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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Memphis, Tennessee
December 11, 1980

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REPLY TO: LEGAT OTTAWA (44A-4)(P)
ATTN OF:

SUBJECT: MURKIN

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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ReOTTlet, 9/15/80, enclosing Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) letter, 9/10/80.

MEMPHIS is requested to respond to request made by RCMP concerning disposal of exhibits in this matter, as set forth in RCMP letter of 9/10/80.

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

Reference Bureau airtel to Memphis, dated 10/8/80 enclosing Legat, Ottawa letter, dated 9/15/80; Memphis airtel and LHM, dated 12/11/80; Bureau routing slip to Memphis, dated 1/6/81 with attached Legat, Ottawa letter to the Bureau, dated 12/18/80.

Investigation requested by the referenced Legat, Ottawa letter, dated 9/15/80, was furnished to the Bureau by the referenced Memphis airtel and LHM.

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Date 1/27/81

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: *JM* LEGAT, OTTAWA (44A-4)(P)

o MURKIN

Re Memphis airtel 1/14/81.

Reairtel indicated Memphis had forwarded airtel and LHM 12/11/80 responding to request in Ottawa letter 9/15/80. To date Ottawa has not been furnished copies of Memphis airtel and LHM 12/11/80. It is requested Ottawa be furnished copies of same.

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Re Legat Ottawa airtel to Bureau dated 1/27/81.

Enclosed for Legat Ottawa are two copies of an LHM dated December 11, 1980, at Memphis, Tennessee.

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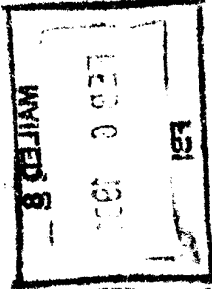
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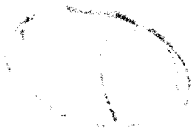
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Sir;

OUTSIDE SOURCE

my NAME is Ricky Wayne ~~Hilton~~ K-3065, AND I HAVE BEEN HERE SINCE 1976, I HAVE BEEN READING A LOT ABOUT ALL OF THE DRUGS THAT'S ON THE MARKET TODAY, AND IF AT ALL POSSIBLE I WOULD LIKE TO HELP STOP THE FLOW OF THE DRUGS IN THE U.S. TODAY, I KNOW YOU USE PEOPLE AS INFORMERS IN SOME CASES AND I WOULD LIKE TO BE AN INFORMER FOR YOU ALL, CAUSE I WAS YOUNG WHEN I FIRST GOT INTO TROUBLE, AND I HATE TO SEE PEOPLE MESS THEIR LIFE UP ON DRUGS AND MESS OTHER PEOPLE'S LIFE UP, AND IF I CAN HELP STOP THIS, THEN IT WOULD MEAN A LOT TO ME.

Murkin

I KNOW I COULD GET TO PEOPLE THAT DEALS WITH GRASS, COCAINE, HEROIN, ACIB, OR ANY OTHER KIND OF DRUGS, LIKE RIGHT NOW AT THIS PLACE THEY GET GRASS IN HERE TREATED WITH POP, AND THATS BAD STUFF, I KNOW I BE PUTTING MY LIFE ON THE LINE FOR DOING THIS, BUT I'M 34 YEAR OLD AND I ~~SEEN~~ SEEN WHAT DRUGS CAN DO TO PEOPLE, IT MESS THEIR LIFE AND OTHER'S LIFE'S UP, ALL I

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Airtel to SAC, Philadelphia
 "Rickey Wayne Hilton help out here a little, but by help^{ing} and working with you all, you CAN put me in Jail + Prison or wherever you could use me, I'm NOT asking to be set free, just a chance to work myself free and back into society, I do ANYTHING to prove this to you, my ~~name~~ ^{DE-69 44-38801-} date is Sept. 1983, NOW SINCE I HAVE BEEN ^{V-40} ~~HERE~~ APR 29 1981 have got my High Shool G.E.D. Diploma, and I took the Barber Course, AND right now I'm a LICENSE MANAGER Barber For PENNSYLVANIA, I HAVE WORK ^{CORRESPONDENCE} AS THE EMPLOYEE'S BARBER HERE FOR OVER 2 YEARS, I LIKE MY TRADE. HOPE YOU CAN USE ME IN THIS OR ANYWAY YOU FEEL FIT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME, WAITING YOUR REPLY.

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Yours Truly

Ricky Hilton

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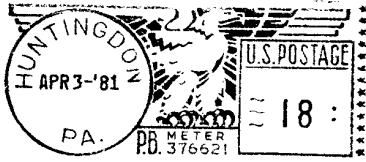
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HUNTINGDON, PA. 16652



William Webster, Director
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April 16, 1981

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Justice Department
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

Assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING JR

I have been following with interest the Stokes Committee investigation of the Kennedy and King assassination and it is my understanding that their work has been discontinued since further funds have not been appropriated. I was informed by Representative Stokes of Illinois that you are continuing the investigation. I have some notes from the years 1952-1961 that I would like to send you, for what they are worth, concerning the assassination of John F. Kennedy. Please tell me to whose attention I should send them.

Very truly yours,

William R. Fleissner

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Memorandum



To : Director, FBI (44-38861)

Date 2/11/81

From : Legal Attache, Ottawa (44-4) (RUC)

Subject : MURKIN

Memphis

Reference: Buairtel 2/4/81 forwarding Memphis LHM 12/11/80

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o Murkin

RICKY WAYNE HILTON, K-3065
DRAWER R
HUNTINGDON, PENNSYLVANIA

Attached are two copies of a self-explanatory communication from captioned individual. This is being furnished your office for information in view of your airtel to Bureau dated 1/15/79, captioned Murkin. A copy of the enclosure has been furnished to the Drug Enforcement Administration. No further acknowledgement of Hilton's 4/2/81, letter is being made.

Enclosures (2)

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Drug Enforcement Administration
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NOTE: Hilton sent 2 similar letters dated 3/23/77 and 5/13/77. He was interviewed 4/13/77 and was told to visit our nearest office upon release for consideration as an informant. He is scheduled to be paroled in 1983 and the State of Tennessee has a detainer lodged against him.

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

Enclosed herewith to the attention of the Bureau are the original and five copies of an LHM captioned "JAMES EARL RAY; DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM; CR - CONSPIRACY."

The accompanying LHM sets forth a contact with Memphis FBI by Hartmut Blecher, described therein, who reported he has travelled from his native country of West Germany to Memphis, Tennessee for the specific purpose of furnishing information concerning the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. During this contact, Blecher gave the appearance of being mentally unstable. He advised he had received information during 1961 to the effect two individuals wanted to help "colored persons in the United States" and believed they were responsible for the assassination of King. He had the usual assortment of notebooks, diaries, address books, and loose papers. He was unable to furnish specific details and his comments were of a general and nonspecific nature.

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Blecher exhibited a West German passport which showed valid entry into the United States. He advised following completion of his contact with Memphis FBI, he would be returning to New York City and return to West Germany as soon as he could book an available airline flight.

The Bureau may wish to disseminate this information to U. S. Secret Service, and/or other government agencies.

Memphis does not recommend further action in connection with this information based on the overall circumstances of the contact.

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Memphis, Tennessee 38103
May 1, 1981

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On May 1, 1981, an individual identifying himself as Hartmut Blecher, described below, visited the Memphis, Tennessee Office of the FBI and furnished the following information:

He is a laborer residing on Blankensteiner Strabe, Bochum, West Germany, and has travelled to the United States and Memphis, Tennessee, arriving in the United States On April 28, 1981, for the purpose of furnishing information concerning the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at Memphis, Tennessee. He reported during October 1961, two individuals came to the apartment of his parents in Cologne, West Germany and explained it was their purpose to "do something against colored persons in the United States." He advised they wanted to "bring up someone to talk for colored people in the United States" and requested him to assist in this matter since he was a Lutheran regarding his religious preference. He identified these individuals as Mrs. Laura Huxley, the estranged wife of "the famous author" and an individual whose Christian name he knew as "Peter." He advised this "Peter" subsequently became a Buddhist and adopted the name Llama Anamorge Ker Goovinda. Blecher advised this Goovinda had something to do with a murder of a family in Cologne in what he believes was 1956. He advised authorities regarded this murder as a suicide but feels this is the actual reason why "Peter" adopted the Buddhist name.

He advised he has known Laura Huxley and "Peter" since sometime in 1953 and felt they were "the spiritual head of the case", which he did not further explain.

Blecher referred to numerous notebooks, diaries, and his address book during the course of this contact. He reported

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on April 2, 1980, he again met Laura Huxley in the Athens, Greece area and she reported to him "the murder had actually taken place", apparently referring to the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Blecher advised "Peter" and Laura had previously been members of a music group known as the "Four Seasons", he believed during 1953 through 1956. He reported later, "Peter" joined with Bill Haley and the Comets in 1956. He advised he next met them during 1961 when they furnished the information concerning "colored people in the United States."

Blecher advised the two additionally told him they had been instrumental in bringing "another president" into office, specifically John Fitzgerald Kennedy, and believed they had something to do with an attempt to murder President Kennedy. He furnished no additional specifics in this regard.

When questioned as to why a time period of some twenty years intervened between his first having received information concerning the Martin Luther King, Jr. matter, and his bringing this information to the attention of authorities, he advised his "memory was not clear" and he could not previously remember the facts of this matter since he had been "poisoned with snake venom." He reported he had been in his home on an unspecified date when someone whom he did not see came up behind him and injected snake venom into the area "behind his heart" with a hypodermic syringe.

Blecher additionally indicated he had "spiritual experiences" and "visions." He did not have any additional specific facts or information to relate concerning this matter.

During interview, he did not indicate a propensity for physical violence and, in fact, described himself as a religious individual who did not serve in the armed forces of his country because he "could not bring himself to kill."

Blecher advised he arrived from West Germany in New York City on April 28, 1981, travelled to Washington, D. C. regarding the information he had, and visited the United States Supreme Court Building and the Court of Appeals in an effort to furnish his information. He advised some individual directed him to the FBI Office at Memphis, Tennessee as being the most logical place to furnish his information. He advised this was the reason he travelled to Memphis, Tennessee and immediately

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upon completion of his interview, intended to return to New York City and ultimately to his native country. He exhibited valid passport information during the course of this contact.

The following background and descriptive information was obtained during the course of this contact:

Name:	Hartmut Blecher
Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Date of birth:	<input type="text"/>
Age:	
Place of birth:	Enndterbruck, West Germany
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Memphis, Tennessee 38103
May 1, 1981

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DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY

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April 29, 1981

OUTSIDE SOURCE

William R. Fleissner, Esq.
Bennett and Fleissner
Suite 312
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Colorado Springs, Colorado 80907

Dear Mr. Fleissner:

On assassination of Martin Luther King Jr.

Thank you for your April 16th offer to provide this Bureau information which may be of interest in connection with the assassinations of President Kennedy and Dr. King. This material should be forwarded to the attention of the Personal Crimes Unit, Criminal Investigative Division, FBI Headquarters, Washington, D. C. 20535.

Sincerely,

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Roger S. Young
Assistant Director in Charge
Office of Congressional
and Public Affairs

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Date 7/21/81

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44A-1114) (RUC) (SOUTH RA) (SQUAD #1)

"MURKIN" *CR*

Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and four copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above.

For information, William E. Dauber (deceased), Chicago south side organized crime "enforcer" was murdered in a gangland style slaying on 7/2/80. Prior to that time, Dauber was furnishing information to Chicago ATF Agent, Dennis B. Laughrey. On 6/25/81, Laughrey furnished to SA Herbert M. Butler voluminous "rough notes" regarding information received from Dauber. Included in the notes was information as follows:

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On 7/20/81, Frank Savetz (phonetic), St. Louis County Police Department, St. Louis, Missouri, telephonically advised that Richard Beck is currently incarcerated in St. Louis on local charges, and that Beck has indicated he will "tell all for a deal".

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Chicago Division anticipates interview of Beck in Chicago file 133A-1179.

During interview, Beck will be questioned regarding above information, and FBI Headquarters will be appropriately advised of results.

ATF Agent Laughrey advised he has no further information regarding this matter.

UACB, Chicago considers this matter RUC'd.

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219 South Dearborn Street
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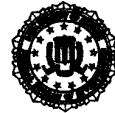
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To : DIRECTOR, FBI

Date July 23, 1982

From : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

Subject : JAMES EARL RAY;
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ADMINISTRATIVE:

The Birmingham Office is not interviewing PAUL BERNARD MARLER in connection with this matter due to his mental incompetency and he is an alcoholic.

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CIVIL RIGHTS-CONSPIRACY

Captain E. Robins, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, Fairfield, Alabama, advised Paul Bernard Marler had telephonically contacted the Sheriff's Office in Bessemer, Alabama, and stated James Earl Ray did not kill Martin Luther King. Captain Robins advised this conversation was taped and he will make a copy of the tape available to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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Date of transcription July 23, 1982

CAPT. E. ROBINS, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, made available a tape of a telephone conversation on July 11, 1982, by PAUL BERNARD MARLER, the transcripts of which is attached.

Investigation on 7/15/82 at Fairfield, Alabama File # BH 44-1740
by SA PETER JOHN BODKIN:mjl Date dictated 7/19/82

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Unknown Female Sheriff's Office
(UF)

MARLER Sheriff's Office in Jefferson County?

UF Yes sir.

MARLER (unintelligible)

UF Okay.

MARLER My name is PAUL, P A U L BERNARD MARLER.

UF What is it? Is it PAUL or POL?

MARLER PAUL, P A U L.

UF Okay.

MARLER BERNARD MARLER, M A R L E R.

UF M A R L E R?

MARLER Yes ma'am.

UF Okay.

MARLER U'm up in Calhoun County.

UF Calhoun?

MARLER Calhoun County.

UF Okay.

MARLER I'm a white male. I's born I'm sorry

I'm calling in reference to JAMES EARL
RAY.

UF JAMES EARL RAY?

MARLER Right.

UF Okay. What, what about JAMES EARL RAY?

MARLER He didn't kill MARTIN LUTHER KING.

UF He didn't kill MARTIN LUTHER KING?

MARLER No ma'am we did it.

UF You did. Who, who was you besides....

MARLER LEO DENHAM.

UF LEO DUNHAM?

MARLER L E O...DNH...D E N H A M.

UF D U N H...

MARLER DN....DUN....

UF D U N...

MARLERH A M. D E N H A M

UF ...HAM. D E N H A M.

MARLER Right. LEO fired the shot. JAMES RAY was a punk.
He never shot anybody. He ain't never been that brave.

UF Okay...have you, have you called the police department
to investigate?

MARLER I've called the "Washington Post." I had called, I have
talked with the warden in Tennessee...Warden DAVIS and
you can call that okay and verify it.

UF Did they tell you to call us or....

MARLER No, no.
I just don't think I'm gon be here that long. I just
want, I just don't want JAMES RAY to die for something
that he didn't do. Now he might be, they might lock
him up forever I don't know. That's up to JAMES you
know. JAMES was, he was, uh, he was, he was a nitty,
he was a punk anyway. But JAMES didn't kill that
nigger. I didn't mean to say that. JAMES RAY didn't
kill MARTIN LUTHER KING. We did.

UF You, you and this LEO D E N H A M.

MARLER LEO killed him. I didn't kill him, but I was there;
and that makes me a part of it. Right?

UF Yes sir. What, what, you live in Calhoun County?

MARLER I just gave you that.

UF What's your, uh, what's your address?

MARLER 716 East 10th Street and I'm at 238...seventeen, seventy-seven.

UF 238....seventeen, seventy-seven?

MARLER Yes ma'am.

UF And your address was seven sixteen?

MARLER I whatn't involved in it. I saw it.

UF Do you know where he is now?

MARLER Yes I do.

UF Where is he?

MARLER I'll talk to you about that later.

UF Okay.

MARLER I had nothing to do with it, uh, well maybe I did. Maybe I had something to do with it because I didn't come forth earlier you know....

UF Yeah.

MARLERto say what I had to say. But I saw the man, I wasn't involved in it. I didn't shoot at anybody, but I saw the man that shot MARTIN LUTHER KING.

UF And you've already....

MARLER Yes I did.

UF You've already called the police department and investigated him.

MARLER I've already called "Washington Post."

UF And what did they tell you?

MARLER I don't know what they told me.