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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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RE MEMPHIS TEL JULY TWELVE, SIXTYEIGHT, SIX FIFTYEIGHT P.M.

ON THIS DATE, SA K. L. BOUNDS MET WITH SHERIFF WILLIAM M. MORRIS AND REPRESENTATIVES HIS STAFF. DURING DISCUSSION WITH SA BOUNDS, SHERIFF MORRIS REPEATED VARIOUS ITEMS SET FORTH RETEL. AFTER DISCUSSING THESE ITEMS, SA BOUNDS WAS TAKEN TO CELL BLOCK TO BE OCCUPIED BY SUBJECT INSTANT CASE. AS OF TEN THIRTY THIS MORNING, STEEL PLATE HAD NOT BEEN POSITIONED IN BETWEEN WINDOWS AND CELL BLOCK WHERE SUBJECT TO BE INCARCERATED. AT APPROXIMATELY FOUR P.M. THIS AFTERNOON, SHERIFF MORRIS ADVISED STEEL PLATED NOW IN POSITION. PLANS CONTEMPLATED BY SHERIFF FOR REARRANGEMENT OF ENTRANCE INTO COUNTY-JAIL NOT YET COMPLETED. DRAWINGS AND SPECIFICATION FOR ALTERNATION COMPLETED BUT MATERIAL FOR COMPLETION OF INCREASING SECURITY IN ENTRANCE TO PRISON NOT YET RECEIVED BY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. SHERIFF ANTICIPATES THIS MATERIAL WILL BE AVAILABLE WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS AND WORK WILL PROGRESS WHETHER PRISONER IS OR IS NOT IN CUSTODY.

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ROUTE FROM CELL BLOCK TO COURTROOM IN WHICH TRIAL WILL BE HELD WAS TRAVELED BY SA BOUNDS. AT EACH STAIRWELL AND INTERVENING CORRIDOR, SHERIFF MORRIS ADVISED DEPUTY WILL BE POSITIONED TO INSURE NO OUTSIDERS WILL BE IN CORRIDOR OR STAIRWELL DURING PASSAGE BY SUBJECT. THIS AREA NOT OPEN TO PUBLIC.

PRIOR TO SUBJECT'S DEPARTING FROM ENCLOSED STAIRWELL AND PASSAGEWAY, A DEPUTY WILL SCREEN AREA OUTSIDE COURTROOM TO INSURE NO UNAUTHORIZED PERSONNEL. AFTER THIS HAS BEEN DONE AND ONLY THEN WILL SUBJECT BE PERMITTED TO ENTER AREA OUTSIDE COURTROOM AND SUBSEQUENTLY ENTER COURTROOM. SHERIFF MORRIS ALSO ADVISED HE HAD DISCUSSED WITH APPROPRIATE JUDGE CERTAIN BASIC RULES WHICH HE WANTED JUDGE TO ISSUE IN CONNECTION WITH CONDUCT OF NEWSMEN AND OTHERS AT SCENE. SHERIFF MORRIS INDICATED HE ANTICIPATED NO PROBLEM IN RECEIVING NECESSARY ORDER FROM JUDGE TO CONTROL ACTIVITIES OF NEWSMEN.

SHERIFF MORRIS ALSO ADVISED HE WOULD MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO INSURE THAT SUBJECT DID NOT LEAVE CELL BLOCK EVERY DAY AT EXACTLY SAME TIME TO APPEAR IN COURT. HE SAID ARRANGEMENTS WOULD BE MADE SO THAT DEPARTURE OF SUBJECT FROM CELL TO COURT WOULD BE AT VARYING TIMES ON EACH APPEARANCE IN COURTL.

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FURTHER DISCUSSION HAD WITH SHERIFF MORRIS RELATIVE TO CONTEMPLATED PICKUP OF SUBJECT WHEN SITUATION ARISES. SHERIFF MORRIS STATED HE FELT HE NEEDED MINIMUM OF SIX HOURS NOTICE BUT WOULD PREFER MORE THAN THAT IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. IT IS NOTED SHERIFF MORRIS STILL PLANS UTILIZATION OF TACTICAL UNIT AS INDICATED PREVIOUS MEMPHIS TEL. SHERIFF MORRIS OF OPINION, AND MEMPHIS OFFICE CONCURS, THAT MOVEMENT OF TACTICAL UNIT OF THIS SIZE TO INSTALLATION WHERE SUBJECT WILL ARRIVE AT ONE TIME WOULD CREATE UNDUE INTEREST. SHERIFF MORRIS FEELS HE WOULD LIKE OPPORTUNITY TO DEPLOY VARIOUS REPRESENTATIVES OF TACTICAL UNIT IN AREAS CONTIGUOUS TO INSTALLATION WHERE THEY COULD REMAIN HIDDEN FOR REASONABLE PERIOD OF TIME. AFTER SUCCESSFULLY DEPLOYING MEMBERS OF TACTICAL UNIT, HE PLANS TO ALERT EACH UNIT ON PERIODIC INTERVALS SHORTLY BEFORE ARRIVAL OF SUBJECT SO THAT THESE UNITS CAN ASSUME POSITIONS ON INSTALLATION. SHERIFF MORRIS INDICATES WILLINGNESS TO GO ABOARD AIRCRAFT AND ASSUME CUSTODY OF SUBJECT AT THAT TIME. P.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) ATTN: ASST. DIRECTOR A. ROSEN
FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987)
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SET OUT BELOW ARE NAMES OF TWELVE INDIVIDUALS BEING USED BY SHELBY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, MEMPHIS, IN CONNECTION WITH GUARDING SUBJECT RAY. INDICES MEMPHIS AND JACKSON OFFICES CONTAIN NO IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION. IT IS REQUESTED BUREAU SEARCH ITS INDICES ON THESE INDIVIDUALS:

CLIFFORD A. BALLARD, WM, THREE ZERO THREE ZERO CHURCHILL, DOB [redacted], GASTONIA, N. C.

SAMUEL TAYLOR BELL, WM, FOUR ZERO SIX WARD AVENUE, DOB [redacted], MEMPHIS, TENN.

WARNER J. BERRY, WM, ONE FIVE FOUR FOUR REBECCA, DOB [redacted], CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

EULTON L. COBB, WM, THREE EIGHT NINE NINE TESSLAND ROAD, DOB [redacted], UNION COUNTY, MISS.

WILLIAM A. DU FOUR, WM, THREE ZERO FOUR FOUR COLEMAN, DOB [redacted], WYANDOTTE, MICHIGAN.

EARL H. HARRELL, WM, TWO FIVE NINE FOUR KIMBALL, DOB [redacted], BLYTHEVILLE, ARKANSAS.

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ELWYN QUINN HARTLINE, WM, NINETEEN ZERO FOUR CAPRI, DOB
_____, SUMMERVILLE, GA.

WALTER R. LINCOLN, WM, FOUR ONE EIGHT THREE CHIPPEWA,
DOB _____, MEMPHIS, TENN.

LESLIE T. MC KNATT, WM, FOUR SIX NINE ONE HILLMONT, DOB
_____, MILLINGTON, TENN.

STEPHEN BOYD SCOTT, WM, TWO SEVEN ONE FIVE OVERTON CROSSING,
DOB _____, MEMPHIS, TENN.

BILLY J. SMITH, WM, FIVE ONE FOUR ZERO GERMANTOWN ROAD,
DOB _____, MEMPHIS, TENN.

JOE DAVID WRIGHT, WM, FOUR NINE NINE FIVE PRINCETON,
DOB _____, MEMPHIS, TENN.

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MURKIN, CR. ATTN: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR A. ROSEN.

RE MEMPHIS TEL TO BUREAU JULY SEVENTEEN LAST.

SET OUT BELOW ARE ADDITIONAL NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS BEING USED BY THE SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE SO IN HANDLING SUBJECT RAY UPON HIS RETURN TO THIS COUNTRY. MEMPHIS FILES HAVE BEEN REVIEWED AND FINDINGS ARE SET OUT BELOW.

IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE BUREAU SEARCH THESE NAMES THROUGH THEIR INDICES FOR INFORMATION INDICATING THAT THEY SHOULD NOT BE USED IN CONNECTION WITH GUARDING SUBJECT.

HOWARD DON CLIFTON, DOB [redacted]

AT SELMER, TENN., WHO IS IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT OF BUREAU CASE ENTITLED, HOWARD DON CLIFTON; ET AL; JAMES EDWARD PUGH - VICTIM, CR.

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Airtel LEONARD E. SCHULTZ, DOB [redacted]

Teletype AT LOBELVILLE, TENN., WHO IS IDENTICAL WITH VICTIM IN BUFILE

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JOHN C. SLOAN, DOB [REDACTED] AT
MCLEMORESVILLE, TENN., A NATIONAL ACADEMY GRADUATE WHO IS
SUBJECT OF BUFILE ONE DASH NINE ONE SEVEN EIGHT.

EUGENE JOSEPH MILLER, DOB [REDACTED]
AT MEMPHIS, WHO IS A FORMER BUREAU CLERK.

JERRY JOSEPH WELLS, DOB [REDACTED]
AT MEMPHIS, WHO IS SUBJECT OF BUFILE FORTYFOUR DASH THREE
FIVE FIVE EIGHT TWO.

HOBERT JACKSON BECKHAM, JR., DOB [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] AT SAVANNAH, TENN., ADDRESS FOUR ONE NINE EIGHT
KENOSHA, MEMPHIS, TENN.

BUDDY EDWARD BOWERS, DOB [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] AT WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENN., ADDRESS ONE ZERO TWO
JAMES ST., JACKSON, TENN.

JAMES EARL HARDIN, DOB [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] AT MILLINGTON, TENN., ADDRESS FIVE ZERO SIX TONTO.

JOHN WILLIAM HORTON, DOB [REDACTED]
AT PARSONS, TENN., ADDRESS TWO ZERO TWO S. DEBERRY, SAVANNAH,
TENN.

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CECIL A. HURST, DOB [REDACTED],

AT MEMPHIS, TENN., ADDRESS FOUR THREE EIGHT TWO OWEN RD.,
MEMPHIS, TENN.

ED ASHBURN, DOB [REDACTED] AT FENTRESS

CO., TENN., ADDRESS P. O. BOX SIXTYEIGHT, CARTHAGE, TENN.

JACK CHARLTON, DOB [REDACTED]

AT BARBERTON, OHIO, ADDRESS RT. THREE, DOVER, TENN.

M. P. HUCKERY, DOB [REDACTED] AT

MONROE, TENN., ADDRESS ONE ZERO NINE CHILDRESS ST.,
MC MINNVILLE, TENN.

H. THOMAS WHITLATCH, DOB [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AT MIAMI, FLORIDA, ADDRESS TWO SEVEN SIX IVYWOOD
DR., NASHVILLE, TENN.

GUY AMON CAIN, JR., DOB [REDACTED],

AT OBION, TENN., ADDRESS THREE SEVEN THREE SIX N. HOLLYWOOD.

CARROLL DOUGLAS DUNN, DOB [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MEMPHIS, TENN., ADDRESS FOUR NINE FOUR SIX TEAL AVE.

LUTHER EDWARD JAMISON, DOB [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], AT KERRVILLE, TENN., ADDRESS ONE SIX ONE THREE

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HOPEWELL RD.

JOE RUS KENT, DOB [REDACTED]

AT VICKSBURG, MISS., ADDRESS FIVE ONE ONE ONE FLAMINGO.

RALPH FREDRICK MUENCH, DOB [REDACTED]

GARY, INDIANA, ADDRESS TWO SEVEN FIVE NINE RIDGEVIEW RD.

JOHN EMMETT OVERBEY, DOB [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], MEMPHIS, TENN., ADDRESS FOUR ONE SIX ZERO COTTONWOOD.

RAPHN LANE ROBY, DOB [REDACTED], AT

SULLIGEN, ALABAMA, ADDRESS THREE FOUR NINE SEVEN LEE HIGH.

JAMES RONALD WIECHERT, DOB [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], AT MEMPHIS, TENN., ADDRESS TWO SEVEN ZERO SIX
NORTHMEADE.

RICHARD KING WILSON, DOB [REDACTED]

AT MEMPHIS, TENN., ADDRESS TWO EIGHT EIGHT ONE RANDY COVE.

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TO MEMPHIS 44-1987

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 2P

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REURTEL JULY EIGHTEEN.

RESULTS BUFILE CHECK RE NAMES IN RETEL FURNISHED YOU BY AIRTEL, ABOVE CAPTION, JULY EIGHTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT, WHICH ENCLOSED COPY OF MEMORANDUM FROM AAG VINSON AND BUREAU REPLY, WITH EXCEPTION FOLLOWING FIVE NAMES: JOHN C. SLOAN, JACK CHARLTON, M.P. HUCKERS, CONCERNING WHOM NO PERTINENT DATA LOCATED IN BUREAU FILES.

RE H. THOMAS WHITLATCH, SEE YOUR FILE SIX SEVEN - NINE SEVEN FIVE SEVEN. WHITLATCH ENTERED ON DUTY AS CLERK, JUNE TWENTY, SIXTYTWO, IN IDENT DIVISION, VOLUNTARILY RESIGNED TO ATTEND SCHOOL, JUNE EIGHTEEN, SIXTYFIVE.

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RE ED ASHBURN, BUFILES SHOW ONE REFERENCE. ABSTRACT FOR
THIS COMMUNICATION INDICATES EDD ASHBURN APPEARED IN JUNE TWENTY-
FOUR, SIXTYEIGHT, COMMUNICATION FROM BH CAPTIONED "UNITED KLANS
OF AMERICA." REQUEST BH TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL WITH
INDIVIDUAL RETEL. IF IDENTICAL, ADVISE BUREAU.

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FBI MEMPHIS

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Memorandum

Confidential

TO : Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: July 18, 1968

FROM : Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

95-100-473

SUBJECT: James Earl Ray

Attached is a list setting forth the names, birth dates, race and residence of those members of the Shelby County Sheriff's Department, Memphis Police Department and the Tennessee Highway Patrol who will be assigned to security detail during the above subject's incarceration in Shelby County.

Will you please run an indices check and let me know the results as soon as possible.

Attachment

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<u>Name</u>	<u>DOB</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Residence</u>
Hobert Jackson Beckham Jr. ✓	<input type="text"/>	Tennessee Highway Patrol	white	Memphis
Buddy Edward Bowers ✓	<input type="text"/>	Tennessee Highway Patrol	"	"
Howard Don Clifton ✓	<input type="text"/>	Tennessee Highway Patrol	"	"
James Earl Hardin ✓	<input type="text"/>	Shelby Co. Sheriff's Dept.	"	"
John William Horton ✓	<input type="text"/>	Tennessee Highway Patrol	"	"
Cecil A. Hurst ✓	<input type="text"/>	Shelby Co. Sheriff's Dept.	"	"
Leonard E. Schultz ✓	<input type="text"/>	Tennessee Highway Patrol	"	"
Clifford A. Ballard ✓	<input type="text"/>	Shelby Co. Sheriff's Dept.	"	"
Warner J. Berry ✓	<input type="text"/>	Shelby Co. Sheriff's Dept.	"	"
Eulton L. Cobb ✓	<input type="text"/>	Shelby Co. Sheriff's Dept.	"	"
William A. DuFour ✓	<input type="text"/>	Shelby Co. Sheriff's Dept.	"	"
Elwym Quinn Hartline ✓	<input type="text"/>	Shelby Co. Sheriff's Dept.	"	"
Walter R. Lincoln ✓	<input type="text"/>	Shelby Co. Sheriff's Dept.	"	"
Stephen Boyd Scott ✓	<input type="text"/>	Shelby Co. Sheriff's Dept.	"	"
Guy Amon Cain, Jr. ✓	<input type="text"/>	Memphis Police Dept.	"	"
Carroll Douglas Dunn ✓	<input type="text"/>	Memphis Police Dept.	"	"
Luther Edward Jamison ✓	<input type="text"/>	Shelby Co. Sheriff's Dept.	"	"
Joe Rus Kent ✓	<input type="text"/>	Memphis Police Dept.	"	"
Eugene Joseph Miller ✓	<input type="text"/>	Memphis Police Dept.	"	"
Ralph Frederick Muench ✓	<input type="text"/>	Memphis Police Dept.	"	"
John Emmet Overbey ✓	<input type="text"/>	Memphis Police Dept.	"	"

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Name DOB Department Race Residence

Raphm Lane Roby ✓✓	<input type="text"/>	Memphis Police Dept.	white	Memphis
Jerry Joseph Wells ✓✓	<input type="text"/>	Memphis Police Dept.	"	"
James Ronald Riechert ✓✓	<input type="text"/>	Memphis Police Dept.	"	"
Richard King Wilson ✓✓	<input type="text"/>	Memphis Police Dept.	"	"

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Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

July 19, 1968

Director, FBI

JAMES EARL RAY

Reference is made to your letter of July 18, 1968, your reference 95-100-473, requesting a check of the files of this Bureau concerning 25 members of local law enforcement agencies who will be assigned to security detail during the above subject's incarceration in Shelby County.

The files of the FBI have been reviewed based on the identifying data furnished by you and our files reveal no identifiable pertinent information concerning the individuals listed by you with the exception of the following:

Robert Jackson Beckham, Jr. We have not investigated Beckham. However, our files reveal that Robert Jackson Beckham, Sr., who may be the father of Robert Jackson Beckham, Jr., was the subject of two civil rights investigations. He, the father, was a deputy sheriff of Hardin County, Tennessee. Copies of the reports of these investigations were furnished the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice in the cases captioned "Con D. Seaton, Sheriff, Hardin County, Savannah, Tennessee; Robert Jackson Beckham, Sr., aka, Deputy Sheriff, Hardin County, Savannah, Tennessee; James L. Hunt - Victim" and "Richard Clay Jerrolds; Et Al.; Harvey McNeal Vanhoose, Et Al. - Victims."

Howard Don Clifton. This individual was the subject of a civil rights investigation in September, 1964. A copy of the investigative report was furnished the Civil Rights Division of the Department under the title "Howard Don Clifton; Jimmy Donald Music; Memphis, Tennessee, Police Department; James Edward Pugh - Victim."

William A. DuFour. This individual was the subject of a civil rights investigation along with others in 1966. Copies of the investigative reports were forwarded to the

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Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr.

Civil Rights Division of the Department under the title of "James Roy Edwards; William Albert DuFour; Fred McCoy Sansone; Carlton Eugene Mendenhall, Officers, Shelby County Sheriff's Office, Memphis, Tenn.; R. C. (IO) Mitchell - Victim."

John Emmet Overbey, Investigations were conducted involving Overbey and others on civil rights matters in June, 1963, and November, 1965. Copies of the investigative reports in both cases were furnished to the Civil Rights Division of the Department under the titles "Patrolmen J. E. Overby, R. R. Davis, Memphis PD; Alonzo Houston, aka Lonzo Houston, Joe Joe Fonzo - Victim" and "John Emmett Overbey; Don Owen Lewis; Officers, Memphis, Tenn., PD; Roscoe Baggett - Victim."

Jerry Joseph Wells, This individual was the subject of a civil rights investigation in March, 1967, and a copy of the investigative report was furnished to the Civil Rights Division of the Department under the caption "William Thad Knight, Jerry Joseph Wells, Patrolmen, Memphis Police Department, Memphis, Tennessee; Herman Richard Taylor, Jr. - Victim."

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~~TO:~~ SAC, Memphis (44-1987)
~~FROM:~~ Director, FBI (44-38861)
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Reurtel July 17, 1968.

Pursuant to your request, Bufiles have been reviewed and contain no pertinent derogatory data concerning any of the names listed in retel other than data which appears in your files.

Under date of July 18, 1968, AAG Vinson furnished a list of 25 local officers who will be responsible for Ray's security, with a request for check of Bufiles.

For your information, there is enclosed herewith a copy of Mr. Vinson's request, together with a copy of the Bureau's reply thereto dated July 18, 1968.

The above is for your information.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN.

SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY ARRIVED ABOARD MILITARY AIRCRAFT AT MILLINGTON NAVAL AIR STATION THREE THIRTYSEVEN A.M. THIS DATE. PRE-PLANNED ARRANGEMENTS WENT SMOOTHLY. TRANSFER OF PRISONER TO SHERIFF COMPLETED FOUR ZERO ONE A.M. DEPARTURE FROM NAVAL AIR STATION IN CONVOY AT FOUR ZERO SIX A.M. SUBJECT ENTERED INTO SHELBY COUNTY JAIL FOUR TWENTYNINE A.M. THIS DATE. ENTIRE PROCEEDINGS HELD WITHOUT INCIDENT.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)
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SUBJECT JAMES E. RAY'S RETURN TO THIS COUNTRY, HIS
 RELEASE TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES, AND HIS SUBSEQUENT TRANSPORTATION
 FROM A NEARBY MILITARY INSTALLATION TO THE COUNTY JAIL AT
 MEMPHIS, TENN., WERE EFFECTED ON JULY NINETEEN INSTANT IN
 SUCH A SMOOTH, PROFESSIONAL MANNER AS TO REFLECT VERY
 FAVORABLY ON THE FBI. LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS
 HAVE EXPRESSED GREAT APPRECIATION FOR THE BUREAU'S
 ASSISTANCE AND DIRECTION IN ALL PHASES OF THIS MATTER.

NUMEROUS CONFERENCES WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS WERE HELD
 UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE SAC, WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR
 THE OVER-ALL SUCCESS; HOWEVER, SA KENNETH L. BOUNDS,
 ASSIGNED TO SOG, AND SA'S JOE C. HESTER AND ROBERT F. BOYLE
 OF THE MEMPHIS OFFICE WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR MUCH OF THE

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 DETAILED PLANNING THAT WENT ON IN THESE CONFERENCES, AND

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 THESE AGENTS WERE IN LARGE MEASURE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE

A.M. _____
 OVERWHELMING SUCCESS OF THIS OPERATION.

A.M.S.D. _____

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IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED THAT SA'S BOUNDS, HESTER,
AND BOYLE BE CONSIDERED FOR INCENTIVE AWARDS FOR THEIR
INGENUITY, RESOURCEFULNESS, AND TACT IN PLANNING AND
DEALING WITH PERSONS FROM VARIOUS OTHER INTERESTED LAW
ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.

IN ADDITION TO THOSE AGENTS MENTIONED ABOVE, THERE WERE
TEN OTHER MEMPHIS AGENTS INVOLVED IN THIS TRANSFER OF THE
SUBJECT. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT A GENERAL LETTER OF
COMMENDATION BE DIRECTED TO THE SAC, MEMPHIS, FOR INCLUSION
IN THE PERSONNEL FILES OF THESE TEN AGENTS. P. END.

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Information concerning:

THOMAS A. E. HOUGHTON ✓

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Captain J. G. Ray, Memphis PD

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Remarks:

Info furnished to Captain Ray per instructions of SA Lawrence which were approved by SAC Jensen.

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DANNY N. DOWNUM
Special Agent
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TO SAC MINNEAPOLIS
FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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FOR INFO MP, JAMES E. RAY CURRENTLY CONFINED SHELBY COUNTY
JAIL, MEMPHIS, TENN.

CAPTAIN J. G. RAY, INTELLIGENCE CHIEF, MEMPHIS, PD, ADVISED
THAT AT FIVE FORTYFIVE P.M. THIS DATE, ONE THOMAS A. E. HOUGHTON,
LISTING ADDRESS AS ONE TWO ONE SIX FORTYFIVE AND ONE HALF AVE.,
N.E., MINNEAPOLIS, PHONE SIX ONE TWO - SEVEN EIGHT EIGHT - ONE
THREE SEVEN SEVEN, CALLED SHELBY COUNTY JAIL WISHING TO SPEAK TO
JAMES E. RAY. PERMISSION DENIED. AT EIGHT TWENTY P.M. THIS DATE
A TELEGRAM WAS RECEIVED AT JAIL, ADDRESSED TO SUBJECT ASKING RAY
TO CALL TOM HOUGHTON, COLLECT, AT MINNEAPOLIS PHONE SIX ONE TWO -
SIX FOUR SIX - SEVEN ONE ONE THREE.

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MINNEAPOLIS BY RETURN TELETYPE, ADVISE RESULTS OF INDICES
CHECK AND CHECK WITH MINNEAPOLIS PD AND CHECK FOR SUBSCRIBERS TO
ABOVE PHONE NUMBERS FOR ANY IDENTIFIABLE DATA RE HOUGHTON. ALSO
WHEN AVAILABLE CONDUCT CREDIT CHECK AND ATTEMPT TO ASCERTAIN BASIS
FOR HOUGHTON'S INTEREST IN CONTACTING SUBJECT. P. END.

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Approved: *Telephonically by SAC Jensen* Sent *9:31* PM Per *llh*
Special Agent in Charge

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FBI MEMPHIS

FBI MINNAPLS

10:52 PM URGENT 7/19/68 CMH

TO: MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: MINNEAPOLIS

MURKIN.

REURTEL THIS DATE.

MINNEAPOLIS TELEPHONE DIRECTORY LISTS SIX ONE TWO - SEVEN EIGHT EIGHT - ONE THREE SEVEN SEVEN AS TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR THOMAS A. E. HOUGHTON ONE TWO ONE SIX FORTY FIVE AND ONE HALF AVE. N.E. MINNEAPOLIS. CITY DIRECTOR LISTS THOMAS A.E. HOUGHTON SAME ADDRESS AS NEWS DIRECTOR FOR KSTP - TV (TELEVISION STATION) ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA. PRETEXT TELEPHONE CALL TO SIX ONE TWO - SIX FOUR SIX - SEVEN ONE ONE THREE REVEALS THIS IS NUMBER FOR KSTP - TV NEWS ROOM.

NO RECORD FOR HOUGHTON INDICES OF MINNEAPOLIS OFFICE. MINNEAPOLIS POLICE DEPARTMENT RECORDS INDICATE IN AUGUST NINETEEN SIXTY TWO THOMAS A. EDWARD HOUGHTON, MINNEAPOLIS (NOT KNOWN WHETHER IDENTICAL) CITED FOR DRIVING AFTER SUSPENSION OF LICENSE AND FAILING TO YIELD RIGHT OF WAY POSSIBLY CAUSING AN ACCIDENT.

NO OTHER RECORDS.

IN VIEW OF HOUGHTON'S EMPLOYMENT NO FURTHER INQUIRY BEING MADE RE HOUGHTON UNLESS ADVISED TO CONTRARY BY MEMPHOIS.

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FBI MEMPHIS

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Date charged

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He's 'Stickler For the Law'

Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle, one of the most experienced trial judges in Memphis, was announced today as the judge in the trial of James Earl Ray for the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

A short, heavysset man who runs a no-nonsense courtroom, Battle has been trial judge for a number of major cases since he first took the bench in 1959. He presided at both trials of Louis F. Montesi, grocery executive convicted of killing his wife.

Battle's decisions have been reversed several times, including the first Montesi trial, but lawyers say this is the mark of a judge who hears a lot of cases and isn't afraid to blaze new trails.

Serious, almost scowling, on the bench, the 60-year-old

After receiving his license to practice law in 1933, he became assistant district attorney general for Shelby County, a post he held for 11 years, serving on the staffs of Atty. Gens. W. T. McLain, Marion Boyd and Will Gerber.

In 1945 he entered private law practice in Memphis, with the majority of his cases devoted to criminal law. In 1959 he was appointed judge for Division III of the Criminal Court of Shelby County, a newly created court, and has since been elected to the bench.

BAR LEADER

A member of the Memphis and Shelby County Bar Association, he has served on the board of directors and executive committee. He has served as president of the Memphis and Shelby County Mental Health Association, has been active in adult education classes at Southwestern and goes deep sea fishing for a hobby.

Married in 1941 to the former Florence Warfield Boyce of Memphis, he has four children, Mrs. E. Frank King, W. J. Britton III, Mrs. E. R. Kinnebrew III, and W. Preston Battle Jr.

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judge is a stickler for legal aspects of a case and often recesses court to check a point of law.

Lawyers who try grandstand tactics in the courtroom are likely to draw sharp words from the judge, but he displays exceptional patience with defendants or witnesses who appear nervous or seem not to understand legal procedures.

A lifelong Memphian, Judge Battle attended Washington & Lee University and the University of Memphis Law School, now part of Memphis State University School of Law.

ONCE SHY

He has said in the past that his shyness and timidity in his younger days led indirectly to his law career, that he had an aversion to speaking in public and joined the literary society at Memphis University School to overcome it.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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Date: 7-19-68
Edition: Mid-South
Author:
Editor: CHARLES H.
Title: SCHLIDER

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Submitting Office: MEMPHIS

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JUDGE W. PRESTON BATTLE
To Preside in Ray Trial

7-22-68

AIRTEL

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)
FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) P
MURKIN.

Criminal Court Judge W. PRESTON BATTLE will hear trial of JAMES EARL RAY. Memphis indices disclose no pertinent derogatory data concerning BATTLE. Memphis indices disclose Airtel submitted to Bureau in Bufile 44-30948 captioned "Deputy (FNU) BONNANO, East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana, Sheriff's Office; UNSUB, Jailer, East Baton Rouge Parish Jail, East Baton Rouge, Louisiana; UNSUB, Jailer, Memphis Police Department Jail, Memphis, Tennessee; Judge W. PRESTON BATTLE, Shelby County Criminal Court, Division #3, Memphis, Tennessee; DOUGLAS LANIER - VICTIM, CR." This Airtel was RUC communication from Memphis. Victim instant case alleged Judge BATTLE violated his constitutional rights.

Another reference in Memphis file disclosed Airtel dated 11-1-65 submitted to Bureau under caption "W. PRESTON BATTLE, Judge, Shelby County Court, Memphis, Tennessee; GEORGE EDWARD DRAPER, Public Defender, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee; WILLIAM D. HAYNES, Assistant Attorney General, Shelby County, Memphis, Tenn.; Lt. JAMES P. TALLEY, Police Department, Memphis, Tennessee; HAROLD WARD YATES - VICTIM, CR." In this Civil Rights complaint, victim YATES alleged that Judge BATTLE refused to let him say anything during course of trial and alleged BATTLE violated his rights by this and the exclusive sentence which was given him.

In addition, City Attorney JOSEPH A. CANALE, former Special Agent (Retired), advised he has known Judge BATTLE personally for 25 years. He described BATTLE has being respected both socially and professionally in the community. Judge BATTLE further described as Judge who makes all attorneys "toe the line" in his courtroom and is strict in regard to proceedings. Former SA CANALE advised in confidence that he had never heard a word against Judge BATTLE's character, reputation, integrity, or ethics as a Judge.

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Further, for the assistance of the Bureau, there is submitted herewith an article which appeared in the Mid-South Edition of the "Memphis Press Scimitar" on 7-19-68, which further described Judge BATTLE.

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Date: 7-22-68

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

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MURKIN.

ON THIS DATE SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY APPEARED BEFORE JUDGE W. PRESTON BATTLE, CRIMINAL COURT, SHELBY COUNTY, MEMPHIS, TENN. DURING COURSE OF PROCEEDINGS ARTHUR HANES, SR., ATTORNEY FOR SUBJECT, REQUESTED INDICTMENT BE READ. CLERK OF COURT READ INDICTMENT. ARTHUR HANES, JR., ALSO PRESENT IN COURT WITH ARTHUR HANES, SR. STATE WAS REPRESENTED BY ATTORNEY GENERAL PHIL CANALE, AND /ROBERT DWYER,

HANES ENTERED PLEA OF NOT GUILTY ON BEHALF OF SUBJECT RAY. ATTORNEY GENERAL CANALE ADVISED JUDGE BATTLE THAT BOTH HE AND HANES, ATTORNEY FOR DEFENSE, HAD AGREED TRIAL DATE SHOULD BE SET AS NOVEMBER TWELVE. JUDGE BATTLE SET NOVEMBER TWELVE AS TRIAL DATE.

ENTIRE PROCEEDINGS IN JUDGE BATTLE'S COURT TOOK APPROXIMATELY TEN MINUTES. RATHER ELABORATE SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS SET UP. ALL VISITORS TO COURTROOM WERE SEARCHED PRIOR TO ENTRANCE, EMPTIED POCKETS ON CHAIR, AND THEREAFTER GIVEN NUMBER AND PASS FOR ENTRANCE. PRIOR TO ENTRANCE INTO COURTROOM, ALL VISITORS PHOTOGRAPHED AND

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Approved: *R. Jensen*
Special Agent in Charge

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REQUIRED TO STATE NAME, ADDRESS, AND BUSINESS IN CONNECTION WITH APPEARANCE IN COURTROOM. THIS WAS DONE BY USE OF VIDEO TAPE AND PERMANENT RECORD WILL BE MAINTAINED OF SAME. ATTORNEY GENERAL CANALE AND MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF WERE ALSO SEARCHED AND PHOTOGRAPHED PRIOR TO ENTRY INTO COURTROOM.

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Via TELETYPE URGENT
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TO: BIRMINGHAM

FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) (1P)

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RUBUTEL TO MEMPHIS JULY NINETEEN LAST.

BY TEL DATED JUNE EIGHTEEN LAST, THE MEMPHIS DIVISION FURNISHED BUREAU A LIST OF NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS BEING USED BY SHELBY COUNTY, TENN., SO IN HANDLING SUBJECT RAY DURING HIS PERIOD OF CONFINEMENT AT THE SHELBY COUNTY JAIL. INCLUDED IN THIS LIST WAS THE NAME OF ED ASHBURN, DOB [REDACTED] AT FENTRESS COUNTY, TENN., CURRENT ADDRESS P. O. BOX SIX EIGHT, CARTHAGE, TENN.

BY RETEL, BUREAU ADVISED THAT THE NAME ED ASHBURN APPEARED IN THE JUNE TWENTYFOUR, SIXTYEIGHT, COMMUNICATION FROM BIRMINGHAM CAPTIONED "UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA." THE BUREAU REQUESTED THAT BUREAU BE ADVISED IF THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE IDENTICAL.

BIRMINGHAM ADVISE MEMPHIS, AND IF NECESSARY BUREAU, IF ED ASHBURN, DOB [REDACTED] IS IDENTICAL WITH ED ASHBURN MENTIONED IN COMMUNICATION DESCRIBED ABOVE. P. END.

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Approved: *R. C. Jensen* *lll* *150M* Per *lll*
Registered _____ Special Agent in Charge

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)
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For the information of the Bureau, Shelby County Criminal Court Judge W. PRESTON BATTLE, Memphis, Tenn., received a postcard postmarked P.M., 7/20/68, New York, New York, addressed to Judge BATTLE, Shelby County Criminal Court, Memphis, Tenn., wherein the following message was set forth:

"BOY

"Your verdict better be our verdict; you go the way of King! KKK

"7-20'68"

U. S. Attorney THOMAS L. ROBINSON, Memphis, Tennessee, advised on 7/23/68 that the contents of the message appearing on the postcard directed to Judge BATTLE contains a veiled threat and that he would authorize prosecution of the individual for violation of Title 18, Section 876, USC, if the individual who is responsible for preparing and mailing this postcard is identified.

The Memphis Division has initiated a separate investigation in this matter and has advised the Bureau by airtel dated 7/23/68 captioned "UNSUB; W. PRESTON BATTLE - VICTIM; EXTORTION - RACIAL MATTER; OO MEMPHIS".

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The Memphis Division anticipates that in the future additional communications of this type which are possible violations of the Federal Extortion Statute will be received by officers of the Court who are responsible for the trial of JAMES EARL RAY, scheduled on 11/12/68; therefore, the Memphis Division intends to open new 9 classification cases in the Memphis Division when such communications are received and warrant such action. The Bureau will be kept advised under the MURKIN caption of these complaints as they are received.

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TO: CHIEF CLERK

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TO: CHIEF CLERK

Subject Robert K Sawyer

Aliases _____

Address _____ Birth Date _____ Birthplace _____ Race _____ Sex Male Female

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105-98-68	IDENT - Non-DEROG		-Requaint investigation-
92-546-1	Non-DEROG		
67-0A-2981	destroyed		

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Date 7-23-68

TO: CHIEF CLERK
Subject Phil Canale

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-168, 169	" " "	Not derog	
80-1-1608	destroyed		
80-183-11 pp. 3, 17	" "	Not derog	
80-184	" "	Not derog	
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AIRTEL

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

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For the assistance of the Bureau, the following three individuals will be the State Prosecutors in the case involving JAMES EARL RAY:

PHIL M. CANALE, JR., District Attorney General;
ROBERT K. DWYER, Executive Assistant to the District Attorney General;
JAMES C. BEASLEY, Assistant District Attorney General

CANALE is senior prosecutor, with DWYER next in rank in his office.

Memphis indices were searched regarding the above-mentioned three individuals.

No record identifiable with JAMES C. BEASLEY located in Memphis indices.

ROBERT K. DWYER is National Academy Graduate of the 51st Session and results of applicant investigation previously made available to Bureau. No data in Memphis files concerning DWYER of derogatory nature.

In connection with CANALE, his name appears in various Civil Rights inquiries conducted by the Memphis Division. Bureau's attention directed to Memphis Airtel dated 12/6/65, captioned, "PHIL M. CANALE, JR., District Attorney General, 15th Judicial

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Circuit of Tennessee, Memphis, Tennessee; HAROLD WARD YATES - VICTIM; CIVIL RIGHTS"; Memphis report dated 11/4/63 of SA CYRIL F. BUSCH captioned "PHIL M. CANALE, District Attorney General, Memphis, Tennessee; CARL OSCAR BURRIS - VICTIM; CIVIL RIGHTS"; Memphis Airtel dated 11/10/58 captioned "PHIL M. CANALE, Attorney General, Memphis, Tennessee; DELMAR IHLE - VICTIM; CIVIL RIGHTS."

In the above three captioned matters, no derogatory information was reported.

In addition, the Bureau's attention is directed to Memphis Airtel dated 1/23/62, captioned "UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, Police Department, Memphis, Tennessee; Alleged Corruption - Miscellaneous Information." In this matter, both DWYER and CANALE requested assistance of the FBI in conducting investigation of the Memphis Police Department.

Since my arrival in the Memphis Division approximately a year ago, there has been no information brought to my attention that could in any way be considered a reflection on CANALE, DWYER or BEASLEY. This office has enjoyed a good working relationship with the State Attorney General's Office here in Memphis.

FBI MEMPHIS

FBI BIRMGHAM
9:23 AM 7-23-68 URGENT AMB

TO: MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

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REURTEL JULY TWENTYTWO, LAST.
REVIEW OF BH FILE STYLED "EDD ASHBURN, AKA. ED ASHLEY; RM-
KLAN," BH FILE ONE FIVE SEVEN DASH THREE THREE EIGHT TWO, REVEALS
NOT IDENTICAL TO SUBJECT OF YOUR INQUIRY SINCE HE IS LONG TIME
RESIDENT OF SCOTTSBORO, ALABAMA, AND COSIDERABLY OLDER THAN THE
ED ASHBURN MENTIONED URTEL.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN;

OO: ME

Re Memphis airtel to Bureau, 7/23/68, concerning the method being utilized by Memphis in handling threatening communications received by persons involved in the forthcoming trial of JAMES EARL RAY scheduled for 11/12/68.

For the information of the Bureau, Captain JEWELL G. RAY, Intelligence Squad, Memphis PD, who is currently assigned in charge of the security of subject RAY during RAY's confinement at the Shelby County Jail, Memphis, intercepted a postcard addressed to Mr. E. RAY, Memphis, Tennessee. This postcard, which was postmarked at New York, New York, 7/22/68, bore the message "You are next to die."

USA THOMAS L. ROBINSON, Memphis, advised on 7/24/68 that the contents of the message appearing on the postcard directed to E. RAY contains a threat to RAY's life, therefore, he would authorize prosecution of the person responsible for preparing and sending this postcard, if identified, under Title 18, Section 876, USC.

The Memphis Division has opened a separate case in this matter and the Bureau has been advised by

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**airtel dated 7/24/68 under the caption "UNSUB; E.
RAY - VICTIM"; EXTORTION - RM; OO: ME.**

**The Bureau will be kept advised under the
MURKIN caption of these type of complaints if they
are received.**

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Via TELETYPE URGENT
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TO: SPRINGFIELD
FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) (1P)

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ADVISE MEMPHIS FULL REGISTRATION DATA FOR A
NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN CHEVROLET CORVAIR BEARING ILLINOIS
LICENSE H J THREE NINE ONE SEVEN. P.
END.

NOTE: Above info requested by Capt. J. G.
RAY, Intelligence Unit, Memphis PD, in connection with
subject RAY's security.

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359PM URGENT 7-25-68 DMJ

TO MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN.

REURTEL INSTANT.

DMV, SPRINGFIELD REVEALED NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT ILLINOIS
LICENSE H J THREE NINE ONE SEVEN LISTED TO SAMUEL MAIRS DEAN,
SIX ONE FIVE STODDARD, WHEATON, ILLINOIS, FOR SIXTYTWO CHEVROLET
CORVAIR TWO-DOOR, VIN TWO ZERO NINE TWO SEVEN WWTWO EIGHT SIX
FOUR ONE SIX.

DRIVER'S LICENSE CHECK RE DEAN REFLECTS ILLINOIS DRIVER'S
LICENSE NUMBER D FIVE ZERO ZERO - SEVEN NINE THREE TWO - FOUR
THREE FOUR FOUR. DEAN DESCRIBED AS SIX FEET FOUR INCHES, TWO
HUNDRED POUNDS, DOB DECEMBER THREE, NINETEEN TWENTYFOUR, BLOND
HAIR, BLUE EYES, ADDRESS FOUR EIGHT ONE DUANE TERRACE NUMBER B2,
GLEN ELLYN, ILLINOIS. P.

END

CORR: VIN FOR CORVAIR IN PARA 1 SHD BE TWO ZERO NINE TWO SEVEN
W TWO EIGHT SIX FOUR ONE SIX.

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*Captain Boy
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Via TELETYPE URGENT
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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)
FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) (1P)

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JOHN LARRY RAY, FBI NO. THREE SIX EIGHT SEVEN TWO FIVE A,
AND JERRY WILLIAM RAY, FBI NO. EIGHT SIX TWO SIX FIVE ONE A,
BROTHERS OF JAMES EARL RAY, ARE CURRENTLY IN MEMPHIS, AND IT
IS ANTICIPATED THAT THEY WILL REQUEST TO VISIT RAY AT THE
SHELBY COUNTY JAIL ON JULY TWENTY EIGHT NEXT.

CAPT. J. G. RAY, INTELLIGENCE UNIT, MEMPHIS PD, WHO HAS
BEEN ASSIGNED TO RESPONSIBILITY FOR RAY'S SECURITY, HAS
REQUESTED PHOTOGRAPHIC COPIES OF BOTH JOHN AND JERRY RAY'S
FINGERPRINTS IN ORDER TO INSURE THAT THESE INDIVIDUALS
REQUESTING PERMISSION TO VISIT JAMES EARL RAY ARE IN FACT
RAY'S BROTHERS.

THE FBI IDENTIFICATION DIVISION IS REQUESTED TO IMME-
DIATELY FORWARD TO THE MEMPHIS DIVISION PHOTOGRAPHIC OR
SUITABLE COPIES OF JOHN AND JERRY RAY'S FINGERPRINTS. P.

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Approved: [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

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Per [Signature]

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TO: BUREAU (44-38861)
FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) (3P)

MURKIN.

RE MEMPHIS AIRTELS TO BUREAU DATED JULY TWENTY THREE AND TWENTY FOUR LAST AND DIVISION SIX SUPERVISOR JOSEPH KELLY'S TELEPHONE CALL TO MEMPHIS THIS DATE.

ON JULY TWENTY TWO LAST MARTHA JOHNSON, SECRETARY TO SHELBY COUNTY, TENN., CRIMINAL COURT JUDGE W. PRESTON BATTLE, RECEIVED VIA REGULAR MAIL AT JUDGE'S OFFICE AN ANONYMOUS POST CARD DIRECTED TO THE JUDGE ON WHICH APPEARED THE MESSAGE "BOY, YOUR VERDICT BETTER BE OUR VERDICT; OR YOU GO THE WAY OF KING! KKK." THIS CARD WAS POSTMARKED P.M. JULY TWENTY LAST AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

ON JULY TWENTY TWO, LAST, MRS. TOY STRICKLAND, SECRETARY TO SHELBY COUNTY, TENN., SHERIFF WILLIAM MORRIS, RECEIVED VIA REGULAR MAIL AT SHERIFF'S OFFICE A POST CARD DIRECTED TO THE SHERIFF ON WHICH APPEARED THE MESSAGE "DEAR BILL, GLAD RAY'S IN YOUR HANDS. OVER HERE WE ALL KNOW NO WHITE MAN IS GOING TO DIE FOR A NIGGER. LET'S US WHITE FOLKS SHOW THEM. LET

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RAY GO FREE LIKE WE ALWAYS DO." SIGNED "JAKE HARRIS, MARTIN, TENN." THIS CARD WAS POSTMARKED P.M. JULY NINETEEN LAST, NEW YORK, NEW YORK. THE HANDWRITINGS ON BOTH OF THESE CARDS MAY HAVE BEEN PREPARED BY SAME INDIVIDUAL.

THESE TWO POST CARDS WERE FORWARDED TO FBI LABORATORY REQUESTING HANDWRITING COMPARISON AS WELL AS LATENT FINGERPRINT EXAMINATION BY MEMPHIS AIRTEL DATED JULY TWENTY THREE LAST CAPTIONED "UNSUB; W. PRESTON BATTLE - VICTIM; EXTORTION - RACIAL MATTER."

ON JULY TWENTY FOUR INSTANT SHERIFF WILLIAM MORRIS, MEMPHIS, RECEIVED AN ANONYMOUS POST CARD DIRECTED TO MR. E. RAY, MEMPHIS, TENN., ON WHICH APPEARED THE MESSAGE "YOU ARE NEXT TO DIE." THIS CARD WAS POSTMARKED P.M. JULY TWENTY TWO LAST, NEW YORK, NEW YORK. THIS CARD WAS FORWARDED TO THE FBI LABORATORY REQUESTING APPROPRIATE EXAMINATION ON JULY TWENTY FOUR INSTANT BY MEMPHIS AIRTEL CAPTIONED "UNSUB; E. RAY - VICTIM; EXTORTION - RACIAL MATTER."

JUDGE BATTLE IS AWARE OF THE POST CARD DIRECTED TO HIM BUT IS NOT AWARE OF THE SIGNED POST CARD RECEIVED BY SHERIFF MORRIS OR THE POST CARD RECEIVED BY THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE DIRECTED

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TO E. RAY.

MR. THOMAS L. ROBINSON, USA, WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE, MEMPHIS, HAS ADVISED THAT THE CONTENTS OF BOTH POST CARDS CONTAINING THE THREATS DO CONSTITUTE A VIOLATION OF TITLE EIGHTEEN, SECTION EIGHT SEVEN SIX, USC, AND THAT HE WOULD AUTHORIZE PROSECUTION OF THE INDIVIDUAL IF THE INDIVIDUAL OR INDIVIDUALS RESPONSIBLE FOR SENDING THESE THREATENING POST CARDS ARE IDENTIFIED.

NEW YORK DIVISION HAS BEEN FURNISHED XEROX COPIES OF ALL THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POST CARDS AS WELL AS COMMUNICATIONS; HOWEVER, THE NEW YORK AND THE MEMPHIS DIVISIONS ARE NOT CONDUCTING ANY ACTIVE INVESTIGATION UNLESS SPECIFICALLY ADVISED TO DO SO BY THE BUREAU.

THE SHELBY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IS NOT CONDUCTING ANY ACTIVE INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY THE SENDERS OF THESE POST CARDS. P.
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7/26/68

AIRTEL

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

At 5:50 p.m. 7/20/68, an unidentified white male telephonically contacted the Shelby County, Tenn., Sheriff's Office and requested permission to speak with JAMES EARL RAY, who is currently confined at the Shelby County jail awaiting trial for the murder of Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. This individual requested that RAY call him at Greenville, Texas, telephone # 214-455-4220.

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DALLAS DIVISION

AT GREENVILLE, TEXAS

Determine to whom telephone # 214-455-4220 is listed and conduct credit and criminal checks regarding subscriber.

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, SEATTLE
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 2:50 a.m. 7/20/68 the Shelby County, Tenn., Sheriff's Office received a telephone call from an individual who identified himself as being GERRY BARNETT, a member of the PD, Olympia, Wash., telephone # 206-943-7928. During the conversation, this individual stated that he was a friend of JAMES EARL RAY, who is currently confined in the Shelby County jail awaiting trial for the murder of Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. This individual indicated that he and RAY were in the service together and the individual was very concerned about RAY's safety.

BARNETT requested that RAY be advised that he had made inquiry regarding his welfare, and he requested that, if possible, RAY telephonically contact him at the above telephone number.

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SEATTLE DIVISION

AT OLYMPIA, WASH.

Will identify GERRY BARNETT described above and interview him regarding any knowledge he may have of JAMES EARL RAY, particularly any knowledge he has regarding RAY's activities subsequent to 4/23/67.

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