

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General
CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION

DATE: **August 30, 1968**

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: **ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**

Reference is made to our memorandum dated 8/28/68
(your file _____).

There is enclosed one copy of the report of Special
Agent _____ dated _____
at _____.

A. This covers the preliminary investigation and
no further action concerning a full investigation will be taken
by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

B. The investigation is continuing and you will
be furnished copies of reports as they are received.

C. The investigation requested by you has now
been completed. Unless advised to the contrary no further in-
quiries will be made by this Bureau.

D. Pursuant to instructions issued by the Depart-
ment, no investigation will be conducted in this matter unless
specifically directed by the Department.

E. Please advise whether you desire any further in-
vestigation.

F. This is submitted for your information and you
will be advised of further developments.

G. This is submitted for your information and no
further investigation will be conducted unless specifically re-
quested by the Department.

H. This covers the receipt of a complaint and no
further action will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department
so directs.

Enc. **Enclosed are copies of 27 reports of the Royal Canadian
Mounted Police in this matter. Copies of these reports
are also being furnished to the Criminal Division.**

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 10/9/68

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On 10/2/68 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 44-1574

by SA JAMES R. PACE and
SA THEODORE J. A'HEARN/TJA/nmb/lmt Date dictated 10/7/68

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Date: 10/9/68

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Los Angeles tel dated 10/1/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau and other receiving offices are two copies of an FD-302 reflecting an interview with Dr. RUSSELL BRADLEY, who performed nose surgery on JAMES EARL RAY.

Dr. RUSSELL BRADLEY, 7080 Hollywood Boulevard, was interviewed on 10/2/68 and furnished the following information:

On 9/25/68 WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE made an appointment with Dr. BRADLEY for professional services. He furnished his residence as 411 Day Street, Hartsville, Alabama and his employment as real estate broker and investor. He furnished his local address as the Bel-Air Hotel, Beverly Hills, California.

During this appointment HUIE advised Dr. BRADLEY that he was actually present to obtain information from BRADLEY concerning surgery he had performed on the nose of JAMES EARL RAY, known to Dr. BRADLEY as ERIC S. GALT. Dr. BRADLEY stated he could furnish no information from his records without first having the written consent of the patient.

HUIE advised BRADLEY that he would obtain RAY's consent.

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Special Agent in Charge

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HUIE reappeared at Dr. ~~W~~ADLEY's office on 9/27/68 with a handwritten medical release from RAY witnessed by RAY's attorney ARTHUR HAYNES. With approval of his personal attorney Dr. ~~W~~ADLEY then furnished HUIE information concerning ERIC S. GALT from his files.

This information consisted of the facts that ~~W~~ADLEY had a first appointment with GALT on 2/19/68 for consultation. On 3/5/68 ~~W~~ADLEY performed a nasal tip reconstruction for an elongated nasal tip on GALT in his office. On 3/7/68 packs were removed from GALT's nose and on 3/11/68 sutures were removed. GALT was scheduled to return in six weeks for a postoperative checkup but failed to keep the appointment.

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, INDIANAPOLIS (44-563) (RUC)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

*Robert Woodly sub - 4-606
-682P107
-693, P1, 196
Sub E - 954*

Re Springfield airtel to Director, dated 5/1/68.

*sub 44-606
-693P1*

On 10/16/68, **ROBERT H. STRADER**, 123 William Drive, Apartment J, Brownsburg, Indiana, telephonically contacted this office advising that he wished to speak to an agent in regard to captioned subject. Arrangements were made to meet him at which time he furnished information substantially the same as was furnished by his wife, **MARGARET CARNICHAEL STRADER**, in referenced airtel. The only discrepancy with information furnished previously by his wife was that he compared photographs that were published of **JAMES EARL RAY** to the persons that he remembered having overheard at the Gulf Truck Stop, Lebanon, Tennessee, in late March, 1968. After comparison he advised that none of the five men he overheard at the truck stop were identical to **JAMES EARL RAY**. His wife had previously stated in referenced airtel that one of those persons had been **RAY**.

STRADER advised that after hearing this conversation with the five men in the restroom at the truck stop on or about the last day of March, 1968, that he and his wife turned around and traveled back to Memphis, a distance of about 65 miles, to report what he had overheard. When they returned to Memphis, however, he got scared, did not want to get involved and did not report what he had heard to anyone. They left Memphis and traveled East in the direction they had been traveling before returning to Memphis. Mrs. **STRADER**, in referenced airtel, advised to the contrary that he did not mention hearing of the plan to kill Dr. **MARTIN LUTHER KING** that day, and she did not advise of having returned to Memphis to report such information.

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In addition to the above information, STRADER advised that he was approached by a man on the night of 10/13/68, at the bar of Howard Johnson's, located at I-465 and Indiana State Highway 136, in Indianapolis. This man, according to STRADER, knew all about STRADER and was aware of his poor financial status. This man followed him to the car and told STRADER that he could make \$100,000 if he would testify to what he heard in the restroom in Lebanon, Tennessee, in late March. The man did not tell him who would pay the money, but told STRADER that if he was interested he was to be in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, at the airport at 3:00 AM, on Saturday, 10/19/68. The man also told STRADER that if he did not believe him, to go to the Holiday Inn bar, at the Indianapolis airport at 5:00 PM the next evening. STRADER advised that he did, in fact, go the next evening to the Holiday Inn bar, which was on 10/14/68, but he was not approached by anyone. On the morning of 10/15/68, at approximately 5:30 AM, STRADER heard a noise at his apartment door, and found a note which stated, "Sat. 3:00 AM, OKLA. City. How much money". STRADER stated that he became very worried and finally on 10/16/68 made a telephone call to ARTHUR HAYNES, attorney for JAMES EARL RAY, in Birmingham, Alabama, attempting to find out if HAYNES was responsible for the offer of \$100,000 for STRADER to testify. He talked to HAYNES, at which time HAYNES mentioned to STRADER that he had received a mysterious phone call several days before, advising that he should get in touch with a ROBERT STRADER, however, HAYNES had taken it as a prank call. HAYNES knew of no offer of money to STRADER if he would testify, but did take STRADER's address and phone number.

After talking to HAYNES, STRADER immediately called the Indianapolis Office and requested to talk to an Agent. STRADER gave as his reason for not contacting the FBI previously, that he was an ex-con and was not fond of dealing with police in any manner, however, he was scared and felt that he must make known the above information. STRADER furnished both notes he had received to interviewing Agents.

IP 44-563

Indianapolis Office is retaining these notes at this time and has instructed STRADER to promptly advise if he is recontacted in the future by anyone concerning this matter. As the substance of this interview with STRADER has previously been furnished to the Bureau and Memphis, it does not appear further investigation is necessary. The Indianapolis Office will keep the Bureau and Memphis advised of any further developments.

It should be noted that in referenced airtel, mention is made of the fact that STRADER was a patient twice at Patton State Hospital, Sacramento, California, and once at Atascadero State Hospital in California.



In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New Orleans, Louisiana
October 17, 1968

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

JAMES EARL RAY;
IO #4182, WF #442-A;
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
(Deceased) - VICTIM

The following investigation was conducted by Special
Agent Harold V. Hughes:

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/17/68

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The files of the South Central Bell Telephone Company, New Orleans, Louisiana, contain the following information relative to telephone number 242-1618:

Listed to: SAMUEL S. LORIO in September, 1967.

Address: 4839 Babylon Street

This is a published telephone number.

The above information is not to be made public without the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum directed to Mr. J. T. PFANNKUCHE, District Accounting Manager (toll), or his authorized representative.

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On 10/11/68 at New Orleans, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673
by SA THOMAS E. DUHADWAY/cst Date dictated 10/16/68

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DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
(Deceased) - VICTIM

The New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau advised that Sam Lorio, 4839 Babylon, New Orleans, Louisiana, has been employed as a carpenter-contractor for 22 years for T. Smith and Sons, New Orleans, Louisiana.

The New Orleans Police Department Record Room has a record of arrest, number 70827, on April 30, 1968, for one Sam Lario, 4839 Babylon, on a charge of "Drunk in Public." This arrest records contained the following description:

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| Race | White |
| Sex | Male |
| Age | 57 |

10/17/68

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re New Orleans airtel to Bureau, 9/15/68, and Legat Ottawa airtel to Bureau, 7/25/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are six copies of an LHM, and enclosed for Memphis are two copies of same LHM.

Information relative to telephone #242-1818 was furnished to SA THOMAS E. DUNAWAY by HENRY ARCHERLAUX (Protect Identity), Security Officer, South Central Bell Telephone Co., New Orleans, La.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

✓ FROM : Director, FBI (44-38861)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: October 18, 1968

ReMEairtel to the Bureau dated 10/2/68.

Memphis as office of origin in this case, should follow the matter concerning Donald Lee Mitchell with the Kansas City Division, in order that it will be resolved at an early date.

Memphis will also make a prompt evaluation of this matter upon receipt of information from Kansas City and appropriately advise the Bureau.

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FROM : Director, (44-38861)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReJNairtel to the Bureau, 10/1/68.

If not already completed, you should evaluate the information as furnished by Mr. Bill Sartor, and advise the Bureau of the results thereof.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

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

ON THIS DATE ARTHUR J. HANES, SR., BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA,
DEFENSE ATTORNEY IN THIS CASE, TELEPHONED BIRMINGHAM SAC RALPH
J. MILES, STATING QUOTE THIS IS A GENUINE CONCERN CALL UNQUOTE.
AFTER STATING HIS GREAT ADMIRATION FOR THE FBI AND HIS INTEREST
IN THE WELL BEING OF HIS COUNTRY, HANES SAID THE FORTHCOMING
TRIAL OF RAY WOULD PROVIDE QUITE A GREAT FORUM FOR EXPOSING
SOME THINGS WHICH NEED EXPOSING UNQUOTE. ENSUING CONVERSATION
DEVELOPED THAT HANES CONCERN WAS QUOTE WITH THE BLACK MILITANT
GROUPS AT WORK IN THIS COUNTRY WHOSE ACTIVITIES SHOULD BE
EXPOSED UNQUOTE.

HANES REQUESTED THAT HE BE ALLOWED TO MEET WITH A BUREAU
OFFICIAL IN BIRMINGHAM, WASHINGTON, OR ANY OTHER SUITABLE
LOCATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXCHANGING INFORMATION AS TO
ACTIVITIES OF BLACK MILITANTS WITH A VIEW TOWARD USING ANY DATA

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FURNISHED BY THE BUREAU DURING THE RAY TRIAL. SAC ADVISED HANES THAT HE WOULD BE GLAD TO RECEIVE FROM HANES ANY INFORMATION PERTINENT TO THE SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES BUT, AS HANES WELL KNEW, THE INFORMATION POSSESSED BY THE FBI COULD NOT BE DISCLOSED TO HIM UNDER REGULATIONS OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL. HANES NONE-THELESS ASKED THAT HIS REQUEST BE CONVEYED TO THE BUREAU AND THAT HE BE CONTACTED TODAY OR TOMORROW AS TO THE BUREAU,S POSITION.

SAC BIRMINGHAM RECOMMENDS THAT HANES AGAIN BE INFORMED THAT THE BUREAU WOULD BE RECEPTIVE TO ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION HE POSSESSES BUT CANNOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES FURNISH HIM WITH ANY INFORMATION ALONG THE LINES REQUESTED. IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED THAT HANES BE ADVISED THAT IF HE WISHES TO PURSUE THE MATTER FURTHER HE SHOULD DIRECT A WRITTEN REQUEST TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

BIRMINGHAM WILL AWAIT BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE RETURNING HANES CALL.

AIR MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

END

October 24, 1968

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

RE BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE TO BUREAU OCTOBER TWO TWO LAST.
YOU SHOULD ADVISE ARTHUR J. HANES, ATTORNEY FOR JAMES
EARL RAY, IN WRITING THAT IF HE HAS ANY INFORMATION WHICH
HE BELIEVES WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO THE FBI, HE SHOULD FEEL
FREE TO FURNISH IT TO THE BIRMINGHAM OFFICE. SULHM.

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