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	5064	LETTER TO PHOENIX 8-14-68		4	4				✓								
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	5066	TELETYPE FM K.C. 6-12-68		2	2				✓								
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	5079	INTERNAL MEMO 7-24-68		5	5					✓								
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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (44-38861)

DATE: 8-13-68

FROM: SAC, Memphis (44-1987) P

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Birmingham teletype to Bureau 8-9-68.

In accordance with instructions contained in reference tel, four copies of LHM enclosed for the Bureau.

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*In Reply, Please Refer to
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841 Federal Office Building
Memphis, Tennessee 38103
August 13, 1968

JAMES EARL RAY;
Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -
VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY

On August 9, 1968, District Attorney General PHIL M. CANALE, JR., Memphis, Tennessee, was advised of threatening telephone calls received by Mr. DONALD F. WOOD at Aeromarine Supply Company, 5701 Airport Highway, Birmingham, Alabama.

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PM URGENT 8-14-68 DJM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (IP)

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RE SITEL TO BUREAU AUGUST THIRTEEN, LAST.

DON SANDIDGO, DETECTIVE, ALTON, ILL., PD., ADVISED THAT JUDY MILLER, WOODRIVER, ILLINOIS, HAD BEEN CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH JOHN MCCLINTOCK AND HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON DURING NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN AND JANUARY AND FEBRUARY, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT. HE ADVISED SHE MIGHT POSSIBLY BE ABLE TO FURNISH INFORMATION CONCERNING THEIR ACTIVITIES DURING THAT TIME.

SPRINGFIELD, AT ALTON, WILL ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW JUDY MILLER CONCERNING HER KNOWLEDGE OF HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON AND JOHN MC CLINTOCK.

WILL KEEP BUREAU ADVISED.

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 FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (44-669) (P)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel 7/29/68; Chicago airtel to
 Director, 7/24/68.

Enclosed for Springfield are two separate lists
 of cleaning establishments, one of members of the National
 Institute of Dry Cleaners and the second non-members of that
 organization. (Both lists are in the form of labels on a
 tape).

On 8/12/68, MRS. CECIL BONIS, National Institute
 of Dry Cleaning, 909 Burlington Avenue, Silver Spring,
 Maryland, made available the above described enclosures.

As per prior correspondence, Springfield will
 utilize the enclosed labels.

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IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

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Enclosed for the FBI Identification Division are palm prints of JOHN RAY and of JERRY RAY, brothers of the subject. These were made available to the Memphis Office on 8/5/68 by Captain J. G. RAY of the Memphis Police Department. These should be searched against any unidentified latent fingerprints in this case.

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RE: MEMPHIS
B. B. B. (B. B. B.)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)
SUBJECT: B. B. B. (B. B. B.)
RE: MEMPHIS TELETYPE TO BUREAU, AUGUST 14, 1968.
FOR INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THE
INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED AT MEMPHIS ON AUGUST 14, 1968.

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RE: B. B. B. (B. B. B.)

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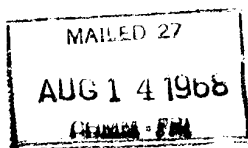
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Reurairtel 8-5-68 submitting palm prints of Jerry R. Ray, FBI #28512, and John Larry Ray, FBI #3887252.

Latent prints previously reported in this case not identical with the fingerprints and palm prints of Jerry R. Ray or John Larry Ray.

Submitted palm prints enclosed.

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In spite of this, it was learned, the defense has found most state witnesses, such as Miss Christine Kelley, clerk in the Rebel Motel on Lamar, where Ray is supposed to have spent the night before the murder, unwilling to talk.

Asst. Atty. Gen. James C. Beasley, who will help prosecute Ray, said protocol provides that attorneys on either side may see witnesses on the other.

"But it is up to each witness whether and how much he wants to tell. The attorney general's office often has great difficulty in finding witnesses it wants to see. Once found, they may refuse to talk until placed on the witness stand."

Ray's indictment folder in the Criminal Court Clerk's office shows the names of 14 state witnesses who have been served with the anti-publicity order.

Judge Battle said no hearing will be held today on the defense motions.

"The law allows an interval of five days before a hearing. There may be no hearing at all. It may be the state will concede Mr. Hanes' right to talk to the witnesses."

If Mr. Hanes wins this point and witnesses still refuse to talk to him, he indicated he will come back with a new motion to deal with the situation.

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Court Will Get Hide, Seek Game

Hanes Will File Motion
To Gain Access To
State Witnesses

By CHARLES EDMUNDSON

An eight-week-old legal game of hide-and-seek between defense and prosecution in the case of James Earl Ray, charged with the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., will be carried into Criminal Court this morning.

One of Ray's attorneys, Arthur J. Hanes Jr. of Birmingham, said he will file motions this morning to give him access to state witnesses.

Mr. Hanes' father, chief counsel for Ray, said one of his representatives has been refused an opportunity to talk to Charles Quitman Stephens, held under \$10,000 bond in the Shelby County Jail as a material witness in the case.

He said he has found other state witnesses unwilling to talk to him because of Judge W. Preston Battle's order restricting publicity.

Judge Battle's order says, "Nothing in this order shall prohibit any witness from discussing any matter in connection with the case with any of the attorneys representing the defendant or the state or any representative of such attorneys."

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system two valid interests guarantee of fair trial and freedom of press and speech, conflict and the line between them must be drawn with great care.

We wholeheartedly support Judge Battle in his attempts to make the protections of the Sheppard ruling real so that both defense and prosecution can have their honest day in court and we again urge proper restraint by all parties involved. But we must be frightened by the scope, nebulousness and dangers of the particular order Judge Battle wrote.

The task of the law and of judges in this case is not easy and no one should want a lot of wild statements floating around before and during the trial. But when courts edge toward limiting free speech and press they should show a judicial meticulousness and sensitivity to basic rights somewhat lacking in Judge Battle's order.

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There are enclosed original and one copy of newspaper clippings in captioned matter from 8/16/68 issue of "Commercial Appeal," Memphis, Tennessee.

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A Risky Business

ALTHOUGH Judge Preston Battle has followed the direction and even the words of the Supreme Court in his order concerning pre-trial publicity for James Earl Ray the propriety and status of both his order and the law on the subject are unclear.

The order, which is daily affecting many people, is based on the Supreme Court's 1966 reversal of the famous murder conviction of Sam Sheppard. In that case the high court criticized the trial judge for not preventing a deluge of wild statements and a circus-like atmosphere before and especially during the trial.

The Sheppard case was an extreme example of how not to administer justice and was conducted in an atmosphere far different from that so far in Memphis. Officials leaked wild stories, newspapers declared Sheppard all but guilty and the trial itself was conducted in uproarious surroundings.

And the Sheppard reversal more than anything else was based on exposure of the jurors to masses of prejudicial material and treatment as celebrities, something Judge Battle could prevent without his present broad order.

ALTHOUGH the Supreme Court was clear in ruling the judge did not do enough in the Sheppard case it was unclear on how far a judge can and should go.

Relevant to Judge Battle's order, the high court did emphasize the need for a free press in keeping an open judiciary. Furthermore, it said the judge could have proscribed "extrajudicial statements by any lawyer, party, witness or court official which divulged prejudicial matters" and "requested" that appropriate government officials regulate statements by their employees.

Judge Battle made his order much more sweeping, in effect banning all statements, even information on the "treatment, acts and attitude of the defendant." He also extended it to all employees in the criminal court building, all law enforcement officers and all employees of lawyers in the case. He has, in short, partially abridged the free speech of a large number of people.

How far a judge may go in such rulings as they begin to conflict with free speech and vital public information has yet to be decided by the Supreme Court, though it is to be hoped the high court will continue its strong emphasis on these basic constitutional rights.

Trial courts ultimately will have to recognize they do not have a blank check in controlling public statements and that there are grave risks in orders such as Judge Battle's, which silently frighten scores of minor officials from revealing information which may be harmless or even something press and public have a substantial and functional right to know. Cutting off the pre-trial part of justice from the public eye is a very risky business.

As is often the case in our judicial

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Minutes of the Grand Jury session during which Ray was indicted, names and addresses of all witnesses, autopsy reports and copies of all statements made by Ray were also sought.

The motion to dismiss the indictment stated that reports on the case have been so widespread "that any prospective jurors will have read and or heard prejudicial matter on many occasions and will have been repeatedly exposed to published matter tending to in-

fluence public opinion in favor of defendant's guilt and tending to remove that presumption of innocence which must accompany him (Ray) to trial."

The reports "have created such widespread prejudicial publicity that the defendant has been effectively precluded from receiving a fair and impartial trial," the motion stated.

Among exhibits attached to the motion were copies of a magazine cover showing a picture of Ray, and a head-

line, "The Man Who Killed Dr. Martin Luther King Jr."

Another was a copy of a Life Magazine story about Ray with the caption, "The Revealing Story of a Mean Kid."

A third motion filed by Hanes was a motion to dismiss an indictment of Ray on a charge of carrying a dangerous weapon.

The motion stated that Ray was extradited for trial only on a murder charge and hence could not be tried on another charge.

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See enclosed newspaper clipping in captioned matter
captioned "Attorneys Seek Dismissal for Ray: Claim 'Prejudicial
Publicity.'"

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-441100)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-157100) (P)
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RE: NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU, AUGUST 12, 1968.
FOR INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, NEW YORK OFFICE IS CURRENTLY
CONDUCTING AN INVESTIGATION OF THE ALLEGED ACTS OF
VIOLENCE AND DISORDERLY CONDUCT OF A GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS
KNOWN AS THE "BLACK PANTHER PARTY" (BPP) IN NEW YORK CITY.

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Attorneys Seek Dismissal for Ray: Claim 'Prejudicial Publicity'

By **BROWN ALAN FLYNN**
Press-Scimitar Staff Writer

Attorneys for James Earl Ray, accused of slaying Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., today asked Criminal Court Judge Preston Battle to quash the indictment against Ray because of "pervasive and widespread" publicity in the case. They contend this has made it impossible for Ray to get a fair trial anywhere in the U.S.

Arthur B. Hanes Jr., who with his father will defend Ray, filed a motion to that

effect with the Shelby Criminal Court Clerk.

Hanes also asked the court for access to the state's evidence against Ray.

A tentative date to hear the motions was set for Sept. 6.

The motion to dismiss the indictment cited radio and television reports, magazine stories and newspaper reports which the attorneys claim are prejudicial to Ray.

The motion concerning evidence, if granted, would open the door to pre-trial ex-

amination of all papers and evidence collected by the attorney general's office in preparation for the prosecution of Ray.

The motion listed 21 separate items which the defense attorneys seek permission to examine.

Included in the list were any firearms owned by the defendant, any automobile and objects found in it owned by Ray, records or documents pertaining to motels, hotels or rooming houses, any photos "showing the de-

fendant or others sought in connection with the crime charged," and any penal records of Ray.

The defense also asked to see medical records in the case, passports and records of entry into the United States or other countries, military records, evidence of and tests of fingerprints of Ray, fingerprints of any other persons found during the investigation, ballistics and weapons tests, and any "expended slugs or fragments thereof."

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Date: 7/23/68

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

4 COPIES MADE BY 5/4/73 BY
RCB/SSA M.L. King, Jr.
FOR REVIEW BY MEMPHIS
TO BUREAU BY AIRTEL 5/3/73
(ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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For the assistance of the Bureau, the following three individuals will be the State Prosecutors in the case involving JAMES EARL RAY:

PHIL M. CANALE, JR., District Attorney General;
ROBERT K. DWYER, Executive Assistant to the District Attorney General;
JAMES C. BEASLEY, Assistant District Attorney General

CANALE is senior prosecutor, with DWYER next in rank in his office.

Memphis indices were searched regarding the above-mentioned three individuals.

No record identifiable with JAMES C. BEASLEY located in Memphis indices.

ROBERT K. DWYER is National Academy Graduate of the 51st Session and results of applicant investigation previously made available to Bureau. No data in Memphis files concerning DWYER of derogatory nature.

In connection with CANALE, his name appears in various Civil Rights inquiries conducted by the Memphis Division. Bureau's attention directed to Memphis Airtel dated 12/6/65, captioned, "PHIL M. CANALE, JR., District Attorney General, 15th Judicial

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Circuit of Tennessee, Memphis, Tennessee; HAROLD WARD YATES - VICTIM; CIVIL RIGHTS"; Memphis report dated 11/4/63 of SA CYRIL F. BUSCH captioned "PHIL M. CANALE, District Attorney General, Memphis, Tennessee; CARL OSCAR BURRIS - VICTIM; CIVIL RIGHTS"; Memphis Airtel dated 11/10/58 captioned "PHIL M. CANALE, Attorney General, Memphis, Tennessee; DELMAR IHLE - VICTIM; CIVIL RIGHTS."

In the above three captioned matters, no derogatory information was reported.

In addition, the Bureau's attention is directed to Memphis Airtel dated 1/23/62, captioned "UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, Police Department, Memphis, Tennessee; Alleged Corruption - Miscellaneous Information." In this matter, both DWYER and CANALE requested assistance of the FBI in conducting investigation of the Memphis Police Department.

Since my arrival in the Memphis Division approximately a year ago, there has been no information brought to my attention that could in any way be considered a reflection on CANALE, DWYER or BEASLEY. This office has enjoyed a good working relationship with the State Attorney General's Office here in Memphis.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: July 29, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

1 - Mr. DeLoach

1 - Mr. Rosen

1 - Mr. Malley

1 - Mr. McGowan

1 - Mr. Long

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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Sullivan ✓
Tavel ✓
Trotter ✓
Tele. Room ✓
Holmes ✓
Gandy ✓

This case involves the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., Attorney General, Shelby County, Tennessee, is the prime prosecutor in the state's case against subject James Earl Ray and Robert K. Dwyer, Executive Assistant to the District Attorney General and James C. Beasley, Assistant District Attorney General will assist Mr. Canale in this case.

PHIL M. CANALE, JR.:

Memphis and Bureau records indicate that Canale was the subject of several Civil Rights cases in connection with his position as Attorney General in Shelby County. In these complaints one victim accused Canale of affixing his name falsely to indictments returned by the State Grand Jury and one victim wanted the FBI to force Canale to return his driver's license. In each instance the complaint was forwarded to the Civil Rights Division of the Department and no further investigation was conducted.

ROBERT K. DWYER:

Memphis and Bureau files reflect Dwyer is a National Academy graduate of the Fifty-first Session and no data is contained in these files of a derogatory nature regarding him.

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JAMES C. BEASLEY:

There is no record identifiable in Memphis or Bureau files concerning James C. Beasley.

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

SAC, Memphis points out that there has been no information brought to his attention that could be in any way considered a reflection on Canale, Dwyer or Beasley. The Memphis Office has enjoyed a good working relationship with the State Attorney General's Office in Memphis.

ACTION:

For your information.

gmc *Jim* *R* *[Signature]* *[Signature]*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 8/14/68

FROM : SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Captain J. G. RAY, Memphis Police Department, in charge of the security surrounding JAMES EARL RAY's incarceration at Memphis, has confidentially advised that the subject has received a letter from J. B. STONER indicating that JOHN RAY had been in touch with STONER and that JAMES EARL RAY desired STONER to handle a libel action against some publication that had stated the subject's father was a drunkard.

Captain RAY said that when he gave this letter to ARTHUR HANES, subject's attorney, HANES explained that J. B. STONER is connected with the National States Rights Party and HANES indicated that he would advise the subject against getting involved with STONER.

Captain RAY has stated he will be alert for any additional contacts by STONER and will keep this office advised.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

DATE: 8/14/68

FROM : SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) P

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Reference Airtel from Director 7/15/68 requesting an interview with CLIFFORD EDMONDSON unless other circumstances would preclude this interview.

Records of the Medical Center for Federal Prisoners (MCFP), Springfield, Missouri, reveal that EDMONDSON has been diagnosed as "Schizophrenic reaction, paranoid type, chronic, with acute exacerbation as characterized by an individual with a life history which demonstrates the encipient seeds of a schizophrenic type personality with the evidence of mounting paranoid type of reaction throughout the years culminating in a gross psychotic disorganization at this time with only partial amelioration seen currently." Records indicated EDMONDSON had made two suicide attempts and that in 1963 electroshock therapy was initiated following self-mutilation attempt. Records reveal he was released on 10/10/67.

On 8/12/68 CLIFFORD EDMONDSON was interviewed at the residence of his grandfather, S. L. SHOBE, 2800 E. 40th Street, Kansas City, Missouri. EDMONDSON said this is his current residence and he is not employed at the present time. He advised he could furnish no additional information regarding the group who would pay to have MARTIN LUTHER KING killed other than that which is included in his letter to Senator SYMINGTON on 6/8/68. EDMONDSON stated that he believed that the other prisoner named KENNETH LONG is currently in the Federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas. He described KENNETH LONG as white male, age 35, 5'8", 140 pounds, and stated he worked as a surgical nurse at the MCFP, Springfield, Missouri. EDMONDSON again stated he could not elaborate on anything regarding the group that would pay to assassinate MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. EDMONDSON advised he had never heard of the Cooley organization.

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On 8/13/68 records of the U.S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, were reviewed. They failed to reveal any prisoner named KENNETH LONG; however, they did reveal a prisoner by the name of KENNETH LONE, who was at the MCFP, Springfield, Missouri, during 1966 and met the description given by EDMONDSON.

On 8/13/68 KENNETH LONE was interviewed at the U.S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, where he is under sentence for bank robbery, release date scheduled for 1980. LONE appeared cooperative and advised that he spent most of 1965 and the first half of 1966 at the MCFP, Springfield, Missouri. He advised he never heard a guard at the prison say he was a member of a group wanting MARTIN LUTHER KING killed and he certainly never told anyone this. While he was down there, another prisoner by the name of (FNU) EVANS a Negro male of the Muslim Cult of Islam, filed a writ against the institution and a guard by the name of (FNU) CALAHAN, stating they were prejudice towards the members of the Muslim Cult of Islam at the institution. LONE stated as a result of this writ there was a hearing and he testified in behalf of EVANS. He further advised that a lawyer for EVANS, name unknown, interviewed him before the hearing and asked him the same question, did he ever hear a guard say he was a member of a group that would pay to have MARTIN LUTHER KING killed. LONE stated his answer to this was no and it is still no. He advised that the most prejudicial statement he ever heard any of the guards at the prison make was made by the one named CALAHAN who stated, "I know how to take care of colored people." LONE stated that JAMES EARL RAY was unknown to him and he knew of no organization plotting against MARTIN LUTHER KING. He further stated he had never heard of the Cooley organization.

LEAD:

KANSAS CITY

AT SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

Review records Medical Center for Federal Prisoners re the hearing given (FNU) EVANS because of the writ he filed. Attempt to determine name of lawyer for EVANS, interview him and the guard named CALAHAN for any information regarding a group that would pay to assassinate MARTIN LUTHER KING.

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Date: 8/15/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609) (RUC)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

8/2/68. Re Las Vegas airtel to the Bureau dated

The following investigation was conducted
by SA VINCENT P. DOHERTY on 8/14/68 at New York,
New York:

Captain CARL GRECO, Identification Unit,
NYCPD, advised that their wanted records do not
contain anyone identifiable with SCOTT OWEN BELL.

Review of Suffolk County Telephone Directory
for a Brentwood Reform School did not reflect any reform
school with that name.

FREDERICK R. GRAF, Assistant Director,
Records Department, Bellevue Hospital, advised a SCOTT
BELL admitted to the hospital on 7/29/67 and subsequently
discharged on 8/2/67. BELL MAY HAVE SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

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1- Las Vegas (157-133) (INFO)
1- Washington Field (44-703) (INFO)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: July 19, 1968

FROM : L. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Callahan
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mechanical Section

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Mr. Mohr _____
Mr. Bishop _____
Mr. Casper _____
Mr. Callahan _____
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Mr. Gale _____
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Mr. Sullivan _____
Mr. Tavel _____
Mr. Trotter _____
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Miss Gandy _____

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

Attached is a proposed circular letter to be distributed to all laundry and dry cleaning establishments in the states of Illinois, Missouri, and Indiana.

We have been endeavoring to ascertain the source of subject's funds since he escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary on 1/3/67. The Bank of Alton, Illinois, was robbed on 7/13/67, by two unknown subjects wearing steel toe shoes and approximately \$27,000 was obtained. One of the unknown subjects meets the general description of Subject Ray. Subject Ray and one John Garrison caused this bank robbery. Garrison has been giving us information which gives possible indication of subject being involved in this bank robbery. Springfield recovered articles of clothing as evidence from bank robbery in which laundry marks appear on two items of clothing. Although it is not positively known that these articles of clothing are those of the two unknown subjects, they were recovered about a week after the robbery and approximate description of articles of clothing worn by the robbers.

Springfield has requested that a circular letter be prepared and distributed throughout several states to laundry and dry cleaning establishments in an effort to identify the perpetrators of this unsolved bank robbery through laundry marks appearing on the articles of clothing. Springfield has made arrangements for the franked circular letter to be addressed in their areas by the stenographic pool of each respective office to appropriate dry cleaning and laundry establishments. There are 4,300 establishments involved. The cost of postage would be \$358, the cost of printing would be \$30, the cost of stenographic time would

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RE: MURKIN

be \$57, bringing the total cost to \$345. Postage and printing costs were obtained from the Administrative Division, and costs for stenographic time of respective divisions obtained from Springfield.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (1) That this proposed circular letter be approved.
- (2) That the Mechanical Section prepare 4,400 copies of the attached circular letter; which should be folded, franked, and sealed. When completed, 1,800 copies should be forwarded to the Chicago Office, 1,800 copies forwarded to the Indianapolis Office, and 700 copies be forwarded to the St. Louis Office. Fifty copies should be forwarded to the Springfield Division, the office of origin in the bank robbery case, and 50 copies forwarded to Memphis, the office of origin in the Murkin case. It is requested that the attached photograph be utilized on the circular letter.
- (3) Attached for approval is an appropriate airtel to Chicago, Indianapolis, St. Louis, Springfield, and Memphis advising that a circular letter is being approved.

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1 - Mr. Long

July 29, 1968

TO ALL LAUNDRIES AND DRY CLEANING ESTABLISHMENTS (ATTENTION: OWNER)

On July 13, 1967, two unknown males, wearing stocking masks, robbed The Bank of Alton, Alton, Illinois, at gunpoint and obtained over \$27,000. Investigation of this crime led to the recovery of a white Van Heusen Vanguard shirt and a pair of tan trousers among other items.

The shirt bears laundry marks and the trousers dry cleaning symbols, facsimiles of which appear below. The Laundry marks appear on the shirt collar, the dry cleaning symbols appear on the front and rear pockets on the right side of the trousers.

If, after review of the above facsimiles, you feel you have information which would be of assistance to the FBI, please call the nearest office of the FBI, the telephone number of which is in the front page of your telephone directory.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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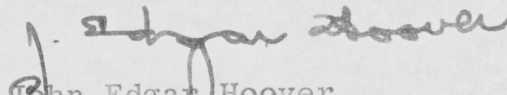
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