

Mr. Callahan

J. P. Dunphy

#### MURKIN

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My memorandum of 3/11/69, attached, advised of a call from John Carlisle, Chief Investigator, District Attorney General's Office, Memphis, Tennessee. Carlisle desired to know what disposition we wished made of the two trial models prepared by the Bureau which had been utilized in the trial of subject Ray. It was recommended and approved that he be informed the Bureau could make use of these models in Washington if the Judge had no objection to returning them to us.

On 3/12/69 Carlisle advised while discussing other aspects of this case with him today the Judge stated that whatever disposition is made of the models, he intends to issue an order to the recipient that they are not to be destroyed. According to Carlisle, the Judge's thinking is that even though Ray has no formal appeal rights, there is always the possibility that he could file a writ of habeas corpus in the future. If this were to happen, there is then the possibility the models would have to be shipped back to Memphis. In view of this, we should not have the models returned to us for possible use on the tour route or as training aids.

## RECOMMENDATION:

That Carlisle be informed the Bureau does not desire the return of these models to Washington.

## Enclosure

1 - Mr. Bishop

1 - Mr. Casper

1 - Mr. Long, Rm. 2260

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## Memorandum

TO : Mr. Callahan

DATE: 3/11/69

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FROM : J. P. Dunph

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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Now that the trial has been concluded, Carlisle wishes to know what disposition the Bureau desires to be made of the two trial models. It was pointed out to Carlisle that since they had been introduced in evidence they were the property of the court and the presiding Judge would be the one to indicate what should be done with them. Carlisle advised they nevertheless wanted to make whatever disposition the Bureau desired. According to Carlisle the Memphis Police Department has expressed an interest in obtaining these models for use in their police training academy.

SAC Jensen advises the models were of great assistance during the trial and that while there would be no objections to furnishing the models to the Memphis Police Department, he felt they might be put to better use at the Bureau.

In view of the tremendous amount of public interest in the killing of King and the trial of Ray, either or both of these models might very well lend themselves to effective display on the tour route. They would also lend themselves very well to be utilized as training aids in our Training Division. It is therefore felt that Carlisle should be advised that if the Judge so desires, these models should be returned to the Bureau.

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## RECOMMENDATION FOR COMMENDATION

On 2/17/69, I had occasion to meet with District Attorney General PHIL M. CANALE, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee. As the Bureau knows, CANALE is the Chief Prosecutor who will handle the prosecution of JAMES EARL RAY. CANALE told me that he and all members of his staff were greatly impressed by the exhibit prepared by the Bureau for the forthcoming trial. CANALE said that in his many years in the Attorney General's Office he had never seen an exhibit of the quality and caliber of the exhibits prepared by the FBI in this case. He stated the availability of an exhibit of this high quality would in his opinion greatly implement the excellent investigation conduced by the FBI in this case. The advised me that he intends to write a personal letter to the Director thanking him for the excellent exhibit made available to his office.

In view of the comments of Attorney General CANALE and the excellent reception the exhibits prepared in this case received, which are, of course, a credit to the FBI, it is being recommended that SA JOHN P. DUNPHY and his associates who helped prepare these exhibits be commended.

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The Attorney General

February 25, 1989

Director, FBI

MR. PHIL M. CANALE, JR.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL
FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF
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Enclosed is a copy of a letter dated February 20th from hir. Canale wherein he comments most favorably concerning the preparation of exhibits by this Bureau in the case of James Earl Ray, the accused assassin of Martin Luther King.

## Enclosure

1 - The Deputy Attorney General - Enclosure

1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enclosures (2)

1 - Mr. Bishop - Enclosures (2)

1 - Mr. Rosen - Enclosures (2)

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February 25, 1969

Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr. District Attorney General Shelby County Office Building 157 Poplar Avenue Memphis, Tennessee 38103

Dear Mr. Canale:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter of Pebruary 20th and your favorable comments concerning the work of my associates in connection with the preparation of the exhibits in the case involving James Earl Ray. I am pleased that their efforts merited your approval and you may be sure they will appreciate, as I do, your kind remarks.

## Sincerely yours,

- J. Edgar Hooven
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- 1 Mr. DeLoach Enclosure
- 1 Mr. Bishop Enclosure
- Mr Rosen Enclosure
- Mr. Callahan Enclosure

Personal Attention: Bring to the attention of SA John P. Dunphy and Messrs. F. Thomas Peyton, Wayne M. Fox, and Brent H. Hughes.

ROBERT K. DWYER

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# PHIL M. CANALE, JR. DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF TENNESSEE

COUNTY OF SHELBY

SHELBY COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING
157 POPLAR AVENUE
MEMPHIS, TENN. 38103

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February 20, 1969

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The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover,
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. Hoover:

On Saturday, February 15, Mr. John Dunphy and Mr. Wayne Fox delivered to this office the mock-up of the murder scene in the James Earl Ray case and of the rooming house involved.

These mock-ups are truly a work of dedication, precision, detail and art, and will be of invaluable assistance to this office in the prosecution of James Earl Ray.

I wish to extend my sincere appreciation to your office, and particularly to Mr. Dunphy, Mr. Fox, Mr. Tom Peyton and Mr. Brent Hughes, all of whom came to Memphis to work on this project; and also to the staff of Mr. Dunphy whom we have not met, but whose excellent hand is seen in the finished

We in this office are most grateful to you and the men in your office who participated in this project.

Sincerely yours,

PHIL M. CANALE, JR. District Attorney General

PMCJr:MEF

Copy to Mr. John Dunphy
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C. 20535

February 26, 1969

Mr. John P. Dunphy Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dunphy:

I am indeed pleased to commend you and, through you, the personnel in the Exhibits Section who performed so capably in preparing two models for use in the trial of James Earl Ray.

Everyone discharged his responsibilities in a dedicated and skillful manner, thereby overcoming the numerous technical problems involved and successfully completing two extremely fine pieces of work. I want to thank you for your excellent supervision and to ask that you convey my appreciation to the other men for their resourceful services.

## Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

1- Mr. Callahan (Personal Attention)
Based on information submitted, Bureau does not consider individual letters of commendation are warranted. A copy of this letter is being placed in the personnel files of all participants.

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2/26/69

J. P. Dunphy

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This is the case involving the killing of Martin Luther King.

Two trial models were prepared by the Exhibits Section for the Shelby County District Attorney General's Office, Memphis, Tennessee, for use in the forthcoming trial of subject Ray. These models were delivered on 2/15/69. Normally the prosecution is furnished with a resume of that which I will be able to testify to concerning the models. Such a resume is attached, along with a letter to SAC, Memphis instructing that he furnish a copy to James C. Beasley, one of the county attorneys who will be handling the prosecution.

## RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter be approved.

Enclosures

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SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

2/27/69

Director, FBI (44-38861)

## MURKIN

Enclosed are two copies of a resume regarding testimony of SA John P. Dunphy, Exhibits Section, at the forthcoming trial of subject Ray.

One copy should be retained in your file and the other should be furnished to Attorney James C. Beasley in the Office of the District Attorney General, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee.

## Enclosures (2)

NOTE: Based on cover memo J. P. Dunphy to Mr. Callahan dated 2/26/69 captioned as above.

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JOHN P. DUNPHY, Special Agent, FBI, to introduce three-dimensional exhibit of buildings at 418-424 Main Street and exhibit of surrounding area including those and other buildings.

## Can testify that:

He is a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Associated with the Federal Bureau of Investigation for 20 years, 14 of these years as a Special Agent.

Present position is Section Chief in charge of the FBI Exhibits Section.

He visited the area depicted by models on November 19, 20, 21, and 23, 1968.

In the course of his official duties on the above dates, he made personal observations and measurements of the above buildings and area.

Thereafter he caused to be constructed, under his supervision, scale models of the buildings and the area in vicinity of the buildings.

He will set forth a scale for each of the two models, namely 3/16 inch equals one foot for the area model, and 1/2 inch equals one foot on the buildings model designated 418-424 Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee.

He was advised by Assistant District Attorney James C. Beasley that the primary purpose of the area model is to demonstrate the relative positions of the buildings and streets and the primary purpose of the buildings model is to demonstrate the relative positions of the various rooms, hallways, entrances, and stairways. In the interest of simplicity and clarity he was instructed to omit decorative details of the interior and exterior, color schemes, textures, etc.

Following the construction of the models he thereafter checked the accuracy of the work and can state that the models are a reasonably accurate representation of the areas in question.

As an aid to take measurements directly from the models, he caused to be altered two commercial tape rules in such a way that one rule is now 3/16 inch scale for measurement of the area model, and the other rule is now 1/2 inch scale for measurement of the buildings model. He thereafter checked the accuracy of the two altered tape rules and found them to be correct.

He will state whether or not the models in the courtroom are the models regarding which he has been testifying.

ROBERT K. DWYER

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Copy to Mr. John Dunphy Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington, D. C.

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Mr. Callahan

2/24/69

## J. P. Dunphy

## MURKIN COMMENDATION MATTER

This is the case involving the killing of Martin Luther King.

On 2/15/69 the two trial models (photographs attached) prepared by the Exhibits Section were delivered to the District Attorney General's Office, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee.

The District Attorney General Phil M. Canale, Jr., the Trial Assistant James C. Beasley, and his Chief Investigator John L. Carlisle, were most pleased with the models stating they would be of immeasurable help in preparing for trial and would also assist materially in clarifying testimony for both the Judge and the jury during the trial itself. They commented repeatedly upon the quality of the workmanship and the detail shown in each model. These models were prepared by a group of men in the Section who labored long and hard to successfully solve many of the problems encountered and still permit delivery of the models on the deadline date 2/15/69. In order to accomplish this, the majority of them unselfishly volunteered to work on both Saturday and Sunday, 2/8-9/69; in fact, every man who saw there was something he could do on that weekend stepped forward without being asked.

These men, of course, have built trial models in the past; however, unique problems were presented in this case because of the change in terrain elevation throughout the area of the shooting. They pitched in with a true spirit of doing a good job within the time limit notwithstanding personal inconveniences. I feel the outstanding individual efforts of these men should be recognized by individual letters of commendation from the Director.

The employees of the Section who should be commended are: Brent H. Hughes, F. Thomas Peyton, Frederick A. Larson,

Enclosures

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Memorandum to Mr. Callahan

Re: MURKIN

COMMENDATION MATTER

Robert F. Banwarth, William O. Berry, James D. Boock, John H. Carpenter, Richard Allen Ferda, William E. Flaherty, Wayne M. Fox, Edgar G. Greene, Donald C. Hillerich, William H. Nash, Robert R. O'Haver, Edward F. Ryan, Raymond H. Schaeffer, and James H. Wixson.

## RECOMMENDATION:

That the above-listed employees receive individual letters of commendation from the Director for their outstanding effort in producing the two trial models, solving numerous technical problems and meeting the imposed deadline.

January 14, 1969

Mr. John L. Carlisle Criminal Investigator District Attorney General's Office County Office Building 157 Poplar Avenue Memphis, Tennessee 38103

Dear John.

I have received your very informative letter of January 6, along with the much appreciated photographs.

We are sorry you had such a bout with the federally imported flu but I would imagine you had several 100 proof home remedies which took care of the situation.

Thanks again for the photographs, the models are progressing nicely and we hope to make our date of February 15, 1969.

Sincerely,

John P. Dunphy

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ROBERT K. DWYER EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

LLOYD A. RHODES
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

PHIL M. CANALE, JR.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL

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EARL E. FITZPATRICK NON-SUPPORT DIVISION

Special Agent Jack P. Dunphy Federal Bureau of Investigation Room 331, Old Post Office Building Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Jack:

As a tax-paying citizen, I wish to file a complaint with the FBI. This complaint is concerning a foreign agent by the name of Hong Kong. Approximately two weeks ago, under the cover of darkness, this foreign agent entered my home, armed with his germ gun, shooting the wife and I, then fleeing the scene. This foreign agent has been terrorizing the entire community and I am of the opinion that the Federal Government should take action against him. I filed a complaint with your Memphis office, but they only referred me to Washington, saying it was too big a job for them to handle.

As to the pictures, Jack, you will note I am only sending one photograph made on Main Street. This is to show the bundle as to the size and location. Your photographs will show same as ours on Main Street as no changes have been made.

As to the photographs in the rear of the building, you will note a difference there as to the trees and shrubbery on the west side of Mulberry Street and the balcony on the Lorraine Motel, this being prior to the shrine being erected there.

Jack, I believe these are the only photographs that we have that would vary wiht the ones you made. If these are not sufficient or you need anything else, do not hesitate to call. Please allow me to apologize for being so late with the photographs, but the Hong Kong had me.

Tell Bert and Tom "hello" for me.

Best regards,

JOHN L. CARLISLE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR

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TO:

DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

ATTN: EXHIBITS SECTION

FROM:

SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

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Being forwarded to the Bureau under separate cover, directly to the Exhibits Section, Room 331, Old Post Office Building, Washington, D. C., are the following:

- (1) Two copies of a street light distribution drawing prepared by Memphis Light, Gas & Water Division.
- (2) Two copies of a scale drawing of the area around the Lorraine Motel, these drawings having been prepared by ARTHUR C. HOLBROOK.
- (3) One copy of a Westinghouse Descriptive Bulletin #60-155, describing roadway lighting used in the area and a one-page legend of abbreviations.

The tems enclosed may be useful to the Exhibits Section in preparing the exhibit to be utilized in connection with the trial of JAMES EARL RAY scheduled to come on 3-3-69.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

ATTN: EXHIBITS SECTION

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Being forwarded to the Bureau under separate cover directly to the Exhibits Section, Room 331, Old Post Office Building, Washington, D. C., is an architectural sketch made of the Lorraine Motel sign for the Lorraine Motel located at 406 Mulberry St., Memphis, Tenn.

This sketch is drawn to three-quarters inch scale to a foot and was furnished to SA ROBERT F. BOYLE by Mr. H. M. STEPHENS, Vice-President and General Manager of the Cummings and Co., a nation-wide sign service, 1200 Morehead St., Memphis, Tenn. Mr. STEPHENS advised that his company has not maintained any additional records or blueprints in connection with the manufacture and erection of this sign.

This sketch may be of assistance to the Exhibits. Section in preparing the exhibit to be utilized in connection with the trial of JAMES EARL RAY scheduled to convene on 3/3/69 in Memphis.

The Exhibits Section is requested to return this sketch to the Memphis Division when no reason exists to maintain it by the Exhibits Section.

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Mr. Callahan

11/25/68

J. P. Dunphy

## MURKIN

In connection with services performed by the Exhibits Section in this case, aerial photographs were taken by the U. S. Corps of Engineers at Memphis on 4/10/68. This film was turned over to SAC Jensen, Memphis Office, by me on 11/19/68 to be maintained in the Memphis file.

As an enclosure to this memorandum is a sheet prepared by the cameraman who took these photographs which contain such information as time of day, weather, altitude, etc., which should be made a matter of record in the Bureau file.

## RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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Mr. Callahan

11/25/68

J. P. Dunphy

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This is the case involving the killing of Martin Luther King.

By my memorandum 11/15/68, the Director approved that the Exhibits Section prepare a three-dimensional trial exhibit which had been requested by Phil M. Canale, Jr., District Attorney General for Shelby County, Tennessee.

During period 11/19-23/68 necessary measurements were taken of the crime scene area. Accompanying me were Exhibits Specialists Brent H. Hughes and F. Thomas Peyton. We met with Mr. Canale and other members of his staff and after surveying the area and hearing from them the location of their various witnesses, I informed them it will be necessary to construct two and possibly three models to properly show the relationship of the various buildings and also the interior of the rooming house from which the shot was fired. They were informed we will attempt to have these exhibits completed by 2/15/69. The trial is now scheduled for 3/3/69.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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1 - Mr. DeLoach

1 - Mr. Rosen

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: Mr. Callahan

DATE: 11/15/68

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J. P. Dunph

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King

SAC Jensen, Memphis Division, advises that Phil M. Canale, State Attorney General, Shelby County, who will prosecute subject Ray in State Court, has renewed his request for a three-dimensional model of the crime scene in this case. This model to be utilized during the trial.

Memorandum Mr. Rosen to Mr. DeLoach 10/31/68 advised that Canale desired, if possible, that such an exhibit be prepared for trial but was informed this could not be done because of the very short period of time before start of the trial which was then scheduled for 11/12/68.

The trial has been reset to 3/3/69 at the request of Ray's new attorney. This gives us sufficient time to conduct the necessary survey and thereafter construct the requested exhibit. SAC Jensen advises Attorney Canale stated a three-dimensional model would be of immeasurable assistance in the prosecution in this matter and the SAC is of the opinion a model would be a definite assistance and would reflect most favorably on the Bureau.

Normally we do not construct trial models for State cases in view of the multitude of requests we would receive and the normal heavy workload we carry. Exceptions, however, have been made upon approval of the Director in unusual major cases. The last of these was the trial of Richard Speck in Peoria, Illinois, in 1967 for the murder of the eight nurses in Chicago. It is felt since we now have sufficient time to construct the trial model and in view of the great national and international interest in this trial, that the Bureau should render this assistance.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

That the Exhibits Section prepare the requested three-dimensional trial model.

1 - Mr. DeLoach

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2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

Mr. Callahan

11/15/68

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

SAC Jensen, Memphis Division, advises that Phil M. Canale, State Attorney General, Shelby County, who will prosecute subject Ray in State Court, has renewed his request for a three-dimensional model of the crime scene in this case. This model to be utilized during the trial.

Memorandum Mr. Rosen to Mr. DeLoach 10/3b/68 advised that Canale desired, if possible, that such an exhibit be prepared for trial but was informed this could not be done because of the very short period of time before start of the trial which was then scheduled for 11/12/68.

The trial has been reset to 3/3/69 at the request of Ray's new attorney. This gives us sufficient time to conduct the necessary survey and thereafter construct the requested exhibit. SAC Jensen advises Attorney Canale stated a three-dimensional model would be of immeasurable assistance in the prosecution in this matter and the SAC is of the opinion a model would be a definite assistance and would reflect most favorably on the Bureau.

Normally we do not construct trial models for State cases in view of the multitude of requests we would receive and the normal heavy workload we carry. Exceptions, however, have been made upon approval of the Director in unusual major cases. The last of these was the trial of Richard Speck in Peoria, Illinois, in 1967 for the murder of the eight nurses in Chicago. It is felt since we now have sufficient time to construct the trial model and in view of the great national and international interest in this trial, that the Bureau should render this assistance.

## RECOMMENDATION:

That the Exhibits Section prepare the requested three-dimensional trial model.

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Assistant Attorney General Stephen J. Pollak called and stated that he had talked to Phil Canale, State Attorney General, Shelby County, who will prosecute Ray in state court. According to Pollak, Canale inquired whether the Bureau was doing a three dimensional mockup for Canale for use in his prosecution of Ray. Pollak said he was not making a request that such a mockup be prepared but merely wanted to know if in fact we were preparing one for Canale, so he could so advise Canale.

No request for such a mockup has been received in this Division and a check with the Exhibits Section revealed that no such request had been made of that Section.

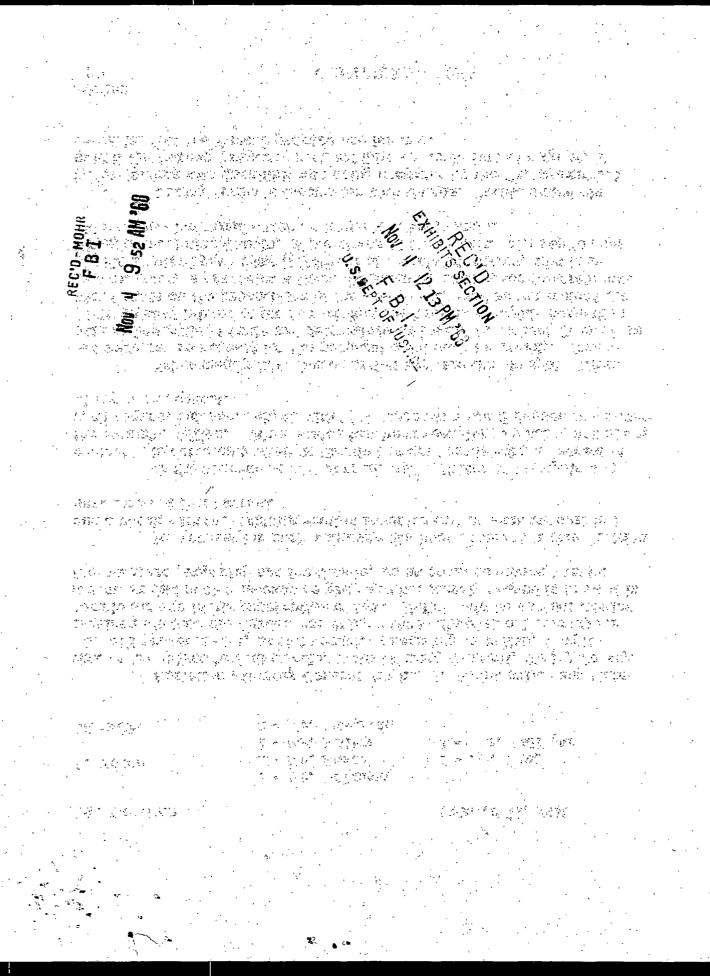
In the absence of SAC Jensen, ASAC Halter of Memphis was contacted to determine whether Canale had ever made such a request of the Memphis Office. Halter stated that he personally was not aware of any such request but would check with SAC Jensen and see if Jensen was aware of any such request.

Subsequently SAC Jensen called and said the Memohis Office had received no request for the preparation of such an exhibit. Jensen said he had called Carale and determined that when D. Robert Owen of the Civil Mights Division of the Department had been in Remphis consulting with Canale on the prosecution of the case? Owen asid he understood the Department was preparing a three diffiensional mockup for Canale's use. Canale inquired yesterday (10/30/68) of Owen's secretary, who is in plemphis assisting Canale, of the status of the exhibit. She replied she did not know but would check on it and les Canale know.

During Jensen's discussion with Canale. Canale stated his understanding was theexhibit was being prepared by the Department but said if the Bureau prepared such exhibits he would like to request. If possible, that the Bureau prepare one for him.

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Assistant Attorney General Pollak has been advised that the Bureau had received no request for the preparation of such an exhibit and none was being prepared.

The Exhibits Section has advised that the men who are assigned to prepare three dimensional mockups are specialists and it would be necessary to send such specialist to Memphis to obtain the necessary data to prepare such an exhibit. In addition the Exhibits Section advised it would take approximately three months to prepare the exhibit in question.

It is noted that state trial in this case is scheduled for November 12, 1968.

## ACTION:

If approved, SAC Jensen will be contacted and instructed to advise Canale that it will not be possible, at this late date, to prepare the mockup requested by him.

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FORWARDED TO BUREAU EXHIBITS SECTION. DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL
CANALE IS AWARE OF EXISTENCE THESE PHOTOGRAPHS AND HAS REQUESTED
TO USE THEM IN INSTANT TRIAL. THE BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO RETURN
THESE PHOTOGRAPHS TO THE MEMPHIS OFFICE BY RETURN MAIL. IF FOR
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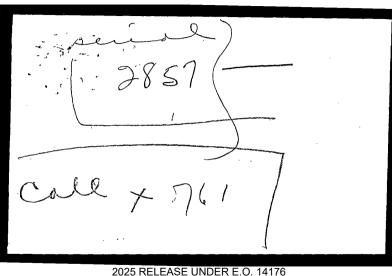
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Attention: Exhibits Section

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Re Bureau routing slip dated 4/30/68 in which certain items were requested to be forwarded to the Exhibits Section, Administrative Division, to the attention of Exhibits Specialist GEORGE C. MUMFORD, JR.

Enclosed herewith is a one-page copy of the results of an engineering survey made by the Memphis PD of the distance from the rooming house window to point where Dr. KING was shot. Also contained in this survey is information regarding the downward angle from the second floor rear bathroom windowsill of 442½ South Main Street to a point 59" above the balcony of the Lorraine Motel.

Being forwarded under separate cover are two copies of an aerial photo of the crime scene, size 40" by 40". Photos of the crime scene taken by the Memphis PD will be forwarded immediately when they are made available.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861). ATTN: EXHIBITS SECTION

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

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In view of the postponement of trial until March 3, 1969, State Attorney General PHIL M. CANALE inquired today as to the possibility of exhibit being prepared by FBI in this case. He expressed the opinion that an exhibit prepared by the FBI would be of immeasurable assistance in the prosecution of this case. Mr. CANALE expressed a preference for a three-dimensional type exhibit.

Memphis of opinion that exhibit prepared by FBI will definitely be an asset in handling of case and will bring favorable reaction for FBI. If work schedule of Exhibits Section permits construction of exhibit, Memphis recommends this be done. If approval for construction of exhibit granted, further details will be secured.

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The General Investigative Division advised this morning of a request from the Department for a portrait parle (photograph) comparison between certain pictures of the subject James Earl Ray. Specifically, the comparison requested was between a photograph of "Exig S. Galt" purportedly taken in early 1968 in connection with his attendance at a bartender school in California and prison photographs of James Earl Ray taken in 1960 and 1968. The requested comparisons have been made and we have determined definitely that the Eric S. Calt photograph is actually a photograph of the same person depicted in the James Earl Ray prison photographs. Results of this comparison have been telephonically furnished General Investigative Division.

Assistant Director Rosen advises he has furnished the results of the examination to Mr. Pollak in the Department and Mr. Pollak has requested the Laboratory's assistance in preparing an affidavit. A Mr. Manrice A. Roberts subsequently contacted me and requested assistance in the technical wording incident to the preparation of the affidavit. We are complying with this Department request and will execute the affidavit after it has been prepared and the wording has been determined to be technically accurate.

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ACTION: None. For information.

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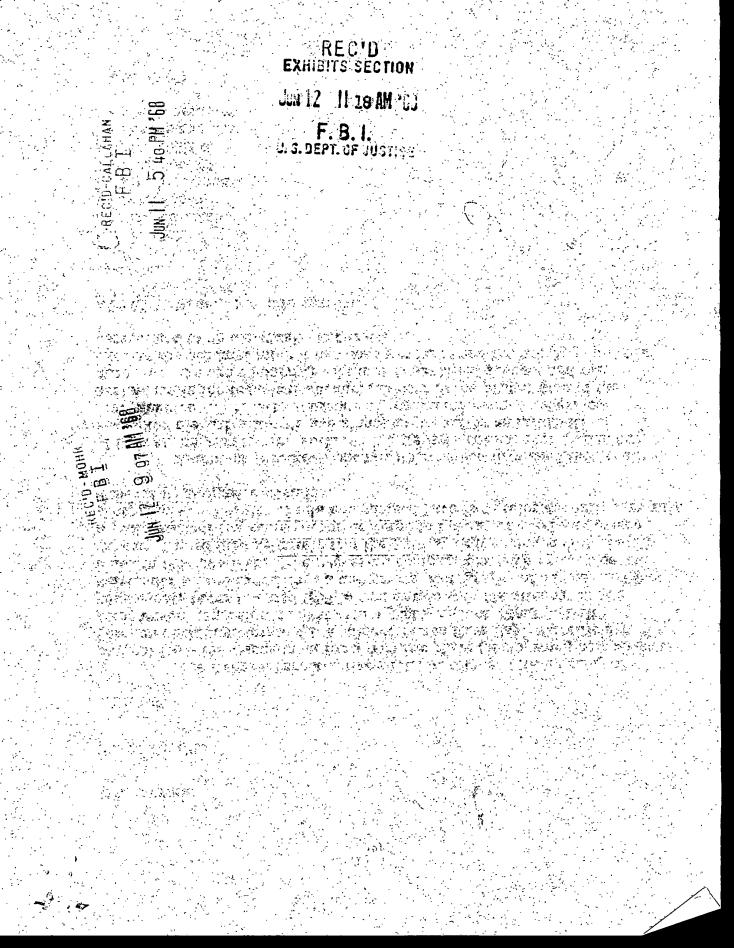
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Mr. DeLoach June 11, 1968 1 - Mr. Deloech A. Rosen 1 - Mr. Rosen 1 - Mr. Malley 1 - Mr. McGowan MURKIN 1 - Mr. Long Callabaa 1 - Mr. Conrad Assistant Attorney General Stephen J. Pollak, Civil Fights Division, called and stated he had been reviewing reports very carefully which had been submitted in this case. He referred specifically to the interview at the Bushnell Company on April 5, 1968, with reference to a shipmest of binoculars to the York Arms Company in Memphis. It was specifically indicated that the serial numbers had not been recorded by the firm. He said the report concerning the binoculars is important because they would like to be able to tie in more specifically the binoculars to the York Company by serial inumber if possible. He recognized that in this instance the Bushnell Company apparently does not record the serial numbers of their shipments. He wondered if there was any other record which might be in existence to reflect that serial lnumbers were recorded by the firm. I advised him this had been completely run out: that I would recheck with our Memphis Office. He would like to back up the witnesses who say the binoculars in question were sold to the subject. Polisk wented to know whether we were running out all allegations relating to possible conspiracy. He said the reports do not reflect any information concerning a possible conspiracy. He was advised that so far we have not been able to establish that there was any conspiracy and we have been constantly alert to this possibility. Any allegations or possible leads that might be covered to establish a conspiracy existed are being given preferred attention. He said there were some ellegations in the New York Times about persons who might have known or beet in contact with Ray when he was in Canada. I advised him that such allegations are also being run out. These allegations refer to a Chinese worken who says a fat man was in contact with the subject, to a Nagro go-go gial, to waiters, etc.

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach Re: MURKIN

Polisk mentioned that he would like to be able to have experts identify the photograph of James Earl Ray which depicts Ray with his eyes closed (photograph which Bureau artists drew in eyes later) with a known photograph of Ray. He particularly mentioned the Missouri State fingerprint eard taken of Ray back in 1960. He said this would be helpful in supporting any affidavits of identification which might have been based upon looking at the photograph which the Bureau disseminated of Ray. He said that if our experts could state that the photograph which the Bureau disseminated was the same individual who appears in the Missouri prison print, this might be introduced as evidence from an expert witness showing that the picture was identical with a known photograph of Ray.

This matter has been referred to the Laboratory and Exhibits Section of the Administrative Division for consideration.

The Department has prepared drafts of affidavits for execution by certain individuals. We have previously been furnished these drafts on June 10, 1968, and they were called to your attention. Two individuals mentioned, namely, Charles Quitmen Stephens, who resides in Memphis, Tennessee, has been out of pocket and he has not been located as yet. They are continuing to look for him so the Department may contact him for the purpose of getting him to sign the affidavits which they have prepared. Stephens is the individual who saw a side view of the subject when he resided in the rooming house in Memphis. This was the rooming house from which the subject fixed at King.

We are also looking for John Webster Deshano, who was a customer at the Aeromarine Supply Company in Birmingham, Alabama, where the gun was purchased. He identified a photograph of the subject as the person who purchased the gun. Deshano is on vacation in Colorado. We are presently looking for him.

## ACTION:

The above is for your information.

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Mr. WILLIAM ANSCHUTZ, Room 4-B, 422½ South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee, advised that he recalls the afternoon of April 4, 1968, when Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING was shot and he recalls further that immediately after this shot, he saw a man run past his door at 4-B, 422½ South Main Street, but Mr. ANSCHUTZ did not see enough of this man's face to state whether or not it in any way resembles the artist's conception drawing being shown to him by SA RALPH J. LIEWER. This artist's conception drawing is one which was prepared by SA GEORGE C. MUMFORD, Exhibits Specialist, Exhibits Section, FBI, Washington, D. C., from a description furnished by Mr. RALPH M. CARPENTER, a salesman at the York Arms Company, Sporting Goods Store, 162 South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee.

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An artist's conception drawing of the white male individual who purchased a pair of Bushnell binoculars from RALPH M. CARPENTER at the York Arms Company, Sporting Goods Store, 162 South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee, on the afternoon of April 4, 1968, was prepared by SA GEORGE C. MUMFORD, Exhibits Specialist, Exhibits Section, FBI, Washington, D. C., from a description furnished by Mr. RALPH M. CARPENTER. This drawing was shown to Mrs. BESSIE BREWER, 4222 South Main Street, Memphis, and Mrs. BREWER advised that she recalls the white male who rented a room from her under the name JOHN WILLARD on April 4, 1968. She does not remember the facial features of this individual well enough to say whether or not the above-mentioned drawing in any way resembles this JOHN WILLARD.

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## March II, 1969

## GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Attached sets forth court proceedings at Memphis, Tennessee, 3/10/69 at which time James Earl Ray plead guilty to the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and received a 99 year sentence. Prosecution and defense both in agreement that investigation had revealed no conspiracy but Ray advised court he did not agree that no conspiracy existed. SAC Robert G. Jensen testified regarding handling of evidence and of extensive investigation conducted by FBI in this case. Mock-ups prepared by Exhibit Section, Administrative Division, were utilized by witnesses and prosecuting attorney. These mock-ups were well received and drew favorable comments from jurors, news media, members of the court and the public.

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987

Mr. DeLoach

Mr. Mohr.

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Mr. Rosen. Mr. Sullivan

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Mr. Callahan. Mr. Conrad. Mr. Felt. Mr. Galo

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A HEARING OF THE JAMES EARL RAY MATTER WAS HELD BEFORE THE HONORABLE W. PRESTON BATTLE, SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE, CRIMINAL COURT JUDGE, MEMPHIS, DURING A.M., AND EARLY P.M., THIS DATE.

PERCY FOREMAN, ATTORNEY FOR RAY, PRESENTED A PETITION TO THE COURT WHEREIN THE DEFENSE AND PROSECUTION HAD AGREED TO A COMPROMISE SENTENCE OF NINETYNINE YEARS IN RETURN FOR RAY'S PLEA OF GUILTY TO MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE IN CONNECTION WITH THE MURDER OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. JUDGE BATTLE QUESTIONED RAY CONCERINING THE PLEA AND RAY AGREED THAT HE WAS VOLUNTARILY PLEADING GUILTY TO THE CHARGE. JUDGE BATTLE EXPLAINED TO RAY CERTAIN RIGHTS THAT RAY WAS WAIVING BY A GUILTY PLEA SUCH AS A RIGHT OF APPEAL.

THE NAMES OF TWELVE JURORS WERE THEN CALLED AND THESE JURORS WERE SEATED. JUDGE BATTLE EXPLAINED TO THE JURORS THAT A COMPROMISE HAD BEEN REACHED BY THE DEFENSE AND PROSECUTION TO A SENTENCE OF NINETYNINE YEARS FOR RAY IN RETURN FOR RAY'S PLEA OF GUILTY TO THE CHARGE OF MURDER IN

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THE FIRST DEGREE. ALL OF THE JURORS AGREED THAT THEY COULD FOLLOW THE SENTENCING RECOMMENDATION OF NINETYNINE YEARS.

PHIL CANALE, SHELBY COUNTY STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL,
ADDRESSED THE JURY AND DURING HIS REMARKS STATED THAT THE
EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED IN THIS MATTER FAILED TO
REVEAL ANY EVIDENCE OF A CONSPIRACY IN THE SHOOTING OF KING.
FOREMAN THEN ADDRESSED THE JURY AND DURING HIS REMARKS HE
MENTIONED THAT IN JULY OF ONE NINE SIX EIGHT, RAMSEY CLARK,
U. S. ATTORNEY GENERAL AND JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR, FBI,
HAD PUBLICLY STATED THAT THERE WAS NO CONSPIRACY IN THE
SHOOTING OF KING. FOREMAN STATED THAT IT TOOK HIM OVER A
MONTH OF REVIEWING EVIDENCE AND TALKING TO RAY TO CONVINCE
HIMSELF (MEANING THAT THERE WAS NO CONSPIRACY).

AS FOREMAN REACHED THE DEFENSE COUNSEL TABLE AND SAT BOWN, RAY ROSE TO HIS FEET AND ADDRESSED JUDGE BATTLE, STATING THAT HE DID NOT AGREE THAT THERE WAS NO CONSPIRACY IN THE WRITTEN SIXTEEN PAGES OF STIPULATIONS THAT HE HAD SIGNED. RAY THEN STATED THAT HE NOT AGREEE WITH THE THEORIES OF RAMSEY CLARK, JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, CANALE AND END PAGE TWO

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FOREMAN (REFERRING TO THE FACT THERE WAS NO CONSPIRACY), JUDGE BATTLE ADDRESSED RAY, ASKING RAY IF HE WERE STILL PLEADING GUILTY TO CHARGE OF MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE AND RAY REPLIED "YES SIR" AND SAT DOWN.

THE JURY WAS THEN SWORN AND TESTIMONY FROM FIVE WITNESSES WAS PRESENTED TO THE JURY BY THE PROSECUTION WITH NO CROSS EXAMINATION BY THE DEFENSE.

REV. SAMUEL B. KYLES, MOMUMENTAL BAPTIST CHURCH,
MEMPHIS, TESTIFIED THAT HE WAS A FRIEND OF KING FOR TEN
YEARS AND WAS PRESENT ON THE BALCONY OF THE LORRAINE MOTEL
IN MEMPHIS WHEN KING WAS SHOT.

CHAUNCEY ESKRIDGE, ATTORNEY, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS,
TESTIFIED THAT HE REPRESENTED KING FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS
AND THAT HE WAS IN THE COURTYARD BELOW THE BALCONY OF THE
LORRAINE MOTEL WHEN KING WAS SHOT.

DR. J. T. FRANCISCO, SHELBY COUNTY CORONER, MEMPHIS, TESTIFIED TO THE RESULTS OF THE AUTOPSY PERFORMED BY HIM ON THE BODY OF KING.

INSPECTOR No. E. ZACHARY, MEMPHIS POLICE DEPARTMENT,
TESTFIED THAT HE WAS IN CHARGE OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT
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HOMICIDE DIVISION AT THE TIME KING WAS SHOT AND THAT HE PRESERVED CERTAIN EVIDENCE AT THE SCENE OF THE CRIME AND TURNED THIS EVIDENCE OVER TO ROBERT G. JENSEN, SAC, MEMPHIS FBI.

ROBERT G. JENSEN, SAC, MEMPHIS FBI DIVISION, TESTIFIED TO THE OBTAINING OF THE VOLUMINOUS EVIDENCE FROM INSPECTOR ZACHARY AND THE MANNER IN WHICH THE EVIDENCE WAS IDENTIFIED, PACKAGED AND FORWARDED TO THE FBI LABORATORY. SAC JENSEN TESTIFIED TO THE EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION THAT WAS CONDUCTED BY THE FBI AND OR ON BEHALF OF THE FBI THROUGHOUT THE U.S., MEXICO, CANADA, ENGLAND AND PORTUGAL, WHICH CULMINATED IN THE ARREST OF RAY IN LONDON, ENGLAND, ON JUNE EIGHT, ONE NINE SIX EIGHT.

IN ADDITION, JAMES BEASLEY, ASSISTANT SHELBY COUNTY
STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL, DESCRIBED TO THE JURY THE EVIDENCE
THAT THE PROSECUTION COULD INTRODUCE, NAMELY THAT NAMED IN
THE SIXTEEN WRITTEN PAGES STIPULATED TO BY BOTH DEFENSE AND
PROSECUTION. BEASLEY WENT INTO GREAT DETAIL AS TO THE
POTENTIAL TESTIMONY OF FBI EXPERTS FROM THE DOCUMENTS SECTION,
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