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TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR (100-106670)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BUDED AUGUST-9, 1976  
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FOR INFORMATION OF RECIPIENTS THE ATTORNEY GENERAL (AG) HAS ORDERED A REVIEW OF THE FBI'S INVESTIGATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING. ASSIGNED TO CONDUCT THIS REVIEW IS A TASK FORCE WORKING UNDER DIRECTION OF THE OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (OPR) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS INDICATED THE REVIEW IS TO RESOLVE THE FOLLOWING FOUR QUESTIONS: (1) WAS THE FBI INVESTIGATION OF KING'S ASSASSINATION THOROUGH AND HONEST? (2) IS THERE ANY EVIDENCE THE FBI WAS INVOLVED IN THE ASSASSINATION? (3) IS THERE ANY NEW EVIDENCE WHICH HAS COME TO THE ATTENTION OF THE DEPARTMENT CONCERNING THE ASSASSINATION? (4) DOES THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE BUREAU AND KING CALL FOR CRIMINAL PROSECUTIONS, DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS OR OTHER APPROPRIATE ACTION?

THIS REVIEW IS A CONTINUATION OF A "PARTIAL REVIEW" RECENTLY

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TO DATE THE TASK FORCE HAS REVIEWED FBIHQ AND WFO FILES CONCERNING THE ASSASSINATION OF KING CAPTIONED "MURKIN, BUREAU FILE 44-33861. TASK FORCE MEMBERS HAVE TRAVELED TO MEMPHIS, MILWAUKEE, KANSAS CITY, OMAHA, SAN FRANCISCO AND LOS ANGELES AND REVIEWED MURKIN AND INTELLIGENCE INVESTIGATION FILES OF THOSE OFFICES. FUTURE TRAVEL BY THE TASK FORCE IS PLANNED FOR ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, CHARLOTTE, CHICAGO, NEW ORLEANS, NEW YORK, SPRINGFIELD AND ST. LOUIS.

AFTER ABOVE TRAVEL IS COMPLETED AND KING RELATED SECURITY FILES AT FBIHQ ARE REVIEWED, THE TASK FORCE WILL HAVE SEEN THE MAJORITY OF SERIALS IN OUR FILES RELATING TO THE KING INVESTIGATIONS. HOWEVER, SINCE IT IS THE GOAL OF THE TASK FORCE TO REVIEW KING RELATED FILES IN EVERY FIELD OFFICE, IT WILL BE

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REBUTEL TO ALL SACS JULY 28, 1976.

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(Attention: Deputy Assistant Director INGRAM)

8/9/76

SAC, INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)(RUC)

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Re Bureau nitel to Indianapolis, dated 7/30/76.

Enclosed for the Bureau are copies of all documents which have not been previously submitted to FBI Headquarters. Also enclosed is the first page of any document in Indianapolis MURKIN file which has previously been submitted to FBI Headquarters. Also enclosed for the Bureau is a copy of 1A-20 and 1A-21.

The following is a brief description of photographs, exhibits, and other items which could not be Xeroxed:

1. Photograph of T-shirt and shorts, bearing laundry marks.
2. Photographs of artist's conception description of subject from Birmingham.
3. Photographs of artist's conception of unknown subject from Memphis.
4. Composite of unknown subject, also known as ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMYER, JOHN WILLARD.
5. Two negatives of Number 4.
6. Photograph of JAMES EARL RAY.
7. Photograph of WALTER T. RIFE.
8. Photograph of JAMES EARL RAY with negative.
9. Photograph of JAMES EARL RAY with negative taken 1960.

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10. Photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and WALTER T. RIFE.
11. Photograph of JAMES EARL RAY taken 1960.
12. Photograph of JAMES EARL RAY.
13. Photograph of JAMES EARL RAY.
14. Photograph of JACQUELINE "Jackie" KLINE, also known as JACQUALINE GOLDSTINE, KAYE RASENBERG.
15. Photograph of PAUL OSBORN BRIDGEMAN.
16. Photograph of FRANK WILLIAM BRICKLEY.
17. Photograph of laundry marks with name GALT with markings 20L-8, 20R-3, 20F-7, 02B-6.
18. Photograph and negative of JAMES EARL RAY taken late 1967.
19. Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, three different poses.

It should be noted that Serial 84 was skipped and does not exist.



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TO ALL SACS

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General Investigative Division)

FROM: SAC, INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)(RUC)

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as above.

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copy each of the following documents from Indianapolis Field  
Office files:

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KING, JR., SM - C), Serials 1 through 50, no 1A's.
- (2) Bufile 100-438794, Indianapolis 100-14416 (COMMUNIST  
INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE,  
IS - C), Serials 1 through 226, 1A-1, 1A-2.
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IT IS NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT SOME MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE STAFF HAVE SOUGHT ON THEIR OWN TO INTERVIEW DEPARTMENTAL EMPLOYEES KNOWLEDGEABLE REGARDING THE KENNEDY AND KING INVESTIGATIONS. SIMILAR EFFORTS MAY BE DIRECTED TOWARD FBI FIELD OFFICES

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# FBI eyed Klan in King Case probe

WASHINGTON—The Federal Bureau of Investigation investigated members of the Ku Klux Klan and the Minutemen in the early days of the search for Martin Luther King's assassin, newly disclosed FBI documents reveal.

Four days after King was slain in Memphis on April 4, 1968, FBI headquarters ordered an investigation of all known members of the Klan, the right-wing Minutemen, "other hate group members, rabble rousers and other individuals known to have violent proclivities located within your territories."

The order was sent to FBI field offices in Memphis, and Knoxville, Tenn., Birmingham and Mobile, Ala., Jackson, Miss., Milwaukee and Minneapolis.

The memo is part of about 18,000 documents compiled by the FBI during its investigation of the civil rights leader's death.

The FBI is releasing 442 pages to comply with request under the Freedom of Information Act. Officials are screening the rest of the files to determine what else will be released.

The documents provide the first public details of the FBI probe. James Earl Ray, who was subsequently arrested, pleaded guilty to shooting King. As a result, the government never was required to present its evidence at a trial or any other public forum.

Ray has since attempted to change his plea and obtain a trial.

The first batch of papers dealt with the early days of the investigation and included no mention of Ray.

But three memos identified Eric Starvo Galt as a suspect. That was an alias Ray used.

The April 8 memo from headquarters told the seven field offices to investigate members of the Klan, Minutemen and other groups "to ascertain their whereabouts at the time King was shot."

Those without an alibi would be regarded as potential suspects and their fingerprints obtained from military records or already on file with the bureau, would be checked against prints found in the rooming houses where the shot was fired, the memo indicated.

The FBI paid special attention to some members of the Klan and Minutemen because of their past activities or because informers called attention to them, the memo disclosed.

For example, an informer identified as an ex-Klansman told the FBI about a Klan member in Greenville, Miss., whom he believed capable of violence and believed possible he may have murdered King.

Another informer said that a Klan leader he met in a Savannah, Ga., bar "is an exact look-alike to the artist's conception of the suspected assassin."

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# Ray asserts he is willing to 'give facts' in King slaying

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WASHINGTON-- James Earl Ray has made an apparently conditional offer to testify before the House Select Committee on Assassinations about the 1968 killing of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

advised his client, now serving a 99-year sentence in the Brush Mountain Penitentiary at Petros, Tenn., not to testify before the committee.

A spokesman for the assassination committee said that

Ray initially pleaded guilty to the murder of Dr. King but now contends that he was "framed by the FBI and local police and then coerced by his own attorney to plead guilty against his will." This assertion and the tentative offer to testify before the House committee were made in a letter to Anthony Lewis, a columnist for The New York Times.

his staff attorneys had sought to obtain Lesar's permission to talk with his client but that "no agreement had been reached."

Lesar said that he had twice clashed with Richard A. Sprague, the committee's director and chief counsel, over the panel's attempts to interview Ray and to obtain a waiver of the attorney-client privilege from Ray so that his first group of attorneys could be questioned.

Virtually all of Ray's letters, typed on two legal-size pages, was a denunciation of a review by Lewis of a book about Ray by George McMillan, "The Making of an Assassin."

In the last paragraph of the rambling letter, Ray invited Lewis and McMillan to testify about the case and then said that he, too, would testify and "we shall let our under-oath testimony determine the facts."

Ray's unpaid lawyer, James H. Lesar, said that he had

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# Police-FBI conspiracy is alleged in King's death

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MEMPHIS--

The ugly details of an alleged police officers-FBI agents plot to kill the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. have been given the House assassinations committee, according to a Congressman.

Representative Gene Snyder (R-Ky.) identified the anonymous informant only as a retired policeman: 'I determined in my mind that he was not a kook and that he was a legitimate type citizen.'

Snyder's statement was made only days before the April 4 anniversary of King's death. The illustrious civil rights leader died when a high power rifle bullet struck his neck as he stood on the balcony of Memphis' Lorraine Motel.

Arrested for the killing was James Earl Ray, now serving a 99-year sentence. Since then, Ray has recanted his confession and, in seeking a new trial, has promised to cooperate with the assassinations committee.

Informed sources say the 'mysterious witness' is Clifton Baird, 50, who retired from the Louisville Police Department in 1975 after 27 years service.

Snyder neither agreed nor denied, but said the man has testified twice.

Snyder said he was contacted in late February by a man who claimed six police officers and several FBI agents were involved in the alleged plot.

Snyder said he listened to a copy of a tape recording the

man said he made when he allegedly was offered \$500,000 while sitting in a car to kill the late Dr. King.

'It was pretty much inaudible,' Snyder said of the copy of the tape he listened to. 'I heard some talk about King and money, enough to make me think that it needs to be looked into, that's all.'

Snyder said he met the man 'face to face', that he was

'rational' and checked out as a 'solid citizen type' by the FBI.

On Wednesday, March 30, Congress voted to extend for 21 months the committee probing King's slaying.

Crowds marched beneath the motel balcony where King was assassinated nine years ago Tuesday in a demonstration aimed at keeping alive the dream of the slain civil rights leader.

March officials had hoped as many as 5000 people would take part, but rainy weather apparently kept many away.

An estimated 800 people, most of them black, too part. The Nobel peace prize winner's death came during his second visit to Memphis during a strike by sanitation workers.

Marching eight abreast in a drizzling rain, Tuesday's crowd left from Clayborn Church on a route that took them to the motel and then downtown.

Speeches by labor and civil rights leaders such as Jerry Wurf, president of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, and Ben Hooks, incoming director of the NAACP, drew the crowd inside City Auditorium where King's dreams were relived in rhetoric.

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## Gregory book involves Hoover in conspiracy

WASHINGTON--

House Assassinations Committee investigators are exploring allegations that a black Memphis police detective was relieved from his assignment to guard Martin Luther King Jr. as part of a conspiracy involving top federal officials.

The policeman, Ed Redditt, was assigned to protect King during his 1968 trip to Memphis but was pulled off the assignment two hours before the slaying by local officials acting on advice from Washington.

Sources familiar with the current congressional investigation disclosed that House investigators have developed new and conflicting information about Redditt's transfer, even though the Justice Department had looked into the matter earlier.

Redditt's account has been cited by supporters of King's conspiracy theory of King's death as major evidence of government participation at some level. Two of the supporters, Mark Lane and Comedian Dick Gregory, will publish a

*Mark Lane*  
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book base on Redditt's case.

A witness familiar with Redditt's transfer has said that an unidentified "federal law enforcement official" flew to Memphis the day of King's assassination to warn about a threat on Redditt's life.

It was learned from this source that congressional investigators have been given information different from that supplied to the Justice Department earlier this year. The department concluded at that time that there was no evidence that the FBI had participated in a plot to assassinate the civil rights leader.

The new information involves the source of the threat on Redditt's life that prompted his superior, Frank Holloman, then Memphis police director, to remove him from a stakeout on King shortly before the assassination.

The Justice Department had concluded the threat against Redditt involved the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party, but congressional investigators have now been told that the threat came from a New Jersey group.

Acting on this threat, the source said, Holloman summoned Redditt, leaving only one patrolman to protect King's entourage at the Lorraine Motel.

Redditt was the Memphis police department's expert on King, and his familiarity with members of King's party as well as local and federal officers on the scene would have enabled him to recognize any stranger when the shot was fired.

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4. AVIS LEE BOLELL IN 071843 601 158 BLK 370 TAT UPPER R/ARM LW/OM

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AT 8:30 PM, JUNE 10, 1977, HERMAN DAVIS, ASSISTANT WARDEN, BRUSHY MOUNTAIN STATE PRISON (BMSP), PETROS, TENNESSEE, ADVISED THAT ABOVE CAPTIONED PERSONS, ALL INMATES OF BMSP, ESCAPED AT APPROXIMATELY 7:20 PM, THE SAME DATE.

SUBJECTS ESCAPED BY USING A LADDER FABRICATED OUT OF THREE QUARTER INCH PIPE MADE IN SUCH A MANNER THAT

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IT COULD BE THREADED TOGETHER ON THE SCENE. THE LADDER WAS HOOKED OVER A PORTION OF THE PRISON WALL THAT MEETS A ROCK CLIFF WHICH FORMS PART OF THE PRISON PERIMETER. THE SUBJECTS ALSO HAD TO CROSS AN ELECTRIFIED WIRE WHICH IS EMPLACED AT THE TOP OF THE WALL AND ALONG THE ROCK CLIFF.

THE SUBJECTS WERE ALL INMATES OF THE GENERAL PRISON POPULATION AND NOT CONFINED TO THE MAXIMUM SECURITY CELL BLOCK. AS MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PRISON POPULATION, THEY WERE MINGLED WITH OTHER PRISONERS WHEN THE PRISONERS WERE ALLOWED INTO THE PRISON YARD FOR SUPERVISED EXERCISE AT 6:00 PM.

TWO EVENTS OCCURRED AT THE TIME WHICH FACILITATED THE ESCAPE. THE FIRST WAS A FIGHT BETWEEN TWO PRISONERS AND THE SECOND WAS A PRISONER APPARENTLY FAKING AN INJURY. THE SUBJECTS ESCAPED WHILE THE ATTENTION OF THE GUARDS AND THE GENERAL PRISON POPULATION WAS DIRECTED TO THESE INCIDENTS.

INTERVIEW OF LARRY EUGENE MOON, INMATE NUMBER 76803, AND HARLEY WAYNE SMITH, INMATE NUMBER 76890, CONDUCTED AT 1:00 AM, JUNE 11, 1977. BOTH DENIED FIGHT WAS PREARRANGED

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AND STATED THAT THE IP FIGHT HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE PRISON BREAK.

THE OTHER INCIDENT INVOLVED ALEX FURMAN DUNN, INMATE NUMBER 78552, WHO FELL WHILE RUNNING IN FRONT OF GUARDS AND WHO APPEARED TO FAKE ANKLE INJURY ACCORDING TO GUARDS ON SCENE. DUNN BROUGHT FROM CELL AT 1:30 AM, JUNE 11, 1977, AND WAS NOTICEABLY LIMPING. HE REFUSED TO TALK TO BUREAU AGENTS STATING ANY INFORMATION THEY WANTED HAD TO BE OBTAINED FROM RECORDS OR HIS LAWYER.

THE PRISONERS ESCAPED FROM A POSITION NEAR GUARD TOWER NUMBER FOUR MANNED BY BMSP GUARD FLOYD R. HOOKS. HOOKS APPARENTLY DID NOT OBSERVE ESCAPE. EFFORTS BEING MADE TO LOCATE HOOKS FOR INTERVIEW. BMSP GUARD LINWOOD S. BUTLER, MANNING TOWER NUMBER THREE, WHICH IS LOCATED A SLIGHTLY GREATER DISTANCE FROM THE SITE OF THE ESCAPE, OBSERVED THE ACTION AND FIRED ON THE ESCAPING SUBJECTS, WOUNDING JERRY W. WARD, INMATE NUMBER 71120, WHO WAS ALSO ATTEMPTING TO ESCAPE. WARD WAS TAKEN

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TO OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE, HOSPITAL BY PRISON AUTHORITIES WHERE HE WAS TREATED FOR GUNSHOT WOUNDS TO HEAD AND ARM. WARD WAS RETURNED TO BMSP AT 11:00 PM, JUNE 10, 1977, AND REFUSED TO BE INTERVIEWED.

BMSP IS A MAXIMUM SECURITY PRISON LOCATED IN A REMOTE, RURAL MOUNTAINOUS AREA OF MORGAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE. THE PRISON IS SURROUNDED ON THREE SIDES BY HIGH, HEAVILY WOODED MOUNTAINS. THE AREA AROUND BMSP IS CURRENTLY SEALED BY PRISON GUARDS, TENNESSEE HIGHWAY PATROLMEN, AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES. BMSP TRACKING DOGS AND SEARCH PARTIES ARE CURRENTLY SEARCHING AREA. PERMANENT ROADBLOCKS WERE SET UP BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES, AND ALL ROADS ARE BEING PATROLLED BY SURROUNDING LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.

BMSP OFFICIALS BELIEVE THAT, BASED ON PREVIOUS EXPERIENCES WITH ESCAPES AND ROUTE TAKEN BY SUBJECTS, SUBJECTS ARE STILL IN THE VICINITY.

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ADDITIONAL UNUSUAL EVENT OCCURRED IN THAT BRUSHY MOUNTAIN WAS WITHOUT TELEPHONE SERVICE FOR ABOUT ONE HOUR PERIOD COMMENCING AROUND TIME OF ESCAPE.

ON JUNE 11, 1977, COMPLAINT AUTHORIZED BY ATTORNEY GENERAL GRIFFIN BELL THROUGH SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO ATTORNEY GENERAL, FREDERICK BARRON, AND PREPARED BY AUSA EDWARD E. WILSON, WAS FILED BY SA RONALD L. JOHNSON BEFORE THE HONORABLE USDJ FRANK A. KAUFMAN CHARGING THE SUBJECTS DID, IN VIOLATION OF TITLE 18, USC, SECTION 371, UNLAWFULLY, WILLFULLY, ETC., CONSPIRE, ETC., TO VIOLATE TITLE 18, USC, SECTION 1073 (UFAC - ESCAPE). IT WAS RECOMMENDED BY AUSA WILSON THAT SUBJECTS BE HELD WITHOUT BOND.

IT IS RECOMMENDED FOR ADMINISTRATIVE HANDLING OF THIS CASE THAT THIS TELETYPE BE CONSIDERED THE FIRST SERIAL OF SIX SEPARATE 88 CASES AND THAT THEREAFTER LEADS BE SET FORTH ON INDIVIDUAL OR COLLECTIVE SUBJECTS AS APPROPRIATE.



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SUBJECTS HAVE ALL BEEN CONVICTED OF FIRST DEGREE  
MURDER OR SIMILAR SERIOUS ASSAULT CHARGES AND SHOULD  
BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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