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MEMPHIS DIVISION

Will if the FBI Identification Division develops any latent prints of an evidentiary value on enclosed postcard and the Bureau authorizes additional investigation obtain suitable elimination prints. The Bureau is being advised under separate correspondence in the MURKIN case of the receipt of this threatening postcard directed to Mr. E. RAY.

REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (9-NEW)

Date: July 30, 1968

Re: UNSUB;
E. RAY - VICTIM
EXTORTION -RM

FBI File No.

Lab. No. D-680729106 JK

Specimens received 7/29/68

Q1 Post card addressed to "Mr. E Ray Memphis Tenn,"
postmarked "New York, N. Y. 22 JUL 1968" bearing handwritten
message "You are next to die"

Result of examination:

Specimen Q1 was searched through the appropriate
sections of the Anonymous Letter File but could not be identi-
fied with any prior submissions to this file. A photocopy of this
item will be added to this file for future reference.

The Q1 post card is imprinted "The Paula Company,
Cincinnati, Ohio-USA;" however, no indented writing or other
distinguishing features were noted which would indicate the
immediate source of this item.

Although the limited nature of the handwriting on Q1
precluded an adequate comparison of this with specimens submitted
in the case entitled "Unsub; W. Preston Battle-Victim; Extortion-
RM," differences were noted indicating that the items in this
and the Battle case may not have been prepared by the same
individual.

Q1 will be returned separately. Photographs were made.

8/2/68

1 - Mr. Long

Airtel

To: SACs, Memphis
New York
From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
JAMES EARL RAY,
AKA, E. RAY - VICTIM
EXTORTION
OO: MEMPHIS

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Handwritten: Annot. 8-2-68

REMEairtel dated 7/24/68.

This matter has been discussed with the Department and they desire that an investigation be conducted. You should, therefore, conduct an investigation concerning captioned matter and keep the Bureau fully informed of all pertinent developments.

Any communications relating to this matter should be directed to the attention of the Civil Rights Section.

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NOTE:

Sheriff William Morris, Shelby County, Tennessee, received an anonymous post card directed to Mr. E. Ray, Memphis, Tennessee, on which appeared the message, "You are next to die." This post card postmarked P.M., July 22, 1968, New York, New York.

The USAC at Memphis advised the contents of the post card do imply a threat on the life of Ray, therefore, he would consider prosecution for violation of Title 18, Section 876, U. S. Code, of the person responsible for preparing and sending the post card if identified.

- Tolson
- DeLoach
- Mohr
- Bishop
- Casper
- Callahan
- Conrad
- Felt
- Gale
- Rosen
- Sullivan
- Tavel
- Trotter
- Tele. Room
- Holmes
- Gandy

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MAIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, [illegible]
SUBJECT: [illegible]

1 - Mr. Tolson

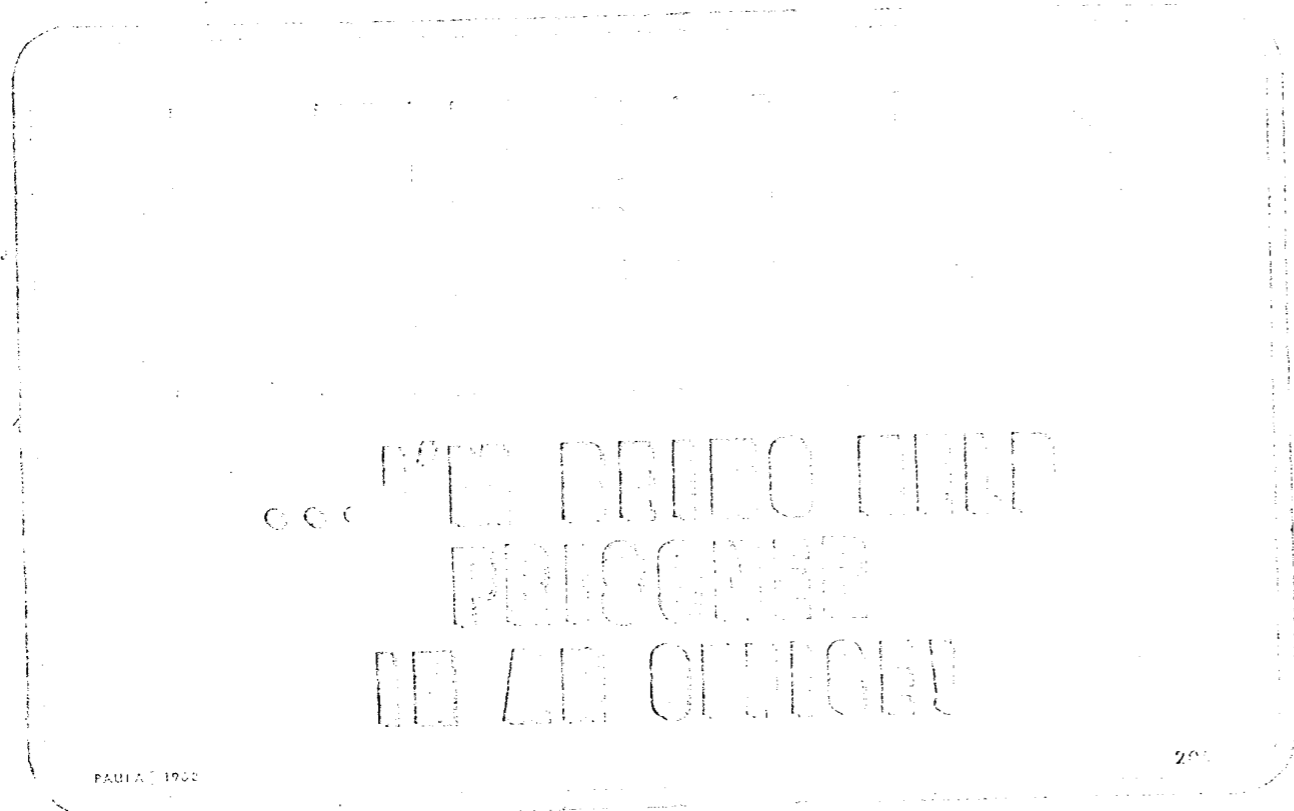
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The Laboratory advised that this post card could not be identified in appropriate sections of the anonymous letter file, and differences were noted in the handwriting on the post card indicating the individual who prepared this card may not have prepared the card sent to Judge W. Preston Battle, Memphis, Tennessee. The message to Judge Battle stated, "Boy, your verdict better be our verdict; or you go the way of King! KKK." We are presently investigating this matter. Memphis has been advised accordingly.

This matter discussed with Mr. Owen of the Department on 7/30/68, and he advised that he desired an investigation to be conducted. Mr. Owen further advised he discussed this matter with USA in Memphis and he will confirm this opinion to the Bureau.

The Latent Fingerprint Section is presently conducting examination of the post card addressed to E. Ray.

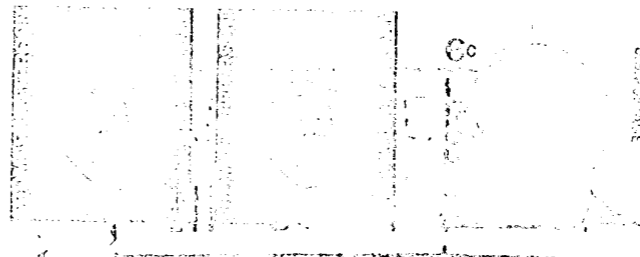
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PAULAT 1962

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*You are
left
to die*



THE PAULA COMPANY, CINCINNATI, OHIO U.S.A.

*Mr. L. Ray
Memphis
Tenn.*

44-388615-609
ENCLOSURE

NA 8/6/68
FBI WASH DC

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATION SECTION

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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	<i>RG</i>
Mr. Rosen	<i>RG</i>
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MIAMI 44-1854, JACKSON, 157-9586

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 1 P

Loft

MURKIN.

RE MIAMI TEL TO BUREAU AUGUST SIX INSTANT.

FOR INFORMATION MIAMI, MEMPHIS AND JACKSON ARE HOLDING IN ABEYANCE ANY ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION CONCERNING INFORMATION BEING FURNISHED BY MARGARET CAPOMACCHIA PENDING MIAMI'S EXHAUSTIVE INTERVIEW WITH CAPOMACCHIA. INFORMATION BEING FURNISHED TO BUREAU BY A DISCREDITED INFORMANT AS COMING FROM A POSSIBLE MENTAL CASE WHO HAS NOT BEEN INTERVIEWED IS NOT SUFFICIENT BASIS FOR EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION IN THIS MATTER.

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MIAMI SHOULD TAKE WHATEVER ACTION NECESSARY, INCLUDING AROUND THE CLOCK SURVEILLANCES ON KNOWN HANGOUTS, IN ORDER TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW CAPOMACCHIA. WHEN THIS HAS BEEN DONE, IF IT IS THE OPINION OF YOUR OFFICE THAT HER INFORMATION WARRANTS ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION YOU ARE REQUESTED TO THEN SET-OUT LEADS FOR SAME. AM COPIES TO ATLANTA, CHARLOTTE, MOBILE.

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EX-100

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CORR: ~~PARA ONE, LINE SIX, WORD FOUR IS "NOT".~~

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- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Name Check

AUG 1 - 1968

NAME CHECK

July 29, 1968

RA

Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

Director, FBI

REC 27 44-38861-5011

JAMES EARL RAY

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J.W. B. [Signature]

[Signature]

Reference is made to your letter dated July 25, 1968, in which you requested that an indices check be made concerning Dr. McCarthy DeMere, Dr. George Barker and Dr. Gerald I. Plitman.

Based on information available, a check of the files of this Bureau reveals that we have not investigated any of these individuals and our files contain no information identifiable with Dr. George Barker or Dr. Gerald I. Plitman.

With reference to Dr. McCarthy DeMere, our files reveal that on June 24, 1944, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that one Dr. M. DeMere, not further identified, was a member of the General Committee of the Science Committee of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship. (100-190625-1817)

The National Council of American-Soviet Friendship has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Our files contain no additional data identifiable with Dr. DeMere.

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NOTE: The Directory of Medical Specialists, 1965-1966, lists the above individuals and gives some background data concerning them. Dr. DeMere was born in 1918 in Memphis, Tennessee. He received his education at the University of Tennessee, graduating in 1942. He interned and was an assistant resident surgeon at the Barnes Hospital, St. Louis. Thereafter he was resident surgeon in New York City, 1946-47; was a fellow in plastic surgery, Washington, 1947-49; resident surgeon in a Veterans Administration Hospital, Oklahoma City, 1949 and 1950; and has been a consultant on plastic surgery with a U.S. Public Health Service Hospital, place not stated. His office address is 1460 Madison Avenue, Memphis.

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JUL 29 1968
COMM-FBI

Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr.

NOTE, CONTINUED:

Dr. Barker was born in 1931 in Indianola, Mississippi, and was graduated from the University of Tennessee in 1956. He is listed in the Directory as a radiologist. He interned in Knoxville, Tennessee, was an instructor at the University of Tennessee and has been in private practice since 1961. His office address is listed as 1734 Madison Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee.

Dr. Plitman was born 1925, Clarkdale, Mississippi. He attended Vanderbilt University, interned at the Reese Hospital, Chicago, in 1948-1949 and was an assistant resident pathologist at Vanderbilt University Hospital, 1949-1950. Thereafter he was resident and chief general medical director and hematologist, 1953-1959, at the Kennedy Veterans Administration Hospital, Memphis. His office address is 1734 Madison Avenue, Memphis.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Memorandum

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
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Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

TO : Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: JUL 25 1968

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

SUBJECT: James Earl Ray

The following medical doctors will be available during the above subject's incarceration in the Shelby County Jail, Tennessee.

D.G. OK
N.Y. X B. 1918, Memphis, Tenn.

Dr. McCarthy DeMere

Dr. George Barker *B. 1931, Miss., Tenn.*

Dr. Gerald I. Plitman *B. 1925, Miss., Ill., Tenn.*

Summary

Will you please run an indices check and let me know the results as soon as possible.

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*Let to Vinson
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Date

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Airtel

**To: SAC's, Memphis - Enc.
New York**

From: Director, FBI

**UNSUB.;
E. RAY - VICTIM
EXTORTION**

MURKIN

Re Memphis airtel 7-24-68, submitting a post card addressed to "Mr. E. Ray, Memphis, Tennessee," Q1, for examination.

One latent fingerprint of value was developed on Q1. This latent fingerprint is not identical with the fingerprints of SA Robert F. Boyle. Q1 enclosed to Memphis.

Laboratory reporting separately.

1 - Mr. Rosen

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MAIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT

July 31, 1968

Columbia Broadcasting System
51 West 52 Street
New York, New York 10019

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MURKIN

Gentlemen:

On the day of Martin Luther King's funeral, immediately after the mule-drawn wagon left the church, Channel 8 TV clearly showed a tall white man walking on the right side of the wagon with his left hand on the casket. Insofar as he was the only white man in the picture, he seemed rather out of place. In fact, he wasn't there very long. However, the resemblance to the FBI drawing in the newspapers was striking.

My question is this. Could it have been Ray-Galt-Sneyd? Having followed the developments rather closely, I wouldn't be surprised if it was. And what would his excuse be? Insanity? Ego?

Your people at CBS may be sitting on a rather hot story if you review the video-tape as the procession left the church.

Identification of this man would conceivably convict or possibly exonerate the prime suspect.

An answer would be appreciated. This thing has been bugging me too long.

Sincerely,

Henri J. Bouffard
Henri J. Bouffard
6127 Christman Drive
North Olmsted, Ohio 44070

Copies to:
✓ FBI, Washington, D. C.
WJW, TV 8, Cleveland, Ohio

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