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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

January 23, 1969

Title JAMES EARL RAY;
MARTIN LUTHER KING - VICTIM

Character

Reference Memorandum dated and captioned as
above at Philadelphia, Pa.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Memphis, Tennessee
January 31, 1969

**RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
Telephone Operators and
Busby's Motors,
Nashville, Tennessee;
R. M. GAINES - Complainant;
INFORMATION CONCERNING**

On January 25, 1969, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D. C., received a telegram from R. M. Gaines, 2006 Arena Place, Nashville, Tennessee, which stated "Discrimination against black people of Nashville by telephone operators and Busby's Motors of Nashville."

At 7:10 A.M. on January 23, 1969, R. M. Gaines, 2006 Arena Place, Nashville, Tennessee, telephonically contacted the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Washington, D. C., and stated he was investigating the death of Dr. Martin Luther King. He stated he had evidence and photographs to support his conclusion that King had not been killed by a white man. Gaines said he could be located at 1056 College Street, Memphis, Tennessee. He said he is employed by the Mahalia Jackson Chicken System, 705 South Parkway East, Memphis, Tennessee.

On January 23, 1969, Mr. Harold Jones, Executive Vice-President, Mahalia Jackson Chicken System, Memphis, Tennessee, advised that Robert Gaines has been employed by that company since about August, 1968, and that because of Gaines' drinking problem he has been on a leave of absence since January 19, 1969, at which time Gaines became intoxicated and began to annoy other officers in the company with his telephone calls.

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**RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
Telephone Operators, Etc.**

On January 28, 1969, Gaines was located at 1058 College Street, Memphis, by a Special Agent of the FBI. Gaines was found holding a half empty bottle of whiskey and gave every indication of being highly intoxicated. He was sufficiently coherent to deny having any evidence concerning the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King.

Records of Central State Hospital, Nashville, Tennessee, reflect that Robert Gaines entered that hospital on October 24, 1966, having been brought to the hospital by Nashville Police after he had fired a gun through the roof of his home. He was diagnosed as having an acute schizophrenic reaction, paranoid type, and he was found to be suffering from chronic alcoholism. He was granted a thirty day furlough from the hospital on January 6, 1968, but never returned to the hospital.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Atlanta, Georgia

January 31, 1969

**ASSASSINATION OF
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE
APRIL 4, 1968**

The January 29, 1969, edition of "The Washington Post" newspaper contained an article which quoted Rev. Ralph David Abernathy, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, as indicating in a news conference that a conspiracy exists with regard to the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

On January 30, 1969, Rev. Abernathy was interviewed by a Special Agent of the FBI at Atlanta, Georgia, and the results are set forth on the following page:

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date January 31, 1969

Rev. RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, 330 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia, telephonically advised with regards to his statement to the press, which was quoted in "The Washington Post" newspaper, Washington, D. C., on January 29, 1969, that what he told the press was that he believed in view of the assassinations of President JOHN F. KENNEDY, ROBERT F. KENNEDY, MEDGAR EVERS and MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., there would be an indication to him that there may be a conspiracy among the forces of evil to do away with any young militant who stands for righteousness. Rev. ABERNATHY advised that he has no specific information or other evidence that a conspiracy exists with respect to the specific assassination of Dr. KING. He advised that the statement made to the press on January 29, 1969, in which he referred to a conspiracy concerned the assassination of all of the above-mentioned persons. In regard to those assassinations he made it clear he has no evidence indicating a conspiracy and it is only his belief or fear on his part that such a conspiracy does exist. He stated he has no idea what individuals or forces would be involved in such a conspiracy.

Rev. ABERNATHY advised that several months ago Rev. JAMES LAWSON, Minister of the Centenary Methodist Church at Memphis, Tennessee, told him, Rev. ABERNATHY, that it was Rev. LAWSON's understanding that the day before the assassination of Dr. KING, two Negro firemen, who had been assigned to the fire station across the street from the motel where Dr. KING was killed, were moved to another fire station. According to Rev. LAWSON that move left the fire station unmanned and they were moved to a station which was already fully manned and equipped. Also according to Rev. LAWSON, a Negro policeman, who worked the beat which included the motel where Dr. KING was killed, was moved off of that beat the day Dr. KING was killed, April 4, 1968, but prior to the killing.

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On 1/30/69 at Atlanta, Georgia File# Atlanta 44-2386by SA G. RICHARD HAMILTON :vsc Date dictated 1/31/69

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

DATE: 2/13/69

FROM : Director, FBI (44-38861)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

You should disseminate a copy of each of the below listed documents to Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee. Two of each are enclosed for your utilization.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police report dated 12/11/68

12/12/68
re also
SUBM-338
LSCAT
MEXICO

Washington, D. C., letterhead memorandum dated 12/31/68

Springfield letterhead memorandum dated 1/10/69

Re: HENRY STUMM

Royal Canadian Mounted Police report dated 1/2/69

Philadelphia letterhead memorandum dated 1/21/69

Re: James Bevel

Atlanta letterhead memorandum dated 1/31/69

Re: Abernathy

Memphis letterhead memorandum dated 1/31/69

Re: R.M. Gaines

You should orally furnish information contained in the below listed document to Mr. Canale. Dissemination of the document itself could possibly disclose the identity of the individual furnishing part of the information.

Philadelphia letterhead memorandum dated 1/23/69

Enclosures (16)

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AIRTEL

To: SAC, Birmingham (44-1740)
From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

ReMEMairtel to the Bureau dated 2-8-69.

Information has come to the Bureau's attention that James Earl Ray claims that a Doctor Schwartz (phonetic) treated Ray while he was in Birmingham, Alabama. It is noted that investigation has determined that Ray was in Birmingham, Alabama, from August 25, 1967, to approximately October 6, 1967, and again on March 29 through March 31, 1968.

Conduct appropriate investigation regarding the association of Doctor Schwartz with James Earl Ray. This matter must be completely resolved.

① - Memphis (44-1987)

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AIRTEL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P
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RECOMMENDATION FOR COMMENDATION

On 2/17/69, I had occasion to meet with District Attorney General PHIL M. CANALE, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee. As the Bureau knows, CANALE is the Chief Prosecutor who will handle the prosecution of JAMES EARL RAY. CANALE told me that he and all members of his staff were greatly impressed by the exhibit prepared by the Bureau for the forthcoming trial. CANALE said that in his many years in the Attorney General's Office he had never seen an exhibit of the quality and caliber of the exhibits prepared by the FBI in this case. He stated the availability of an exhibit of this high quality would in his opinion greatly implement the excellent investigation conducted by the FBI in this case. He advised me that he intends to write a personal letter to the Director thanking him for the excellent exhibit made available to his office.

In view of the comments of Attorney General CANALE and the excellent reception the exhibits prepared in this case received, which are, of course, a credit to the FBI, it is being recommended that SA JOHN P. DUNPHY and his associates who helped prepare these exhibits be commended.

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Date 2/15/69

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, DETROIT (44-989) (C)

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MURKIN
OO: MEMPHIS

Re Little Rock letter to Memphis, 1/29/69, and Memphis airtel to Detroit, 1/30/69.

Detroit conducted investigation re unsub marine who was in vicinity of Detroit Metropolitan Airport on 4/3/68, indicating he had just returned from Vietnam and was enroute to Memphis to assassinate Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. Unsub marine indicated, while in bars in Detroit Metropolitan Airport, that his white, red haired, southern born wife had been raped by two Negroes in Memphis.

Investigation indicated unsub marine was unable to depart Detroit Metropolitan Airport on the evening of 4/3/68 or morning of 4/4/68, and consequently could not have assassinated Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

Information re unsub marine and investigation conducted was furnished to Director and Memphis in the following communications: Newark teletype to Director, 4/8/68, Detroit teletype to Director, 4/10/68, Detroit teletype to Director, 4/11/68 and Dallas teletype to Director 4/12/68.

No further investigation is being conducted re this matter.
UAC Memphis.

② - Memphis
1 - Detroit
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Special Agent in Charge

2/17/69

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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) (RUC)

MURKIN

✓ 44-1987

Re New Orleans airtel and LHM dated 2/8/69 and
Los Angeles teletype, 2/13/69.

In view of information contained in referenced
LHM which sets forth work schedule of Trapper EARL VICTOR
ESQUIBEL, Louisiana State Police, and classifying infor-
mation contained in referenced Los Angeles teletype,
New Orleans is taking no further action, WACB.

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Union, Ontario, Canada.
February 3, 1969 .

Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director, F.B.I.
The Federal Bureau of Investigation.
Washington, District of Columbia,
The United States of America

Dear Director Mr. John Edgar Hoover (The Federal Bureau of Investigation):

I write this letter to you Mr. Hoover because I am certain that the accused: James Earl Raye is not the man who used a rifle to shoot (Dr.) Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.,; but that it was rather a full brother of his a multiple birth who used a rifle to shoot the Late Martin Luther King Jr., which shooting resulted in Mr. King's death.

I think that "Mrs. King" was expecting a baby at the time of the shooting and that the father (physical) was the man who used the rifle to shoot The Late Mr. King Jr. (Dr. Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.) (who was an adopted son.)

It is possible to suppose that "Mrs. King." told the Late Martin Luther King Jr., to go out on the portch (second floor portch) where he was standing when he was shot.

"Mrs. King," wife of the Late (Dr.) Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., lived in (the city of) St. Thomas, Ontario, Canada, for a time; with the name "Verna Pearson," ----- she was a portrait painter and she had some of her paintings, shown in a display of Art, at The St. Thomas Public Library on Mondamin Street, in the city of St. Thomas, Ontario, Canada. at that time her "(Mrs. Pearson's)" address was 52 Hincks Street, St. Thomas, Ontario, Canada.

The father of the baby (an adopted brother) is shown in one of the two newspaper clippings enclosed.

The mother of the baby ("Mrs. King") is shown in the other clipping.

I write this true letter with hope that if not otherwise possible to do so it may save the life of an innocent man in this instance.

Yours Sincerely,

John Douglas Burgess,
Union, Ontario, Canada.

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Fire brings grief

—By George Blumson of The Free Press.

Irene Morais clutches Teresa Morais and weeps uncontrollably following a fire Monday night in a frame house at 110 Adelaide St. S. in London. The fire, believed to have started with an explosion in the basement, sent Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Reis and a third person to hospital. The house was believed to have been occupied by at least three Portuguese-speaking related families. Language difficulties hindered initial police and fire department investigations of the fire.

2-14-69

AIRTEL

To: Legat, Ottawa (44-4)
From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Enclosed are four true copies of a letter received at the Bureau from John D. Burgess, General Delivery, Union, Ontario, Canada, together with four copies of enclosure to his letter.

You should provide a copy of Burgess's letter and the enclosure to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) and ascertain what information the RCMP has concerning Burgess. Furnish the results of your check with the RCMP to the Bureau and take no further action.

Bureau files indicate that in May of 1960 and again in August of 1961, individual by the name John Douglas Burgess of Main Street, West Union, Ontario, Canada, wrote a letter to the Bureau informing the Bureau of the death of his mother and the death of his father. He also furnished information regarding his early childhood. In his letter of May, 1960, he furnished information which could have been a violation within the jurisdiction of the Post Office Department. We forwarded this letter to the postal authorities for appropriate handling.

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① - Memphis (44-1987) (for info) (Enc. 3) *lls*

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AIRTEL

To: Legat, Ottawa (44-4)
From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Information has come to the Bureau's attention that Claire Keating (female employee of the Canadian Government) allegedly made remarks to William Bradford Huie during their interview that James Earl Ray was very outspoken in his dislike for Negroes and made various remarks in this regard.

It is noted that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) previously interviewed Claire Keating and it was determined that she was intimate with Ray on several occasions. In this interview with her no mention was made by Ray to her regarding his anti-Negro sentiments.

Legat Ottawa should request the RCMP to interview Claire Keating concerning the statements allegedly made to her by Ray regarding his anti-Negro sentiments. Legat Ottawa should also request the RCMP to ascertain the willingness of her to come to Memphis and testify. The arrangements for her to come to Memphis and testify will be handled by the Memphis authorities through the RCMP.

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AIRTEL

To: Legat, Mexico City (173-1)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Information has come to the Bureau's attention that James Earl Ray and a "fat" bartender in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, were allegedly dealing in marijuana and Ray brought a sizeable quantity of marijuana with him to California.

It is noted that investigation conducted by you established that Ray entered Mexico on October 7, 1967, at Nuevo Laredo and registered in Hotel San Francisco Acapulco, on October 10, 1967, as RFIS S. Galt. It is further noted that in the past, you have determined that Ray made inquiry at various places in Mexico as to where he could possibly purchase marijuana.

Legat Mexico City should contact the appropriate authorities to determine if Ray was dealing in marijuana in Mexico as alleged. This investigation could result in the establishment of Ray's source of funds.

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

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

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

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Approved: R.G. Jensen Sent _____ M Per _____
 Special Agent in Charge

ME 44-1987

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

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-1067)

DATE: 2/7/69

FROM : SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE

SUBJECT: INVADERS, aka.
RM

On 2/5/69 Detective JERRY C. DAVIS, Intelligence Bureau, Memphis, Tennessee, Police Department, furnished the writer with a copy of Police Department memorandum dated 1/31/69 captioned, "Report From Agent 501 for January 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 1969." A Xerox copy of same is attached to each copy of this memorandum.

Enc. 1

1 - 157-1067
1 - 157-1423 (BUF)
1 - 157-556 (Possible Racial Violence, Major Urban Areas)
1 - 157-1714 (KING JEWEL, JOE LEE BURNS, JR.)
1 - 157-1351 (MAURICE LEWIS)
1 - 157-1739 (MACK CHARLES HARDIN, aka "Pepper")
1 - 157-1613 (MARRELL MC COLLOUGH)
1 - 157-1626 (JOHN CHARLES SMITH)
1 - 157-1647 (DONALD PIGFORD)
1 - 157-1553 (ROY LEE TURKS)
1 - 157- (ARCHIE WILLIAMS, aka "Jaybird")
1 - 157-1180 (JOE LEE BURNS, SR., aka Jewel Vinson)
1 - 157-1564 (LEWIS WELCH)
1 - 157-1230 (MELVIN SMITH)
1 - 157-1472 (EDDIE MORRIS, JR.)
1 - 157-1583 (ROBERT LEE "CORNBREAD" WILSON)
1 - 157-1563 (CACHEATUH SMITH, aka.)
1 - 157-1646 (SHIRLEY YOUNG)
1 - 170-98 (JAMES M. LAWSON, JR.)
1 - 157-1675 (JUANITA MILLER)
1 - 100-4394 (COBY V. SMITH)
1 - 100-4528 (CHARLES L. COBB)
1 - 157-166 (SCLC)
① - 44-1987 (MURKIN)
1 - 157-1548 (FRANK MITCHELL)
1 - 170-70 (ME 338-R)
1 - 157-DEAD (ROBERT WRIGHT)
1 - 157-1752 (OFIS PARNELL)
1 - 157-1121 (EZEKIEL BELL)
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1 - 157-1564 (LEWIS WELCH)
1 - 157-NEW (EARL DAVIS, JR.)
1 - 157-1308 (COME)
1 - 170-1114 (H. RALPH JACKSON)
1 - 100-4949 (NCC)
1 - 157- (TOM DAVIS)
1 - 157-1705 (ETHEL TAYLOR, aka Ethel Staples)
1 - 157- (CARL S. ARMSTRONG)

Inspector Don H. Smith,
Intelligence Bureau

Det. J. C. Davis,
Intelligence Bureau

January 31, 1969

Report from Agent 501 for
January 22, 23, 24, 25, 26,
26, 27, 1969

CONTROL	1-40-0000
MAURICE LEWIS	1-40-0002
JOHN C. SMITH	1-40-0005
ROY TURKS	1-40-0008
LEWIS WELCH	1-40-0023
CHIQUITA SMITH	1-40-0021
MELVIN SMITH	1-40-0009
EDDIE MORRIS	1-40-0030
ROBERT WILSON	1-40-40-006

On Tuesday, January 21, 1969 those present at 271 Vance ^{Joe Lee Burns Jr} at approximately 7:20 PM were KING JEWELL, (ROBERT JIM BURNES, JR.) MAURICE LEWIS, MACK CHARLES HARDIN (M.C. PEPPER) MARRELL McCULLOUGH, JOHN CHARLES SMITH, DONALD PIGFORD and ROY TURKS. It was learned that KING JEWELL has asked DONALD PIGFORD to take him to John Gaston Hospital because a male colored "JAY BIRD" had been shot by two or three people who had passed by him in a car. At approximately 8 PM KING JEWELL and DONALD PIGFORD were followed to John Gaston Hospital. It was learned that ROBERT BURNES, SR. had said that they were driving a 65 Chevrolet and one of the occupants stepped from the car and shot JAYBIRD in the leg with what was thought to be a shotgun.

At approximately 8:30 PM both of the BURNS and DONALD PIGFORD left John Gaston Hospital and were followed to 271 Vance. At approximately 9:45 PM LEWIS WELCH, CHIQUITA SMITH, MELVIN SMITH, EDDIE TATE or MORRIS, ROBERT WILSON and SHIRLEY YOUNG arrived at 271 Vance. They were saying that they had attended a meeting with JIM LAWSON and RALPH JACKSON. Place of meeting is unknown. LEWIS WELCH stated, we have been to a meeting with LAWSON and JACKSON. They want us to provide security for the march they are having. MELVIN SMITH then stated, I think we should ask them to march down to the jail with us, since they want us to support them. If they don't want to do that, then we should not march with them. Also I don't think they should be allowed to speak if we cannot speak. We should be allowed to speak so we can tell the people our side of the story at the Lorraine Motel and at the Peabody. If they don't let us speak, then we should do everything we can to prevent them from speaking and disrupt the march and try to get some of those big shots moved. WELCH stated again, I disagree. I think we should go along with them and do as they want us to if we are going to get some money from those church people. They may be trying us just to see if we are unified. MELVIN SMITH then said, we should do what I have said as a means of getting the money. We should let them know how we feel about them. If necessary we should meet with LAWSON and JACKSON before the march and let them know what we are going to do. WELCH then stated, we will have a meeting with them and let them know what is happening.

At 12:30 PM JOHN CHARLES SMITH, MAURICE LEWIS, TOM DAVIS, DONALD PIGFORD and CHIQUITA SMITH left 271 Vance and went home.

It was learned that CHIQUITA SMITH had asked DONALD PIGFORD about the shooting earlier in the night. CHIQUITA was saying that KING JEWELL's wife, unknown whether senior or junior's wife, had told CHIQUITA that she was there with them and that Jaybird was in the car with the male coloreds and loaded the shotgun that belongs to one of the JEWELLS and when he (Jaybird) stepped from the car, the gun went off and shot him in the leg.

On Wednesday, January 22, 1969 at approximately 4:30 PM DONALD PIGFORD was observed to pick up CHIQUITA SMITH at her home and proceed to the Minimum Salary Bldg. at 280 Hernando to use a mimeograph machine to print some literature. It was learned that CHIQUITA and DONALD printed approximately 2500 copies of the literature pertaining to the fast of SWEET WILLIE WINE, a copy of which is attached to our files.

At approximately 6:45 PM CHIQUITA and DONALD left the Minimum Salary Bldg. and were followed to 271 Vance.

Those present when they arrived at 271 Vance were: LEWIS WELCH, MELVIN SMITH, ROY TURKS, JOHN C. SMITH, MAURICE LEWIS, EDDIE ~~ZIMMER~~ TATE or MORRIS, ETHEL TAYLOR, CARL ARMSTRONG, ROBERT WILSON, SHIRLEY YOUNG, both JEWELLS, and JUANITA MILLER and approximately 10 or 15 others. Each person present was given about 25 or 30 copies of the above mentioned literature and told to distribute it when they left 271 Vance.

At approximately 7:30 PM a male colored named BOB GORE from Jet Magazine out of Chicago, Illinois, arrived at 271 Vance with MARRELL McCULLOUGH. GORE wanted to do a story on the Invaders. He was given a copy of every piece of literature the Invaders have printed in the past and told to select the story from some of the literature by MELVIN SMITH and ROY TURKS. BOB GORE surveyed the material and said it was sufficient and he would have a story for Jet Magazine about the Invaders soon.

At approximately 8 PM all of the people present at 271 Vance left and went to Clayborn Temple and at Clayborn Temple there were approximately 5 or 6 hundred present and Dr. BLAKE was already speaking when they arrived. It is learned that Dr. BLAKE's speech is printed verbatim in the first edition of the Press-Scimitar, Thursday, January 23, 1969.

On Thursday, January 23, 1969 at 5:30 PM at the Peabody Hotel in Room 215 those present were: LEWIS WELCH, ROY TURKS, MELVIN SMITH, COBY SMITH, JOHN C. SMITH, CHIQUITA SMITH, ~~MURKIN~~ MAURICE LEWIS, SHIRLEY YOUNG, CARL ARMSTRONG, DONALD PIGFORD and MARRELL McCULLOUGH were holding a meeting with Mrs. ~~JAMES~~ JAMES M. DOLBEY, president of WOMEN of the NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES, female white, address Twin Hill Ridge Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio. Also a ROBERT CHAPMAN, male colored, executive director of Social Justice of the NCC and a Mr. BROWN, male colored, attorney for NCC from Detroit and the meeting was about discussing the possibility of the Invaders getting \$51,200.00 from the NCC to finance a program that will train 120 community organizers for a six-month period. It was learned that the Invaders idea about the program by COBY SMITH, ROY TURKS and MAURICE LEWIS. Mrs. ~~JAMES~~ DOLBEY, Mr. CHAPMAN and Mr. BROWN expressed deep concern for the Invaders and said they would get them all of the \$51,200 or at least a part of it because they believed the Invaders are a worthwhile group of people. ~~THE~~ There is a copy of a letter from COBY SMITH to Mrs. JAMES M. DOLBEY that will be in the Intelligence files.

At approximately 6:30 PM this meeting ended and DONALD PIGFORD, ROY TURKS remained at the Hotel Peabody for the forum on police brutality. It is not known where the other members of the Invaders went.

The first speaker at the forum was a male white ROSS FLANNAGAN. He stated the police department in New York City pays its officers more than any other city in the U. S. but still they are grossly underpaid for professionals. The point is no one wants to be a policeman. It is a job that does not attract the best people for the job. Their jobs are not conducive to public image any longer. Every effort is being made by the police departments ~~in~~ throughout the country to give them an image the public would welcome. The police departments should be concerned with the Right Wing and organized crime factions, but they are not, because police brutality is controlled and perpetuated by organized crime and especially the so-called Right Wing groups such as the John Birch Society. Tensions in society are the major crises in law enforcement today: "Black people are forced to accept things that other people are not. When the riots occurred in Chicago during the Democratic Convention our white kids were beaten over the heads and it brought on public outcry and national concern. Other black children have been beaten by the police for years and no one said a thing. Most of the people in jail are poor and poverty stricken, the reason being that middle class

courts do not convict mid class defendants. The police departments in the cities are setting up a public relations store front in black communities. They assign black officers to these so-called public relations bureaus to effect a public gesture. These store fronts are set up to create public image boards that do not reflect police brutality at all. The police departments of Oakland, California and Washington, D. C. have decided to stop shooting burglars and car thieves if they want their cities to survive. They have found that there are limitations that they must observe if they want their cities to remain intact and the training programs that the police have, they teach their officers psychology and sociology, but rather than serving its true purpose, it skips over the heads of policemen and they don't want people telling them how to conduct themselves in dealing with our highly elevated society. Police are not about to be psyched out and they are not going to be because they are controlled by the power structures and not the public, the ones who pay their salaries. The police departments are closed societies. It is hard for anyone to investigate police brutality on this basis. The police just do not open their doors to society's wants and desires. Different groups have been set up in some cities to monitor police actions. In some cities we have church groups doing this, but even when they record an act of police brutality, it is difficult for them to get the guilty person brought to court for trial. Usually they receive a 30 day suspension. When I was in Oakland, California, we held a psycho drama class for citizens and police officers on police brutality. The setting was a tavern brawl scene. We used regular citizens as policemen and the same as trouble makers, then we used true policemen in the role of policemen and again regular citizens as the trouble makers, then policemen were used as the trouble makers and citizens as policemen, then we used policemen in both instances. The results were what we have been talking about, police brutality only in the scene when policemen acted the roles of their profession and citizens were used as trouble makers. When we put the police against the police, each party was reluctant to engage the other.

Recently in Oakland they have gotten a police chief ~~km~~ who realizes the problems of police brutality and he is doing all he can to correct it, even against the orders of the power structure. He is a model policeman who specializes in rigid discipline. He uses the known brutal policemen to train recruits just to see if they will train people in the manner in which they have acted in the past themselves. The results have been with the exception of very few instances much better. They do not train new people to act in a brutal manner. Some people do not like me because I refuse to call policemen pigs. After all, they are human beings just like you and I. I think the public should realize that the police have a responsibility to law and order only in a lawful way. They should not break the laws themselves each time an arrest is made. In light of all I have said this evening I hope the true ~~ENGLISH~~ Christian world will use every method at its disposal to eliminate police ~~brutality~~ brutality, ~~then~~ then maybe we can live together in true Christian harmony and brotherly love.

A male colored, Mr. WILKES of Patterson, New Jersey, started his speech by giving geographical location of Patterson and the ratio of blacks to whites. The ~~EM~~ Patterson Police Department has 325 men. Only 12 of those are black and no black officers hold any rank above a patrolman. The department is top heavy with brass with more than 50 per cent of the men being officers. There are more than 75,000 blacks in Patterson, which has a population of 150,000. During the riots in Patterson some people were maced and had prolonged effects. We were successful in getting the mayor, since he is the only elected official in the city to take the mace from the police after the Surgeon General of the U. S. said that mace does produce lasting harmful effects.

Once in Patterson the police drove onto the corner of a block with a fire hydrant open. Standing near the hydrant was a Puerto Rican who the police assumed had opened the hydrant and just because he did not come fast enough when they

called him, he was beaten and it took 37 stitches to close the wound in his head. This incident brought the ~~public~~ public out in force.

First a group marched to the police headquarters and demanded an investigation. When they left the police headquarters, the police assembled and went to the SCLC office because they believed the SCLC had organized the march. At the SCLC headquarters the police broke out every window in the building and fired tear gas inside while women and children were present. Then they went down the street where black businesses are located and broke out the windows of at least 15 stores in an apparent gesture to teach black people to stay out of police affairs.

The mayor of Patterson refused to investigate until the U. S. Justice Department came to town. After their investigation eight policemen were arrested and charged with misconduct; however, they were found guilty but put back on the job upon the mayor's order. Just prior to that three Patterson policemen had been given 30-day suspensions for conspiring to commit burglary. It seems to me that human beings do not mean anything to the police. Only material things that are present in our society. During the riots the occupation forces, the State Police and the National Guard, took over in Patterson, but not in the way we had expected them to when they came. We asked the Governor to send help to help detain and stop the unprovoked attacks of policemen upon human beings. When the occupation forces arrived they helped the police continue their brutality, in some instances. The police departments across the nation have the help of the Pentagon. The Pentagon is backing every department across the nation.

The next speaker was JAMES MORRIS LAWSON. He said, it is to my regret that Director of Memphis Fire and Police Holloman did not come tonight to engage in this very meaningful dialogue. He has attended meaningful dialogues with us in the past years. Just last year in Memphis we have experienced an untold amount of police brutality in Memphis. Not long ago a home in South Memphis was ~~XXXXXX~~ converged upon by at least 9 or 10 police cars. The police entered the home from the front and the rear and were inside before the wife and husband of this household realized it. Once inside they began to methodically search the house and they had no warrant. When the mother of the boy of whom they were looking for asked for a search warrant, they said they did not need any and generally evaded all of her and her husband's questions. Finally the police told the mother and father they were looking for a son of that household because a liquor store had been robbed. The mother told them the son they were looking ~~for~~ for had been gone about 20 minutes and she asked them to leave and she would call them when he returned. They refused to leave and said they were going to stay as long as they wanted to. Finally they went outside and camped on her front porch for a while then left. The next day they came back and witnesses said there were at least 100 policemen there. They proceeded to do just what they had done on the previous night and with no search warrant.

The Invaders have had more than their share of trouble with the police. Incidentally, the incident I was talking about in South Memphis, there is another son of that household who was out of jail on bond and the bail bond company was ordered to withdraw the bond by the power structure downtown for reasons only they know. Within the past year the Invaders have paid more than \$10,000 in bonds and fines to this city. Still, they are harassed by the police or subject to arrest at any time by the police of Memphis. As J. W. SHARK of Mississippi once said that the only way to keep the nigger in his place is to beat him, "give him a little to eat and just enough money to keep him alive."

Not long ago we were about to bury a soldier who was killed in Vietnam in a formerly all white cemetery. My household received numerous threatening calls. One lady said you had better not bury that nigger out there because on Judgment

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hang him.

The attitude of the police in Memphis has undergone a change that cannot be seen. During the sanitation strike they acted like maniacs. Then during the hospital strike there was simply no comparison as to the way they had acted in the past, but still I believe the only way to end police brutality in Memphis is to take away their guns, billy clubs, Mace, and the other weapons they use and give them weapons of imagination. These are weapons of the mind which they need to be able to function in this sick society.

There is 600,000 pounds of food stored in warehouses for the poor people of Memphis and this food is to be distributed on a personal request basis. Now while the food is available to the community the Memphis Police Department Community Relations Bureau is begging for food and clothing to distribute to the poor. They are taking from the poor and giving it back to the poor. I know a white minister in Memphis that grew up here. He told me that every one who graduated from high school with him is now a member of the Memphis Police Department. (Some parts of JIM LAWSON's speech is in the Press-Scimitar on Friday, January 24, 1969).

After the forum there was supposed to be a discussion on what had been said about police brutality by the three speakers; however, only one person had an opportunity to ask a question.

About 9 PM at least ten different people who are prominent in the NCC and from out of town began to speak out in behalf of the Invaders in a request for the \$51,200.00 that had been submitted. In effect, these people stated that it was senseless to have a meeting and then ignore the request of a group such as the Invaders. The amount of money they had asked for was nothing since NCC gives hundreds of thousands of dollars to organization that don't do anything. The board and its elected officials should give this matter very deep consideration and if at all possible, give the Invaders the money that they had asked for. Mrs. DOLBEY told the assembly that if NCC would not fund the Invaders, that she would do it personally.

At 10:30 PM the meeting was adjourned and it was overheard that DONALD PIGFORD met privately and briefly with Dr. CHARLES SPIVEY, male colored, Executive Director of Funds of the NCC, from New York City, and also a member of the Board. It was learned that Dr. SPIVEY had said that the Invaders would get the money for sure and to encourage them to keep in contact with him and the others whose names and address had been given to COLBY SMITH. I cannot give you a definite date, but your organization will be funded.

At 11:50 PM DONALD PIGFORD, MAURICE LEWIS, ROY TURKS left the Hotel Peabody and went to Clayborn Temple to hear BEVEL's speech. There were approximately 100 to 125 people present. Some of those present were: JOHN C. SMITH, LEWIS WELCH, MAURICE LEWIS, MELVIN SMITH, ETHEL TAYLOR, SHIRLEY YOUNG, CHIQUITE SMITH, ROY TURKS, both JEWELLS, EDDIE TATE, TOM DAVID, CARL ARMSTRONG, FRANK MITCHELL and about 10 others.

BEVEL then stated, I have been to the jail and talked to JAMES EARL RAY. He is not guilty of murdering MARTIN LUTHER KING. You church people who marched to the memorial of MARTIN were wrong. You marched for a dead man. MARTIN does not need you. RAY is the one who needs you. I am going to defend Mr. RAY. He has accepted my offer and he will be defended well. Do you believe that a person like JAMES EARL RAY, who was a thief and was poor, could plot a whole murder on Dr. KING? First of all MARTIN was trying to help poor people like RAY and secondly, there had to be a conflict between people for them to commit murder. No conflict existed between MARTIN and RAY. What we are going to prove is that RAY is innocent.

We are not going to try and catch the guilty; that will be left for the white America, because people who worship white skin killed Martin Luther King and not Ray. We are going to do justice because this is all Martin ever talked about, was doing justice. Isn't it obvious to you that America does not intend to do justice. America wants to murder and lynch Ray for something he did not do, but I am not going to let black America be tricked into murder as they have been in the past. America wants to kill Ray to appease black people. Ray is a nobody and that is why they are trying to sacrifice him. According to the Constitution of the U. S. the accused has a right to choose his own defense counsel, but there has been thrown in a trick which does not allow the chosen to choose. They are not thinking about doing justice, only about murdering Ray. Tonight when you leave the church and go back to your meeting tomorrow, your agenda should not include anything other than doing justice. If you don't want to talk about doing justice, then you have nothing left to talk about and should pack up and go home and think about doing justice.

On Friday, January 24, 1969 at approximately 10:45 AM MAURICE LEWIS, ROY TURKS, DONALD PIGFORD AND COBY SMITH were at the Peabody Hotel. It was learned that COBY SMITH was in a private conference with Dr. CHARLES SPIVEY of the NCC.

At approximately 12 noon COBY SMITH came out of the meeting and said that we could not do anything else today; that Dr. SPIVEY has promised to aid the Invaders all he could and that he has suggested a list of names and addresses that the Invaders contact for additional assistance.

At approximately 1 PM COBY SMITH left the hotel and went to some unknown place downtown and ROY TURKS, DONALD PIGFORD and MAURICE LEWIS went to 271 Vance and when they arrived at 271 Vance those present were: JOHN C. SMITH, both JEWELLS, MACH CHARLES HARDIN, ROBERT WILSON, CARL ARMSTRONG, SHIRLEY YOUNG, ETHEL TAYLOR and TOM DAVIS. At approximately 1:45 PM ROY TURKS and DONALD PIGFORD were followed to CHIQUITA SMITH's house where they picked her up and also a typewriter. At approximately 3 PM they returned to 271 Vance with the typewriter where SHIRLEY YOUNG was to type some letters to the ministers of Memphis, Tennessee. The letters are supposed to be in regard to LANCE WATSON's arrest and the circumstances around his arrest.

At approximately 3:30 PM CHIQUITA SMITH, DONALD PIGFORD, ROY TURKS, MAURICE LEWIS were seen at the Hotel Peabody looking for COBY SMITH, but were unable to locate him. They left the Hotel Peabody and were followed to Whittier's Studio on Beale Street. CHIQUITA placed an order for 1,000 pictures of WILLIE WINE. These pictures are approximately 1 1/4 x 20. The cost for 1,000 is \$120. CHIQUITA paid \$60 in advance. When these pictures are finished they are supposed to sell for one dollar each. CHIQUITA and TURKS also had their pictures made separately. They then left Whittier's Studio and went back to 271 Vance.

At approximately 12 midnight there was no one at 271 Vance and then proceeded to the Twilight Zone and those present there were: ROY TURKS, MELVIN SMITH, TOM DAVIS, SHIRLEY YOUNG, EDDIE TATE, DONALD PIGFORD, ETHEL TAYLOR, LEWIS WELCH, both JEWELLS and approximately 75 others. It was learned that the people with the exception of ROY TURKS, were there as security guards. Their job is to search all people entering. Males search males and females search females; and to stop fights if they occur. LEWIS WELCH is paid \$25 per week, or \$100 per month for this. What is done with the money that LEWIS receives is not known.

At approximately 1:15 AM DONALD PIGFORD was observed to leave the Twilight Zone and go to the U Bar Lounge and present there along with PIGFORD, were JOHN C. SMITH and CARL ARMSTRONG and they played some pool.

On Saturday, January 15, 1969 at approximately 10 A.M. at 271 Vance those present were: MELVIN SMITH, ROY TURKS, DONALD PIGFORD, CARL ARMSTRONG, ROBERT WRIGHT, MARRELL McCOLLOUGH, OTIS PARNELL, TOM DAVIS, EDDIE TATE, ROBERT WILSON and ETHEL TAYLOR. At approximately 10:15 AM all of the above mentioned except EDDIE TATE, ROBERT WILSON and ETHEL TAYLOR got into PIGFORD and McCOLLOUGH's car and they were followed to EZEKIEL BELL's church on S. Parkway E. BELL then gave the eight of them 300 papers to sell. BELL, his wife and their children took the other hundred to sell in the vicinity of his church. The slogan to use at each door was "We are trying to get a black newspaper in each black home." Another slogan used was to use the name of the Invaders if they wanted to.

At approximately 11 AM they were followed to North Memphis from BELL's church to Chelsea and Hollywood where they sold the 300 Tri-State Defenders by going from door to door. At approximately 11:30 AM it was observed that JOHN C. SMITH and MAURICE LEWIS were picked up at Boxwood and Chelsea and they were followed to COBY SMITH's house at 2240 Brown for a planning session regarding the \$51,200.00 they are seeking from NCC.

At COBY's it was learned they surveyed a long list of names that had been given COBY by Mrs. DOLBEY and suggested by her to write 20 people of different addresses and different cities who would help them get the \$51,200.00. These people would also be contacted by Mrs. DOLBEY and others to alert them as who the Invaders were and that they should be given financial aid from Inter-Religious Foundation for Community Organization (IFCO), and NCC.

At approximately 12:45 PM they left COBY's house and continued to sell the Tri-State Defender, then they returned to BELL's church at approximately 2:45 PM and it was learned that 400 Tri-State Defenders had been sold. The total amount was \$60 and they sold each paper for 15 cents per paper. The commission for the Invaders was \$36 or 9 cents per paper and the other \$24 goes to Tri-State Defender. The \$36 the Invaders made was left with EZEKIEL BELL.

At approximately 3:15 PM EZEKIEL BELL, ROY TURKS, DONALD PIGFORD, TOM DAVIS and OTIS PARNELL were seen to leave BELL's church and were followed to the airport where it was learned they were to meet a Mr. NEDD who had a 45 minute layover at the airport. He is supposed to be a representative from the Negro Book Club, Inc. of New York City. He is a male colored and he had just been to Little Rock and was returning to New York City. It was learned that BELL wanted to find out from Mr. NEDD if he could get some books for his book store that will be opening soon at Gaither and Kerr. Mr. NEDD informed BELL that he could get the books for a 40 per cent down payment of the wholesale cost and the wholesale cost is \$2000 and it would cost him \$800 down payment and the balance would be due in 30 days after delivery date. The books would retail for About \$4,200.

At approximately 5 PM they left the airport and they were followed to BELL's church where BELL got out and then ROY TURKS, TOM DAVIS, DONALD PIGFORD and OTIS PARNELL went back to 271 Vance.

At approximately 8:30 PM at 271 Vance those present were: ROY TURKS, JOHN C. SMITH, LOUIS WELCH, MELVIN SMITH, TOM DAVIS, CARL ARMSTRONG, EARL, possibly last name DAVIS, EDDIE TATE, ROBERT WILSON, DONALD PIGFORD, ETHEL TAYLOR, SHIRLEY YOUNG, OTIS PARNELL, MAURICE LEWIS, MACK CHARLES HARDIN, CHIQUITA SMITH and both the JEWELLS. They were just sitting around playing cards and waiting for 10 PM so they could go to work at the Twilight Zone.

At 10 PM all of the above mentioned people went to the Twilight Zone ~~etc~~ except JOHN C. SMITH, CHIQUITA SMITH, DONALD PIGFORD, ROY TURKS MAURICE LEWIS and they went to the U Bar Lounge. The reason for this, they are opposed to what LEWIS WELCH and his followers are doing at the Twilight Zone.

On Sunday, January 26, 1969 at approximately noon it was learned that CHIQUITA SMITH had called DONALD PIGFORD and wanted him to take her to the Shelby County jail to see SWEET WILLIE WINE. It was learned that PIGFORD and CHIQUITA SMITH arrived at the county jail at approximately 1 PM and visited SWEET WILLIE WINE for 25 minutes. It was learned that CHIQUITA asked SWEET WILLIE to end his fast. WINE said no, he could not end it. WINE also asked CHIQUITA on Wednesday, January 23, to get Mrs. TISDALE, who is his attorney to take him to the hospital for an examination to determine if he could continue his fast. He said he sure to keep plenty of the literature pertaining to my fast in the street. When the weather permits, go ahead with the march. Keep the pressure on those people at Stax Records. They will come up with some money because they still owe me for those songs. Get every person you can depend on to get out and organize the people for the march. Also have it aired on the radio. At approximately 1:45 PM, as PIGFORD and CHIQUITA were leaving the jail, ROY TURKS, MELVIN SMITH, COBY SMITH and MAURICE LEWIS were waiting outside, so they all left the jail and went back to 271 Vance. It was learned that Coby wanted PIGFORD and MAURICE LEWIS to meet him at the Student Union Building at Southwestern on Monday January 27 at 9 AM.

On Monday, January 27, 1969 at approximately 8:30 AM it was learned that DONALD PIGFORD picked up MAURICE LEWIS at 1852 Keltner Circle (this address is possibly where MAURICE LEWIS's sister lives). They then left the Keltner address and were followed to Southwestern University where they met COBY SMITH at the Student Union Building, then they continued to Southwestern's library to a private study room on the third floor. There they composed letters to send Mrs. DOLBEY and others asking them not to send money to the Invaders through Pastor JIM LAWSON, but to send the money to P. O. Box 6214, which is registered to DONALD PIGFORD. When the letters were finished they prepared an intelligence test that is to be administered to the Invaders. COBY said that the purpose of the test will be to determine whether they can be used in a productive manner within the organization.

At approximately 1 PM PIGFORD and MAURICE LEWIS left Southwestern and were followed to CHIQUITA SMITH's house where CHIQUITA was to type up the letters. After the letters were typed they left CHIQUITA's and went to 271 Vance and those present at this time were MELVIN SMITH, ROY TURKS, ROBERT WILSON, EDDIE TATE, JOHN SMITH, TOM DAVIS, CARL ARMSTRONG, LEWIS WELCH and both JEWELLS. It was learned that LEWIS WELCH was to meet a press agent from the Tri-State Defender for a press release, but the party did not show up and the meeting was rescheduled for Tuesday, January 28, 4:30 PM.

At approximately 7:30 PM at 271 Vance those present were: JOHN C. SMITH, TOM DAVIS, EDDIE TATE, both JEWELLS and MELVIN SMITH. It was learned that ROY TURKS was in a meeting in the Christ Missionary Baptist Church on S. Parkway E. where they were having a Dr. KING Memorial Committee Meeting. It was also learned that there was supposed to be a meeting in North Memphis at 1368 Tunica where MARLENE HERRON lives, but due to the persons not being able to attend, they postponed this meeting until a later date.

FBI

Date: 2-18-69

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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

JM From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Enclosed you will find two true copies of a letter received at this Bureau from one Frank Mulcahy of Limerick, Ireland. You will also find two copies of the Bureau's acknowledgment of his letter.

You should provide a copy of Mr. Mulcahy's letter to Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, together with a copy of Bureau's reply to Mr. Mulcahy.

For your information Bureau indices indicate that for approximately one month in 1937, one Frank Mulcahy was an informant of the Bureau. Due to limited information it is not known if these two Mulcahys are identical.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

February 18, 1969

Mr. Frank Mulcahy
Knock Hill
Caherdavin
Limerick, Ireland

Dear Mr. Mulcahy:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your
letter received at this Bureau on February 14, 1969.

In view of the fact that the State of
Tennessee is prosecuting James Earl Ray, a copy of
your letter has been transmitted to Mr. Phil M.
Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County,
157 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee 38103.

In the event you have any further
questions, you may desire to communicate directly
with Mr. Canale.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
 FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (RUC)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Memphis airtel dated 2/13/69 to Dallas with two photos enclosed of unknown individual.

Memphis should refer to Dallas airtel to Baltimore dated 8/21/68 and Baltimore airtel to Dallas dated 5/3/68, copies of which were furnished to Memphis.

As set forth in Dallas airtel dated 8/21/68, the person appearing in the photographs enclosed with reairtel has been identified as one of many persons picked up by the Dallas PD and Dallas County SO immediately following the assassination of President KENNEDY. Investigation disclosed that the person in the photos was not booked and no record of his identity was located at the Dallas PD or Dallas SO. Most of the persons were interviewed and released. The officers who picked up this man recall he had been found with two other men in a boxcar about a mile from the assassination scene, had been brought in and turned over to a Deputy Sheriff, but they do not recall the name of the man or of the Deputy Sheriff.

The photos have not been displayed by the Dallas Office during the investigation of the MURKIN case.

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 Special Agent in Charge

TRUE COPY

Knock Hill,
Caherdavin
Limerick, Ireland
10th. Feb '68

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I hereby wish to make a claim on the reward offered for information leading to the capture of James Earl Ray the alleged assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King.

I base this claim on the fact that having recognised Ray and other brutal looking Americans in London I did publically state in diverse places in that city, that the man wanted by the F.B.I. in that world-wide search was in hiding in the capital before he was captured. I made this claim at this late date due to the fact that I wished to remain anonymous, until my name was published prominently in a British newspaper of international recognition (re Sunday Express 2nd Feb '68) for identifying another American criminal in connection with the Domench Dossier,

Please do not misunderstand, as people will vouch for this, and the fact that I caused quite a stir amongst civilians in the metropolis of London by announcing what I knew to be true. This could in fact have led to Ray making for the continent hence his capture at London Airport as no doubt my observations reached the British police, who know of me in connection with the above -- mentioned case and the fact that I was seen at London airport watching departures just a few days previous to the famous capture.

Trusting that this communication reaches you, and finds you in the very best of health I remain yours sincerely

Frank Mulcahy

P.S.

If you require any further information please let me know. I can assure you of my continued assistance in tracking down these foul murderers.

*Copy to AAG Dwyer
2/25/69 JBT*

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AIRTEL

To: Legat Bonn
From: Director, FBI (44-38861)
MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to Legat Bonn 1-8-69.

By return communication advise status of your efforts to discreetly determine if the publication authored by Jochim Joesten concerning James Earl Ray and the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., is available on a no cost basis.

① - Memphis (44-1987) (for info)

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (RUC)

**MURKIN
(OO:ME)**

ReLSairtel to Bureau, 2/5/69.

Review of WFO files concerning JAMES R. CORTEZ reveals no information to the effect that CORTEZ was in Memphis, Tennessee, at the time of the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CORTEZ telephonically contacted the WFO 4/10/68 and volunteered his assistance concerning STOKELY CARMICHAEL and the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC).

CORTEZ stated he arrived in WDC on Friday, 4/5/68, after having called STOKELY CARMICHAEL earlier that week from Kansas City, Kansas, where he (CORTEZ) was living (address not indicated). CORTEZ indicated previous employment at Allis-Chalmers, Independence, Missouri, and indicated that he had an extensive arrest record. He described himself as a petty thief who had been released from Leavenworth Penitentiary on 6/16/67. CORTEZ's FBI record (FBI number 4-395-670) indicates that in 1968 he resided at 1706 East 35th Street, Kansas City, Missouri. His occupation was listed as a bricklayer.

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In view of the above, no additional investigation is being conducted by WFO

Leads at Kansas City concerning verification of CORTEZ's presence within the Kansas City area is being left to the discretion of the OO.

Information copy of this communication is being furnished to Louisville in view of their interest in this case.

2/25/69

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

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Enclosed for the Bureau is one copy each of the following documents:

- A. Memorandum dated 2/5/69, reflecting conversation between WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE and members of District Attorney General PHIL M. CANALE's staff on 2/4/69.
- B. Letter dated 2/27/69, from JOACHIM JOESTEN to Judge W. PRESTON BATTLE. This was made available to the Memphis Office by General PHIL M. CANALE. Bureau has previously been advised of JOESTEN's interest in this case.

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Martin Luther KING -
Murder of:
- Assistance to F.B.I. -

1. Further to the memorandum of the A/Officer i/c C.I.E. dated in Ottawa the 28 OCT 68, the hotel mentioned is none other than the Markey Apartments where RAY resided whilst in Montreal. This building concept is fairly large and is situated at the corner of Havre and Notre-Dame East Street in Montreal. The Acapulco Club is part of this building and has its main entrance on Havre Street while the Markey Apartments have its main entrance around the corner of Notre-Dame Street.

2. Further to verbal instructions received from Insp. SUCHENNEAU, enquiries conducted at the Neptune Tavern, 121 rue des Commissaires West, have revealed the following.

3. Mr. Eugène GAUDET, co-owner of Neptune Tavern, residing at Rang St-Dominique, Les Cèdres, Comté de Soulanges, P.Q., telephone 452-4438, was interviewed and stated being fully aware of newspaper articles which had been written in respect to RAY's activities in Montreal. He could not however identify photographs of RAY as having been a client at his tavern nor could he offer any information on the blond latin named RAOUL.

4. Mr. Arthur MORIN, day waiter at Neptune Tavern during the period concerned and residing at 1827 St-André Street, Montreal, P.Q., was interviewed and could not offer any information of value relative to RAY and one RAOUL ever having been customers at the Neptune Tavern. From his records, Mr. GAUDET was able to supply the name of a former waiter who had been employed on the evening shift at the tavern during the Summer of 1967. This former waiter was identified as Michel BACON, 2823A Ontario East, SIN 205-984-065. Attempts to interview BACON at 2823A Ontario East, have revealed that BACON is no longer residing there and it was not possible to obtain any information as to his present address or employer. It was however, learned that BACON was believed to still be in the Greater Montreal area. Enquiries have been instituted through the regional UIC Office in Montreal in view of locating BACON through his present employer.

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5. Jean-Marie CHARBON, co-owner of Neptune Tavern residing at 5100 Boulevard Pie IX, Apt. 104, Montreal, P.Q., was interviewed and he stated that at approximately 6:30pm on one of the last days of October 1968, two (2) men who had identified themselves as newspaper reporters from U.S.A. had presented themselves at the tavern and had exhibited to CHARBON two (2) pictures one of which, they stated being the photograph of James Earl RAY, and the other being a photograph of Raoul.

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One of the newspapermen who spoke broken French, enquired from CHARRON if either RAY or RAOUL had ever been customers at his tavern. CHARRON states having declined to make any identification either of RAY or RAOUL.

6. The picture of RAY which was in possession of these two (2) men was identical to the last photograph which was obtained prior to RAY's arrest. The dress and tie were similar with the exception that RAY was holding the lapel of his suit jacket with his right hand. The picture of RAOUL was a full-face picture, passport-type photograph which showed RAOUL to have blond curly hair, age approximately 30 years old, wearing a white shirt, a tie, and a dress jacket. CHARRON stated to us that from our photographs of RAY, he could not state whether or not RAY had ever been a customer at the Neptune Tavern. The same applied in the case of RAOUL. One comment made by CHARRON was to the effect that the photograph of RAOUL which had been exhibited by the American newspapermen indicated to him that RAOUL was not a sailor. One of the newspapermen also made mention that RAY was in possession of a Neptune Tavern match-book which served to indicate to them that RAY could have visited the tavern.

7. The newspapermen who spoke to CHARRON were described as follows: First - Spoke English like an American, height 5'6", built small, hair blond, spoke broken French. Second - Spoke like an American, approximately 6' tall, thick dark hair, wore a band indicating that he was married.

8. Please find attached hereto, photostat copies of a newspaper article which appeared in "The Gazette", Montreal, Q.C., on the 12 NOV 68.

9. In an attempt to corroborate CHARRON's statement to the effect that a photograph of a man reported to be RAOUL had been exhibited to him, further enquiries will be conducted in the Montreal area. Some of the persons who were interviewed earlier during the course of this investigation will be contacted in a view of ascertaining if they have any information pertaining to RAOUL.

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(JIB P. OUL) S/SGT.
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E.J.C. Mager
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1. Further to paragraph 2 of PCR dated 12 DEC 68, J.A. CHARRON was interviewed and cannot recall ever having seen the person on the composite drawing which was forwarded to this point appended to the memorandum dated in Ottawa, 3 DEC 68, from the A/Officer i/c G.I.S. CHARRON was certain that this was not the picture shown to him by newspaper reporters, (ref: our PCR dated 15 NOV 68, paragraph 5).

2. Further to memorandum dated in Montreal, 31 DEC 68, from the A/Officer i/c G.I.S., the pictures of HUIE and HANSEN were also viewed by CHARRON and no identification could be made. Photographs attached to this report for retention on Division file.

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3. The composite drawing mentioned above was also viewed by Mr. H.H. RITCHIE of the Mariner's House, Montreal, with negative results.

4. The Montreal Star editions for January 20 to January 23rd inclusive, contain a four-part series of articles on RAY. These articles will also be found attached for retention on Division file. It will be noted that the edition dated January 20, 1969, shows the picture of the author of these articles, Bernard GAVZER. CHARRON was also shown this photograph and no identification was made.

5. At the present time, all avenues of investigation have been exhausted at this point and have been unsuccessful in establishing whether or not RAOUL is fact or fiction.

6. In view of the above, this file will be held in abeyance pending the outcome of RAY's trial or receipt of other request for investigation by the F.B.I.

F.B.I.

(JIM BROOKS) S/Sgt.
N.S.C. I/c G.I.S.

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The COMMISSIONER, Ottawa:

Your: 681-791-4-60

1. FORWARDED for your information. Photographs mentioned in para. 2 above are retained on file here.
2. The four-parts series article written by GABER are also being retained on file as no doubt you are in possession of copies of same.
3. All avenues of investigation now appear to have been covered in this case and your instructions will be awaited as to what further action is to be taken.

S.I.I.JRM:lll
29-1-69J.R. Duchesneau, Insp.,
A/Officer i/c C.I.B.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New Orleans, Louisiana
February 8, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

JAMES EARL RAY

Mr. Jerry Cohen, Los Angeles Times news reporter in New Orleans, Louisiana, residing at the Cochetta Motel, Room 216, Telephone 822-1560, New Orleans, Louisiana, telephonically advised he had contacted the Los Angeles Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and had been referred to the New Orleans Office of the FBI.

Cohen advised that he and Dave Lawson of Los Angeles, California, who is also a reporter of the Los Angeles Times, had obtained from Charles Stein a telephone number within one week after the arrest of James Earl Ray.

Cohen stated that Dave Lawson had made all the notes of the conversation with Stein but that as he, Cohen, recalls it, Stein showed Lawson a piece of paper which contained a telephone number and that Lawson had copied the telephone number from Stein's piece of paper into Lawson's note.

When Stein questioned Ray concerning this telephone number, Ray had said this is where Ray got his weather report.

Cohen stated that Stein two or three days after talking to Cohen and Lawson had made a call to New Orleans and had determined this number was a number for Troop B of the Louisiana State Police located in the Greater New Orleans area.

Cohen stated that neither he nor Lawson had furnished this telephone number to the Los Angeles Office of the FBI and when questioned as to whether or not this was an oversight advised that subconsciously it had been forgotten with the hope it might materialize into a good story.

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Cohen advised that he did not have the telephone number with him but had made a contact in New Orleans while here to attend the Clay Shaw trial, who had determined that there was a Louisiana State Trooper at Troop B named Raul V. Esquivel.

Cohen advised he had no further information concerning this number but that Lawson would have more complete and accurate information from his notes.

A review of the New Orleans indices show an investigation was conducted in the case captioned "TROOPER RAUL VICTOR ESQUIVEL, LOUISIANA STATE POLICE, FERDINAND JOSEPH MORIO, JR. - VICTIM, CIVIL RIGHTS." Esquivel in 1964 was described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	British, Honduras
Employment	Louisiana State Police, Troop B, Metairie, Louisiana
Length of Employment	Seven years
Residence	4524 Parsimmon Street, Metairie, Louisiana

R. L. Polk's New Orleans City Director for 1968 lists telephone number 482-5751 to State Police Department Headquarters, Troop B. This number was dialed February 6, 1969, and the trooper answering the phone stated "State Police Department Headquarters" and then upon inquiry stated that it was Troop B.

The current New Orleans Telephone Directory lists telephone number 824-8446 to the Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. The Provincial Motel is where Ray stayed in New Orleans in December, 1967;

JAMES EARL RAY

Lieutenant Colonel Ben F. Ragusa, Assistant Superintendent, Louisiana State Police (LSP), Baton Rouge, Louisiana, advised that Trooper 1st Class Raul Victor Esquivel is assigned to LSP Troop B at New Orleans, Louisiana. He advised that in August of 1967 Trooper Esquivel was at that time also assigned to Troop B at New Orleans. He advised that Trooper Esquivel worked as follows during the month of August, 1967:

August 1, 2, and 3: on duty; 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

August 4: day off

August 5: on duty; 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

August 6 and 7: off duty due to a death in his family

August 8 and 9: on duty; 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

August 10: off duty

August 11 through 23: on duty; 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

August 24: off duty

August 25 and 26: on duty; 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

August 27: off duty

August 28, 29, and 30: on duty; 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

August 31: off duty

Ragusa advised that during August, 1967, Trooper Esquivel was assigned to duties in different areas of the Troop B LSP area as he was filling in for other troopers on their days off. He advised that during August, 1967, Trooper Esquivel worked in The New Orleans area.

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Ragusa advised that on March 22, 1968, Trooper Esquivel worked an eight-hour shift on that date.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

DATE: 2-25-69

FROM : Director, FBI (44-38861)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

You should disseminate a copy of each of the below listed documents to Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee. Two of each are enclosed for your utilization.

New Orleans letterhead memorandum dated 2-8-69.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police report dated 11-15-68.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police report dated 1-24-69.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)
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ReBuairtel, 2/14/69.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA HENRY A. SNOW at Birmingham, Alabama:

Dr. FERDINAND F. SCHWARTZ resides at 5305 11th Avenue, South, phone 595-0213, and maintains his office at 916 South 20th Street, Birmingham, phone 251-8480, which is in the Five Points South area, not far distant from the rooming house in which RAY resided under the alias ERIC S. GALT. Dr. SCHWARTZ is rather elderly and possibly somewhat eccentric but has a reputation as a successful physician in the field of arthritis and physical medicine and in the past, several agents of the Birmingham office have been benefited by him.

On 2/20/69 telephonic contact was made with the secretary of Dr. SCHWARTZ for an appointment to discuss this matter. For the purpose of checking her files, the name of GALT was given, and shortly thereafter she telephonically advised that such a file was located and an appointment scheduled for 3:00 p.m. on 2/25/69, the earliest date since he spends some time each week as a consultant at the VA Hospital and Partlow State School at Tuscaloosa.

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Upon keeping the appointment, Dr. SCHWARTZ stated that after consulting his attorney, he had been advised that it would be improper to divulge any information from his patient's file without written consent from the patient, or some legal paper such as a subpoena or court order. He stated that the patient had not been referred to him by anyone but had "walked in off the street".

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AT MEMPHIS, TENN.:

Will advise Attorney General PHIL A. CANALE of the above and notify Birmingham of his opinion in this matter.

2/28/69

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

MURKIN

Los Angeles is requested to submit the results of its most recent interview with CHARLES STEIN in a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination as the Bureau has indicated it desires to disseminate same to the Justice Department.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

MURKIN

The names of those persons registered at the Rebel Motel, Memphis, Tenn., on the night of 4/3/68 have been compared with the names of individuals registered at other hotels and motels where JAMES EARL RAY is known to have stayed, and no duplicates were noted. Investigation in this regard has failed to indicate that any individual named BAOUZ was registered in any one of these places at the same time as the subject RAY or that any individual other than RAY was registered in more than one of these motels.

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