

man on a card James had at the time of the assassination, and given him by the mysterious "Raoul" who Fay claims planned the assassination, has been traced to the CIA.

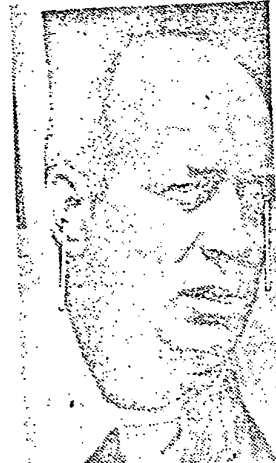
Jerry said that James believes the Congressional inquiry is his "last hope" in getting to the truth in the events surrounding the assassination of King.

Because of this, Jerry said James has been extremely cooperative with the panel giving them all the information he has, including the name on the card and some phone numbers given to him by "Raoul."

"He has given them every bit of information he knows," Jerry said.

Jerry said he is constantly besieged by reporters and FBI men. "You just kind of live with it," he says.

He was working as a nightwatchman at a country club near Chicago for the last four years, but when the FBI and reporters came looking for him, the club asked him to leave.



JERRY RAY

*File Copy*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General  
**Criminal Division**  
**(Attn: Mr. Robert L. Keuch)**

FROM : Director, FBI

DATE: **July 18, 1977**

SUBJECT: **ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**

Reference is made to \_\_\_\_\_ memorandum dated \_\_\_\_\_  
(your file \_\_\_\_\_).

There is enclosed one copy of the report of Special Agent \_\_\_\_\_  
dated \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_.

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.

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**1 - Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Rights Division**

**SEE NOTE OVER . . .**

**1 - Office of Professional Responsibility, USDJ**

Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division  
(Attn: Mr. Robert L. Keuch)

NOTE: Our Louisville Office of the FBI advised as follows:

On 6/15/77, Sandy Webb, Assignment Editor, WATE-TV (NBC), Knoxville, Tennessee, received a letter, contents of which are hereinafter set forth verbatim, addressed to "WATE, David R. Elvindrin, Channel 6, NBC TV, Knoxville, Tennessee." Said letter is postmarked "Marshes Siding 42631" on June 13, 1977. David R. Elvindrin is unknown at WATE-TV, Knoxville, Tennessee, and Louisville indices regarding Elvindrin negative.

Following is verbatim transcript of above described letter which was unsigned:

"Dear Sir:

"Just a few lines to say I am sorry but Mr. Ray did not kill Dr. King. I was down at Knoxville and overheard a Kubin (Cuban) say he did kill Dr. King. He was drink and tell a woman the story and said he hope King was kill so he could not tell anyone the truth. He want to go back to Kubie and get away from thir so I don't believe Ray did kill anyone. If you had listen at Ray you would know the truth and take all to heart and see. I am a black man and hope you leason (listen) to the fact. So long think you very much."

On 6/30/77, Hurstle Slaven, Postmaster, Marshes Siding, McCreary County, Kentucky, stated that there are no Black families residing in Marshes Siding. He was displayed the writing on the envelope which was sent to WATE-TV, Knoxville, Tennessee and advised he is not familiar with that handwriting.

On 6/30/77, Raymond Strunk, owner, Strunk's Grocery, Marshes Siding, Kentucky, stated that there are no Black families living in Marshes Siding and he has no Black customers. It should be noted that Strunk's Grocery is adjacent to the Marshes Siding Post Office.

On 6/30/77, Captain J. W. Strunk, McCreary County Police, W Whitley City, Kentucky, was contacted and stated there are no Black families residing in McCreary County, Kentucky, or Marshes Siding, Kentucky.

Since investigation has failed to disclose any Black man or family residing in Marshes Siding, McCreary County, Kentucky, no further investigation will be conducted by Louisville.

FBI

Date: 8/1/77

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Precedence)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987-Sub M) (C)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re San Antonio teletype to the Bureau dated 6/17/77, and Knoxville teletype to the Bureau dated 6/19/77, captioned as above.

Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies of an LHM concerning investigation conducted at Nashville, Tennessee, in an effort to determine if the late WELDON GRIMSLEY possessed a photograph of RAUL.

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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Name	DUDLEY WAYNE CULPEPPER
Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5' 11"
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown
Residence	4892 Maxwell El Paso, Texas
Texas driver's license number	[REDACTED]
Vehicle	1976 GMC truck Texas license AX 6640
Selective Service Number	[REDACTED]

On June 8, 1977, CULPEPPER waived extradition proceedings and will be returned to El Paso, Texas.

The Minneapolis Division is conducting no further investigation regarding this matter UACB.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Memphis, Tennessee

44-1987-Sub M

August 1, 1977

RE: MURKIN

On June 17, 1977, MARGARET PARR, 162 North Liberty, New Braunfels, Texas, advised that she had been a close friend of WELDON GRIMSLEY, editor of the Manchester Times, a weekly newspaper in Manchester, Tennessee.

During a visit in May of 1977, with Mr. GRIMSLEY, he informed her that he had covered in detail for a newspaper the trial of JAMES EARL RAY and had interviewed Mr. RAY on numerous occasions. In addition, RAY allegedly made available to GRIMSLEY numerous photographs including photographs of "RAUL", who allegedly resided in Houston and continues to reside in Houston. GRIMSLEY allegedly copied these photographs prior to returning the originals to RAY and PARR feels that these photographs may be located in GRIMSLEY's apartment in Manchester, Tennessee. ①

Investigation at Manchester, Tennessee, reveals that WELDON GRIMSLEY died on June 12, 1977, and his personal possessions had been retrieved by his son, GREGORY, who was apparently being designated as his administrator. His address was listed as 614-A Claridge Drive, Nashville, Tennessee.

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THELMA L. (LOU) GRIMSLEY, who resides at 3104 Laurel Forest Drive, Donelson, Tennessee, telephone number 883-0011, was contacted at which time the identity of the interviewing Agent was made known to her along with the purpose of the interview.

Mrs. GRIMSLEY advised that she is employed by South Central Bell Telephone Company, 179 8th Avenue North, Nashville, Tennessee. She was divorced from her former husband, WELDON GRIMSLEY, on February 4, 1976. Her husband, prior to his death in June of 1977, was a newspaper writer.

Mrs. GRIMSLEY advised as follows:

Her former husband, WELDON GRIMSLEY, went to Memphis to cover the JAMES EARL RAY trial, however, he was there only a short time due to RAY's plea. After RAY had been sentenced and was being admitted to the Tennessee State Prison in Nashville, Mr. GRIMSLEY walked with RAY into the prison and he was interviewed by her former husband while he was walking to the prison. Photographs were made by the news media as her former husband and RAY and law enforcement officials walked into the prison. She has photographs of this event and newspaper clippings from the local paper.

The photographs, to her knowledge, were the only ones in her former husband's file concerning the instant matter. Mrs. GRIMSLEY pointed out that her son GREGORY had been to her home on the previous evening and they had searched through Mr. GRIMSLEY's papers concerning the RAY and KING matter.

Mrs. GRIMSLEY stated that they did locate a story concerning RAY prepared by her former husband, however, the story was never published and her son GREGORY has all the papers and photographs in his possession and will make them available after he finishes reviewing his father's belongings in an effort to locate any other pertinent photographs or writings.

Interviewed on 6/28/77 at Nashville, Tennessee File # Memphis 44-1987-Sub M  
 by SA TOY J. FUSON, JR.:sle Date dictated 6/30/77

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Mrs. GRIMSLEY further related that she recalled that RAY sent her former husband a letter. The letter was addressed to their home in Donelson. The only thing that she recalls about the letter is that RAY appeared to be an uneducated man, due to the bad spelling and sentence structure. The contents of the letter contain no pertinent data as she recalled.

Mr. GRIMSLEY further related that she recalled that JERRY RAY, purported brother of JAMES EARL RAY, who resided in St. Louis, Missouri, had called Mr. GRIMSLEY on Sunday, exact date not recalled. Mr. GRIMSLEY and JERRY RAY went to Tennessee State Prison, Nashville, to visit RAY. This visit occurred several years ago, however, she would estimate the time as five or six years and she recalled no pertinent details coming out of this interview with RAY.

Mrs. GRIMSLEY stated that she had heard the name RAUL, but did not recall any specific comments that Mr. GRIMSLEY may have made regarding RAUL, and she may recall the name by reading it in the newspaper.

Mrs. GRIMSLEY stated that her former husband, like all other newspaper people, would like to brag, and he may have been making up a story concerning any photographs that he had related to individuals that RAY had given him a photograph of RAUL in the past. Therefore, to her knowledge, Mr. GRIMSLEY never had any photographs that JAMES EARL RAY furnished to him, and her husband had never mentioned to her about possessing a photograph of RAUL.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA TOY J. FUSON, JR., at Nashville, Tennessee, on June 24, June 25, and June 26, 1977:

Efforts were made to contact GREGORY GRIMSLEY at 614-A Claridge Drive, telephone number 389-0266, in Donelson, Tennessee, on the above mentioned dates.

During the evening of June 26, 1977, GRIMSLEY was contacted at which time the identity of the interviewing Agent was made known to him, along with the purpose of the interview.

Mr. GRIMSLEY advised that his father, WELDON GRIMSLEY, had recently died and he had been to Manchester, Tennessee, where he was employed, to retrieve his personal belongings. He stated that his father's personal belongings were in the home of his mother, Mrs. LOU GRIMSLEY, at 3104 Laurel Forest Drive, in Nashville. Furthermore, he would review the personal belongings of his father and especially any information concerning JAMES EARL RAY or MARTIN LUTHER KING, to see if he could locate any pertinent writings, newspaper clippings, or photographs.

Mr. GRIMSLEY stated that he works at two jobs and as soon as this information requested could be located or appropriate records checked, he would get back in touch with the interviewing Agent.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA TOY J. FUSON, JR., on July 7, 1977, at Nashville, Tennessee:

GREGORY GRIMSLEY, who resides at 614-A Claridge Drive, Nashville, Tennessee, was recontacted concerning the progress that he had made of going through his father's estate records. Mr. GRIMSLEY advised that he continues to work at two jobs and during the past few days, had been ill and was expected to enter the hospital on the following day for a gall bladder operation.

On July 25, 1977, Mr. GRIMSLEY was recontacted concerning the progress that he was making in reviewing his father's estate records. He stated that he had completed the file review and would be available for an interview on July 27, 1977.

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GREGORY GRIMSLEY, was contacted at his residence, 614-A Claridge Drive, at which time the identity of the interviewing Agent was made known to him. Mr. GRIMSLEY was informed that the interviewing Agent was there concerning any information that he had located after review of his father's files concerning the JAMES EARL RAY and MARTIN LUTHER KING incidents.

Mr. GRIMSLEY stated, as far as he is concerned, that he had gone through all of his father's pertinent papers. He had found one folder concerning JAMES EARL RAY. This folder had some newspaper articles concerning the RAY-KING incidents by BERNARD GAUZER, an Associated Press (A.P.) news writer. In addition, the folder contained a photograph, of which there were two copies. The persons identified in this photograph were WELDON GRIMSLEY, newspaper man for the Nashville Banner, JAMES EARL RAY, Captain RICHARD DAWSON, Tennessee Department of Safety, and GREG O'REAR, Safety Commissioner for the State of Tennessee, and an unidentified white male with a microphone in his hand. The folder further contained an undated rough draft story that Mr. GRIMSLEY believed prepared by his father. A review of this story concerns interview with RAY, but nothing therein referred to RAUL. Also in WELDON GRIMSLEY's file on JAMES EARL RAY was an envelope addressed to WELDON GRIMSLEY, care of the Nashville Banner, Nashville, Tennessee. The postmark on this letter was dated May 2, 1975, at Lake Zurich, Illinois. The return address on the envelope was JERRY RAY, P.O. Box 145, Lake Zurich, Illinois 60047. Examination of this envelope revealed that it was empty.

Mr. GRIMSLEY advised that his father, WELDON, died on June 12, 1977, at which time he was stationed in Manchester, Tennessee, as publisher of the local newspaper in that city. Prior to this time, he worked as a newspaper man for a newspaper in the Fort Walton Beach, Florida area. Furthermore, prior to going to Florida in about 1975, WELDON GRIMSLEY was State editor for the Nashville Banner in Nashville, Tennessee.

Investigation on 7/27/77 at Donelson, Tennessee File # Memphis 44-1987-Sub M

by SA TOY J. FUSON, JR.:sle

8/1/77

Date dictated \_\_\_\_\_

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Mr. GRIMSLEY stated that he resided with his father in the Fort Walton Beach, Florida, area after his parents were separated, and at no time did he ever hear his father speak of having any photographs of RAUL. Furthermore, his father never did discuss JAMES EARL RAY or MARTIN LUTHER KING incidents very much with him.

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TO: ALL SACS

JULY 30, 1976

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

- 1 - Mr. R. W. Held
- 1 - Mr. J. B. Adams
- 1 - Each Assistant Director
- 1 - Mr. J. O. Ingram
- 1 - Mr. J. G. Deegan
- 1 - Mr. J. T. Aldhizer

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

BUDED AUGUST 9, 1976

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REBUTEL TO ALL SACS JULY 28, 1976.

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FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TASK FORCE HAS RESULTED IN THE FOLLOWING CHANGE REGARDING REPRODUCTION OF FIELD OFFICE SERIALS IN THE MURKIN INVESTIGATION, AS OUTLINED IN REFERENCED TELETYPE.

IT WILL BE NECESSARY ONLY TO XEROX THE FIRST PAGE OF ANY DOCUMENT IN YOUR MURKIN FILE IF A COPY OF THAT DOCUMENT HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO FBIHQ. THIS WILL INCLUDE BOTH DOCUMENTS ORIGINATING IN YOUR OFFICE AND THOSE RECEIVED FROM OTHER FIELD DIVISIONS. ANY DOCUMENTS IN YOUR MURKIN FILE, COPIES OF WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN SUBMITTED TO FBIHQ MUST BE REPRODUCED IN THEIR ENTIRETY AND FORWARDED TO FBIHQ.

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NOTE:

Referenced teletype instructed all offices, except those to be visited by the Department Task Force, to xerox serials in its Murkin investigation and forward to FBIHQ by 8/9/76. The Department has requested Murkin files to continue its review as directed by the Attorney General.

Since the Task Force has reviewed Murkin files at FBIHQ duplication can be avoided by having the field office xerox only the first page of serials in cases where a copy of that serial was furnished FBIHQ. This procedure has been coordinated with Fred Folsom, Office of Professional Responsibility Department of Justice, who is leader of the Task Force.

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MURKIN

5 May 1977

The Honorable Mr. Carter,  
President of the United States of America  
Office of the President  
Washington D.C. 20500

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Dear Mr. President, CRIMINAL DIVISION

I was in Washington on the 5<sup>th</sup> of March 1977 at my own expense. For I have some information I know will help in the investigation of Dr. King Jr. I know that my story can be check out to be true.

On the 7<sup>th</sup> of March I went before the Martin Luther King Jr. task force. No more than 1/2 hour talking I felt as they did not believe me. I told the task force of the three (3) witnesses who knew and heard when I made the report to the F.B.I.

I have been working over two years to reopen the investigation of the assassination of Dr. King. I knew this was a conspiracy. But every one I talk to trying to find help though I was a fool, and at the time I felt like one.

My God know I am telling the truth and will say I have been pushed over the information.

I know my army records will not help me. I also know my report to the F.B.I. should be on records. With my army records and with my own record I can prove how I have been pushed. God know I have responded in the best interest for my Country. I know I had been a good N.C. who loves his Country with all his heart.

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and soul. If by any chance you look at my army records for God's sakes let me show you the records I have of my own. I am not a very well educated man, But I believe in God, and know right from wrong.

I am sending you a copy of the paper work I have. a part of the work I have did trying to reopen the case. I do not <sup>have</sup> a copy of the tape I sent to Senator Frank Church on the 11<sup>th</sup> of June 1976

I hope I am not asking to much of you. And I do feel you will help me. I see you are a fine and just man. And may God Bless you for helping.

my home adress  
OTIS H. MOORE  
CALL 9-112  
ROYAL TOWN, BAYAMON  
PUERTO RICO, 00619

Respectfully your  
Otis H. Moore  
SSN [REDACTED]  
S.F.C. Ret.  
U. S. Army.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Otis H. Moore

FROM: Martin Luther King, Jr. Task Force *SP/*

DATE: March 7, 1977

This is to acknowledge that on March 7, 1977, Mr. Otis Moore of Bayamon, Puerto Rico gave statements to the Select Committee on Assassinations. The interview was conducted by Edward Evans, Chief Investigator, present were Shelia Jackson Lee, Staff Counsel, and Gerald P. Hamilton, Deputy Chief Researcher.

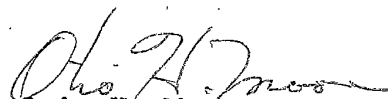
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For security reasons I will not disclose now my address. However, my lawyer, Mr. Ramón Crespo Nieves, authorized me to tell you can contact me thru him by letter or telephone. His telephone is 787-5537 and his address is IF-41 Avenida Lomas Verdes, Bayamón, Puerto Rico 00619.

Expecting your prompt attention and reply, I remain,

Respectfully yours,



Otis H. Moore  
SFC Ret.  
U.S. Army

Select Committee on Assassinations

U.S. House of Representatives

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

February 24, 1977

Mr. Otis H. Moore  
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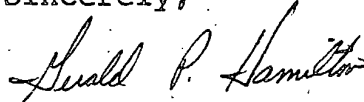
Dear Mr. Moore:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated February 3, 1977.

The materials which were included are being given earnest consideration and are being treated with the utmost confidentiality.

Your knowledge of the Committee's extension until March 31, 1977, is most correct. However, with the extension we are not allowed to incur any expenses outside of general staff operational cost. Until such time arrives which will allow us to travel, all communication will be through the mail.

Sincerely,



GERALD P. HAMILTON  
Deputy Chief Researcher

GPH:mcp

cc Mr. Ramon Crespo Nieves, Esq.  
IF-41 Avenue Lomas Verdes  
Bayamon, Puerto Rico 00619





UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

February 9, 1977

Mr. Otis Humphrey Moore  
c/o Ramon Crespo Nieves, Esq.  
IF-41 Avenue Lomas Verdes  
Bayamon, Puerto Rico 00619

Dear Mr. Moore:

Your letter bearing your notarized signature was received by the FBI on February 1, 1977.

Your Freedom of Information-Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request continues to be held in a backlogged status.

I regret the delay encountered in complying with your request and again solicit your patience and understanding.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Clarence M. Kelley", is written over the typed name. The signature is written in dark ink and is slanted to the right.

Clarence M. Kelley  
Director



SWORN STATEMENT

I hereby affirm, under oath, that my name is Otis Humphrey Moore, of legal age, married, mechanic and resident of Bayamon, Puerto Rico;

That I was born at Elaine, Arkansas, U.S.A. on [redacted]

That my Social Security Number is [redacted] and my Army Serial Number is [redacted];

That my signature, to be notarized, together with the above mentioned information, is the signature that before the Notary Public I will affix to this sworn statement this 28th day of January, 1977, at Bayamon, Puerto Rico and to be forwarded to the FBI at Washington, D.C. in regard to my Case No 37,751.

  
*Otis Humphrey Moore*  
OTIS HUMPHREY MOORE

AFFIDAVIT NUM:348

Sworn and signed before me today, January 28, 1977 at Bayamon, Puerto Rico, by Mr. Otis Humphrey Moore, of the general circumstances above described, whom I have known during the last year and whose signature was affixed in my presence.



*Ramon Crespo Nieves*  
RAMON CRESPO NIEVES  
NOTARY PUBLIC

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

January 13, 1977

AIRMAIL

Mr. Otis Humphrey Moore  
c/o Ramon Crespo Nieves, Esq.  
1F-41 Avenue Lomas Verdes  
Bayamon, Puerto Rico 00619

Dear Mr. Moore:

This is to acknowledge receipt by the FBI of your Freedom of Information-Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request dated December 16, 1976.

A preliminary review of the index to our central records discloses references to a name similar to yours. Since our records contain innumerable instances of different people with the same name, and we have reviewed only the index to our records at this point, and not the records themselves, we do not know whether the records in question relate to you.

An exceedingly heavy volume of FOIPA requests has been received these past few months. Additionally, court deadlines involving certain historical cases of considerable scope have been imposed upon the FBI. Despite successive expansions of our staff responsible for FOIPA matters, substantial delays in processing requests continue.

We are now beginning to work on requests which we received during March, 1976.

Since January 1, 1975, the FBI has received a total of 29,527 FOIPA requests. Of these, our present backlog is 8,123. In an effort to deal fairly with any request requiring the retrieval, processing and duplication of documents, each request is being handled in chronological order based on the date of receipt. Please be assured that your request is being handled as equitably as possible and that all documents which can be released will be made available at the earliest possible date.

Mr. Otis Humphrey Moore

Before we can commence processing for release any documents which may pertain to you, it will be necessary for you to submit your notarized signature. This procedure is designed to insure that information concerning an individual is released only to that person.

To insure an accurate review of our records, please furnish your date and place of birth.

Your request has been assigned number 37,751 which you are requested to utilize in any correspondence with this Bureau regarding this request.

Your patience and understanding will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,



Clarence M. Kelley  
Director

December 16, 1976

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigations  
Washington, D.C.

Gentleman:

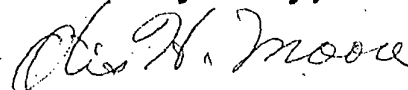
After 20 years of honorable military services. I got my retirement on Dec. 1, 1974 as SFC, U.S. Army [redacted] After my retirement, I tried to get a reopening of the investigation of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King. At that time, agents of your Bureau started a harassment here in Puerto Rico against me. This almost cost me my marriage.

All this started in 1964<sup>5/1964</sup>, when I was approached in a bar, by the would be assassin, while attached to a military unit in Texas information which I disclosed immediately to <sup>2 of</sup> ~~one~~ of your agents in Texas. The matter pertained to the whereabouts of the then immediate visit to Texas of Dr. Martin Luther King, conversation which I then and now suspected had to do with Mr. King's personal security.

It is my intention to disclose all the information I disclosed to you about Dr. King to the Congressional Committee now meeting in Washington. In order to be in a position to accomplish what I plan, I hereby request from you, under the Freedom for Information Act, that you send me all information collected by the Bureau regarding my person and, particularly, send me copy of the information revealed by the undersigned in Texas to your agent, including the names of the persons involved in the already mentioned conversation.

I hope you will comply with my request at the earliest date and in case there is a formal procedure of official document to be filled out to obtain what I ask, let me know to follow your official requirements.

Yours very truly,



Otis Humphrey Moore  
c/o Ramón Crespo Nieves Attorney at Law  
IF-41 Ave. Lomas Verdes  
Bayamón, Puerto Rico

137-404-688-7263

September 20, 1976

Church Board  
The Ebenezer Baptist Church  
Atlanta, Georgia

Gentlemen:

Before the assassination of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. the undersigned casually met some people in a bar in Texas. By that time I used to be a member of the military forces. During the conversation one of the above mentioned people talked about how to eliminate Dr. King and disclosed his knowledge of Dr. King's whereabouts. Before leaving the place, a waitress commented about one of the group, whose name and identity she told me.

That same night I made contact with the FBI and conveyed to them all the information and an investigation was started but, to all practical ends, it was left unfinished. After Dr. King's murder I tried vainly to obtain a reinvestigation of the case based on the information I had. My last intents were a letter, still unanswered, which I addressed to the Honorable Senator Mr. Edward T. Kennedy, dated July 12, 1976. I also wrote to the Honorable Senator Mr. Church sending along a tape where I told him something of what I knew. Herewith I allowed myself to send you photocopy of the post office receipt of the tape sent to Senator Church and copy of the letter sent to Senator Kennedy.

I am sure what I know will lead to clarifying many aspects of the crime. I am also sure I can get in touch with the people who talked to me and or were present the night I already mentioned. It has been my interest all this years that the people responsible for this crime be brought before a court of justice to answer for their crime. However, nobody has been in disposition of hearing me.

I think now is the time to get doors opened. And in the first place, I think it is up to you to know what happened so that you can start the investigation regarding this matter.

One of the conspirators is, or was, a highly placed guy in the economic and professional level in Texas. I know that my information has jeopardized my status in the army and my private life all the time. However, I am ready to talk to you about everything.

Time is running short. I am unable for economic reasons, to afford a trip to Georgia right now which was my intention. But I expect your Board to meet, consider this letter and if you deem what I know merits your help, send a lawyer or an investigator dully authorized down here to whom I will reveal what I know.

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RETURN RECEIPT, REGISTERED, INSURED AND CERTIFIED MAIL

The Honorable Edward T. Kennedy, Senator  
 The United States Senate  
 Senate Office Building  
 Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Kennedy:

I have information of the assassination of Dr. Martin L. King that I know would reopen the case. I am hoping you would find time for me to talk it over with you.

I have tried other government agencies to get an investigation on the way, but have had no luck. Sir, I have talked with others about this matter. They, along with myself, feel that this information may be of help in the investigation of the assassination of your brother.

I have talked to the F.B.I. and they told my wife I could be killed over this information. At this time my wife is trying to keep me from saying anything.

Sir, would it be asking too much if you would give me some kind of reply to let me know you have received this letter, or if you have time to talk to me.

Respectfully yours,

Otis H. Moore  
 SFC Ret., Army  
 U. S. Army

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General  
**Criminal Division**  
FROM : **Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch**  
Director, FBI

DATE: **June 20, 1977**

SUBJECT: **ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**

Reference is made to \_\_\_\_\_ memorandum dated \_\_\_\_\_  
(your file \_\_\_\_\_).

There is enclosed one copy of the report of Special Agent \_\_\_\_\_ ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ **an inmate letter**  
dated **6/12/77** at **El Reno, Oklahoma**

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)**

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**1 - Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Rights Division (Enclosure)**

**1 - Office of Professional Responsibility, USDJ (Enclosure)**

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**NOTE: Mr. Calvert's letter has been acknowledged.**

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