

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date February 25, 1969

Sergeant RAYMOND H. CURRY, Base Photo Laboratory, Columbus Air Force Base, Columbus, Mississippi, advised that he had in his possession a one dollar bill which had inscribed on it:

JAMES EARL RAY
322-3561

Sergeant CURRY said he could not immediately recall how or when he came in possession of this one dollar bill. He said he felt he should report this to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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On 2/25/69 at Columbus, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586

by SA LAWRENCE W. GORMAN LWG/bb Date dictated 2/25/69

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GEORGE C. MC CULLY, State Security Officer,
 South Central Bell Telephone Company, Jackson,
 Mississippi, advised that telephone number 322-3561
 is not a Mississippi telephone number.

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586) (P)
MURKIN

Enclosed for the Memphis office are 9 copies each of two FD 302s.

On 2/25/69, Sgt. RAYMOND H. CURRY, Base Photo Laboratory, Columbus Air Force Base, Columbus, Miss., advised SA LAWRENCE W. GORMAN that he is maintaining in his possession a \$1.00 bill which had inscribed on it the following:

JAMES EARL RAY
322-3561

On 2/25/69, GEORGE MC CULLY, State Security Officer, South Central Bell Telephone Company, Jackson, Miss., advised that there is no such telephone listing as 322-3561 in the state of Mississippi.

LEAD

MEMPHIS DIVISION

not a Memphis #

Will search indices and if negative, will consider setting forth leads to determine subscriber to telephone number 322-3561. It being noted that the subject is familiar at Atlanta, Birmingham, Memphis, and Los Angeles.

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 - ② - Memphis (RM) (Enc. 18)
 - 2 - Jackson
- JLP/bb
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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

TO: SAC, CHICAGO (157-3530)
 FROM: SA ROBERT A. CONNORS
 RE: OPERATION BREADBASKET
 RM

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Date received 2/24/69	Received from (name or symbol number) CG 7116-R (PROB)	Received by SA ROBERT A. CONNORS
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Method of delivery (check appropriate blocks)

in person by telephone by mail orally recording device written by informant

It orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent:

Date _____
 Dictated _____ to _____
 Transcribed _____
 Authenticated by Informant _____

Date of Report

2/5/69

Date(s) of activity

2/22/69

Brief description of activity or material

INFORMATION CONCERNING OPERATION
 BREADBASKET AND JAMES BEVEL

File where original is located if not attached

A) 170-98

Remarks:

2 - Atlanta

1 - (COMINFIL - SCLC)
 1 - (OPERATION BREADBASKET)

① - Memphis

1 - (JAMES EARL RAY) *44-1987*

1 - Philadelphia

1 - (JAMES BEVEL)

8 - Chicago

1 - A) 170-98
 1 - 114-1114 (JAMES EARL RAY)
 1 - 157-830 (JAMES BEVEL)
 1 - 105-16238 (COMINFIL - SCLC)
 1 - 157-3514 (RACIAL TENSIONS,
 CHICAGO CITY COLLEGES)

RAC/s

(12) 1-114-1114 (CHARLES BEVEL)
 1-157- (ROBERT A. CONNORS)

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Chicago, Illinois
February 25, 1969

JAMES BEVEL, official of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), was in Chicago over the weekend and attended the weekly Operation Breadbasket meeting on Saturday, February 22, 1969. BEVEL spoke before this group and stated he had talked to JAMES EARL RAY, accused assassin of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BEVEL stated that RAY is innocent of the murder of KING. BEVEL has offered to serve as co-counsel for RAY at his trial and, although PERCY FOREMAN, attorney for RAY, wanted BEVEL as co-counsel, the judge in the case has ruled out any possibility of this because BEVEL is not an attorney or member of the bar.

BEVEL has changed his appearance by growing a full beard and he no longer wears a skull cap as he has in the past. Several persons have expressed the opinion that BEVEL appears to be mentally disturbed or unbalanced and little credence is placed in what he says.

BEVEL's brother, CHARLES BEVEL, who now resides in Chicago, has been working for SCLC making preparations for SCLC to participate in support of black student demonstrations on college and university campuses. The form of this participation and the schools involved are unknown at this time.