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Mr. JOHN G. PARSONS, Chief, Department of Urban Project Coordination, U. S. National Park Service, on 9/6/74, advised he conducted a hearing at Brunswick, Maryland on 6/7/72, of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Advisory Commission. Mr. PARSONS advised the hearings were recorded by a court reporter whose identity he does not recall but which can be determined through Hoover Reporting Company. He recalls the reporter, a male, was driven back to his motel after the meeting by PARSONS. The motel was located next to the Hawaiian Restaurant in Brunswick. This reporter, who performs considerable work for the National Park Service, relies heavily upon tape recorders in his work.

Mrs. DORIS HOOVER, Hoover Reporting Company, 320 Massachusetts Avenue, Northeast, on 9/9/74, acknowledged the reporting of the hearing of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Advisory Commission held 6/7/72, was performed by DAVID GAINES, an employee of her company. She stated SHIRLEY GAINES, wife to DAVID GAINES, is not an employee of the company and, to her knowledge, does not perform court reporting work for any other company.

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Re Baltimore airtel to Bureau 8/28/74.

On 9/9/74 DAVID and SHIRLEY GAINES, 6171 Leesburg Pike, Apt. 532, Falls Church, Virginia, advised that they do not have any information concerning the whereabouts of BILL HARRIS. They advised that their meeting with HARRIS was strictly accidental and they have had no contact with HARRIS since.

They advised that they will contact the Alexandria Office if additional information becomes available concerning BILL HARRIS.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

DATE: 10/8/74

FROM : *RGK*
SAG, ALEXANDRIA (44-149) (RUC)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: MEMPHIS)

got Re WFO airtel to the Bureau, 6/18/74; and
Alexandria airtel to the Bureau, 9/19/74.

On 9/27/74, DAVID GAINES, 6171 Leesburg Pike,
Apartment 532, Falls Church, Virginia, provided SA DONALD
J. BARTNIK with a copy of a transcript that he had made
of a June, 1972 conversation between his wife SHIRLEY
GAINES and one BILL HARRIS. GAINES advised that he makes
such transcripts for a profession and wished to provide
the FBI with a transcript.

HARRIS advised that on 9/26/74, he had also pro-
vided a copy of the transcript to JAMES LESAR, an attorney
with the office of Bernard Fenserwald, 910 16th Street,
N. W., Washington, D. C. He advised that the Fenserwald
firm was supposed to be involved in representing JAMES
EARL RAY. *Key*

On 9/30/74, a review of the transcript provided
by GAINES showed only minor differences when compared to
the transcript provided with referenced WFO airtel. The
transcript provided by HARRIS will be retained by Alexandria.

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MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, OCTOBER 9, 1974. THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM THE MEMPHIS POLICE DEPARTMENT ON OCTOBER 9, 1974.

RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; CIVIL RIGHTS; MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE. THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM THE MEMPHIS POLICE DEPARTMENT ON OCTOBER 9, 1974.

THE INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM THE MEMPHIS POLICE DEPARTMENT ON OCTOBER 9, 1974, INDICATES THAT THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WERE CONTACTED BY THE MEMPHIS POLICE DEPARTMENT ON OCTOBER 9, 1974.

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To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861) — 5966

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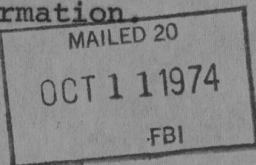
Enclosed are two copies each of two newspaper articles concerning Harold Weisberg. Also enclosed are two copies of a list of materials furnished to Harold Weisberg by the Civil Rights Division, U. S. Department of Justice, on 6/24/70, as a result of a civil action filed against the Department of Justice and the Department of State in which Weisberg demanded copies of all the legal papers which were employed in the extradition of James Earl Ray.

Bufiles reveal that Weisberg has written numerous letters requesting unsuccessfully that the Bureau make available to Weisberg certain records concerning captioned matter, as well as records concerning another unrelated investigation conducted by this Bureau.

A copy of enclosed material may be furnished to Henry Haile, State Attorney General's Office, Nashville, as requested in referenced communication.

Bufiles and indices Albany Division contain no information pertaining to Herbert I. McDonald, based upon available information.

Enclosures (6)



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RE: MURKIN

NOTE: The Memphis Division advised in referenced communication that a hearing for James Earl Ray is scheduled on 10/22/74 to determine whether Ray was coerced into entering a guilty plea on 3/10/69 to the murder of Martin Luther King.

Attorney Henry Haile, State Attorney General's Office, Nashville, had requested that the Bureau furnish him, on a confidential basis, any information available which would assist him in determining the veracity, competency, and bias of 2 witnesses who will testify for Ray, Harold Weisberg, an author, and Herbert I. McDonald, a ballistics expert from Ithaca, New York. Memphis Division recommended that any pertinent information be made available to Haile.

A review of Bufiles reveals that Weisberg has written several books critical of the Warren Commission, the FBI, Secret Service, and various police agencies. Gleaned from these files are copies of two newspaper articles pertaining to Weisberg which might be of assistance to Attorney Haile in analyzing the credibility of Weisberg as a witness. The first is an article which appeared in the Montgomery County Sentinel, Thursday, December 15, 1966, entitled "'Whitewash' Author is Man on the Go," which makes reference to Weisberg's theory of an FBI, Secret Service coverup before the Warren Commission. The second article, which appeared in "The Evening Star," October 25, 1973, reveals that Weisberg had lost his bid before the U. S. Court of Appeals to gain access to FBI files pertaining to the John F. Kennedy assassination.

Bufiles also reveal that Weisberg was furnished all of the legal papers utilized in the extradition of Ray from Great Britain, including material submitted by the States of Tennessee and Missouri, affidavits from witnesses, as well as affidavits from Special Agents of the FBI linking Ray to the assassination. That Weisberg is in possession of this material might be of assistance to Attorney Haile in further assessing the credibility of Weisberg.

On 10/8/74, ASAC George Steel, Albany Division, advised that indices contain no reference to Herbert I. McDonald.

On 10/9/74, Mr. Jack E. Herington, Office of Legal Counsel, reviewed enclosed material and advised that this material could be furnished to Mr. Haile, State Attorney General's Office, Nashville, Tennessee.

Warren Commission Critic Weisberg
In the Limelight
'Whitewash' Author
Is Man on the Go

Harold Weisberg, Montgomery County's critic of the Warren Commission report, is a man on the go these days.

His pace has picked up steam since he published his second book, "Whitewash II: The FBI-Secret Service Cover-Up," early this month.

Last week he spent four dawn to post-midnight days in New York, followed by a stopover in Philadelphia for a four-hour radio broadcast.

This week he's off and

running again on a week-long trip through the mid-west and on to the West Coast. Stops include Chicago, Ill., Madison, Wisc., San Francisco, Calif. and Los Angeles, Calif.

Weisberg's original book, "Whitewash: The Report on the Warren Report," was one of the first in the current rash of attacks on the commission and placed him in the international spotlight.

Cross Country

Since the first book was published in a general edition in May 1966, Weisberg has traveled across the country and appeared on national television programs as well as audience participation radio shows in California, Ohio, Illinois and Pennsylvania.

He is confident his follow-up to the first volume will help sharpen the criticism of the Warren Commission and the aftermath of the Kennedy assassination.

"My second book brings this to a new point," he said last week at Coq d'Or, the Hyattstown farm where he once raised geese. "It may sound innocuous but this dates everyone's work except my own."

"The turning point in this whole thing was my appearance on a television show in New York in July," declared Weisberg, puffing on a cigarillo and squinting behind silver rimmed glasses.

"Four lawyers were lying in wait to tear me up. It was rough. It took me an hour and a half to teach them silence is golden," he laughed. "The sparks really flew."

Credibility Basis

"But that show laid the basis for credibility. It opened the eyes of the most influential minds in New York. People realized that those who say something is wrong are really seeking the sanctity of our

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Weisberg

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society. Total unknowns are saying we must have the truth."

Weisberg attributes his success as a critic to "a rugged refusal to do anything but face reality and deal with nothing but fact. I'm the only one who's dealt extensively with the commission's findings," he added.

Convinced his first book "couldn't wait" until a publisher could be found to put it out, Weisberg financed the operation himself.

To date 22,500 books have been printed in four editions and Dell Publishing Co. has just come out with a paperback edition guaranteeing a minimum of one-quarter million on the first printing.

"Whitewash II" had 10,000 printed in the first edition, copies of which are being distributed to stores and individuals.

"A lot of people wrote ages ago and asked us to send the next book as soon as it was out," Weisberg explained. He estimated he has received over 3000 letters.

Many fans already are in line for the third book, "Whitewash III: The Archive," which is in the works, Weisberg added.

His current trip across the country is in the usual whirlwind fashion. The agenda is crowded with television and radio appearances, press conferences, speeches, seminars, bull sessions, autographing sessions and meetings with wholesalers.

"One morning I'm supposed to do a 5:30 TV appearance after a 3 a.m. radio show," Weisberg declared. "Can you imagine such a schedule? But I'll do it, too."

Interest Abroad

Weisberg is concentrating on the international as well as the national interest in the Kennedy assassination.

His first book is being distributed throughout the English-speaking world in the Dell edition.

It has been serialized in "Arriba," a newspaper in Madrid, Spain, and "Panorama," a large German magazine. An Italian publishing company has contracted for the book and is coming out with an Italian edition next month, Weisberg said.

Weisberg is satisfied that his doubts about the Warren Commission finally are reaching people. In addition he is delighted with the many new friends he has made through his books.

"Lil (his wife) and I have so many new friends now," he smiled, rubbing his close-cropped brown hair. "So many people have written us."

"People are wonderful," Weisberg declared. "At every point along the way there's been someone there waiting with a hand outstretched to help. People want to be helpful and that's what counts."

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JFK Files Stay Closed, Court Rules

Author Harold Weisberg has lost his bid before the U.S. Court of Appeals here to gain access to FBI files on the assassination of former President John F. Kennedy.

In an 8-1 decision announced yesterday, the court upheld a lower court ruling that the FBI analysis of bullet fragments and scrapings from the assassination scene did not qualify for release to the public under the federal Freedom of Information Act.

A dissenting opinion was filed by Chief U.S. Appeals Court Judge David Bazelon. He said that without some mechanism for the public to look at the FBI analysis, "the public will have to rely entirely upon the Justice Department's opinion that the results of the . . . tests are adequately shown in the report of the Warren Commission."

Weisberg, who has written four books on the assassination, has maintained that the Warren Commission report was a "white-wash" and did not tell the full story behind the president's death.

The Washington Post
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The Evening Star (Washington) _____

The Sunday Star (Washington) _____

Daily News (New York) _____

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The Wall Street Journal _____

The National Observer _____

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I. Material Submitted by the States
of Tennessee and Missouri

" A. Application for Requisition for International
Extradition for James Earl Ray executed by the Governor
of the State of Tennessee and directed to the Secretary
of State of the United States.

B. Petition for Application for Requisition in
International Extradition of James Earl Ray addressed to
the Governor of the State of Tennessee by Phil M. Canale,
Jr., District Attorney General, 15th Judicial District,
State of Tennessee (attaching various other documents
described below).

C. Affidavit of Dr. J. T. Francisco, pathologist,
attesting to the cause of death of Martin Luther King and
attaching autopsy report.

D. Affidavit of Robert V. Wenzler, with exhibits,
stating results of survey of area where Martin Luther King
was killed.

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E. Affidavit of Guy Warren Canipe, Sr., Memphis storekeeper, with exhibits, concerning his finding of a package with the murder weapon in it.

F. Affidavit of Inspector N. E. Zachary, Memphis Police Officer, with exhibits, regarding his on-the-scene investigation immediately following the murder and his discovery of various physical evidence.

G. Affidavit of Captain R. L. Williams, Memphis Police Officer, regarding inspection of Ray's room in boarding house and discovery of physical evidence there.

H. Affidavit of Cordra York, Sr., Memphis sporting goods dealer, regarding identity of binoculars.

I. Affidavit of James D. Hamby, Memphis Police Officer, regarding recovery of bullet from Martin Luther King's body during autopsy.

J. Copy of Tennessee indictment of James Earl Ray for murder of Martin Luther King.

K. Certified copy of death certificate of Martin Luther King.

L. Certified copy of autopsy report on Martin Luther King.

M. Certified copy of sections of Tennessee laws.

N. Certificate of Fred T. Wilkinson, Director of the Missouri Department of Corrections, of Missouri criminal record of Ray.

O. Certificate of James H. McAteer, Missouri Clerk of Court, describing record of conviction and sentence of Ray.

P. Certificate of James C. Kirkpatrick, Missouri Secretary of State, setting forth Missouri statutes.

Q. Affidavit of Fred T. Wilkinson, Director of Missouri Department of Corrections, regarding criminal record of Ray and certifying that fingerprints and photographs attached to his prior certification were those of Ray.

II. Material From Private Persons
Accumulated by the Department
of Justice

A. Affidavit of Donald F. Wood, gun salesman, Birmingham, Alabama, stating he sold weapon to man in attached photograph (Ray).

B. Affidavit of Charles Quitman Stephens, resident of boarding house from which shot was fired, describing Ray's activities in boarding house.

C. Affidavit of James H. Laue, friend of King, who was also an employee of the Community Relations Service of the Justice Department, who was in the next room from King, describing shot and discovery of King's body.

D. Affidavit of Henrietta Hagemaster, hotel clerk, regarding hotel registration of Ray in Memphis.

E. Affidavit of John Webster DeShazo, customer in Birmingham gun store, identifying attached photograph of Ray as man he saw purchase gun.

F. Affidavit of Tomas Reyes Lau, bartending school operator, identifying attached photograph of Ray as pupil he had under alias of Eric Stavro Galt.

G. Affidavit of Anna Christine Kelly, Memphis hotel clerk, regarding Ray's registration at hotel.

III. Material Prepared by the Department
of Justice for the Signature of FBI
Personnel

A. Affidavit of Lyndal L. Shaneyfelt, FBI Agent and Photographic Expert, comparing photographs of James Earl Ray under various aliases and identifying him as the same person.

B. Affidavit of George J. Bonebrake, FBI Agent and Fingerprint Expert, comparing fingerprints on murder weapon and binoculars with Ray's fingerprints and identifying them as the same (attaching fingerprint cards as exhibits).

C. Affidavit of Robert A. Frazier, FBI Agent and Ballistics Expert, comparing murder bullet with weapon and establishing that bullet came from that or a similar weapon.

D. Affidavit of Robert G. Jensen, FBI Agent in Memphis, describing weapons and physical evidence turned over to him by Memphis Police.

E. Affidavit of Robert G. Jensen, FBI Agent in Memphis, with exhibits, describing registration card of Eric S. Galt (Ray) at hotel.

F. Affidavit of James H. Mortimer, FBI Agent and Handwriting Specialist, with handwriting exhibits, identifying signature on hotel registration card as same as documents at bartending school.

G. Affidavit of Theodore J. A'Hearn, FBI Agent in Los Angeles, regarding Lau's identification of photographs of Galt (Ray).

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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

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ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL HENRY HAILE, STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE, NASHVILLE, TENN., HAS ADVISED THAT SUBJECT RAY TO BE GIVEN HEARING BEFORE JUDGE ROBERT M. MCRAE, JR., USDC, WDT, MEMPHIS, OCTOBER 22, 1974. EXPECTED TO TESTIFY FOR RAY ARE HERBERT I. MCDONALD, A BALLISTICS EXPERT FROM ITHACA, N. Y., AND HAROLD WEISBERG, AN AUTHOR WHO HAILE STATES HAS PREVIOUSLY FILED SUIT AGAINST FBI REGARDING ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JFK.

MR. HAILE HAS REQUESTED THE BUREAU GIVE HIM ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE WHICH WOULD ASSIST HIM IN CROSS EXAMINATION OF MCDONALD AND WEISBERG. HE WILL KEEP SOURCE OF SUCH INFORMATION STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL BUT NEEDS ANY INFORMATION WHICH MIGHT HAVE A BEARING ON THEIR VERACITY, COMPETENCY, AND BIAS.

IF SUCH INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE TO THE BUREAU, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT SAME BE FURNISHED CONFIDENTIALLY TO MR. HAILE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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On 10/8/74 ASAC George Steel, AL, advised that indices negative concerning Herbert I. McDonald.

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GENERAL'S OFFICE* WASHINGTON* TENN.* HAS ADVISED THAT SUBJECT

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL HENRY HAIGE* STATE ATTORNEY
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FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1981) (P)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. J. B. Adams

FROM : Legal Counsel

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY
REQUEST FOR LABORATORY DATA

DATE: 10/8/74

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On referral from the Director's Office, Inspector Herington spoke to James H. Lesar (1231 4th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20024, telephone number 484-6023). Lesar alleged he was Ray's attorney and was seeking copies of photographs of a bullet fragment removed from the body of Martin Luther King. He stated that his reason for calling the FBI was because he needed this data quickly and believed he could get it from us faster than from other sources. He noted that Ray had pled guilty but that the bullet evidence had been introduced into court and was presently being held by the court.

Lesar was advised that it would be impossible to furnish him copies immediately if at all since we would have to first check our records and he was further advised that if the evidence was not collected by the FBI we probably would not be in a position to furnish him a copy in any event without an appropriate release from the prosecutor or local investigating agency.

Contact with the Laboratory determined that the bullet evidence was submitted to the FBI Laboratory by the Memphis Police Department and our examination was accordingly made for that department.

Accordingly, attached is a letter to Mr. Lesar advising him that we are unable to be of assistance without specific authorization from the Memphis Police Department or the prosecutor. Bufiles indicate that James Lesar, the "present counsel for James Earl Ray" participated in a conference during November, 1973, at Georgetown University sponsored by the Committee to Investigate Assassinations.

- 1 - Mr. Adams
- 1 - Mr. Gebhardt
- 1 - Mr. White
- 1 - Mr. Mintz
- 1 - Mr. Farrington
- 1 - Mr. Herington

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Memorandum Legal Counsel to Mr. J. B. Adams
RE: JAMES EARL RAY
REQUEST FOR LABORATORY DATA

RECOMMENDATION:

That attached letter be sent to Mr. Lesar.

[Handwritten signatures and initials are visible in the center of the page, including a large signature that appears to be "J. B. Adams" and several other initials.]

Memorandum Legal Counsel to Mr. J. B. Adams
RE: JAMES EARL RAY
REQUEST FOR LABORATORY DATA

RECOMMENDATION:

That attached letter be sent to Mr. Lesar.

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October 9, 1974

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- 1 - Mr. Adams
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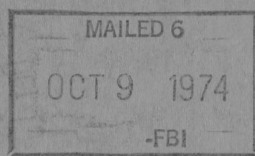
Mr. James H. Lesar
1231 4th Street, S.W.
Washington, D. C. 20024

Dear Mr. Lesar:

This is to acknowledge your request on October 8, 1974, for photographs of a bullet fragment removed from the body of Dr. Martin Luther King

Although I would like to be of assistance, the evidence in question was submitted to the FBI Laboratory by the Memphis Police Department. Accordingly, we are unable to furnish the photographs you requested in the absence of specific authorization from that department or the prosecutor who handled the case.

Sincerely yours,



C. M. Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

NOTE: Based on memorandum Legal Counsel to Mr. J. B. Adams dated 10/8/74, captioned "James Earl Ray, Request for Laboratory Data" JH:deh.

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TESTIMONY BEING HEARD BEFORE JUDGE ROBERT M. MC RAE, JR., USDC, WDT, MEMPHIS, TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY WAS PROPERLY REPRESENTED AT THE TIME HE ENTERED GUILTY PLEA IN 1968. TWO OF SUBJECT'S BROTHERS HAVE TESTIFIED AS WELL AS FORMER DISTRICT AG AND FORMER PUBLIC DEFENDER. SUBJECT RAY TESTIFIED OCTOBER 25, 1974, RE CONTRACTS ENTERED INTO BETWEEN WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE, AND ATTORNEY ARTHUR HANES. RAY WILL CONTINUE TESTIMONY TUESDAY NEXT AND WILL THEN BE CROSS-EXAMINED. NOTHING PARTICULARLY INTERESTING OR SURPRISING HAS COME FROM HEARING THUS FAR. AS WAS TO BE EXPECTED, SUBJECT'S ATTORNEY ATTEMPTING TO SHOW ATTORNEY PERCY FOREMAN DID NOT PROPERLY REPRESENT SUBJECT. FORMER DA AND FORMER PUBLIC DEFENDER HAVE BOTH TESTIFIED THEY THOUGHT RAY WAS WISE TO HAVE PLEADED GUILTY TO AVOID GOING TO ELECTRIC CHAIR. RAY EXPECTED TO TESTIFY MOST OF TUESDAY NEXT AND STATE AG WILL THEN HAVE TWO DAYS IN WHICH TO CALL HIS WITNESSES.

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. Jenkins

DATE: 10-31-74

FROM : J. J. McDermott

SUBJECT: MURKIN (44-3886)

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Morris Cunningham, Washington representative of the Memphis Commercial Appeal, called Inspector Bowers during the afternoon of 10-30-74 from Memphis, where he is covering the James Earl Ray hearing in Federal District Court. Cunningham said Ray had testified to having sent a letter to Senator James O. Eastland (D-Miss.) shortly after he had been sentenced to prison for the King slaying. Ray allegedly said that he told Senator Eastland in the letter that he personally did not shoot King, but was partially responsible for his death. (News reports, 10-30-74 on the hearing corroborate this and indicated that Ray's letter to Senator Eastland was read into the record.)

Cunningham said he called Senator Eastland at his residence in Mississippi and asked him about this matter. Eastland recalled the letter and said he advised Cunningham about it when it was received, however, Cunningham does not recall this. He said Eastland had told him he had forwarded the letter to Bowers as he does many similar letters he receives from prisoners. Cunningham said Eastland suggested he call Bowers to determine if the letter was in the file and to tell Bowers that he, Eastland, approves forwarding contents of the letter to Cunningham.

Bowers pointed out to Cunningham that we were precluded from going so under Department regulations. It was pointed out to him, however, that should Senator Eastland desire, a copy of the letter, if located, could be made available to the Senator's office and the Senator could release the letter to the press. Cunningham said that should be satisfactory and he would be advised as soon as this matter could be checked out. He was reached through the news room of the Memphis Commercial Appeal at 901 526-8611 in Memphis.

This matter was checked with Courtney Pace, Administrative Assistant to Senator Eastland, who indicated he was aware of Cunningham's request.

Enclosure

- 1 - Mr. Callahan
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- 1 - Mr. McDermott
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McDermott to Jenkins Memo
Re: MURKIN

He said that should we find the letter in question and furnish a copy to him, he would be glad to handle the matter with Cunningham for the Senator.

Bufiles reflect that Senator Eastland made a copy of Ray's letter available to Inspector Bowers on 3-17-69. Accordingly, a copy of Ray's letter, see attached, has been made available to Courtney Pace on 10-31-74 so that he can handle the matter with Cunningham.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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3-14-69

Dear Senator Eastland;

I read in the local newspaper where your committee is considering investigating the Dr. King case. I would like to inform you and the committee that I would cooperate in any such hearing. However, at the time I am going to attempt to get the guilty plea set aside, I know that the odds against having this done are greatly against me. But I think due to the unusual circumstances in the guilty plea it might be possible. I personally did not shoot Dr. King but I believe I am partly responsible for his death. I will briefly attempt to explain why I entered the guilty plea. At the time Mr. Pery Foreman agreed to take over the defense from Mr. Arthur Hanes we had a verbal agreement that there would be no guilty plea, as I wanted to try the case in court. I had every reason to believe during the first two months Mr. Foreman was on the case there would be a trial, during that period Mr. Foreman had me sign a new contract with him and Mr. Huie giving Mr. Foreman all the money from any of Mr. Huie's money making ventures. (I had signed another contract with Mr. Huie and Mr. Hanes) Shortly after this Mr. Foreman came to visit me and he had a picture for me to look at. This picture was about 8 x 10 in. Mr. Foreman said Mr. Huie had given him the picture and that Mr. Huie had got the picture from someone in the federal government. The picture contained 2 or 3 men followed by two or 3 policemen. Mr. Foreman described one of the men in the picture as an 'anti communist' Cuban refugee who was arrested at the time President Kennedy was shot. "The arrest took place in Dallas I was told" I was asked if I would identify the man if he was brought to Memphis. I said no, although he did look similar to the person I was involved with. After I couldn't identify this man, about all I was told was that I would go to the electric chair if I went to trial. I was even told my family wanted me to plead guilty, but I found out this was not so. But I did not plead guilty for the above reasons. I did so because I did not want to go to trial with a lawyer who thought he was going to lose. I believe if you think you will lose you probably will. On the day before I plead guilty I signed another contract with Mr. Foreman. In this one I agreed to give him \$165,000, he agreed to give my brother \$500.00 in the event I wanted to hire another lawyer to reopen the case. Mr. Foreman wrote into the contract that if I embarrass him (disagreed) in the court room he could withdraw, the old contract would go into effect and I would be without funds to hire another

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attorney. Getting back to Mr. Hule for a minute, while Mr. Hanes was my attorney Mr. Hule asked me through him about public figures and various organizations. I got the impression that he thought there was a conspiracy but he wanted to name the conspirators. And I sometime felt that my attorneys were working for him instead of for me. In closing I would like to say if I can't get the case reopened, there should be an investigation, as I have signed over \$200,000 to attorneys and not 1/20 of the witnesses have been interviewed. No one went to Los Angeles or New Orleans where I think much of the evidence lies. Mr. Foreman said in open court that he didn't trust investigators, and the one Mr. Hanes hired never left Memphis. I would also like to say that despite what the papers and book writer's quote me as saying, I have no intention of discussing this case with anyone 'verbally' until it is closed. If I have anything to say I will say it in court or to lawyers, or in letter form like this letter.

Sincerely, James E. Ray.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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Mr. Casper
Mr. McGowan
Mr. Lavin
Mr. McEernott

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re: the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King in Memphis, Tennessee, in April, 1968. James Earl Ray has pleaded guilty in State Court, Tennessee, and is presently serving a 99-year sentence.

During the conduct of an extensive investigation by this Bureau, Federal process was obtained charging Ray with violation of 18 U.S.C. Section 238, conspiracy to interfere with constitutional right of Martin Luther King, namely, the right to travel freely from state to state. This Federal process remains outstanding to date, although investigation by this Bureau indicates that Ray acted alone and no evidence of a conspiracy has been found since such a discovery would have been made by this Bureau.

On November 6, 1974, Mr. Frank Allen, Deputy Chief, Criminal Section, Civil Rights Division, advised that the Department intends to make no effort to have this Federal process dismissed until after the U. S. District Court makes its decision upon recent appeal taken by Ray to dismiss this Federal process.

Mr. Allen indicated that the Department would not at this time make any efforts to dismiss this Federal process which charges Ray with conspiracy, even though it is within their province to do so, since this action would engender publicity concerning this Federal process and might therefore precipitate new speculation that Ray did not act alone. The Department would prefer to await the decision of the State of Tennessee concerning whether Ray should be granted a new trial which decision should be forthcoming by the end of this calendar year.

Mr. Allen indicated that no Federal detainer has been placed against Ray but that he is being held in custody by the State of Tennessee.

ACTION: None. For information.

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Congressional Liaison
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 Ninth and Pennsylvania
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Dear Sir:

The enclosed is respectfully submitted to you
 for every proper consideration. Please provide me
 with a report in duplicate and return the enclosure
 to me with your response.

Sincerely yours,

Handwritten signature of Henry M. Jackson

Henry M. Jackson, U. S. S.

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Please return to
SENATOR HENRY M JACKSON
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Honorable Henry Jackson
Congressman from the Great
State of Washington

Scoop

Your Honor Mr Jackson:

You will perhaps remember me as the X-Shell Oil Company employee (Retired) who sided so much with you in getting action on the Alaska Pipe Line. Well you finally won that one. Now I have a problem maybe you could help me solve:

Here of late I have been reading so much about the F. B. I. and C. I. A. on how they have been keeping track of all bad Guys almost from infancy, I have news for them-they also keep secret all about the Good Guys that are around, believe me we have much more of the good Guys and Gals around than the Bad-I believe to belong to the latter.

You remember the murder of Martin Luther King on April 4th, 1968 at 6.01 PM? of course you do well I was working for U. S. Post Office in La Habra at that time but now as I look at it seemed that I was destined to be the man who would put the finger on the Killer. I just got all the pictures and all I could dig up on James Earl Ray. So that if I did spot the man-That would be all she wrote for him. I have a Photographic mind, so that also helps me. Well on April 9th, 1968 I Did spot the man right here in La Habra I told the Police Chief in town and was at a loss, to find he would not help me. He said in a few words the F. B. I. told him hands off-I then called F B I in L. A. they never moved-then I wrote J Edgar Hoover-he finally called L. A. and a couple of men came to my home-one of the mens name was O'Brien mind you this was a month after I spotted the man. well at least this is where the hunt finally got started. I heard there was supposed to have been a large reward-Dont know.

I am enclosing enclosures, I have an original of the letters from J Edgar Hoover and L. A. (You see how they shut a good guy up-just the same as the Bad.

You can give me a clear true answer to the above and I am also sure You will not beat it about the bush.

All the Luck in the World to You and Yours
Very Truly Yours

Kenneth R McBane 641 Galen Dr
Habra Ca 90631

Ps: If this is out of your jurisdiction, am sure that you will allocate it properly

I Thank You

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

11000 Wilshire Boulevard

Los Angeles, California 90024

July 31, 1970

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Mr. Kenneth Mc Bane
641 Galen Drive
La Habra, California 90631

Dear Mr. Mc Bane:

Thank you for your recent letter.

Please be advised that all information
in this matter has been furnished to the appropriate
local authorities.

Your interest in writing as you did is
appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Wesley G. Graff
WESLEY G. GRAFF

Special Agent in Charge

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TO THE HONORABLE
MEMBER OF CONGRESS
JAMES E. EASTLAND
U.S. SENATE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

RE: CIVIL RIGHTS
MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
APRIL 4, 1968

DEAR SENATOR:
I am writing to you
in regard to the
murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Very truly yours,
[Signature]



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

July 17, 1970

7/19/68

Mr. Kenneth McBane
641 Galen Drive
La Habra, California 90631

Dear Mr. McBane:

In response to your letter of July 9th, with enclosures, I am unable to furnish the specific data you requested as information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice.

James Earl Ray, who was sought by the FBI in connection with the slaying of Martin Luther King, was arrested on June 8, 1968, in London, England. He pleaded guilty on a murder charge and is now serving a 99-year sentence in the State of Tennessee. I regret I am unable to be of further assistance to you in this instance.

Sincerely yours,

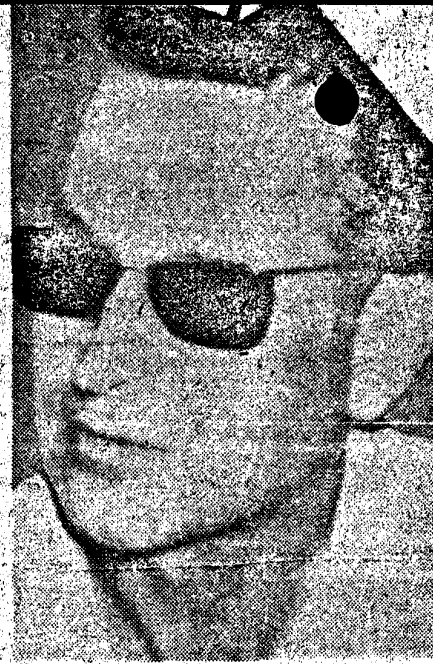
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-441100) FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-441100) SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY, AKA; ALIEN REGISTRATION; RE: LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO BUREAU, JULY 14, 1970.

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—United Press Telephoto

LATEST PHOTO SHOWS SUSPECT IN CALIFORNIA BUSINESS SUIT
Photo at right was taken of James Earl Ray in Mexico

FBI Releases Two New Pictures of Suspect Ray

WASHINGTON (UPI) —The FBI has distributed two more photographs of the accused killer of Dr. Martin Luther King—one of them "an extremely good likeness."

Both were snapshots of James Earl Ray, alias Eric Starvo Galt, an escaped convict accused of shooting King to death in Memphis April 4.

The "extremely good likeness" is a candid photograph of Ray in a business suit and tie and shows almost his full face, taken in late January or early February somewhere in California.

The other, which the FBI said was taken last November somewhere in Mexico, shows him wearing sun glasses and what appears to be a white sports shirt. The FBI said Ray is known to wear sun glasses frequently.

The two new photographs—the FBI refused to say where or how they were obtained—will be displayed throughout the country along with three other pictures of Ray which now appear on FBI's wanted posters.

Ray, who escaped from prison April 23, 1967, by hiding in a truck, is wanted by the FBI.

The civil rights leader was shot to death on a motel balcony, apparently by a rifleman 200 feet away in a rooming house bathroom.

Thirteen days later the FBI announced it had issued a warrant for Galt, but after checking some 53,000 fingerprints, the FBI said two days afterwards that Galt and Ray were the same man.

Some Protests Over Selassie's Indonesia Visit

JAKARTA (AP) — President Suharto welcomed Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia to Indonesia for a six-day state visit protested by some Moslem organizations. Heavily armed guards stood watch.

The organizations charged that the 75-year-old emperor, a Christian of the Coptic denomination, persecuted Moslems in his African nation. Moslems form a great majority in Indonesia, a minority in Ethiopia.

MAY 5/9/68 LOAM

Two men from F. B. I. Los Angeles came to visit with me today concerning the Ray case—it seems late to me as it was a month ago April 10th, I saw this James Earl Ray. Both men had Grey hair one man's name was O'Brien, the other I don't recall—they seemed interested in what I saw, and said they would contact me later. They say they are looking for the car. Woh, after all this time?? I told them a month ago to do this---

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Date: 2/27/75

Transmit the following in _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 2/27/75, U. S. District Judge ROBERT M. McRAE, JR., WDT, Memphis, Tenn., denied subject JAMES EARL RAY's petition for a writ of habeas corpus. RAY had previously appealed to the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals in an effort to obtain a new trial in state court. His appeal was based on the grounds that his attorneys, particularly PERCY FOREMAN, had failed to properly represent him at the time of his guilty plea to the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING. The 6th Circuit had ordered the District Court to grant RAY an evidentiary hearing to determine whether or not RAY had been properly represented. Judge McRAE in denying RAY's writ of habeas corpus did in effect deny RAY the right to a trial on the charge of having murdered KING.

RAY's attorney, ROBERT LIVINGSTON, was overheard telling television newsmen that Judge McRAE's ruling would be appealed to the 6th Circuit. This is being furnished for the Bureau's information.

The Bureau is again reminded of the fact that there remains outstanding in the U. S. District Court at Birmingham, Alabama, a federal warrant charging RAY with a conspiracy to violate KING's civil rights. The Bureau may desire to discuss with the Department once again the desirability of dismissing the complaint and warrant.

On 3/3/75 Mr FRANK ALLEN, CRD, advised that the CRD will take no action on federal warrant until all appeals have been denied.

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BERNARD BERNARD, had failed to properly represent him at the
was based on the grounds that his attorneys' participation
an effort to obtain a new trial in state court. His appeal
previously subjected to the eff circuit Court of Appeals in
RAY's petition for a writ of habeas corpus. RAY had
McRAE, JR., MDL, Memphis, Tenn., denied subject JAMES EARL
ON 3/31/75, U. S. District Judge ROBERT M.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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TO : Mr. Gebhardt

DATE: 2/27/75

FROM : C. L. McGowan

- 1 - Mr. Gebhardt
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- 1 - Mr. Lawn
- 1 - Mr. Moore

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King in Memphis, Tennessee, in April, 1968. James Earl Ray had pleaded guilty in State Court, Tennessee, and is presently serving a 99-year sentence.

In October, 1974, an evidentiary hearing was conducted to determine whether James Earl Ray was properly represented by an attorney at the time he entered his guilty plea in 1968.

On 2/27/75, U. S. District Court Judge Robert M. McRae, Jr., Western District of Tennessee, declined Ray's Writ of Habeas Corpus and stated he found no basis to indicate that the guilty plea entered by Ray in 1968 was the result of his not being properly represented by counsel.

ACTION: None. For information.

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On 2/27/75, U. S. District Judge, WDT, Memphis, denied petition of James Earl Ray for a Writ of Habeas Corpus.

Ray's Attorney, Robert Livingston, indicated that this ruling would be appealed to the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals.

CI should determine whether attorneys for Ray have appealed this matter to the 6th Circuit Court. SuLHM.

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