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Date: 8/4/69

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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Via AIRMAIL AIRTEL  
(Priority)

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)  
MURKIN

Mr. CHARLES T. SMITH, Auditor, Birmingham Trust National Bank, has recently inquired as to the possibility of the safety deposit box, originally loaned for processing of possible latent fingerprints, being returned to the bank since these boxes are at a premium and income therefrom is being lost to the bank. Details regarding acquisition of the box appear in the report of Special Agent HENRY A. SNOW, Birmingham, 4/17/68.

Since it is believed that this box is now in possession of the District Attorney's Office at Memphis, it is requested that this matter be discussed with District Attorney J. CLYDE MASON.

2 - Memphis  
2 - Birmingham  
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*Take this up with Bureau also before we return the box*

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Special Agent in Charge

DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

7/30/69

LEGAT, MEXICO CITY (173-1)(RUC)

MURKIN

Reylet 5/23/69.

On 7/18/69 MEX 24, an investigative informant, advised that he had conducted investigation in captioned matter at Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, on 7/16/69:

The informant stated that he interviewed members of the Jalisco State Judicial Police stationed in Puerto Vallarta and all advised that they had no knowledge of any dealings in marijuana or other narcotics by ERIC S. GALT, and that they had never known LUIS GARCIA to be involved in the narcotics trade.

On the same date, the informant located and interviewed ELISA ARELLANO TORRES at Puerto Vallarta. She recalled that GALT had wanted her to buy marijuana for him; however, she said she had never purchased any type of drug for GALT. She said that during the time she had known GALT she could not recall that he had actually purchased any marijuana. She also said that she was quite certain that GALT had not been in business with LUIS GARCIA, the bartender at Puerto Vallarta.

- 5 - Bureau
  - (1 - Liaison Section)
  - (2 - Memphis, 44-1987)
- 1 - Mexico City

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Date: 8/6/69

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: SAC, PHOENIX (44-371) ( RUC)JAMES EARL RAY, aka  
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM  
CR - CONSPIRACY;  
UFAC - ROBBERYOO: ME  
Bufile: 44-38861

On 7/25/69, C. R. CRANK, jr., USM, Federal Detention Center, Florence, Arizona, made available the enclosed copy of a letter written by an inmate, JOHN HAMILTON MORRIS #H3900, to MR. PETER GOLDMAN, 444 Madison Avenue, New York City, N. Y. It will be noted that in this letter MORRIS referred to RAY being paid by big "D".

MORRIS was being held at the Florence facility having been previously sentenced to Leavenworth and at the time was being returned to Leavenworth having been transported to the Northern District of California to stand trial on a Federal Charge.

It is assumed that at the present time MORRIS has been returned to Leavenworth Penitentiary.

2 - Memphis (Encl 1) *mm*  
1 - Phoenix

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Date August 5, 1969

RE:

**MURKIN**

- For information  Retention optional  For appropriate action  Surep, by \_\_\_\_\_
- The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report,  conceal all sources,  paraphrase contents.
- Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA \_\_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\_.

Remarks:

**Enclosed are two copies of a letter from Mexico City dated 7/30/69.**

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8/14/69

AIRTEL

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

Re Birmingham airtel to Memphis dated 8/4/69 advising that officials of the Birmingham Trust National Bank desire the return of the safe deposit box which was originally loaned by them for processing for latent fingerprints.

This safe deposit box is now in the possession of the District Attorney General at Memphis, Tenn., and they have been advised of the request made by bank officials.

It is anticipated that the District Attorney General will be agreeable to the return of this box. It is requested that the Bureau discuss this matter with the Department, if it is thought necessary, and advise Memphis whether or not they have any objection to the return of this box.

It is pointed out that no latent fingerprints were found on this safe deposit box and bank records are available to establish the fact of RAY's having rented a safe deposit box.

- 2 - Bureau
- 1 - Birmingham (44-1740) (Info)
- ① - Memphis

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44-1987-Sub-M-649

File 44-1987 Sub-M Date 8/22/69

Class. Case No. Last Serial

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647 Photostat copy of letter 8/22/69

written by an inmate,

JOHN HAMILTON MORRIS, to

Mr. PETER GOLDMAN, 7/22/69.

Returned to Phoenix by letter

dated 8/22/69.

JO ANN PLUNK

Employee

RECHARGE

Date \_\_\_\_\_

To \_\_\_\_\_ From \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date charged

\_\_\_\_\_  
Employee

\_\_\_\_\_  
Location

DIRECTOR, FBI

8/13/69

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

MURKIN

ReBulet to New Orleans, 7/18/69.

Enclosed for Bureau and Memphis, are two copies of "The Councilor", Volume 6, Number 15, dated 7/5/69.

It is to be noted this issue of "The Councilor" is the first issue after Volume 6, Number 14, mentioned in referenced letter. It is further noted that the article concerning the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING appears on page 2 under the caption "Behind the Scenes".

2 - Bureau (Encs. 2) (RM)  
② - Memphis (Encs. 2) (RM)  
2 - New Orleans (1 - 157-10673)  
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CO 44-299

Mr. McNILLAN advised this Agent that he did not wish to make a formal complaint but merely wanted the incident to be a matter of record in case anything should happen in the future.

This information is being forwarded to the Director, Birmingham, Memphis and Savannah inasmuch as the Columbia Office is taking no action in this matter.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, Memphis

DATE: 8-18-69

✓ FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReMEairtel 8-14-69.

Matter has been referred to Civil Rights Division and it has it under consideration and results will be furnished upon receipt.

This will be followed at Bureau.

1 - Birmingham (44-1740) (Info)

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## U.S. Agents Killed King, Ray Claims

ST. LOUIS (AP)—James Earl Ray claims federal agents recruited him ostensibly to help overthrow Fidel Castro's Cuban regime, then they killed Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and used him as the "fall guy."

Ray made the assertion in a statement dictated to his brother, Jerry, at the Tennessee State Prison in Nashville, where he is serving 99 years for murdering the civil rights leader. The statement was read by the brother in a televised program on station KMOX-TV here.

In the statement, the convicted killer said the federal agents employed him during the spring of 1968.

"They told me I was helping them to supply arms and guns to Cuba refugees to overthrow Castro and the Communists in Cuba," Ray declared. "I knew nothing about King being in Memphis until after King had been killed."

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8/18/69

Airtel

To: SAC, St. Louis

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

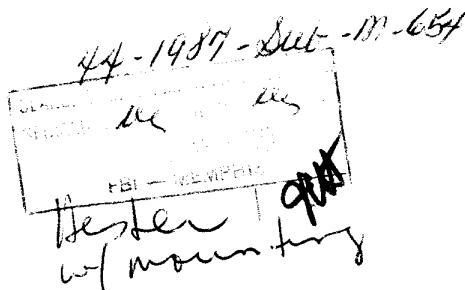
MURKIN

Attached are two copies of an article which appeared in the "Washington Evening Star" 8/15/69, indicating that in a statement read by his brother, Jerry Ray, on station KMOX-TV in St. Louis, James Earl Ray claimed that Federal Agents recruited him ostensibly to help overthrow Fidel Castro's Cuban regime and then they killed King and used Ray as the "fall guy."

The St. Louis Office through its appropriate sources should obtain the complete detailed statement of Jerry Ray made on station KMOX-TV in St. Louis and forward this to the Bureau and take no further action at this time. Handle immediately.

Enclosures - 2

1 - SAC, Memphis (44-1987) (Enclosure) *as*



SAC, PHOENIX (44-371)

8/22/69

SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

MURKIN

Re Phoenix airtel to Memphis, 8/6/69.

Enclosed for Phoenix is the copy of a letter written by one JOHN HAMILTON MORRIS which was furnished to Memphis in referenced airtel. Phoenix should set the information in the enclosed letter, together with background information available concerning MORRIS, in an LHM suitable for dissemination to the Department. Phoenix is also requested to set out leads to have MORRIS interviewed.

*Hester* *[Signature]*

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2 - Phoenix (Enc. 1)  
1 - Memphis  
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TRUE COPY

U. S. Marshall's Office

8-13-69

Dear Sir;

At my arrest in London England, the police took certain articles from my person, watch, passports ect, ect.

I was given a receipt sign by Superintendent Butler of Scotland Yard. When I was put on the plane for the U. S. this receipt was given to the U. S. Marshalls.

I would appreciate it if you would send me a "duplicate receipt" or if your office no longer has the receipt, forward this letter to who does. Thanks.

Sincerely:

James E. Ray

TRUE COPY

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Date: 8/22/69

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

PERSONAL ATTENTION

✓ FROM: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Enclosed are two copies of a letter from James Earl Ray referred to the Bureau by the U. S. Marshal.

Reference is made to your letter dated 7/22/68, under cover of which you furnished a property list pertaining to the subject which list had been signed by Legal Attache John Minnich as being the data and material which he had received from Scotland Yard. This list also contains your signature acknowledging receipt of the material from Legat Minnich and the signature of the Chief Jailor of the Shelby County Sheriff's Department who received the material from you.

This property list does not set forth any document as described by Ray; however, it does contain an item described as "A Quantity of Correspondence" which may have included the item in question. In addition, it could be that Ray is making reference to the list itself as described above.

You should contact appropriate state authorities who have custody of the evidence in this case to determine if they possess the item described by Ray and if so, suggest that they may desire to reply to Ray's inquiry.

You should then contact Ray and acknowledge his letter and suggest that he may desire to contact the appropriate state official furnishing the official's name and address.

If the specific item is not identified in the material possessed by state authorities, contact Ray and acknowledge his letter and obtain any additional details which may resolve this

Enclosures - 2 *ll*

*Original list  
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*[Signature]*

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Airtel to SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

RE: MURKIN

matter. If it cannot be clarified as a result of your discussion with Ray, advise him that this Bureau has no record of this item as described and he may therefore desire to pursue this matter with Tennessee State or British Authorities.

If the item requested by Ray is the list of property submitted under cover of urlet 7/22/68, and a copy of this list has not been previously furnished to Memphis State Authorities, you should furnish it to them now and advise them of Ray's inquiry and suggest they may desire to handle the inquiry.

Advise results of above within five days of receipt of this airtel.



8-21-69

**AIRTEL AIRMAIL**

**TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)**  
**FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775) -C-**  
**RE: MURKIN**

Enclosed for the Bureau are five xerox copies of a two page statement allegedly dictated by JAMES EARL RAY to his brother JERRY RAY in the Tennessee State Prison at Nashville. Second page of this statement bears the signature of JAMES EARL RAY but this signature was actually written by JERRY RAY.

The above was confidentially made available to the St. Louis Office by AL MANN, News Chief, KMOX-TV, St. Louis, Mo. MANN advised that JERRY RAY read the statement in a taped interview and after editing it, KMOX-TV aired the interview twice during evening of 8-14-69.

MANN further confidentially advised that his station was expending a great deal of time and possibly expense in "developing" JERRY RAY for the purpose of uncovering the "true story" of the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and JAMES EARL RAY'S part in it.

2-Bureau (Encl. 5)  
①-Memphis (44-1987) (INFO)  
2-St. Louis

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*Boyle*

8-26-69

AIRTEL

To: SAC, Columbia (44-299)  
From: Director, FBI (44-38861)  
MURKIN

ReCOlet 8-16-69.

If not already done, Columbia advise appropriate local authorities of alleged threats to McMillan.

1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info)

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*Hester*

841 Federal Office Building  
167 North Main Street  
Memphis, Tennessee 38103  
August 28, 1969

Mr. James Earl Ray  
Tennessee State Penitentiary  
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Ray:

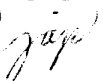
The U. S. Marshal's Office has referred to us your letter of August 13, 1969, concerning a receipt for property taken from you at the time of your arrest in London. You should direct any future correspondence concerning this list to District Attorney General Phil M. Canale, 157 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT G. JENSEN  
Special Agent in Charge



1 - Addressee  
① - Memphis (44-1987)  
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44-1987-Sub-M-660

8/28/69

AIRTEL

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

Re Bureau airtel to Memphis, 8/22/69, concerning the subject RAY's request for a duplicate copy of the receipt given him for items taken from him at the time of his arrest.

On 8/25/69, Assistant District Attorney J. CLYDE MASON, Memphis, Tenn., advised that he is in possession of a copy of this receipt and that he will correspond with RAY concerning his receiving a duplicate copy of same.

RAY has been advised by this office that any correspondence by him concerning this matter should be directed to District Attorney General PHIL M. CANALE at Memphis, Tenn.

No further action being taken in this matter by the Memphis Office.

*[Handwritten initials]*  
*Hester* *[Signature]*

2 - Bureau  
① - Memphis

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FBI MEMPHIS

FBI BIRMGHAM

12:06PM URGENT 8-28-69 CEN  
TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

✓ 44-1987  
MURKIN.

REFERENCE BIRMINGHAM AIRTEL SEPTEMBER TWO, SIXTYEIGHT,  
CONCERNING REQUEST BY AUTHOR WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE, HARTSELLE,  
ALABAMA, FOR NONPUBLICIZED PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY, IN EXCHANGE  
FOR WHICH HE OFFERED TO FURNISH CONFIDENTIALLY ALL INFORMATION IN  
HIS POSSESSION RE RAY. BUAIRTEL SEPTEMBER ELEVEN, SIXTYEIGHT,  
INSTRUCTED THAT REQUEST WAS NOT TO BE HONORED, THAT WE SHOULD NOT  
BARGAIN WITH HIM UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, AND THAT BUREAU SHOULD  
BE KEPT ADVISED OF FTRTHER CONTACTS BY HUIE.

HUIE CONTACTED RESIDENT AGENT WILLIAM H. LEE, DECATUR,  
ALABAMA, LATE YESTERDAY. HE STATED HE HAS NOW COMPLETED HIS BOOK  
ON THE JAMES EARL RAY STORY AND CONTEMPLATES SENDING THE  
MANUSCRIPT TO PRESS IN TWENTY DAYS. HE ASKED IF THE BUREAU WOULD  
BE INTERESTED IN REVIEWING HIS MANUSCRIPT PRIOR TO PUBLICATION FOR  
PURPOSE OF DETERMINING IF THERE WERE AMY DATA THEREIN OF PARTICULAR  
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PAGE TWO

INTEREST WHICH THE BUREAU MIGHT LIKE TO CHECK OUT PRIOR TO PUBLICATION. HE INDICATED THERE WERE NO "STRINGS" ATTACHED TO THIS OFFER AND HE MAKES IT AS A MATTER OF COURTESY. HE SAID IF THE ANSWER IS IN THE NEGATIVE, THERE WOULD BE NO NEED TO RECONTACT HIM.

BIRMINGHAM RECOMMENDS AGAINST REVIEWING THE MANUSCRIPT, CALLING ATTENTION TO THE POSSIBILITY THAT IF WE DO SO, HUIE COULD LATER CLAIM THAT THE DATA THEREIN HAD BEEN CHECKED BY THE FBI.

MEMPHIS IS REQUESTED TO SUBMIT ITS RECOMMENDATIONS TO BUREAU.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO ADVISE BIRMINGHAM ALD MEMPHIS IF OFFER OF HUIE SHOULD BE ACCEPTED.

END AND ACK PLS.

KPT

FBI MEMPHIS

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Date: 8/28/69

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT  
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Via TELETYPE URGENT  
(Priority)

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)  
FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987) 1P

MURKIN.

RE BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE AUGUST TWENTY EIGHT INSTANT.

MEMPHIS CONCURS WITH RECOMMENDATION OF BIRMINGHAM AND  
DOES NOT FEEL THAT WE SHOULD REVIEW WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE'S  
BOOK PRIOR TO PUBLICATION.

AIR MAIL COPY TO BIRMINGHAM. P.

END

JCH:ME

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*ME*

1 - BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (AM)

Airtel.....

Teletype.....

A. M. ....

A. M. S. B. ....

Spec. Del. ....

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Registered.....

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent 1:36 M Per nj  
Special Agent in Charge

FBI MEMPHIS

FBI WASH DC

647PM URGENT 8-28-69 CXB

BIRMINGHAM 44-1740 MEMPHIS 44-1987

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

MURKIN

REBHTEL AUGUST TWENTY EIGHT INSTANT.

HUIE'S OFFER IS NOT TO BE ACCEPTED.

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FBI MEMPHIS

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Date: 8/29/69

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: SAC, Memphis

*JMA*

FROM: Director, FBI

MURKIN

Re Memphis airtel 8/14/69.

This matter was referred to the Civil Rights Division on 8/18/69, and on 8/28/69, the Civil Rights Division advised that it has no objection to the safe deposit box being returned to the Birmingham Trust National Bank and you should advise the appropriate Tennessee State Official of this in order that he can appropriately handle this matter with bank officials.

1 - SAC, Birmingham

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*Hester*  
*JMA*

Sent Via \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

In The spring of 1968 I James EARL RAY WAS WORKING WITH AGENTS OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT INCLUDING RAOU. THEY TOLD ME THAT I WAS HELPING THEM TO SUPPLY ARMS AND GUNS TO CUBAN REFUGEES TO OVERTHROW CASTRO AND THE COMMUNIST IN CUBA. THE REASON WHY I'V MADE TRIP TO MEXICO WAS IN REGARD TO HELPING THE AGENTS OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO SUPPLY ARMS TO CUBAN REFUGEES THERE TO OVERTHROW CASTRO. THE FEDERAL AGENTS LED ME TO BELIEVE THAT I WAS IN MEMPHIS IN APRIL FOR THE SAME PURPOSE. I KNEW THAT I WAS WORKING WITH FEDERAL AGENTS THE WAY THEY HAD ME PASSED ACROSS THE MEXICAN AND CANADAN BORDERS IS ONLY ONE THING THAT PROVES THEY WERE FEDERAL AGENTS. THEY GOT ME ACROSS THE CANADAN AND MEXICAN BORDERS UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT THE HELP OF FEDERAL AGENTS.

AT A LATER TIME IF NECESSARY, I WILL GIVE MORE EXTENSIVE PROOF ABOUT THE FEDERAL AGENTS WITH WHOM I WAS INVOLVED. IT IS A KNOWN FACT THAT AGENTS OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE MEXICAN POLICE KNEW ABOUT MY TRIPS TO MEXICO AND PROTECTED ME THERE.

EVEN WHILLIAM BRAFORD HUIE ADMITS THAT THE FBI AND MEXICAN POLICE KNEW ALL OF MY MOVEMENTS IN MEXICO. I KNEW NOTHING ABOUT KING BEING IN MEMPH. UNTILL AFTER KING HAD BEEN KILLED. I COULD NOT ARGUE WITH THE FEDERAL AGENTS I WORKED FOR BECAUSE THEY WOULD HAVE PUT ME BACK IN THE MISSOURI STATE PRISION AT JEFFERSON CITY IF I FAILED TO TAKE ORDERS FROM THEM. I KNOW THAT THE FEDERAL AGENTS MERLY USED ME TO BE THE PALL GUY WHEN THEY

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Hester *[Signature]*

Now realize that they had no interest in over the  
street and, their whole purpose was to use me to cover  
their own crime. Two Federal Agencies are guilty  
and I AM fully innocent. We hope that someone higher  
in the government will come forward and, expose the  
whole deal so that I will be freed from prison. If  
they don't we have more information which we will  
release in the near future. I don't know what motive  
the Federal Agents had for killing King, ask former  
Attorney General Ramsey Clark maybe he knows.  
Inclosing I want to pass along a little message  
to Percy Forman, Auther Haynes and, William  
Bradford Huie you three, got your wish but, it's not  
over with yet before it is the three of yous will  
be ruined along with your friend Ramsey Clark. I  
hope to be able to talk to CBS in person in the  
near future if the state of Tenn and, the Federal  
government don't block it being they don't want being  
exposed they might not allow it. Sirhan got to talk  
it, I AM innocent so I probably won't be allowed to

James Earl Ray

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Date: 9-2-69

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

*JMB* From: Director, FBI (44-38861)  
MURKIN

Enclosed is a copy of a statement purportedly dictated by James Earl Ray to his brother Jerry Ray while at the Tennessee State Prison at Nashville. This statement after editing was broadcast on KMOX-TV, St. Louis, Missouri, on 8-14-69.

A copy of this statement has been furnished to the Civil Rights Division for its information and no action should be taken on its contents unless later specifically instructed to do so by the Bureau.

Enclosure

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*Hester* *lls*

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Phoenix, Arizona  
September 4, 1969

JAMES EARL RAY  
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -  
VICTIM

On July 25, 1969, C. R. CRANK, JR., Superintendent, Federal Detention Center, Florence, Arizona, made available the attached copy of a letter written by JOHN HAMILTON MORRIS, inmate of that institution to Mr. PETER GOLDMAN, 444 Madison Avenue, New York City, New York. Mr. CRANK pointed out that the significance of this letter was the fact that MORRIS indicated that JAMES EARL RAY had been paid by an individual known as "BIG D". Mr. CRANK advised that MORRIS was received at that institution on July 19, 1969, and was incarcerated there until July 25, 1969.

MORRIS was maintained at that institution as a stop-over while en route from San Francisco, California, to Leavenworth, Kansas. He explained that MORRIS was serving a sentence at U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, and had been removed from that institution to San Francisco, where he was afforded a hearing on a Writ of Habeas Corpus.

Mr. CRANK advised that an information card maintained by that institution on MORRIS indicated that he had been convicted for crimes of bank robbery in 1949, bank robbery in 1969 and aircraft piracy in 1969. His attorney was listed as PAUL L. LARSEN, 309 South Third Street, Las Vegas, Nevada.

MORRIS is described as follows:

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JAMES EARL RAY

|                        |                               |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Race                   | White                         |
| Sex                    | Male                          |
| Date of Birth          | <input type="text"/>          |
| Place of Birth         | Michigan                      |
| Weight                 | 165 pounds                    |
| Hair                   | Gray                          |
| Eyes                   | Hazel                         |
| Tattoos                | Multiple tattoos on both arms |
| Occupation             | Journalist                    |
| Marital Status         | Single                        |
| Social Security Number | <input type="text"/>          |

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U.S. v. Morris, No. CV 1779 - L. v. [unclear] [unclear]  
22 July, 1969

Dear Mr. Goldwasser, There is some sort of similarity between Tennessee v. Ray and the above cause - via the plea of guilty to alleged charges - but not I say that my attorney and I find your observation of March 24 a bit naive, when your assessment that a plea is normal enough in U.S. Court some authorities to settle for more cases than they bring to trial. Not exactly so, Pete - by reason of the following - principles in both cases, et cetera. On the 4th day of July, 1968, I attempted to commit aircraft piracy (i.e., the attempted hijacking of a 707 jetliner with 71 passengers aboard). While in the custody of U.S. Government Marshals, the Government made a "deal" with the defendant [pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 17.1, Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure - which provides for a Pretrial Conference] - not because of any time - and money - convenience - but because the defendant did not want any of those seventy-one passengers to file a multi-million-dollar civil action damage suit against the U.S. Airline (Chap. 171, Sections 1346 and 2671). The magnitude of this case provided a "flexibility" beyond the usual "routine" of the so-called "top-out".

In the Ray "deal" the same "convenience" applies - but since the apprehension of the defendant in New Mexico ten weeks ago (44-1987-Sub M-647) was made with now-backfire events unfold - with the defendant placed source within the defendant Ray himself was not to be known not the defendant.



DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

9/4/69

SAC, PHOENIX (44-371) (RUC)

JAMES EARL RAY, aka;  
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -  
VICTIM  
CR - CONSPIRACY;  
MFAC - ROBBERY

OO: ME

Re PK airtel to ME, 8/6/69; ME let to FX, 8/22/69.

There is enclosed for the Bureau original and three copies of Letterhead Memorandum reflecting information furnished by Mr. C. R. CRANK, Superintendent, Federal Detention Center, Florence, Arizona, regarding JOHN HAMILTON MORRIS, an inmate who was temporarily incarcerated at that institution from 7/19-25/69, indicating that he had knowledge of who paid JAMES EARL RAY.

Enclosed for Kansas City, Memphis and New York are two copies each of above LHM.

LEADS:

KANSAS CITY DIVISION

AT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

Will interview JOHN HAMILTON MORRIS regarding the contents of his letter to PETER GOLDMAN, 444 Madison Avenue, New York City, New York.

2 - Bureau (Encs. 4)  
2 - Kansas City (Encs. 2)  
2 - Memphis (44-1987) (Encs. 2) *vsk*  
2 - New York (Encs. 2)  
1 - Phoenix

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NEW YORK DIVISION

AT NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK

Will interview PETER GOLDMAN, 444 Madison Avenue,  
for his knowledge of JOHN HAMILTON MORRIS and his evaluation  
of statement that JAMES EARL RAY was paid by "BIG D".

9-8-69

**AIRTEL**

**To: SAC, Phoenix (44-371)**

**From: Director, FBI**

**MURKIN**

RePKlet 9-4-69, with enclosure in which reference is made to Phoenix airtel to Memphis 8-6-69, and Memphis letter to Phoenix 8-22-69.

Phoenix furnish Bureau copies of these communications. Also furnish legible copy of the purported letter from Morris to Goldman.

Handle by return mail.

1 - Memphis (Info) (44-1987)

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DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

9/9/69

SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

MURKIN

Transmitted under separate cover for Birmingham is a safe deposit box which was obtained 4/10/68 by SA ROBERT J. YARNALL from Mr. CHARLES T. SMITH, Auditor, Birmingham Trust National Bank, Birmingham, Ala.

This safe deposit box should be returned to the bank and an appropriate receipt obtained.

District Attorney General PHIL M. CANALE, Memphis, Tenn., has authorized the return of this safe deposit box to the bank inasmuch as he does not anticipate using it in the event this case ever comes to trial.

2 - Bureau  
3 - Birmingham (Enc. 1) (RM)  
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② - Memphis  
JCH:LF  
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ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO  
BE ADDRESSED:  
THE COMMISSIONER  
ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE  
OTTAWA 7, CANADA



TOUTE CORRESPONDANCE DOIT  
ÊTRE ADRESSÉE COMME SUIT:  
LE COMMISSAIRE  
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OTTAWA 7, CANADA

HEADQUARTERS - DIRECTION GÉNÉRALE

OTTAWA 7, CANADA

YOUR NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
VOTRE N° \_\_\_\_\_

OUR NO. G 516-275  
NOTRE N° \_\_\_\_\_

August 28, 1969.

Mr. Moss Lee Innes,  
c/o United States Embassy,  
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Re: James Earl RAY  
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A national magazine will be publishing various articles showing different aspects of the Force's work in the near future. One of the subjects which will be covered is that of commendations given to members of the Force and we are considering discussing very briefly the commendations given to the two members of the Force who participated in the James Earl RAY investigation.

2. Naturally if the RAY case is still before the courts in the United States or if any other legal action is intended or pending, we would not release this information as the defence could contend that publicity was detrimental to the case.

3. Could you therefore let us know if any case arising out of the RAY case or the RAY case is now or will be heard in the United States; this will also include any intended appeal action by either the defence or the prosecution.

4. As we must provide the magazine in question with an early reply, your prompt attention to this particular matter would be much appreciated.

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*J.A. Macauley*  
J.A. Macauley, Insp.,  
Assistant Officer in Charge,  
Criminal Investigation Branch.

F B I

Date: 9/8/69

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Via Airtel \_\_\_\_\_  
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To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

*JEM*  
From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

**MURKIN**

Enclosed is a copy of a letter from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) to Legat, Ottawa dated 8/28/69, received 9/5/69, at the Bureau.

It is noted that the RCMP was only instrumental in the identification and location of the fugitive subject in this matter and was not concerned with the evidentiary or prosecutive aspects.

You should contact appropriate Tennessee State authorities and advise them of the contents of this letter and suggest that they may desire to communicate directly with the RCMP concerning the inquiries set forth in the letter as they may pertain to Tennessee State interests. The Tennessee State authorities should be requested to furnish you a copy of any reply they may make to the RCMP.

If Tennessee State authorities request that their reply be forwarded to the RCMP by the Bureau in light of the fact that the RCMP had made its inquiries through the Bureau, there is no objection to doing so but the Tennessee State authorities should furnish the reply in writing for forwarding to the RCMP.

The Bureau is contacting the Civil Rights Division relative to this matter and you will be advised of results.

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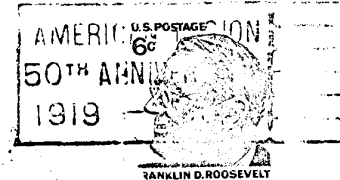
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JACK TAR HOTEL  
San Francisco, California  
94101  
JACK TAR SQUARE CATHEDRAL HILL



PERSONAL ATTENTION  
MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER

MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER  
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9/5/69

Attorney General Mitchell:

Now that there is evidence that Black Panther, Bobby Seale is able to take part in or direct activities involving murder all the way across the country from San Francisco, I wonder if the following strange and unusual fact has been brought back to the attention of Federal or other authorities.

Some time ago Seale had been arrested in this area and was supposed to appear in court on a certain day. He did not appear and both his attorney and his wife indicated they did not know where he was.. that nobody had seen him in this entire area that day. ABOUT FIVE HOURS LATER ON THAT SAME DAY THE NEWS FLASHED ACROSS THE COUNTRY THAT ..... MARTIN LUTHER KING HAD BEEN KILLED.

cc Mr. J. Edgar Hoover ✓

T. Wayne  
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL

T. Wayne ✓  
San Francisco, Cal.

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SAC, San Francisco

9-11-69

Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Enclosed for each office is a copy of a copy of a letter addressed to the Attorney General along with a copy of the envelope.

The San Francisco Office should evaluate the contents of this letter based on your knowledge of the activities of Bobby Seale during the pertinent period and check your indices on the writer and include information as to the nature of the Jack Tar Hotel.

If no further action appears warranted, suLHM suitable for dissemination and furnish copies to Memphis.

Conduct no investigation UACB.

Respond within 5 days.

Enclosures (2)

1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Enclosures 2) <sup>VSC</sup>

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September 10, 1969

The Honorable W. S. Neal, Warden  
State Penitentiary  
Nashville, Tennessee 37203

Re: James Earl Ray, inmate

Dear Sir:

On August 13, 1969, James Earl Ray made a written request of the United States Marshal to forward to him a duplicate copy of a property receipt of property confiscated by the Scotland Yard Police.

The United States Marshal forwarded this request to the Federal Bureau of Investigation who in turn forwarded same to this office. I am enclosing a list of property which accompanied James Earl Ray to this jurisdiction and which bears the signature of the Federal Agents who took Ray into custody and delivered him to the Chief Jailer of this county whose name also appears on the list of property.

If this meets with your approval, it would be appreciated, at your convenience, to forward this copy on to James Earl Ray.

Very truly yours,

PHIL M. CANALE, JR.

By John L. Carlisle  
JOHN L. CARLISLE  
Criminal Investigator

JLC:MEF  
Enclosure

Copy to Mr. Joe Hester, Special Agent  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Federal Building  
Memphis, Tennessee 38103

File room

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9/12/69

AIRTEL

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

Enclosed for the Bureau are 2 copies of a letter dated 9/10/69, addressed to the Warden of the Tennessee State Penitentiary, Nashville, Tenn., which enclosed a duplicate copy of a property receipt of property taken from the subject RAY at the time of his arrest. The Warden was requested to give this receipt to the subject RAY.

Also enclosed for the Bureau are 2 copies of an order signed by Shelby County Criminal Court Judge ARTHUR C. FACQUIN, allowing the subject's attorneys to talk with the subject in an open conference room. This was occasioned by the fact that the new Warden at the Tennessee State Penitentiary had required that RAY communicate with his attorneys through a telephone system while separated by a glass partition.

For the Bureau's information, Assistant District Attorney General J. CLYDE MASON stated that in a recent conversation with the subject's attorney, RICHARD J. RYAN, it was determined that RYAN intends to appeal this matter to the Tennessee Supreme Court. He has until 10/13/69 to perfect his appeal to that Court, and RYAN has indicated he intends to meet that deadline. The basis for this appeal is that under Tennessee law when a Judge dies before ruling on a motion for a new trial, the defendant is automatically granted a new trial on the basis that only the trial Judge would have been aware of errors in the previous trial and that the defendant should be entitled to a new trial. The State contends that this law does not apply in the RAY case since RAY was sentenced on a plea of guilty and was never tried. The defense contends that a letter written by RAY to the late Judge BATTLE constituted a motion for a new trial, and that since Judge BATTLE died without ruling on this matter, RAY is entitled to a new trial.

Airtel

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Mr. MASON further stated that RYAN indicated to him that if RAY is unsuccessful before the Tennessee Supreme Court, they will then attempt to obtain a trial by seeking relief through the Post Conviction Relief Act.

Memphis, Tennessee  
September 12, 1969

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

On September 11, 1969, Assistant District Attorney General J. Clyde Mason, Memphis, Tennessee, was advised of the letter addressed to the Federal Bureau of Investigation by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police under the date August 28, 1969. Mr. Mason said he would review the case against James Earl Ray and would advise the Royal Canadian Mounted Police directly as to whether or not he had any objection to the mention in a magazine article of the two Royal Canadian Mounted Police officers who were commended for their work in this case.

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9/12/69

AIRTEL

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

*Handwritten initials and a large scribble.*

Re Bureau airtel to Memphis, 9/8/69.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 5 copies of an LHM for transmittal to the Legat, Ottawa, concerning the RCMP's desire to mention 2 members of the RCMP in a magazine article in connection with their work in this case.

On 9/11/69, Assistant District Attorney General J. CLYDE MASON, District Attorney General's Office, Memphis, Tenn., advised that he would furnish us a copy of his letter to the RCMP at Ottawa, Canada.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

9/12/69

SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) P

MURKIN  
OO MEMPHIS

Re Kansas City letter to Director, 4/29/69.

Referenced communication contained information from a Mr. KARL RAPP, Kansas City, Missouri, regarding a former SS general by the name of HEINZ MUELLER aka HEINZ MANGER, who he had previously met in Puerto Vallarta. MUELLER was reportedly also a member of Odessa, an organization of former SS officers.

RAPP also had advised that he was previously in correspondence with a JOHN MATHIESON, a retired American formerly living in Puerto Vallarta and over 70 years of age. RAPP visited Puerto Vallarta during spring of 1969 and advised that he determined JOHN MATHIESON was no longer living in that area.

On 9/9/69, KARL RAPP telephonically advised Kansas City Office that he had received a letter from MATHIESON on 9/8/69 from Puerto Vallarta. In this letter, which was mostly personal in nature, MATHIESON stated that HEINZ MUELLER is now residing in Weisbaden, Germany. The letter did not elaborate and RAPP could furnish no more information regarding HEINZ MUELLER or MANGER. RAPP stated that MATHIESON did not give a return address but his former address had been Post Office Box 53, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

RAPP advised if any additional information comes to his attention he will immediately contact the Kansas City Office.

Leads in this matter are being left to discretion of office of origin or Bureau.

This case is remaining pending inasmuch as a lead was set out to interview JOHN MORRIS, Leavenworth, Kansas, in Phoenix letter to Director, 9/4/69.

2 Bureau (RM)  
1 Memphis (44-1987)(RM)  
2 Kansas City  
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11 Lets not pursue this any further  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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San Francisco, California

September 16, 1969

T. WAYNE

The files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C., contain the following letter:

"9/5/69

"Attorney General MITCHELL:

"Now that there is evidence that Black Panther,  
BOBBY SEALE, is able to take part in or direct  
activities involving murder all the way across the  
country from San Francisco, I wonder if the following  
strange and unusual fact has been brought back to the  
attention of Federal or other authorities.

"Some time ago SEALE had been arrested in this  
area and was supposed to appear in court on a certain  
day. He did not appear and both his attorney and his  
wife indicated they did not know where he was...that  
nobody had seen him in this entire area that day.  
About five hours later on that same day the news  
flashed across the country that...MARTIN LUTHER KING  
had been killed.

"T. WAYNE  
San Francisco, Cal.

"cc: Mr. J. EDGAR HOOVER"

The files of the San Francisco Office of the Federal  
Bureau of Investigation do not contain any information identifiable  
with "T. WAYNE."

The Jack Tar Hotel is located in the block bounded by  
Van Ness Avenue, Franklin Street, Geary Boulevard, and Post  
Street, and is one of the most recent hotels built in the City  
of San Francisco and is considered to be a first-class hotel.

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Hester [Signature]



T. WAYNE

The "San Francisco Chronicle," a daily newspaper published in San Francisco, California, in the edition dated April 5, 1968, carried an article captioned "No Show--Warrant For BOBBY SEALE." This article stated that a bench warrant for the arrest of Black Panther leader BOBBY SEALE was issued yesterday (April 4, 1968) after he failed to appear on an old charge of carrying a loaded shotgun in the Oakland Hall of Justice. SEALE had been scheduled to appear before Alameda County Superior Judge REDMOND C. STAATS at 9:30 a.m. SEALE's counsel explained that he had seen SEALE approximately one-half hour before "tying his tie--and he was supposed to be here." Counsel requested a postponement of SEALE's hearing.

The "San Francisco Chronicle" in the edition dated April 9, 1968, entitled "SEALE In Court. . .Attorney Trouble," stated that BOBBY SEALE, Chairman of the Black Panthers, appeared with his attorney in an Oakland court yesterday thus abrogating a bench warrant for his arrest.

SEALE stated in court that he was actually en route to the court when he "got mad at his lawyer."

At this point in the proceedings, SEALE's new attorney took over saying it was indeed true that SEALE and his former counsel had a falling out but that it was an embarrassing matter to bring up in open court since it involved client-attorney relationships.

A characterization of the Black Panther Party is attached hereto.

BLACK PANTHER PARTY, aka  
Black Panther Party for  
Self Defense

According to its official newspaper, the Black Panther Party (BPP) was started during December, 1966, in Oakland, California, to organize black people so they can take control of the life, politics, and the destiny of the black community. It was organized by Bobby George Seale, BPP Chairman, and Huey P. Newton, BPP Minister of Defense. Newton is presently serving a sentence of 2 to 15 years on a conviction of manslaughter in connection with the killing of an Oakland police officer.

The official newspaper, "The Black Panther," which further describes itself as the "Black Community News Service," states that the BPP advocates the use of guns and guerrilla tactics in its revolutionary program to end oppression of the black people. Residents of the black community are urged to arm themselves against the police who are consistently referred to in the publication as "pigs" who should be killed.

"The Black Panther" issue of September 7, 1968, contains an editorial by BPP Minister of Education, George Mason Murray, which ends with the following:

"Black men. Black people, colored persons of America, revolt everywhere! Arm yourselves. The only culture worth keeping is a revolutionary culture. Change. Freedom everywhere. Dynamite! Black Power. Use the gun. Kill the pigs everywhere."

Included in the introduction to an article appearing in the October 5, 1968, edition of "The Black Panther" is the statement, "...we will not dissent from American Government. We will overthrow it."

Issues of "The Black Panther" regularly contain quotations from the writings of Chairman MAO Tse-tung of the People's Republic of China and feature MAO's statement that "political power grows out of the barrel of a gun."

The national headquarters of the BPP is located at 3106 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley, California. Branches have been established at various locations throughout the United States.

APPENDIX