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After Chat in Jail Cell...

Dr. King's Aide to Help Ray

MEMPHIS (AP)—An aide to the slain civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King, jr., has paid a jail cell visit to James Earl Ray, King's accused killer, and says he will aid in Ray's defense. The move was backed by the Rev. Ralph David Abernathy, King's successor as head of the Southern Christian Leadership conference.

"Brother Ray has asked me to defend him and I intend to do it," the Rev. James Bevel told a meeting of about 50 ministers last night after the jail visit. Bevel said last week he is convinced Ray is innocent in the slaying of King here last April 4.

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IN ATLANTA, Abernathy said he viewed Bevel's action as a way of moving "nonviolence into a new dimension in American life." The S. C. L. C. head added, "Mr. Bevel is speaking to the real issue—namely that it is not who killed Dr. King, but what killed him."

Bevel visited Ray in the top-security cell on the third floor of the Shelby County jail, accompanied by Ray's attorney, Percy Foreman of Houston.

Sheriff William N. Morris, jr., said Bevel and Foreman were with Ray for one hour. Later Bevel discussed the case in general terms with the ministers who had been attending the general board meeting here of the National Council of churches.

Bevel said he was convinced of Ray's innocence before he



The Rev. James Bevel

met with him "and I am now even more convinced that Ray was about as capable of killing King as I am of flying to the moon."

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IN ANSWER to a question, Bevel said he had been accepted by Ray to assist in the case and that Foreman would remain chief counsel. Bevel, 32, is not a member of the bar but says he is a lawyer "by circumstances."

Foreman was not available for comment on what part Bevel would play in the case.

Asked about the arrangements for his visit with Ray, Bevel said, "I sent his (Ray's) attor-

ney a telegram, he phoned me and we went to see him."

Abernathy, in his comments, said that "America's oppressed and victimized" should come "to the aid and defense" of Ray.

He said, "If a conspiracy exists, and I believe it does, it must be fully exposed. Going beyond conspiracy, Americans must understand the broader guilt of a society which has been killing off its best young leaders."

"One man should not be made the scapegoat for this monstrous crime. The American public must have all the information about the guilt for this murder," concluded Abernathy.

At the meeting here, Bevel declared, "We are going to defend Ray. But we're not going to find out who's guilty. You'll say 'Who did it? You go find out—you're a cop. I'm a prophet.'"

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DURING the session, Bevel lashed out at nearly everyone connected with the Ray trial, the ministers and Negroes and whites in general.

"America is going to have a good lynching party—the judges and the preachers," he said. "Black folks are so intent on revenge that they are going to sleep through a lynching of a deranged man. White folks are going to stand by."

When newsmen asked what evidence he had, Bevel refused specifics. "Why would you assume that I am a fool; that I would disclose it?" he asked.

Ray is scheduled to go on trial March 3.

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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) -P-
RE: MURKIN
OO: Memphis

Re Kansas City airtel to the Director 1/22/69.

On 1/28/69 DALE L. POLLOCK advised that he is the minister of the Winnwood United Methodist Church, 4408 Northeast 45th Terrace, Kansas City, Missouri, where he also resides. He furnished the following additional information regarding HIENZ MANGER who reportedly lived for some time in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. POLLOCK advised that he lived there many years without obvious means of support but he is now, according to the German Ministry of Justice to be living in Friedberg/Hessen, Germany. MANGER reportedly was a friend of a Mr. JOHN MATTHIESEN, P.O. Box 53, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. POLLOCK also stated that HIENZ MANGER was formerly a General in the German Army. POLLOCK advised that he is aware of these things because he is a student of post German history.

POLLOCK stated that MANGER was a member of ODESSA (organization of former SS men). This organization was formed in 1947 at Strasbourg and utilizes funds remaining from the spoils of the Third Reich. The organization was responsible for the safe passage into neutral or friendly territories of high-ranking SS men. It also continues to be responsible for

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POLLOCK advised that it seemed significant to him that JAMES EARL RAY should have spent a month in Puerto Vallarta and further significant that at the time of his arrest he should have been enroute to Lisbon, Portugal, which is one of the five known headquarters of ODESSA activity. POLLOCK further stated that he knows of no positive information connecting RAY and MANGER or ODESSA. He did add that probably the world's best authority on ODESSA is SIMONE WIESENTHAL, Vienna, Austria.

When the original information in this matter was received from POLLOCK telephonically on 1/21/69 his name was obtained as DALE POLLACK. The Kansas City Office indices were negative regarding DALE POLLACK. However, on DALE L. POLLOCK, Kansas City has an Internal Security - East German file in which he is the subject, KC 105-2706. This file reveals that POLLOCK had expressed an interest in the "Democratic German Report", an East German propaganda publication. No derogatory information was obtained regarding POLLOCK in this investigation and his interest was probably due to the fact that he is a student of post World War II German history. This information was furnished to the Bureau in a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination on 9/27/68 in case entitled "DALE L. POLLOCK, IS - EG, OO: Kansas City".

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Leads in this matter to determine if RAY is in any way connected with this organization is being left to the discretion of the office of origin. Kansas City will interview Mr. and Mrs. KARL RAPP, Leawood, Kansas, for any additional information they may have.

3101 W 83rd
AA Leawood

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Rights Man Says Ray Isn't Guilty

Philadelphia (AP)—The director of the Southern Christian Leadership conference's non-violent education and direct action wing says James Earl Ray is innocent of murdering Dr. Martin Luther King, jr. But he isn't saying what evidence he has.

Yesterday, the Rev. James Bevel said, "I won't discuss the specific evidence now because it wouldn't be beneficial to James Earl Ray. But he's not guilty."

Bevel, 32, a former liaison officer between S. C. L. C. and militant Negro groups, sent a telegram to Ray Saturday which read:

"I would like to inform you that I would be very happy to take your case without fee. I was present on April 4 at the Lorraine motel when Dr. King died—you have been accused of murdering him. Of course, I know you are not guilty."

King, who headed the S. C. L. C., was shot to death in Memphis April 4. Ray was arrested in London following an intensive manhunt and extradited to Memphis where he faces trial beginning March 3.

Bevel said he didn't reveal his alleged information sooner because "I hadn't been responsive to him."

"But then I thought, 'Here's a man sitting here that shouldn't be here.'"

Bevel said he would continue to be "very good and warm" toward Ray even if Ray decides not to accept his services.

Bevel is not a bar member, but a lawyer "by circumstances." A native of Itta Bena, Miss., he has represented himself several times in civil rights cases in Mississippi.

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To: SAC, Kansas City (44-760)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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Re Kansas City airtel dated 1-22-69.

Referenced communication incorporated an interview with one Wilbur O. Morton who is incarcerated at the Kansas State Penitentiary. Morton advised that a person who he refuses to identify allegedly has information concerning James Earl Ray and the killing of Martin Luther King, Jr.

When the Agents "bluntly" asked Morton what he wanted for information which he possesses, he indicated that he desired the Agents' intercede with the local Judge on the local charge against him. Morton was then advised that his proposal would be brought to the Agents' supervisor's attention and if additional facts were desired, Morton would be recontacted.

It is incumbent upon you to insure that Morton fully understands that the FBI cannot be a bargaining agent between him and any tribunal nor can the FBI act as an intermediary between Morton and any other individual in such a matter as this. The Bureau should not be put in a position for any individual to be able to state at a later date that such a proposal was taken under consideration by the Bureau.

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Winnwood United Methodist Church

4408 N. E. 45TH TERRACE
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI 64117

January 23, 1969

Federal Bureau of Investigation
811 Grand Avenue
Kansas City, Missouri 64106

Dear Sirs:

This is in reference to the telephone call I made to you on Monday, February 20 concerning the whereabouts of James Earl Ray while a fugitive from justice following his alleged murder of Dr. Martin Luther King.

On page 7D of a special supplement of the January 12th edition of the Kansas City Star it was reported that Ray spent a month in Puerto, Vallarta. This caught my attention inasmuch as I am aware that certain contacts of an international organization known as ODESSA have frequented that city.

A Mr. John Matthiesen, P.O. Box 53, Puerto, Vallarta was a friend of General Hienz Manger who spent some years there, but is now reported by the German Ministry of Justice to be living in Friedberg/Hessen. Manger lived for sometime in Puerto, Vallarta without obvious means of support.

ODESSA was formed in 1947 at Strasbourg and utilizes funds remaining from the spoils of the Third Reich. This organization (Organization of former SS men) was responsible for the safe passage into neutral or friendly territories of high ranking SS men. It also continues to be responsible for financing extreme Nationalist and Right Wing activities throughout the world. For example, at a meeting in Milan, Italy a large reward was offered for the murder of Simon Wiesenthal, the man who tracked down Adolf Eichmann in Buenos Aires. At such times as meetings of this organization are held, it is known that travel arrangements and lodging are paid for from ODESSA funds, estimates of which run into the hundreds of millions of dollars. A portion of its treasure is reportedly still buried in the Toeplitzsee near Salzburg in Austria. Another significant activity of ODESSA was the financing of the military coup of Juan Peron in Argentina.

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"SERVING CHRIST AND COMMUNITY IN THE NORTHLAND AREA"

It seemed significant to me that James Earl Ray should have spent a month in Puerto, Vallarta and further significant that at the time of his arrest he should have been enroute to Lisbon, Portugal, which is one of five known headquarters of ODESSA activity. For further information, I am at your service. Probably the worlds best authority on ODESSA is Simon Wiesenthal, Vienna.

Sincerely yours,

Dale L. Pollock

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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) P

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Re Kansas City airtel to Director, 1/30/69.

On 2/6/69, DALE L. POLLOCK, Minister, Windwood United Methodist Church, Kansas City, Mo. furnished three page history of an organization called Odessa. Xerox copies are attached. POLLOCK advised that he is furnishing the Bureau this information because of the coincidence of a member of Odessa, a HEINZ MANGER being in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico at approximately the same time as JAMES EARL RAY. Also RAY was in Lisbon Portugal where one of the headquarters of Odessa is reportedly located. POLLOCK stated that he is a student of Post World War II German history and corresponds with people in Germany re Odessa. He again stated that a painting given to Mr. and Mrs. KARL RAPP, Leawood, Ks. by HEINZ MANGER when they were in Puerto Vallarta was signed by MANGER. POLLOCK stated that MANGER did not do this painting, he bought it from a street vendor, however he signed it for the RAPPs. POLLOCK advised that he bought the painting from the RAPPs, made photographic copies of the signature thereon and sent them to the Ministry of Justice in West Germany and also to the CIA in order to verify the fact that HEINZ MANGER is the same individual that was a former SS General.

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The Kansas City Office has been attempting to interview Mr. and Mrs. KARL RAPP, Leawood, Kansas, however they have recently moved from their address at 3101 W. 83rd Street and a new address is not as yet known. He has an office at 208 Nichols Road, Kansas City, Missouri, which is closed at this time and the neighbors feel he may be away on vacation, but could furnish no additional information.

Kansas City will continue efforts to locate and interview the RAPPs to determine the exact date they were in Puerto Vallarta, any additional information they may have re HEINZ MANGER, Odessa or JAMES EARL RAY.

Any other leads in this matter being left to the discretion of the OO, or Bureau.

ODESSA - Organisation der SS-Angehörigen (Organization of SS Members)

The Organization: formed in 1947, initially to provide escape facilities and monies for former SS men fleeing prosecution in Germany. It established escape routes which converged at Memmingen in the Allgäu (Bavaria), a secluded, heavily wooded area adjacent to the borders of Austria and Switzerland. At Memmingen routes branched off in two (2) directions, one to Lindau on Lake Constance; the other to Innsbruck and across the Brenner Pass to Italy. In 1947 an "export-import" company was set up in Lindau with representatives in Cairo and Damascus. Much of this early activity with escapees was managed by a German traveling on a Syrian passport and calling himself Haddad Said. His actual identity is (former) Hapsturmführer Franz Röstel, one of ODESSA's main organizers. Röstel now commutes between a German settlement in Uruguay and Spain's Costa Brava where many former SS leaders have vacation homes. ODESSA maintains valuable connections with and, in most cases, officials within certain South American governments as well as Spain, Egypt, Syria, Portugal.

Funding: A secret meeting was held 10 August 1944 at the Hotel Maison Rouge in Strasbourg and among those in attendance were: Emil Kirdorf, coal industrialist, Kurt von Schroeder, Köln (Cologne) banker, Fritz Thyssen, steel industrialist, Georg von Schnitzler, I. G. Farben complex, and Krupp von Bohlen of Krupp Works. These industrialists, all of whom had heavily supported Hitler, were convinced by this point (Aug., 1944) that Hitler would ultimately be defeated. Their interest was in making long range plans for safeguarding assets from Allied confiscation. At this point large-scale transfers of looted property and funds were made to neutral and non-belligerent countries. A U.S. Treasury Department report in 1946 reported that 750 companies had already been set up by Germans, with German money, in the following distribution: 112 in Spain, 58 in Portugal, 35 in Turkey, 98 in Argentina, 214 in Switzerland, and 233 in various other countries. The list is far from complete.

Purpose: According to Simon Wiesenthal, the world's foremost expert on ODESSA activity has said, "...before the war ended the Nazis set up large, hidden funds for the building of a Fourth Reich." Papers from the organizational meeting in Strasbourg now in U. S. Army hands, the following statement was recorded in the minutes: "Germany has already lost ... From now on Germany's industry must prepare for the economic postwar campaign. Every industrialist must seek contacts with firms abroad, each for himself, without creating attention. And that is not all. We must be ready to finance the Nazi Party, which will be forced to go underground for some time."

Activities: (among others) financing Nazi escapees and families of SS men, (2) financing prominent lawyers to defend men accused of SS crimes whereas

most of these defendants have no apparent source of income, (3) organization of a massive legal-aid effort for German war criminals released to Germany by Russia in 1955. After their arrival from the Soviet Union at Camp Friedland, near Göttingen, they received the names and addresses of West German lawyers and were ordered to report to them, (4) finances certain German publishers who prepare massive printings of neo-Nazi propaganda literature, (5) finances meetings of former Nazis throughout the world. One took place in 1966 in Milan. The participants arrived from all over the world with their travel and hotel expenses paid, (6) financing of subversive activities of neo-Nazi groups in several countries.

Example of ODESSA Wealth: While this is only one example of ODESSA's treasure, it is significant. In the village of Altaussee (Austria) centered in what Hitler called the Alpenfestung (Alpine Fortress), where a last heroic stand against invading Allies had been planned, Gestapo Chief Ernst Kaltenbrunner moved at Christmas-time, 1944. Some hospitals were built in the area and transportation of Reich treasures was begun, these deliveries being made to the hospitals (which had no patients) in the Altaussee region by Red Cross ambulance. After March, 1945, the SS began a methodical listing of assets transported to Altaussee. One list fell into Allied hands concerning the shipments made by Kaltenbrunner from Berlin to Altaussee. The following items are listed:

- 50 kilograms of gold bars
- 50 cases of gold coins and gold articles, each case weighing 100 pounds
- 2 million American dollars
- 150 million pounds in English banknotes
- 2 million Swiss francs
- 5 cases, 100 lb. each, filled with diamonds and precious stones
- 1 stamp collection, valued at 5 million gold marks

This and hundreds of other shipments were buried around Altaussee or thrown in Töplitzsee, a nearby lake. Adolf Eichmann lived in Altaussee before fleeing to Brazil. It is known that he took 8 cases of treasure with him. As late as 1963 diving operations were observed at Töplitzsee. The Austrian government finally (in 1963) conducted its own investigation into the lake and found several cases of English banknotes. Experts estimate the total initial wealth of ODESSA at between \$750 million and \$1 billion.

Examples of Movement by Better-Known ODESSA Personnel: Heinz Mengele, research physician at Auschwitz, who specialized in experiments with children's eyes, attempting to change eye-colors to blue by injection of special dyes. Charged with murdering hundreds of children personally and in most painful ways. In 1954 Mengele was discovered (details on request) in Argentina where he was practicing medicine in Buenos Aires. Mengele was informed by his family in Freiburg (Germany) that a warrant for his arrest had been issued. He fled to Paraguay and was immediately granted Paraguayan citizenship (27 Nov. 1959 by

governmental decree #809, using the name Jose Mengele). After a brief return to Argentina he went to Bariloche on the Chilean frontier. He then went to Alexandria, Egypt where (former) Obersturmbannführer Schwarz, who manages the ODESSA affairs in Egypt, rented a yacht and took Mengele to the Greek island of Kythnos, near Crete. He then was taken to Barcelona, made a visit back to Günzburg in Germany, took up residence in 1962 at Fulgencio Morena 507 in Asuncion, Paraguay, and finally moved to the estate of Alban Krug near Encarnacion, Paraguay, near the Brazilian border. Today he lives in the restricted military zone between Puerto San Vicente on the Asuncion-Sao Paulo highway; between the highway and the fortress of Carlos Antonio Lopez on the Parana River. He is not far away from the residence of the world's most wanted war criminal, Martin Bormann, who lives in an impregnable fortress at Kolonie Waldner 555, Parana, Brazil.

Some Observations: ODESSA is the sort of organization which, because of the political philosophy of its members, would see profit in chaos and confusion in democratic countries. Its members still dream, however imprudently, of a return of German superiority in world affairs. This is best accomplished when it appears that democratic institutions lack the internal controls to survive, i. e., civil disobedience, riots, race wars, etc. But most importantly, it has the resources to finance most any undertaking. An organization which offered \$100,000. to anyone who would murder Simon Wiesenthal, the man who tracked down Adolf Eichmann in Buenos Aires, is capable of at least equally unfortunate interventions in other situations.

About the Africa Question: The Nazis and the Arabs have always gotten along well. Today, in the Nigeria/Biafra War, Egyptian military personnel, particularly pilots, are participating in the Nigerian Army's battle with the secessionist Biafrans. ODESSA members are known to have been in Addis Abbaba, Ethiopia. They are throughout Egypt and the Arab countries of the Middle East. They might very well find a profitable gain in influence and, perhaps, territory by financing intrigues and insurrections in sub-Saharan Africa. Their presence is very much felt in the Republic of South Africa where many government officials are former SS men. Certainly an expansion of South Africa's and Rhodesia's apartheid racial policy would be in the interests of men dedicated in mind and money to the creation of totalitarian states.



Dale L. Pollock

2/10/69

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM : SAC, SACRAMENTO (100-427)
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CIVIL RIGHTS

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He further advised that he saw a newspaper article in the paper a few weeks ago, which related to the shooting of two men in Kansas City. He advised that the last names of the two men who were killed were MILLER and JOHNSON. He advised that MILLER was the owner of a car rental agency, and that MILLER was an ex-con who also served time with JAMES EARL RAY. He advised that MILLER and RAY were rather close while in prison.

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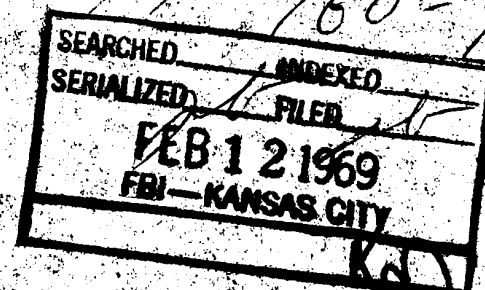
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		CHARACTER OF CASE ITSP	

Title is changed to include alias Frederick Alexander Michelson as shown on subject's FBI Identification Record.

REFERENCE: Kansas City report of SA WEETER S. POND 1/15/69.

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TO THE BUREAU

Three copies of Parole Report and one Disposition Sheet.

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Case pending over one (1) year - YES

Prosecution pending over six (6) months - YES

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KANSAS CITY

AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI. Will maintain contact with U. S. Marshal, Topeka, Kansas, and local authorities, Liberty, Missouri, and set forth lead to interview subject in MURKIN case after he is transported to a Federal Institution.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

As set forth in details of Kansas City report of SA WEETER S. POND, 10/18/68, MICHAELSON on 10/2/68 indicated he had information concerning the assassination of JOHN F. KENNEDY on 11/22/63; of MARTIN LUTHER KING on 4/3/68; and of the subsequent "shocking news of ROBERT KENNEDY." His information "goes to the scale of great national importance." While he realized the information had been held too long he refused to discuss it while confined in the county jail. He indicated a full disclosure will be made if and when he is removed from the jail and placed in a penitentiary or hospital where he might receive treatment for his nervous stomach.

The above information has been furnished to Memphis and it was noted that MICHAELSON has made claims of being psychotic, however, he was incarcerated at the Missouri State Penitentiary from 6/25/65 to 8/26/66 and both MICHAELSON and JAMES EARL RAY were there at the same time.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Title: FRED ALEXANDER MICHAELSON

Character: INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN PROPERTY

Synopsis: Subject was fingerprinted 11/14/68 by USM Topeka, Ks., as FREDERICK ALEXANDER MICHELSON. He appeared with court appointed counsel on 1/31/69 in USDC, Kansas City, Ks. In connection with his plea of guilty in the same court on 12/16/68 to counts 1, 2, and 3 of the indictment he was sentenced to the custody of the Attorney General to a period of 6 years on each count with each to run concurrent for a total of 6 years for violation Title 18, Section 2314, USC.

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DETAILSAT KANSAS CITY, KANSAS

On January 24, 1969, Mr. BOB G. LISENBEE, Deputy, U.S. Marshal, Topeka, Kansas, advised that on November 14, 1968, subject was fingerprinted as FREDERICK ALEXANDER MICHELSON, U.S. Marshal Topeka, Kansas, number 0160-3471. Subject was scheduled for sentencing in U.S. District Court, Kansas City, Kansas, on or about January 31, 1969.

On February 6, 1969, Mr. THOMAS E. JOYCE, Assistant United States Attorney, Kansas City, Kansas furnished the following information:

KC 87-21205
WBP:csd

Subject as FREDERICK ALEXANDER MICHELSON appeared with his court appointed counsel on January 31, 1969, in U.S. District Court, Kansas City, Kansas. In connection with subject's previous guilty plea in the same court on December 16, 1968, to counts one, two, and three of the indictment he was sentenced by Judge ARTHUR J. STANLEY, JR., to serve six years in the custody of the Attorney General on each count to run concurrent for a total of six years.

On February 7, 1969, Mr. VANCE W. COLLINS, U.S. Marshal, Topeka, Kansas, telephonically advised that subject was brought into U.S. District Court, Kansas City, Kansas, by writ and subsequent to sentence he was returned on the writ to Clay County Jail, Liberty, Missouri, with a detainer. It is anticipated the local charges will be dismissed and then subject will be removed to a Federal penitentiary.

BY 27/69

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) P
SUBJECT: MURKIN

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The Bureau and Memphis are requested to attempt to ascertain the location of the original fingerprint card so Mr. LAUF can be advised.

Mr. LAUF also stated that the attorney for RAY has contacted MSP officials and indicated that he will travel to Jefferson City, Missouri, in the near future to confer with officials at the penitentiary and review files concerning RAY.

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Date: 2/18/69

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

All offices receiving copies of this airtel should note that the trial in instant case has been postponed from March 3, 1969, until April 7, 1969, in Division III of the Shelby County Criminal Court, Memphis, Tenn. In the event you receive inquiries from any witnesses who have been previously subpoenaed, you should advise them that their testimony will still be desired for the new trial on 4/7/69. If they have any need for further details, they should correspond directly with Attorney General PHIL A. CANALE, Shelby County Courthouse, Memphis, Tennessee.

The Bureau is requested to advise Legats London, Paris, and Ottawa of the postponement in order that they may be able to answer any inquiries from persons in their areas who may have been subpoenaed.

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Approved: R. G. Jensen
 Special Agent in Charge

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M. J. P. R. P.
 Pls advise witnesses

ME 44-1987

In view of plans being laid throughout the country for the observance of 4/4/69 as a memorial observance for MARTIN LUTHER KING, it is suggested that the Bureau consider requesting all offices to advise Memphis of any information they may receive which would indicate that militant groups or individuals plan to come to Memphis on 4/4/69 and who may remain to demonstrate or otherwise disrupt subject's trial on 4/7/69.

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2/28/69

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FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) P
SUBJECT: MURKIN

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At this point MORTON stated he had been before the local state court and had been given an additional 10 to 20 years for his part in a local armed robbery, therefore, he had no need of assistance at this point.

MORTON was queried again as to the identity of any person who might have pertinent information in this case. He declined to identify the person supposedly having information about comments by RAY while in the Missouri State Penitentiary. MORTON then suggested some inquiry might be made at the Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, concerning HAROLD HENNINGER and if his background appeared "interesting" consideration be given to interview him as to his knowledge of RAY while the latter was an inmate at Missouri State Penitentiary.

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LEADS:

KANSAS CITY

AT LAWRENCE, KANSAS

Will at the state penitentiary attempt to identify and interview inmate HAROLD HENINGER regarding any information he may have of JAMES EARL RAY.

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI

Will review records at Missouri State Penitentiary to determine if an inmate was confined there by the name of HAROLD HENINGER at the same time as JAMES EARL RAY.

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LEADS:

KANSAS CITY

AT LAWSON, KANSAS

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LEADS:

KANSAS CITY

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3/5/69

AIRTEL

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) P

MURKIN

Enclosed for Memphis is one copy each of airtel from Oklahoma City to Jackson dated 3/29/65 and airtel from Jackson to the Bureau dated 4/22/65.

These are being furnished in the event this information has not been made available to the Memphis Office and inasmuch as they may wish to give consideration to it in connection with this investigation.

Pertinent information in the Oklahoma City airtel appears in the paragraph marked "A" on page 1.

It is to be noted that the information appearing in the paragraph after that is obviously incorrect according to information appearing in the file of JOHN GIBSON DILLON (Deceased), former IO 3499A.

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Airtel

To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

ReKCAirtel 2/27/69.

The Department has advised that the original fingerprint card of James Earl Ray received from Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) in connection with the extradition of Ray from England to the United States was forwarded to Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, on 8/30/68, by United States Department of State.

Memphis should bring request of MSP officials to the attention of Mr. Canale. Keep the Bureau and Kansas City advised of this matter.

Kansas City should bring the above to the attention of MSP officials.

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SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

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SAC, Kansas City (44-760) (P)

MURKIN

Re Kansas City letter to Memphis, 10/4/68, captioned as above, and Kansas City report of SA WEETER S. POND, 2/10/69, captioned "FRED ALEXANDER MICHAELSON, aka, ITSP."

For information of Memphis, MICHAELSON was transported 2/27/69 to the U. S. Penitentiary, Terre Haute, Indiana.

For information of Indianapolis, MICHAELSON as FRED ALEXANDER MICHELSON appeared in U. S. District Court, Kansas City, Ks., on 1/31/69 and was sentenced to serve six years custody of the Attorney General on each of three counts of an indictment charging violations Section 2384, Title 18, U. S. Code. The sentences are concurrent.

He was confined in the Clay County Jail, Liberty, Missouri, since 7/27/67, on local charges inasmuch as his trial had been continued on several occasions because of his insistence in changing lawyers. He was removed by writ for the Federal charges, and subsequently the local charges were dismissed in view of the Federal sentence.

MICHAELSON was interviewed in jail at Liberty, Mo., on 10/2/68, upon his request, and stated he had written several letters to the Case Agent, but they had been returned because of improper addresses. He claimed to have vital information concerning the assassinations of JOHN F. KENNEDY on 11/22/63, MARTIN LUTHER KING on 4/3/68, and ROBERT KENNEDY. His information would go "to the scale of great national importance." He realized the information had been held much too long, but he refused

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Information had been previously furnished by the jailer that several prisoners had commented that MICHAELSON had claimed to be psychic in making predictions of such things as aircraft disasters. It had been claimed that such predictions could not be made unless he had the use of a ballpoint pen, and such pens were not available to him while in jail.

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In view of the above information and the fact MICHAELSON desired to enter guilty pleas to Federal charges, the AUSA, District of Kansas, issued a writ and had MICHAELSON removed to Federal custody for sentencing as stated above. Prior to sentencing, MICHAELSON was found by the court to be mentally competent.

LEAD

INDIANAPOLIS

AT TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA:

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SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

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SAC, Kansas City (44-760) (P)

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(OO Memphis)

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Enclosed for Kansas City is the fingerprint card of the subject RAY which had been forwarded to District Attorney General PHIL M. CANALE by persons in the U. S. Department of State. Mr. CANALE stated he has no use for this card and desires that it be returned to the MSP.

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*Original fingerprint card
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Mr. Harry Lauf, MSP
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, (44-760)

DATE: 3-11-69

FROM : IC WILLIAM C. MCDONALD

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Memphis airtel to Director dated 3-5-69.

On 3-11-69, the fingerprint card of JAMES EARL RAY was returned to Mr. HARRY LAUF, Records Officer, Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-760) P

DATE: 3/13/69

FROM : IC WILLIAM C. MC DONALD

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Kansas City airtel to Director 2/28/69.

On 3/5/69 HARRY LAUF, Records Officer, Missouri State Penitentiary, advised that HAROLD HEMINGER, MSP #11543, was confined at the Missouri State Penitentiary from 1/20/66 on a charge of assault with intent to kill and was discharged on 9/1/67. Mr. LAUF advised that this confinement would be during the time that ~~RAY~~ was at the Penitentiary.

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AIRTEL

To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)
From: Director, FBI (44-38861)
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For information of Offices receiving this communication, James Earl Ray on March 10, 1969, in Shelby County Criminal Court, Memphis, Tennessee, entered a plea of guilty to the state charge of murder in connection with the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., and was sentenced to a term of imprisonment for 99 years.

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RAY FILES FOR A SECOND TRIAL

Admitted Slayer of Dr. Martin Luther King Enters Motion

Memphis (AP)—A motion for a new trial for James Earl Ray, admitted slayer of Dr. Martin Luther King, jr., was filed today in Shelby County Criminal Court.

No date for a hearing was set. The motion was signed by Ray and his attorneys, J. B. Stoner, Robert W. Hill and Richard Ryan.

Ray pleaded guilty March 10 to killing King and was sentenced to 99 years in the state penitentiary. He since has said he was pressured into the plea—which basically is the contention in the motion filed today—and wants a trial.

The motion was filed in the court of Judge Arthur Faquin, jr., who was named to succeed the late Judge W. Preston Battle in the Ray case.

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New Judge Named in Ray Case

Memphis, Tenn. (AP)—Judge Arthur C. Faquin, jr., of criminal court was named today to succeed the late Judge W. Preston Battle as the presiding judge in the James Earl Ray case.

The announcement was made following a meeting of the four remaining Criminal court judges.

Moving up as the presiding judge in the case. Judge Faquin will conduct all post-trial hearings, including Ray's request for a new trial in the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King, jr.

The announcement came a short time after Ray hired his third defense lawyer in an effort to win the new trial.

Harry S. Avery, state corrections commissioner, said today Richard J. Ryan of Memphis, previously turned away by prison officials, has been hired by Ray to represent him in criminal matters. There was no word when Ryan might seek to visit Ray again.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

DATE: 4/1/69

FROM : SAC, BUTTE (173-2) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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OO: Memphis

On 3/25/69, MORRIS R. McCARVER (protect identity), who has furnished insufficient information to determine his reliability, contacted the Butte Division and indicated he had some information concerning JAMES EARL RAY, which he wanted to furnish. McCARVER was contacted personally in Blackfoot, Idaho, and interviewed. He stated at the outset of the interview that he had been drinking considerably, but that it was only after several drinks that he could build enough courage to contact the FBI. He stated he was furnishing this information for whatever it was worth to the FBI and pointed out that if the information was traced back to him, his life would not be "worth a plugged nickel."

McCARVER advised that in 1951, he spent six months in the Arkansas State Prison for involuntary manslaughter.

In 1951, Mr. CHERRY was Governor of the State of Arkansas and ORVAL FAUBAUS was his Lt. Governor. Later, FAUBAUS became Governor and actually ALBERT TALMAGE and GEORGE WALLACE financed FAUBAUS in his political aspirations. An appointee of FAUBAUS to the State Alcohol Tax Department was ROLO FITCH (phonetic).

McCARVER stated that (FNU) FULMER was a State Representative from Eureka Springs, Arkansas, area. In 1953, GERDON WHITNER (phonetic), a cousin of McCARVER's and a "political hack" in northwest Arkansas, who at that time was working as a guard on the dam project on the White River below Gateway, Missouri, approached McCARVER and offered

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