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: Mr. DeLoach

FROM

: A. Rose

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: July 25, 1968

1 - Mr. DeLoach

1 - Mr. Rosen

1 - Mr. Malley

1 - Mr. McGowan

1 - Mr. Long

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This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The city editor of the "Greensboro Record", a daily Greensboro, North Carolina, newspaper, has advised that his newspaper operates a "hot line" column which appears in every edition. The voices of persons calling on the "hot line" are recorded on a tape and sometime in the morning of July 23, 1968, a male called and furnished the following information: "I'd rather not give my name under the circumstances because I know James Earl Ray is innocent because at the time he was in Greensboro with me but I knew he was a fugitive. I cannot get involved. If the hot line would like to carry on further, put it in the paper and I will call you back again and if you will keep my name confidential from the police, so I cannot get involved, I can prove Earl Ray did not kill or assassinate you know who."

The city editor advised he did not plan to publish this item unless it would be of value to law enforcement. It is noted that it has been established the subject James Earl Ray registered at the Rebel Motel in Memphis on April 3, 1968, was identified as purchasing a pair of binoculars in Memphis on the afternoon on April 4, 1968, and a witness places him at a rooming house in Memphis on April 4, 1968.

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We have been advised by a confidential racial source that on 7/14/68, Robert M. Shelton, Imperial Wizard of the United Klans of America, Inc., had a meeting at Birmingham, Alabama, with Arthur Hanes, Attorney for James Earl Ray. This source advised that the meeting lasted approximately one half hour, and he is not aware of the subject matter discussed.

### RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the tape be obtained in order that a voice comparison may be made by the FBI Lab-oratory at some later date in the event this would become necessary, and that no investigation be conducted to identify the anonymous caller.

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> While having lunch at Hammel's on 7/25/68, Jim McShane, Chief, U. S. Marshal's Office, Department of Justice, asked if he could sit at my table for a few minutes. I told him to sit down.

McShane told me that he wanted to express the deep resentment that he and all US Marshals felt over the fact that the FBI had brought James Earl Ray from London to the US. He stated this was logically a job for the US Marshals and that, while he had always meticulously adhered to the premise that the Marshals should never infringe on FBI jurisdiction, yet the FBI had certainly infringed on the Marshals' responsibilities in this instance. McShane also told me that he had discussed this matter with Fred Vinson and planned to mention it to the Attorney General.

I told McShane that it appeared his complaint was being misplaced, inasmuch as this was something he should discuss with the AG. I told him that, although the AG made the final decision, I wanted McShane to definitely realize that I personally was glad that the FBI had brought the subject back to the US. I stated this was a highly important case, very technical and complex in nature, and if this man had started discussing the aspects of the case with marshals, the marshals would have definitely been completely lost.

McShane replied that he personally had brought a subject back from overseas in a previous important case. I told him I remembered this, inasmuch as this particular subject had gotten away from him and had succeeded in slashing his wrists. McShane laughed and admitted this. REC 5 44-30/6/

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know of his feelings. He stated he did not care whom I told of his complaint. I stated it made little difference to me whom he complained to; however, once again, if he desired to lodge a complaint regarding the policy involved in the return of the subject, he should discuss this with the AG and not the FBI. He stated he planned to do this. He then left my table.

The Director was advised of this matter on 7/26/68.

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7/28/58, by Beagent, and furnished the lollowing: McCUIRE was contacted at Poole Funeral More,

arrived in hembhit with a load about 2:30 p.m. in his shot in Memohis" (exact date unrecalled by McGUIRE), McGUIRE presently on route to Los Angeles. On "the day Wike get He is employed as lease truck driver by Transcor Co., and angeles, telephone 827-3581, with his wife and children. McCUIRE said he lived ob CMF Alameda St., Mass

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tractor-trailer, ep/route to Los Angeles. He was accompanied by a helper, JAMES THOMPSON, 1237 Abilene St., Sioux Falls, South Daketa. He barked the tractor-trailer near "3rd and Vance," near the Goodyear Tire Company and also near the "Queen Anne" Motel. He had to wait in Memphis to pick up some freight bills. Between 2:30 p.m. and about 5:45 p.m. he and THOMPSON, in the trailer, drank at least a pint of Seagram V.O. Whiskey, with at least three or four beers. (McGUIRE also advised that prior to contacting the FBE on 7/26/68, he had drunk a "couple of pints of whiskey. I drink a couple of pints every day.") At 5:45 p.m., McGUIRE checked into Room 337 or 347, "on the second floor" of the Lorraine Motel, where he was supposed to meet his "ex-wife," EVELYN JOHNSON, who lives in the 400 block of South Arlene St., Memphis. JOHNSON never kept the date.

About 6:00 p.m., McGUIRE observed MARTIN LUTHER KING arrive at the metel in a black Cadillac driven by a chauffeur and accompanied by a couple of other associates. KING walked up the stairs from the parking lot to the second floor balcony, where McGUIRE said "Hello." At the time McGUIRE was standing on the balcony looking out towards the parking lot, "just standing, looking, like Negroes do." KING said "Hello" to McGUIRE, as he recognized McGUIRE. McGUIRE said, "I seen him all over the world - he knew me." KING entered the room next door to the room occupied by McGUIRE and stayed in there for at least an hour, perhaps 90 minutes. At that time, KING came out of this room and McGUIRE was just leaving his room to go eat dinner. The chauffeur called up to KING to get a topcoat, as it was getting cool. KING walked back into his room and came out carrying a "brown beige topcoat over his left arm. I'll never forget that topcoat." McGUIRE was looking towards KING when he heard "two shots" come from his left. immediately looked to his left and saw the "flash" come from the second floor of a building located next to the Goodyear store building, a distance of not more than 75 feet. McGUIRE did not see who fired the shots. He then looked back and saw KING lying on the floor. About then, a white man came up and put a sheet over KING.

McGUIRE then immediately left the motel and walked over to Main Street, near the "Goldstein store," where he

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observed a pistol on the street. About then, a white policeman picked up the pistol and put it in his squad car.

From there, McGUIRE went to the Queen Anne and drank until 3:00 a.m., when he went to his tractor-trailer parked hearby and went to sleep. At 8:00 a.m. the next day, he and THOMPSON left and drove back to Los Angeles. He stated he never returned to the Lorraine Metel, and had not taken any personal effects with him when he went there originally to meet his "ex-wife." McGUIRE said he was told several times after this by friends (whom he would not identify) that he would be in danger if he told what he knew, and that he had not told anyone what he knew and what he saw until his interview 7/28/88 by the FBI. After telling some Birmingham friends, they told him to contact Mr. ERNEST POOLE, who could give him the proper advice and put him in contact with the proper authorities:

FD-302 follows:

Any leads based on the information furnished by McGUIRE being left to discretion of origin in view of the many and obvious discrepancies.

Information copy being furnished Los Angeles in view of McGNIRE's residence and employment there.

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TO

Director, FBI (44-38861)

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Reliable sources at the Shelby County Jail have advised that subject RAY has had no additional contact, either personal or by mail, with JESSE B. STONER. It is also pointed out that there is no National States Rights Party activity within the Memphis Division.

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AND RECEIPT GIVEN. ALEXANDER ADVISED THAT SUBSEQUENT TO

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RE SPRINGFIELD TEL TO BUREAU JULY THIRTY, LAST.

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CAPTAIN EBERT GRIMES, EAST ALTON PD, ADVISED HE RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM INFORMANT THAT RAY DEFINITELY NOT INVOLVED IN BR AT ALTON: THAT BR COMMITTED BY ROBERT L. STANTON AND JACKIE LEE CRIDER: THAT STANTON KILLED CRIDER IN DISPUTE OVER SPENDING LOOT. FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU, STANTON SHOT AND KILLED CRIDER LATTER INFORMATION BEING FOLLOWED CLOSELY AND IN JUNE, LAST. BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF RESULTS.

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On 7-25-68, FRANK GOODPASTURE, JR., Goodpasture Motor Company, Bristol, Va., advised he has known JOHN A. JENSEN, aka "Buddy," General Motor Service and Truck Company, 386 State Street Extension, Fairfield, Conn., since 1959 and he has always found him to be a person of high morals, character and reputation. He said he attended the dinner at the Americana Hotel, Miami Beach, Fla, during the conference of the National Automobile Dealer Association, truck meeting, that JOHN A. JENSEN was present and he heard JENSEN was making remarks concerning segregation, however, since the remarks were not made to him, he could not recall any definite statements he may have made. He gathered from the remarks that JENSEN had some feelings regarding segregation as there had apparently been some trouble in Fairfield, Conn. He did not feel that JENSEN meant anything by his remarks and he put no significance in them, as he had been drinking. He recalled that ARTHUR IRWIN, Irwin GMC Inc., GMC dealer, Lima, Ohio, was present, as well as BILL WILSON, General Truck Sales, Murfreesboro Road, Nashville, Tenn., and ROBERT C. CALLAHAN, Goode Motor Co., Bristol, Tenn. After the meeting he, WILSON and IRWIN made a trip to Jamaica and they discussed the remarks of JENSEN and they put no significance to them. He said that if JENSEN is contacted he is sure he could explain his remarks.

No further action being taken in this matter and copies are being furnished to interested offices in case further inquiry is made regarding this matter.

SAC, Los Angeles

August 1, 1968

Director, PBI REC 8244-38861-4975 1 - Mr. Schutz
1 - Mr. Martindale

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Re Richmond airtel dated 7/26/68, captioned as above.

Arthur Irwin, Lima, Ohio, and Bill Wilson, Nashville, Tennessee, both of whom were allegedly present at the time remarks attributed to Buddy Jensen were made, should immediately be interviewed and a determination made as to what, in fact, transpired.

New Haven should be advised of results and immediately thereafter Jensen should be interviewed in detail.

Submit results of interviews in 302 form to both Memphis and Los Angeles for inclusion in their respective cases.

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This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The following original documents were obtained from the Special Agents who were responsible for transporting James Earl Ray from London, England, to the United States:

1. The flight logs concerning Ray's activities while in flight.

- 2. The custody logs concerning Ray.
- 3. The notes of the physician who conducted the physical examination of James Earl Ray.
- 4. The Presidential order requesting James Earl Ray be extradited to the United States.
- 5. Six (6) photographs of James Earl Ray taken on the airplane.

## RECOMMENDATION:

That the above original documents be made part of the Bureau file and retained in the files at the Seat of Government. Memphis has been provided copies of the above.

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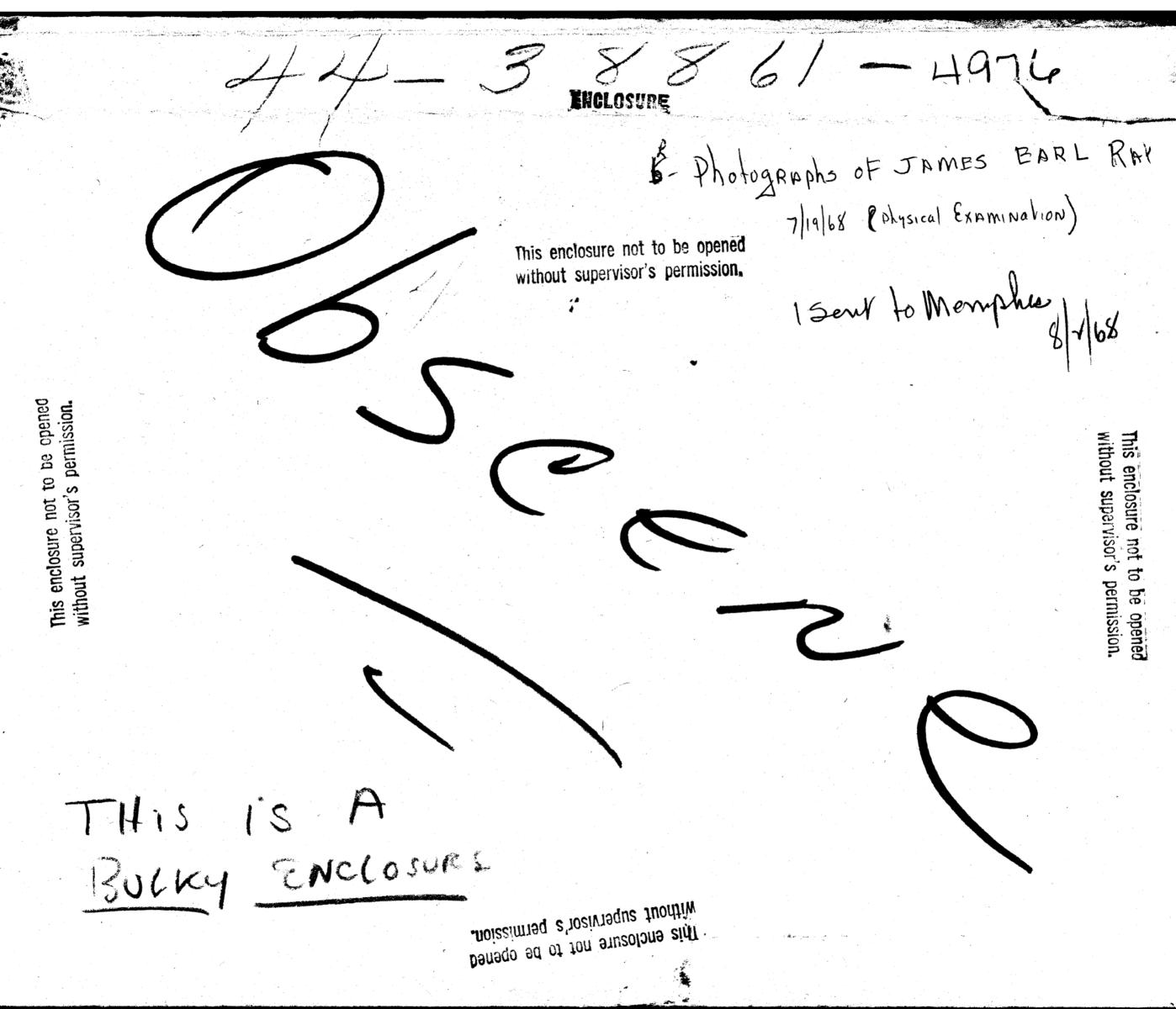
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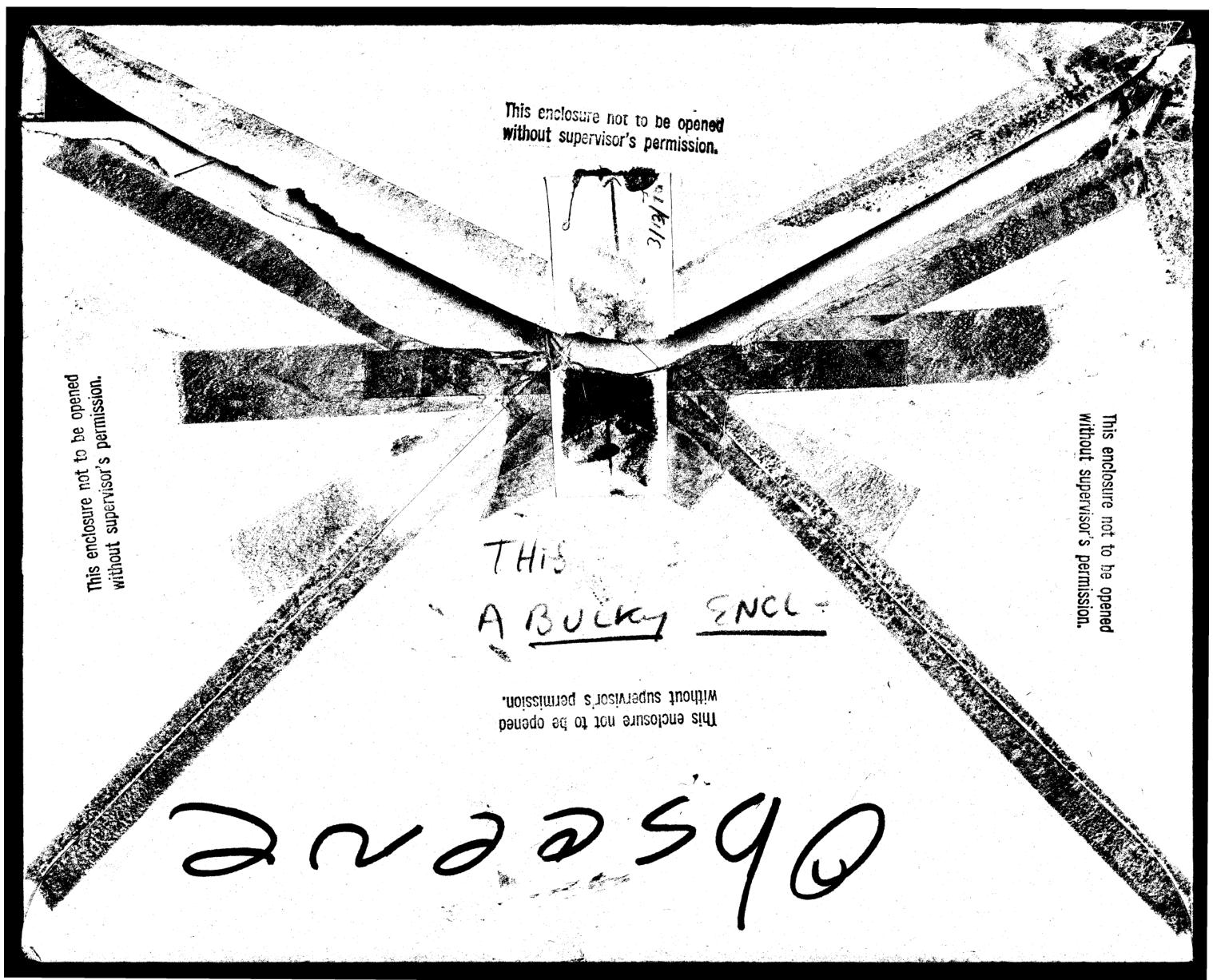
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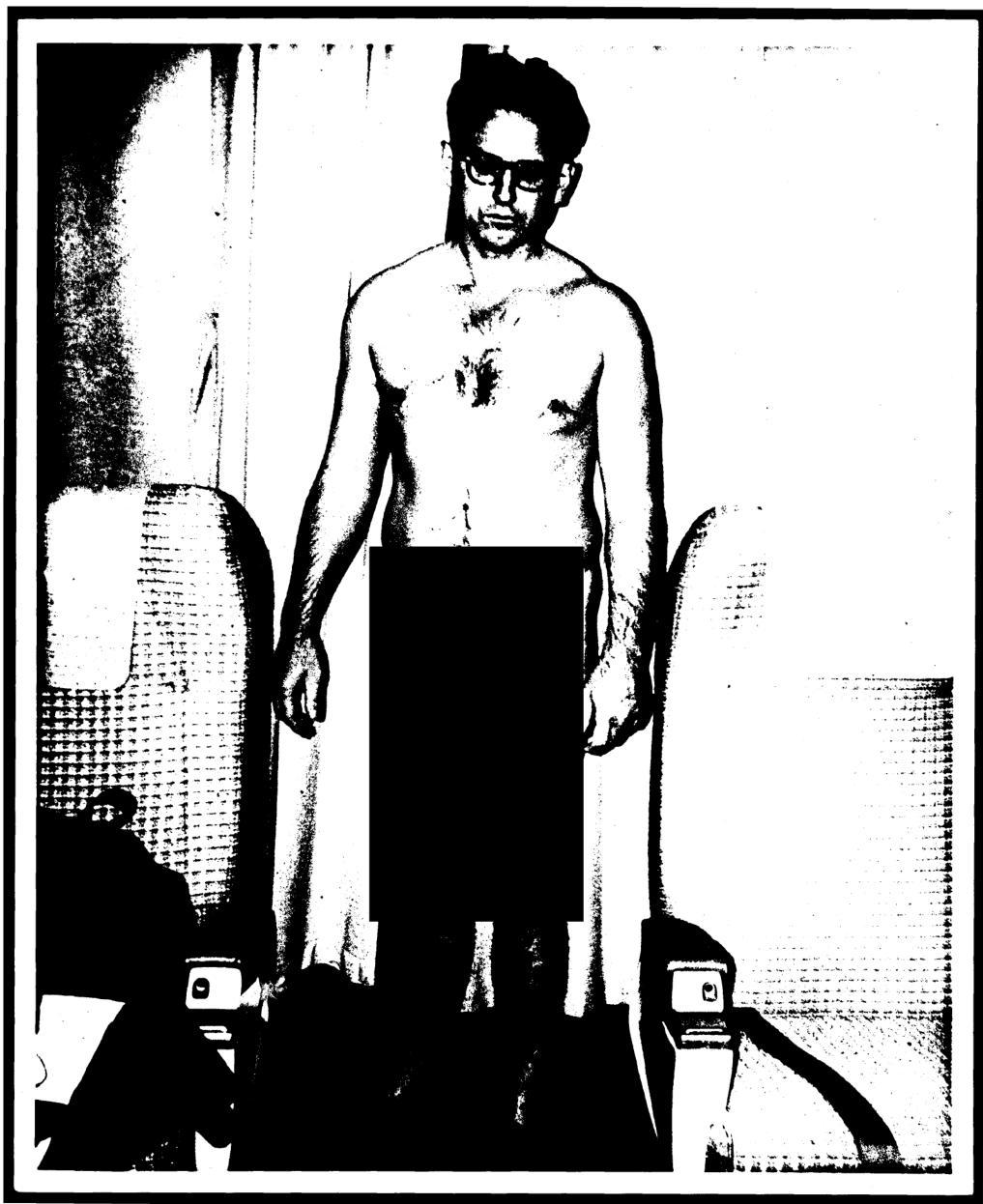
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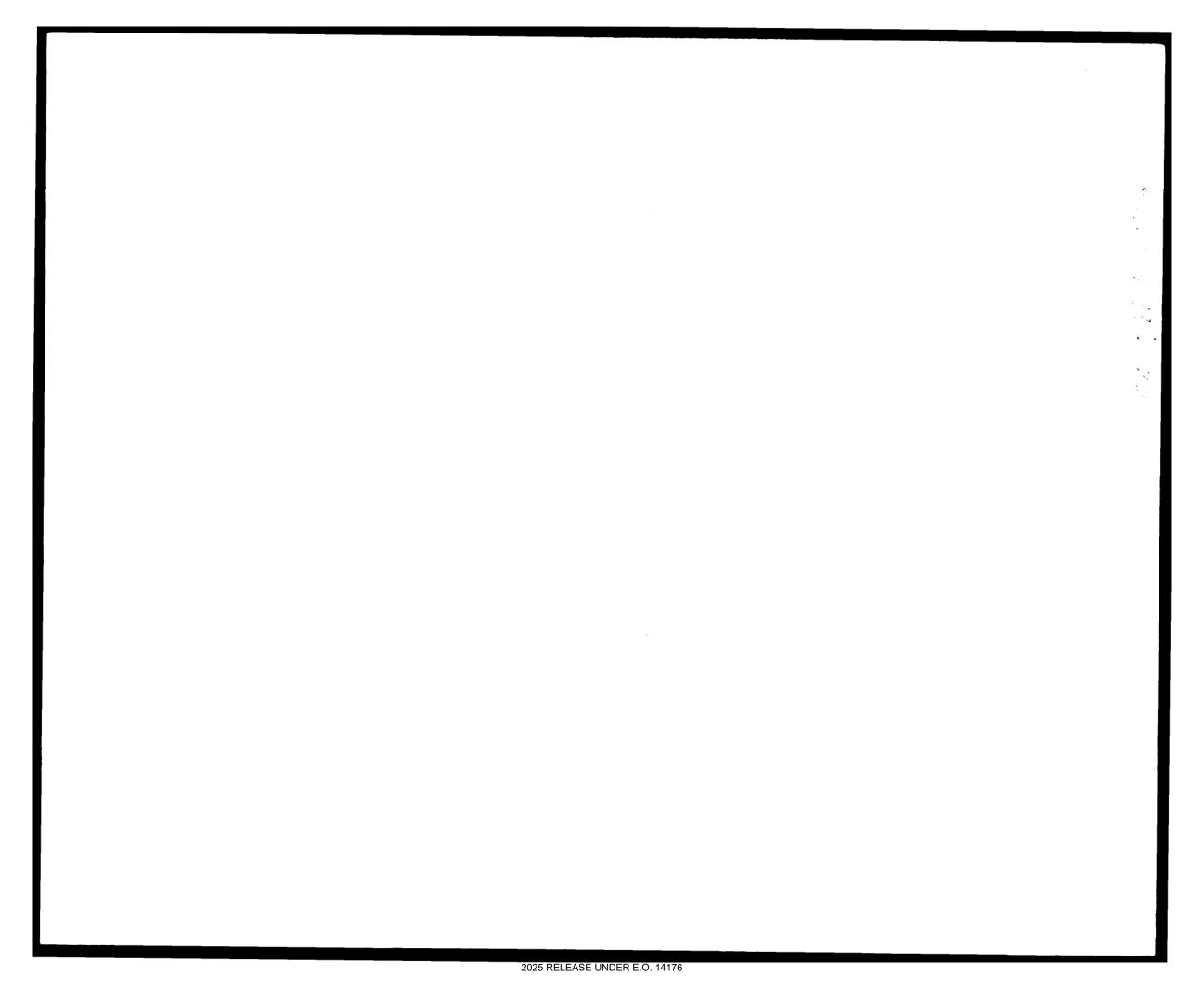


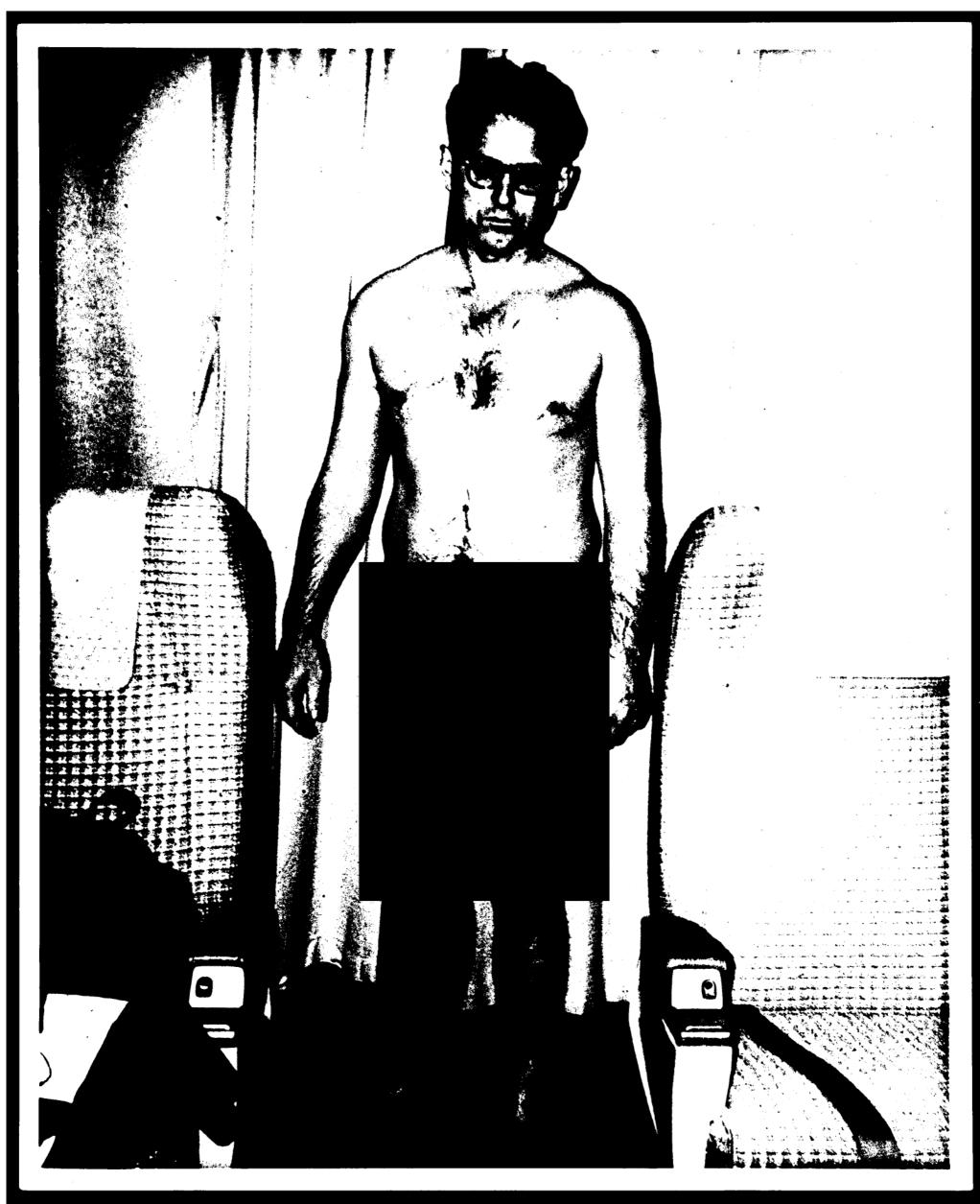


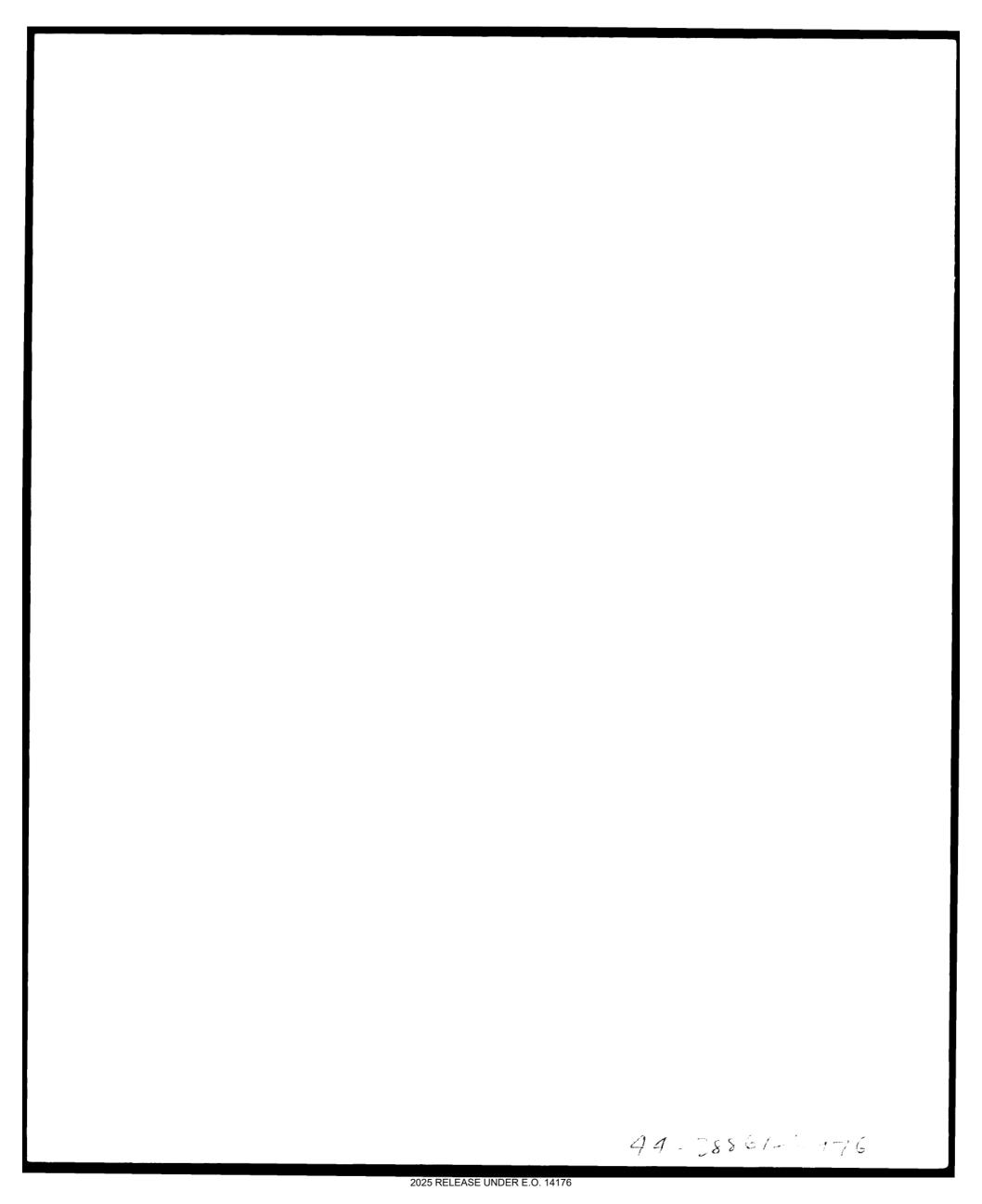


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FBI Spent 1.4 Million For Hiobai Hunt; County Tab is \$200,000

By CHARLES EDMUNDSON

The FBI spent \$1,400,000 to catch James Earl Ray, charged with the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King, and Shelby County is spending a reported \$200,000 to guard him in prison and give him a fair

These figures were gleaned in Washington and at the Shelby County Courthouse yesterday as contractors pushed forward with new security reinforcements at the County Jail.

The new security measures revealed yesterday are a \$2,937.60 contract for the Auto Glass Co., 619 Madison, to install a bullet-proof glass cage in the entrance way to the jail and the purchase, several days ago, of a padlocked steel box in which Ray's meals are delivered to his cell as a guarantee against poisoning.

he has had time to add various kept in the FBI files. contract figures. But an in-formed source said that is an examination of FBI Record only half, he noted, of the looked at, showed their man F. Kennedy.

Also revealed in the August issue of Reader's Digest were new details of how the FBI, deploying 3,014 agents in a search covering five countries, was able to arrest Ray 34 days after he is charged with hav ing shot Dr. King to death on the balcony of the Lorraine Hotel.

A vital clue, it was revealed, was a laundry mark on a 50cent undershirt left in a blue travel bag found in a doorway near 2221/2 South Main, the boarding house from which the fatal shot is said to have been fired.

The FBI first ascertained, with help of the laundry industry, that the machine making the laundry mark was manufactured in Syracuse, N.Y. Because of a peculiarity in the machine, the manufacturer was able to say it had been sold to a Los Angeles laundry.

This clue, plus Los Angeles service station stickers on the inside panel of the white Mustang abandoned in Atlanta, permitted the FBI to concentrate its search in the Los Angeles area. Ray's likeness was found in a group photo of a graduating class of the International School of Bartending.

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Sheriff Morris says he is determined Memphis "shall not be another Dallas" referring to the slaying of Lee Harvey Oswald, charged with killing President John F. Kennedy, in r Dallas jail in 1963.

Thick new steel doors have been installed at certain jail passageways. A picture and sound-recording tape machine has been provided to take identification of all who enter the courtroom where Ray was arraigned and the one where he will be tried.

Ray's cell has been air conditioned, presumably to benefit principally the round-theclock guard. Television monitors provide an additional constant watch.

A month ago Squire Jimmie McIntyre of Germantown moved for the County Court to ask the Department of Justice to repay the county for the extra cost of guarding and trying Ray.

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