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DURING THE PERIOD MARCH 17, 1966, TO MAY 2, 1968.

SUB F, WHICH CONSISTS OF ONE VOLUME, WITH 17 SERIALS, CONTAINS INFORMATION RELATING TO AN INVESTIGATION OF A SUSPECT IN MURKIN.

SUB G, WHICH CONSISTS OF ONE VOLUME WITH 39 SERIALS, CONSISTS OF FD-302'S (INTERVIEW RESULTS) OF JERRY WILLIAM RAY (BROTHER OF JAMES RAY) AS WELL AS INTERVIEWS OF OTHER INDIVIDUALS.

SUB H, WHICH CONSISTS OF ONE VOLUME, WITH 31 SERIALS, SETS FORTH MEMORANDUMS RELATING TO INTERVIEWS OF JERRY WILLIAM RAY RE HIS BROTHER JAMES RAY, AS WELL AS OTHER MISCELLANEOUS DATA.

THERE ARE NO TAPES, ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE LOGS AND/OR TRANSCRIPTS, PHOTOGRAPHS, BULKY EXHIBITS OR ANY SIMILAR MATERIALS IN ADDITION TO ROUTINE CORRESPONDENCE DESCRIBED ABOVE.

A) FIELD OFFICE FILE NUMBER, CG 100-35356.

B) TITLE AND CHARACTER OF FILE, "MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

SM - C"

C) DESCRIPTION OF FILE CONTENTS:

CONSISTS OF 17 VOLUMES, 2225 SERIALS. SUBFILES OF NEWS CLIPPINGS (EIGHT VOLUMES, 1404 SERIALS) AND ARREST RECORDS FOR PEOPLE INVOLVED IN RIOTS AFTER MARTIN LUTHER KING'S DEATH (10 VOLUMES, 2484 SERIALS).

NO 1A IN FILE, OR BULKY EXHIBITS IN FILE.

MAIN FILE APPEARS TO CONSIST PRIMARILY OF INFORMATION FROM INFORMANTS, CHICAGO AND OTHER OFFICES, NEWS MEDIA AND PD SOURCES, RELATIVE TO DEMONSTRATION, RALLY, PUBLIC APPEARANCE, TRAVEL AND RELATED ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF SUBJECT IN CHICAGO AND ELSEWHERE. NO ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE TAPES, LOGS OR TRANSCRIPTS APPARENT. ONLY PHOTOS APPEAR TO BE NEWS MEDIA PHOTOS.

A) FIELD OFFICE FILE NUMBER, CG 9-3964.

B) TITLE AND CHARACTER OF FILE, "DALE R. SULLIVAN, MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., - VICTIM, EXTORTION - RM" (SPRINGFIELD REPORT SEPTEMBER 1, 1966).

C) DESCRIPTION OF FILE CONTENTS:

CONSISTS OF THREE SERIALS, SPRINGFIELD REPORT SETTING OUT THREATS AGAINST KING, PROVIDED CHICAGO AS KING THEN BELIEVED BY SPRINGFIELD TO BE IN CHICAGO. NO ACTIVE INVESTIGATION IN CHICAGO. NO 1A SECTION, TAPES, ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE LOGS, PHOTOGRAPHS OR BULKY EXHIBITS IN FILE.

- A) FIELD OFFICE FILE NUMBER, CG 44-558.
- B) TITLE AND CHARACTER OF FILE, "J. EARL DOWNS, COMMISSIONS OF PUBLIC SAFETY, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA; REVEREND C.C. MC CLAIN, DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, REVEREND HARRY BLAKE, REVEREND WYATT TEE WALKER - VICTIMS"
- C) FILE CONTAINS RESULTS OF INTERVIEW OF WYATT TEE WALKER CONDUCTED ON JUNE 12, 1962.

THERE ARE NO TAPES, ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE LOGS AND/OR TRANSCRIPTS, PHOTOS OR BULKY EXHIBITS IN THE FILE.

FILE CONTAINS SIX SERIALS.

- A) FIELD OFFICE FILE NUMBER, CG 157-1152.
- B) TITLE AND CHARACTER OF FILE, "PLANNED CIVIL RIGHTS.

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MARCH FROM SOLDIERS FIELD TO CITY HALL, CHICAGO TO DETROIT,
LED BY MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., JUNE 26, 1966, RM".

C) DESCRIPTION OF FILE CONTENTS:

CONSISTS OF 51 SERIALS, FROM NEWS, CHICAGO PD AND OFFICE
SOURCES RELATIVE TO MARCH AND ITS AFTERMATH.

NO EXHIBIT SECTION OR BULKY, NO TAPES, LOGS OR
TRANSCRIPTS.

A) FIELD OFFICE FILE NUMBER, CG 157-661.

B) TITLE AND CHARACTER OF FILE, "CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVITY,
SUMMER OF 1965, PHILADELPHIA, PA., DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.;
SCLC. RM".

C) CONSISTS OF NINE SERIALS. GENERAL INFO RE ALL OF ABOVE,
SOURCE AND NEWS MEDIA INFO, OTHER OFFICE COMMUNICATIONS. NO
IA SECTION, NO BULKY EXHIBITS, LOGS OR TAPES.

A) FIELD OFFICE FILE NUMBER, CG 157-1249.

B) TITLE AND CHARACTER OF FILE, "MARCH AND RALLY, JULY 31,
1966, HARVEY, ILLINOIS, FEATURING MARTIN LUTHER, KING, JR.,
RM".

C) DESCRIPTION OF FILE CONTENTS:

CONSISTS OF SEVEN SERIALS, ALL RELATIVE TO TITLED MATTER, ROUTINE COMMUNICATION. NO BULKY EXHIBITS, TAPES, SURVEILLANCE LOGS OR PHOTOGRAPHS.

A) FIELD OFFICE FILE NUMBER, CG 157-1414.

B) TITLE AND CHARACTER OF FILE, "ALLEGATION BY THOMAS E. CREAMER, AKA; OF PLOT TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, SEPTEMBER 6, 1966, INFORMATION REGARDING".

C) DESCRIPTION OF FILE CONTENTS:

CONSISTS OF FIVE SERIALS, ALL RELATIVE TO CAPTIONED MATTER, SUBJECT CALLED OFFICE AND MADE CAPTIONED ALLEGATIONS. NO BULKY OR 1A EXHIBITS, LOGS OR TAPES.

A) FIELD OFFICE FILE NUMBER, CG 157-1261.

B) TITLE AND CHARACTER OF FILE, "DEMONSTRATIONS BY CHICAGO FREEDOM MOVEMENT (CFM) - SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) RACIAL MATTERS".

C) DESCRIPTION OF FILE CONTENTS:

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CONSISTS OF COMMUNICATIONS FROM CHICAGO DIVISION TO OTHER FIELD OFFICES AND THE BUREAU, RE ACTIVITIES OF CAPTIONED GROUP FROM JULY, 1966, TO SEPTEMBER, 1968.

NO TAPES, ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE LOGS, AND/OR TRANSCRIPTS PHOTOS OR BULKY EXHIBITS IN FILE. THERE ARE TWO SUB FILES.

SUB B, CONSISTS OF NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS, HAS SIX VOLUMES, 826 SERIALS.

SUB C, CONSISTS OF ARREST RECORDS MADE DURING DEMONSTRATIONS, ONE VOLUME, 148 SERIALS.

IA EXHIBIT, SIX MISCELLANEOUS PAMPHLETS AND 867 SERIALS IN EIGHT VOLUMES.

WIFE:

- A) FIELD OFFICE FILE NUMBER, CG 9-6328.
- B) TITLE AND CHARACTER OF FILE, "UNSUB, CHARLES OTTO FOX, MRS. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., - VICTIM. EXTORTION".
- C) DESCRIPTION OF FILE CONTENTS:

THIS FILE CONSISTS OF ONE VOLUME, A TOTAL OF SEVEN SERIALS. THESE INCLUDE COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN CHICAGO, THE BUREAU AND

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OTHER FIELD DIVISIONS; A REPORT OF THE FBI IDENTIFICATION DIVISION, LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION, AND A HANDWRITTEN LETTER PREPARED BY CHARLES O. FOX.

THE FILE CONTAINS NO EXHIBITS, TAPES, ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE LOGS OR TRANSCRIPTS, PHOTOGRAPHS OR ARE THERE ANY SUBFILES.

WIFE:

- A) FIELD OFFICE FILE NUMBER, CG 157-659.
- B) TITLE AND CHARACTER OF FILE, "MRS. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., RACIAL MATTER".
- C) DESCRIPTION OF FILE CONTENTS:

THIS DEAD FILE CONSISTS OF ONE VOLUME OF 36 SERIALS AND SERVED AS A DEPOSITORY FOR INFORMATION DEVELOPED RE SUBJECT. IT PRIMARILY CONSISTS OF LIVE INFORMANT REPORTS BUT ALSO INCLUDES OFFICE MEMORANDA AND REPORTS OF OTHER GOVERNMENTAL INVESTIGATIVE AGENCIES.

THIS FILE CONTAINS NO EXHIBITS, TAPES, ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE LOGS OR TRANSCRIPTS, PHOTOGRAPHS OR ARE THERE ANY SUBFILES.

MOTHER:

- A) FIELD OFFICE FILE NUMBER, CG 44-2269.
- B) TITLE AND CHARACTER OF FILE, "MARCUS WAYNE CHENAULT, MRS. MARTIN LUTHER KING, SR. - VICTIM, EDWARD BOYKINS - VICTIM, JIMMIE MITCHELL - VICTIM".
- C) DESCRIPTION OF FILE CONTENTS:

THIS FILE CONSISTS OF ONE VOLUME, A TOTAL OF 15 SERIALS. IT PRINCIPALLY CONTAINS COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN CHICAGO, THE BUREAU AND OTHER FIELD DIVISIONS INCLUDING AN INVESTIGATIVE REPORT PREPARED BY CHICAGO. THE 1A SECTION CONTAINS A PHOTOGRAPH OF SUBJECT CHENAULT.

THE FILE CONTAINS NO BULKY EXHIBITS, TAPES, ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE LOGS OR TRANSCRIPTS, OR ARE THERE ANY SUBFILES.

BROTHER:

- A) FIELD OFFICE FILE NUMBER, CG 157-3535
- B) TITLE AND CHARACTER OF FILE, "UNSUB; THREAT TO ASSASSINATE ALFRED D. KING - RACIAL MATTER".

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C) DESCRIPTION OF FILE CONTENTS:

THIS FILE CONSISTS OF ONE VOLUME CONTAINING ELEVEN SERIALS. THESE INCLUDE ROUTINE COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN CHICAGO, THE BUREAU AND OTHER OFFICES.

THE FILE CONTAINS NO EXHIBITS, TAPES, ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE LOGS OR TRANSCRIPTS, PHOTOGRAPHS NOR DOES IT HAVE ANY SUBFILES.

BROTHER:

A) FIELD OFFICE FILE NUMBER, CG 157-576.

B) TITLE AND CHARACTER OF FILE, "REVEREND A.D. WILLIAMS KING, RACIAL MATTERS".

C) DESCRIPTION OF FILE CONTENTS:

THIS FILE CONSISTS OF ONE VOLUME CONTAINING TWO SERIALS. ONE SERIAL IS A NEWSPAPER CLIPPING AND THE OTHER IS AN AIRTEL FROM ANOTHER OFFICE TO THE BUREAU.

THE FILE CONTAINS NO EXHIBITS, TAPES, ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE LOGS OR TRANSCRIPTS, PHOTOGRAPHS NOR DOES IT HAVE ANY SUBFILES.

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NO INFO ASCERTAINED RE MARTIN LUTHER KING, SR., OR
CHRISTINE KING FARRIS.

- A) FIELD OFFICE FILE NUMBER, CG 105-16238.
- B) TITLE AND CHARACTER OF FILE, "COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE SOUTHERN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE. INTERNAL SECURITY-COMMUNIST".
- C) DESCRIPTION OF FILE CONTENTS:

THE CHICAGO MAIN FILE UNDER THE ABOVE CAPTION CONSISTS OF 37 VOLUMES COMPRISED OF 3,237 SERIALS. THERE ARE TWO SUBFILES, SUB A (EXHIBITS) AND SUB B (NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS). THE SUB A FILE CONTAINS NINE ITEMS CONSISTING OF LEAFLETS, CREDIT REPORTS AND PHOTOGRAPHS OF CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS ASSOCIATED WITH SCLC. THERE ARE NO TAPES, ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE LOGS AND/OR TRANSCRIPTS OR BULKY EXHIBITS.

THE MAIN FILE CONSISTS OF REPORTS FROM LIVE INFORMANTS AND ROUTINE COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE CHICAGO DIVISION AND OTHER DIVISIONS AND/OR THE BUREAU.

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- A) FIELD OFFICE FILE NUMBER, CG 100-41324.
- B) TITLE AND CHARACTER OF FILE, "COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS. INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST".
- C) DESCRIPTION OF FILE CONTENTS:

FILE CONTAINS REPORTS FROM LIVE INFORMANTS AND ROUTINE COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE CHICAGO DIVISION, OTHER FIELD OFFICES AND THE BUREAU.

THERE ARE NO TAPES, ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE LOGS AND/OR TRANSCRIPTS IN THE FILE.

THE BULKY EXHIBIT SECTION OF THE FILE CONTAINS A COPY OF THE DRAFT OF A BOOK ENTITLED "PAGES FROM THE LIFE OF A BLACK COMMUNIST" AUTHORED BY CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL BLACK LIBERATION COMMISSION, COMMUNIST PARTY, USA.

188 PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN DURING A MARCH FROM MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI ON JUNE 5, 1966.

THE IA SECTION OF THE FILE CONTAINS SIX DIFFERENT PAMPHLETS OR LEAFLETS CONCERNING THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS FILE.

THE FILE CONTAINS 8,453 SERIALS IN 24 VOLUMES.

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A) FIELD OFFICE FILE NUMBER, CG 100-40624.

B) TITLE AND CHARACTER OF FILE, "COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, NEGRO QUESTION, COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS, INTERNAL SECURITY-COMMUNIST".

C) DESCRIPTION OF FILE CONTENTS:

FILE CONTAINS REPORTS FROM LIVE INFORMANTS AND ROUTINE COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE CHICAGO DIVISION, OTHER FIELD OFFICES AND THE BUREAU.

THERE ARE NO TAPES, ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE LOGS AND/OR TRANSCRIPTS IN THE FILE.

THE 1A SECTION CONTAINS NINE PHOTOGRAPHS OF DIFFERENT INDIVIDUALS. EIGHT DIFFERENT PAMPHLETS OR LEAFLETS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS FILE, CONSISTING OF EIGHT VOLUMES AND 861 SERIALS.

A) FIELD OFFICE FILE, CG 100-18956.

B) TITLE AND CHARACTER OF FILE, "CP, USA - NEGRO QUESTION, IS-C".

C) DESCRIPTION OF FILE CONTENTS:

THIS FILE, CONSISTING OF 12 VOLUMES WITH 5303 SERIALS,

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ACTS AS A DEPOSITORY OF INFORMATION CONCERNING COMMUNIST PARTY EFFORTS TO INFLUENCE THE NEGRO POPULATION TO THEIR IDEOLOGY. THIS FILE, WHICH ALSO CONTAINS TWO VOLUMES OF 48 EXHIBITS, CONSISTS MAINLY OF INFORMANT REPORTS, LETTERHEAD MEMORANDA, NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS AND ROUTINE CORRESPONDENCE. IT IS ONLY ONE OF MANY SUBFILES RELATING TO OTHER PHASES OF CP ACTIVITY. THERE ARE NO KNOWN TAPES, ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE LOGS AND/OR TRANSCRIPTS OR OTHER SIMILAR MATERIAL IN THIS FILE.

- A) FIELD OFFICE FILE NUMBER, CG 100-3373L.
- B) TITLE AND CHARACTER OF FILE, "COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, NEGRO MATTERS, IS - C".
- C) DESCRIPTION OF FILE CONTENTS:

THIS FILE CONSISTING OF FOUR VOLUMES WITH 304 SERIALS, IS A REPOSITORY OF INFO CONCERNING CP EFFORTS TO INFLUENCE THE NEGRO PEOPLE TO ITS PROGRAM. THERE ARE ALSO 27 EXHIBITS IN THE FILE RELATING TO THE NEGRO QUESTION. THIS FILE CONSISTS OF NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS, INFORMANT REPORTS AND ROUTINE COMMUNICATIONS. THERE ARE NO KNOWN TAPES, ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE LOGS AND/OR TRANSCRIPTS.

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VOLUME 2 OF SUB 1 IS A DUPLICATE COPY OF VOLUME 1. *(Handwritten initials)*

SUBFILE 2 CONSISTS OF ONE VOLUME IN WHICH THERE ARE FOUR SERIALS. THESE SERIALS ARE CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN THE BUREAU AND CHICAGO OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE NATURE RE [CG 5961-S] AND *(Handwritten initials)*

[CG 5959-S.] *(Handwritten initials)*

REVIEW OF CHICAGO FILE 157-2209, COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM, BLACK NATIONALIST HATE GROUPS, REVEALED THAT THE CHICAGO DIVISION NEVER SUBMITTED ANY COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROPOSALS CONCERNING MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., HIS FAMILY OR THE SCLC UNDER THIS CAPTION.

- A) FIELD OFFICE FILE NUMBER, CG 100-32864.
- B) TITLE AND CHARACTER OF FILE, "COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM, IS-C".
- C) DESCRIPTION OF FILE CONTENTS:

THIS FILE, CONSISTING OF 3606 SERIALS AND APPROXIMATELY 20 VOLUMES, ACTS AS THE CONTROL FILE OF SUGGESTIONS UNDER THE CI PROGRAM TO DISRUPT AND/OR NEUTRALIZE INDIVIDUALS OR ORGANIZATIONS BELIEVED SEEKING TO DESTROY THIS COUNTRY. FILE

ASSOCIATES:

- A) FIELD OFFICE FILE NUMBER, CG 100-27367.
- B) TITLE AND CHARTER OF FILE, "STANLEY DAVID LEVISON, IS-C".
- C) DESCRIPTION OF FILE CONTENTS:

THIS FILE CONSISTS OF ONE VOLUME CONTAINING 85 SERIALS. THESE SERIALS ARE CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN CHICAGO, THE BUREAU AND OTHER FIELD OFFICES. INFO OBTAINED FROM ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE AND ANONYMOUS SOURCES APPEARS IN THESE SERIALS. THE 1A SECTION OF THE FILE CONTAINS A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE SUBJECT.

THE BULKY EXHIBIT SECTION OF THIS FILE (1B1-1B3), CONTAINED INFO OBTAINED THROUGH ANONYMOUS SOURCES AND THE LOGS OF ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE OF SUBJECT. ALL MATERIAL IN THE BULKY EXHIBIT SECTION WAS DESTROYED IN 1972.

SUB 1 OF THIS FILE CONSISTS OF TWO VOLUMES. VOLUME 1 CONTAINS A LETTER TO THE BUREAU FROM CHICAGO TOGETHER WITH [435 PAGES OF VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT OF INFO CONCERNING LEVINSON OBTAINED FROM CG 5961-S (TESUR) AND CG 5959-S (MISUR)]

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CONSISTS OF LETTERS AND MEMORANDA CONTAINING SUGGESTED MEANS OF IMPLEMENTING THIS PROGRAM. THE FOLLOWING DATA PERTAINS TO CAPTIONED INDIVIDUAL:

1. HEADQUARTERS BY LETTER DATED MAY 18, 1967, REQUESTED NEW YORK, CHICAGO AND ATLANTA, SUBMIT FOR CONSIDERATION CI RECOMMENDATIONS RE POSSIBILITY OF KING AND DR. BENJAMIN SPOCK RUNNING ON A "PEACE TICKET" IN 1968 SHOWING THE GENERAL PUBLIC THE COMMUNIST BACKING OF KING AND SPOCK. BY LETTERS DATED MAY 27, 1967, ¹¹⁰⁻³⁻¹⁰⁴⁻³⁴⁻¹⁵⁷⁶ JUNE 1, 1967, AND JUNE 16, 1967, RESPECTIVELY, IN "COINTELPRO" CAPTION, NEW YORK, CHICAGO AND ATLANTA FURNISHED HQ WITH OBSERVATIONS FOR POSSIBLE CI MAINLY USING FRIENDLY NEWSPAPER REPORTERS WHICH WERE NOT TO BE IMPLEMENTED UNTIL SUCH A TICKET IS ANNOUNCED.

NO FURTHER ACTION TAKEN.

2. CHICAGO BY AIRTEL DATED ¹⁰⁰⁻³⁻¹⁰⁻⁹⁻⁵⁵⁶ MARCH 10, 1966, UNDER "COINTELPRO" CAPTION, SUGGESTED CI PROPOSAL AGAINST KING AS A RESULT OF CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT'S (CP LEADER) OWNERSHIP OF TENEMENT DWELLINGS LOCATED IN AREA WHERE KING HAD TAKEN AN APARTMENT AND WAS CONCENTRATING HIS EFFORTS ON SLUM CLEARANCE. CHICAGO

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SUGGESTED FRIENDLY REPORTER INTERVIEW KING SPECIFICALLY
CONCERNING LIGHTFOOT'S OWNERSHIP OF SLUM DWELLING WITH
POSSIBLE EMBARRASSING QUESTIONS TO KING. WHILE CI EFFORTS WERE
CARRIED OUT CONCERNING LIGHTFOOT'S OWNERSHIP OF THESE BUILDINGS,
THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT EFFORT TO INTERVIEW KING WAS
IMPLEMENTED.

END.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Assistant Attorney General
CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION

DATE: **12/17/75**

FROM : Director, FBI

ATTENTION: MR. HORN

SUBJECT: **MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS**

Reference is made to _____ memorandum dated _____
(your file _____).

There is enclosed one copy of ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ on LHM
dated **12/12/75** at **Birmingham**.

A. This covers the preliminary investigation and no further action concerning a full investigation will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

B. The investigation is continuing and you will be furnished copies of reports as they are received.

C. The investigation requested by you has now been completed. Unless advised to the contrary no further inquiries will be made by this Bureau.

D. Pursuant to instructions issued by the Department, no investigation will be conducted in this matter unless specifically directed by the Department.

E. Please advise whether you desire any further investigation.

F. This is submitted for your information and you will be advised of further developments.

G. This is submitted for your information and no further investigation will be conducted unless specifically requested by the Department.

H. This covers the receipt of a complaint and no further action will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

Enc. **1**

NOTE: FRANK LA HERTO (PHONETIC) is FRANK CAMILLE LIBERTO who with his brothers was interviewed in April 1968, the results of which interviews appear in New Orleans report 4/29/68.

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Date: 12/16/75

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) (RUC)
MURKIN

Re Birmingham airtel to the Bureau, 12/12/75.

For information of Memphis, referenced airtel and LHM furnished information from a Birmingham source, with whom insufficient information has been received to establish reliability, that indicated that MARTIN LUTHER KING's assassination was "lined up" by FRANK LABERTO (phonetic), an underworld figure in New Orleans.

FRANK LABERTO's connection in this matter was previously explored. Memphis airtel to New Orleans, 4/20/68, enclosed information received on 4/8/68, from JOHN MC FERREN, a Negro male, residing at Route 4, Box 133A, Somerville, Tennessee. On 4/4/68, MC FERREN picked up supplies for his grocery store at LL&L Produce Company, 814 Scott St., Memphis, Tennessee. While there, MC FERREN overheard a white male on the telephone say, "Kill the SOB on the balcony and get the job done. You will get your \$5,000." That person later said on the phone, "Don't come here. Go to New Orleans and get your money. You know my brother."

LL&L Produce Company was found to be operated by JAMES WILLIAM LATCH and FRANK CAMILLA LIBERTO. FRANK LIBERTO had a brother, TONY, in New Orleans

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 - 2 - Birmingham (44-1740)
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THE CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE IS MORRIS DAVIS WHO ADVISED ON 5/31/77 THAT HE CAN BE IDENTIFIED TO THE ASCA AS THE SOURCE OF THE INFORMATION HE FURNISHED. SEE BH TELETYPE 5/31/77 & UH

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Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

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NO 157-10673

CHA:pd

Both LATCH and FRANK LIBERTO were interviewed by Memphis on 4/19/68, wherein both emphatically denied any knowledge of the identify of the individual responsible for KING's death. They both failed to identify photograph of JAMES EARL RAY. Both denied receiving any telephone call on 4/4/68.

There is no Pontchartrain Restaurant in New Orleans. New Orleans telephone and city directories, New Orleans PD arrest records, and computerized drivers' licenses for the State of Louisiana operated by the Louisiana State Police, all failed to reflect the name FRANK LIBERTO.

New Orleans is not undertaking any further investigation in this matter, UACB.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO: Mr. Gallagher *JAG*

FROM: J. S. Peelman *JSP*

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 12/9/75

1 - Mr. Gallagher
 1 - Mr. O'Connell
 1 - Mr. Peelman
 1 - Mr. McDermott
 1 - Mr. Bailey
 1 - Mr. Walsh

On the late afternoon of Friday, 12/5/75, the U. S. Department of Justice submitted a request to FBIHQ (General Investigative Division) to review all files pertaining to the MURKIN investigation on Saturday and Sunday, 12/6-7/75.

As you are aware, the MURKIN investigation encompassed 84 sections of file. The locating of these files on such short notice and deadline was a task of considerable magnitude.

In the early evening of 12/5/75, Mrs. Emily L. Rogers, Night Supervisor, Files and Communications Division, was advised of this request and urgency of same. Approximately three hours later the bulk of the files were delivered to the General Investigative Division; however, numerous sections had to be put on special locate as they (the remaining sections) were situated individually elsewhere in FBIHQ. The task of locating the remaining sections of the file was most difficult and was ultimately located only through the diligence and perseverance of the several employees of the Files and Communications Division. When the Departmental official arrived on Saturday morning, 12/6/75, the Civil Rights Section was in a position to completely service the Department's request for the file review.

RECOMMENDATION: The General Investigative Division recommends that Files and Communications Division employees Mrs. Emily Rogers, William B. Holtzclaw, Mrs. Mary T. Warren and Mr. Stephen M. Fedastion be commended through their Assistant Director for their splendid efforts and performance in this matter. Administrative Division concurs.

Appropriate letter attached for Assistant Director
 JSP:bap (7) John J. McDermott

Enclosure *John Peelman*
12/11/75

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TO: SAC, NEW YORK
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-111111)
SUBJECT: [Illegible]

[The following text is extremely faint and largely illegible due to heavy noise and low contrast. It appears to be a memorandum or report detailing an investigation or administrative matter.]

- 1 - Mr. Tolson
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
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- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. Casper
- 1 - Mr. Callahan
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO: Mr. Gallagher

DATE: 12/9/75

FROM: G. S. Peelman

- 1 - Mr. Adams
- 1 - Mr. Gallagher
- 1 - Mr. O'Connell
- 1 - Mr. Peelman
- 1 - Mr. Lawn
- 1 - Mr. Moore
- 1 - Mr. Wannall

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr., in Memphis, Tennessee, in April, 1968.

On 12/8/75, this Bureau was advised that the Department was sending Departmental Attorneys Stephen Horn and Jerome Niedermeier to Calgary, Alberta, Canada, to interview an inmate at Calgary, C. H. Andrews, pertaining to captioned matter. A previous memorandum was prepared concerning Andrews dated 11/28/75, based upon an article which appeared in "The Washington Post," dated 11/28/75. This article indicated, in part, that C. H. Andrews could furnish pertinent information pertaining to the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

On 12/9/75, Deputy Associate Director James B. Adams advised that Mr. Pottinger, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, interposed no objection to having a special agent of this Bureau accompany Departmental Attorneys Horn and Niedermeier during this interview of Andrews.

SAC, Denver, Theodore P. Rosack, was furnished the background data concerning Andrews and the identities of the Departmental attorneys. SA Rosack indicated that SA Robert S. Payne, Denver Division, would be briefed and would then immediately depart from Denver via Western Flight 480 to arrive at Calgary at 1:05 p.m., this date.

This information was furnished to Section Chief Kolombatovic, Liaison Section, who forwarded this information to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Mr. Pottinger's Office advised Supervisor John F. Lawn that Departmental Attorneys Horn and Niedermeier had been advised that SA Payne would accompany them and that this information was also conveyed to the warden, Calgary Prison.

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Action: none. For information.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-3886)
FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (44-374) (C)
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Re Buffalo nitel dated 11/28/75 relating to newspaper publicity, etc., at Toronto, Ontario, Canada concerning efforts to reopen investigation of Dr. KING's death in the United States. Re nitel reflected that one HAROLD KIRK of Toronto was to be interviewed by the Metropolitan Toronto Police Department (MTPD), Toronto since he reportedly had information relating to a former cellmate at Mimico Correctional Institute, identified as CLIFFORD H. ANDREWS, aka R. L. WARREN. As noted in referenced nitel ANDREWS, according to Toronto newspaper publicity reportedly could testify as to his participation in the plot to assassinate Dr. KING.

Canada

On 12/3/75, Staff Sgt . GERALD A. STEVENSON, Homicide Squad, MTPD, advised he had been responsible for an investigation in Toronto which led to HAROLD KIRK's subsequent incarceration at Mimico and that KIRK, probably because he remembered STEVENSON's name called the Homicide Squad at approximately 3:15 p.m. on 11/28/75 at which time he made reference to the KING newspaper publicity and asked to be interviewed.

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Sgt. STEVENSON advised that he interviewed KIRK later on that afternoon at Mimico and that he apparently intended to impress STEVENSON with his importance due to his former association with CLIFFORD H. ANDREWS.

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STEVENSON characterized KIRK as a prolific check passer in the past and a "con man". KIRK claimed that he first met ANDREWS while in the hospital ward at Mimico in July, 1975 at which time he made various statements, exact details unrecalled, relating to the KING assassination. It was not until KIRK read the newspaper publicity re ANDREWS on 11/28/75 that he felt that there might be some substance to ANDREWS claim to have some knowledge of the alleged plot to assassinate Dr. KING.

KIRK recalled that ANDREWS had told him he was in need of money to return to the United States and that he had also asked KIRK regarding the location of an individual in Toronto from whom he might obtain money. KIRK had no knowledge if ANDREWS had been successful in contacting this person in Toronto following ANDREWS release from Mimico.

Summing up the contact with KIRK, Staff Sgt. STEVENSON was of the opinion that he, KIRK, had nothing positive to furnish relating to an alleged assassination plot based on conversations he had with ANDREWS previously.

As previously reported in referenced nitel, ANDREWS reportedly was released from Mimico on 9/30/75. In this regard, Inspector GEORGE SELLAR (NA), Homicide Squad, MTPD, Toronto, advised 12/9/75 as follows:

Canada
The 12/5/75 edition of the "Toronto Star," a Toronto daily newspaper, contained an article captioned, "Cited in King Case, Jailed Canadian Says He Knows Nothing," and was datelined Calgary, Alberta. This article made reference to ANDREWS, identifying him as CLIFFORD HOLMES ANDREWS, formerly of the Southampton-Port Elgin area of Ontario, as presently being incarcerated for a three month period at the Calgary Correctional Institute, after being convicted of car theft. Reportedly, the institute's warden, identified as TERENCE DOWNIE, was quoted in the article as saying ANDREWS told him that he did not know anything about the assassination of Dr. KING and further that he did not wish to be interviewed by anyone concerning it.

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An additional article regarding this matter appeared in the 12/6/75 edition of the "Toronto Star," wherein the warden of Calgary said that ANDREWS actually was serving only one month in prison there and that it was expected he would be released around 12/10/75. This article, along with other things, pointed out that prison records, not further identified, revealed that ANDREWS was in jail in Sudbury, Ontario, on the day that Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING was assassinated in April, 1968.

No further action being taken.

Copies of this communication, as well as referenced Buffalo nitel, being furnished to Memphis (office of origin) by routing slip for inclusion their file.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)(C)

MURKIN

ReTPtel 12/12/75 and Buairtel 12/15/75.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are four copies of an LHM setting forth information that was contained in reTPtel.

ROBERT THOMAS WEHUNT upon contacting the Tampa Office on 12/17/75 was advised that a copy of the results of his interview by Tampa FBI Agent was forwarded to the Civil Rights Division of the U. S. Department of Justice in 1974 and no additional dissemination was made by the FBI. Mr. WEHUNT advised that any additional information that he receives concerning this matter will be brought to the attention of the Tampa Office.

A review of Tampa files fails to indicate that any further dissemination was made by the Tampa Division of Tampa airtel and LHM 7/2/74.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Tampa, Florida
December 19, 1975

JAMES EARL RAY;
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM

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TO: Mr. Gallagher *[Signature]*
 FROM: T. S. Peelman *[Signature]*
 SUBJECT: MURKIN *[Signature]*

DATE: 12/5/75

- 1 - Mr. Adams
- 1 - Mr. Callahan
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- 1 - Mr. O'Connell
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- 1 - Mr. Lawn

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr., in Memphis, Tennessee, in April, 1968. This memorandum being prepared at the request of Deputy Associate Director James B. Adams setting out the jurisdiction of this Bureau in conducting investigation into the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

At approximately 6:03 p.m., on 4/4/68, while standing on the second-floor balcony of the Lorraine Hotel in Memphis, Martin Luther King, Jr., was shot and killed when struck by a single bullet. Minutes after the shooting, a white male was observed as he dropped a bundle on the sidewalk near the scene of the crime and fled. Included in the abandoned articles was a rifle with a telescopic sight which was determined to have been purchased in Birmingham, Alabama, in March, 1968.

By memorandum dated 4/4/68, Assistant Attorney General Stephen J. Pollak, Civil Rights Division, requested that this Bureau conduct a full investigation into possible violation of Title 18, Section 241, in connection with the shooting of Dr. King in Memphis, on that date. (FBI jurisdiction was based on the possibility of a conspiracy to violate the civil rights of Martin Luther King, Jr., namely the right to travel interstate. King had travelled to Memphis on 4/3/68 from Atlanta to take part in a demonstration scheduled for 4/8/68.)

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Investigation by FBI, Birmingham, revealed that on Friday, 3/29/68, a lone individual purchased a .243 caliber model 700 Remington rifle. The following day this individual returned this weapon, stated that his brother indicated that this weapon was not sufficient and instead purchased a

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Remington Model 760, .30-06 caliber rifle. This was the rifle recovered in Memphis immediately after the shooting of Dr. King.

Extensive investigation by this Bureau at that time determined the identity of the individual who purchased this weapon was Eric Starvo Galt.

On 4/16/68, the Attorney General authorized the filing of a complaint charging Galt with violation of T18, Section 241, for conspiring to interfere with the constitutional rights of Martin Luther King, Jr.

On 4/17/68, Federal process was obtained and Galt was charged with conspiracy in that he and an individual whom he alleged to be his brother, entered into a conspiracy in Birmingham on 3/29/68, by reason of their purchase of the rifle later used in the shooting of Martin Luther King, Jr.

On 4/19/68, the Attorney General announced that James Earl Ray had been identified through FBI identification records as the Eric Starvo Galt against whom a Federal complaint had been filed.

Ray was arrested on 6/8/68 in London and was extradited.

On March 10, 1969, in State Court, Memphis, Tennessee, James Earl Ray entered a plea of guilty to charges of murder and received a 99-year sentence.

Federal process against Galt was dismissed on 12/2/71 by U. S. Commissioner Macy Taylor, Northern District of Alabama, based upon a motion filed by Ray's Attorney, Bernard Fensterwald, Jr.

Ray appealed his conviction on grounds that he was not properly represented or counseled by his attorney at the time he entered his guilty plea in 1969. However, a Writ of Habeas Corpus was denied Ray in U. S. District Court, Western District of Tennessee, on 2/27/75.

An appeal of this judgment handed down in the Western District of Tennessee was filed on behalf of James Earl Ray in the U. S. Court of Appeals, 6th Circuit, Cincinnati, Ohio, on 7/7/75. This appeal remains pending.

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Memorandum to Mr. Gallagher
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Extensive investigation by this Bureau indicated that Ray acted alone and no evidence of a conspiracy has every been developed.

ACTION: None. For information.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
(ATTN: BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION
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SAC, SAN JUAN (157-61) (RUC)

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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Re Bureau teletype to All SACs, 12/12/75.

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In the attached newspaper article which appeared in "The Washington Post" on 12/17/75, Jack Anderson claims that shortly after King's assassination on 4/4/68, Mr. Hoover, through an intermediary, sent word to Anderson that the motive behind the murder of King was cuckoldry and that the assassin apparently had been hired by a jealous husband. According to this article, the FBI intermediary identified the Los Angeles couple to Anderson.

Personnel in the Intelligence and General Investigative Divisions, familiar with our investigations of King and his assassination, were canvassed and had no recollection that an FBI representative contacted Anderson and advanced the above motive theory outlined in his article. In addition to canvassing personnel familiar with our investigations concerning King, there was recently completed a serial-by-serial review of the assassination (MURKIN) case and no evidence was discovered that Anderson was contacted.

Our canvass of personnel included SAC Richard Long of the Phoenix Office, who supervised the MURKIN case at FBIHQ. Long stated that early in the MURKIN investigation, prior to identifying Ray, the Bureau interviewed a number of people close to King, including the Los Angeles woman with whom King had had a close relationship, to ask them if King had confided in them information relating to threats on King's life, which information could be used for leads in determining the identity of the assassin. However, Long did not recall anyone going to Anderson as claimed in the article.

ACTION:

None. For information and record purposes.

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Hoover Floated Hoax Story on King

By Jack Anderson
and Los Whitten

The FBI vendetta against Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. didn't end with his murder. FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, who had tried to blacken King's name while he was alive, also tried to tarnish it after his death.

Not long after King was gunned down on the balcony of his Memphis motel on April 4, 1968, Hoover sent word to me that the motive behind the murder was cuckoldry, that the assassin apparently had been hired by a jealous husband.

I have held back this story for more than seven years because of my rule against revealing sources. But Hoover is now fading from the contemporary scene into history. His incredible attempt to panic King into committing suicide, it seems to me, also abrogates any right he may have had to confidentiality. Therefore, I have decided it is in the public interest to tell the story.

Back in 1968, I was on good terms with the old FBI curmudgeon. He sent word through an intermediary that King's killer, James Earl Ray, had been in Los Angeles shortly before he returned east to stalk the civil rights leader.

Hoover's messenger suggested that Ray had been hired by a jealous husband, who had become enraged by the discovery that his wife had borne King's child. The intermediary identified the Los Angeles couple and showed me supporting data, including an FBI report describing a passionate interlude between the wife and Dr. King in a New York City hotel.

I was eager, of course, to find out who was behind the assassination. So I flew to Los Angeles and did my damndest to confirm the FBI leads. I waylaid the wife and husband separately for confrontational interviews and questioned

others who might have known of the alleged love affair, the paternity of the child or the attitude of the husband toward King.

I could find absolutely no evidence that contradicted the couple's own explanation that Dr. King was an honored friend of the family, a frequent guest in their home and nothing more.

I also discovered with deepening apprehension that there were no FBI agents on this trail that was supposed to be so hot. I returned to Washington satisfied that the FBI story was erroneous and half convinced that it was a deliberate hoax.

Yet I was reluctant to believe ill of Hoover. Like so many others, I wanted to believe there was at least one rock of integrity in Washington. He had, after all, created a miracle — an honest and efficient police force out of what had been in 1924 a corrupt menagerie of drunks, hacks, misfits and courthouse hangers on. So I kept the jury out on Hoover.

In late 1970 the jury came in, for me. I happened to be on an airplane with the late Rep. Hale Boggs (D-La.), then the House majority leader. He told me how members of Congress were being intimidated, if not blackmailed, by Hoover.

He said that the FBI would come upon a skeleton in a member's closet — a woman, a vice, a shady business associate — and then get word to him that an accusation against him had reached the FBI and they wanted to alert him so he could be on his guard. From then on the member was likely to be a captive of Hoover.

For the next few days, I circulated among officials and reporters who were likely to know something about the dark side of Hoover. I discovered that every last one of them was afraid of Hoover. A check of the newspaper morgues in late 1970 demonstrated the result of Hoover's carrot-and-stick mastery of public relations: decades of laudatory, often

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idolizing coverage; but no sustained, brass-knuckled, mass circulation attack and few criticisms of any kind.

Because we believed no police official should ever become this powerful in America, we began an investigation of the FBI chief. In a series of columns that ran sporadically from December, 1970, through the fall of 1971, we revealed among other things:

That Hoover had received \$50,000 for books written in his name by FBI personnel on government time; that he had accepted annual free vacations at the Hotel Del Charro near the Del Mar, Calif., race track from oil millionaire Clint Murchison Jr.; that Hoover used the FBI to dig up and circulate dirt about the private lives of prominent Americans who had committed no crimes; that he had kept members of Congress under surveillance then he had to.

We also discovered that the man of steel, the deity who kept a life-sized bronze bust of himself in the foyer of his home, was in reality, even as you and I, a fatty with a sweet tooth and a stomach full of gas pains; a dweller in a burglary-ridden neighborhood whose own Christmas lights had been vandalized; a fearful old man who crouched in one corner of his bulletproof limousine and propped up his hat in another corner.

As the months of 1971 passed, and it was seen that we had not been struck down by lightning, critical scrutiny began throughout the national media — Life, Time, Newsweek, the daily press, mighty television.

The result was instructive. Hoover suddenly pulled in his horns.

White House aides complained that Hoover had grown soft. But Hoover had rediscovered the restraints of the American system — too late for his reputation but not too late for the country.

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TO : Mr. Callahan *[Signature]*

FROM : J. S. Peelman *[Signature]*

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- 1 - Mr. Peelman
- 1 - Mr. Lawn
- 1 - Mr. Cochran
- 1 - Mr. Moore

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr., in Memphis, Tennessee, in April, 1968.

Attached is a copy of a UPI release dated 12/11/75, in which Harold Weisberg, an author who has written several books critical of the Warren Commission, the FBI, Secret Service, and various police agencies, alleged that law enforcement units "from Tennessee to the Department of Justice" hid evidence and "contrived the story that Ray was a lone unassisted assassin." Weisberg made the following allegations pertaining to the FBI:

ALLEGATION: There were marks on King's clothing which could not be matched to any possible effect of the bullet.

FACT: Autopsy reports in describing the damage to the right side of the face of Dr. King where the single bullet struck indicated "... there was a large gaping wound."

In the autopsy report, Dr. J. T. Francisco described the entrance wound by stating there was "... extensive excavated lesion affecting the right side of the face ... with a fracture of the right side of the mandible." (Lower jaw).

The FBI Laboratory report dated 4/29/68 sets out the following information in relation to the examination of the clothing of Dr. King.

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"There is a large hole in the right front portion of the collar of the shirt. The necktie has been forcibly torn apart in the right front neck portion also. The object

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Memorandum to Mr. Gallagher
RE: MURKIN

or objects causing the damage were larger than a bullet of .30 caliber size and irregular in size as all of the yarns were broken, not cut. One or more segments of bone could not be eliminated as the cause of the damage."

ALLEGATION: The FBI knew there was no mark on the windowsill from which Ray was said to have fired the rifle.

FACT: Examination of the bathroom from which the shot was fired revealed that the bathroom window was jammed open to a height of about 3". Lt. J. D. Hamby, Homicide Bureau, Memphis Police Department, removed the windowsill because the sill "... appeared to have a recently made indentation."

The FBI Laboratory report of the examination of the windowsill dated 4/11/68, stated that the board bears a recent dent which could have been caused by a light blow from the muzzle of a weapon. The dent contains microscopic marks of the type which could be produced by the side of the barrel at the muzzle but insufficient marks for identification were left on the board due to the physical nature of the wood.

ALLEGATION: Weisberg stated that he had asked for the results of any spectrographic analysis of the bullet which killed Dr. King and was told there was none. Under his FOIA suit, he obtained such an analysis.

FACT: Under FOIA, Mr. Weisberg did request numerous material pertaining to this investigation, including the results of any spectrographic analyses.

The FBI denied this request by letter dated 6/27/75, and based this denial on the fact that James Earl Ray has an appeal pending in the U. S. 6th Circuit Court of Appeals. This denial was reversed by the Deputy Attorney General.

In his letter dated 12/1/75, Deputy Attorney General Tyler modified the denials for material by the FBI and stated, in error, that "... analyses were made only on the clothing of Dr. King at the time of his death."

The erroneous information furnished to Weisberg concerning the spectrographic analysis of the bullet came from the letter of the Deputy Attorney General to Weisberg and not from this Bureau.

ACTION: None. For information.

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(KING ASSASSINATION)

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- A PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR WHO SUED TO OBTAIN DOCUMENTS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT SAID TODAY THEY SHOW FEDERAL OFFICIALS LIED AND CONTRADICTED THEMSELVES ABOUT THE ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

THE CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER WAS SLAIN IN 1968 IN MEMPHIS. JAMES EARL RAY PLEADED GUILTY IN 1969 TO THE SLAYING AND WAS SENTENCED TO 99 YEARS IN PRISON.

HAROLD WEISBERG, WHO SAID HE HAS INVESTIGATED THE SLAYING FOR SEVEN YEARS, CHARGED THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT UNITS "FROM TENNESSEE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE" HAD EVIDENCE AND "CONTRIVED" THE STORY THAT RAY WAS A "LONE, UNASSISTED ASSASSIN."

UNDER THE NEW FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT, WEISBERG SUED THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT AND OBTAINED SOME OF THE KING CASE EVIDENCE.

AT A NEWS CONFERENCE TODAY, ARRANGED BY REP. JOHN CONYERS JR., D-MICH., WEISBERG SAID HE FOUND A REPORT THAT MARKS ON KING'S CLOTHING COULD NOT BE MATCHED TO ANY POSSIBLE EFFECT OF THE BULLET THAT WAS SAID TO HAVE KILLED KING. WEISBERG CHARGED THE FBI KNEW THERE WAS NO MARK ON THE WINDOWSILL, FROM WHICH RAY WAS SAID TO HAVE FIRED, THAT COULD BE MATCHED TO THE RIFLE.

WEISBERG ALLEGED THAT HE ASKED FOR ANY SPECTROGRAPHIC ANALYSIS WHICH WOULD HAVE SHOWN THE EXACT MAKEUP OF THE SUSPECTED DEATH BULLET, AND WAS TOLD THERE WAS NONE. UNDER HIS SUIT HE OBTAINED SUCH AN ANALYSIS, HE SAID.

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*Memo to
Mr. Gallagher
12/12/75
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Memorandum

- 1 - Mr. Callahan
- 1 - Mr. Adams
- 1 - Mr. Gallagher
- DATE: 12/16/75
- 1 - Mr. O'Connell
- 1 - Mr. Peshman
- 1 - Mr. Ladd

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TO: Mr. Gallagher

FROM: J. S. Peshman

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr., in Memphis, Tennessee, in April, 1968.

Reference is made to a previous memorandum dated 12/22/75, captioned as above, which set out and refuted allegations made by Harold Weisberg, against the FBI in reference to captioned investigation, based upon material furnished him under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

One of these allegations involved information Weisberg received in a letter from Deputy Attorney General Tyler which indicated erroneously that the FBI Laboratory did not conduct spectrographic analyses of the fatal bullet.

On 12/16/75, Departmental Attorney Volney Brown, FOIA Section, Department of Justice, advised SA John C. Lawn, General Investigative Division, that the Department has issued a press release dated 12/11/75 refuting a statement by Harold Weisberg that information received by Weisberg pertaining to this investigation was obtained as a result of a suit. (A copy of ~~the~~ release is attached.)

Additionally, Mr. Brown stated that information furnished to Weisberg in the Deputy Attorney General's letter dated 12/1/75, was incorrect. Brown advised that a letter is being prepared to be forwarded to Weisberg acknowledging that erroneous information had been furnished and that the FBI Laboratory did in fact conduct spectrographic analyses of the fatal bullet, copies of which analyses have been furnished to Weisberg under his FOIA request. A copy of this letter to Weisberg will be forwarded to this Bureau.

In view of the fact that the Department is preparing a letter correcting the misinformation previously furnished to Weisberg, it does not appear that a letter from this Bureau to the Department pointing out this misinformation is warranted.

ACTION: None. For information.

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