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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 2 P

MURKIN.

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ON JANUARY TWELVE INSTANT JESSE CLYDE MASON, ASSISTANT STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL, SHELBY COUNTY, MEMPHIS, TENN., ADVISED THAT THE ONLY OTHER APPEAL RECOURSE THAT JAMES EARL RAY HAS IN CONNECTION WITH HIS CONVICTION IN THE MURDER OF REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., IS TO FILE A MOTION UNDER THE TENNESSEE "POST CONVICTION RELIEF ACT." HE STATED THAT ATTORNEYS FOR RAY HAVE NOT FILED SUCH A MOTION TO DATE; HOWEVER, HE ANTICIPATES THAT SUCH A MOTION WILL BE FILED WITHIN THE NEXT THIRTY DAYS.

HE ASSERTED THAT THERE IS NO TIME LIMITATION FOR SUCH A MOTION TO BE FILED IN RAY'S BEHALF; HOWEVER, THE LONGER THAT RAY WAITS TO FILE SUCH A MOTION HINDERS HIS CHANCES OF HAVING A SUCCESSFUL OPINION RENDERED IN HIS BEHALF. IF SUCH A MOTION IF FILED AND IS DECLINED AT THE THE SHELBY COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT LEVEL, RAY DOES HAVE RECOURSE THROUGH THE

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APPELLATE COURT AND STATE SUPREME COURT ON THIS PARTICULAR ISSUE.

MASON STATED THAT IF RAY IS UNSUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING A NEW TRIAL UNDER THE TENNESSEE "POST CONVICTION RELIEF ACT," HE THEN HAS RECOURSE THROUGH THE FEDERAL COURTS BY A HABEAS CORPUS ACTION CLAIMING THAT HIS CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS HAVE BEEN VIOLATED IN THAT HIS PLEA OF GUILTY TO THE MURDER CHARGE WAS NOT GIVEN VOLUNTARILY.

MEMPHIS WILL KEEP THE BUREAU ADVISED OF FURTHER LITIGATION ON BEHALF OF RAY IN THIS MATTER. P.

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Via AIRTEL AM
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

CR MURKIN

Submitted herewith for the Bureau's assistance and completion of its files is LHM setting forth correspondence furnished by one Mrs. BEVERLY JEAN EVANS, 1693 Market Street, San Francisco, California. Based on the information set forth in an initial letter written by Mrs. EVANS to Warden W. S. NEIL, Tennessee State Prison, in which she reports she saw JAMES EARL RAY in Dallas, Texas, in 1963, it is readily apparent that she has no information pertinent to the MURKIN case. As the Bureau is aware, JAMES EARL RAY was confined in the Missouri State Prison from 1960 until his escape in 1967, and it therefore would not have been physically possible for him to have been in Dallas and been seen by Mrs. EVANS as she alleges.

The San Francisco Office should review its indices regarding Mrs. EVANS and conduct a local credit and criminal check, and results to be furnished the Bureau. No effort should be made by San Francisco to interview Mrs. EVANS, UACB.

District Attorney General PHIL CANALE, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, has been advised separately of the contents of the letter which Mrs. BEVERLY JEAN EVANS forwarded to W. S. NEIL, Warden, Tennessee State Penitentiary.

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DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
ATTN: ASSOC. DIRECTOR DALE TOLSON
WASHINGTON, D. C.

SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (PUC 4)(RA)

MURKIN

Reference is made to the telephone call of SAC, SAN FRANCISCO to Special Agent [illegible] on January 20, 1970, and the teletype from Special Agent [illegible] to the Director, dated January 20, 1970.

Enclosed herein are two copies of the Memphis, Tennessee, Office report in the captioned matter.

Memphis, Tennessee, has been advised accordingly.

Memphis, Tennessee, has been advised that the Director's Office should locate his fugitive.

Memphis, Tennessee, is being advised that the Director's Office should locate and interview Mrs. DAVID BRAY, Memphis, Tennessee, and conduct a local credit and criminal check, and resolve inconsistencies due Bureau. No direct effort should be made to locate Mrs. DAVID BRAY by San Francisco Office.

Memphis, Tennessee, is being advised that Mrs. DAVID BRAY is the sister of Mrs. [illegible] of Memphis, Tennessee, and is currently employed at Memphis, Tennessee, Sports Palace, in which case Mrs. DAVID BRAY may be located at Memphis, Tennessee.

Inasmuch as the Memphis, Tennessee, Office has been advised that the Director's Office should locate and interview Mrs. DAVID BRAY, Memphis, Tennessee, and Memphis, Tennessee, has been advised that the Director's Office should locate his fugitive, no further action by San Francisco, California, appears to be warranted.

Memphis, Tennessee,

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

*In Reply, Please Refer to File No.*

Memphis, Tennessee
January 20, 1970

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

On January 19, 1970, the Memphis Office of the FBI received a copy of the following letter:

"Office of Clerk of Supreme Court
State of Tennessee
Knoxville 37901
January 16, 1970

"Honorable David M. Pack
Attorney General of Tennessee
Supreme Court Building
Nashville, Tennessee 37219

"Attention: Hon. Thomas E. Fox, Deputy Attorney General

Re: STATE OF TENNESSEE
vs.
JAMES EARL RAY
(MURDER)

"Dear Sir:

"The accompanying letter was delivered to my office on January 16, 1970, and is being relayed to interested prosecutive and investigative agencies for such action as they deem necessary.

"The writer purports to be Mrs. Beverly Jean Evans, 1803 Market Street, San Francisco, California, with whom a personal interview would appear to be indicated to develop further information as to her allegations.

"Very truly yours,

/s/ John A. Parker
Clerk of the Court

"JAP:br
Enclosure
cc: Mr. Charles W. Bates, SAC
Federal Bureau of Investigation
450 Golden Gate Ave., Box 36015
San Francisco, Calif. 94102 (Enc.)

44-38861-5808

ENCLOSURE

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Memorandum dated 1/20/70
Re: Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

"cc: Mr. Robert G. Jensen, SAC
Federal Bureau of Investigation
841 Federal Office Bldg.
Memphis, Tennessee 38103 (Enc.)

"cc: District Attorney General
Shelby County Court House
Memphis, Tenn. 38103 (Enc.)

"cc: Hon. Ross W. Dyer, C. J.
Tennessee Supreme Court
Halls, Tenn. 38040 (Enc.)"

The above-quoted letter furnished an enclosure which is a letter dated January 11, 1970, from Mrs. Beverly Jean Evans, 1693 Market Street, San Francisco, California. This letter is set out hereafter:

"1-11-70

"suPreme court.
Knoxville, Tenn.

"gentlemen!

"My name Is Mrs Beverly Jean Evans, 1693 Market street. San francisco. calif Please Listen:

"You have a man In the state prision called James Earl Ray. charged with the shooting at Rev King Memphis. tenn. he Is not the killer of Rev. Martin Luther King! Only a crack pot!

"there are 6-men Involved In three killing of President Kennedy Nov 22 - 63, Dallas texas! Robert Kennedy Los Angels Calif. & Memphis, Tenn.!

"this man called James Ray Looks Like the killer. But Is not the same man! Martin Luther Kings killer Is still free! I want you people there In the suPreme court to know the truth. I sure can prove It, as I Have It In writing In notes Letters!



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Memorandum dated 1/20/70
Re: Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

" I'm signing my name to this Letter also my address!

/s/ Mrs. Beverly Jean Evans
1693 Market St.
S. F. Calif."

In addition to the above letter to the Supreme Court, Mrs. Beverly Jean Evans directed a letter to W. S. Neil, Warden, Tennessee State Penitentiary at Nashville, which is set out as follows:

"1-1-70

"Warden in Charge
Tennessee State Penitentiary
Nashville, Tennessee

"Dear Sir:

"My name is Beverly Jean Evans. I would like for you to listen to what I now have to tell you. Three weeks prior to Nov. 22 - 1963, I was in a restaurant 2 blocks this side of 30 - and Mission three men came in and sat next to me. The one man was taking about Kennedy. I overheard this. How all 3 men had planned to kill the President Kennedy, Robert Kennedy and Rev. King. three weeks prior to the Dalas killing! I approached the 3 men and asked him your not really going to kill Kennedy are you. the next day I went back into the restaurant for coffee. the one man came in and I asked him are you really going to shoot all 3 persons in a head with a rifle. and he said we are going to blow all there brains out and that there are 6 of us. 2 Rifles will be used, in Dalas, Tex. Nov. 22-63. I figured they were nuts. On Nov. 22-63 it became no longer a joke. Kennedy was shot. I wanted then to go to the Police and my husband, threathening phone calls came to our home. If you love your husband Mrs. Evans and chidren youll for get what you seen and head. Otherwise they will get what Kennedy got! (I don't get much of a chance to read newspapers until yesterday. Then I had seen this man's picture in the paper, named James Earl Ray. : I remembered the man's face in the restaurant. This same man now in the newspaper is one of the 3 men which planned to shoot all 3 men.



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Memorandum dated 1/20/70
Re: Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

" I have a very good memmoire Warden. This man was in San Francisco 3 weeks prior to Nov. 22-63.)

" I can assure you Warden I am no nut! I have a good memmoire for faces. The second rifle used in Dalas, Tex. is in Nashville, you may turn my letter over to the Police, FBI, or who ever you wish because I'm not a nut. there are 6-men involved in this. One of the 6 men I have just seen now in the paper & thats James Earl Ray. I would like to hear from you.

" Please keep my address listed unknown because I have gotten threathenig letters and phone calls since Nov. 22-63. Please acknowledge.

/s/ Mrs. Beverly Jean Evans
1693 Market St.
S. F. Calif."

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are two xeroxed copies of a petition filed with the Shelby County Criminal Court Clerk's Office, Memphis, Tennessee, on behalf of JAMES EARL RAY, wherein RAY is requesting that the Shelby County Court compel PERCY FOREMAN, RAY's former attorney, to turn over certain personal letters and other documents, in possession of FOREMAN, either to the court or to Mr. RICHARD RYAN, one of RAY's current attorneys, Memphis, Tennessee.

On 1/23/70, Mr. JOHN CARLISLE, Investigator, State's Attorney General's Office, Memphis, advised that a hearing in connection with the enclosed petition has been set for February 20, 1970, in Division II, Shelby County Court, Memphis, Tennessee.

The Memphis Division will follow this matter and will advise the Bureau of the final action taken in connection with the following of the enclosed petition.

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FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1387) (P)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38881)

SUBJECT: VIRGIL

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former attorney, to turn over certain personal letters
and other documents, in possession of HUTCHISON, either to
the court or to Mr. ARTHUR HAAS, one of RAY's current
attorneys, Memphis, Tennessee.

On 1/29/70, Mr. JOHN CAMLINGS, Investigator,
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To, Hon. Arthur Faquin
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HANES AND HANES
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
617 FRANK NELSON BLDG.
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA 35203

ARTHUR J. HANES
ARTHUR J. HANES, JR.

TELEPHONE
324-9536

September 8, 1969

AIR MAIL

Mr. James Earl Ray
65477 Station "A" West MSB Hon 3
Nashville, Tennessee 37203

Dear Jim:

I have received your recent letter and request for delivery to you of items of business and personal mail relating to the matter in which we recently represented you. Those items of mail, along with all other material, research, and investigative reports were turned over to your former attorney, Mr. Percy Foreman of Dallas, Texas, shortly after he entered the case. None of these items have been returned to us, and none are in our possession. I assure you again, however, that we willingly delivered these for your benefit and would be happy to do so again if we retained any of the items you requested.

With best wishes, I am

Yours very truly

Arthur J. Hanes

Arthur J. Hanes

AJH/sr

cc: Mr. Richard J. Ryan
Attorney at Law
Falls Building
Memphis, Tennessee 38103

Executive Secretary
Birmingham Bar Association
900 Jefferson County Courthouse
Birmingham, Alabama 35203

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To, Hon. Arthur Hoquin, Judge
Criminal Courts
Memphis, Tenn.

FILED 1-20-70
J. A. BLACKWELL, CLERK
BY Larry Nance D. C.

Dear Sir, P-622

While I was incarcerated in the Shelby County Jail awaiting trial, various items of mail was sent to me of both a personal and legal business nature, some of the letter at the request of petitioner to use for his defense.
This material was first turned over to attorney Arthur Hones Sr. then later to attorney Percy Foreman of the Texas Bar, petitioner's counsel - by the Sheriff's office.

The petitioner has since attempted to get this mail from the above attorneys via their respective bar associations. and petitioner present counsel Mr. Richard J. Ryan has personally wrote Mr. Foreman requesting the material.
Mr. Hones answered through the Birmingham Bar - see letter attached - saying he had given all such material to Mr. Percy Foreman.
The Texas Bar didn't answer; However Mr. Foreman wrote Mr. Ryan refusing him



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the material indicating the material I would some how be used against him.

petitioner cannot see how petitioner mail could be used against Mr. Foreman, althe it could hinder petitioner in his post conviction proceeding.

Therefore petitioner respectfully requests - assuming Court has jurisdiction over the matter - that the honorable court issue necessary orders compeling pery Foreman to return this material either to the court directly, or, attorney Richard J. Ryan of the Memphis Bar.

petitioner would emphasize he wants "no" material Mr. Foreman or his agents might of come by independently; and that petitioner needs this material in order to prepare for his post conviction hearing.

RESPECTFULLY

James E. Ray

JAMES E. RAY

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME,
THIS THE 12th DAY OF JANUARY - 1970

Byron D. Brown

NOTARY - PUBLIC

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 4-26-1972

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Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

January 21, 1970

Director, FBI 44-38861-5854

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ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

EX-104

On March 10, 1969, James Earl Ray pleaded guilty in Shelby County Criminal Court at Memphis, Tennessee, to the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He received a 99-year sentence.

Soon after his arrival at the Tennessee State Prison at Nashville on March 11, 1969, Ray began maneuvering to have his guilty plea set aside and a new trial declared. On January 8, 1970, the Tennessee State Supreme Court denied a petition by Ray for a new trial.

On January 12, 1970, Mr. Jesse Clyde Mason, Assistant State Attorney General, Shelby County, Tennessee, advised that the only action still remaining to Ray under Tennessee law would be to file a motion under the state's "Post Conviction Relief Act." Mr. Mason said that no such motion has been filed on Ray's behalf; however, no time limit exists for such a motion to be filed.

If Ray should file a motion under the state's "Post Conviction Relief Act"--and if the motion were unsuccessful--he, of course, would still have recourse to the Federal Courts. In other words, despite the fact that he openly acknowledged his guilt in court more than 10 months ago, it is conceivable that he could keep his case before various courts for years to come.

Because Ray pleaded guilty, much important information which the FBI gathered in its investigation of the King murder--data clearly establishing Ray's guilt--was not presented in court. The absence of such authoritative facts and information on the public record has contributed in no small measure to the false rumors, the misrepresentations, and the distortions of fact which continue to prevail in the King murder case.

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Bishop
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1 - Mr. McGowan
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Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

Since April, 1968, when we began our investigation which led to the identification and apprehension of James Earl Ray, we have been requested by numerous well-known writers and publications to assist them in publishing a factual account of our investigation. We have declined all such requests for assistance.

As you are aware, the Federal complaint which was filed against Ray (as Eric Starvo Galt) at Birmingham, Alabama, on April 17, 1968, charging him with violating Title 18, Section 241, United States Code, in the King case is still outstanding.

As a result of the Tennessee State Supreme Court's action in denying Ray's petition for a new trial, we have begun to receive more requests for essential facts--facts which would have come out at Ray's trial if he had not pleaded guilty--which will dispel the unfounded rumors and falsehoods that persist in the King murder case and present a potential for exploitation, particularly by individuals and organizations seeking to spread misunderstanding and unrest among Negro citizens.

If you concur, we will consider assisting a reliable writer in preparing a factual account of the King murder case which can serve as an authentic document in refuting the tremendous amount of misinformation about the case which currently exists.

NOTE: See A. Rosen to Mr. DeLoach Memo dated 1/16/70, captioned "Murkin."



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# *Memorandum*

TO : Mr. DeLoach

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: January 16, 1970

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. McDonough
1 - Mr. Bishop 1 - Mr. Mohr

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This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr. Set forth hereunder is the current status of prosecutive action relative to the subject, James Earl Ray who is serving a 99 year sentence for murder in the Tennessee State Penitentiary, Nashville, Tennessee.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED 288,036 DATE 10/7/88 BY SP5C110ms

STATUS OF STATE PROSECUTION:

On January 8, 1970, the Tennessee State Supreme Court denied a petition by James Earl Ray for a new trial. In handing down the unanimous (four judges sitting) decision, the court noted that Ray had knowingly pleaded guilty in State Criminal Court to the slaying of King, that he had been represented by competent counsel and had waived all rights of appeal in entering his plea.

EX-114

SAC, Memphis has advised that on January 12, 1970, Jesse Clyde Mason, Assistant State Attorney General, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, advised that the only other appeal recourse that James Earl Ray has in connection with his conviction in the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr., is to file a motion under the Tennessee "Post Conviction Relief Act." He stated that attorneys for Ray have not filed such a motion to date; however, he anticipates that such a motion will be filed within the next thirty days. He asserted that there is no time limitation for such a motion to be filed in Ray's behalf; however, the longer that Ray waits to file such a motion hinders his chances of having a successful opinion rendered in his behalf. If such a motion is filed and is declined at the Shelby County Circuit Court level, Ray does have recourse through the Appellate Court and State Supreme Court on this particular issue.

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Mason stated that if Ray is unsuccessful in obtaining a new trial under the Tennessee "Post Conviction Relief Act," he then has recourse through the Federal courts by a habeas corpus action claiming that his constitutional rights have been violated in that his plea of guilty to the murder charge was not given voluntarily.

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(SEE ADDENDUM ON PAGE 3.)

Memo to Civil Rights Division of Dept. 1/21/70

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Memo Rosen to DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

STATUS OF FEDERAL PROSECUTION:

Federal process is still outstanding on Ray charging that he and an individual who he alleged to be his brother conspired to interfere with a constitutional right of Martin Luther King, Jr., namely, the right to travel freely from state to state.

RELEASE OF INFORMATION:

It is noted that consideration was previously given to the release of information regarding the Bureau's outstanding handling of this investigation. Ray currently still has possible avenues of appeals in state courts and through the Federal courts and Federal process is still outstanding on the conspiracy charge which the Department previously declined to have dismissed even though it is within their province to do so. Investigation has indicated that Ray acted alone and no evidence of a conspiracy has been developed and, therefore, the Department is not in a position to proceed on the conspiracy charge. However, inasmuch as he never was tried by a jury and has not exhausted the possibility of an appeal in State court and as Federal process is still outstanding, it is felt that the releasing of any information of a possible evidentiary nature should be taken up with the Department prior to making any such release and assuming such a responsibility.

ACTION:

For information. Any further appellate action by Ray will be closely followed and you will be kept advised.



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Rosen to DeLoach Memorandum
RE: MURKIN

ADDENDUM BY C. D. DE LOACH, 1/15/70:

I agree thoroughly that the Department should be consulted prior to any cooperation being given by the FBI to anyone. However, I believe that our chances for good public relations and solid credit in this particular case are being gradually eroded away by those critics who are constantly harping about the wiretap on Martin Luther King as well as his (King's) criticisms against the FBI. Frankly, considerable aspects of this case are already within the public realm. This includes the Reader's Digest article by Jerry O'Leary as well as hundreds of articles which have appeared in the press and programs on radio and television. Consequently, there is not a great deal more that could be said in a book.

Ray can always launch an appeal. He could actually do so ten to twenty years from now. Therefore, we are always faced with this prospect regardless of the circumstances. I believe that a "reasonable time" has elapsed and the consideration should be given at this time to granting the Reader's Digest request that Jim Bishop be allowed to write a book on this case.

Admittedly, Jim Bishop is somewhat pompous, however, he is cooperative, friendly and perhaps the most thorough, exacting author in this particular category of books. As stated above, however, we should get the views of the Department in writing before proceeding.

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Yes.

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1 - Mr. McDonough

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, Memphis (44-1987) REC-77

FROM: Director, FBI (44-38861) 5855

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Reurairtel 1/29/70 and its enclosure.

Incorporate pertinent information in referenced communication and Cincinnati airtel 6/25/68 in LHM suitable for dissemination to Department.

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FBI

Date: 1-29-70

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Via AIRTEL AM
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

O MURKIN

Submitted herewith for the information and completion of Bureau files is copy of letter received from JOHN A. PARKER, Clerk of the Supreme Court, Knoxville, Tennessee. It is noted PARKER has furnished copies to numerous people in the State of Tennessee, including the SAC at Memphis, and also furnished a copy to the SAC, Cincinnati.

In addition to PARKER's letter, a copy of a letter written by ROBERT C. COLE was also furnished. Xerox copy of this letter is also enclosed to Bureau.

The Memphis Division has furnished a letter to Mr. PHIL M. CANALE, District Attorney General, Shelby County, advising of receipt of PARKER's letter and the enclosure from ROBERT C. COLE. Mr. CANALE has been advised this office contemplates no additional action in this matter.

For the information of the Bureau, Cincinnati by Airtel 6-25-68 in captioned case furnished a 5-page Airtel re ROBERT CLAYTON COLE, who appears identical with correspondent in this matter. COLE at that time was described by Cincinnati as a chronic alcoholic who has not been employed on any regular basis since about 1956. COLE had been in the Veterans Hospital at Cincinnati, as well as the Veterans Hospital at Chillicothe. He has also been committed on one occasion to the Longview Mental Hospital at Cincinnati, Ohio.

Memphis indices disclose that in December, 1968, ROBERT CLAYTON COLE had telephonically contacted Judge W. PRESTON BATTLE re information in the KING killing. COLE claimed that he knew of a conspiracy to kill Dr. KING and that he had mentioned his knowledge to the Cincinnati Office. Cincinnati did furnish Memphis a copy of its 5-page Airtel concerning COLE. REC-22 44-38861-5855

2 BUREAU (Enc.2) (AM) ENCLOSURE Airtel SAC ME 2-3-70 EJM:JS
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Approved: R G Jensen Sent _____ M Per _____
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JOHN A. PARKER, CLERK
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HELEN BISHOP, D.C.

P.O. BOX 444
TEL. 615/525-5171

January 28, 1970

Mr. Robert C. Cole
Veterans Hospital
Chillicothe, Ohio 45601

Re: STATE OF TENNESSEE
vs.
JAMES EARL RAY
Shelby County - Murder

Dear Sir:

I have received your letter addressed to the Supreme Court of Tennessee dated January 27, 1970, but postmarked January 26, 1970, at Chillicothe, Ohio.

Inasmuch as you claim to have been with James Earl Ray before he was supposed to have shot Martin Luther King, I am relaying copies of your letter of January 27th to appropriate investigative and prosecutive agencies who have a possible interest in this matter.

Robert Clayton Cole ✓ Sub E-1095
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Yours truly,

John A. Parker

John A. Parker
Clerk of the Court

JAP:br

~~Rec~~: Hon. David M. Pack
Attorney General of Tennessee
Supreme Court Bldg.
Nashville, Tenn. 37219 (Encl.)

cc: Hon. Phil M. Canale, Jr.
District Attorney General
Shelby County Court House
Memphis, Tenn. 38101 (Encl.)

cc: Hon. Ross W. Dyer, Chief Justice
Supreme Court of Tennessee
Halls, Tenn. 38040 (Encl.) (Info.)

cc: Mr. Harry J. Morgan, SAC
Federal Bureau of Investigation

✓cc: Mr. Robert G. Jensen, SAC
F.B.I.
841 Federal Office Bldg.
Memphis, Tenn. 38103 (Encl.)

cc: Gov. Buford Ellington
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JOHN A. PARKER, Clerk
By

January 27, 1970

Dear Sir;

I was very sad and disappointed, when you denied James Earl Ray a new trial! I can see now, very clearly that you and the people of the State of Tennessee and the Federal Government are afraid of the ~~the~~ truth. You are afraid of trouble from negroes, if the truth is told. I was with James Earl Ray, before he was suppose to have shot Martin Luther King. Under circumstances, that will prove a giant conspiracy, by many people to kill Martin King! I told the Cincinnati, Ohio FBI Office about Ray the first part of May 1968. Governor Ellington of Tennessee also knows my story. I told Judge William Preston Battle my story about 2 weeks before Ray's trial and everything went wrong for him. Because you people are afraid of the truth to be told. I believe that Ray deserves a new trial with me as a witness. I hope to hear from you soon, if you are not too cowardly to answer.

Yours truly,
Robert C. Cole

Robert C. Cole
Veterans Hospital
Chillicothe, Ohio

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Supreme Court
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Federal Bureau Of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

I am working on a research paper, while in college, and I am hoping you may give me some needed information. I wish to know if Mr. Earl Ray, Dr. King's assassin, had any dealings or acquaintences with any Communists, Communist organizations or Communist countries. Also his birth place and any other information will be helpful.

Sincerely,

Justin Rutan

Justin Rutan
Ripley Star Rt. Box 36
Blythe, Calif. 92225

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1 - Mr. McDonough

AIRTEL

TO: SACs, San Francisco
Memphis (44-1987) (Information)

FROM: Director, FBI

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ReMEairtel 1/20/70 and its enclosures.

If not already done, San Francisco respond to MEairtel 1/20/70 and include recommendations as to whether Evans should be interviewed.

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February 6, 1970

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Mr. Justin Rutan
Ripley Star Route, Box 36
Blythe, California 92225

Dear Mr. Rutan:

Your letter was received on February 4th.

While I would like to be of assistance to you in connection with your research paper, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret I cannot be of help to you in this instance.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with correspondent.

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Date: 2-9-70

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Via AIRTEL AM
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

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ReBuAirtel 2-5-70.

Submitted for assistance of Bureau is copy of Memphis Airtel 1-5-70. It is not felt that the data submitted requires dissemination.

2 BUREAU (ENC. 1)
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DIRECTOR, FBI (ATTN: FBI LABORATORY) (44-38861) 1/5/70

SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)(P)

MURKIN

The following items are enclosed herewith to the Bureau:

(1) Envelope postmarked Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Dec. 30, 1969, addressed, "U. S. District Court Judge, Robert M. Mc Rae, Jr. Memphis, Tenn."

(2) Xerox copy of Item No. 1.

(3) Original 2-page letter dated December 29, 1969, addressed to U. S. District Court Judge, ROBERT M. McRAE, JR., and ending "Learn to pray to 'God'," which was received in Item No. 1.

(4) Newspaper article captioned, "James Earl Ray Loses Court Suit," which was contained in envelope described as Item No. 1.

(5) Pamphlet entitled, "It Can Happen Here," which also was contained in envelope described as Item #1.

(6) Xerox copies of Items 3, 4, and 5.

(7) Envelope postmarked Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Dec. 17, 1969, addressed, "U. S. District Court Judge, Robert M. McRae, Jr., Memphis, Tenn."

(8) Christmas card which was received in Item No. 7. This card contains a handwritten message beginning, "Judge McRae, Jr. You are wrong..." and ending, "U. S. Security Training 1942 - 1969."

(9) Xerox copies of Items 7 and 8.

Xerox copies of Items 1, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8 are also being forwarded with copies of this communication to the Philadelphia Office

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ENCLOSURE

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United States District Judge ROBERT M. McRAE, JR., Memphis, Tenn., made the original items described above available to the Memphis Office, January 2, 1970. Judge McRAE stated that obviously these communications were directed to him as a result of newspaper publicity about his having ruled against JAMES EARL RAY in RAY's suit seeking to void a series of contracts between JAMES EARL RAY and his former attorneys and to forbid publication of certain information in connection with the slaying of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. Judge McRAE gave this ruling in U. S. District Court, Memphis, Tenn., 12/1/69.

Judge McRAE stated he realizes that the contents of the two communications in question do not constitute a violation of any Federal Law and that these communications do not contain threats to do bodily harm. He stated that these communications have been handled by numerous friends and that he wanted to make these communications available to the FBI in view of the fact that perhaps the same anonymous person may have written similar communications to other people connected in some way with this case. Judge McRAE was also of the opinion that the FBI perhaps maintained a file on such anonymous communications. Judge McRAE stated he would abide by any decision the FBI makes in connection with action to be taken on these letters. In summary, he stated his reason for referring the letters to the FBI is merely informative and that he does not desire to know the results of any possible action taken.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU:

The Laboratory is requested to search the handwriting on the original communications through the Anonymous Letter File.

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THE PHILADELPHIA DIVISION (INFORMATION)

Copies of this communication and copies of the enclosures described above are being made available to Philadelphia inasmuch as the envelopes bear the Philadelphia postmark and it is possible the same anonymous person may have written other letters to the Philadelphia Office.



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# *Memorandum*

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) DATE: 2/11/70

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)(RUC)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Memphis airtel to Bureau, dated 1/20/70.

The files of the San Francisco Office did not contain any information identifiable with BEVERLY JEAN EVANS.

DIANA WILLSON, Counselor, Credit Bureau Metro, Inc., San Jose, California, advised that their records cover San Francisco, but that she was unable to locate any record identifiable with BEVERLY JEAN EVANS.

The records of the San Francisco Police Department were checked on 2/2/70 by SE DONALD CLOWARD and no record identifiable with BEVERLY JEAN EVANS was located with the exception of a report involving the loss of a gun. This report has been reproduced as the next page in this communication.

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