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TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR (100-106670)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; BUDED AUGUST 9, 1976.

REBUTEL TO ALL SACS JULY 28, 1976.

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.

IT IS NOTED THAT THIS FIRST PAGE SHOULD CONTAIN THE FIELD OFFICE SERIAL NUMBER IN ORDER THAT THE DEPARTMENT CAN MAKE A COMPLETE CHRONOLOGICAL ACCOUNTING OF EACH FIELD OFFICE SERIAL.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)
(ATTN: DEPUTY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR INGRAM,
INTELLIGENCE DIVISION)

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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Re Bureau teletype to all offices 7/30/76.

Enclosed are Volumes I, II and III and the 1A
Section of Knoxville file captioned "MURKIN" per instruc-
tions set forth in referenced teletype.

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FROM DIRECTOR

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW; COST DATA

REBUTEL JULY 29, 1976. IN ORDER THAT COSTS INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH THIS MATTER MAY BE COMPILED, YOU ARE REQUESTED TO FURNISH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

1. MANPOWER: THE NAME, GRADE AND SALARY STEP, AND HOURS SPENT, BOTH REGULAR AND OVERTIME, BY EACH EMPLOYEE WHO WORKED ON THIS MATTER.

2. UNUSUAL COSTS: ANY UNUSUAL OR OUT-OF-THE-ORDINARY COSTS. THESE COSTS SHOULD BE ITEMIZED AND THE COST OF EACH ITEM SHOWN SEPARATELY.

ALL REPORTS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE BUREAU, ATTENTION BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION, FINANCE AND PERSONNEL DIVISION. THE FIRST REPORT FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH AUGUST 31, 1976, AND FOR EACH MONTH THEREAFTER SHOULD REACH THE BUREAU BY THE FIFTH WORKDAY OF EACH MONTH.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.;
DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW; COST DATA

Re Butel 8/6/76.

Following is information requested in retel:

1. Manpower:

JANE F. SNYDER, GS-9, Step 9	Hours spent: 1
D. CHARLES KING, GS-5, Step 9	Hours spent: 6
JOAN WEBSTER, GS-5, Step 5	Hours spent: 15 minutes
PAUL U. SHETTERLY, GS-4, Step 5	Hours spent: 8
SA HOWARD A. MCKAMEY, GS-13, Step 8	Hours spent: 2

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RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW
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- For information Retention optional For appropriate action Surep, by _____
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- Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA _____ dated _____.

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TO DATE THIS OFFICE HAS NOT RECEIVED A TABULATION OF TIME SPENT BY YOUR OFFICE RE ABOVE FOR MONTH OF AUGUST, 1976.

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Date 9/13/76

RE: **MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**
DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW
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REMARKS: **Re Bureau routing slip 9/9/76 and
Knoxville letter to Bureau 9/1/76,
captioned as above.**

**Information requested in routing slip
of 9/9/76 was set forth in Knoxville letter
to the Bureau dated 9/1/76.**


SAC HAROLD C. SWANSON

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FM DIRECTOR (100-106670)

TO ALL SACS ROUTINE

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E F T O

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

BUDED OCTOBER 26, 1976

REFERENCE BUREAU TELETYPES TO ALL OFFICES DATED JULY 28, 1976 AND JULY 30, 1976 WHICH PROVIDED BACKGROUND MATERIAL REGARDING REVIEW OF OUR KING INVESTIGATIONS CURRENTLY BEING CONDUCTED BY THE OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (OPR) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. TELETYPES ALSO PROVIDED INSTRUCTIONS FOR CERTAIN FIELD OFFICES TO FURNISH TO FBIHQ A COPY OF ALL SERIALS CONTAINED IN THE KING ASSASSINATION FILE CAPTIONED, "MURKIN".

PURPOSE OF THIS TELETYPE IS TO INSTRUCT MAJORITY OF FIELD OFFICES TO REPRODUCE AND SEND TO FBIHQ KING AND RELATED SECURITY FILES FOR REVIEW BY THE OPR TASK FORCE.

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THE TASK FORCE DESIRES TO REVIEW FIELD OFFICE FILES AND SUBFILES IN THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATIONS: (1) MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM-C, BUFILE 100-106670; (2) COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, IS-C, BUFILE 100-438794; (3) COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS (CIRM), BUFILE 100-442529; (4) CPUSA - NEGRO QUESTION, BUFILE 100-3-116; (5) STANLEY DAVID LEVISON, SM-C, BUFILE 100-392452.

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IT IS NOTED THAT EACH FIELD OFFICE PROVIDED A COMPLETE INVENTORY OF THE ABOVE FILES IN RESPONSE TO FBIHQ TELETYPE TO ALL OFFICES DATED DECEMBER 9, 1975 CAPTIONED, "MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR".

THE BELOW INSTRUCTIONS DO NOT APPLY TO ATLANTA AND CHICAGO BECAUSE TASK FORCE PERSONNEL HAVE PARTIALLY REVIEWED FILES OF THESE OFFICES AND PLAN TO RETURN THERE IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO COMPLETE REVIEW.

THE BELOW INSTRUCTIONS DO NOT APPLY TO NEW YORK AND BALTIMORE BECAUSE TASK FORCE PERSONNEL PLAN TRAVEL TO THESE OFFICES IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO REVIEW ALL ABOVE FILES.

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BIRMINGHAM, CHARLOTTE, KANSAS CITY, LOS ANGELES, MEMPHIS,
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SPRINGFIELD AND WASHINGTON FIELD DISREGARD BELOW INSTRUCTIONS SINCE
OPR REVIEW OF YOUR KING RELATED FILES HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

SAN JUAN DISREGARD BELOW INSTRUCTIONS SINCE YOUR FILE
INVENTORY RESPONSE SHOWS YOUR OFFICE HAS NO SECURITY FILES
RELATING TO KING.

ALL OTHER RECIPIENTS FURNISH FBIHQ ONE XEROX COPY OF EACH
SERIAL CONTAINED IN THE ABOVE SPECIFIED FILES.

IT WILL BE NECESSARY ONLY TO XEROX THE FIRST PAGE OF
ANY DOCUMENT IN YOUR FILES IF A COPY OF THAT DOCUMENT HAS BEEN
SUBMITTED TO FBIHQ. THIS WILL INCLUDE DOCUMENTS ORIGINATING
IN YOUR OFFICE AND THOSE RECEIVED FROM OTHER FIELD DIVISIONS.
IT IS NOTED THAT THIS FIRST PAGE SHOULD CONTAIN THE FIELD OFFICE
SERIAL IN ORDER THAT THE DEPARTMENT CAN MAKE A COMPLETE CHRONO-
LOGICAL ACCOUNTING OF EACH FIELD OFFICE SERIAL. ANY DOCUMENTS
IN YOUR FILES, COPIES OF WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN SUBMITTED TO FBIHQ,
MUST BE REPRODUCED IN THEIR ENTIRETY AND FORWARDED TO FBIHQ.

IF ANY FILE CONTAINS PHOTOGRAPHS, EXHIBITS, OR OTHER

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ITEMS WHICH CANNOT BE XEROXED, A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF EACH
ITEM AND LOCATION SHOULD BE SET FORTH IN COMMUNICATIONS
TRANSMITTING DESIRED DOCUMENTS TO FBIHQ.

WITH RESPECT TO FILES CONCERNING CIRM AND CPUSA - NEGRO
QUESTION, THE OPR TASK FORCE HAS AGREED TO A CUTOFF YEAR OF
1960. THEREFORE, NO SERIAL IN THESE FILES DATED PRIOR TO
JANUARY 1960 NEED BE SUBMITTED. THIS CUTOFF DATE DOES NOT
APPLY TO INVESTIGATIVE FILES CONCERNING KING, SCLC AND
LEVISON.

IT IS REQUESTED THIS MATERIAL DESIRED BY THE TASK FORCE
BE PROCESSED AND MAILED TO REACH FBIHQ BY OCTOBER 26, 1976.
THE MATERIAL SHOULD BE SENT BY REGISTERED MAIL, ATTENTION
DEPUTY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR JAMES O. INGRAM, GENERAL INVESTI-
GATIVE DIVISION.

SINCE THE DEPARTMENT TASK FORCE MUST SEE EVERY SERIAL
IN OUR INVESTIGATION OF KING AT FBIHQ AND IN THE FIELD, IT
IS ECONOMICALLY BENEFICIAL TO THE GOVERNMENT TO REPRODUCE AND
MAIL THESE DOCUMENTS RATHER THAN HAVING TASK FORCE PERSONNEL
TRAVEL TO ALL FIELD OFFICES. ABOVE MENTIONED OFFICES TO BE
VISITED IN THE FUTURE BY THE TASK FORCE WILL BE FURNISHED
TRAVEL INFORMATION AT A LATER DATE.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)
(ATTN: Deputy Assistant Director
JAMES O. INGRAM
General Investigative Division)

FROM : SAC, KNOXVILLE (100-3550) (RUC)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
BUDED 10/26/76
SM-C

DATE: 10/12/76

Re Butel 10/5/76.

Enclosed to Bureau are 237 enclosures per instructions set forth in retel.

In retel each office to submit Xerox copies of communications of various files for review by Office of Professional Responsibility.

1. MARTIN LUTHER KING; SM-C; BUFILE: 100-106670; Knoxville file 100-3550; One volume; 19 serials
2. Communist Infiltration of Southern Christian Leadership Conference; IS-C; BUFILE: 100-438794; Knoxville file 100-136; Four volumes; 98 serials
3. Communist Influence in Racial Matters (CIRM); BUFILE: 100-442529; Knoxville file 100-3520; Three volumes; 97 serials
4. CDUSA - Negro Question; BUFILE: 100-3-166; Knoxville file 100-2381; One volume; Serials 10-32 1960 to present; 23 serials
5. STANLEY DAVID LEVISON; SM-C; BUFILE: 100-392452 - No main file Knoxville Division.

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ASAC ROBERT T. KELLY	GS-15-Step 3	30 minutes
JANE F. SNYDER	GS-8-Step 10	1 hour
WILLIAM T. BECKLER	GS-5-Step 10	4 hours
LETITIA D. JOHNSON	GS-4-Step 1	1 hour
KAREN J. JULIAN	GS-4-Step 4	30 minutes

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FBI Probed Klan, Minutemen After Assassination of King

WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI 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 any 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 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. The artist's sketch of the suspect had been widely published in newspapers.

Agents also focused on Byron Beckwith, who had been arrested for the 1963 murder of Civil Rights leader Medgar Evers in Mississippi. Beckwith was tried twice but neither jury was able to reach a verdict.

As for the Minutemen, the Boston field office reported that an unnamed informer said the right-wing group "had a general plan to foment civil strife by killing Negro leaders, Martin Luther King, Rap Brown and Stokely Carmichael and therefore, seize power in the confusion. No specific timetable was set."

the same backward motion seen in the film of the Kennedy assassination.

That motion was the result of a jet recoil effect caused by the explosion of the entire right front of Kennedy's head, Lattimer told a National Press Club luncheon.

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS

REFERENCE BUREAU TELETYPE NOVEMBER 24, 1976.

REFERENCED BUREAU TELETYPE SET FORTH THE FACT THAT THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSC) HAS BEEN CREATED BY THE NINETY-FOURTH CONGRESS TO INVESTIGATE THE DEATHS OF JOHN F. KENNEDY AND MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE HSC INVESTIGATION THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE HAS INSTRUCTED THE BUREAU TO MAKE AVAILABLE, FOR REVIEW BY THE HSC STAFF INVESTIGATORS, ALL MATERIAL REGARDING THE JOHN F. KENNEDY ASSASSINATION AND MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., ASSASSINATION AS WELL AS CLOSELY RELATED CASES.

IN ORDER TO PREPARE FOR THE HSC REVIEW, YOU ARE REQUESTED

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TO PREPARE AN INVENTORY OF ALL MATERIALS AVAILABLE IN YOUR OFFICE REGARDING THE CASES SET FORTH BELOW. IT IS NOTED THAT BUREAU TELETYPE DATED DECEMBER 9, 1975, TITLED "MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.," BUREAU FILE 100-106679, YOU WERE REQUESTED TO INVENTORY ALL PERTINENT MATERIAL RELATIVE TO THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., ASSASSINATION. IT IS, THEREFORE, NOT NECESSARY FOR FIELD OFFICES AND LEGATS TO REINVENTORY THAT MATERIAL AT THIS TIME.

FILES TO BE INCLUDED IN YOUR CURRENT INVENTORY ARE:

(1) THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY *89-27*

NOVEMBER 22, 1963

OO: DALLAS

BUREAU FILE 62-109868

(2) LEE HARVEY OSWALD *89-27*

IS - R - CUBA *44-383*

OO: DALLAS *105-528*

BUREAU FILE 105-32555

(3) MARINA N. OSWALD

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SOBIR *105-771**

BUREAU FILE 100-126032

(4) JACK RUBY *44-383**

LEE HARVEY OSWALD - VICTIM

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(5) PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION ON THE ASSASSINATION OF
PRESIDENT KENNEDY (WARREN COMMISSION)

BUREAU FILE 62-109396

IN PREPARING FIELD OFFICE INVENTORIES FOR ALL MAIN
FILES RELATING TO ABOVE, THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC ITEMS MUST
BE INCLUDED: (A) FIELD OFFICE FILE NUMBER, INCLUDING OFFICE
PREFIX; (B) TITLE AND CHARACTER OF FILE; (C) VERY BRIEF
DESCRIPTION OF FILE CONTENTS, INCLUDING WHETHER IT CONTAINS
ANY TAPED, ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE LOGS AND/OR TRANSCRIPTS,
PHOTOGRAPHS, BULKY EXHIBITS AND ANY OTHER SIMILAR MATERIAL
WHICH IS IN ADDITION TO ROUTINE CORRESPONDENCE. IF ANY OF
THE ABOVE (TAPES, ETC.) IS NOTED, VERY BRIEFLY DESCRIBE.
INCLUDE STATEMENT DESCRIBING ALL SUBFILES RELATING TO THE
MAIN FILE; (D) ACCOUNT FOR SIZE/SCOPE OF FILE AND RELATED
MATTERS. FOR EXAMPLE, INDICATE NUMBERS OF SECTIONS AND
SERIALS IN FILE; VOLUME OF LOGS/TRANSCRIPTS AND BULKY
EXHIBITS; ETC.

IT IS FURTHER NOTED THAT IN REFERENCED BUREAU TELETYPE
OF NOVEMBER 24, 1976, YOU WERE REMINDED OF THE FACT THAT
RECORDS POSSESSING EVIDENTIARY, INTELLIGENCE OR HISTORICAL

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VALUE SUCH AS THE KENNEDY AND KING ASSASSINATION INVESTIGATIONS ARE EXCLUDED FROM OUR DESTRUCTION OF FILES AND RECORDS PROGRAM AND SHOULD NOT BE DESTROYED.

YOU ARE, THEREFORE, INSTRUCTED TO REPLY BY TELETYPE SETTING FORTH YOUR INVENTORY REGARDING THE ABOVE LISTED JOHN F. KENNEDY ASSASSINATION FILES. IN ADDITION, YOU ARE REQUESTED TO ADVISE WHETHER ANY MATERIAL RELATIVE TO THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ASSASSINATION (MURKIN) AND THE ABOVE LISTED FILES RELATED TO THE JOHN F. KENNEDY ASSASSINATION MAY HAVE BEEN DESTROYED UNDER THE DESTRUCTION OF FILES AND RECORDS PROGRAM. IF SO, INCLUDE A LISTING OF SAID FILES. THE HANDLING OF THIS MATTER MUST BE UNDERTAKEN IMMEDIATELY AND GIVEN THE HIGHEST PRIORITY. SUTEL YOUR RESULTS ATTENTION GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION, CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION, CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT.

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ALL LEGATS ADVISED SEPARATELY.

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ATTN: GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION, CIVIL RIGHTS
SECTION, CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY COMMITTEE
HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS

RE BUREAU TELETYPE JAN. 6, 1977.

THE FOLLOWING IS SET FORTH PER INSTRUCTIONS SET OUT
IN REFERENCED TELETYPE:

(] THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY,
NOVEMBER 22, 1963, DALLAS, TEXAS, KNOXVILLE FILE 89-27,
BUREAU FILE 62-]09060.

THE FILE CONSISTS OF CONTACTS WITH INFORMANTS; ESTAB-
LISHING WHEREABOUTS OF BOMBING SUSPECTS; CHECKING OUT
"CALL-INS" REGARDING IDENTITIES OF SUSPECTS; COVERING LEADS

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FROM OTHER OFFICES; DETERMINING LOCATIONS AND INTERVIEWING VARIOUS MEMBERS OF THE DIXIE KLANS, KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC., THE UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, AND THE NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY; AND VARIOUS NEWSPAPER ARTICLES.

(2) LEE HARVEY OSWALD, IS-R - CUBA, KNOXVILLE FILE 105-528, BUREAU FILE 105-82555.

THE FILE CONSISTS OF INFORMATION REGARDING OSWALD BEING IN DALLAS, TEXAS, NOV. 22, 1963; "CALL-INS" AND LEADS REGARDING ASSOCIATES OF OSWALD; IDENTIFICATION OF SUBSCRIBERS TO TELEPHONE NUMBERS CALLED BY OSWALD; NEWSPAPER ARTICLES REGARDING POSSIBLE ASSOCIATES OF OSWALD; AND FBI LABORATORY REPORT REGARDING VISITORS TO AMERICAN MUSEUM OF ATOMIC ENERGY, OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE.

(3) (X) MARINA N. OSWALD (X), IS-R, BUREAU FILE 100-126032.

NO FILE ON OSWALD.

(4) JACK LEON RUBY, AKA; LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA - VICTIM - DECEASED, CR, KNOXVILLE FILE 44-383, BUREAU FILE

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THE FILE CONSISTS OF INFORMATION RE MURDER OF RUBY;
INFORMATION REGARDING OSWALD IN DALLAS, TEXAS, NOV. 1963;
IDENTIFICATION OF SUBSCRIBERS TO TELEPHONE NUMBERS CALLED
BY OSWALD; BACKGROUND INFORMATION RE RUBY AND OSWALD; AND
COVERAGE OF LEADS FROM OTHER DIVISIONS.

(5) PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION ON THE ASSASSINATION OF
PRESIDENT KENNEDY (WARREN COMMISSION), KNOXVILLE FILE
62-793, BUREAU FILE 62-]09090.

THE FILE CONSISTS OF COPY OF WARREN COMMISSION REPORT.

NONE OF THE ABOVE FILES CONTAIN ANY TAPED, ELECTRONIC
SURVEILLANCE LOGS AND/OR TRANSCRIPTS, BULKY EXHIBITS OR
ANY OTHER SIMILAR MATERIAL. ONE FILE (NO. 2 ABOVE) CONTAINS
PHOTOGRAPHS OF JOHN HOWARD BOWEN, AKA ALBERT OSBORNE. THERE
IS NO INDICATION THAT ANY FILES PERTAINING TO THE ABOVE
OR THE MURKIN INVESTIGATION HAVE BEEN DESTROYED.

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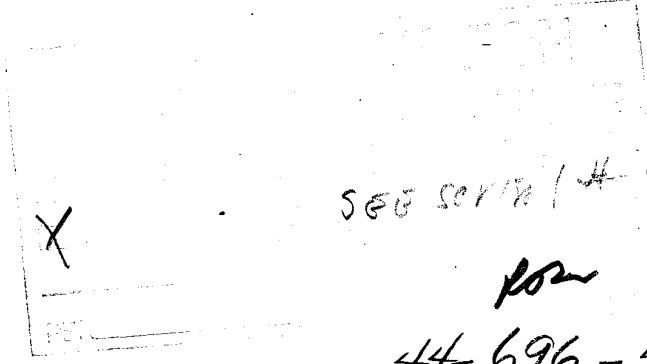
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FBI Surveillance Tapes On King Ordered Sealed

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A federal judge has ordered all the FBI's tapes of its surveillance of Martin Luther King Jr. sealed in the National Archives for 50 years.

U.S. District Judge John Lewis Smith issued the order Monday after hearing a damage suit against the FBI by Bernurd Lee, a former assistant to the slain civil rights leader, and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

Lewis Smith refused to order

the tapes destroyed, as Lee asked. But gave the FBI 90 days to five the archives all copies of the tapes and transcripts of its bugs and wiretaps of King and the SCLC offices between 1963 and 1968.

Lee also asked for damages but Smith ruled this was barred by a three-year statute of limitations which began to run at the time Lee and the SCLC first knew about the surveillance.

"Starting in the mid-1960s and reaching a peak in 1968 and 1969 ... the nation's leading newspapers were rife with accounts of buggings of Dr. King," Smith said.

"Under these circumstances, plaintiffs' avowal that they had no knowledge of the source of the tapes until (the) 1975 report by the Senate Select Committee on the FBI is not well taken."

The fact that the surveillance of King was personally ordered by then FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover came to light during the investigation.

Lee charged in particular that the FBI bugged conversations in King's room in Washington's Willard Hotel in 1963, sent a copy of the tape to Mrs. King in 1964 and later, as a harassment, sent King himself a copy.

The Select Senate Committee on Intelligence reported the FBI eavesdropped on King from 1963 until his murder in 1968, as part of a campaign to discredit him.

Smith's order covered all tapes and transcripts of wire-tappings and microphone surveillance of King in his home and "places of accommodation" and of the SCLC's offices in Atlanta and New York between 1963 and 1968.

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Decides Ray Acted Alone In

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WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Justice Department, concluding months of investigation, has concluded that James Earl Ray acted alone in assassinat-

ing Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., UPI learned today.

Reliable sources said the conclusion is contained in a 148-page report prepared by

Michael Shaheen, director of the department's Office of Professional Responsibility, at the direction of former Attorney General Edward Levi.

Publication of the report, the sources said, has been withheld apparently because of the Justice Department's concern not to appear to be interfering

in current House attempts to authorize a special committee to reopen the investigation of the murders of King and John Kennedy.

The department declined to comment on the report of Shaheen's investigation.

The House scheduled debate today on reconstituting its

Select Committee on Assassinations, which technically died at the end of the last Congress Jan. 3.

The night before House

debate, comedian and activist Dick Gregory and author Mark Lane led a group of about 200 people in an all-night vigil outside John F. Kennedy's birthplace in Brookline, Mass.

"This vigil is to let Tip O'Neill know we're watching him," said Richard Feldman, a spokesman for the group. "It seems funny to us that with all the frivolous spending in government, they should be so reluctant to let us know what's going on in this matter."

Lane authored the book "Rush to Judgment" about the Warren Commission report on the Kennedy assassination.

The House committee was originally created in the waning days of the 94th Congress, largely at the insistence of the congressional Black Caucus.

Former Rep. Andrew Young, a close associate of King's who is now ambassador to the United Nations, and other black congressmen, believe Ray was part of a conspiracy against the black civil rights leader.

But opposition developed at the start of the 95th Congress to continuing the panel and providing it with a budget of \$5.5 million a year, as requested by Staff Director and Chief Counsel Richard Sprague.

Sprague has said publicly his staff has amassed nearly a thousand unanswered questions, and several new bits of evidence relating to the deaths of both men.

Ray was apprehended in London traveling on two Canadian passports under the alias of Raymond George Sneyd on June 8, 1968.

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Mr. LUTHER KINDALL, 257 Newport Road, Concord, Tennessee, phone 966-1675, telephonically contacted this office 2/18/77, concerning attached news article appearing on Page 1, Knoxville News-Sentinel, 2/18/77.

Mr. KINDALL was critical, stating a thorough investigation was not conducted by the FBI concerning this matter. He stated the day before Dr. KING was killed the FBI contacted Mr. B. W. SIMMONS, 546 Conley Road, Alamo, Tennessee, asking if he knew of any blacks that had left the community to travel to Memphis, Tennessee.

Mr. KINDALL concluded by saying that the FBI was aware that something was going to happen or they would not have been asking questions the day before Dr. KING was killed. He suggested the FBI recontact Mr. SIMMONS for further information.

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'Thorough' Probe Says Ray Acted Alone in Killing of King

Compiled From Press Dispatches

WASHINGTON — A thorough FBI investigation indicates James Earl Ray acted alone in the 1968 assassination of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., the Justice Department announced today.

"In all the years following the assassination, the investigation has failed to reveal any connection between any alleged conspirator(s) and James Earl Ray — including those alleged by Ray himself," the 201-page report of the investigation stated.

"Indeed, the overwhelming evidence indicates that Ray was almost totally alone during the year after his escape from Missouri State Prison" before he shot King from a flophouse bathroom in Memphis, the report said.

However, the investigation ordered by former Atty. Gen. Edward Levi was not able to determine the source of the funds Ray expended to buy equipment and then escape abroad before his capture, the report said. But it suggested the money came from robberies possibly committed by Ray.

The report, developed by the Justice Department's Martin Luther King Task Force, found that during Ray's imprisonment in Missouri State Prison he told

inmates he "hated Negroes" and vowed on several occasions he would kill King "if the price was right."

"The only new evidence that was developed related to details that did not affect the ultimate conclusion that James Earl Ray was the properly convicted murderer," the Justice Department announced in releasing the report.

Ray is serving a 99-year prison sentence in Tennessee.

The task force said it was "satisfied" after its review of the files "that the FBI did a credible and a thorough job in attempting to identify any possible conspiracy or persons who could have been involved in the murder."

The Justice probers found no evidence that the FBI was implicated in King's murder.

However, the FBI failed to check some leads which might have erased some lingering mysteries about the case, the report said.

As for the FBI's efforts to harass King and discredit him as a civil rights leader, the task force called the campaign clearly improper but recommended against prosecution of anyone involved.

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Ex-Policeman May Name 'Plotters' in King Slaying

By **TIM WYNGAARD** and **CARL WEST**
Scripps-Howard Staff Writers

WASHINGTON — A former Louisville, Ky., patrolman is expected to name under oath Louisville and Federal lawmen he alleges conspired to kill Martin Luther King Jr. two years before the Civil Rights leader was assassinated.

Sources involved in the House investigation of the murders of King and President Kennedy said today that the Louisville allegation is the "top priority" in the King investigation, but congressional probers also have uncovered the following leads:

1. A Somerville, Tenn., businessman alleges that while in Memphis he overheard part of a telephone conversation two days before King was murdered there in April 1968, involving shooting someone on a balcony. The businessman has told investigators for the House Assassination Committee that he heard someone named "Roberto" tell

another party "to kill the bastard even if you have to shoot him on the balcony."

2. A female friend of Jack Ruby, killer of Lee Harvy Oswald, Kennedy's assassin, has told investigators that she has "got religion" and wants to testify about Ruby's activities prior to Kennedy's shooting in Dallas in 1963.

Committee investigators, led by chief counsel Richard A. Sprague, are in Tennessee today interviewing James Earl Ray, King's convicted killer. Ray and his brother, Jerry, are expected to be called before the committee to testify.

To complete the investigation of these and other leads that committee members say are promising, the panel states that it needs \$2.7 million for a 12-month probe. The committee is backing away from an earlier request of almost \$13 million to cover a period of two

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years. The controversy over that request almost killed the committee.

COMMITTEE staffers have already interviewed the Louisville policeman about his allegations that three local Federal agents and three or four city policemen conspired in the mid 1960s to kill King. The patrolman said he twice was offered \$500,000 to kill King and claims he tape-recorded one of the offers.

Rep. M. Gene Snyder (R-Ky.), who passed the former patrolmen's information along to the assassination committee, said he heard a reproduction of the tape but much of it was inaudible. However, the committee's staff is believed to have the technological capability to improve the quality of the recording.

Sources said that the alleged Louisville King conspiracy preceded by several months what became an open and bitter controversy in the Kentucky city over "open housing," an issue which created deep hatred between the police and the black community.

The sources said King's brother, Rev. A.D. Williams King, was living in Louisville at the time, was active in Civil Rights and was pastor of a local church.

ASSASSINATION committee leaders met with the House Rules Committee yesterday to outline the new leads in an effort to win approval for continuation of the committee, now scheduled to end its work March 31.

Committee members stressed that the Louisville policeman, whom they decline to identify, has been checked and "he is a solid citizen." They said he has offered sworn testimony to the committee.

Informed sources say there is "no doubt" that Martin Luther King and not his brother who died in 1969 was the target of the alleged murder conspiracy. Informed sources said the committee regards the Louisville allegations as "hot." "They are placing it at the top," one commented.

The sources also said the committee intends to call "Roberto" as a witness, indicating the committee has determined his full identity.

trying to escape Brushy, having trapped himself in a dead end of the heating ducts.

His current stay at Petros is a little different from his earlier incarceration. He remains aloof from other inmates, keeping mostly to himself in his two-man cell with his typewriter and small television set.

The convicted slayer had said he would not give a deposition to the committee probing the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy and Dr. King unless it was before an open session of the House committee in Washington. The word here is that his contact with the committee and his willingness to talk to its representatives was objected to by lawyer Kershaw.

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Ray To Give Story To Investigators

By The Associated Press

PETROS—James Earl Ray met for more than two hours Tuesday with attorneys for the House Assassinations Committee to give a preliminary interview on his role in the murder of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

His attorney said afterward that Ray was not under oath, but that he answered all questions put to him by Richard Sprague, the committee's chief counsel, and Robert Lehner, who is handling the King portion of the committee's probe.

"I don't see any great surprise information coming out until later," said Jack Kershaw, Ray's attorney. "If there are any surprises, they will not be the result of Ray's direct information."

Neither Kershaw nor Sprague revealed specific questions or answers from the interview.

Kershaw said Ray, who claims innocence in the King assassination despite his earlier plea of guilty, talked only about his own actions or actions of which he had direct knowledge.

"He really does not know what anybody else did," Kershaw said. "We hope their investigation to corroborate what he said will satisfy their goals and ours. As far as Ray is concerned, this is directed solely toward getting his day in court."

The meeting took place in the office of the captain of the guard at the maximum-security cellblock at Brushy Mountain State Prison here. Ray is serving a 99-year sentence in the prison after pleading guilty to shooting King in Memphis on April 4, 1968.

Sprague emerged from the session smiling, but told reporters as he entered his car that he would have no comment on the meeting. He said he would attend a committee meeting Wednesday morning in Washington.

The session included Sprague, Kershaw and three other committee staff members.

After Sprague and his staff left, Kershaw remained behind the walls briefly with his client.

Earlier, Kershaw had told reporters that Ray may be willing to take a lie detector test in connection with the assassination. But he said after meeting with Ray that no decision had been reached on the question.

Kershaw said reports that a mysterious Latin man named "Raoul" was Ray's brother are incorrect. Ray earlier said that he was in Memphis in connection with a supposed gunrunning scheme with Raoul when King was assassinated.

"Raoul is a breathing and talking human being," Kershaw said. "The committee is trying to find him now and so am I." Kershaw added that he believes Raoul is in the United States or Canada and that searches for him are being conducted in Florida, Alabama and Kentucky.

He said Ray met Raoul in Montreal while Ray was still a fugitive after escaping from prison.

"Ray is simply an unwitting tool and instrument in the assassination," Kershaw said. "Now only for the first time ever is there a climate of opinion that gives him a forum," he added, explaining Ray's willingness to talk to the committee officials.

Ray pleaded guilty to the King assassination, but three days later attempted to withdraw the plea, claiming he was forced by his original attorney, Percy Foreman, into making the plea.

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Interview Ray Quickly and Clear Out, Warden Tells Assassination Probers

By WILLARD YARBROUGH
News-Sentinel Staff Writer

PETROS — 'I've told the committee to get in and get out as quickly as it could in the James Earl Ray thing,' Warden Stoney Lane said today while awaiting arrival of House Assassinations Committee probers at Brushy Mountain State Prison.

The warden, who has custody of the confessed killer of Dr. Martin Luther King, specified that the deposition of Ray would be taken behind walls of Tennessee's maximum-security prison here.

"The closed-door interview will be behind a double-security iron gate in

the prison compound," said Lane. "It is to be conducted in the office of the captain of the guards."

The House group, expected here this morning, had to cancel a flight by private plane and fly commercial from Washington, delaying arrival here until mid-afternoon.

RAY, WHO since his conviction has insisted he is innocent of the assassination, would surprise his cellmates and guards if he were to tell the Richard Sprague lawyers anything new.

"Actually, Ray didn't tell the CBS-TV interviewers anything new," said Lane. "He probably hasn't said 500 words to anyone since being returned here from Nashville when Brushy reopened."

The No. 1 inmate here awaited arrival of the probers in his second-story lockup. He was to be escorted by guards to the ground level, where prisoners at times are allowed for exercise and movement from one facility to another. Warden Lane said he hoped the interview would be over and the prison returned to normal routine within two hours.

Lane waited for the Washington group at the first guard gate, where all prison visitors must stop for clearance. Media representatives, a mixture of newsmen and cameramen, were not permitted to tail the probers to the captain's office for the interview.

RAY, STILL fighting through Nashville lawyer Jack Kershaw for a new trial, was interviewed at Petros by this News-Sentinel writer when he was imprisoned here before the facility was closed during the Gov. Winfield Dunn administration. In that interview, Ray talked about prison life and his adjustment to it — but never alluded to the King assassination or any role he had in it. A few weeks later, he was caught

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Ray's Story Taken Seriously, His Attorney Says

By WILLARD YARBROUGH
News-Sentinel Staff Writer

PETROS — Two significant themes emerged here after James Earl Ray answered House probers' questions for two hours late yesterday. They were:

1. An arm of Congress is seriously interested in Ray's version of what happened in the rifle-assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in Memphis.

2. Federal investigation of the Civil Rights leader's killing — including an effort to confirm Ray's story — could lead to a new trial for Ray, sentenced to 99 years in prison but subsequently repudiating his confession.

Ray's dialog given general counsel Richard Sprague contained no surprises, but his attorney, Nashville lawyer Jack Kershaw, said that for the first time his client is receiving a forum that could help solve the King assassination and bring about justice for him.

Kershaw, only person in the closed-door interview who would talk with a massive media gathering, said afterward "there will be more interrogations of Ray, perhaps by members of the House Assassination Committee" at Brushy Mountain State Prison's maximum security facility here.

Sprague, so fleet of foot that television cameramen didn't get enough footage upon his arrival and obtained Warden Stoney Lane staff approval to film again when the counsel left the prison, was so mum not many heard his "no comment." He indicated through prison officials, as the press waited in a building outside the walls, that he might have a statement. An hour later, Sprague sent word he wouldn't.

KERSHAW, however, answered all questions, but the theme was the same:

Ray had been a pawn of conspirators in the King case, thinking he was helping in a gun smuggling scheme which took him to Memphis. The mystery name "Raoul" surfaced again and much of this theme filled the record as Sprague led his legal team in questioning Ray. Ray and "Raoul," a Latin not yet found, met in Montreal, Canada, after Ray escaped from prison. "Raoul" passed money to Ray, which Kershaw said Ray obviously used to flee the country by way of Canada after the assassination.

"Ray wasn't even in that motel when King was gunned down," said Kershaw. "He was gone to fix a flat tire on his car. And that business of guns in his possession is explained by his complicity in smuggling."

Kershaw said Ray was cooperative, answered every question, and that Ray was "pleased" with the deposition taken, even though it was not made under oath. Kershaw said, too, that Sprague, who only recently survived the House committee shakeup that saw its chairman resign, was satisfied with the outcome.

SPRAGUE got here late, causing postponement of questioning from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. He left late, too, missing a commercial fight from McGhee Tyson Airport in Knoxville that departed for Washington at 5 p.m. He took a later plane, was to appear today before the House group — not to report on Ray's statements but to participate in the committee's pared down request for a \$2.5-million appropriation. Funds will be used for staffers probing both the King and President Kennedy slayings. Congress is yet to approve any budget.

Veteran newsmen, particularly those among the major television networks, complained they had wasted

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time in covering a billed event that was a "flop." But not so Kershaw.

The Nashvillian had come here Monday for an hours-long huddle with Ray, perhaps coaching him for the deposition yesterday. Kershaw said pointedly that congressional interest in Ray would aid Ray's long fight for justice.

BUT WHY, asked a newsman, should Ray speak out now?

"Because he's finally found a forum that will listen to his knowledge of what happened in Memphis," Kershaw answered. "For the first time, Ray has found the proper forum in a nation that wants the truth out. He's got that in this committee and in the free press represented here."

Should committee probers verify Ray's claims, Kershaw said, it would be a giant step toward his efforts to obtain a new trial and vindication in the slaying.

He said that he, as Ray's attorney, did not object to a single question put by the Sprague team, nor did Ray avoid any answer.

Ray will be willing to take polygraph tests and also make statements under oath, the lawyer said, once Ray appears before the committee. Kershaw said such events could take place in Petros, but that Sprague and his lawyers first would seek to confirm Ray's story. Kershaw said proceedings here were merely the first step.

Warden Lane and staff assisted the Sprague operation in every way possible and were most accommodating to the press, but newsmen were turned away at the main prison entrance as the interview was carried on in a tiny office of the captain of the guards within the compound walls.

Some media, peeved at Sprague's refusal to comment and weary of wait-

ing as snow swirled outside, got the last laugh. A helicopter ferrying TV film to station deadlines came and went. Sprague and staff came and went in a rig hired at the airport, which might explain something about requested funds for the probes.

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No Surprises Turned Up In Ray Case

By **ROBERT WOMACK**
Journal Legal Reporter

PETROS — Substantial, but not surprising.

That was his lawyer's characterization of information James Earl Ray gave to the House Committee on Assassinations at Brushy Mountain State Prison Monday.

Jack Kershaw of Nashville said Ray went into great detail on events surrounding the death of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.

He said Ray gave the committee factual matters to look into with some of the eight other lawyers who have represented him in the past nine years since he was charged and convicted in King's death.

The committee will spend the next two weeks verifying the evidence Ray gave them and return to the prison in April 4 to continue the interviews.

Chief committee counsel Richard Sprague had no comment concerning the day-long talks with Ray except to say: "We are continuing our interrogation."

As he emerged from the conference room after the six-hour session, he noted the gray skies, smiled and commented: "It's a wet day."

According to Kershaw, the principal topics of conversation were a letter written by a Louisville policeman and the identity of the mysterious "Raoul," who allegedly directed Ray's activities for a year before King was shot in Memphis.

He discounted speculation the mystery man is Ray's brother, Jerry Ray.

"He is the most impossible Raoul I have ever come across," the attorney said. "Jerry Ray is nothing but a joker and a prankster."

He told the news conference he had provided the committee a copy of a letter written by Clifton Baird, a Louisville policeman, to Ray nearly a year ago.

In that letter, Baird allegedly revealed to Ray that he himself had been

approached by FBI agents and other federal employes about the possibility of assassinating King.

On the question of "Raoul," Kershaw said he was confident the character would materialize.

He said Percy Formeman, who once represented Ray, had phone numbers which would lead to Raoul's identity, but allegedly had lost them. He said Foreman claimed to have passed them to the late John Jay Hooker Sr., a Nashville attorney. But he added nothing had been found in Hooker's effects.

It was a long day for members of the press, who waited from approximately 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. to talk to the committee members and Kershaw.

While the committee met with Ray in a conference room in the main prison building, the press cooled its heels in a prison office in a nearby building, smoking cigarettes, drinking coffee and otherwise disobeying a sign

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WHILE ASSIGNED AS INVESTIGATIVE REPORTED WITH WMP'S RADIO, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, AND ALSO WHILE WORKING ON THE YABLONSKI MURDER CASES IN KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE. LAMONICA PRESENTLY RESIDES 31022 - 48TH AVENUE SW, FEDERAL WAY, WASHINGTON.

LAMONICA INDICATED HE HAS BEEN WORKING ON CAPTIONED CASE AND ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT PREVIOUS BELIEVE OF THE EXISTENCE OF "RAOUL" THEORY AS POSED BY JAMES EARL RAY, HE NOW HAS DEVELOPED INFORMATION INDICATING THAT "RAOUL" IS ACTUALLY (X) RAOUL SANTIAGO ESTEJO MARTINEZ (X), AND THAT WITH THE COOPERATION OF RAY'S ATTORNEY, JACK KERSHAW, HE, LAMONICA, IS TO MEET WITH MARTINEZ THROUGH AN INTERMEDIARY (X) CLIFF ANDREWS (X), WHO SUPPOSEDLY SERVED PRISON TIME WITH RAY.

LAMONICA FURTHER INDICATED THAT WHEN THIS INFORMATION BREAKS IT WILL CAUSE CONSIDERABLE PUBLICITY AND HE HAS ALREADY BEEN CONTACTED BY THREE MAJOR NETWORKS AND LEAVES THURSDAY MORNING TO BE INTERVIEWED BY THE NATIONAL ENQUIRER AT LANTANA, FLORIDA, FROM WHERE HE WILL RETURN TO SEATTLE POSSIBLY ON FRIDAY. HE SAID APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKENDS AGO HE WAS INTERVIEWED BY TWO INVESTIGATORS NAMES MORIARTY (PH), AND GILBERT FROM THE HOUSE SELECT

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COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS WHO INDICATED THEY WOULD BE SUBPOENAING LAMONICA IN THE NEAR FUTURE. AT THE TIME OF THIS INTERVIEW LAMONICA DID NOT HAVE THE AFOREMENTIONED INFORMATION ON RAOUL MARTINEZ. MARTINEZ REPORTEDLY INDICATED HE WILL TESTIFY ABOUT CAPTIONED CASE IF HE CAN BE GRANTED IMMUNITY FROM PROSECUTION.

LAMONICA'S PURPOSE IN CONTACTING SEATTLE FBI WAS TO EXPRESS CONCERN FOR THE SAFETY OF HIS TWO DAUGHTERS, DEBORAH ANGELA AGE 7, AND DANA EDNA AGE 6, WHO RESIDE WITH HIS PARENTS AT 4817 W. RICHARDSON, PASCO, WASHINGTON, TEL. 547-7935.

REASON FOR HIS CONCERN IS THAT HE HAD HEARD INDIRECTLY THAT A NEW ORLEANS "HITMAN" RAFAEL MARTINEZ (NO RELATION TO RAOUL MARTINEZ) WOULD CAUSE HIM OR HIS FAMILY A LOT OF TROUBLE IF THE STORY BREAKS. HE SAID HIS NEW SOURCE TOLD HIM OF A CONFIDENTIAL MEMO BELIEVED FROM DALLAS, TEXAS, PD OR SO TO NEW ORLEANS IN WHICH MARTINEZ WAS DESCRIBED AS A VERY EXPERIENCED HITMAN.

LAMONICA ADVISED BY SAC OF THE WITNESS PROTECTION PROGRAM AND THAT HE SHOULD PROBABLY NOTIFY INVESTIGATORS FOR SELECT COMMITTEE OF HIS FEARS BUT TO CHECK WITH THIS OFFICE UPON HIS RETURN THIS COMING FRIDAY.

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ABOVE FURNISHED FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU FOR REFERRAL
TO DEPARTMENT. ALL OFFICES HOLD SPECIFIC LEADS IN ABEYANCE
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RESETEL JUNE 2, 1977.

SEATTLE INSURE THAT KEITH ERNEST LAMONICA IS COGNIZANT OF THE SPECIFIC PROVISIONS OF DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ORDER OBD 2110.2 REGARDING WITNESS PROTECTION. THIS ORDER STATES UNDER "CONDITIONS FOR PROTECTION" THAT THE PROTECTION OF A WITNESS AND MEMBERS OF A WITNESS FAMILY IN A FEDERAL CRIMINAL PROCEEDING IS A LOCAL OR STATE POLICE MATTER TO BE HANDLED BY THOSE AUTHORITIES. EXCEPTIONS TO THIS POLICY WILL BE ALLOWED ONLY UPON THE FINDING OF THE ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE CONCERNED DIVISION THAT THE

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PROPOSED WITNESS MEETS ALL OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

- (1) THE PERSON IS A QUALIFYING WITNESS IN A SPECIFIC CASE IN PROCESS OR DURING OR AFTER A GRAND JURY PROCEEDING;
- (2) EVIDENCE IN POSSESSION INDICATES THAT THE LIFE OF THE WITNESS AND/OR THAT OF A MEMBER OF THE WITNESS FAMILY OR HOUSEHOLD IS IN IMMEDIATE JEOPARDY AND (3) EVIDENCE IN POSSESSION INDICATES IT WILL BE ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE FEDERAL INTEREST FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO PROTECT THE WITNESS AND/OR A FAMILY OR HOUSEHOLD MEMBER. THIS ORDER STATES THAT REQUESTS FOR PROTECTION OF A WITNESS SHALL BE MADE THROUGH THE U. S. ATTORNEY OR BY A DIVISION ATTORNEY OF THE DEPARTMENT. ACCORDINGLY, YOU SHOULD MAKE SURE THAT LAMONICA IS ADVISED THAT IF HE DESIRES TO PURSUE THIS MATTER UNDER THE WITNESS PROTECTION PROGRAM, HE SHOULD CONTACT THE APPROPRIATE U. S. ATTORNEY AND/OR THE DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT HE IS A QUALIFYING WITNESS AS SET FORTH ABOVE. YOU SHOULD ALSO ADVISE LAMONICA TO NOTIFY THE APPROPRIATE LOCAL AUTHORITIES OF THE FEARS HE HAS FOR HIS PERSONAL SAFETY AND THAT OF HIS FAMILY.

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ALL OFFICES CONDUCT NO INVESTIGATION CONCERNING
THIS LAMONICA ALLEGATION SINCE THIS MATTER HAS BEEN
REFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT AND NO INVESTIGATION IS BEING
CONDUCTED UNLESS SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

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REBUTEL TO SEATTLE, JUNE 3, 1977.

ON JUNE 3, 1977, KEITH ERNEST LAMONICA LOCATED PALM BEACH HAWAIIAN MOTEL, PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, AND AT THIS TIME MADE AWARE OF SPECIFIC PROVISIONS OF DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE REGULATIONS CONCERNING WITNESS PROTECTION. THIS INFO INCLUDED WHOM HE SHOULD CONTACT IN EVENT HE DESIRES OR IS ELIGIBLE FOR PROTECTION AND THE THREE CONDITIONS NECESSARY

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TO QUALIFY.

LAMONICA ADVISED THAT WHILE HE HAS SOME CONCERN FOR PROTECTION, HIS MAIN INTEREST IS TO DETERMINE IF RAFAEL MARTINEZ, AN ALLEGED "HIT MAN" IN NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, DOES ACTUALLY POSE A THREAT TO HIM. LAMONICA WAS ADVISED THAT NO SUCH DETERMINATION COULD BE MADE AND HE STATED HE IS PROBABLY GOING TO NEW ORLEANS IN THE NEXT SEVERAL DAYS AND WILL PURSUE THIS LOCALLY; HOWEVER, CLAIMED HE WOULD PROBABLY CONTACT FBI AT NEW ORLEANS WHILE THERE. LAMONICA CONTENDED HIS INVESTIGATION INTO CAPTIONED MATTER HAS PRODUCED NEWSWORTHY INFORMATION AND THAT HE INTENDS TO PURSUE HIS INVESTIGATION INTO THE ASSASSINATION.

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Enclosed to Louisville is original and one copy of self-explanatory letter received 6/15/77 by SANDY WEBB, Assignment Editor, WATE, Channel 6 TV, NBC, Knoxville, Tenn.

WEBB indicated this letter was mailed from Marshes Siding which is located in McCreary County, Ky., west of Williamsburg, Ky. He further stated the name DAVID R. ELVINDRIN is unknown at Channel 6.

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ON JUNE 17, 1977, MARGARET PARR, 162 NORTH LIBERTY, NEW
BRAUNFELS, TEXAS, VOLUNTARILY APPEARED AT SAN ANTONIO OFFICE
OF FBI AND ADVISED THAT SHE HAD BEEN A CLOSE FRIEND OF WELDON
GRIMSLEY, EDITOR OF THE MANCHESTER TIMES, A WEEKLY NEWSPAPER
IN MANCHESTER, TENNESSEE, AND FORMERLY NEWS BUREAU CHIEF AT
FORT WALT ON BEACH, FLORIDA, FOR THE PENSACOLA NEWS-JOURNAL.
GRIMSLEY REPORTEDLY DIED ON JUNE 12, 1977 AT MANCHESTER,
TENNESSEE.

DURING VISIT WITH PARR ON MAY 8, 1977 AT FORT WALTON BEACH,
FLORIDA, GRIMSLEY STATED THAT HE HAD COVERED IN DETAIL FOR A
NEWSPAPER THE TRIAL OF JAMES EARL RAY AND HAD INTERVIEWED RAY

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ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS. RAY ALLEGEDLY MADE AVAILABLE TO GRIMSLEY NUMEROUS PHOTOGRAPHS INCLUDING PHOTOGRAPHS OF "RAUL" WHO ALLEGEDLY RESIDED IN HOUSTON AND CONTINUES TO RESIDE IN HOUSTON. PARR WAS UNAWARE IF "RAUL" IS CUBAN OR MEXICAN-AMERICAN. 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. GRIMSLEY HAS A 14 YEAR OLD DAUGHTER AND 20 OR 21 YEAR OLD SON WHO MAY BE IN THE PROCESS OF DISPOSING OF GRIMSLEY'S PERSONAL PROPERTY.

GRIMSLEY INDICATED TO PARR THAT HE WAS RETURNING TO TENNESSEE TO PURSUE HIS REPORTING ON THE JAMES EARL RAY CASE INDICATING THAT HE FELT THAT RAY MAY HAVE BEEN INNOCENT AND THAT RAY WAS IN FEAR FOR HIS LIFE, BOTH IN PRISON AND OUT. GRIMSLEY DEPARTED FORT WALT ON BEACH, FLORIDA MAY 19, 1977 ENROUTE TO MANCHESTER, TENNESSEE.

PARR INDICATED THAT A LIFE-LONG ACQUAINTANCE OF GRIMSLEY IS PAT MIZE WHO CURRENTLY RESIDES IN BERNIE, MISSOURI AND SHE FEELS THAT GRIMSLEY MAY HAVE FURNISHED SIMILAR INFORMATION TO

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HER.

KNOXVILLE AT MANCHESTER, WILL ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY AND
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ALLEGED PHOTOGRAPHS OF "RAUL".

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RE SAN ANTONIO TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND KNOXVILLE,
JUNE 17, 1977.

COPY OF ^{Re} THIS TELETYPE BEING FORWARDED MEMPHIS VIA
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WELDON PAYNE, PUBLISHER, "MANCHESTER TIMES,"
MANCHESTER, TENNESSEE, ADVISED JUNE 22 LAST, WELDON
GRIMSLY'S SON, GREGORY, RESIDES AT 614-A CLARIDGE
DRIVE, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, TELEPHONE 889-0266,
(UNLISTED), AND DAUGHTER RESIDES WITH EX-WIFE, MRS.
LOU GRIMSLY, 3104 LAUREL FOREST DRIVE, NASHVILLE.

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GREGORY CAME TO MANCHESTER AFTER FATHER'S DEATH AND GOT ALL OF HIS PERSONAL POSSESSIONS FROM RESIDENCE. ALSO, POSSIBLY HIS EX-WIFE HAS SOME OF HIS PERSONAL BELONGINGS.

GRIMSLY WAS EMPLOYED, MAY 23, 1977, AS THE EDITOR OR THE "MANCHESTER TIMES." PRIOR TO THIS EMPLOYMENT, HE WORKED AS THE STATE EDITOR FOR THE "NASHVILLE BANNER" AND WAS NEWS BUREAU CHIEF FOR THE "PENSACOLA JOURNAL," FT. WALTON BEACH, FLORIDA. GRIMSLY COVERED THE TRIAL OF JAMES EARL RAY AND HAD INTERVIEWED HIM IN THE PAST AND APPARENTLY HAD AN IN-DEPTH INTERVIEW WITH RAY AND WAS ABLE TO ESTABLISH A GOOD RAPPOR T WITH RAY.

PAYNE CONSIDERED HIMSELF A PERSONAL FRIEND OF GRIMSLY AND FELT HAD GRIMSLY HAD POSITIVE INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS MATTER, HE WOULD HAVE TOLD HIM SO.

PAYNE NOT FAMILIAR WITH MARGARET PARR, NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS.

PAYNE FELT LIKE THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS MAY BE

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ABLE TO FURNISH INFORMATION RE THIS MATTER:

JEANIE SUMRELL, DISPATCHER FOR THE SANTA ROSA, FLORIDA, SO, HOME PHONE 904/623-4539, SO NUMBER 623-369], WHO WAS DATING GRIMSLY ON A REGULAR BASIS.

GENE BAKER, APARTMENT H-243, 4640 DELON STREET, FT. MEYERS, FLORIDA, WHO IS CONSIDERED TO HAVE BEEN GRIMSLY'S BEST FRIEND.

MEMPHIS AT NASHVILLE. INTERVIEW GREGORY GRIMSLY AND MRS. LOU GRIMSLY IN AN ATTEMPT TO LOCATE PHOTOGRAPH OR DEVELOP POSITIVE INFORMATION RE "RAUL."

LEADS TO HAVE JEANIE SUMRELL AND GENE BAKER INTERVIEWED BEING LEFT TO DISCRETION OF MEMPHIS PENDING RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION AT NASHVILLE.

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