReMEairtel, 7/3/68, enclosing copy of letter dated 6/28/68, from CHARLES F. MAYER, Dallas, Texas, to LLOYD RHODES, Assistant Attorney General, Memphis, Tennessee; Citel to WFO, 7/2/64, captioned "COMMITTEE OF ONE MILLION CAUCASIANS TO MARCH ON CONGRESS" (CI 157-234); and WFOairtel to Director, 2/14/66, re HCUA Klan Hearings, RM (Klan) (copies to Cincinnati).

Enclosed for Cincinnati are two Xerox copies of referenced letter from CHARLES F. MAYER. Also enclosed is one copy of Part 5 of Activities of Ku Klux Klan Organizations, Hearings Before Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, 89th Congress.

Two copies of referenced airtel to Director, 2/14/66, re HCUA Klan Hearings enclosed for Memphis.

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3/14/68, re NCUA KLAN meetings enclosed for Memphis.
Two copies of referenced letter to Director,

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American Activities, House of Representatives, 88th
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121-330; and forwarded to Director, 3/14/68, re
of ONE MILLION CIRCULARS TO WYOM ON CONGRESS (CI
Tennessee; letter to MA, 1/13/68, captioned "CIRCULARS
TO FLOYD WOODS, Assistant Attorney General, Memphis,
dated 6/28/68, from CHARLES E. WALKER, Dallas, Texas,
Memphis, 1/13/68, enclosing copy of letter

MEMPHIS

RE: 242, MAO (44-103) (6)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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Referenced teletype indicates ELOISE WITTE head of Committee of One Million Caucasians to March on Congress, Cincinnati, in July, 1964.

Referenced WFO airtel, 2/14/66, re HCUA Klan Hearings, RM (Klan) (a copy enclosed for Memphis) contains information about ELOISE WITTE's testimony before HCUA on 2/14/66. This testimony included the following:

ELOISE WITTE, in 1966, an Empress of National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (NKKK) in Ohio. Also, WITTE considered "assassination letter" of WAGNER to be ridiculous and stated WAGNER had never discussed the detailed violence in that letter with her. ELOISE WITTE said she repeatedly told WAGNER the Klan did not believe in violence.

WFO indices reviewed and do not contain any information that ELOISE WITTE, 1654 Otte Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio, was interviewed concerning her testimony before House Committee on Un-American Activities on 2/14/66.

"Activities of Ku Klux Klan Organizations in the United States," Part 5, Hearings Before the Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, 89th Congress, Second Session, published by U.S. Government Printing Office in 1966, reviewed concerning testimony of ELOISE WITTE on 2/14/66 and RICHARD JOSEPH HANNA on 2/15/66.

Page 3543 of Mrs. WITTE's testimony contains the following:

Mr. MANUEL: "Did you ever make the statement to Mr. WAGNER that the Klan had hired a gunman for \$25,000?"

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Mrs. WITTE: "Heavens, no."

Mr. MANUEL: "Did you have any conversation with Mr. WAGNER regarding the appearance of MARTIN LUTHER KING at Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio?"

Mrs. WITTE: "No."

WITTE added that WAGNER read of this in newspaper, wrote a letter to WITTE, and phoned her about KING's appearance at Antioch College. DANNY WAGNER said he hoped WITTE would not be alarmed with him but he had some ideas he wanted to carry out. She added that WAGNER never told her what these plans were that he had for MARTIN LUTHER KING.

Page 3545 contains information from WITTE that Mr. MORRIS told her he had heard of a plot underfoot to do away with the President, Mr. WITTE, ELOISE WITTE's husband, Mr. MORRIS, MARTIN LUTHER KING, and HUMPHREY. Mrs. WITTE said she did not know the above plot in a letter written by DANNY WAGNER. She described the plot as ridiculous and WAGNER, a psychopathic case. Mrs. WITTE said she did not furnish this information to law enforcement officers as she did not think WAGNER would carry through on anything as ridiculous as this. Mrs. WITTE thought WAGNER might have taken this method of retaliation for being denied membership in the Klan.

Mrs. WITTE stated she did not introduce WAGNER to W. A. DAVIS at National States Rights Party to put WAGNER in touch with a gun dealer.

Page 3631 contains portion of testimony of RICHARD JOSEPH HANNA on 2/15/66. HANNA said Mrs. ELOISE

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WITTE said "Mr. WAGNER to do some work for her. Mr. JOHNSON, if he needed assassination, Mr. WAGNER could do it." Mrs. WITTE added, "Right now, we are interested in other people." WITTE said "MARTIN LUCIFER COON" was one, according to HANNA. Above name described by HANNA as right wing expression for MARTIN LUTHER KING.

LEADS

CINCINNATI

AT CINCINNATI, OHIO.

1) Will ascertain if Mrs. ELOISE WITTE was interviewed by Bureau Agents concerning matters contained in her testimony before HCUA on 2/14/66, including possible assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

2) Forward enclosed copy of Part 5 of Activities of Ku Klux Klan Organizations, Hearings Before Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, to Memphis when interview of Mrs. ELOISE WITTE completed.



South Central Bell Telephone Company

BEN B. BROWN

Vice President and General Manager
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July 11, 1968

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Tele. Room	✓
Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20013

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you for your kind letter of July 1 commending T. Chandler Josey of my organization for assistance which he rendered to the Bureau recently. I appreciate very much your taking time out of your busy schedule to commend Chandler, and please be assured that he will know of this commendation.

I wanted to respond to your letter not only for Chandler's recognition, but also to tell you of my admiration for the organization which you founded and have led so efficiently through the years. Mrs. Brown worked for the FBI in Ed Scheidt's organization in Charlotte, North Carolina, for about three years, and I may be a little prejudiced. However, over the years it has been my good fortune to know and work with many of your agents throughout the country. They have all been of good character with a sincere dedication to their job.

During this period of change and restlessness, I know I speak for many people when I say we feel more secure knowing that the FBI is still in good hands.

Sincerely, REC-44

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Ben B. Brown
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: KW SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760)
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ReBuairtel to Kansas City, dated 7/9/68.

For information St. Louis, referenced airtel contained two copies of a letter from one CLIFFORD EDMONDSON, Veterans Hospital, Topeka, Kansas. This letter had been forwarded to the Bureau from the Department who had received the letter from United States Senator STUART SYMINGTON. The letter which was dated 6/8/68 and signed by CLIFFORD EDMONDSON stated in essence that he had served time in the United States Medical Center at Springfield, Missouri, and another prisoner named KENNETH LONG had at that time told him that a guard at the prison told him that he was a member of a group who would pay to have Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING killed. EDMONDSON indicated in his letter that LONG is now at Leavenworth.

Efforts were made to contact EDMONDSON at the Veterans Hospital, Topeka, Kansas, on 7/12/68, however, GLENN HENDERSON, the Assistant Registrar, Veterans Hospital, advised SA RALPH P. HUSTON that EDMONDSON had eloped from the hospital 6/13/68. He was discharged from the hospital on 6/14/68 against medical advice as a result of his elopement. His home of record was listed as 2800 East 40th, Kansas City, Missouri, and his mother was listed as Mrs. I. E. ADAMS, residence 1315 North Lynn, Independence, Missouri.

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Mr. HENDERSON advised that EDMONDSON had been incarcerated at the Medical Center for Federal Prisoners to serve a sentence received in a court-martial for the murder of a member of the United States Air Force. EDMONDSON's conviction however was subsequently reversed due to his mental capabilities at the time of the murder. EDMONDSON had Air Force Serial No. [REDACTED] and is described as a Negro male, date of birth [REDACTED].

LEADS

ST. LOUIS DIVISION

At St. Louis, Missouri

Will review the Air Force records pertaining to EDMONDSON, Air Force Serial No. [REDACTED] and report results to Kansas City. Bureau has instructed prompt handling.

KANSAS CITY DIVISION

At Springfield, Missouri

Will review records United States Medical Center re EDMONDSON.

At Kansas City, Missouri

Effort to locate and interview EDMONDSON will be held in abeyance pending results of record checks set forth above in view of possible mental abnormality on the part of EDMONDSON.

7/15/68

Airtel

1 - Mr. McDonough

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To: SACs Kansas City (44-760)
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From: Director, FBI (44-38861) — 4542

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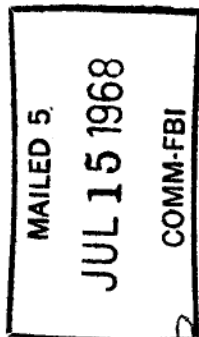
Unless other circumstances would preclude locating and interviewing Clifford Edmondson, you should do so immediately.

In light of his previous court martial for murder and his mental status, he should be approached with suitable caution.

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July 13, 1968

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

The requested information has previously been developed in connection with our investigation; however, it has not previously been disseminated to the Department since it pertained to the fugitive aspect of our investigation and had no bearing on the Federal violation involved. Pertinent information requested will be furnished to the Department.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Memorandum

July 12, 1968

TO : Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE:
FMV:AMP:cav
144-72-662

FROM : Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

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

MURKIN

Investigation in captioned matter disclosed that James Earl Ray, Inmate Number 00416, was confined in the Missouri State Penitentiary until his escape from that institution on April 23, 1967.

It is requested that the Bureau review the files of the Missouri State Penitentiary pertaining to Ray and summarize all references to his family background; education; physical, medical and psychiatric examinations; and disciplinary proceedings. It is also requested that the names of all visitors and persons with whom Ray corresponded be noted.

It is further requested that the Bureau furnish the Criminal Division with a copy of the arrest record of James Earl Ray.

EXP. PROC.

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-100000)
SUBJECT: [Illegible]

RE: NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU, JULY 12, 1968.
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

DATE: **July 16, 1968**

FROM : Director, FBI

ATTENTION: **Mr. Pollak**

SUBJECT: **JAMES EARL RAY;
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS**

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

There is enclosed one copy of the report of Special
Agent _____ dated _____
at _____.

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

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

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

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

E. ☐ Please advise whether you desire any further investigation.

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

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

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

Enc **NOTE: Reference is made to the letter from the Criminal
Division dated 7/12/68.**

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Enclosed is one copy each of the reports of Special Agent Raymond B. Howe dated 5/15/68 and 6/14/68 at Kansas City, Missouri. Also enclosed is a copy of the Identification Record on James Earl Ray.

Enclosed also is a copy of a telegram from the American Embassy, London to the Department of State dated 7/3/68, pertaining to the desire of Arthur J. Hanes to visit Ray in prison.

Copies of the enclosed are also being furnished to the Criminal Division, attention Mr. Vinson.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

DATE: **July 16, 1968**

FROM : Director, FBI

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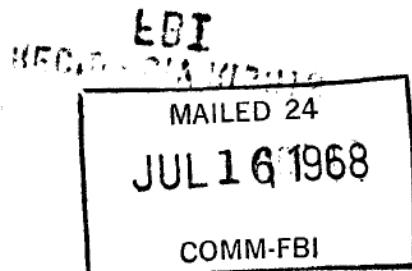
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You are requested to obtain copies of photographs taken of Ray at time of his arrest by British authorities in order that appropriate copies can be made for distribution by the Bureau to the field and RCMP by Legat, Ottawa, in connection with continuing bank robbery survey designed to ascertain if Ray responsible for any unsolved bank robberies in United States and Canada since his escape.

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Figure 1. The effect of the concentration of the *Agrobacterium* suspension on the transformation efficiency of *Agrobacterium* strains. The number of transformed cells was determined by the number of colonies obtained on the selective medium. The results are the mean of three independent experiments. Error bars represent standard deviation.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)
FROM MEMPHIS (44-1897) (2P)
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WEEKLY SUMMARY.

SHERIFF WILLIAM MORRIS, SHELBY COUNTY, MEMPHIS, TENN., ADVISED JULY ELEVEN LAST HE IS BOTH READY AND WILLING TO ACCEPT CUSTODY OF SUBJECT RAY IMMEDIATELY UPON HIS ARRIVAL HERE. SHERIFF MORRIS HAS MADE PLANS IN ANTICIPATION OF ASSUMING SUCH CUSTODY, AND IF SUBJECT IS RETURNED VIA AIR, HE WILL ASSUME CUSTODY IMMEDIATELY UPON LANDING.

PLANS HAVE BEEN MADE BY SHERIFF MORRIS TO HAVE A VIDEO TAPE MADE OF THE FACE AND VOICE OF EACH INDIVIDUAL ATTENDING THE RAY TRIAL AND IDENTITY CARDS WITH PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE ISSUED TO ALL ACCREDITED NEWSMEN.

SUBJECT'S BROTHERS, JOHN AND JERRY RAY, HAVE ARRIVED IN MEMPHIS. JERRY RAY ARRESTED BY MEMPHIS PD JULY NINE LAST AND CHARGED WITH DRUNK. CHARGES SUBSEQUENTLY DISMISSED AND JERRY RAY RELEASED.

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ON JULY NINE LAST, JOHN L. RAY RENTED P.O. BOX
NINE THREE EIGHT AT MAIN POST OFFICE, MEMPHIS TENN.,
GIVING HIS ADDRESS AS ONE SEVEN SIX LINDEN AVE., MEMPHIS.

RE RAYMOND CURTIS:

INVESTIGATION AT MEMPHIS REFLECTS THE NELL WILLEY IS
A FIFTYFIVE-FOOT STEEL-HULL, DIESEL-POWERED HOUSE BOAT WHICH
HAS BEEN OWNED BY MILLIONAIRE NURSERYMAN A. D. CARTWRIGHT,
JR., COLLIERVILLE, TENN., FOR PAST THREE YEARS AND HAS BEEN
DOCKED AT MEMPHIS YACHT CLUB DURING THAT TIME. THIS BOAT
USED ONLY TO ENTERTAIN CARTWRIGHT CUSTOMERS, IS OPERATED
BY CARTWRIGHT AND HIS SONS, AND IT TRAVELS NO MORE THAN TEN
MILES FROM THE DOCK ON THESE CUSTOMER EXCURSIONS.

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SINCE INVESTIGATION IS CONTINUING TO DETERMINE WHETHER
OR NOT SUBJECT RAY RESPONSIBLE FOR ROBBERIES THIS COUNTRY
AFTER HIS ESCAPE FROM MSP, IT IS SUGGESTED BUREAU OBTAIN
ARREST PHOTOGRAPHS FROM NEW SCOTLAND YARD AND FURNISH SAME
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Assistant Director Al Rosen returned my call to him. I told him that in talking with the Attorney General there were two problems. I stated it seems that Arthur Hanes, the lawyer, has been demanding of the Department of Justice that he be allowed to come back on the plane with James Earl Ray and I told the Attorney General I was absolutely opposed to that and it should not be allowed and he was going to have Assistant Attorney General Fred Vinson call Hanes and tell him.

I said that secondly, I would like Mr. Rosen to find out from Legal Attache John Minnich in London what happened today at the hearing in court so we will know exactly what the status is and if he, Minnich, thinks the plane should go over to England now and stand by -- whether the movement of Ray is imminent. I stated if it were not going to be ^{for} another week or ten days, there would be no reason to send it now, but if it were going to be in a few days, we would do it because we want to get the fellow out as fast as possible because Hanes apparently is going to London with the purpose of getting on the plane to return; that I did not think Hanes has any rights over in England, but he will probably try to put on a shyster act.

Mr. Rosen said that under normal conditions it takes 24 to 48 hours but under these circumstances the Home Secretary is going to keep it on his desk four days. Mr. Rosen said that Mr. Vinson was supposed to get in touch with the Minister who in turn would contact the Home Secretary and find out on an informal basis, and formally if necessary, just when the papers will be signed, assuming the final order will be put out on the 17th, which is the expiration of fifteen days. Mr. Rosen said that if that happens, the extradition order will be immediately signed and then, according to Vinson's information which he gave us, the Air Force needs 24 hours. Mr. Rosen said my ~~statement~~ ^{comment} made it even more important that we find out where we stand.

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(SEE BUFILE 62-117290)

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I told Mr. Rosen we want to get these ~~100~~ men of ours aboard the plane to go over to England and if the Air Force needs 24 hours advance notice, if that is their procedure, we will have to adhere to it, but we do not want Ray sitting around waiting for the arrival of the plane; if the plane can go there and stand by there and be ready to take off, it would not be held up.

Mr. Rosen asked if I would suggest he touch base with the Department to see if they have made plans to see that we won't be in the middle on the diplomatic issues. I stated I did not want Minnich to take diplomatic action but I thought he might know what the situation is and get his feeling as to whether the plane should be going on over. Mr. Rosen said he would give me a rundown on this from Minnich.

Very truly yours,

J. E. H.

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
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I returned an earlier call from Attorney General Ramsey Clark. The Attorney General stated there were two developments in the James Earl Ray case. He stated he received a letter from or signed "Sneyd" which he thought he had mentioned to me the other day and it was fairly difficult to understand it, probably purposely so; then he, the Attorney General, received a letter from Arthur Hanes, the lawyer, on Friday or maybe it was Monday, and it referred to the earlier letter from Sneyd, or James Earl Ray, and said he, ~~was~~ apprehensive about the return flight and requested permission to accompany Sneyd, or Ray, on the airplane. The Attorney General continued that Hanes had then called just before noon. The Attorney General stated that he has not been taking calls from him, but the man who had been taking the calls is out of town so he had his Executive Assistant, Sol Lindenbaum, take the call. Hanes said that he was en route to London leaving early in the afternoon and he was planning to waive extradition at this time and wanted to know whether he would be permitted to fly back on the plane with Sneyd, or Ray. Lindenbaum told Hanes that he had not talked this over with the Attorney General and he doubted very much that it would be possible, but if he would inquire later when he got to London, they would let him know.

The Attorney General stated he guessed this means two things: One, we will have to be prepared earlier than we thought to bring Ray back; and second, we need to make a decision as to whether we should permit Hanes to come on that plane.

I stated I did not think the latter ought to be done as he has no status officially other than being his attorney and in the letter which Ray wrote his brother asking that he get \$600 so Ray would have it to pay his lawyer, the brother apparently suggested this lawyer in Texas named Percy Foreman and Ray in his reply to his brother stated he would wait until he got back here and confer with Hanes as to any associate counsel as he wanted to get a prominent lawyer with whom Hanes could work so he would defer that decision until he got back to this country. I continued that in the letter to his brother, there

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was indication he might waive extradition and be back here soon. I stated that Hanes, of course, is retained by him tentatively with the expectation of another lawyer, although I doubt Hanes will agree to that because knowing his make-up, he will want to run the case himself. The Attorney General commented that he would guess letting him on the plane would bring him closer to Ray and it would be more difficult for Ray to get another lawyer if he wanted one. I stated also that it would allow him to carry on about his conversation with Ray or bring an objection by Hanes of not talking to him; that in other words, at that time, Ray is in the custody of FBI Agents and I do not believe anybody should be allowed to sit down and have a long conversation with him and Hanes would try to do it.

I continued that there is no reason why he should worry about the plane flight; in other words, if he is afraid the plane is going to fall, Hanes can't stop it and if he is convinced somebody is going to talk to Ray and get information, he could make a disturbance on that although one of the four men on the plane is the Supervisor of the case who knows all the angles so if Ray volunteered anything, we would have somebody who knows all the aspects and after telling Ray of his rights, Ray could answer if he so desired, but we are instructing our man to make no effort to question him. I stated also that Hanes when he got back would give a long interview as to what transpired on the plane and we are trying to keep it as quiet as we can with no publicity either in London or Memphis. The Attorney General stated that, of course, he would be in the way.

I stated he would be in the way and I did not think he has any right to be on the plane. The Attorney General stated he could not imagine that he has any right and, in fact, he could not remember any case when we are transporting a prisoner where the lawyer is allowed to accompany him. I said no lawyer, relative, or anybody outside the immediate officials are allowed to go with the prisoner. The Attorney General said this would be a bad precedent. I said it would be a very bad precedent and no doubt would be brought up in future cases and it is such an outstanding case it would certainly be a precedent seized upon by others. I said I felt no representative

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of the State of Tennessee should go along because there would be articles written or long interviews given about things that happened that never did happen, whereas with our own people, we have tight control and they won't say anything and we have indicated to the Sheriff in Memphis to keep his mouth shut, although I don't know if he will.

I told the Attorney General that I had sent him a memorandum on what the Sheriff's plans were in transporting Ray from the airport to jail; that I thought he had five armored cars and the officials, or officers, will be the same ones who will guard him in jail. I said they have also put up bullet-proof material in the cell block where he will be detained and there will be no other prisoners in the cell block, so I thought the security at Memphis was pretty well assured. I stated that as to the activity on the plane, I did not think there should be anybody on board; that, of course, the Air Force Doctor will be on board, but he is really a member of the crew and I thought it would be a bad precedent to set and with a fellow like Hanes, I thought it would be undesirable to make an exception, even if he were a high class person. The Attorney General said that if he were honorable, we might figure it would eliminate the question of coercion of force or anything. I said the doctor will be aboard, but he is an officer of the Air Force and, therefore, would be able to testify. I said the plan is to have Ray examined immediately upon boarding the plane at the airport in London before it takes off and before leaving the plane at the airport in Memphis. I said the Air Force doctor will do that.

The Attorney General said then that my feeling is that Hanes should be advised he may not come back on the plane and I told him I thought so definitely.

The Attorney General said they would tell him that and let me know, or perhaps Legal Attache Minnich in London would be the first to get the word, about the waiving of extradition and when he might be returned. I told the Attorney General that we would advise Minnich this afternoon that Hanes is going over to London.

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The Attorney General asked if we had any fear of Klan infiltration in the Sheriff's Office in Memphis and I told him no. I told him that the Prison Bureau has two men down there who are instructing the guards who will have Ray in custody in jail as to how to handle the custody of a prisoner considered dangerous and apparently they are going into the technical aspects of it. I said we have looked the jail over and talked to the Sheriff as to his plans on the removal of the prisoner from the airport to jail and the transportation there if the Sheriff is going to handle this. I said we did not tell him he was going to, but learned how it would be done if he were going to do it. I said he has no idea, of course, when the fellow will be coming in nor do we at the present time.

I said I thought we ought to get the plane over to London as rapidly as possible even if it has to stand by over there so the minute the proceedings are over we can get him aboard and out, particularly in view of Hanes going over because we do not know what kind of motions he can file in the British courts, although I doubted he could do anything, because he will do everything he can to try to raise questions. I said our relations with the Home Office and Scotland Yard are such that they will see the situation as we do.

The Attorney General said that maybe he better have Assistant Attorney General Fred Vinson call Hanes now and tell him he will not be allowed to return on the plane before he gets to England. I told him I thought so as he may not go as it is an expensive trip and he has no cash yet from Ray so far as we know because Ray was trying to get \$600 from his brother which, I think, was to be a kind of retainer fee for Hanes and if Hanes does not have any cash yet, he may not spend more money to make the trip to London. I said that so far as Hanes knows, he may be ready to depart at any time and I thought the sooner we move the departure up, the better. The Attorney General agreed and said he was not sure we know enough now to send the plane over now. He said he did not know where it was and I told him the plane is at Andrews Air Base. The Attorney General said also that I would want to send my men in it too. I told him I did and we have four men available to go over. I told him the reason I knew the plane is here is because Vinson sent over word to Assistant Director Rosen this morning that he thought they should go look the plane over so I presume it is at Andrews now and is being kept there.

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The Attorney General suggested that maybe I could find out from Mr. Minnich what happened at the hearing today and get his advise as to whether the plane should go over now. I told him I could do that.

The Attorney General said he had not talked to Assistant Attorney General Vinson and to let him talk to Vinson and then he would get back to me.

**Very truly yours,
J. E. H.**

**John Edgar Hoover
Director**

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)(P)

DATE: 7/12/68

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Milwaukee airtel to Bureau dated 6/19/68.

AT GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI

The following investigation was conducted by
SA DAVID P. HURLEY on 6/10/68.

DUDLEY RAMON, Identification Clerk, Gulfport
Police Department, advised they have the following
identification record for DELBERT RAYMOND HEEDERIK, who
was described as a white male, born :

<u>Date</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
7/29/64	Drunk and Vagrancy	\$15.00 fine on drunk charge and Vagrancy Nol Processed
2/14/66	Operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, test showed 18% alcohol	Charge reduced to reckless driving and fined \$110.00
6/21/67	Improper license	Charge dismissed

Mr. MIKE OBERLIE, son of the owner of Oberlie's
Radio and TV Company, Pass Road, advised he is personally
acquainted with DELBERT HEEDERIK who, according to their
records, was employed by them from November, 1966, until
September, 1967. He was a good repair technician; however,
he was an alcoholic and when they were rushed and working
fast, he could not stand the pressure and would become shaky
and start drinking. He said the reason they tolerated DELBERT

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HEEDERIK as long as they did was the fact that his father felt sorry for him. He said that one day he did not show up for work and that was the last they ever saw him. They received information from some source that he was deceased.

Mr. OBERLIE advised that he would be skeptical of any information furnished by HEEDERIK and would not consider him to be a reliable individual because of his use of alcoholic beverages.

Mrs. EVIE HOLDER, owner and manager of Holder's Hotel, 1801 22nd Avenue, advised she is personally acquainted with DELBERT HEEDERIK and he rented the front room on the second floor on the southeast corner, which would be Room 201, from them for a number of months. Since he was there for a number of months, she was unable to verify the exact dates of arrival or departure but did locate records showing that he was a guest in the hotel as of 4/26/67. She recalled that he came to them from Pass Christian, Mississippi, and he was later evicted by them. His eviction was the result of his drinking, which they do not tolerate in the hotel and the fact that he claimed he could not sleep and would play his radio and records all hours of the night. He was not the type guest they like to have in the hotel. She added that she could not state if any information furnished by him would be reliable or not but she would be inclined not to believe him and it would depend on his condition at the time he furnished the information, and whether he had been drinking.

Mrs. HOLDER further advised that she had located records showing that RICHARD KARR occupied Room 205 in the hotel as of 5/9/67. This room would have been two rooms down the hall from HEEDERIK's room.

She recalled that KARR was living at the hotel the same time as HEEDERIK and that they were also friendly with one another and would visit in each other's room.

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Complaints were received from other guests as to their misconduct. She further recalled that RICHARD KARR played a guitar during the time that he lived at the hotel. She had no information as to KARR's residence or employment at this time but did recall that he was originally from Beaumont, Mississippi, as that is her home town also. She said she did not know him or his parents during the time she lived in Beaumont, but during conversation with her he mentioned that he was from Beaumont and this fact stuck in her mind.

Inasmuch as RICHARD KARR's current whereabouts is not known at this time and since HEEDERIK's identification of JAMES EARL RAY was based upon a brief meeting with an unknown individual who did not identify himself approximately one year before the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY appeared in the paper, no further efforts are being made by the Jackson Division to locate KARR and attempt to identify the person with KARR in HEEDERIK's room, UACB. The fact that HEEDERIK was at the time an alcoholic and acquaintances of his at that time did not consider him reliable is of significance in evaluating his information.

One copy of this communication is being furnished the Milwaukee Division for their information since it is possible they may have further contacts with DELBERT HEEDERIK.

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

7/15/68

I talked with John Minnich, Legal Attache, London, re the attached information. He advises subject did send a letter to his sister and that he is obtaining a copy of this letter from the British authorities. This would seem to confirm information previously forwarded today that the appeal may not take place in this case and that, therefore, the extradition would be expedited.

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"CHICAGO DAILY NEWS" BLUE STREAK EDITION, JULY FIFTEEN
INSTANT CARRIES FRONT PAGE HEADLINE "RAY ADMITS HE IS SNEYD!"
ARTICLE RELATES PAPER OBTAINED COPY OF TWO PAGE HANDWRITTEN
LETTER FROM RAY TO A MARRIED SISTER WHO LIVES IN ST. LOUIS
SUBURB SIGNED "LORD R. G. SNEYD." UNDATED LETTER SENT FROM
LONDON'S HEATHFIELD ROAD PRISON WHERE RAY INCARCERATED. LETTER
WAS IN RESPONSE TO A LETTER SENT TO THE PRISON BY JOHN RAY,
A BROTHER ADDRESSED TO JAMES EARL RAY AT HEATHFIELD ROAD
PRISON. JOHN RAY IS CONVINCED LETTER IS GENUINE AND WAS SENT
BY RAY, DESPITE THE SIGNATURE, BASED ON HANDWRITING, LANGUAGE
OF THE LETTER AND PERSONAL COMMENTS. LETTER WRITTEN ON BLUE -
RULED STATIONERY BEARING PRISON LETTERHEAD. PUBLISHED PORTION
OF LETTER IS AS FOLLOWS: "DEAR JOHN, I WILL JUST WRITE YOU A
FEW LINES TO LET YOU KNOW EVERYTHING IS ALLRIGHT. I WILL
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ANYWAY, DON'T COME OVER, FOR ONE, YOU COULDN'T GET IN, ATTORNEY HANES COULDN'T, AND TWO, IT'S TOO EXPENSIVE.

ABOUT JUDGE CASEY WANTING TO REVERSE MY CASE, I DON'T WANT IT REVERSED I WILL EXPLAIN LATER, BUT YOU KNOW THEIR THINGS ARE NOT DOING ANYTHING TO BENEFIT ME.

IF YOU COULD, I WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO GIVE THE ATTORNEY ARTHUR HANES SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS YOU CAN GET SOME OF IT OFF JERRY AND I WILL STRAIGHTEN IT UP WITH YOU WHEN I GET BACK.

YOU MENTION PERCY FOREMAN. HE IS A GOOD ATTORNEY BUT I WILL WAIT UNTIL I GET BACK AS I WANT SOME ATTORNEYS WHO CAN WORK TOGETHER, SO I WILL LET HANES DECIDE ON SOMEONE HE THINKS WOULD BE BEST.

I COULD APPEAL MY EXTRADITION HEARING BUT I AM GETTING TIRED OF LISTENING TO THESE LIARS, SO I MIGHT CLOSE IT UP ABOUT TUESDAY.

LORD R. G. SNEYD."

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SECTION OF LETTER REFERRING TO PERSONAL FAMILY MATTERS
DELETED AT REQUEST OF FAMILY.

JOHN RAY FEELS LETTER CONSTITUTES "STRONG EVIDENCE"
HIS BROTHER DID NOT KILL DOCTOR KING FOR HE WOULD NOT CON -
SIDER SIGNING EXTRADITION PAPERS.

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To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Date: **July 16, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN**
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