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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SAVANNAH (44-1768)(P)

MURKIN

Re Buairtel 7/25/68, and SVairtel to Director, 7/29/68, in captioned matter; and SVairtel to Director, 6/28/68, captioned "NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY, RM (ORGANIZATION)".

On 7/29/68, SV 524-R (PROB), (PROTECT IDENTITY), advised that with regard to the previously reported statements made by Dr. EDWARD R. FIELDS, NSRP, that he was a personal friend of ART HANES, Attorney for JAMES EARL RAY, alleged murderer of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., JESSE B. STONER recently mentioned that HANES had called them, apparently at the NSRP Office, acted mad, and pointed out to them that he did not even recall ever meeting them and that he was not "their friend". According to this source, FIELDS and STONER were miffed that HANES was so unfriendly, but acknowledged at the time that they had met HANES on only one occasion for a brief moment. This informant said he has heard nothing further about any correspondence from JAMES EARL RAY or of any efforts by FIELDS or STONER to intercede for him. This source stated that the financial status of the NSRP is such that they could not afford to contribute any money to RAY's defense, although they had made the offer in the name of the Patriotic Legal Aid Fund of Savannah.

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This informant was of the opinion that STONER and FIELDS had made the initial offer to aid JAMES EARL RAY for the publicity and for the purpose of attempting to increase their own prestige.

The Savannah Office has instructed this informant to be alert for any future contacts between the NSRP officials and JAMES EARL RAY or his attorney or representatives.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (44-38861) DATE: 8/5/68

FROM: SAC, Memphis (44-1987) P

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Memphis Airtel to Bureau 8-2-68, and Bureau Airtel to Memphis 8-2-68.

In referenced Memphis Airtel, Memphis suggested that Birmingham contact the USA, Birmingham, for any opinion he might have regarding disposition of the subject's automobile which is now stored at Atlanta. Memphis has been advised by the Bureau that AAG STEPHEN POLLACK intends to further discuss this matter with State AG PHIL CANALE at Memphis, and that Mr. POLLACK will decide what disposition should be made of this car. Birmingham disregard Memphis request to discuss this with the USA, Birmingham.

In accordance with the Bureau's request in referenced BuAirtel, Captain J. G. RAY has confidentially advised that GLENN W. FILLER mailed a $20.00 money order to the subject. FILLER, who gave his address as 2421 Atlantic Avenue, Atlantic City, New Jersey, wished the subject "good luck" and requested that he "drop me a line" to let him know if subject received the money. This was a $20.00 money order issued by the Boardwalk National Bank, Atlantic City.

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Charlotte teletypes to Bureau dated 7/24/68, and 7/31/68; Charlotte airtel to Bureau dated 8/2/68, and Bureau airtel to Charlotte dated 7/29/68.

In connection with the telephone call made by an unknown male to "The Hot Line" column of the "Greensboro Record" newspaper, Greensboro, N. C., on 7/23/68, the Bureau is being furnished herewith an original and one copy and Memphis one xerox copy of an item which appeared in "The Hot Line" in the 8/1/68 issue of the "Greensboro Record".

C. C. - Bishop

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The HOT LINE

The Hot Line gets answers, cuts red tape and stands up for your rights. Call 272-5635 or write The Hot Line at The Record, Box 20848, Greensboro 27420.

Ray Here?

Q. I've heard it rumored that accused assassin James Earl Ray was in the Greensboro area on April 4, the day the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was killed in Memphis. I've also heard that Ray was once sought on a fugitive warrant issued in the early 1960s at Winston-Salem. Is this so? Cindy.

RAY

A. Authorities say they know nothing of Ray's being here April 4. Winston-Salem and Forsyth law enforcement officials find no record of any fugitive warrant for Ray. If you know something definite, give Hot Line a call.

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

1 [illegible] Greensboro, N. C.

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PM URGENT 8-6-68 DJM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (P.1)

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU AUGUST FIVE LAST.

BACKGROUND INFORMATIONA ON NEWLY DEVELOPED SUSPECTS CONTINUING.

PHYLLIS GRINDSTAFF, WIFE OF DELMAR GRINDSTAFF, ADVISED HER HUSBAND LEFT FOR CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT IN VIET NAM AUGUST ONE LAST. STATES HE IS CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF JOHN MC CLINTOCK AND CLOSELY PARALLELS DESCRIPTION OF NUMBER ONE ROBBER AT BANK OF ALTON. STATES, HOWEVER, HE NEVER MENTIONED TAKING PART IN ANY BR NOR DID HE HAVE LARGE AMOUNTS OF CASH. STATES HE FREELY TALKED ABOUT BURGLARY ACTIVITIES.

MARION ANN FOSSEN AND HOWARD SHELTON, ILLINOIS STATE PAROLE OFFICERS REPORT NO POSITIVE RESULTS OF CONTACTS WITH PAROLEES AND PROBATIONERS. WILL REPORT FURTHER CONTACTS WHICH MAY DEVELOP.

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FBI MIAMI

515PM EDT 8-7-68 URGENT RGT

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) JACKSON (157-9586) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM MIAMI (44-1854)

MURKIN

RE MIAMI TEL TO BUREAU, AUG. SIX, LAST, AND MEMPHIS TEL TO BUREAU, AUG. SIX LAST.

MARGARET CAPOMACCHIA LOCATED HOLLYWOOD, FLA., AND INTERVIEWED TODAY. AT OUTSET OF INTERVIEW, CAPOMACCHIA WAS PLEASANT, COOPERATIVE AND FRIENDLY, HOWEVER, WHEN QUESTIONED RE ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SHE REFUSED TO DISCUSS THE MATTER, SAYING SHE WANTED TO HEAR NOTHING CONCERNING KING OR WHAT HAPPENDED TO HIM. ALSO DECLINED TO FURNISH HER WHEREABOUTS ON NIGHT OF APRIL FOUR, LAST. SHE DENIED KNOWING ANYONE BY THE NAME OF ALBERT TARRANTS, AS WELL AS INDIVIDUALS BY THE NAMES OF HAWKINS, DUNN, HARPER AND WILSON.

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STATED SHE HAS BEEN UNDER CONSIDERABLE STRESS AND STRAIN AND HAS CONSTANT HEADACHES SINCE DEATH OF HER DAUGHTER. IN

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DISCUSSING ACTIVITIES OF HER DAUGHTER, KATHY, SHE STATED SHE WAS UNAWARE AS TO THE EXTENT KATHY WAS INVOLVED WITH INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN BOMBING MATTERS. SHE DESCRIBED HER DAUGHTER AS THE BEST FIFTH GRADE SCHOOL TEACHER IN THE UNITED STATES.

PRIOR INTERVIEWS WITH CAPOMACCHIA'S SON AND DAUGHTER IN LAW INDICATE THAT CAPOMACCHIA HAS A MENTAL PROBLEM, BUT NO INFORMATION DEVELOPED THAT SHE HAS BEEN IN A MENTAL INSTITUTION.

IT IS NOTED THAT THE VARIOUS INDIVIDUALS IDENTIFIED BY CAPOMACCHIA WHEN CONTACTING INFORMANT, HAVE EXTENSIVE HATE TYPE BACKGROUNDS AND CAPABLE OF SERIOUS ACTS OF VIOLENCE.

MIAMI HAS NO REASON TO QUESTION THE INFORMATION FURNISHED BY INFORMANT, AS HE OBTAINED IT FROM CAPOMACCHIA. ALTHOUGH INFORMANT IS NOT BEING UTILIZED BY MIAMI, NO INFORMATION HAS EVER BEEN RECEIVED FROM HIM WHICH WOULD INDICATE THAT HE IS FURNISHING FALSE INFORMATION.

IT IS, THEREFORE, BEING LEFT TO THE DISCRETION OF THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN, WHETHER THE INFORMATION RELATIVE TO ALBERT TARRANTS WARRANTS ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION BY THE MEMPHIS AND JACKSON OFFICES.

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

Attached relates to information received by a former symbol informant, who was discontinued for furnishing information that could not be verified and reliable and unreliable information, to effect thatindividuals involved in various acts of violence in Mississippi could possible be involved in the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr

The person furnishing information to informant believed to be mentally disturbed and is the mother of Kathleen Ainsworth, who was involved in the bombing of residence of Meyer Davidson, Meridian, Mississippi on 6/30/68. Ainsworth was killed in an exchange of gunfire with police officer

Memphis being instructed to thoroughly investigate this matter for any possible conspiracy.

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1213PM URGENT 8-2-68 TDB

TO DIRECTOR 44-38361, MEMPHIS 44-1987, JACKSON, AND MOBILE

FROM MIAMI 44-1354 4P

MURKIN. ~~CR.~~ Civil Rights

~~RE~~ MIAMI AIRTEL TO BUREAU, JULY FIFTEEN, LAST, AND MIAMI AIRTEL TO BUREAU, JULY TWENTYFOUR AND TWENTYFIVE, LAST, CAPTIONED KATHLEEN MADLYN AINSWORTH, AKA; ET AL, ATTEMPTED BOMBING RESIDENCE OF MEYER DAVIDSON, TWO NINE ZERO FOUR THIRTYSIX ST., MERIDIAN, MISS., JUNE THIRTY, SIXTYEIGHT, BOMBING MATTERS.

WILLIAM SOMERSETT, FORMER SYMBOL INFORMANT WHO IS NO LONGER CONTACTED BY THE MIAMI OFFICE, AND CHARACTERIZED AS HAVING FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, AND IN ADDITION HAS FURNISHED INFORMATION WHICH COULD NOT BE VERIFIED OR CORROBORATED, ADVISED AS FOLLOWS TODAY:

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ON JULY THIRTYONE, LAST, MARGARET CAPOMACCHIA, MOTHER OF DECEASED, KATHLEEN AINSWORTH, CONTACTED HIM AND RELATED THE FOLLOWING.

SHE IS UPSET AND DISTURBED WITH SIDNEY C. BARNES OF

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MOBILE, ~~ALA.~~ ALASKA, WHOSE WIFE, PAULINE, IS PRESENTLY AT THE HOME OF HER DECEASED DAUGHTER IN JACKSON, ~~MISS.~~ MISSOURI. STATED SHE TOLD BARNES THE GUNS, PREVIOUSLY GIVEN TO SOMERSETT, WERE THROWN IN THE OCEAN. STATED THERE IS A LOT OF DANGER IN THIS CASE, NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED, AND SHE WANTS NOTHING TO DO WITH BARNES AND THE PEOPLE INVOLVED IN HER DAUGHTER'S DEATH. STATED TARRANTS (THOMAS A. TARRANTS, III), HER DAUGHTER AND FOUR OTHER MEN, IDENTIFIED AS HAWKINS, DUNN, HARPER AND WILSON, ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATH OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. STATED AUTOMOBILE IN WHICH HER DAUGHTER WAS KILLED WAS USED WITH ONE OTHER CAR BY THOSE INVOLVED. STATED THEY USED RADIO EQUIPMENT AND KATHY HELPED IN JAMMING POLICE CALLS. STATED THEY HAD UNKNOWN COLORED MALE HELP TO "SET UP KING." SAID SHOOTING WAS FROM TREES AND BUSHES IN VICINITY OF HOTEL AND THAT JAMES EARL RAY MAY HAVE HELPED TO PURCHASE THE GUN, BUT RAY DID NOT DO THE SHOOTING. AFTER THE SHOOTING, THEY REMAINED IN MEMPHIS, ~~TENN.~~ TENNESSEE, UNTIL THE FOLLOWING DAY, WHEN THEY DEPARTED FOR ATLANTA, ~~GA.~~ GEORGIA. KATHY AND TARRANTS THEN PROCEEDED TO SOUTH CAROLINA, WHERE THEY REMAINED ABOUT ONE WEEK PRIOR TO GOING TO MOBILE, ALA., AND THEN TO JACKSON, MISS.

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IN FURTHER IDENTIFYING THE MEN INVOLVED, SHE SAID THEY ARE GOING TO TRIAL OR ARE CURRENTLY ON TRIAL THIS WEEK IN CONNECTION WITH THE BOMBING OF A REAL ESTATE OFFICE AND THAT THE POLICE INFORMANT IN THIS CASE REPORTEDLY RAN OFF WITH THE WIFE OF A KLANSMAN.

SOMERSETT ADVISED HE WAS UNABLE TO CLEARLY UNDERSTAND THE INFORMATION FURNISHED BY CAPOMACCHIA, WHO HE FEELS IS MENTALLY DISTURBED, AND HE HAS NO WAY OF EVALUATING THE INFORMATION, BUT IN VIEW OF THE TYPE OF INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED, IT IS REMOTELY POSSIBLE TARRANTS AND HIS ASSOCIATES IN SOME WAY MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH THE ASSASSINATION OF KING.

SOMERSETT ADVISED THAT HE WAS IN CONTACT WITH BARNES ON THE EVENING OF JULY THIRTYONE, LAST. BARNES ADVISED HE WAS LEAVING JACKSON, MISS., ON AUG. TWO, ~~INST~~ 1968 T., AND REQUESTED SOMERSETT TO JOIN HIM. SOMERSETT DECLINED THE INVITATION AND RELATED THAT BARNES LIKES TO PUSH PEOPLE INTO THINGS WITHOUT BECOMING INVOLVED HIMSELF.

MIAMI IS NOT IN A POSITION TO EVALUATE THE ABOVE INFORMATION, HOWEVER, IT IS NOTED THAT ANTHONY CAPOMACCHIA

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AND HIS WIFE, NORMA, WHO HAVE BEEN INTERVIEWED IN MIAMI, INDICATE THAT MARGARET CAPOMACCHIA HAS A MENTAL PROBLEM.

~~UACB~~, JACKSON, THROUGH EMPLOYMENT RECORDS AND INTERVIEW WITH RALPH AINSWORTH, HUSBAND OF KATHLEEN, ESTABLISH THE WHEREABOUTS OF KATHLEEN AINSWORTH DURING THE PERTINENT PERIOD DURING AND FOLLOWING THE ASSASSINATION OF KING, IN AN EFFORT TO ESTABLISH ANY VALIDITY IN THE ABOVE INFORMATION.

JACKSON AND MOBILE SHOULD BE ALERT TO THE ACTIVITIES OF BARNES, WHO REPORTEDLY IS LEAVING FOR JACKSON TODAY.

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

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Captain J. G. RAY, Memphis Police Department, in charge of security of subject RAY, has confidentialy advised that Judge W. PRESTON BATTLE, Shelby County Criminal Court, Memphis, has received a letter from MARYA and LASKA VAN DOORNEN, [redacted] Carpintero Avenue, Bellflower, California, dated 8-3-68, requesting the address of subject's attorney, ARTHUR J. HANES. This letter states in part, "We have a number of things we would like to tell the defense."

Los Angeles should discreetly determine identity of the VAN DOORNENS and, if possible, determine what, if any, connection they might have had with subject RAY.

UACB, no attempt should be made to interview these persons except possibly under a suitable pretext, as we do not desire to invite charges of interfering with the subject's defense.

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To: SAC, Los Angeles

From: Director, FBI

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ReMEairtel 8-6-68.

Los Angeles should through a check of its office records and through appropriate sources determine identity of Marya and Laska Van Doornen, 17810 Carpintero Avenue, Bellflower, California, and any connection they might have had with subject Ray.

Los Angeles should not under any circumstances attempt to interview them as we do not desire to invite charges of interfering with the subject's defense.

1 - Memphis

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NOTE: See Rosen to DeLoach memo, same caption, same date, REL:cs.

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775) P

MURKIN

Re Jackson airtel to Bureau 5/15/68.

Re Alleged Offer of $100,000 By The White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM), to anyone who kills MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Enclosed for the Memphis Office are fifteen copies of investigative insert reflecting interview of DONALD JAMES NISSEN, FBI Number 607 320 A by agents of the St. Louis Office on 8/5/68.

NISSEN advised he had received no new information concerning the alleged offer for the killing of MARTIN LUTHER KING since interviewed by Dallas agents on 6/2/67.

NISSEN flew from Tampa, Fla., to turn himself in to agents at St. Louis stating his decision to do this was prompted partly by fear for his safety after having furnished information to the FBI concerning the alleged offer mentioned above and partly by his desire to "get things straightened out" since he is now married and his wife is pregnant.

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U R G E N T 8-6-68

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, JACKSON AND MEMPHIS --PLAINTEXT--

FROM MIAMI 44-1854

MURKIN.

RE MIAMI TEL TO BUREAU, AUG. TWO LAST, AND MEMPHIS TEL TO MIAMI, AUG. FIVE, LAST.

WILLIAM SOMERSETT, FORMER SYMBOL INFORMANT OF THE MIAMI OFFICE, ADVISED TODAY AS FOLLOWS-

MARGARET CAPOMACCHIA, MOTHER OF KATHLEEN AINSWORTH, CONTACTED HIM AND RELATED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THOMAS TARRANTS, III. STATED THAT AFTER ASSASSINATION OF KING, TARRANTS PROCEEDED TO ATLANTA, GA., AND THEN TO THE RESIDENCE OF MR. HENDERSON, WHO RESIDES NEAR TOPTON, N.C. HENDERSON DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, THIRTYFIVE TO FORTY, DARK HAIR, FIVE FT. TEN IN., ONE HUNDRED FIFTYFIVE LBS., OCCUPATION SALESMAN. TARRANTS REPORTEDLY STAYED WITH HENDERSON FOR ONE WEEK, WHEN HENDERSON FELT TARRANTS WAS GETTING TOO HOT AND TOLD HIM HE HAD TO LEAVE. TARRANTS

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REPORTEDLY DROVE TO ATLANTA, GA., AND THEN PROCEEDED TO MOBILE, ALA., WHERE HE REMAINED AT THE RESIDENCE OF SIDNEY BARNES FOR A PERIOD OF TEN DAYS, PRIOR TO RETURNING TO JACKSON MISS.

MIAMI WILL INTERVIEW MRS. CAPOMACCHIA AS SOON AS SHE CAN BE LOCATED. IT IS NOTED THAT SOURCE HAS NEVER BEEN ABLE TO CONTACT CAPOMACCHIA AT HER RESIDENCE AND WHEN SHE CONTACTS SOURCE, IT IS ALWAYS UNANNOUNCED AT SOURCE'S RESIDENCE. IN ADDITION, MRS. CAPOMACCHIA'S SON AND DAUGHTER-IN-LAW, WHO RESIDE IN MIAMI, HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO CONTACT HER.

MEMPHIS AND JACKSON CONDUCT NECESSARY INVESTIGATION RE POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT BY TARRANTS.

AIRMAIL COPIES TO MOBILE AND CHARLOTTE.

JACKSON AND MEMPHIS ADVISED SEPARATELY.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: 7-30-68

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

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Pages 22643-22646. Senator Byrd, (D) West Virginia, requested to have printed in the Record a transcript of questions asked of him during a television interview on July 24 on the subject of James Earl Ray, Justice Fortas, and family planning, and his answers thereto. The transcript included the following: "Q. Senator Byrd, would you comment on the return of James Earl Ray to Memphis to stand trial for the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.? A. Yes, I am glad that he has been returned to this country without undue delay, although this is due primarily to his having waived extradition. But I think that the law enforcement agencies, especially the FBI, should be commended on tracking him down and apprehending him."

Original filed in: 66-1731-3356

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for 7-29-68 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Tampa, Florida
July 19, 1968

PERNELL EZZELL

Reference is made to memorandum dated June 11, 1968, captioned as above.

On July 18, 1968, Mr. Emory Dowling, Sr., Owner, Perdue Radio, Television and Appliances, Incorporated, 2425 East Colonial Drive, Orlando, Florida, advised that the captioned individual had returned to Orlando, Florida. He had taken him back on his job as a technician.

On June 13, 1968, Mrs. Fay Ezzell, 636 22nd Street, Orlando, Florida, advised that her husband had returned to Orlando, Florida, and she had seen him at the Holiday Inn located on South Orange Blossom Trail, Orlando, Florida. She said he had a gun and he had frightened a bell boy with it when he came to the room with ice. Allegedly her husband was drinking.

Mrs. Fay Ezzell said that her husband had not mentioned being connected with any conspiracy or plot to shoot Dr. Martin Luther King and Senator Robert Kennedy, but she was fearful of him in his condition.

Mrs. Ezzell said she understood she would have to consult either the Orlando, Florida Police Department or the Orange County Sheriff's Office for any personal protection.

On June 13, 1968, Sergeant George Pegues, Orlando Police Department, Orlando, Florida, was advised of the above information furnished on that date by Mrs. Ezzell. It was also furnished to Deputy Sheriff Otis Mosley, Orange County Sheriff's Office, Orlando, Florida, on the same date who said he had Ezzell's presence verified at the motel but the management said they could not locate any bell boy who had encountered Ezzell with a gun. They did locate one who had served him ice but he denied Ezzell had confronted him with a gun.

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SAC, TAMPA (62-963)(C)

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INFORMATION CONCERNING

OO: TAMPA

Re Tampa airtel to Bureau dated 6/11/68.

Attached are 11 copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above. Information copies are furnished to recipient offices.

Investigation in the attached LHM was conducted by SA GORDON W. TINDLE.

Copies of the LHM have been disseminated locally to Secret Service, Jacksonville, Florida, OSI, Robins AFB, Georgia, MI, Orlando, Florida, and NISO, Charleston, South Carolina for completion of information to their files.

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TELETYPE

FBI MEMPHIS

401 PM URGENT 8-6-68 MCP

TO DIRECTOR

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 1 P

MURKIN.

ME THREE THREE EIGHT DASH R (GHETTO) HAS ADVISED THAT A FRIEND, RENFRO TURNER HAYS, A PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR AT MEMPHIS, TENN., HAS BEEN CONTACTED BY SUBJECT'S LAWYER, ARTHUR HANES, TO DO SOME INVESTIGATIVE WORK FOR SUBJECT'S DEFENSE. HAYS HAS INDICATED TO INFORMANT THAT HANES IS RELYING HEAVILY FOR DEFENSE STRATEGY ON AN ARTICLE APPEARING IN THE JULY THIRTEEN LAST ISSUE OF RAMPARTS MAGAZINE ENTITLED "SOME DISTURBING PARALLELS" BY WILLIAM W. TURNER, FORMER BUAGENT.

ABOVE FOR BUREAU'S INFORMATION ONLY AND IS NOT BEING DISSEMINATED TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES LEST WE BE ACCUSED OF INTERFERING WITH CLIENT DASH ATTORNEY RELATIONSHIP.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
MAY 1962 EDITION
GSA GEN. REG. NO. 27
5010-106

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: August 6, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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

Our Legal Attache in London previously furnished a copy of a letter from subject as Ramon G. Sneyd dated July 4, 1968, addressed to a Mr. J. B. Stoner, Attorney-at-Law, Savannah, Georgia. This letter in essence stated that subject was shown a letter written by Stoner concerning a legal fund which Stoner represents and subject advises that he had retained Mr. Hanes and would like to get his advice before he takes any action. Letter continues by advising that subject appreciates Stoner's offer of assistance. It is noted that this Stoner is possibly identical to one Jesse B. Stoner, who is Vice President of the National State Rights Party (NSRP) with headquarters in Savannah, who has been described as a racial rabble rouser.

We have learned that Dr. Edward R. Fields, a NSRP Director, had announced that the Patriotic Legal Aid Fund of Savannah had offered to defend James Earl Ray, the accused slayer of Martin Luther King, Jr.

An informant of Savannah Division has informed us that Dr. Fields made a statement that he was a personal friend of Arthur Hanes, Jr., the attorney for James Earl Ray, and Jesse B. Stoner recently mentioned that Hanes had called them apparently at the NSRP Office, acted mad and pointed out that he did not even recall meeting them and he was not "their friend." According to the informant Fields and Stoner were miffed that Hanes was so unfriendly, but acknowledged they had met Hanes only on one occasion which was for a brief moment. The informant further stated that the financial status of the NSRP is such that they could not afford to contribute any money to Ray's defense, and the informant was of the opinion that Fields and Stoner had made the initial offer to aid Ray for their own publicity and for the purpose of attempting to increase their own prestige.

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Memo Rosen to DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

ACTION:

For your information. You will be advised of pertinent developments.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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FBI WASH DC

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PM URGENT 8-7-68 DJM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

NMURKIN,

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU DATED AUGUST SIX, LAST.

SI SIXTEEN FOURTEEN DASH C ADVISED TODAY HE DEVELOPED INFORMATION CONCERNING PERPETRATION OF BANK ROBBERY, THE BANK OF ALTON, JULY THIRTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTY-SEVEN, THE RELIABILITY OF WHICH HE HAS BEEN UNABLE TO DETERMINE AT THIS TIME. INFORMATION INDICATES PERSONS ENTERING BANK WERE HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON AND DELMAR GRINDSTAFF; THAT JOHN MC CLINTOCK WAS WHEEL MAN DRIVING STOLEN NINETEEN FIFTY-THREE BUICK; THAT UNSUBS ESCAPED THROUGH TEN FOOT HEDGE AT REAR OF BANK AND MET MC CLINTOCK ON BROWN STREET AFTER WHICH THEY ESCAPED VIA LITTLE USED ROADS TO VICINITY OF FOURTH AND BROADWAY, SWITCHING TO NINETEEN FIFTY-SEVEN PLYMOUTH. SUBJECTS LATER THAT NIGHT DISPOSED OF BUICK IN

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STONE QUARRY, WEST ALTON, MISSOURI.

INFORMANT INDICATES BANK LOOT SPLIT FIVE WAYS BETWEEN ABOVE THREE SUBJECTS AND ROGER ALLEN, TAVERN OWNER, AND LEON KOHLER, SUSPECTED FENCE.

INFORMANT CONTINUING EFFORTS TO VERIFY CONPLICITY OF ABOVE LISTED SUBJECTS AND DETERMINE PERSONS WHO CAN VERIFY.

MAIL COPIES TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS.

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Date: 8-7-68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AM
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

ATTN: MR. McGOWAN
ROOM 2712

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

MURKIN.

Enclosed are two Xerox copies of a Barclays Bank slip found in the personal effects of JAMES EARL RAY at the time of his arrest. Inasmuch as information is barely legible on the copies, Bureau will note Memphis has typed in the data on one of the copies.

It appears to Memphis that RAY arrived at Heathrow Airport on May 17, 1968, from Portugal, and by means of this bank slip converted his Portuguese currency into English currency.

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1 MEMPHIS

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To BARCLAYS BANK LIMITED

Please exchange the undermentioned NOTES and COIN with recourse to me/us
*and credit my/our account.

Ramon George Sneyd

Signature.....

Address 962 Dundas West
Toronto, Canada

CURRENCY	AMOUNT	RATE	£	S.	d.
			70	8	5
Portugal	6020	71	14	1	8
				5	7
		£	84	15	8

CASHIER'S STAMP AND INITIALS

FORM 352

*Delete for cash exchanges

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To BARCLAYS BANK LIMITED

Please [illegible] me the undermentioned NOTES and COIN
with [illegible] to me/us
* and [illegible] my/our account.

CURRENCY	AMOUNT	RATE	£	[illegible]

£

Signature.....

Address.....

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CASHIER'S STAMP AND INITIALS

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CABLEGRAM URGENT

1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long

TO LEGAT LONDON

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

REURAIRTEL SEVEN TWENTY-SIX, SIXTY-EIGHT.

DOCUMENT NINE IN REPORT OF NEW SCOTLAND YARD ENCLOSED WITH RE COMMUNICATION LISTS AN ITEM "ONE - BARCLAYS BANK SLIP IN NAME OF SNEYD" THE PROPERTY OF SUBJECT. YOU SHOULD DETERMINE IF ANY INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY NEW SCOTLAND YARD RE THIS ITEM, IF SO, RESULTS THEREOF AND SUBMIT RESULTS TO BUREAU. MEMPHIS HAS OBTAINED COPY OF THIS ITEM AND HAS FORWARDED IT TO YOU BY AIR MAIL ON EIGHT EIGHT INSTANT.

AIR MAIL TO MEMPHIS.

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1 - SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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1 - Foreign Liaison (cleared with SA Graham Day)

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NOTE: By communication dated 7/26/68, Legat, London enclosed a report of New Scotland Yard, which is the results of their investigation concerning the activities of James Earl Ray while in London, England. Included in the investigation is a list of the personal possessions of Ray located in his suitcase which was shipped from London, England, to Brussels, Belgium, on 6/8/68. An item in his personal possession is

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DeLoach
Mohr
Bishop
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NOTE CONTINUED:

"One - Barclays Bank Slip in name of Sneyd." These personal possessions of Ray are now in the hands of Shelby County Sheriff in Memphis, Tennessee. Our Memphis Office advises that it appears that this is a transaction involving a change of currency from Portuguese to English, as the slip is for Barclays Heathrow Airport branch, and the date of the transaction is 5/17/68, the day that Ray returned to London from Portugal. The Memphis Division has obtained a copy of this item from the Shelby County Sheriff and they are forwarding a copy of this direct to Legat Minnich and, of course, are furnishing the Bureau with copy. Legat is being advised to this effect.

We do not have the results of any investigation conducted by New Scotland Yard regarding this slip nor do we have any information indicating the significance of this slip. It is possible that New Scotland Yard conducted investigation concerning this particular item as they do not record the results of negative investigation. We are requesting our Legat, London to determine if investigation conducted and if so, to submit results to Bureau. It is possible that subject did make a deposit in a bank, however, our Legat advises that New Scotland Yard authorities could not locate any bank account or safe deposit box of the subject in London.

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