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

An item appearing in a Memphis newspaper states that James Earl Ray may enter a plea of guilty to the state charge of murder. This is speculation on the newspaper's part.

The attached relates to an inquiry made to Mr. Phil M. Canale, State Attorney General, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, concerning the newspaper article. Hugh Stanton referred to, has been appointed by Judge W. Preston Battle as co-counsel for Ray. Trial scheduled on March 3, 1969 at Memphis.

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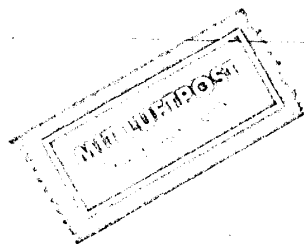
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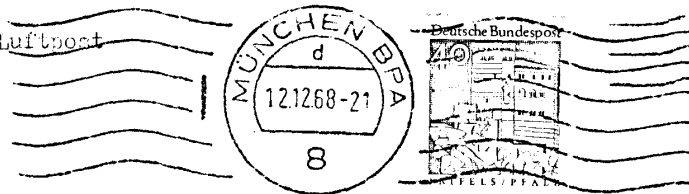
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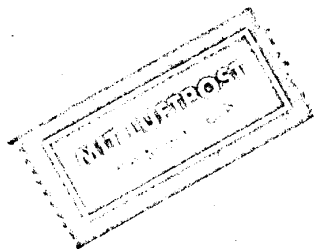
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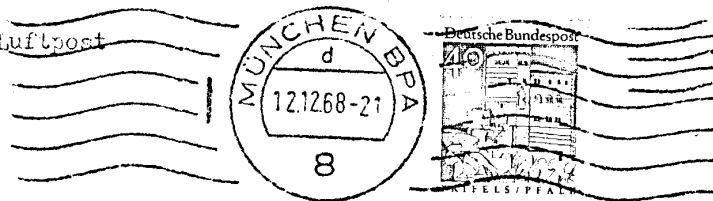
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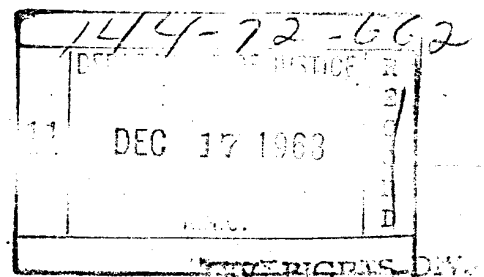
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Once again, the world is being fooled, deliberately and grossly, about the true background of a sensational murder and the real identity of the killer. And again - as in the closely related Kennedy Murder Fraud - the deception is wrought by the investigating authorities themselves.

Everything you have read in the papers about the way James Earl Ray allegedly escaped from prison, how he killed Dr. Martin Luther King, how he was identified as the slayer and how he was finally hunted down as a result of "crack international detective work" is false and fraudulent. The whole story is a hoax concocted by the FBI and executed with the help of other police authorities at home and abroad for the purpose of diverting attention from and shielding the real murderer of Dr. King, whose identity and whereabouts are well-known to the FBI.

Every aspect of this official fraud is thoroughly explored, and the whole gigantic swindle is ruthlessly exposed in the present report by

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the first of the Warren Report critics and the only writer who carried his exposure of the Kennedy Murder Fraud through to its bitter end. The report is based on a painstaking private investigation undertaken with the help of devoted friends in the USA, Canada, Britain and other countries concerned. Here are some of its highlights:

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4 - Ray did not escape from prison; he was surreptitiously

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

SUBJECT: Assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King

DEPARTMENT OF

DATE: December

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Attached herewith is a communication received by this Department. It may be that your Bureau has already received this information.

Although this appears on its face to be somewhat less than reliable information, I think our investigative files should contain a copy of the information in the attachment. Please secure such a copy.

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SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING

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JANUARY 1, 1969

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MEMORANDUM

ADMINISTRATIVE

January 9, 1969

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To: Legat, Bonn
From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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1 - Mr. Long
1 - Liaison (Cleared
with SA Graham Day)

MURKIN

Enclosed are two true copies of an announcement made by one Joachim Joesten concerning his publication on James Earl Ray and the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The announcement indicates that the publication is available at a cost of \$100 and the orders should be addressed to Joachim Joesten, Munich 13, Griegstr, 13, c/o Rahim, Germany. You should discreetly determine if this publication is available on a no cost basis, and if it is, you should obtain two copies of same for transmittal to the Bureau.

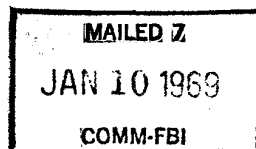
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NOTE

See attached Departmental memorandum dated December 31, 1968. The Department has requested a copy of this publication for their investigative file. By this communication, we are instructing Legat Bonn to determine if a copy of the publication is available on a no cost basis and if it is, Legat should transmit two copies to us and one may be sent to the Department.

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DETACHMENT - DÉTACHEMENT

St. Jerome

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RE:
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Martin Luther KING
Murder of:
Assistance to F.B.I.

1. Further to our P.C.R. dated 20 NOV 68 and Telex bearing number: CIB 3305/2 received from Ottawa, kindly be informed of the following.

2. Further enquiries made at the Gray Rocks Inn of Lake Oulmet, St. Jovite Que revealed that there is no record of an alleged long distance telephone call made from the room occupied by RAY aka GALT during his being at this hotel. Although two public telephone booths are available to clients and which correspond to numbers: 425-9038 & 425-9076, I was informed by a representative of the Bell Telephone Company that no records are kept from calls made from such booths. Therefore it is felt that the long distance call to a Montreal Road Motel in Ottawa could have been made from one of these public pay phones or that the charges would have been reversed.

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Springfield, Illinois
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RE: SI airtel to Bureau 12/4/68.
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Prior efforts to contact STUMM during December, 1968 were unproductive.

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1. Further to memorandum of the A/Officer i/c C.I.B. with appended correspondence dated in Montreal 15 NOV 68, the following is to be reported.

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2. Mr. RITCHIE of the Mariner's House was re-interviewed in this respect and could not offer any further information concerning RAY's possible visit there or on his possible association with one RAUL. It was established that Mr. RITCHIE had during the latter part of October 1968 or beginning of November 1968, received the visit of three (3) Canadian newspapermen. These men were all English-speaking and represented a Montreal newspaper. They exhibited to RITCHIE two (2) photographs of RAY, one with RAY wearing glasses and the other without glasses. No pictures of a man reported to be RAUL were shown to RITCHIE and no mention was made of the named RAUL. The purpose of the newspapermen's visit has been to establish whether or not Mr. RITCHIE could confirm the fact that RAY had frequented the Mariner's House. RITCHIE further added that this visit had been very brief because he was mad and he did not want to speak about the RAY affair with newspapermen as he was somewhat put out due to the publicity given the Mariner's House. As the interview with the newspapermen had been very brief, RITCHIE stated he could not recall the description of the newspapermen or the name of the newspaper they had stated representing.

3. A check of M.C.P. records has established that during the Summer of 1967, various body houses had been in operation and raided by police in the general area of the 1400 Ste-Catherine East. Their records do not however show any reported theft in the proximity of \$800.00 in that area, with a complaint originating from a body house.

4. Mrs. Joanne LEMOING, present caretaker and rental clerk at the Harkey Apartments, was interviewed in a view of establishing if she had recently be in contact with newspaper reporters in respect to RAY having resided at the apartment during 1967. She replied in the affirmative, adding that on or about 15 NOV 68, two (2) young men who had identified themselves as reporters of the Montreal Star, had approached her in this regard. Mrs. LEMOING could not supply any description of the two (2) men.

5. Further to the memorandum from the A/Officer i/c C.I.B. dated in Montreal on the 31 OCT 68, the operators of the only two (2) parking concessions in the area of the Harkey Apartments were again contacted and no information was obtained concerning a 1956 Red Plymouth or any other vehicle of similar colour and different year of manufacture. Persons interviewed again stated that in 1967, a large amount of vehicles bearing many different types of registration plates had made use of their

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parking facilities and that no records had been kept by them.

6. As per the attached photostat copies of the articles which appeared in LOOK magazine (Article 12 NOV 68, page 103), the red Plymouth is described as a 1962 model which RAY claims having purchased in St. Louis, Missouri; (Article 26 NOV 68, page 87) indicates that RAY sold this car in Chicago, Ill., while en route to Birmingham.

7. Further to paragraph 4 of PCR dated 15 NOV 68, Michel BACON, 3685 Berri, Apt. 107, Montreal, P.Q., telephone 843-3397, was interviewed with negative results.

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8. Further to paragraph 9 of PCR dated 15 NOV 68, additional enquiries conducted at English & Scotch Woollen Co. Ltd, 1248 Ste-Catherine West, met with negative results as this firm had not been contacted by any reporters. You will note that in the article appearing in LOOK magazine, the name of this firm does not appear.

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9. Enquiries conducted at Tip Top Tailors, 488 Ste-Catherine West, Montreal, in speaking with the Manager, Mr. A. CHEVARIE, revealed that approximately three (3) weeks ago, he had been contacted by a newspaper reporter of the Montreal Star. This reporter wanted information on RAY and about the man who had visited the Tip Top store with clothing and a suitcase. Mr. CHEVARIE had declined to make any comment to the newspaper reporter in this respect; he was however exhibited two (2) pictures of RAY, one with RAY wearing glasses and the other without. The reporter was described as having fair hair, height 5'9" to 5'10". An interesting aspect of this reporter's enquiry is that on the 19 OCT 68, Mr. CHEVARIE and one of his clerks were interviewed by the writer in the company of Robert K. DWYER of the Attorney General Department, State of Tennessee. During this interview, Mr. DWYER's party had in their possession the suit which RAY had purchased at that store, reference: our PCR dated 21 OCT 68.

10. Further to paragraph 2 (b) of PCR dated 21 OCT 68, the Mr. FEIGAN who was interviewed by Mr. DWYER was mentioned as having the first name Louis. It will be noted that the first name of the Mr. FEIGAN interviewed this time, was Eddy who is now operating English & Scotch Woollen Co. Ltd, since the death of his father, Louis, at the end of August 1968.

11. Enquiries conducted have failed to either locate or identify the person known as RAOUL. Bearing in mind Jean-Marie CHARRON's statement, reference: paragraph 5 PCR dated 15 NOV 68, to the effect that during the latter part of October 1968, two (2) newspapermen had exhibited to him a picture of a man whom they had identified as RAOUL,

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all business establishments mentioned in HUIE's article appearing in LOOK magazine dated 12 NOV 68, had been contacted by persons identifying themselves as newspaper reporters. On two instances, the persons contacted definitely recall that they had been approached by a person identifying himself as a representative of the Montreal Star. No mention of a person or exhibition of a photograph alleged to be RAOUL was however made during these interviews. Again having reference to HUIE's article in LOOK magazine on the 12 NOV 68, on page 104 where HUIE makes mention that he flew to Montreal on 14 SEPT 68 to try to confirm RAY's story, this can be confirmed as during the course of a previous interview with Mrs. LEMOING by the writer on the 19 OCT 68, she had made mention that a few weeks prior to our visit, she had received a visit from someone whom she believed to be a reporter and that this person had asked her to see the lease that RAY had signed at the Harkey Apartments. Mrs. LEMOING informed me that at the time she had attempted to locate documentation respecting RAY's rental but that she had not been successful in doing so. Please note that this documentation had been in our hands since the outset of this investigation in the Montreal area prior to Mrs. LEMOING having become an employee at the Harkey Apartments.

12. On pages 106 and 107 of the same article, HUIE makes mention that a year and seven (7) weeks later after Monday, 31 JUL 67, he HUIE, proceeded to the Gray Rocks Inn in the company of a French-speaking detective and a photographer named Jim HANSEN of LOOK magazine. In the same section, HUIE makes mention he interviewed a Canadian Government female employee in Ottawa during the same period. It is further confirmed in Ottawa G.I.S. report dated 16 OCT 68 where Mrs. KEATING mentions that she had been interviewed approximately one month prior to the 15 OCT 68 by HUIE.

13. In view of the above, your further instructions will be awaited prior to approaching reporters of the Montreal Star in a view of ascertaining if they interviewed CHARRON at the Neptune Tavern and if so, exhibited to CHARRON a picture of a man whom they identified as RAOUL.

14. From perusal of HUIE's article in LOOK magazine 12 NOV 68, it is presumed by the writer that HUIE is an author maintaining residence in the U.S.A. and it is thus suggested that the F.B.I. contact HUIE with a view of determining if he was in the Montreal area during the latter part of October or early part of November 1968, and if he, or someone of his party, interviewed CHARRON using a photograph whom they identified as RAOUL.

15. Having reference to the memorandum with appended F.B.I. correspondence dated in Montreal, 20 NOV 68 from the A/Officer i/c C.I.B., it is not possible at this point to conduct enquiries pertaining to a joint activity not fully described nor identified in HUIE's article for the simple fact that our investigation has not uncovered as to whether or not RAOUL is fact or fiction. The fact that HUIE makes mention in his article that RAY robbed a ~~body~~ house in Montreal, P.Q., has already been covered earlier in this report. As RAY is presently incarcerated in the U.S.A. and as HUIE is believed to be also a resident of that country,

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it is suggested that any further enquiries concerning these articles be directed to either RAY or HUIE by the F.B.I.

16. Please find attached hereto article of LOOK magazine as per your instructions of the 20 NOV 68.

S.U.I.

[Signature] Sgt.
(M.J.C. Mager) #17440
Montreal G.I.S.

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(JIB/PROULX) S/SGT.
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The COMMISSIONER, Ottawa: CONFIDENTIAL

Your: 68HQ-791-Q-60

1. FORWARDED for your information. This is further to your telex CIB3102/2 and our reply CIB1198.
2. The magazine article mentioned in para. 16 above is retained on file here.
3. This report has been placed in "confidential" classification in view of the contents of para. 12 therein.
4. With regards to para. 13 above, your further instructions are awaited as to whether or not we are to contact the Montreal Star in this connection.
5. As noted in this report we have been unable to date to identify the would-be newspaperman who exhibited photographs of both Ray and "Raoul" to Mr. Charron, owner of the Neptune Tavern in Montreal. Furthermore, we have been unable to establish whether or not these are the same people who visited Mr. Ritchie of the Mariner's House, Mrs. Lemoing of Harkey Apartments of Mr. Chevarie of Tip Top Tailors. We have also been unable to ascertain in what manner the supposed newspaperman learned that someone had visited the Tip Top Tailor Establishment as outlined in para. 9 above.
6. Perhaps, further investigation by the F.B.I. if this has not already been done would be warranted and would clarify this matter as suggested in paras. 14 and 15 above.
7. Copy of Look Magazine article on this matter issue dated 26-11-68 has been obtained at this point and was perused, however, same does not appear to contain any investigative leads which would be helpful to us. In any case, this matter continues to be given priority, and all possible ef-

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