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Director, FBI (44-38861)

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Enclosed you will find a letter under date of October 25, 1968, which contains results of investigation conducted by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

You will note that this information should not be disclosed outside this Bureau. This is for your information only.

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ReMEairtel to the Bureau dated 10-21-68.

You should advise Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, that he should contact the commanding officer at Seward Air Force Base, Memphis, Tennessee, concerning Captain DeShazo's appearance at the state trial in Memphis on November 12, 1968.

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NOTE: Memphis by communication advised that Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., handling the state's prosecution in this case stated that Captain John W. DeShazo appears to have potential for being an excellent witness in this case. In connection with this, Canale has learned that DeShazo is currently a dentist on active duty with the Air Force in Tokyo, Japan. Mr. Canale desired that the Bureau make arrangements to have DeShazo available for testimony in connection with the trial. DeShazo was at the Aeromarine Supply Company, Birmingham, on March 29, 1968, and he can testify that photograph of Eric Starvo Galt (bartender photo) is photograph of man who purchased the Remington Model 700 (1st gun).

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It is felt that we should advise Mr. Canale that arrangements can best be made through the commanding officer at Seward Air Force Base in Memphis, Tennessee, which is the closest Air Force Base to them. If we honor this type of request of Mr. Canale, we may be handling similar requests for numerous witnesses, which would consume quite a lot of Agents time.

SA Leon F. Schwartz of Liaison suggested that this situation be handled in this manner, as this has been the procedure followed in the past.

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Re Bureau airtel to Tampa, copies to Los Angles and Memphis dated 8/7/68, in the dual caption, KENSALT and MURKIN; TP airtel to Bureau and LHM dated 8/13/68, copies to Los Angeles and Memphis, in above caption.

Enclosed for New Orleans is one copy of each of the referenced communications and copies of LHM's captioned EZELL PERWELL, dated 6/11/68; and 7/19/68.

Recontact with Mrs. FAY EZZELL, wife of PERNELL EZZELL, 636 22nd Street, Orlando, Florida on 9/25/68, revealed the following but she requested her husband not be contacted at his job or be advised she furnished his whereabouts.

He came home to Orlando three weeks ago for one night leaving the next morning to take a new job with

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JET TV in New Orleans, Louisiana where he intends to earn enough money to repay his debts to American Express Credit Card Co. incurred while on his escapade. He mentioned talking with FBI, she believed, in Shreveport, Louisiana.

EMORY DOWLING, former employer in Orlando, Florida, during recontact on 9/23/68, mentioned EZZELL had called to apologize for past actions about three weeks ago saying he was in Orlando and he was going to another state to take a job, possibly in Alabama, but his whereabouts were unknown.

Los Angeles and New Orleans are requested to advise whether EZZELL has been located and interviewed and the Bureau advised. If not, New Orleans should immediately interview EZZELL away from his employer, JET TV, in New Orleans without divulging his wife furnished his whereabouts and advise the Bureau are results with copies to Los Angeles, Memphis, and Tampa.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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Remycab to Bureau 10/21/68.

This is to advise that Messrs. ROBERT K. DWYER. JAMES BEASLEY and JOHN CARLISLE of the Attorney General's Office, Memphis, Tennessee, arrived in Paris on 10/22/68. I met them at the airport and extended courtesies during their short visit in Paris. I departed with them on the morning of 10/23/68 for Lisbon, Portugal, and assisted them in every possible way there in connection with their inquiri

With the assistance of Inspector JOSE MANUEL DA CUNHA PASSO of the Policia Internacional e de Defesa do Estado (Portuguese International and State Security Police - PIDE), Lisbon, Portugal, each of the potential witnesses previously mentioned in connection with the investigation in Portugal was contacted by DWYER and his associates. After interviewing and evaluating each of these witnesses, it was the tentative conclusion of Mr. DWYER that the only two who would be necessary and useful are Inspector PASSO, who could introduce into evidence the arrival and departure cards of the subject under the name of SNEYA and SNEYD and his hotel

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registration card, all of which are official police records in Portugal, and MANUELA TEIXEIRA LOPES, a Portuguese clerk in the Consulate of the Canadian Embassy, Lisbon, who issued a passport to the subject to correct the misspelling of his name from SNEYA to SNEYD during his visit there.

The Portuguese Police were extremely cooperative again in connection with the inquiry and it appeared that DWYER and his associates were completely satisfied with the treatment afforded them:

Representatives of the American Embassy, Lisbon, were also contacted and were likewise completely cooperative.

DWYER requested that I address to him a letter advising as to the exact procedure necessary to obtain both PASSO and Mrs. LOPES as witnesses in the United States in the event such is found to be necessary during the trial. This has been done and a copy of this letter is enclosed for each the Bureau and Memphis.

Office of Legal Attache APO New York 09777

Mr. Robert K. Dwyer
Executive Assistant
District Attorney General
Third Floor
Shelby County Building
Second and Poplar
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Dwyer:

In accordance with your request, this is to advise you as to the exact procedure which would be necessary to obtain proper permission for Sr. Jose Manuel Da Cunha Passo, Inspector of the Policia Internacional e de Defesa do Estado, Lisbon, Portugal, and Mrs. Manuela Teixeira Lopes, a Portuguese employee of the Consulate of the Canadian Embassy, Lisbon, to appear as witnesses during the trial to take place in Memphis, Tennessee.

Insofar as Inspector Passo is concerned, it would be necessary for you to address a communication to The Honorable W. Tapley Bennett, Ambassador of the United States, Embassy of the United States, Lisbon, Portugal, requesting that the Embassy direct a request to the Portuguese Foreign Office that Passo be permitted to visit the United States to testify in the trial of James Earl Ray, who is accused of the assassination of Martin Luther King. It would be advisable for you to stipulate the financial arrangements in the communication. At the same time, it is suggested that you advise our Memphis Office so that I can be advised expeditiously through Bureau channels in order that I can inform Passo personally at the same time that you are advising the Embassy in Lisbon.

Insofar as Mrs. Lopes is concerned, it would be necessary, according to the Canadian Embassy in Lisbon, for you to direct a communication to the U. S. Department of Justice requesting that an invitation be issued to Mrs. Lopes through the U. S. Department of State to the Canadian Foreign Office.

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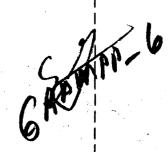
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It was a pleasure to have met you on your recent trip to Paris and to have been able to assist you in connection with your contacts. With kindest personal regards, Sincerely yours, Norman W. Philcox Legal Attache

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Director, FBI (44-38861)

DATE: November 1, 1968

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Legat, Rome

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SUBJECT:

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1 - Mr. Long

To: Legat, Ottawa (44-4)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Legat, Ottawa, sirtel to the Bureau 10-25-68.

Review of the referenced communication and copies of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) letters indicates that the anonymous female was interviewed on 10-15-68, as a result of information supplied to them by the Superintendent of Security, Department of Transport, Ottawa, Canada, on 10-8-68.

Review also indicated that this information was provided to you by the RCMP by their letter dated 10-25-68. You transmitted this information to us by your communication dated 10-25-68, and this was received at the Bureau on 10-28-68.

In the future you should make every effort to insure that such information is furnished to you by the RCMP on a timely basis. This is particularily true in instances such as this where the information was included in an article which appeared in a national magazine released on October 29, 1968. Obviously, it is desirable that the Bureau receive information of this type as early as possible so it can be evaluated at the Bureau prior to its actual publication.

1 - Memphis (44-1987)

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NOTE:

The RCMP transmitted to us results of an interview of an unknown female, who works for the Canadian Government, concerning her association to James Earl Ray prior to the assassination of King. She was contacted by William Bradford Huie, author, and facets of her association of Ray appear in the November 12, 1968, issue of "Look" magazine. We are instructing Legat, Ottawa, to insure that such information be furnished us on a more timely basis. In the future.

FBI

10/31/68 Date:

Transmit the following in . (Type in plaintext or code) AIRTEL

Via _

TO

DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM

SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

SUBJECT

MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to Chicago dated 10/30/68, Memphis teletype to the Director dated 10/15/68 and Memphis airtel to the Director dated 10/25/68.

Enclosed herewith are 7 copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) setting forth interview of Mr. HARVEY KLINGMAN. One (1) copy of LHM enclosed for Memphis.

Mr. KLINGMAN advised that he would be more than willing to testify for the State of Tennessee in the RAY trial, but that due to pressure of business his wife should be the individual to be suppoenaed.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION Chicago, Illinois October 31,1968

In Reply, Please Refer to File No. 44-1114

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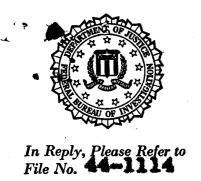
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SAC, Atlanta TO:

Director, FBI (44-38861)

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A telephone call was received at the Bureau from an individual who identified himself as Mr. Michael Swyers of Athens, Ohio, and Mr. Swyers advised that he is an artist and he is reasonably certain that a photograph of James Earl Ray wearing a Ku Klux Klan robe is contained in "Look" magazing" dated 4/25/61, Volume 25, number 9.

Swyers explained he currently resides in Athens, Ohio, and in the past has worked with SA Mac Ellis, Resident, Agent, Athens, Georgia.

Review of this particular issue of "Look" magazine indicates that an article contained therein relates to Klan and Negro activities at Atlanta, Georgia. Accompanying this article is a photograph as described by Swyers.

Atlanta Division will obtain a copy of this magazine and advise the Bureau if the individual appearing in the photograph wearing a Klan robe has been identified.

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NOTE:

In order to resolve this matter, we are requesting Atlanta to advise if the individual appearing in the photograph has been identified. It is noted that the issue of the magazine is on April 25, 1961, and it gives every indication that the photograph of interest was taken within recent months. further noted that James Earl Ray was incarcerated at the Missouri State Penitentiary from March 17,1960 to his escape on April 23, 1967.

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1 - Mr. Long

To:

SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

Director, FBI (44-38861)From:

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Bureau is in receipt of a copy of a letter from James Earl Ray addressed to J. B. Stoner, Savannah, Georgia, as provided to you by the Sheriff of Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee. This letter is thanking Stoner for coming to Memphis and states that Ray's brother will be in touch with Stoner.

In your teletype of 9/30/68, you advised that in the motion filed by Arthur J. Hanes, Ray's attorney, in Shelby County Criminal Court, Memphis, Tennessee, pertaining to Ray's corresponding with his attorney, Judge W. Preston Battle ruled that written notes exchanged between Ray and his attorney are privileged; however, the Shelby County Sheriff or his designated agent has the authority to peruse these notes to determine if there is any attempt to breach security of the jail. These notes should not be perused for the purpose of ascertaining the full contents of the messages.

In view of the above order of W. Preston Battle, you should not accept any written communication from the sheriff regarding correspondence between Ray and other individuals. If it is not in violation of the court order you may accept information from the sheriff if he volunteers, this information and it is on an oral basis only.

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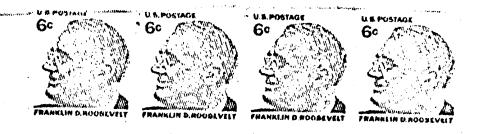
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This communication is advising Memphis not to accept any written communication from the sheriff regarding Ray's correspondence; however, they may accept information on an oral basis from the sheriff. Memphis also being instructed to insure that the acceptance of this oral information is not in violation of the court order.

Prior information indicates that Ray has been in contact with J. B. Stoner with a view towards engaging him as counsel, although Hanes continues to be Ray's attorney of record.

J. RAY
COUNTY JAIL
MEMPHIS, TENN,
USA



To. Mr. Fronk Melton Chief Mogratiote Bow Street Court C/o chief clark, Sondon, England.

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To. Mr. J. B. Stoner
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Director, FBI (44-38861)

1 - Mr. Long

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Re Bureau call on November 1, 1968.

In accordance with Bureau instructions given to you on November 1, 1968, you should advise Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, that it will not be possible, at this late date, to prepare the meck-up requested by him.

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See Rosen to DeLoach memorandum 10-31-68, captioned, "Murkin." JGK:cs. SAC, Jensen was notified by telephone on 11-1-68.

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Memorandum

Director, FBI (44-38861)

10/25/68

FROM Legat, London (88-72)

SUBJECT

MURKIN

Rebucab 10/16/68.

ROBERT DWYER, JAMES BEASLEY AND JOHN CARLISLE arrived London 10/20/68, were met, assisted and hotel rooms obtained.

On 10/21/68 an interview room was obtained for them at New Scotland Yard (NSY). Chief Inspector RON BURROWS and Sgt. PETER ELLIOTT, NSY, were assigned to assist them in locating, coordinating and driving them to witnesses who could not appear at NSY.

All witnesses wereinterviewed by them, except one who was in Paris. Her address in Paris was obtained.

They were driven to the Airport on 10/22/68 and assisted to depart for Paris to interview the witness and were to leave Paris on 10/23/68 for Lisbon. Legat, Paris, was advised.

sistance rendered and were most impressed by the treatment rendered by NSY.

They indicated that all of the police officers involved, and one or two others, would be needed to testify in Memphis. In this regard I stressed the necessity that this office be notified as soon as possible as to the dates they will be required.

Bureau requested to have Memphis Office keep the Bureau immediately advised of identity of witnesses and dates required. 44-38861-5312

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TO: SAC, MEMPHISX 106

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1 - Foreign Liaison
(Attn: SA Graham Day)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) -53/2

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LEGAT, LONDON HAS ADVISED THAT WHEN THE THREE REPRESENTATIVES OF MR, CANALE WERE IN LONDON, THEY INDICATED TO NEW SCOTLAND YARD THAT POLICE OFFICERS INVOLVED IN THE INVESTIGATION IN LONDON WOULD BE NEEDED TO TESTIFY IN THE STATE TRIAL IN MEMPHIS ON NOVEMBER TWELVE, NEXT.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, MEMPHIS SHOULD
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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NOTE:

The representatives of Mr. Canale, State Attorney General, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, were in London interviewing the police officers involved in the London phase of the investigation as well as witnesses. According to our legal attache in London, the representatives of Mr. Canale indicate that several police officers would be needed to testify in Memphis at the state trial on November 12, 1968. Legat states he would like to be notified as soon as possible as to the identity of these witnesses and dates required. This is important to the Legat in maintaining good relationships with British contacts. Memphis is being instructed to obtain this information for the Bureau's use and they are being instructed to advise Mr. Canale that he should communicate directly with British authorities on this matter.

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Memorandum

MR. TROTTER

N. E. McDanie

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

DATE: 10-28-68

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr. information received from Memphis indicated that committee of seven attorneys advising Judge W. Preston Battle, Criminal Court, Memphis, Tennessee, was presenting to the Judge a petition stating that George Bonebrake, Latent Fingerprint Examiner, may be in violation of the Judge's court order restricting comment in this case. Their recommendation based on article appearing in Wichita, Kansas, "Beacon" newspaper concerning a police school conducted by Bonebrake in September, 1968. Bonebrake presented expert fingerprint testimony on June 27, 1968, in London, England, in connection with extradition of James Earl Ray. His testimony received widespread publicity in news media throughout the world. Bonebrake has emphatically denied discussing his fingerprint testimony with press representatives at any time or unnecessarily airing fingerprint testimony of this case before a police school in Wichita, Kansas. On one occasion representatives of this police school, in a closed session, attempted to query him as to details of the fingerprint testimony. Bonebrake reports he gave no facts other than what had already been quoted by the press concerning his London testimony. Administrative action has previously been taken against Bonebrake for discussing the case at the closed police school.

Judge Battle signed petition 10-24-68 which requires that Bonebrake appear before the Court on 12-6-68 to show cause why he should not be adjudged in contempt. The Judge noted he was setting the date of 12-6-68 which would be after the trial of James Earl Ray, subject of the case, since to do otherwise would result in unnecessary publicity, defeating purpose of his original order. The committee of attorneys in presenting the petition to the Judge recognized that the Court does not have jurisdiction. The committee of attorneys has no sound grounds to substantiate their recommendation and undoubtedly took this action against our employee as a face-saving gesture. The committee has been severely criticized by Ray's Defense Attorney Arthur Hanes, Sr., and a Memphis "Commercial Appeal" newspaper reporter Charles Edmundson, who are both currently under contempt citation by Judge Battle in this case as result of

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recommendation by the committee of attorneys. The committee is reportedly extremely liberal and, in fact, one member, Lucius E. Burch, Jr., according to SAC, Memphis, has served as an attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union.

The Court has not officially notified the Bureau of the petition but reportedly has mailed a copy to the Attorney General. The Department has requested a letter from the Bureau setting out information concerning the nature of the police school conducted by Bonebrake at Wichita, Kansas, in September, 1968, and what transpired at this meeting. The Department indicated they intend to present this to the Court in Memphis. Attached is proposed letter. Copy of letter being sent to SAC, Memphis, for his information and so that he may properly advise the State's Attorney General, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, prosecutor in this case. State's Attorney General is fully aware of this entire situation and is of the opinion that this will have no adverse effect on his handling of the prosecution.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter to the Department be approved.

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	On 10/26/68, CS CI 569-S made available to SA MACK O. ELLIS at Athers, Ohio, Page 31 of "Look" magazine dated 4/25/61, Volume 25, No. 9. The page is enclosed for Atlanta, and a zerox copy of the page enclosed for Memphis and the Bureau.
	CS CI 569-S advised that this page is the beginning of the article, "The Second Battle of Atlanta," by GEORGE B. LEONARD, JR., Look Staff Writer, and included on page 31 are two photographs. One photograph shows a marching Ku Klux Klansman, and the other a Negro student demonstrator. Source advised he noted this article while
	thumbing through the old issue of the magazine. Being an artist himself, he noted the great similarity between the Ku Klux Klansman and the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, photograph of RAY taken in 1966. Source states there is enough similarity between the Ku Klux Klansman in 1961 and RAY to be the one and the same person.
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The photo mentioned above appears in the 4/25/61 issue of "LOOK," however, the date the photo was taken is not known. However, the article mentions that "Both Ku Klux Klansmen and Negro students have marched in downtown Atlanta in recent months."

It is further noted that Bureau teletype to all SAC's, dated 4/19/68, captioned MURKIN, reveals RAY had been received at the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri, on 3/17/60.

If Atlanta does not know the identity of the Klansman shown in the photo, it may be desirable to contact the "Atlanta Journal" to determine the date the photo was made.

Atlanta is requested to advise Cincinnati only should the Klansman in the photo be identified as RAY.