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TRANSMIT VIA: AIRTEL
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DATE: SEP 13 1983

FROM: Director, FBI

TO: SAC, Memphis (62-1881)

HAROLD WEISBERG
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS REQUEST

Reurairtel, dated 7/13/77.

Enclosed are the original Memphis files sent to FBIHQ
for duplication and FOIPA processing.

ME 44-1987

44-1987- - 7 volumes
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- Sub L - 2 volumes
- Sub M - 11 volumes
- Sub N - 1 volume
- Sub O - 3 volumes
- Sub P - 1 volume
- Sub Q - 1 volume
- 1B5
- 1B7 (sent to FBIHQ by airtel 4/9/76)
- 1B9
- 1B10
- 1B12
- 1B13
- 1B14

Enclosures (174)

*1 cc filed 88-10052
157-1067
157-1092*

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Airtel to SAC, Memphis (62-1881)
Re: Harold Weisberg
Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts Request

ME 88-10052
88-10052 - 1 volume ✓

ME 157-1067

157-1067- 25 volumes
- 1A - 4 volumes

ME 157-1092

157-1092- 5 volumes ✓
- Sub - 1 volume ✓

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Before returning form 4-37 to Headquarters, insure Registry Number is recorded in the space provided.

Memorandum



To : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (C)

Date 11/6/89

From : SA [REDACTED]

Subject: MURKIN;
CR
OO: MEMPHIS

For information of the file, the writer contacted SA [REDACTED], CIVIL RIGHTS UNIT, FBIHQ, regarding the retention of several items of evidence stored in the Evidence Control Room, Memphis Division. SA [REDACTED] advised SA [REDACTED] that several items of evidence had been forwarded to FBIHQ, while other items remained in storage in Memphis.

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MUR

On November 6, 1989, [REDACTED] contacted [REDACTED] and related the following information: He had conferred with TOM BUDNEY, CHIEF, RECORDS MANAGEMENT, DIVISION 4, who has responsibility for the Bureau Bulky Room and determined all evidence maintained in Memphis, is to remain in the field office bulky room until the items are called into the archives system.

When the items are called into archives, all field offices then forward evidence to be permanently maintained at the Bureau.

The items referenced in this matter are 44-1987, IB 5,7,9,10,12,13,14,16, and 17.

Memphis Division Evidence Control Clerk, [REDACTED] was advised of the above information on November 6, 1989.

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Memorandum



To : SSA [REDACTED]

Date 4/29/91

From : ASAC [REDACTED]

Subject: BULKY EXHIBIT DESTRUCTION PROGRAM

OFFICE DEADLINE: 5/24/91

Attached are a number of copies of green sheets representing items that have been in our possession for quite sometime. During the last semi-annual inventory you evidently certified that these items should be retained.

Please again review these individual items in an attempt to dispose of same. Prepare a memorandum for the individual case file and send to me by COB 5/24/91 detailing your efforts to dispose of same or justification for continued retention.

Enclosures

- 1 - SSA [REDACTED]
- 1 - ASAC [REDACTED]
- 1 - 29-3577 (1B2)
- 1 - 29B-3939 (1B1, 1B2, 1B3, 1B4, 1B5, 1B6)
- 1 - 29A-3964 (1B3)
- 1 - 29A-4188 (1B1, 1B3, 1B4)
- ① - 44-1987 (1B5, 1B7, 1B9, 1B10, 1B12, 1B13, 1B14, 1B16, 1B17)
- 1 - 44A-4314 (1B1, 1B2, 1B4, 1B5, 1B6)
- 1 - 44A-4732 (1B1)
- 1 - 194-6 (1B4)
- 1 - 196-3 (1B13)
- 1 - 196-10 (1B3, 1B4, 1B5, 1B6, 1B7, 1B8, 1B9, 1B10, 1B11, 1B12, 1B13, 1B14)
- 1 - 196B-CE-61996 (1B6)
- 1 - 209A-112 (1B2, 1B4, 1B5)

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Memorandum



To : SAC, MEMPHIS

Date 5/3/91

From : SSA [REDACTED]

Subject: BULKY EXHIBIT DESTRUCTION PROGRAM
OFFICE DEADLINE: 5/24/91

Reference memo of ASAC [REDACTED] 4/29/91.

On 5/17/91, evidence contained in bulky exhibits 1B5, 1B7, 1B9, 1B10, 1B12, 1B13, 1B14, 1B16, and 1B17, were disposed of by destruction.

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Bulky Exhibit - Inventory of Property Acquired as Evidence
FD-192 (Rev. 10-6-65)

4/8/68

Title and Character of Case

MURKIN
CR

Date Property Acquired

Source From Which Property Acquired

4/8/68

ATLANTA

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same

Shelf 16

ECR II

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

Two copies of Delta Airlines "Print out of past date passenger name records" from memory bank of Delta Airlines Data Processing Center, Atlanta, Ga. re DAL Flights 395 from Birmingham to Memphis on 3/27/68 and Flight 932 from Memphis to Chicago on 3/27/68

One cc CG 4-8-68 bn

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SEMIANNUAL INVENTORY CERTIFICATION TO JUSTIFY RETENTION OF PROPERTY (Initial and Date)

SEP 1980

MAR 1981

MAR 1982

SEP 1982

MAR 1983

SEP 1983

MAR 1984

SEP 1984

MAR 1985

SEP 1985

SEP 1986

MAR 1987

SEP 1987

MAR 1988

SEP 1988

MAR 1989

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MAR 1990

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MURKIN

11/7/83

Date Property Acquired	Source From Which Property Acquired
4/11/68	U. S. Corps of Engineers, Reproduction Division
Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit	Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same
Exhibits Section Adm Div. - Bureau	ECR II [Redacted]
Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same	

One (1) roll of aerial photographic negatives
Two (2) 40" x 40" aerial photographs of crime scene area
Five (5) 20" x 24" aerial photographs of area from crime scene to York Arms Company
Two (2) sets of contact size aerial photographs, 5 photos in each set

Submitted by SA [Redacted]

#1
fwd. bu. 4/9/76
re: airtel
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Returned 11/19/83 By SA John O. Murphy, adm. div. (w)

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SEMIANNUAL INVENTORY CERTIFICATION TO JUSTIFY RETENTION OF PROPERTY (Initial and Date)

SEP 1990	MAR 1990	MAR 1987	MAR 1985	SEP 1985	SEP 1983
		SEP 1987	MAR 1986	MAR 1986	MAR 1984
SEP 1989	MAR 1988	SEP 1986	SEP 1984		

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MAR 1989

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Date

5/4/68

Title and Character of Case

MURKIN

Date Property Acquired

4/4/68

Source From Which Property Acquired

Point approx. 20 ft. from site where gun and
bedspread abandoned by unsub

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit

Shelf ECR I

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same

Evidence

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

1. Sample of soil obtained from a point approximately 20 feet
from site where gun & bedspread abandoned by unsub in this case

Ind Lab 4-6-68 by SA Rott & Spatrick
Ret to ME 4-26-68 by SA [redacted] WFO

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES"

SEMIANNUAL INVENTORY CERTIFICATION TO JUSTIFY RETENTION OF PROPERTY (Initial and Date)

SEP 1989	SEP 1987	MAR 1986	SEP 1983
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Property Acquired as Evidence

Date

4/12/68

11/7/83

Source From Which Property Acquired

Area of 418 and 422 1/2 So. Main St., Memphis, Tenn.

Key Exhibit

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same

RI *cut* To be sent to Lab.

Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

samples of soil obtained from the area of the rear of
1/2 South Main St., Memphis, Tenn.

1-68 RMH 71312

10-68 by SA [redacted] WFO

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Inventory Certification to Justify Retention of Property (Initial and Date)

SEP 1987 MAR 1985
SEP 1986 MAR 1983
SEP 1984
MAR 1988 MAR 1987 MAR 1985
SEP 1989

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Bulky Exhibit - Inventory of Property Acquired to Evidence
FD-192 (Rev. 10-6-57)

4/13/68

Title and Character of Case

MURKIN

11/7/83

Date Property Acquired 4/13/68	Source From Which Property Acquired Parking lot and area between curb and sidewalk near Unit 34 of the Rebel Motel, Memphis
Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit Shelf 34 ECR 1	Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same To be sent Lab
Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same	

1. 6 specimens of soil obtained from the parking lot and area between the curb and sidewalk near Unit 34 of the Rebel Motel, 3466 Lamar Ave., Memphis, Tenn.

Lab Bureau 4-25-68 BMT-41324
Returned to ME 4-26-68 by SA [redacted] WFO

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SEMIANNUAL INVENTORY CERTIFICATION TO JUSTICE RETENTION OF PROPERTY (Initial and Date)

SEP 1989	MAR 1988	SEP 1986	MAR 1984	SEP 1982
SEP 1990	MAR 1989	SEP 1987	MAR 1985	SEP 1983

4-25-68 BMT-41324

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EVIDENCE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

EVID
FEDERAL BUREAU
WASHINGTON

Date 8-18-68

11/7/83

Title and Character of Case

MURKIN
CGR - CONSPIRACY;
UFAC - ROBBERY

Maxwell
Key
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NATIONAL ARCHIVES"**

Date Property Acquired

8-12-68

Source From Which Property Acquired

BUREAU

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit

Shelf

ECR II

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

Original set and one copy of the set of documents provided to us by the British Authorities in regards to the extradition proceedings of JAMES EARL RAY:

1. Fingerprint comparison charts used in the testimony by our Latent Fingerprint Examiner [REDACTED]
2. Fingerprints of RAY as taken on 6-8-68, by British Authorities;
3. Two separate orders issued by the Bow Street Magistrates' Court dated 6-13-68, pursuant to "The Extradition Act, 1970," relative to this matter (one order relates to the murder charge in Tennessee and the other to the escape charge in Missouri.);
4. Medical Officer's Certificate dated 7-18-68, issued by the authorities of Wandsworth Prison;
5. An order dated 7-18-68, Commanding RAY to be delivered to officials of the United States Government; and
6. Court testimony of ~~xxx~~ several individuals.

Original set of documents turned over to Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., District Attorney General, 15th Judicial District, Memphis, Tennessee, 8-13-68 by SA [REDACTED]

SEMIANNUAL INVENTORY CERTIFICATION TO JUSTIFY RETENTION OF PROPERTY (Initial and Date)

SEP 1990	MAR 1990	SEP 1987	MAR 1987	SEP 1985	MAR 1985	SEP 1983
		SEP 1986	MAR 1986	SEP 1984	MAR 1984	

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SEP 1988
MAR 1988

1989

Date 12-3-68

Title and Character of Case

JAMES EARL RAY, AKA;
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.;
VICTIM

Date Property Acquired

Source From Which Property Acquired

12-3-68

New Orleans Field Office

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same

Bulky Room Shelf

Evidence

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

1. Complete telephone bills, 3 pages of which have been xeroxed in New Orleans report dated 12/19/67.
2. Nine work sheets.
3. 142 registration cards

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES"

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SEMIANNUAL INVENTORY CERTIFICATION TO JUSTIFY RETENTION OF PROPERTY (Initial and Date)

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SEP 1980	SEP 1981	SEP 1982	MAR 1984	MAR 1985	SEP 1985		

Evidence copy

Field File # 44-1987-1814

SEP 1988
MAR 1989

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Title and Character of Case

MURKIN
CR
OO: MEMPHIS

Date Property Acquired

4-15-68

Source From Which Property Acquired

Ruby Goodman, Mayfield Cleaners, 2222 Highland
Ave. Birmingham, Ala.

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit

ME - 800 I Cab 5
Bulky Exhibit Room

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same

EVIDENCE

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

4 DRY CLEANING RECEIPT BOOKS DATED 9-1-67 TO 9-7-67, 9-11-67
to 9-15-67, 9-15-67 to 9-22-67, and 9-30-67 to 10-5-67.

SEP 1990

SEP 28 1988

MAR 28 1989

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SEMIANNUAL INVENTORY CERTIFICATION TO JUSTIFY RETENTION OF PROPERTY (Initial and Date)

3-11-69	9-17-70	3/29/73	AUG - 4 1975
8-7-69	9/1/71	10/16/74 Rgm	FEB - 8 1976
4/1/70 m8	9/15/72 Jm8	FEB - 3 1975	AUG - 6 1976
R. KIRKPATRICK			R. KIRKPATRICK

9-29-82 FEB 12 1977 MAR 5 1985

3/24/83 R. KIRKPATRICK

MAR 29 1984

SEP 7 1985

SEP 1989

SEP 17 1984

Field File #

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12/7/81 Rgm
COM 3/15/82

7-13-68

Date

Classification of Case

IN

Property Acquired
2012)
-68

Source From Which Property Acquired
FBI Photo Lab.

Property or Bulky Exhibit
Exhibit Room

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same
Hold for [redacted] Future Reference Until
after Subjects trial

Anderson

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

set of 8 X 10 Photo prints of hotel and motel registrations
Birmingham area for night of 3-29-68. These compared with names of
persons at Rebel motel, Memphis, on night of 4-3-68 but no
indications of names noted. (see ser. 2020)

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3/26/73

7/28/73

INITIALS BY SA [redacted]

SEP 28 1988

MAR 28 1989

ANNUAL INVENTORY CERTIFICATION TO JUSTIFY RETENTION OF PROPERTY (Initials and Date)

3-11-69

9-17-70

3-29-73

AUG - 4 1975

8-7-69

9-11-71

10-18-74

FEB - 8 1976

10-9-78

9-15-82

L. R. KIRKPATRICK

AUG - 6 1976

FEB 12 1977

L. R. KIRKPATRICK

FEB - 3 1975

L. R. KIRKPATRICK

Field File # 44-1740-1B

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CM 3/25/82

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 10/14/93

JAMES J. FALLON, 10 Essex Drive, Mendham, New Jersey, telephone number (201) 543-3025, white male, Date of Birth: [REDACTED], Social Security number: [REDACTED], was interviewed at his residence. FALLON provided the following information:

FALLON advised that he is the President of FALLON RESEARCH ASSOCIATES, a business that conducts industrial market research for mineral and chemical companies. FALLON started the business in 1979.

FALLON stated that he contacted the office of the FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI), Newark, New Jersey, after watching the television show, UNSOLVED MYSTERIES, on September 8, 1993. FALLON said that one segment of the show suggested that more than one (1) individual was responsible for the shooting death of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., in 1968.

FALLON advised that from May, 1965 until 1979, he was employed by the ENGELHARD CORPORATION, formerly known as MINERALS AND CHEMICALS PHILIPP (MCP) in Menlo Park, New Jersey. MCP mined, processed and sold industrial minerals throughout the United States. In the Spring of 1966, FALLON held the position of distributor sales manager for a large territory in the Midwest. One of the MCP distributors under his supervision was the GEORGE BRANDT COMPANY in Kansas City, Missouri.

FALLON stated that he travelled to Kansas City in the Spring of 1966, to meet with a salesman for the GEORGE BRANDT COMPANY named LEE HANSEN. FALLON and HANSEN worked together for several weeks meeting with MCP customers in the Kansas City area. In the course of these business and social meetings, HANSEN asked FALLON, "Do you want to make \$10,000.00?" HANSEN then told FALLON that there was a \$10,000.00 reward to be paid to the person that killed MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HANSEN did not tell FALLON who was going to pay the reward, but HANSEN seemed to know where the money was coming from. HANSEN was very serious about this proposal, and stated that, "Somebody should get that guy and kill him."

Investigation on 10/4/93 at Mendham, New Jersey File # 94-HQ-70698

by SA [REDACTED]/ko Date dictated 10/4/93

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Continuation of FD-302 of JAMES J. FALLON, On 10/4/93, Page 2

FALLON said that HANSEN and he met with the representatives of several companies who were MCP customers during this business trip. FALLON stated that HANSEN repeated the information regarding a \$10,000.00 payment to the killer of KING to two (2) other individuals in his presence. HANSEN discussed this payment with TERRILL JOHNSON, the technical director for a paint company, name unknown, in Kansas City, and the technical director for another paint company, name unknown, in Kansas City, RICHARD RADFORD. HANSEN said that RADFORD left Kansas City to join the BRUNNING COMPANY, Baltimore, Maryland, shortly after that time. Both JOHNSON and RADFORD agreed that KING should be killed, but neither JOHNSON or RADFORD indicated their willingness to get involved in the actual murder.

FALLON advised that he was promoted a short time later and did not return to Kansas City so he did not meet with HANSEN again.

When KING was killed in 1968, FALLON said that it never occurred to him that his conversations with HANSEN had any significance because all information regarding the murder indicated that JAMES EARL RAY was solely responsible for the shooting. However, after viewing the UNSOLVED MYSTERIES segment regarding a possible conspiracy, FALLON recalled the remarks made by HANSEN.

FALLON described HANSEN as a white male, about 5'8" in height, heavy build, blond hair, blue eyes, who would be 67-70 years old at this time. HANSEN is a World War II NAVY Veteran, who was married and originally from the Minneapolis, Minnesota area.

TRANSMIT VIA: AIRTEL

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLAS

DATE: 12/13/93

FROM: Director, FBI

✓ TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

JAMES EARL RAY;
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM;
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;
OO: MEMPHIS

Reference Newark Airtel and FD-302, dated 10/14/93,
entitled "Unsolved Mysteries, NBC Television; OO: HQ."

Enclosed for the information of Memphis is one copy of
an FD-302 interview of James J. Fallon, of Mendham, New Jersey,
regarding the death of Martin Luther King, Jr., and a one A
envelope containing the original notes regarding the interview of
James J. Fallon.

Based on the information contained in the enclosed
FD-302, Memphis is requested to conduct any and all logical
investigation and report any results to FBIHQ, attention: Civil
Rights Unit.

1 - Bufile # (44-38861)
1 - Newark (94-HQ-70698) info. only
Enc. (2)

SA [redacted] - In
contact AG Privette
Establish liaison

*This will remain in "C" status
unless we begin active investigation*

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Orally 12/17/93 Written Communication _____
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Information concerning: (Include DRUG MATTERS here.)

Civil Rights Matters

Information furnished from File, Serial, and Page Number: 44-1987-1205

☐ On 12/17/93 a continuing disclosure was initiated with
(date)

District Attorney General's Office will be maintained until the
(agency)
conclusion of the investigation.

Information furnished to:
General John Pierotti

Remarks: Advised him orally of information on a FD-302 connected
with the Martin Luther King assassination.

SA _____
Employee Furnishing Information

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(Name of Office)Subject: JAMES EARL RAY:
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING - VICTIM (DECEASED)
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MEMPHIS, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1993

THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL

Pierotti might inquire into King 'plot' claims

By Marc Perrusquia
The Commercial Appeal

State prosecutors may look into new allegations that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was killed as part of a plot involving two Memphis businessmen and others, Dist. Atty. Gen. John Pierotti said Wednesday.

Pierotti said he still believes the new allegations are a hoax, but said he cannot avoid the groundswell of media attention since a British newspaper on Sunday reported details of a possible conspiracy.

Pierotti said his staff may interview witnesses after considering new information, including an interview expected to air tonight on national television with a retired businessman and one-time Memphis policeman who claims to know about a plot behind King's death here in 1968.

In 1968, Loyd Jowers owned a restaurant below the second-story boarding house from which

convicted assassin James Earl Ray is said to have fired the shot that killed King.

In an interview with reporter Sam Donaldson on the ABC news program *PrimeTime Live*, Jowers, 67, will give a different account of King's death.

In the interview, to air locally at 9 p.m. on WHBQ Channel 13, Jowers will say "he was part of a conspiracy to murder Dr. King and that he hired someone to do the killing," ABC announced Wednesday.

Jowers claims he hired a triggerman, and it was not Ray. The claim, which has stirred new controversy in the 25-year-old case, appears to add new details to a conspiracy allegation checked out but dismissed by the FBI in 1968.

Pierotti has said the new allegations appear to be manufactured to fit known facts in the case, but Jowers' attorney Lewis Garrison has said his client only wants the truth to come out.

Pierotti, who was interviewed by Donaldson Wednesday, said

he will be watching the Jowers interview closely.

Garrison approached Pierotti several weeks ago seeking immunity for his client and four others in return for naming a gunman and at least one other businessman supposedly involved in a conspiracy.

Ray, who is serving a 99-year sentence for King's death, did not commit the murder, according to Jowers' account.

Pierotti originally dismissed the new claim as a "sham and fraud." But the prosecutor said he's eager to listen to what Jowers has to say. Yet, if he finds there is any truth in his account, there won't be any deals for the former restaurant owner, Pierotti said.

"If someone actually is guilty of capital murder and I give him immunity just to clear the books on this, I ought to be run out of town," Pierotti said.

Pierotti said his staff may interview other witnesses after listening to Jowers. Pierotti stressed he is not "reopening the

King case," but said investigators likely would check for possible corroborating information to Jowers' statement.

Several efforts to reach Jowers at his rural Martin, Tenn., home have been unsuccessful.

In the ABC interview, Jowers details a conspiracy involving himself and another former Memphis businessman, according to excerpts released by the network:

DONALDSON: Was (James Earl Ray) part of the conspiracy?

JOWERS: He was part of it, but I don't believe he knew he was part of it. But he was part of it, yes, he was there.

DONALDSON: Tell me about Frank Laberto (*sic*). Who was he and what was your relationship with him?

JOWERS: Well, he was in the produce business. I met Frank



Loyd Jowers
in 1963

Food prou recor feed 1

By Quintin Robins
The Commercial Appeal

The Memphis Food Bank distributed a record 8 pounds of food to needy in the Memphis area this

But jubilation over last year's total of 6.8 pounds was tempered by that the need exceeded it, said Food Bank executive Susan Sanford.

"We are just bursting, seams over here," she said. "We are so proud of this year, so sad that there are so many people who need our help." "We are feeling the need more than ever during the

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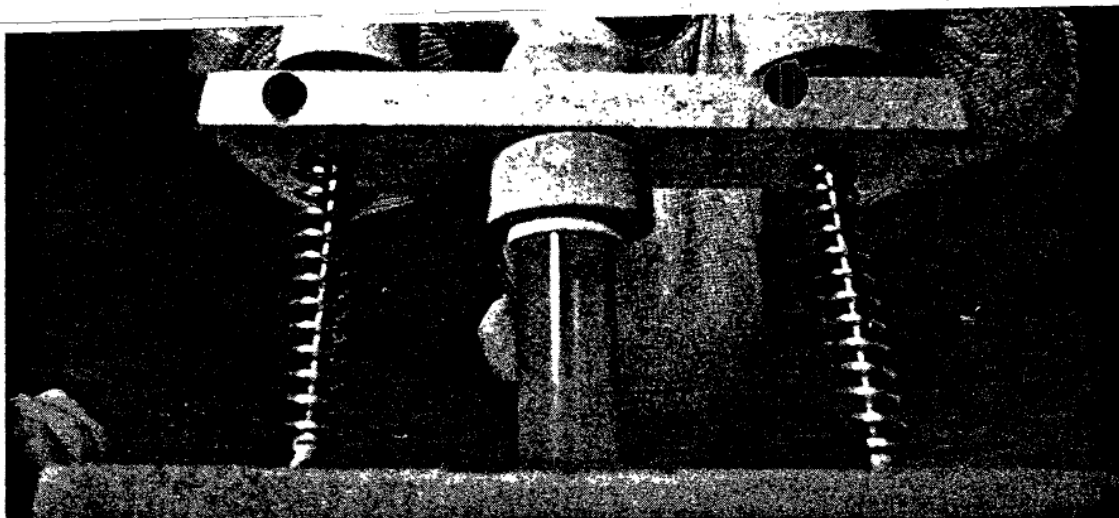
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By Michael McMullan

Capping the semester

Students in Christian Brothers University's Introduction to Engineering Design classes were asked to invent devices to open childproof bottle caps — for adults who have limited hand strength. Toli Savvaides tests his team's entry as the judges make the rounds. The CBU Engineering Department collaborated with the University of Tennessee Rehabilitation Engineering Center.

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King

Laberto (*sic*) when I was a po-
liceman, city policeman in 1947.
We've become pretty good
friends, not real real close
friends, you might say business
friends. Laberto (*sic*) has done
me several large favors, so I
owed him a favor or at least I
thought I did.

Jowers goes on to say he was
asked "to handle some money
transaction, hire someone to as-
sassinate Dr. Martin Luther
King," the ABC excerpts show.

Two weeks after King's assas-
sination, authorities questioned
Frank Camilla Liberto, then liv-
ing at 3271 Powers St. in Mem-
phis's Raleigh area, according to
FBI reports.

Liberto, then president of the
L L & L Produce Co., 814 Scott, al-
legedly was overheard talking
about King's murder on the tele-
phone the day of the assassina-
tion, April 4, 1968.

John McFerren of Somerville,
Tenn., told investigators he was
in Memphis shopping for
grocers at the Farmers Market
when he overheard a conversa-
tion by a man who weighed "ap-
proximately 300 pounds," ac-
cording to an April, 11, 1968, FBI
report.

"McFerren stated that the
heavyset man did not see him at
that time. He stated he heard the
heavyset man say, 'Kill the S.O.B.
on the balcony and get the job
done. You will get your \$5,000.'"

King was shot on the balcony
of the Lorraine Motel about 6:01
p.m. that day. But when agents

questioned Liberto, then 51
years old and weighing 285
pounds, he "emphatically de-
nied having any knowledge" of
King's murder, according to an
April 23, 1968, FBI report.

"He advised he may have made
statements to the effect that
King should be killed, although
he does not recall any specific
statements made by him to this
effect," the FBI report said.

The report went on to say: "Li-
berto advised he frequently
taunts various individuals re-
garding racial matters and may
have made disparaging remarks
to some of his customers..."

Liberto explained to agents
that he frequently purchases
produce over the telephone and
his discussions involve large
sums of money. The FBI checked
out the tip as one of many.

Liberto, who would be 76 now,
is believed to be living in New
Orleans, said Frank H. Liberto,
no relation, a former Memphis
car dealer who said he was often
confused with the other Liberto.
Efforts to reach Frank Camilla
Liberto on Wednesday were un-
successful.

Pierotti said he heard from
sources Wednesday afternoon
that the new conspiracy theory
would implicate a man named
Liberto. The new theory was
fueled by a story Sunday in a
London daily, The Observer,
which maintained the plot ulti-
mately was tied to mobsters in
New Orleans.

"This is wild," Pierotti said.
"Why in the name of God are
they going to use Jowers to pick
a hit man? If they are in the Ma-
fia, they know hit men."

In 1968, Jowers owned Jim's
Grill, 418 S. Main. He and several
patrons were interviewed by po-
lice shortly after the murder,
but did not discuss details of a
plot. Jowers moved to Martin re-
cently where he operates a con-
venience store and is said to own
several small houses.

Garrison, Jowers' attorney,
previously had declined to name
his client, referring to him only
as a mystery businessman who
was seeking immunity from
prosecution. It was unclear
Wednesday why Jowers had de-
cided to go public. Efforts to
reach Garrison at his home and
office were unsuccessful.

Pierotti said new claims about
the King assassination get
stranger by the day. The prose-
cutor said he's heard through
good sources that Memphis pri-
vate detectives are out looking
for Jowers's gunman.

"The last I heard they were
looking for the real shooter and
he was picking strawberries in
Florida," he said.

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FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (C)
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CONTACT: SA [REDACTED]

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

ATTN: SSA [REDACTED] CIVIL RIGHTS UNIT

TITLE: RAY, JAMES, EARL;
KING, MARTIN, LUTHER, JR. - VICTIM;
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;
OO: ME

RE: Bureau airtel dated 12/13/93.

PURPOSE(S): To outline investigative efforts by Memphis Division.

DETAILS: On 12/16/93, indices checks were conducted on JAMES J. FALLON, FALLON RESEARCH ASSOCIATES, ENGELHARD CORPORATION, MINERALS AND CHEMICALS PHILIPP, BRUNNING COMPANY, TERRILL JOHNSON, RICHARD RADFORD, and LEE HANSEN/HANSON with negative results.

On 12/17/93, liaison was established with District Attorney General JOHN PIEROTTI, Shelby County Attorney General's Office, Memphis, Tennessee, and the information contained in an FD-302, dated 10/4/93, concerning JAMES J. FALLON was disseminated to him. PIEROTTI advised MARK K. GLANKLER, Criminal Investigative Division, Shelby County Attorney General's Office, and JOHN SIMMONS, Special Agent, TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, would be handling an investigation that would be specifically looking into allegations expressed by LLOYD JOWERS on a recent episode of the television program "Primetime Live," during which JOWERS indicated JAMES EARL RAY was not the person who killed Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

To date, PIEROTTI's investigative team has been unable to locate FRANK HOLT, JOWERS' alleged "shooter" of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., for interview; the Memphis Division is presently assisting in locating HOLT through HOLT's social

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security number. The Orlando, Florida Resident Agency has been apprised of JOWERS' allegations since FRANK HOLT most recently resided at a Rescue Mission in Orlando, Florida. In addition, the Memphis Division is also assisting in providing copies of specific FD-302's concerning interviews of specific individuals who were in the vicinity of the shooting of Dr. KING on the date of the incident.

PIEROTTI's investigative team is also currently attempting to locate and interview some 11 or 12 people who had been frequenting a restaurant situated near the scene of Dr. KING's assassination on that same date.

Memphis is not re-opening this investigation at this time since there has been no evidence uncovered to indicate anyone other than JAMES EARL RAY was responsible for Dr. KING's death. Close liaison will be maintained with Attorney General PIEROTTI's office to ensure Memphis is aware of any pertinent developments. FBIHQ will be advised every sixty days on status of the investigative efforts of the Attorney General's Office.

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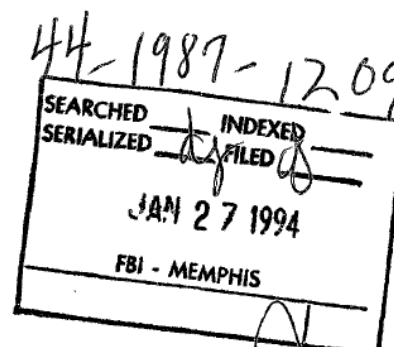
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An anonymous elderly white female telephonically contacted the duty complaint agent and provided the following information:

One day after MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. was shot and killed, HAROLD WESLEY BRADFORD, current home address 5333 Lyford, Memphis, Tennessee, home telephone number 901-767-6463, told his wife, caller's daughter, that a fireman told HAROLD WESLEY BRADFORD that he (the fireman) shot and killed MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. The caller's daughter then told caller the above information. Caller provided this information because she has acquired knowledge, through watching recent television programs, that JAMES EARL RAY may be retried for the murder of KING and she does not believe that an innocent person should remain in jail. The caller did not provide this information at any earlier date because she was also in fear that HAROLD WESLEY BRADFORD, her daughter's now ex-husband would kill her daughter and herself if he ever found out that she or her daughter provided this information to any law enforcement agency. The caller and her daughter currently live at the same address. The caller further stated that on the day KING was murdered by the fireman, BRADFORD also worked as a fireman at a fire station located somewhere on Chelsea Road in Memphis, Tennessee. HAROLD WESLEY BRADFORD is currently married to JOYCE BRADFORD who also lives at 5333 Lyford, Memphis, Tennessee.

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The caller further states she believes the fireman's first or last name begins with the letter "V".

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Dear Sir,

Enclosed is a handwritten
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and to various other people, which
i thought may interest you.

Sincerely,

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Turn Over

These men, along with another man named Al McDonald, committed crimes with Tom Pugh, that only I know about.

Like murders, robberies, and bombings.

Tom Pugh was ~~implicated~~ implicated along with his crime partner Al McDonald in other murders in Oklahoma, but was not convicted of some of them. But I personally know about them.

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I personally know of and can place Tom Pugh & Pat Urley in Memphis on 2 separate occasions, prior to the assassination.

Turn Over

These 2 men played only a small part in the conspiracy, but Tom told me "WHY" Martin Luther King was killed, and "WHO" carried out the conspiracy and paid off James Earl Ray.

There was a "Group & 2 other men" who planned and carried it out.

James Earl Ray does not even know about this. That is why he hasn't been able to say anything in 25 years.

Tom Pugh personally knew these people, had talked to them, and was in Memphis at the time.

Between the months of April & July of 1993, I wrote numerous people trying to get this information out.

I wrote to Chuck Colson, head of Prison Fellowship in Washington D.C., telling him I knew about the conspiracy, and asked him to please notify Rev. Jesse Jackson for me.

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But the Governor never responded to my letter. He was having charges brought against him for money related crimes, so i guess he didn't care to answer my letter, or either didn't care about Martin Luther King.

I was transferred to this state out of Oklahoma on Oct. 23, 1993, because i was an eyewitness to a murder that happened at the OKla. State Penitentiary on Aug. 17, 1993, and the Internal Affairs interviewed me there on Aug. 24, 1993. I told them how 2 Guards allowed 2 inmates out of their cells to kill a man who lived in the cell next to mine. The same cell that Tom Pugh had moved out of earlier.

That should say something about my character and credibility.

I am a Christian and i believe, in truth & justice, and doing what is right in the sight of God.

Turn Over

After 25 years, the Civil Rights Leaders and the Government want to know what the "conspiracy" was in the assassination of Martin Luther King. Because they "believe" that there was a conspiracy, and that James Earl Ray did not act alone.

I am interested in telling the story to "Hard Copy" or "current affair" on two conditions:

#1- I am to be paid for the story, so i can help my Mother who is in bad health, and having financial problems.

#2- I am to be given a new identity under the witness protection program and released from prison. Because my life would be in danger in any Penitentiary.

I would even be willing to be sent to another country of my choice.

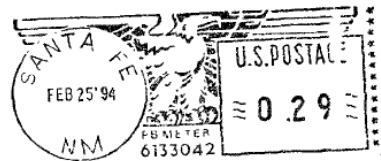
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But the Governor never responded to ~~my~~ my letter. He was having charges brought against him for money related crimes. So i guess he didn't care to answer my letter, or either didn't care about Martin Luther King.

I was transferred to this state out of Oklahoma on Oct. 23, 1993, because i was an eyewitness to a murder that happened there at the Okla. State Penitentiary on Aug. 17, 1993. Internal Affairs interviewed me there on Aug. 24, 1993, and i told them how 2 Guards allowed 2 inmates out of their cells to kill a man who lived in the cell next to mine. The same cell that Tom Pugh had moved out of earlier.

That should say something about my character and credibility.

I am a Christian and i believe in truth & justice, and doing what is right in the sight of God.

Turn Over

After 25 years, the Civil Rights Leaders and the Government wants to know what the "conspiracy" was in the assassination of Martin Luther King.

Because they Believe that there was a conspiracy, and that James Earl Ray did not act alone.

I am interested in telling the story to "Hard Copy" or "Current Affair" on 2 conditions:

#1 - I am to be paid for the story, so i can help my Mother who is in bad health and having financial problems.

#2 - I am to be given a new identity under the witness protection program and released from prison. Because my life would be in danger in any of the Penitentiaries. I would even be willing to be sent to another country of my choice.

So please contact me as soon as possible, if you are interested.

And please send a copy of this letter to Rev. Jesse Jackson and to James Earl Ray's attorney in Memphis.

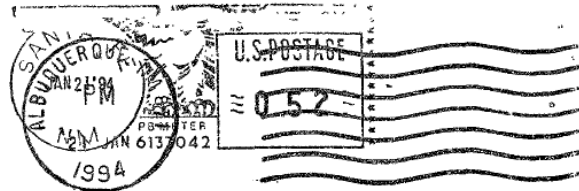
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Thank You!

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (44-0)

SUBJECT : JAMES EARL RAY; *44-1987-673*
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Enclosed for Memphis is an original letter dated 1/20/94, addressed to the FBI in Oklahoma City and signed by FRANK ELLIOTT *42954*

Enclosed for the Bureau and Albuquerque Division is one copy each of the above letter by Mr. ELLIOTT.

For information of receiving offices, persons mentioned in ELLIOTT's letter are: PAT URLEY, believed to be PAT EARLY; TOM LESTER PUGH, aka TOM PUGH, LESTER PUGH, JERRY JAMES, believed to be JERRY RAY JAMES, ex FBI Top Ten from 1960's; KIRKSEY NIX, JR., son of the now deceased Oklahoma Appeals Judge, currently serving time in Louisiana for murder; and AL MCDONALD, aka ALBERT MCDONALD, now deceased, also a well known criminal in Oklahoma.

ELLIOTT states in his letter he has attempted to tell his story and to sell his story to many prominent persons without success. His last paragraph set forth what is believed to be ELLIOTT's true motivation: to get out of jail and make a lot of money.

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Contact and interview ELLIOTT, inmate number 42954,
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