after midnight. Mrs. ALBRIGHT was shown several photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405 942 C. Mrs. ALBRIGHT stated that neither of the individuals looked anywhere near like any of the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. She said the main reason that they did not look like RAY is because both of these individuals were very young and not near as old as photographs of JAMES EARL RAY.

Miss EDITH EREWER, Apartment 10, 1935 Lamar Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee, advised that she is a desk clerk at the William Len Hotel, Memphis, and generally works from 11:00 P.M. to approximately 8:00 A.M. Miss BREWER advised she recalls that she came on duty early on April 4, 1968, and recalls that 2 individuals who were registered in the hotel were pacing back and forth in the lobby of the hotel asking questions about the Memphis area. Miss BREWER said they seemed to be nervous. Miss BREWER stated she was on duty when they checked out of the hotel at approximately 12:30 A.M., April 5, 1968, and recalls that they were in a hurry to catch a cab and were hesitant about waiting for their refund of \$1.00 deposit on their key.

Miss BREWER was shown several photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405 942 G. Miss BREWER stated that the side view photograph of JAMES EARL RAY taken in 1960 as appears on the identification order somewhat vaguely resembles one of the irdividuals but added that the individuals in the hotel were much younger than the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. She said neither of these individuals, in her opinion, was JAMES EARL RAY.

Mr. KIRK BOWMAN, 30 Alicia Drive South, Memphis, advised he is currently employed by the Travelodge Motel but stated that during the early part of April 1968 he was employed as a desk clerk, night manager, and auditor for the William Len Hotel mentioned above. Mr. BOWMAN advised he recalls coming to work late, approximately 11:00 P.M. on April 4, 1968, and worked on through the morning, April 5, 1968. He recalls that 2 individuals by the names of WALKER and RAND checked out of the hotel at approximately 12:30 A.M. He said these individuals had prepaid for their room. Therefore, his only duty was to refund \$1.00 deposit to each of them on the keys that they had for their rooms.

Mr. EOWL.... was shown several photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405 942 G. Mr. EOWMAN advised none of the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY appeared to resemble either

of the individuals who checked out of the hotel. He did comment that the 1960 front view photograph of RAY as shown on the identification order does bear a slight resemblance in facial features; however, both of the individuals registering at the hotel were much younger than the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY.

Mr. JOYNER W. FARRIS, 216 North Worthington, West Memphis, Arkansas, advised on May 22, 1968, that he is employed by the Yellow Cab Company, 581 South Second Street, Memphis, Tennessee, and was working during the evening of April 4, 1968, and the early morning hours of April 5, 1968.

Mr. FARRIS advised he recalls picking up 2 fares at the William Len Hotel at approximately 12:30 A.M. on April 5, 1968. Mr. FARRIS said that he waited for 2 individuals to check out of the hotel and he drove them to the airport in Memphis to catch a plane out of the city. Mr. FARRIS commented that early in the evening of April 4, 1968, he picked up a fare at the William Len Hotel and this individual requested that he drive him to West Memphis, Arkansas. Mr. FARRIS stated as they approached the bridge, this individual changed his mind and told him to drive him to the airport. Mr. FARRIS advised after they arrived at the airport, this individual whose name he did not know requested that he wait while he went in to check on reservations. Mr. FARRIS stated he waited and shortly thereafter this individual returned to his cab and requested to be driven back to the William Len Hotel. Mr. FARRIS advised that when they arrived at the William Len Hotel, this individual again requested that he wait while he checked out of the hotel. When this individual returned to the cab he had another individual with him and it was at that time that both requested to be driven to the Memphis Metropolitan Airport.

Mr. FARRIS stated he did not strike up a conversation with these individuals and does not recall discussing much of anything with them. He said he does not recall that they had any luggage whatsoever when they checked out of the hotel or into the cab. He said when they reached their destination at the airport, they paid the taxi cab fare in cash but he does not remember the amount and does not remember the denomination of the bill that was given him for payment of the fare.

Mr. FARRIS was shown several photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405 942 G. After viewing the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, Mr. FARRIS stated that neither of the individuals bore any resemblance whatsoever to any of the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. He stated the main reason he feels this way is that these 2 individuals are much younger than the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY.

Mr. KEITH B. HAGSTETTE, Assistant Supervisor, Delta Airlines, Metropolitan Airport, Memphis, Tennessee, advised on May 23, 1968, he would attempt to locate the manifest for flight #157 leaving Memphis on the early morning of April 5, 1968. He said he recalls previously checking this flight and determined that 2 individuals did not have reservations but caught this flight which was non-stop to Houston, Texas.

Mr. HAGSTETTE advised on June 3, 1968, that he is unable to locate the manifest for flight #157 on April 5, 1968. He said this flight was due to leave Memphis at 12:25 A.M. on April 5, 1968, and was non-stop to Houston. He said the flight left at 1:30 A.M. on April 5, 1968. Mr. HAGSTETTE advised he would request the Atlanta office to furnish a new manifest to his office so that he could determine who the passengers were on this flight.

On June 6, 1968, Mr. HAGSTETTE advised his Atlanta office advised him their work was way behind and requested that their office in Atlanta be contacted by the Atlanta Division of the FEI for a copy of this manifest. He pointed out that he recalls from previous inquiry it was determined that the names W. DAVIS and B. CHIDLOW were passengers' names that were added to the list of passengers for flight #157 and would not appear on the manifest as printed by the computer.

Mr. JIM WEDDLE, Ticket Agent, Delta Arlines, advised he resides at 4582 Applestone, Memphis, Tennessee. He said that he worked on the 6:00 P.M. to 3:00 A.M. shift on April 4, 1968, and April 5, 1968. He stated as he recalls he left work at approximately 3:30 A.M. on April 5, 1968.

Mr. WEDDLE stated he recalled that at approximately 10:00 P.M. to 10:30 P.M. on April 4, 1968, an individual came up to the ticket counter and inquired concerning a flight to Houston, Texas. He said this individual requested passage

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or this flight for 2 individuals but stated he did not have record with him to pay for the Leckets. To haid alto the dividual informed him that he would recurn to the anchet counter later to pay for the tickets prior to boarding on the plane. Mr. WEDDLE stated he only saw one individual that was shabbily dressed. As he recalls, this individual wore a long-sleeve dirty white shirt, gray trousers, and possibly had a 2 day growth of beard. Mr. WEDDLE stated he did not know the name of this individual but assumed that it was either W. DAVIS or B. CHIDLOW. He said he made reservations for this individual and sometime after midnight this individual case to the counter and paid for the 2 ticket. which amounted between \$50 and \$60 with \$5 and \$1 bills. Mr. WEDDLE stated he does not recall checking any baggage for this individual either time he appeared at the ticket counter. Mr. WEDDLE advised that he recalls the name DAVIS as it is a common name and recalls the name CHIDLOW because he and other ticket agents were commenting that the name probably should be CHILDLAW.

Mr. WEDDLE stated he has seen numerous photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FEI #405 942 G. Mr. WEDDLE stated that this individual who purchased these 2 tickets did not resemble any of the photographs of RAY in any way. He pointed out he did not see the other individual for whom the ticket was purchased. This man did not give him any address here in Memphis.

Mr. JIMMY D. SULLINGER, 6080 Baldwyn Cove, Southaven, Mississippi, advised on June 3, 1968, he was working as a ticket agent for Delta Airlines at the Memphis Metropolitan Airport from approximately 11:30 P.M. to approximately 8:00 A.M., April 4-5, 1968. Mr. SULLING advised he recalls that JIMMY WEDDLE sold 2 tickets to an individual prior to midnight of April 4, 1968, in the names of W. DAVIS and B. CHIDLOW. Mr. SULLINGER advised he recalls the name CHIDLOW specifically as the various ticket agents were pronouncing the name CHILDLAW. Mr. SULLINGER advised he did not see the individual who purchased the tickets in the names of DAVIB and CHIDLOW and can furnish no information whatsoever concerning these 2 individuals. Mr. SULLINGER stated he may have been the individual who checked passengers onto the flight at the ticket gate and he has no way of knowing whether or not he was the individual who checked them onto the plane. He said he does not recall any of the passengers who boarded that flight and he definitely does not recall seeing or meeting W. DAVIS or B. CHIDLOW who were on flight #157 leaving Memphis non-stop for Houston on April 5, 1968.

Mr. HAROLD LYRD, Ticket Agent, Delta Airlines, Mamphis Metropolitan Airport, advised on June 3, 1968, that he was employed as a ticket agent at the Delta Airlines ticket counter from approximately 3:30 P.M. on April 4, 1968, to approximately 2:00 A.M. on April 5, 1968. Mr. EYRD advised he does not recall seeing passengers W. DAVIS and B. CHIDLOW who purchased tickets at this Delta Airlines ticket counter and caught flight #157 that left at 1:30 A.M., April 5, 1968, for Houston, Texas. Mr. EYRD advised he recalls the incident only because the name CHIDLOW was pronounced by the various employees of Delta as CHILDLAW. Mr. EYRD advised he could furnish no information whatsoever concerning the individual who purchased 2 tickets in the names of W. DAVIS and B. CHIDLOW.

Mr. JERRY DOOLIN, 3229 Goodlett, Memphis, Tennessee, advised he is a ticket agent for the Delta Airlines at the Memphis Metropolitan Airport and on April 4, 1968, was working the 4:00 P.M. to 2:30 A.M., April 5, 1968, shift. Mr. DOOLIN a vised he recalls reviewing the manifest for flight #157 that left Memphis at 1:30 A.M. on April 5, 1968, non-stop for Houston, Texas. He stated he recalls that 2 individuals by the names of W. DAVIS and B. CHIDLOW were walk-up passengers to the ticket counter and did not have reservations prior to the early evening of April 4, 1968. According to Mr. DOOLIN, he did not see the individual who purchased the 2 tickets in the names of W. DAVIS and B. CHIDLOW. Mr. DOOLIN further commented that he may have "closed out" the flight, but he does not recall seeing the 2 passengers DAVIS and CHIDLOW. He said by "closing out" the flight he meant that he may have checked all the passengers onto flight #157 just prior to its departure from Memphis. Mr. DOOLIN advised he could furnish no information whatsoever concerning the 2 passengers W. DAVIS and B. CHIDLOW.

Mr. FRANK GUY, 2371 Pratt Street, Memphis, advised he is a porter for Delta Airlines at the temphis Metropolitan Airport. He stated he was working as a porter during the evening of April 4, 1968, and the morning of April 5, 1968. He stated he recalls that he was working this particular shift because that was the night that Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING was killed and there was a curfew on. He stated he was very busy the entire evening and night because of the curfew and does not recall that anyone else was working with him that night. Mr. GUY stated he does not recall any passenger coming out

the airport in a Yellow cab asking the Yellow cab to wait for him while he went in to purchase a ticket and then return to the cab. Mr. GUY advised he cannot furnish any information comming any of the passengers who boarded any of the Delta file is during the evening of April 4 and the morning of April 5, 1968.

The following is a composite description of the 2 individuals who registered in the hotel as RAND and WALKER as furnished by employees of the William Len Hotel mentioned above:

Number 1

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	25 to 28
Height ,	5'10"
Weight	150
Hair	Brown, parted on the side
Dress	Wearing gray suit

Number 2

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	25 to 30
Height	6'2"
Weight	200
Hair	Blond
Face	Ruddy
Dress	White shirt, dark trousers,
	carrying dark blue coat on
	his arm

The following individuals were contacted at their respective places of employment on June 3, 1968, to determine if any cars had been brought in on April 4, 1968, prior to 2:00 P.M. and if any cars were rented from 2:00 P.M. to midnight on April 4, 1968, to an individual by the name of W. DAVIS, B. CHIDLOW, VINCENT WALKER, or LAWRENCE RAND. These firms are the only places that rent cars that are in a close proximity to the William Len Hotel mentioned above:

Mr. GENE YORK, Assistant Manager, Avis Rent-A-Car, 57 South Third Street, Memphis

Miss JEAN STARNES, Clerk, Budget Rent-A-Car, 106 South Second Street, Memphis

Mr. EOBEY LIPIN, Manager, Hertz Rent-A-Car, Downtown Office, 110 South Second Street, Memphis

Mr. TED O. BAUCAUM, Manager, Downtown Office, National Car Rental Systems, Inc., 22 North Third Street, Memphis

The above individuals on June 3, 1968, advised that review of their records failed to indicate that any cars were turned in prior to 2:00 P.M. on April 4, 1968, that had been rented by an individual in the name of W. DAVIS, B. CHIDLOW, VINCENT WALKER, or LAWRENCE RAND. These individuals also advised that a complete review of their records fails to indicate that any cars were rented between the period 2:00 P.M. and midnight of April 4, 1968, to any individual registering the name W. DAVIS, B. CHIDLOW, VINCENT WALKER, or LAWRENCE RAND.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Miss EDITH BRUNER, Clerk, William Len Hotel, advised she noticed two individuals in the lobby of her hotel during the early evening of April 4, 1968. She stated that she did not know the names of these individuals, but knew that they were registered at the hotel as VINCENT WALKER and LAWRENCE RAND; however, she did not know which of the individuals was WALKER and which was RAND. She said she first saw them in the lobby at approximately 7:30 p.m. They, according to Miss BRUNER, at that time just seemed to be killing time, and asked general questions about Memphis and the racial conditions which had existed and were existing in Memphis. Miss BRUNER stated that the taller of the two men advised her that they were from California, but they gave her no information as to why they were in Memphis or what they intended to do in Memphis.

Miss BRUNER advised that she could not furnish any details concerning the activities of these two individuals on the afternoon of April 4, 1968, nor could she furnish any details regarding their activities after 7:30 on April 4, 1968. She could not state whether or not either or both of them had left the hotel during the time they were staying at the hotel for any period of time. She said during the evening of April 4, 1968, she did not pay any particular attention to them, but just merely noted that they were around the lobby of the hotel on various occasions. Miss BRUNER furnished the following description of the two men:

A. Shorter Man

Race:
Age:
25 to 26
Height:
5'10"
Weight:
150 pounds
Hair:
Ash brown, parted on the side
Dress:
Grey suit and tie

She could furnish no further descriptive data on this
individual.

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Race:
Height:
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Dress:

White 6'2"
200 pounds
Blonde, short cut
Color unknown
Ruddy face
White shirt, dark trousers,
and carrying a coat in his
arm, blue in color, which
appeared to be too small for
him.

 $$\operatorname{Miss}$$ BRUNER could furnish no further descriptive data on this individual.

Miss EDITH BRUNER continued by advising that the two above-mentioned individuals checked out of the William Len Hotel at approximately 12:30 p.m., April 5, 1968. She said when they checked out, they seemed to be in an extreme hurry. She pointed out that they had put a deposit on their key when they checked in inasmuch as they did not have any baggage, but they checked out in such a hurry that they almost forgot to collect the money which they had put on the deposit. She said she had to remind them to collect their deposit on the key, but they seemed to be more interested in checking out and getting out of the hotel than they did collecting the money which they had on deposit. Miss BRUNER said she did not particularly note that the two men did after they left the hotel, and, therefore, could furnish no further information regarding their activities after this time.



Memorandum

TO

Mr. DeLoach

DATE: **August 5, 1968**

FROM : A. Rosen

1 - Mr. DeLoach

1 - Mr. Rosen

1 - Mr. Malley

1 - Mr. Daunt

1 - Mr. McGowan

1 - Mr. Gale

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. Long

1 - Mr. Trotter

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr. This memorandum is in specific reference to the investigation conducted at William Len Hotel in Memphis, Tennessee, regarding suspects Vincent Walker and Lawrence Rand.

As a result of checking various hotels and motels in Memphis, Tennessee, regarding suspects in this matter, it was determined that an individual by the name of Vincent Walker and another by the name of Lawrence Rand registered at the William Len Hotel in Memphis on April 4, 1968. On April 5, 1968, they made a hasty departure from the hotel taking a taxicab to the Memphis Airport. Investigation strongly indicates that these two individuals departed Memphis by Delta Airlines Flight No. 157, nonstop to Houston, Texas, on April 5, 1968, using the names of W. Davis and B. Chidlow.

This matter has been thoroughly checked with negative results in order to determine the true identity of these individuals. It appears that these two individuals may have been in Memphis for the possibility of committing some illegal activity or there as possible fugitives "cooling off" and departed immediately because of the pressure of law enforcement on the King assassination.

Memphis Division submitted the hotel registration cards concerning Walker and Rand and six unidentified latent fingerprints were developed from the card of Walker and five unidentified latent fingerprints were developed from the card of Rand.

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Memo Rosen to DeLoach RE: MURKIN

RECOMMENDATION:

Since all other logical investigation has been conducted in an effort to identify these individuals without success, and in view of the possibility they may have been implicated as co-conspirators in the King slaying, it is recommended, if feasible, that the latent fingerprints developed on the hotel registration cards be compared with those of white Bureau fugitives between the ages of 20 and 35. It is noted that the best available information indicates that Walker and Rand are described as white males between the ages of 20 and 35.

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Memo Rosen to DeLoach Re: MURKIN

ADDENDUM OF THE IDENTIFICATION DIVISION:

N. E. McDaniel/hs 8-6-68

The foregoing recommendation is premature. Of the eleven latent fingerprints developed on the hotel registration cards concerning Walker and Rand only two on one of the Walker cards are possibly susceptible to a comparison of the type recommended. The Identification Division has no information to indicate that the latent fingerprints are those of Walker or Rand. Prior to considering the recommendation of the General Investigative Division, the Memphis Office should submit elimination prints of the hotel employees and law enforcement officers who may have had occasion to handle the evidence. Upon receipt of such elimination prints the Identification Division will make comparisons with the latents developed on the hotel registration cards. This examination might very well eliminate the two latent prints on the one Walker card which do appear to be possibly susceptible to the recommended comparison.

If the General Investigative Division feels that on the basis of the information available to them that the costly, time-consuming examination which they have recommended is warranted, then it is suggested that the elimination prints be obtained before proceeding further in this matter.

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ADDENDUM OF GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION:

REL:cs 8/8/68

In view of the important phase of eliminating Vincent Walker and Lawrence Rand as possible conspirators in this case, we are instructing our Memphis Office to submit elimination prints. Upon receipt of these elimination prints, it will be recommended that the Identification Division compare the pertinent latents with those of white Bureau fugitives between the ages of 20 and 35.

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August 8, 1968

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1 - Mr. Long

To:

SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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You should provide Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General of Shelby County, Tennessee, the following investigative reports, copies of which are in your possession:

Report of Special Agent Henry A. Snow dated 4/17/68, at Birmingham, Alabama;

Report of Special Agent Joe C. Hester dated 4/17/68, at Memphis, Tennessee;

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MAILED Z AUG 8 1968 Report of Special Agent Alan G. Sentinella dated 4/18/68, at Atlanta, Georgia;

Report of Special Agent Leroy W. Sheets dated 4/18/68, at Los Angeles, California;

Report of Special Agent Stephen M. Callender dated 4/29/68, at New Orleans, Louisiana;

Report of Special Agent Joe C. Hester dated 4/30/68, at Memphis, Tennessee;

Report of Special Agent John L. Puddister dated 5/2/68, at Jackson, Mississippi;

Report of Special Agent Howard H. Rice dated 5/13/68, at Newark, New Jersey;

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Airtel SAC, Memphis RE: MURKIN Report of Special Agent Raymond B. Howe dated 5/15/68, at Kansas City, Missouri; and Report of Special Agent Raymond B. Howe dated 6/14/68, at Kansas City, Missouri. Enclosed you will find the following original set and one copy of the set of documents provided to us by the British authorities in regards to the extradition proceedings of James Earl Ray: 1. Fingerprint comparison charts used in the testimony by our Latent Fingerprint Examiner George J. Bonebrake; 2. Fingerprints of Ray as taken on 6/8/68, by British authorities; Two separate orders issued by the Bow Street Magistrates' Court dated 6/13/68, pursuant to "The Extradition Act, 1870," relative to this matter (One order relates to the murder charge in Tennessee and the other to the escape charge in Missouri.); 4. Medical Officer's Certificate dated 7/18/68, issued by the authorities of Wandsworth Prison; 5. An order dated 7/18/68, commanding Ray to be delivered to officials of the United States Government; and 6. Court testimony of several individuals. You should provide the original set of documents to Mr. Canale and copy of the original set should be retained for your records. In addition, you may provide Mr. Canale the enclosed report of New Scotland Yard. A copy of this report was previously provided to you for your information. - 2 -2025 RFI FASE UNDER F.O. 14176

Airtel SAC, Memphis RE: MURKIN In furnishing the above reports and documents to Mr. Canale, it must be with the complete understanding that the reports and documents and contents thereof are not to be released outside his office. You should insure that no administrative pages and administrative data are included in the reports disseminated to Mr. Canale. See memo Rosen to DeLoach, dated 8/8/68, NOTE: captioned as above, REL:cs.

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1 - Mr. Long

To:

SAC, Memphis (44-1987) REC 22

From:

Director, FBI (44-38861)

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The Bureau is contemplating comparing the latent fingerprints developed on the William Len Hotel registration cards concerning Vincent Walker and Lawrence Rand in an effort to identify these individuals. You should, therefore, obtain elimination prints from hotel employees, law enforcement officers who may have handled these registration cards and any other individuals from your determination who may have handled these cards.

Submit these prints to the Bureau promptly.

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NOTE:

See memo Rosen to DeLoach, dated 8/5/68, same caption, REL:cs, with addendum of General Investigative

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Legat, London SACs, Kansas City Director, FBI (44-1987)

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For conformation of Kansas City and Memphis. when the State of Missouri sent their extradition papers to the Embassy in London, the original identification card of the subject was sent in error. Missouri had evidently meant to send a copy of the identification card.

According to Mr. Jack Herfurt, Counsellor for Consular Affairs at the American Embassy in London, the Missouri State Penitentiary officials have asked for the return of the original card for their records. Mr. Herfurt states that the original is not at the Bow Street Court, the Foreign Office, the Home Office and is not in his records at the Embassy. Legat suggests that the original may have been among the papers which traveled back with the subject on 7/18/68. The Missouri State Penitentiary officials, of course, desire that the original card be sent to them.

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Bureau is not in receipt of this original card and Legat, London may wish to suggest to Mr. Herfurt that he again check the records, particularly the original extradition papers as the original may still be contained in the same papers.

tentiary identification card sent with extradition papers to the Embassy in London by error. Jack Herfurt, the counselor

Penitentiary have asked for the return of the original card and he cannot locate it among his, as well as other individuals,

papers. Bureau not in possession of this card and due to the fact that extradition papers were in the hands of Herfurt, it is possible that the ortginal may still be in his possession.

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ENCLOSURE

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL WASHINGTON

July 30, 1968

Dear Mr. Hoover:

In connection with the Ray extradition I wish to commend the personnel of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

I made two trips to London in connection with the formal extradition process, and my work there was greatly lightened by the interest and cooperation of the Legal Attache in London, John Minnick. Mr. Minnick was not only knowledgeable and effective, but I am sure we could not have accomplished what was accomplished without the splendid relationship that he has developed with New Scotland Yard and other officials in England. This was most important in several respects and without his assistance I would have had a substantial difficulty in accomplishing several objectives while in London.

With respect to arrangements for Ray's return to this country, Al Rosen on this end and Mr. Minnick on the London end were indispensable ingredients of an operation that went without a hitch.

My thanks to both of them and to you.

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Sincerely,

Fred M. Vinson, Jr.

Assistant Attorney General

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover Director Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Honorable Fred M. Vinson, Jr. Assistant Attorney General Criminal Division
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Vinson:

Thank you for the very favorable comments in your letter of July 30th concerning the work of the FBI in the case involving James Farl Ray. I am certainly pleased our work has merited your approval and Messrs. Rosen and

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Minnich join me in expressing appreciation for your kind remarks.

Sincerely yours,

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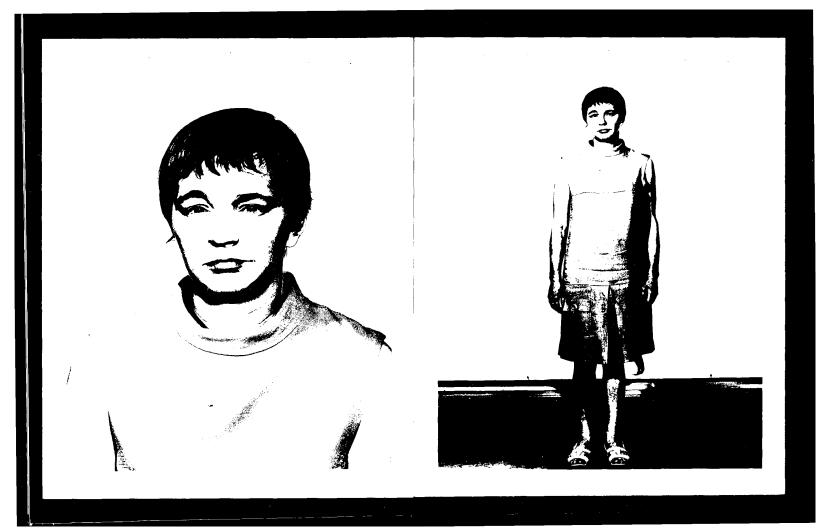
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO

Mr. DeLoach/ C

DATE: July 31, 1968

FROM

A. Rosen

1 - Mr. DeLoach1 - Mr. Rosen

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1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan

1 - Mr. Long

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, ${\tt Jr.}$

The Legal Attache in Ottawa has furnished us with results of investigation by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) regarding activities of subject Ray while in Toronto, Canada.

The investigative results include the interview of a person by the name of Blanche Beatrice Hutchinson, who identified the photograph of James Earl Ray as the individual whom she spent one night with at the Lord Simco Hotel in Toronto, Canada, in April of 1968. She claims that she picked Ray up at the Metropol Hotel in Toronto and stated that Ray used foul language while he was making love to her. Officers of the RCMP described her as a prostitute, alcoholic and confirmed liar and incapable of telling the whole truth. Photographs of Hutchinson are attached.

The investigative report of the RCMP also states that Ray on April 23, 1968, entered Loblaw's Grocerteria, Toronto, Canada, from the rear of the establishment and asked the assistant manager for a full time job. Ray was notified that full time help was only hired from the head office, not by various branches and the correct address and phone number of the home office was supplied to Ray. The head office of Loblaw's was checked, however, there is no record of Ray applying for a job under his own name or aliases. REC 46

The RCMP report also advises that they have made investigation at 103 branches of various banks in the Toronto area, as well as 125 branches of the Royal Bank of Canada in Toronto with negative results concerning the possibility of Ray having a bank account or safety deposit box in such establishments.

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Memo Rosen to DeLoach RE: MURKIN The RCMP officials are continuing to account for the subject's activities in Toronto, Canada. ACTION: For your information. - 2 -

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Mr. DeLoach

FROM

3. Rosen

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

DATE: July 22, 1968

1 - Mr. DeLoach

1 - Mr. Posen

1 - Mr. Malley

1 - Mr. McGowan

1 - Mr. Long

1 - Mr. Bishop

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

The trial for subject James Marl Ray has been scheduled for 11/12/68 at Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, and the judge to hear this case is W. Preston Battle. Cur Memphis Office advised that Judge Battle is described as one of the most experienced trial judges in Memphis; he is sixty years of age and attended Washington and Lee University as well as Memphis University Law School. He received his license to practice law in 1933; has served as Assistant to the District Attorney General for Shelby County, Tennessee, for eleven years and entered private practice of law in Memphis in 1945. Most of his work has been devoted to the practice of criminal law. In 1959, he was appointed judge for Division 3 of the Criminal Court of Shelby County. Judge Battle is a member of the Shelby County Bar Association and has served on the Board of Directors, as well as the Executive Committee of the Association.

Judge Battle has been described by individuals as a judge who runs a no-nonsense courtroom and he has had some of his decisions reversed, according to newspaper articles, but the newspaper articles state this is a mark of a judge who hears a lot of cases and is not afraid to blaze trails. He is further described as a stickler for legal aspects of a case and will often recess court to check a point of law. Individuals also describe Judge Battle as a person who will give sharp words to lawyers who employ grandstand tactics in a courtroom and he is a person who displays patience

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with defendants and witnesses who appear nervous or who do not sometimes understand legal procedures.

According to the files of the Bureau and our Memphis Office, Judge Battle has been the subject of two Civil Rights complaints, both in 1965. In the one case, the victim complained that he had been illegally extradited and the judge told him that regardless of how he had been returned to Memphis, an indictment was outstanding against him and he was going to stand trial in the court. In the second case, the victim complained that Judge Battle told a prisoner to be quiet in his courtroom and therefore, this was a violation of the victim's civil rights. In both of these cases, the complaints were referred to the Civil Rights Division of the Department and no further investigation was requested by the Department.

The Bureau files, as well as the Memphis files, contain no information of a derogatory nature concerning Judge Battle.

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was the type of man who would probably have rather strong opinions, and just go ahead and say something. He added he placed no significance on the remarks and said there had been quite a bit of drinking.

FD-302 reflecting interview of JEMSEN will be furnished Memphis and Los Angeles for their respective cases.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) ATTENTION: ADMINISTRATIVE

DIVISION

8/7/68

SAC. MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

Re Butel to Memphis, 4/17/68, Memphis airtels to Bureau, 5/13, 6/5, 7/3 and 7/8/68, Bureau routing slip, 6/13/68, all captioned as above, and Buairtel to Memphis, 7/9/68.

The information set out hereafter is a listing of cumulative totals concerning cost data of captioned matter as furnished by all Bureau offices for the period 4/4/68through 7/31/68:

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F. Miscellaneous

Zeroxing	\$330.94
Zerox paper and Supplies	14.25
Mailing Wanted Flyers to Laundries in the U.S.	287.00
Miscellaneous Supplies	65.77
Confidential Item	19.50
Total Miscellaneous	\$717.46

Total Unusual or out-of-ordinary costs: \$14,203.65

4. Peak number of Special Agents on this case: 3,075

The expenses incurred by the Bureau in making the arrangements and in transporting subject RAY to Memphis are not known to this office. Consequently, the above totals do not include any expenses or figures other than those furnished the Memphis Division by the other field divisions.

Memorandum

Mr. Deloach

: A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: August 9, 1968

1 - Mr. DeLoach

1 - Mr. Rosen

1 - Mr. Malley

1 - Mr. McGowan

1 - Mr. Long

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

Special Agent in Charge (SAC) Joseph Gamble of the Birmingham Office telephonically advised that he received a telephone call from Robert Wood, owner of the Aeromarine Supply Company, Birmingham, Alabama, to the effect that his son, Donald Wood, and other employees of the company have been receiving threatening telephone calls. It is noted that James Earl Ray purchased the rifle from Donald Wood of the Aeromarine Supply Company on March 29-30, 1968. To be specific, the call that Donald Wood received from an unknown individual was to the effect that he would not live to testify in the James Earl Ray case. The employees received telephone calls along the line that they wanted to know if they sold sawed-off shotguns and told them they had better start to sell them.

SAC Gamble stated that he has taken no action on this matter and due to the importance of this case, he would like the Bureau's views REC-35 4/ 2 . 3 2 . 1 /

Mr. Stephen J. Pollak, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, was apprised of the threatening telephone calls received, and he was advised that it has not as yet been determined if Federal process will be dismissed, we are alerting the Birmingham authorities of the threats made. In view of the Tennessee authorities! prosecution of subject Ray on State charges, we are notifying Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County, Tennessee, of these telephone calls.

After learning of this information, Mr. Pollak 2 1868 advised that he did not desire any further action, however, he did desire that our Birmingham Office apprise the U. S.

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach RE: MURKIN Attorney in Birmingham of the calls received and the fact that the FBI is conducting no investigation. Mr. Pollak also stated that if Mr. Wood further informs the FBI of any threatening calls received by Donald Wood, they should be channelized in this same manner. Birmingham and Memphis have been advised as to the above. ACTION: The above will be confirmed in writing to the Department. - 2 -

Memorandum

TO

DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

DATE: 8/8/68

RR SUBJECT:

SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to all offices and legats dated 5/7/68.

This matter has been reviewed within the Chicago Division, and it appears that all pertinent information developed as a result of investigation has been furnished in report form to Memphis and the other interested offices. At this time, it does not appear that the amount of investigation within the Chicago Division warrants individual reports. Therefore, inserts are being prepared in the future in lieu of reports, UACB.

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