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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (26-26371) (P)

SUBJECT: HOWARD PHILLIP ETHRIDGE
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RE Butte teletype to Seattle dated 8/14/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau and Butte are four copies and two copies respectively of LHM setting forth allegations regarding participation in murder of KENNEDY and MARTIN LUTHER KING.

Enclosed for the Butte Division are nine (9) copies each of insert reflecting investigation at Colfax, Washington, and nine (9) copies each of two (2) FD-302s reflecting interview with RACHEL WHITE and BONNIE WHITE.

For the information of the Bureau and the Butte Division, in the statements given by RACHEL WHITE and BONNIE WHITE they stated that on 8/13/68 as they were leaving Walla Walla, Washington, en route to Spokane, Washington, they picked up a hitchhiker who gave his name as PHILLIP ETHRIDGE, age 19, who stated he was on his way to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. ETHRIDGE got into the back seat of the vehicle, a 1967 Chevrolet two-door hardtop, while both girls remained in the front seat. They proceeded toward Spokane, Washington, and near Colfax, Washington, ETHRIDGE advised the girls he had a gun pointed at BONNIE WHITE's head and would shoot unless they did as told. While continuing to drive toward Colfax, Washington, ETHRIDGE asked the girls if they had heard of the KENNEDY killing and the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING. The girls answered they had. ETHRIDGE told the girls that he had been in on those killings and thus was not afraid to use a gun.

The girls stated that ETHRIDGE also mentioned that he had killed two policemen and had wounded other men. The girls stated that they did not believe these statements by ETHRIDGE as he seemed to be simply attempting to frighten them and to build up his own ego.

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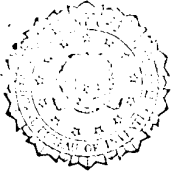
ETHRIDGE ordered the girls to turn on the highway leading to Albion, Washington; and approximately three to four miles up the road, he ordered them to stop the vehicle and get out. After getting out of the vehicle, ETHRIDGE, who was still holding the gun, ordered the girls to undress and start walking down the road towards Albion. At no time did he attempt to molest either girl. The girls stated that they walked down the road until out of sight of the car lights and then hid in a side ditch. After approximately ten minutes ETHRIDGE drove past them in the vehicle and continued on the road toward Albion. The girls then proceeded to a nearby farm house where they received clothing and had the farm couple notify the Whitman County Sheriff's Office regarding the theft of their vehicle.

For the information of the Bureau, ETHRIDGE was arrested near Lewiston, Idaho, on August 14, 1968, following a high speed chase from Pullman, Washington. Whitman County Sheriff's Office has charged subject with assault and grand larceny. Investigation being conducted regarding ITSMV violation. Subject in custody Nez Pierce County Jail, Lewiston, Idaho.

LEADS

BUTTE DIVISION
At Lewiston, Idaho

Will interview the subject regarding his alleged participation in the assassination of KENNEDY and MARTIN LUTHER KING.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Seattle, Washington
August 16, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

RE: HOWARD PHILLIP ETHRIDGE
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On August 15, 1968, Mrs. RACHEL WHITE, South 2503 Teko, Spokane, Washington, and Miss BONNIE LOUISE WHITE, South 1303 Crestline, Spokane, Washington, advised that on August 13, 1968, they were en route from Milton Freewater, Oregon, to Spokane, Washington. Upon leaving Walla Walla, Washington, they observed a young man hitchhiking near the outskirts of town. As it was approximately 11:30 PM, they decided to give the man a ride as they felt sorry for him being out so late hitchhiking. The man gave his name as PHILLIP ETHRIDGE and advised that he was going to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, to work in a lime plant.

ETHRIDGE got into the back seat of the 1967 Chevrolet two-door hardtop, being driven by RACHEL WHITE. ETHRIDGE sat behind BONNIE/WHITE, who was sitting in the passenger side of the front seat.

RACHEL WHITE and BONNIE WHITE advised that approximately three miles from Colfax, Washington, ETHRIDGE said something to the effect that he had a gun pointed at BONNIE WHITE's head and that he was naked and for neither girl to look back or he would shoot. He told RACHEL WHITE to keep driving the vehicle but he did not give any directions. RACHEL advised that as they entered Colfax, Washington, she turned toward Pullman, Washington, instead of turning toward Spokane. She stated that she knew the traffic would be heavier between Colfax and Pullman and there were more farm houses in the event ETHRIDGE left the girls in the country as he was indicating he planned to do. ETHRIDGE assured the girls that he did not intend to molest them but did intend to take their money and their vehicle. RACHEL WHITE and BONNIE WHITE stated that as they proceeded toward Pullman, Washington, ETHRIDGE told them that he had killed two policemen and had wounded other men. He then

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RE: HOWARD PHILLIP ETHRIDGE

asked them if they had heard of the KENNEDY assassination and the killing of MARTIN LUTHER KING. The women said that they had and ETHRIDGE told them that he had been in on these killings so he wasn't afraid to use a gun. Both women stated that he did not indicate which KENNEDY he meant but they assumed that he meant the killing of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY due to the fact ETHRIDGE had told them that he was only 19 years of age.

RACHEL WHITE and BONNIE WHITE advised that they thought that ETHRIDGE was not telling the truth when he informed them that he had killed two policemen and had participated in the assassination of KENNEDY and KING. They stated that they got the feeling that he was attempting to frighten them and at the same time to build up his own ego. ETHRIDGE informed them that he did not kill women but instead planned to leave them in the country, and take their money and the 1967 Chevrolet.

ETHRIDGE made RACHEL WHITE turn off the highway on a road leading to Albion, Washington, and proceed down that road until out of sight of the highway. He then ordered both women out of the vehicle and ordered them to completely undress. RACHEL WHITE stated that as she was undressing she noticed that ETHRIDGE had a gun in his hand and did not have a shirt on, although he had a pair of dark trousers on. After having both women undress, ETHRIDGE ordered them to walk down the road to Albion. The women proceeded down the road until out of sight of the car headlights at which time they hid in a side ditch beside the road. A short time later ETHRIDGE drove past them in the vehicle proceeding toward Albion, Washington. The women then proceeded to a nearby farm house where they obtained clothing and notified the Whitman County Sheriff's Office.

ETHRIDGE was arrested on August 14, 1968, during the early morning hours near Lewiston, Idaho, following a high speed chase from Pullman, Washington.

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Via AIRTEL AM
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) ATTN: CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

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Enclosed are original and one copy of news clipping from 8-23-68 issue of "Commercial Appeal," Memphis, Tennessee, reflecting Memphis Police providing full-time protection for CHARLES QUITMAN STEPHENS, witness in captioned matter.

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Guard Ordered For Witness

Memphis Police Providing
Full-Time Protection For
Charles Q. Stephens

By CHARLES EDMUNDSON
At the request of Atty. Gen. Phil M. Canale, Police Chief Henry Lux yesterday ordered a round-the-clock bodyguard for Charles Q. Stephens, expected to be a key witness in the trial of James Earl Ray, charged with fatally shooting Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

"In spite of a critical shortage of personnel we are providing security to the best of our ability for Mr. Stephens," Chief Lux said.

"We point out, however, that we have no legal authority to influence the movements of Mr. Stephens to enhance his security. This was adjudged in Circuit Court yesterday (in a habeas corpus order issued by Judge William W. O'Hearn). Stephens was held in Shelby County Jail from July 22 until last Wednesday when Judge O'Hearn ordered him released.

"We further emphasize that maximum security for an individual who moves about at will is at best less than dependable."

Chief Lux said that at any time Mr. Stephens, who is known to have a drinking problem, decides to move outside the Memphis city limits, where the police have no jurisdiction, police security will cease.

"Our past experience taught us," Chief Lux said, "that security for Mr. Stephens was difficult and posed problems, as evidenced by our support of an attempt at court action to hold him in order to provide maximum security. This, in our opinion, was the only way we could provide maximum security."

"We also point out that the security we are providing necessitates diverting men from the investigation and suppression of crime, for which they are sorely needed in this area."

Mr. Stephens was a resident of the South Memphis rooming house from which the shot that killed Dr. King is said to have been fired April 4. Mr. Stephens told police he saw a man leaving a second floor communal bathroom seconds after the shot was fired.

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

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Mr. Stephen J. Pollak
Assistant Attorney General

August 22, 1968

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Kelly

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ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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Reference is made to your letter dated August 16, 1968, requesting that copies of all investigative reports and results of interviews prepared in this case be furnished you and referring to alleged delay on the part of this Bureau in furnishing the Department copies of reports dated May 15, 1968, and June 14, 1968, prepared by our Kansas City Office.

For your information, investigative reports prepared in this case fall into two categories: 1) those containing information of evidentiary value pertinent to the prosecution of the Federal violation involved; and 2) those containing the results of the extensive fugitive investigation conducted to locate and apprehend the subject, James Earl Ray.

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All investigative reports pertinent to the prosecution of the Federal violation involved have been furnished to the Department promptly and on a timely basis.

The remaining reports prepared in this case pertain solely to the extensive fugitive investigation conducted to locate the subject. Such reports are not normally furnished to the Department since they contain only information relative to the fugitive aspect of the case and do not contain information of evidentiary value or of pertinence to the prosecution of the Federal violation involved.

The reports prepared by our Kansas City Office and referred to in your letter fall into this category. An additional twenty such reports have been prepared by our various field divisions, and in accordance with your specific request, copies of all these reports will be furnished under separate cover to the Attorney General, to you and to the Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Criminal Division.

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REB:SS HE M.L. King, Jr.
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(SEE BUFILE 62-117490)

...of the following information...

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...of the following information...

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ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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...of the following information...

1 - Mr. Tolson
1 - Mr. Mohr

AUG 23 1968

Mr. Stephen J. Pollak

For your information, Assistant Attorney General Fred M. Vinson, Jr., by letter dated July 12, 1968, which was received in this Bureau July 15, 1968, requested that the records of the Missouri State Penitentiary be reviewed pertaining to Ray and references to Ray's family background; education; physical, medical and psychiatric examinations and disciplinary proceedings be summarized. Such records had previously been reviewed in the initial phase of the fugitive aspect of this investigation, and the results of the review had been set forth in the pertinent reports prepared by our Kansas City Office and referred to in your letter. Since they contained the desired information requested by Assistant Attorney General Vinson, copies of these reports were furnished to Mr. Vinson on July 19, 1968, with a copy for you, even though they did not appear to contain information relevant to the prosecutive aspects of this case, but rather to the fugitive investigation.

We will continue to furnish to the Department, on a timely basis, copies of investigative reports and the results of interviews prepared in this case.

NOTE: See memo Rosen to DeLoach, dated 8/21/68, captioned, "MURKIN," JGK:cs.

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August 20, 1968

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

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

Attached is a request from Department to obtain results of all investigation conducted by us. We have furnished Department results of all investigation pertinent to the prosecution of the case.

Department by letter of 7-12-68, requested Ray's background data, relatives and associates. Kansas City reports of 5-15-68, and 6-14-68, containing requested information furnished to the Department. There has been absolutely no delay in furnishing pertinent information to the Department.

Additional pertinent highlights of fugitive investigation were furnished the Department by memorandum although detailed reports were not furnished as they were not pertinent to prosecution of the case.

The reports containing efforts to locate Ray will be furnished to the Department in accordance with their request.

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Department will be so advised -

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Memorandum

TO : Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: **AUG 16 1968**

SJP:efw

FROM : Stephen J. Pollak
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

DJ 144-72-662
DJ 95-100-473
#41-157-147

SUBJECT: James Earl Ray - Subject;
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. - Victim
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY

This Division is making an analysis of the facts in this case. To assure that no facts are overlooked, it is important that we have in our possession copies of all reports and interviews which your Bureau has conducted. In this connection, I note that on July 17, 1968, the Civil Rights Division and the Criminal Division received certain reports in connection with this matter transmitted by your Bureau on July 16, 1968. Two of the reports were dated June 14, 1968 from your Kansas City office, the third was dated May 15, 1968.

In order to insure that the Division file contains copies of all reports and interviews which your Bureau has conducted, I attach herewith the following lists of materials which we have received from your Bureau to date in reference to this matter:

- Attachment A: Reports of Special Agents
- Attachment B: Other Reports and Enclosures
- Attachment C: Memoranda to the Attorney General
- Attachment D: Memoranda to the Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division
- Attachment E: Letterhead Memoranda

Please review these lists and transmit to this Division, to the Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Criminal Division and to the Attorney General copies of any reports or interviews which you have in your possession and which are not noted on the attached lists.

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*Memo Rosen to DeLoach
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Letter to AAG Pollak
8-22-68 JGK/co*

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Please continue to furnish copies of all reports and interviews which your Bureau conducts as soon as they are received by your headquarters. I would request that delays such as that noted in the first paragraph of this memorandum be avoided if at all possible.

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ATTACHMENT A

Reports of Special Agents

<u>Special Agent</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>File No.</u>
1. Joe C. Hester	Memphis, Tenn.	4/17/68	44-1987
2. Henry A. Snow	Birmingham, Ala.	4/17/68	44-1740
3. Leroy W. Sheets	Los Angeles, Calif.	4/18/68	44-1574
4. Alan G. Sentinella	Atlanta, Ga.	4/18/68	44-2386
5. Stephen N. Callender	New Orleans, La.	4/29/68	157-10673
6. Joe C. Hester	Memphis, Tenn.	4/30/68	44-1987
7. John L. Puddister	Jackson, Miss.	5/2/68	157-9586
8. Howard H. Rice	Newark, N.J.	5/13/68	44-854
9. Joe C. Hester*	Memphis, Tenn.	6/10/68	44-1987
10. Raymond B. Howe	Kansas City, Mo.	5/15/68	44-760
11. Raymond B. Howe	Kansas City, Mo.	6/14/68	44-760

* Prosecutive Summary Report

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ATTACHMENT B

Other Reports and Enclosures

<u>Description of Report and Enclosures</u>	<u>Date of Transmittal Memorandum</u>
1. Memorandum dated 4/8/68 - 5/6/68 at Buffalo, N.Y.; Field Office File No. 44-374; Caption: James Earl Ray, aka Paul Bridgeman, Paul Bridgman, Paul Edward Bridgeman, Paul E. Bridgeman, Ramon George Sneyd; Toronto, Onlarion, Canada.	6/13/68
2. Correspondence forwarded by "Ebony" magazine; report of interview with Raymond Curtis.	7/8/68
3. Report of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police dated 6/14/68 at Montreal; Caption: Dr. Martin Luther King - Murder of(Assistance to FBI.)	7/8/68
4. Identification Record of James Earl Ray; copy of telegram from the American Embassy, London, to the Department of State, dated 7/3/68.	7/16/68
5. Copies of correspondence of subject while in H. M. Prison in London; copies of reports of prison officials.	7/26/68

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ATTACHMENT C

Memoranda to the Attorney General on the following dates:

1. April 20, 1968
2. May 2, 1968
3. May 9, 1968
4. May 23, 1968
5. May 27, 1968
6. May 29, 1968
7. June 20, 1968
8. June 21, 1968*
9. July 1, 1968
10. July 19, 1968
11. July 22, 1968
12. July 23, 1968

* Encloses 12 items made available by New Scotland Yard, London, England.

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ATTACHMENT D

Memoranda to Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights
Division, on the following dates:

1. June 10, 1968
2. June 13, 1968
3. June 14, 1968
4. June 15, 1968
5. June 17, 1968
6. June 18, 1968
7. June 19, 1968
8. July 3, 1968

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ATTACHMENT E

Letterhead Memoranda

<u>Caption</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Date</u>
1. Murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.	Washington, D.C.	4/10/68
2. Murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.	Washington, D.C.	4/12/68
3. Murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.	Washington, D.C.	4/18/68
4. James Earl Ray, aka Eric Starvo Galt	Buffalo, N.Y.	6/5/68
5. James Earl Ray, aka Eric Starvo Galt	Buffalo, N.Y.	6/7/68
6. Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.	Atlanta, Ga.	6/11/68
7. James Earl Ray	Washington, D.C.	6/13/68
8. James Earl Ray	Washington, D.C.	6/24/68
9. Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.	Washington, D.C.	6/25/68
10. James Earl Ray	Washington, D.C.	7/1/68
11. James Earl Ray; Martin Luther King, Jr. - Victim Civil Rights	Atlanta, Ga.	7/5/68
12. James Earl Ray; Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. - Victim	New Orleans, La.	7/25/68

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Mr. DeLoach *DL*

DATE: August 21, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen *AR*

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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

With reference to the dissemination to the Department of investigative reports in this case, such reports fall into two categories: a) reports containing information of evidentiary value pertinent to the prosecution of the Federal violation involved; and b) reports containing the results of the extensive fugitive investigation conducted to locate and apprehend the subject, James Earl Ray.

All reports pertinent to the prosecution of the Federal violation involved, and in which the Department has a legitimate interest, have been disseminated promptly to the Department and there has been absolutely no delay in doing so.

The remaining reports contain the results of our extensive fugitive investigation to locate and apprehend Ray. Copies of these reports were not disseminated to the Department since they relate solely to the fugitive aspects of the case, and contain no evidentiary material or information of value to the Department in the discharge of its prosecutive function relative to the Federal charge involved.

There are twenty such reports involving approximately 2,000 pages. They contain background data and results of extensive interviews and/or other investigation conducted to locate Ray. Although they do not relate to the prosecution aspect of the case, they will none the less be furnished to the Department in accordance with Mr. Pollak's specific request.

In this connection, by letter dated July 12, 1968, received at the Bureau July 15, 1968, Assistant Attorney General Fred M. Vinson, Jr. of the Criminal Division requested we review the records of the Missouri State Penitentiary pertaining to Ray, and summarize references to Ray's family background; education; physical, medical and psychiatric examinations and disciplinary proceedings. (It confi-

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Memo Rosen to DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

dentially came to our attention before Vinson's memorandum was written that British prison authorities had asked Vinson for information of this type in connection with their responsibility to maintain Ray's custody and the extradition proceedings.)

We had, of course, reviewed such records in the initial phase of the fugitive aspect of the investigation, and the results had been set forth in the fugitive reports dated May 15, 1968, and June 14, 1968, submitted by our Kansas City Office. Copies of these reports, which contained in full the information requested by Vinson in his letter, were furnished to him on July 19, 1968. Since the Attorney General had requested that information relating to the case be furnished to both Vinson and Assistant Attorney General Stephen J. Pollak of the Civil Rights Division, copies of the pertinent reports were also furnished to Pollak.

It should be noted Vinson did not furnish Pollak a copy of his (Vinson's) July 12, 1968, letter to the Bureau and consequently Pollak is apparently completely unaware the pertinent Kansas City reports were furnished to him and Vinson in answer to Vinson's specific request. This is another typical example in the Department of the left hand not knowing what the right hand is doing and explains why Pollak has gone off half cocked in erroneously accusing us of delay in disseminating the reports in question.

As a further example of this lack of coordination between Pollak and Vinson as relates to this case, it is noted that after Ray was turned over to state authorities in Tennessee we inquired of Vinson by letter whether the Federal process against Ray should be dismissed since the extradition order did not cite the Federal Civil Rights charges and it was our understanding that Ray could not, therefore, be prosecuted on Federal charges. A copy of our letter was furnished to Pollak.

Vinson in reply advised us that he felt the Federal process should be dismissed; however, Pollak, apparently unaware of Vinson's position, subsequently advised us that he felt the process should not be dismissed pending disposition of the state murder charges against Ray. It was necessary for us by memorandum to point out the discrepancy in the two views and request clarification in the matter.

Memo Rosen to DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

ACTION:

Attached for approval is an appropriate letter to Pollak
straightening him out in line with the above.

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inefficiency currently
existing.*

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Mr. Tolson	_____
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1:44 PM URGENT 8-23-68 MEM

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

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RE SI TEL TO BUREAU AUGUST TWENTYTWO LAST.

CHIEF WILLIAM H. PETERSEN (NA), ALTON PD, ADVISED NO INFORMATION DEVELOPED THAT JAMES EARL RAY IN ALTON SUBSEQUENT TO ESCAPE FROM MSP. FURTHER, THAT HE HAS BEEN CONTACTED BY WRITERS PREPARING BOOKS AND ARTICLES ON RAY AND IN CONVERSATION THE INDICATE THEY HAVE INTERVIEWED INNUMERABLE PERSONS AND ^NONE CAN PLACE RAY IN ALTON.

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PAUL COUSLEY, EDITOR, ALTON EVENING TELEGRAPH, ADVISED NO SOURCES OF THE PAPER OR CITIZENS HAVE BEEN ABLE TO FURNISH ANY INFORMATION INDICATING RAY PARTICIPATED IN ROBBERY THE BANK OF ALTON OR WAS EVER IN ALTON AREA IN NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN.

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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR

RE: [Illegible]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

26-402121-1

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 8/22/68

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (26-26371) (RUC)

SUBJECT: HOWARD PHILLIP ETHRIDGE
ITSMV

OO: BUTTE

MURKIN

Re Seattle airtel to the Bureau dated 8/16/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 4 copies of an LHM suitable for dissemination. Enclosed for Butte are 2 copies of LHM and 9 copies each of FD-302's reflecting interviews with Officers MADDOX, THOMPSON and BERRY, Pullman Police Department, Pullman, Washington, and with subject.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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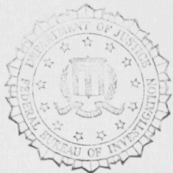
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Seattle, Washington

August 22, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

RE: HOWARD PHILLIP ETHRIDGE
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On August 16, 1968, Howard Phillip Ethridge, inmate, Whitman County Jail, Colfax, Washington, stated that on August 13, 1968, he was hitchhiking from Walla Walla, Washington, to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Ethridge stated that he was picked up by two girls outside Walla Walla, Washington. He stated that near Colfax, Washington, he produced a gun and threatened the two girls. Ethridge stated that he told the girls that he had killed two policemen and wounded other men and that he had also participated in the assassination of Kennedy and the killing of Martin Luther King. Ethridge stated that he made this comment only as a means of scaring the two girls. He stated that he has never harmed anyone and is definitely not capable of killing anyone. He stated that he has no knowledge of the assassination of Kennedy and Martin Luther King other than what he has seen in newspapers. Ethridge stated that he thought that by making such a statement it would frighten the girls into cooperating with his demands and that he made the statement for no other purpose.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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RE: [unclear]

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ENCLOSURE

- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Griffith
- 1 - Mr. Mortimer
- 1 - Lab File

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Mc Gowan
L. King

TO SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

REAIRTEL CG AUGUST TWENTYTHREE SUBMITTING EIGHT CHECKS FROM INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, WINNETKA, ILLINOIS, NUMBERED FOUR EIGHT THREE EIGHT, FOUR NINE ONE THREE, FOUR NINE EIGHT SEVEN, FIVE ZERO FIVE EIGHT, FIVE ONE THREE ZERO, FIVE TWO ZERO NINE, FIVE TWO EIGHT THREE AND FIVE THREE FIVE SEVEN AND W DASH FOUR FORM DATED MAY TEN, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, SIGNED "JOHN L. RAYNS." ALSO REAIRTEL CG AUGUST TWENTYFOUR SUBMITTING REGISTER PAGE THIRTEEN, BEARING SIGNATURE "JOHN LARRY RAYMS" ON LINE TWENTYFOUR AND REGISTRATION CARD NUMBER EIGHT ZERO SEVEN FIVE DATED JUNE EIGHTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN AND SIGNED "JOHN L. RAYNS."

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2/- CHICAGO (44-1114)

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TELETYPE TO MEMPHIS
MURKIN
44-1987

CONCLUDED JAMES EARL RAY, K ONE SEVEN ONE, K TWO ONE ONE, K TWO FIVE SEVEN, PREPARED THE RAYMS SIGNATURE ON LINE TWENTYFOUR OF REGISTER PAGE; THE QUESTIONED INKED WRITING ON REGISTRATION CARD NUMBER EIGHT ZERO SEVEN FIVE; THE QUESTIONED HANDWRITING AND HAND PRINTING ON W DASH FOUR FORM. ALTHOUGH SIGNIFICANT SIMILARITIES NOTED IN THE ENDORSEMENTS ON SUBMITTED CHECKS EXCEPT CHECK NUMBER FIVE TWO ZERO NINE WHEN COMPARED WITH RAY'S KNOWN WRITINGS, PRESENCE OF UNEXPLAINED VARIATIONS, INSUFFICIENT COMPARABLE MATERIAL AND DISTORTION IN SOME OF HANDWRITING PRECLUDED A DEFINITE DETERMINATION WHETHER RAY PREPARED ENDORSEMENTS ON SUBMITTED CHECKS. ENDORSEMENT ON CHECK NUMBER FIVE TWO ZERO NINE TOO DISTORTED FOR COMPARISON PURPOSES. ALTHOUGH SOME SIMILARITIES NOTED IN THE DATE ON LINE TWENTYFOUR OF THE REGISTER PAGE BESIDE THE RAYMS SIGNATURE WHEN COMPARED WITH COMPARABLE WRITINGS OF RAY, THE LIMITED AND OVERWRITTEN NATURE OF THIS DATE PRECLUDED A DEFINITE DETERMINATION AS TO WHETHER RAY PREPARED THIS DATE. SUBMITTED EVIDENCE TO BE FORWARDED TO CG AFTER COMPLETION OF REQUESTED LATENT FINGERPRINT EXAMINATIONS. COPIES MAILED TO CG. REPORT FOLLOWS.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) ATTN: FBI LABORATORY
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO: MEMPHIS

Enclosed for the Laboratory is page "13" of a rooming house ledger and Registration Card No. 8075 from a hotel.

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Page "13" was obtained from a rooming house at 2731 Sheffield, Chicago, Illinois, and on line 24 bears the signature JOHN LARRY RAYMS, who it is believed is identical with the subject.

Registration Card No. 8075 obtained from the Lincoln Apartment Hotel, 1648 West Lunt, Chicago, Illinois, bears the signature of JOHN L. RAYNS and other inked handwriting, believed made by the subject.

The Laboratory is requested to compare the signature JOHN LARRY RAYMS appearing on line 24 of the enclosed page "13" and the signature JOHN L. RAYNS and other inked writing on the enclosed Registration Card No. 8075 with the known handwriting and signatures of the subject to determine if the subject in fact signed page "13" and the Registration Card.

The Laboratory is requested to return the enclosures to the Chicago Office upon completion of this examination.

3 - Bureau (Encl.1)
1 - Memphis (44-1987)(Info)
1 - Chicago

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*Recd
9-26-68*

8/23/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTEN: FBI LABORATORY
PC-A5498-BX
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are the original eight checks from the Indian Trail Restaurant, Winnetka, Illinois, payable to JOHN L. RAYNS plus a W-4 Form made out by JOHN L. RAYNS. One Xerox copy of each also enclosed to Bureau and Memphis.

These checks were paid to subject JAMES EARL RAY under the alias of JOHN L. RAYNS during his employment at the above restaurant from 5/3/67 till 6/24/67.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to compare the signatures of JOHN L. RAYNS with known handwriting of the subject to determine if identical.

The Latent Fingerprint Section is requested to process enclosed checks and W-4 Form for latent prints and thereafter compare with fingerprints of subject.

In addition it is requested that any latents developed on check #5357 dated 6/25/67 also be compared

3-Bureau (Encs. 18) (RM)
1-Memphis (Encs. 9)
1-Chicago

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with the fingerprints of subject's brother JERRY RAY
previously submitted instant matter.

The Memphis and Chicago Divisions should be advised
of the results of afore-mentioned examination and the enclosed
items should be returned to Chicago upon completion of
examination.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATION SECTION

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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

FBI WASH DC

FBI CHICAGO

4:56 PM URGENT 8-24-68 PMS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114)

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Logan

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE CHICAGO TEL TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS AUGUST TWENTY-THREE LAST.

RAYMS
RAYNS
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MRS. GLORIA DONNELLY, OWNER, TWO SEVEN THREE ONE NORTH SHEFFIELD, CHICAGO, PRODUCED RENT RECORDS WHICH SHOW A JOHN LARRY RAYMS RENTED ROOM ON APRIL THIRTY, SIXTY-SEVEN. MRS. DONNELLY ADVISED RAYMS RENTED REAR BASEMENT APARTMENT. RENT RECORDS DO NOT SHOW WHEN RAYMS LEFT, HOWEVER, NEXT PERSON TO OCCUPY APARTMENT MOVED IN ON MAY SEVENTEEN OR JUNE SEVENTEEN SIXTY - SEVEN - CONFUSION AS TO DATE DUE TO FIRST DIGIT OF DATE WRITTEN OVER. THIS DIGIT IS EITHER FIVE OR SIX. ROOM RENTED TO RAYMS BY JEAN WILKS, DONNELLY'S AUNT. WILKS DIED ON MAY ONE LAST.

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DONNELLY STATED RAYMS CAME TO APARTMENT THROUGH AD IN NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSPAPER. RAYMS HAD NO FRIENDS OR ASSOCIATES. LEFT THE HOUSE DAILY BEFORE SEVEN A.,M. DONNELLY CANNOT RECALL RAYMS HAVING A CAR. RAYMS HAD LOTS OF BOOKS AND COOKING UTENSILS, VERY FEW CLOTHES. SOME COOKING UTENSILS

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PAGE TWO

LEFT BEHIND. RAYMS RECEIVED ONE LETTER DURING STAY. THIS LETTER FROM UNKNOWN PLACE IN CANADA. DONNELLY STATED RAYMS LEFT SAME DAY HE RECEIVED LETTER. RAYMS STATED HE WAS GOING TO CANADA TO WORK. ALSO MENTIONED GETTING A JOB ON A SHIP.

DONNELLY SHOWN GROUP OF PHOTOGRAPHS. UNABLE TO PICK OUT PHOTO OF RAY. DESCRIBED RAYMS AS LATE TWENTIES, EARLY THIRTIES, DARK HAIR, TALL AND THIN.

DONNELLY STATED ONE PHONE IN APARTMENT NOT CONNECTED AND BELIEVED TO BE DISCONNECTED AT TIME RAYMS IN APARTMENT. STATED CALLS IF ANY PROBABLY MADE AT CORNER DRUG STORE. PHONE NUMBERS OF THESE PHONES OBTAINED.

DONNELLY MADE AVAILABLE REGISTRATION SHEET SIGNED BY RAYMS.

EDWARD SPERLING, SECOND FLOOR, TWO SEVEN THREE ONE N. SHEFFIELD, ADVISED HE RECALLED RAYMS AND PICKED PHOTO OF RAY FROM GROUP OF PHOTOGRAPHS SHOWN AS RESEMBLING RAYMS. SPERLING ADVISED RAYMS SPOKE TO NO ONE AND DID NOT HAVE ANY FRIENDS AND ASSOCIATES.

END PAGE TWO

PAGE THREE

ANNIE KEEGAN, SECOND FLOOR, TWO SEVEN THREE ONE N. SHEFFIELD, UNABLE TO PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION RE RAYMS.

PHYLLIS LEHNING, WHO RESIDED FRONT BASEMENT APT., TWO SEVEN THREE ONE N. SHEFFIELD UNTIL MAY TEN, SIXTY - SEVEN, UNABLE TO RECALL OR IDENTIFY RAYMS.

MAYE CANAPA, MANAGER, LINCOLN APT. HOTEL, ONE SIX FOUR EIGHT W. LUNT, CHICAGO, CHECKED RENT RECORDS AND DETERMINED A JOHN L. RAYNS, TWO SEVEN THREE ONE N. SHEFFIELD, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, CHECKED INTO ROOM ONE ZERO FIVE ON JUNE EIGHTEEN, SIXTY - SEVEN. REGISTRATION CARD MARKED "RENTED FOR ONE WEEK." CANAPA UNABLE TO IDENTIFY PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY AND CANNOT RECALL RAYNS. ROOM RENTED BY LOLA BALLARD WHO WAS NOT AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW. REGISTRATION CARD OBTAINED.

REGISTRATION CARDS BEING SUBMITTED TO LABORATORY THIS DATE FOR HANDWRITING COMPARISON.

PHONE RECORDS UNAVAILABLE WILL BE CHECKED WHEN FIRST AVAILABLE, MONDAY NEXT.

OTHER PERSONS WHO MIGHT BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY RAY AT EITHER ADDRESS UNAVAILABLE UNTIL MONDAY WHEN THEY WILL BE INTERVIEWED.

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CC: Mr. Conrad

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PM URGENT 8-26-68 DJK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561) 1P

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MURKIN

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RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU DATED AUGUST TWENTYTHREE
LAST.

SUSPECT JOHN ~~MC~~ CLINTOCK ARRESTED BY ALTON PD THIS DATE FOR
FAILURE TO APPEAR ON BENCH WARRANT ISSUED L. A. COUNTY, CALIFORNIA,
ARISING OUT OF BURGLARY CHARGE. MC CLINTOCK TRANSPORTED TO MADISON
COUNTY JAIL AND EFFORTS BEING MADE TO OBTAIN HIS RELEASE BY
ASSOCIATES. EFFORTS MADE TO INTERVIEW BUT UNSUCCESSFUL.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Mr. DeLoach *DO*

DATE: August 26, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen *R*

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN

McGowan

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

A racial informant of our Memphis Office has advised that while in attendance at a rally of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan at Ridgetop, Tennessee, on 8-17-68, he met and spoke with Robert M. Shelton, Imperial Wizard, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, concerning James Earl Ray.

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Informant advised that Shelton questioned him regarding the men in the Memphis area within the Klan that he could trust and also whether or not members of the Klan within Tennessee would be amenable to donating money for Ray.

Shelton told informant that he was approached by Arthur Hanes, attorney for Ray, who allegedly told Shelton that Ray had no money. The informant stated that Shelton told him he was coming to Memphis in the near future to look at a jury list that would be given to him by Hanes. Informant further stated that Shelton asked him to look over the list with him when he comes to Memphis.

Shelton

ACTION:

Memphis is being instructed to keep in close touch with the informant so that all details currently in his possession and additional details which he might obtain will be furnished the Bureau. Memphis is also being instructed to alert Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., Attorney General, Shelby County, Tennessee, who is handling the state's prosecution of Ray, of this information and further advise him any additional details will be furnished to him. Department will also be advised.

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August 27, 1968

AIRTEL

1 - Mr. McDonough

To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861) — 5720

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MURKIN

Reurairtel 8-19-68.

You should continue to maintain close contact with informant in order to secure complete details presently in his possession, as well as any additional subsequent information he may develop in this matter.

You should also alert Mr. Phil Canale, State Attorney General, Shelby County, Tennessee, to the pertinent information developed, suitably covering identity of informant, and advise him that any additional details obtained will also be furnished to him.

SuLHM suitable for dissemination to Department within two days.

EJM:jms
(4) *jms*

NOTE:

See memorandum A. Rosen to Mr. DeLoach captioned, "Murkin," dated 8-26-68, REL:jms.

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Date: 8/19/68

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

Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

MURKIN

On 8/19/68 ME 313-R advised that while in attendance at a rally of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA) at Ridgetop, Tenn., on 8/17/68 he met and spoke with ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, concerning JAMES EARL RAY.

Source stated that SHELTON took him aside and questioned him regarding the men in the Memphis area within the Klan that he could trust and also whether or not members of the Klan within Tennessee would be amenable to donating money for RAY.

SHELTON told source that he was approached by ARTHUR HANES, lawyer for RAY, and allegedly told SHELTON that RAY had no money. Source stated that SHELTON told him he was coming to Memphis in the near future, time not specified, to look at a jury list that would be given him by HANES. Source advised that SHELTON asked source to look over this list with him when he comes to Memphis.

SHELTON stated he would contact source to give him further details "in the near future."

C. G. BISHOP

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Memo Rosen to DeLoach
8/26/68
REL:jmo

Approved: R Jensen
Special Agent in Charge

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FBI WASH DC

233PM] URGENT 8-28-68 DJM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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

Director
McGuire
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MURKIN

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RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU EIGHT TWENTY SEVEN LAST.
 SI ONE FIVE FIVE TWO-C CONTACTED TODAY RE INFO ON ROBERT
 LOUIS STANTON FURNISHED BY EAST ALTON P.D. INFORMANT SUBSTAN-
 TIATED PREVIOUS INTELLIGENCE INDICATING STANTON PREFERENCES FORTY
 FIVE CALIBER AUTOMATIC. STATED STANTON HAS WIDE ACQUAINTANCE
 AMONG CRIMINAL ELEMENT IN GREATER ALTON AREA AND COULD WELL
 HAVE ACCESS TO ENOUGH INFO ABOUT THE BANK OF ALTON TO PULL
 BR. EXPRESSED DOUBT, HOWEVER, THAT STANTON WOULD PULL BR,
 STATING HE PREFERRED BURGLARIES.

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EX-114

REC-8 44-38861-5722

PCI LARRY R. MANNS CONTACTED AND GIVEN ASSIGNMENT TO AUG 29 1968
 DEVELOP INFO ON HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON AND DELMAR GRINDSTAFF.

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END.

GJM

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Mr. DeLoach *DL*

DATE: August 23, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen *AR*

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN

SYNOPSIS:

This case involves the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr. Donald James Nissen furnished us information on June 2, 1967, based upon rumor he heard, of a \$100,000 bounty placed on King's head. Investigation failed to verify this. After the slaying of King, leads were set out to interview Nissen to determine if he had learned of any more information concerning such an offer. It was determined Nissen was declared a Federal Fugitive parole violator on April 2, 1968. He turned himself in to Agents in St. Louis on 8/5/68, and furnished no additional information regarding the \$100,000 bounty. Nissen advised a probation officer he violated parole because of information he possessed concerning King bounty. Special Investigative Division submitting letterhead memorandum to U. S. Parole Board containing interview of Nissen.

ACTION:

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

DETAILS:

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

We have been, in the past, investigating every complaint and allegation of a conspiracy nature regarding the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr. We have had several instances where persons incarcerated at various times advised that King had a bounty of \$100,000 placed on his head. We, of course, are continuing to thoroughly check out every allegation of this nature.

On June 2, 1967, Donald James Nissen advised our Dallas Office that while incarcerated at Leavenworth Penitentiary, he heard rumors that \$100,000 had been offered by

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