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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, BOSTON

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY
NOVEMBER 22, 1963
DALLAS, TEXAS
BUFILE 62-109060
BSFILE 175-112

MURKIN
BUFILE 44-38861
BSFILE 157-644

Reference is made to letter dated March 28, 1979, from Assistant Director HAROLD N. BASSETT to Mr. R. B. CUTLER of Manchester, Massachusetts. A copy of this letter is attached for ready reference. Also attached is a copy of a letter to Mr. CUTLER from SAC BOSTON dated 8/8/79.

In furnishing the information to the Boston Office, Mr. CUTLER expressed an interest in sitting down and discussing in detail the data he furnished and his theories regarding the murders of President KENNEDY and Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Overall details regarding these two murders are not available to the Boston Division and it is obvious from data furnished by Mr. CUTLER that he has spent a lot of time in connection with the overall information he has submitted to this office.

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It is recommended that the data furnished by Mr. CUTLER be referred to the appropriate substantive desks at the Bureau having the overall picture of these two cases. Thereafter, if the Bureau sees any need for additional information to be obtained from Mr. CUTLER, it is requested that specific information desired be forwarded to this office which will recontact CUTLER for information desired by the Bureau.

Copies of data furnished by Mr. CUTLER have not been retained in files of the Boston Office.

900 John F. Kennedy Federal Building
Government Center
Boston, Massachusetts 02203
August 8, 1979

Mr. Robert B. Cutler
CUTLER DESIGNS
P. O. Box 1465
Manchester, Mass. 01944

Dear Mr. Cutler:

Reference is made to the data you furnished
this office on June 5 and August 6, 1979.

For your information, the data involved has
been forwarded to our Headquarters in Washington, D. C., for
appropriate review. If this review determines that additional
information is needed from you, you will be contacted either
by our Headquarters or through this office.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES J. DUNN, JR.
Special Agent in Charge

cc: ~~2~~ - Bureau
 (1 - BUFILE 62-109060) - JFK File (Assassination)
 (1 - BUFILE 44-38861) - MURKIN File
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ENCLOSURE

March 28, 1979

Mr. R. B. Cutler
Cutler Designs
Post Office Box 1465
Manchester, Massachusetts 01944

Dear Mr. Cutler:

In reply to your communication of March 16th, it will not be possible for me to make an appointment with you to discuss the assassinations of former President John F. Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. If you have information which you believe would be of interest to this Bureau, please contact a representative of our office located at the John F. Kennedy Federal Office Building, Boston, Massachusetts 02203, and furnish him this information.

Sincerely yours,

Harold H. Bassett
Harold H. Bassett
Assistant Director

1 - Boston - Enclosure

Attention SAC: Bufiles indicate we have had limited correspondence with Mr. Cutler regarding the assassinations of former President Kennedy and Dr. King. *62-5-0000*

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MESSAGE

TO Mr Harold N Bassett
Assistant Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington DC 20535

DATE

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Sir:

Thank you for your kind note of the 6th. My views on the assassinations are currently eclipsed by the urgency of pressing for an affirmative D O J decision to review and analyze the findings of the House Select Committee on Assassinations. Witness my letter to the Attorney General (copy enclosed)

On the one hand D O J hears emotional bleatings to leave "conspiracy" slow twisting in the wind and get on with the fight against inflation. In fairness to the decision-making process, which requires equal input from the opposite hand, I amend my offer to read: collect factual recommendations for a thorough D O J review and analysis; this collection to be delivered coincident with the release of HSCA's final report, circa 1*May'?

I respectfully request discussion of this reasonable approach to D O J's decision with you in Washington, at no cost to the Bureau. I would appreciate being able to coordinate my first-week-of-April vacation in San Francisco with "collection" from my friend, former FBI agent Bill Turner.

sincerely

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file 62-109060

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8/31/79

To: SAC, Savannah

1 - Mr. Hatfield

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Enclosed are two copies of a letter and envelope from Earnest Drummer.

Interview Drummer re MURKIN and SuLHM. Conduct no further investigation.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (C)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Re St. Louis letter to Memphis dated 8/2/79.

In referenced communication, St. Louis enclosed a letter from WYNDELL SPIVEY, Tennessee State Penitentiary (TSP), inmate number 73511, in which he claims that he killed Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. This letter reads as follows:

"Mr. WYNDELL SPIVEY RA 14620449
SS260603144

Honorable discharged 8-27-57
Joined Ku Klux Klan 5 or 6-65

Confession to make for killing Dr. MARTIN L. KING date 3-24-1968 on about 12:00 noon or little after with Remington nylon 66 extra long rifle hollow point I left weapon with Mr. JOHN ONEAL last worked at Alex's Tavern Jackson & Watkins He lived on street running behind tavern. I'm in prison now for a rape charge. This all took place in Memphis Tenn. and please let it be known I did it legally. I just failed to report it too the proper officials. I was just slowing them down just a little bitty bit.

Yours truly Prison No.73511
WYNDELL SPIVEY"

The envelope of this letter was addressed to the National Personnel Records Center, 9700 Page Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri 63132 with a return address of WYNDELL SPIVEY,

- ② - Bureau
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 L.A. [Signature]

Approved: [Signature]
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73511, Station A West, W-100-Hosp. Nashville, Tennessee 37203, letter postmarked 7/23/79.

On 8/24/79, Warden JIM ROSE, TSP, advised that he has talked to the prison psychologist regarding inmate WYNDELL SPIVEY. He said records show SPIVEY has a long history of mental problems and is currently incarcerated in the Psycho Ward at the TSP. He is currently there, having been convicted of rape at Memphis, Tennessee. Warden ROSE advised even though SPIVEY is in the ward for the mentally disturbed, he is not a violent type and therefore could be interviewed.

On 8/27/79, inmate WYNDELL SPIVEY, TSP number 73511, advised that he is the individual who wrote the letter to the National Personnel Records Center, 9700 Page Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri on or about 7/23/79, and confessed to the killing of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. He furnished the following information concerning this:

He was in Atlanta, Georgia about the time JOHN F. KENNEDY was running for the President of the United States. At this time he noticed all the destruction and demonstrations that were prompted by Dr. KING's speeches. He decided he was then going to kill KING. He said he actually killed Dr. KING by accident while he was residing in Memphis at 1772 Brown Street. He pointed out that he had been released from the Shelby County, Tennessee Jail on or about 3/5/68 and he killed Dr. KING on or about 3/24/68. SPIVEY was advised that KING was not actually killed until 4/4/68, SPIVEY said that he killed KING on or about 3/24/68 and no later than 3/26/68, and that either the newspapers or someone else withheld the story for several weeks and would not let this information out. He said JAMES EARL RAY was unjustly blamed for the murder of Dr. KING and said RAY was actually in custody and on trial in Judge BATTLE's courtroom in Memphis for the murder of KING before he actually killed him. He said the murder weapon was a .22 caliber Remington automatic, model 66 nylon, rifle. He said he fired .22 caliber extra long hollow point bullets. He pointed again the reason why he killed KING was that KING would preach peace and actually cause violence and destruction. He said he shot KING from an old boarding house across the parking lot from the Lorraine

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Motel in Memphis. SPIVEY reiterated that he did kill KING on 3/24 or 3/26/68, and not on 4/4/68. He said he could add nothing to the statement and thought he might be released from the penitentiary in a week or two.

In view of the above, it is quite obvious that WYNDELL SPIVEY is not in complete control of his mental faculties and it is obvious his statement is false. Therefore, it is recommended no further investigation be conducted re this statement.

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