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THE NYO HAS HAD FREQUENT CONTACT WITH NAACP OFFICIALS OVER A NUMBER OF YEARS, AND RELATIONS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN CORDIAL, BUT NO SPECIFIC CONTACTS WITH GREENBERG.

THE BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE THE NYO WHETHER NY SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE INTERVIEW OF THOMPSON ~~AND~~ AT GREENBERG'S OFFICE ON THREE SEVENTEEN, SIXTYNINE.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ADIC JOHN F. MALONE

FROM : SUPV. ROGER YOUNG #23

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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DATE: 3/17/69

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At 11:50 AM, after receiving no word from Mr. GREENBERG, the writer again telephonically contacted his office and was informed that Mr. GREENBERG was called away from the meeting and would not return until approximately 1:30 PM, at which time he would telephonically contact the writer.

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TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM NEW YORK 44-1609

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JACK GREENBERG DIRECTOR, LEGAL DEFENSE FUND, NAACP, CONTACTED MARCH SEVENTEENTH, SIXTYNINE, AND ADVISED THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF FBI WOULD NOT ATTEND CONFERENCE WITH RUSSELL THOMPSON AND THE NAACP.

GREENBERG WAS INFORMED THE FBI WAS DESIROUS OF RECEIVING ANY INFORMATION THOMPSON POSSESSED AND EXTENDED INVITATIONS TO GREENBERG AND THOMPSON TO COME TO THE NYO AND FURNISH THIS INFORMATION.

GREENBERG ADVISED THAT THOMPSON HAD WITH HIM MUCH PAPER MATERIAL AND HAD BEEN DISCUSSING INFORMATION HE POSSESSED. HOWEVER, GREENBERG ADVISED HE WAS NOT IN A POSITION TO EVALUATE THIS INFORMATION.

GREENBERG ADVISED HE WOULD REQUEST THOMPSON TO CONTACT THE NYO CONCERNING THIS MATTER. GREENBERG ADVISED THAT HE WOULD NOT ACCOMPANY THOMPSON TO THE NYO.

THOMPSON TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED NYO EVENING OF THREE SEVETEEN, SIXTYNINE AND ADVISED DUE TO PRIOR COMMITMENTS, HE WOULD AGAIN CONTACT NYO ON THREE EIGHTEEN, SIXTYNINE CONCERNING HIS AVAILABILITY IN THIS MATTER.

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Penitentiary Number on Radio That Ray Left Behind Was Overlooked After Assassination of Dr. King

MEMPHIS, March 17 (AP)—An inmate after the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. was last April 4, the authorities in their hands a clue to the identity of James Earl Ray, but they failed to decipher it after Ray was caught in an last June 8.

The clue was on a transistor radio that was handed to Ray with the half-inch-high number 00416. And 00416 was the identification number of Earl King at Jefferson Penitentiary in Missouri. Mr. King was serving a 20-year sentence when he escaped in 1967.

The radio was among effects seized by Ray after he shot Dr. King. He dropped his rifle, binoculars and a case included the radio, at a way near the rooming house from which he had fired the shot.

James Beasley of the Shelby County Attorney General's staff said the radio had been turned to the Federal Bureau of Investigation with other physical evidence that same night. Numerals, he said, were checked through tests at the crime laboratory in Washington.

"You can see that someone tried to file or sand them in the case," Mr. Beasley said. "I couldn't see the numerals; they were pointed out to me by the F.B.I. found them in 24 hours by treating the case so the numerals showed up."

The six-transistor radio was in a plastic case. Mr. Beasley bought the radio in the penitentiary canteen on April 10, five days before he escaped. His practice is for inmates to

etch their prison numbers on the back of the case with an electric stylus to prevent theft or arguments over ownership. Ray's prison number, 00416, was etched into the back of his radio. He paid \$9.75 for it.

After Ray had fled the Memphis rooming house and the police found the Remington-Garner rifle, binoculars and personal effects, the F.B.I. was able to trace even laundry marks on underwear to a West Coast laundry. A pair of pliers was also traced to its source. But the transistor radio at first remained a mystery so far as the members of the numbers was concerned.

Since secrecy surrounded the search for evidence that was being gathered, there was no way for anyone at the Penitentiary to know that the radio contained Ray's inmate number for the King murder.

Discusses 'New Information'
A Memphis lawyer who investigated the slaying of Dr. King conferred yesterday with lawyers from the N.A.A.C.P. Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. on what the Memphis attorney called "new information."

The lawyer, Russell X. Thompson, said the day-long discussion had been held to evaluate his findings and see if they "can be raised to the dignity of evidence."

He said: "I have conveyed most if not all of this information to the F.B.I. and other law enforcement agencies. Now we are putting our heads together to practice is for inmates to

decide what, if anything, to do about it."

Both Mr. Thompson and defense fund attorneys refused to give details about their talks. Mr. Thompson said the talks would resume this morning.

Mr. Thompson was hired, with two private investigators, by Ray and Ray's first attorney, Arthur J. Hanes Sr. Mr. Hanes was later dismissed by Ray, who hired another lawyer, Percy Foreman.

Mr. Thompson was accompanied to the fund's offices by a private detective, Paul R. Mitchell, whose business card identified him as a former F.B.I. agent and now the director of the Memphis-based Tri-State Patrol-Research Company.

Say Evidence Is Ignored
Special to The New York Times
WASHINGTON, March 17—

A new Committee to Investigate Assassinations charged today that the Justice Department had ignored evidence that a mysterious figure called "Raoul" might have engineered the killing of Dr. King.

At a news conference today in the Statler Hilton Hotel, Bernard Fensterwald Jr., spokesman for the group, said it hoped to raise enough money to hire private detectives to run down "loose ends" in the King case that he said the Government had failed to pursue.

Mr. Fensterwald referred to articles in Look magazine by William Bradford Huie, who is writing a book on the King murder with the cooperation of James Earl Ray.

According to the articles, Ray said a man named "Raoul" had led him into a plot to kill Dr. King. Mr. Fensterwald said

his group had turned up evidence of "Raoul's" existence. He said witnesses in several cities had reported seeing Ray with a man who could have been Raoul, and that two men had been arrested at London Airport on the day when Ray was apprehended.

Mr. Fensterwald said the committee would also investigate the assassination of President Kennedy. He said the group believed that the King and Kennedy assassinations were probably political conspiracies and that the Government was afraid to make all of the facts public.

Mr. Fensterwald has served as chief counsel to three Senate judicial subcommittees.

Other members of the committee that were disclosed were Fred Cook, who has written critical articles about the Fed-

eral Bureau of Investigation; John Henry Faulk, lecturer and writer; Jim Garrison, New Orleans District Attorney; Prof. Richard Popkin, a San Diego philosophy teacher; William Turner, a former F.B.I. agent who writes for Ramparts magazine; Paris Flamode, a New York writer; Richard Sprague, a Hartsdale, N. Y., businessman; and Lloyd Tupling, an official in the Sierra Club's Washington office.

Mr. Fensterwald said the committee had asked for contributions from the general public and had received enough money to run a two-man office in Washington. The members hoped, he said, that because of the unanswered questions in the Ray case to stimulate enough interest for further contributions. When asked about

the sources of the money, he declined to name them.

In all, Mr. Fensterwald said there were 30 persons on the committee though he named only nine.

Charges Lack of Guard
Special to The New York Times
PHILADELPHIA, March 17—The Rev. James Bevel charged here today that police officials of Memphis had known about a plot to assassinate Dr. King but took no special precautions to guard him.

Mr. Bevel, director of non-violent education and direct action for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, insisted that "there definitely was a conspiracy" to murder Dr. King. He made the charges in an interview with Claude Lewis,

a reporter for The Philadelphia Evening Bulletin.

Mr. Bevel said that the conference learned about the alleged plot a couple of days before Dr. King arrived in Memphis on April 3. He said the information came about as the result of a mistake made by Memphis postal authorities.

A letter addressed to a white woman was delivered to a Negro woman of the same name who lived in another section of Memphis, Mr. Bevel said. The letter, he added, contained "the relevant and pertinent information that Dr. King was to be assassinated while in Memphis."

Mr. Bevel said the letter was immediately turned over to the Memphis police, but no special security measures were placed around the Lorraine Motel where Dr. King was slain.

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Rights Group Has No Plan To Support a Ray Inquiry

The N.A.A.C.P. Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., said yesterday that it had not decided to support the inquiry of Russell X. Thompson, a lawyer who said in Memphis on Wednesday that he would continue an investigation into the possibility of a conspiracy in the murder of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Mr. Thompson said that he had discussed the case with the fund in New York and that it was supporting his inquiry.

A spokesman for the fund said yesterday, "Though it is generally known that Mr. Thompson has discussed certain facets of his investigation with us, we have made no decision to support Mr. Thompson's inquiry or indeed the investigative efforts of any private individual.

"We think that anyone having information bearing on Dr. King's assassination should give it to the appropriate law enforcement authorities, as we have urged Mr. Thompson to do so."

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Thompson telephonically contacted NYO evening of 3/17/69, and advised due to prior commitments, he would again contact NYO on 3/18/69 concerning his availability in this matter.

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, MOBILE, PHILADELPHIA AND
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FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

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SUGGEST HE IS IN NEED OF MEDICAL TREATMENT.

SOURCE HAS NO INFO BEVEL IS OR HAS RECENTLY BEEN IN ATLANTA.
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IN VIEW OF FOREGOING INFO, IT IS SUGGESTED CHICAGO, NEW YORK
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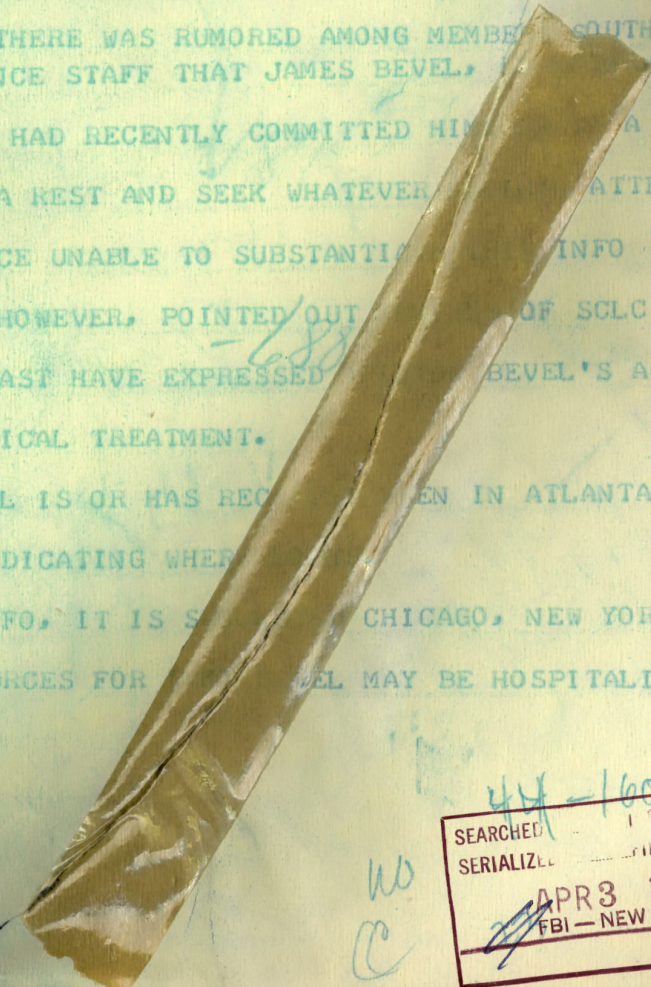
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RE ATLANTA TEL APRIL THREE LAST.

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TO REFLECT JAMES BEVEL PRESENTLY IN CHICAGO. INVESTIGATION
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)
 RE: MURKIN

Re Memphis teletype to the Bureau, 3/28/69.

Contact with available sources in Mobile Division, coverage of MARTIN LUTHER KING Memorial, 4/4-5/69, and demonstrations at Alabama State College, Montgomery, Ala., 3/29/69 to present, failed to reflect JAMES BEVEL presently in Mobile Div. Investigation continues.

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PH EIGHT NINE SEVEN - R ADVISED THIS DATE THAT HE HAD BEEN AT BEVEL'S APARTMENT AND AT SCLC HEADQUARTERS AND THAT ONE LOCAL OFFICIAL OF SCLC STATED BEVEL WAS IN NEW YORK BUT THAT SCLC WAS KEEPING QUIET. ALL OTHER SCLC PEOPLE ADVISED SIMPLY THAT BEVEL WAS OUT OF TOWN.

NEW YORK ATTEMPT TO LOCATE HOSPITAL AT WHICH BEVEL IS LOCATED BUT DO NOT INTERVIEW WITHOUT BUREAU PERMISSION.

IT IS FELT BEVEL SHOULD NOT BE INTERVIEWED IF HE IS IN A MENTAL HOSPITAL BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE EMBARRASSMENT TO THE BUREAU.

IF BEVEL IS LOCATED IN NEW YORK, THE FACT THAT HE IS IN A MENTAL HOSPITAL MAY BE EXCELLENT MATERIAL FOR COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE.

BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE WHETHER OR NOT BEVEL IS TO BE INTERVIEWED IN HOSPITAL.

AIRMAIL COPY SENT ATLANTA AND MEMPHIS.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND NEW YORK (CODE)
FROM PHILADELPHIA (44-1368) 2P

MURKIN

RE BUREAU AIRTEL MARCH TWENTYSIX LAST, AND ATLANTA TEL
APRIL THREE LAST.

REF AIRTEL INSTRUCTED PHILA TO INTERVIEW REV. JAMES
BEVEL OF SCLC FOR INFORMATION IN HIS POSSESSION REGARDING HIS
STATEMENT IN "THE NEW YORK TIMES" ON MARCH EIGHTEEN LAST,
THAT A LETTER WAS TURNED OVER TO MEMPHIS POLICE ON
APPROXIMATELY APRIL THREE, SIXTYEIGHT, WHICH CONTAINED INFORMATION
THAT MARTIN LUTHER KING WAS TO BE ASSASSINATED.

REF ATLANTA TEL STATED RUMORS WERE THAT BEVEL HAD
RECENTLY COMMITTED HIMSELF TO A HOSPITAL IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A
REST AND SEEK WHATEVER MEDICAL ATTENTION MAY BE NECESSARY.

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TO NEW YORK (44-1609) PLACTEXT
FROM DIRECTOR (44-38861) 1P

MURKIN

RE PHILADELPHIA TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU AND
NEW YORK DATED APRIL TEN LAST.

NEW YORK, IF NOT ALREADY DONE, WILL IMMEDIATELY
LOCATE HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION IN WHICH REVEREND JAMES BEVEL
CONFINED AND DETERMINE COMPLETE CIRCUMSTANCES OF SUCH
CONFINEMENT INCLUDING OPINION OF DOCTORS AND AUTHORITIES AS
TO ADVISABILITY OF INTERVIEWING BEVEL. NEW YORK SHOULD ADVISE
BUREAU OF RESULTS OF INQUIRY AND DO NOT INTERVIEW BEVEL
WITHOUT SPECIFIC BUREAU AUTHORITY. AIRMAIL COPY SENT
PHILADELPHIA AND MEMPHIS.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
AND SAC, PHILADELPHIA

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

MURKIN.

REBUTEL TO NEW YORK, APRIL FOURTEEN, LAST; PHTEL
TO BUREAU, APRIL TEN, LAST.

THE NEW YORK OPERATION OF THE SCLC IS CONCERNED WITH
FUND DASH RAISING AND IS UNDER THE OVERALL SUPERVISION OF STANLEY
LEVISON. NEW YORK HAS MAINTAINED CLOSE CONTACT WITH NEW YORK
THREE EIGHT ONE ZERO-S* (CLASSIFY QUOTE SECRET UNQUOTE) A SOURCE
CLOSE TO STANLEY LEVISON IN AN EFFORT TO OBTAIN INFORMATION THAT
JAMES BEVEL IS HOSPITALIZED IN NEW YORK. THIS SOURCE HAS
PROVIDED NO INFORMATION INDICATING THAT BEVEL IS IN THE NEW
YORK AREA.

THERE ARE OVER ONE HUNDRED HOSPITALS IN THE GREATER
NEW YORK AREA WITH NO CENTRAL REPOSITORY OF INFORMATION
CONCERNING PATIENTS. NEW YORK DOES NOT PLAN TO CANVASS HOSPITALS
IN VIEW OF LACK OF DEFINITE INFORMATION ABOUT BEVEL BEING
HOSPITALIZED IN NEW YORK.

- ② - New York #43
- 1 - Supervisor #43

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Indices: Negative See below

Subject's name and aliases JOHN EARL RAY	Character of case MURKIN
	Complainant ELIZABETH FILIVETSAS
	Complaint received <input type="checkbox"/> Personal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telephonic Date 3/25/69 Time 8:35 PM

Address of subject	Complainant's address and telephone number 345 E 57th St NYC NY (TEL 673-4988)
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Subject's Description	Race	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Height	Hair	Build	Birth date and Birthplace
	Age	Weight	Eyes	Complexion		
	Scars, marks or other data					

Facts of complaint
 Complainant states that in her prior interviews (by phone and in person) by agents of the NYO she failed to mention a person named MICHAEL SHEEHY (Ph) who resided on and off at the same address as the ~~subject~~ complainant during the period NOVEMBER 1967 to MARCH 1968. Both she and another person who used to attend meetings of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY feel that this man SHEEHY bears a striking physical resemblance to the subject RAY.

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Action Recommended - Advise Agent to whom Murkin assigned of above information for appropriate action Wm. J. Quinn (Agent) #22	44-1609693
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		Complainant ELIZABETH FIUVEJAS				
		Complaint received <input type="checkbox"/> Personal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telephonic Date 3/25/69 Time 6:30 PM				
Address of subject		Complainant's address and telephone number 345 EAST 5TH STREET NYC, NY NE PHONE				
Subject's Description	Race	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Height	Hair	Build	Birth date and Birthplace
	Age		Weight	Eyes	Complexion	
	Scars, marks or other data					

Facts of complaint
 Complainant (hereafter C.) called and stated she visited NYO shortly after the death of MARTIN LUTHER KING to advise of the identity of certain members of local branches of organization like the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY who planned to travel to Memphis, Tenn at about the same time KING was there. She contacted the NYO again a few weeks ago to furnish information she felt might be related to the subject of this case. She does not wish to go over this again now.
 She was speaking in general terms recently to a few lady friends when one of them ANN SANDBERG told her she should not be so free with her mouth to the FBI and others since this could get her hurt. SANDBERG did not actually make a threat and may have actually been attempting to be helpful and by giving friendly advice.
 The C. was advised to contact her local NYCPD PCT. if ever she felt she were in danger and to relay any specific threats to both NYCPD and FBI.

Action Recommended **VERIFY COMPLAINANT'S CLAIM THAT SHE FURNISHED INFO TO NYO IN THE PAST IN THIS MATTER**
 Wm. J. Quinlan
 (Agent)

No Further Action at this time **44-1609-694**

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC NEW YORK

DATE: 3/17/69

FROM : JOSEPH JAMES JORDAN, #12

SUBJECT: MURKING
INFO CONCERNING

NIR

Elizabeth Sigvejas, 345 East 5th Street, Apt A, New York City, telephoned the NYO, instant date, and stated that sometime around March 24, 1968, she was at the residence of Mr. Henry Van Rossem, who resides somewhere on East 81st Street, New York City. While at that address, the complainant advised that she overheard Mr. Van Rossem and another male, who she believes to have been Earl Ray, discussing the purchasing of a white mustang automobile, and the mentioning of their trip to Memphis,

Mrs. Sigvejas stated that another woman, Stella (LNU) was also present at that time in the apartment, and Mrs Sigvejas would be able to furnish her address and last name at a later date.

Mrs. Sigvejas stated that she may be contacted regarding this matter at Tel # 673-4988. Mrs. Sigvejas furnished her DOB [REDACTED]

- ① X cross only # at 345 E 5th St. NYC is: BERGER, FRED 477-8733
- ② There is no SIGVEJAS in Manhattan Phone Book
- ③ MRS. HENRY VAN ROSSEM NIR 518 E. 81st St, Manhattan UN1-6868

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SA VINCENT J. ASCHERL

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

If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent:

Date

Date of Report

Dictated _____ to _____

3/19/69
Date(s) of activity

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Current

Authenticated by Informant _____

Brief description of activity or material

File where original is located if not attached

NY 170-38A

* INDIVIDUALS DESIGNATED BY AN ASTERISK (*) ONLY ATTENDED A MEETING AND DID NOT ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE. VIOLENCE OR REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES WERE NOT DISCUSSED.

- 1 - 170-38A (INV) (CI)
- 1 - SAC, Memphis (RM)
- 1 - 157-1217 (POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE) (43)
- 1 - 100-136585 (MARTIN LUTHER KING) (43)
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New York, New York
March 19, 1969

Many responsible people in Harlem feel that there are facts in the Martin Luther King assassination which have not been brought out; they believe James Earl Ray did not operate alone; that he was part of a conspiracy. The real culprits are still at large. Many people feel that there are unanswered questions in the case which patently demand an explanation.

While this is the general tenor of feeling in Harlem concerning the Martin Luther King assassination and prosecution of Ray, these convictions by themselves are not engendering racial tensions at this time. The Negro people appear to be accepting this state of affairs in a spirit of resigned frustration.

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TO DIRECTOR, CHICAGO, PHILADELPHIA AND NEW YORK

CHICAGO, PHILADELPHIA AND NEW YORK VIA WASHINGTON (CODE)
FROM ATLANTA

MURKIN.

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CAPTIONED AS ABOVE.

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INFORMANT STATED NO SUBSEQUENT INFORMATION HAD COME TO HIS ATTENTION
PERTAINING TO THE REPORTED RECENT HOSPITALIZATION OF BEVEL. HE
SAID HE ASSUMED BEVEL COULD PRESENTLY BE CONTACTED THROUGH SCLC,
PHILADELPHIA.

INFORMANT POINTED OUT THAT BEVERLY STERNER, WHITE FEMALE,
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INFORMATION FROM AT ONE THREE EIGHT SEVEN-R CONFIDENTIAL.
ONE COPY RM MEMPHIS AND MOBILE.

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
(100-438794)

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (44-1368)
(100-47194)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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PH 897-R advised the following on 4/29/69:

On 4/28/69, PH 897-R went with JOHNNY TRAVIS to the residence of JAMES BEVEL at 919 North 18th Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

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- 2- Atlanta (SCLC)
- 2- Columbia (SCLC)
- 3- New York
 - 1- 44- (MURKIN)
 - 1- 100- (SCLC) (100-149194)
 - 1- 157- (JAMES BEVEL) (100-157946)
- 4- Philadelphia
 - 1- 44-1368
 - 1- 100-47194
 - 1- 157-2979 (JAMES BEVEL)
 - 1- 170-53 (PH 897-R)

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PH 44-1368
PH 100-47194

According to informant this is the second floor of a two story building. A state liquor store is on the first floor and there are approximately four apartments on the second floor. Everyone residing in the apartments on the second floor is connected in some way with SCLC.

It is to be noted that BEVERLY STERNER, girl friend of BEVEL, and BEVEL have been interviewed by agents at this address.

PH 897-R and TRAVIS, who is a former staff member for Philadelphia Branch SCLC, went to the address to talk to BEVEL. They had been instructed to invite BEVEL to speak at a meeting of "The Resistance" to be held May 1 in downtown Philadelphia. The second purpose for their visit was to determine if they could help in any plans being made by SCLC in connection with the recent arrest of RALPH ABERNATHY in Charleston, S.C.

RAYMOND (LNU), who is currently residing on the second floor of 919 North 18th Street, Philadelphia, advised that BEVEL was in New York and has been in New York for three weeks. He also stated that it would be impossible for informant and TRAVIS to contact him at this time.

With regard to activity of SCLC in Charleston, S.C., RAYMOND stated that no plans have been made by SCLC in Philadelphia and that he did not know what was being done nationally.

Informant advised that after he and TRAVIS left BEVEL's address, TRAVIS made the statement that SCLC was "apparently falling apart in Philadelphia."

The above is furnished for information and was not put into an LHM because it would immediately identify an informant of continuing value.

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PH 44-1368
PH 100-47194

NEW YORK:
AT NEW YORK, N.Y.

Attempt to locate whereabouts of JAMES BEVEL and
if in a hospital, attempt to determine reason for hospitaliza-
tion.

5/1/69

AIRTEL

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114) (RUC)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Atlanta teletype to Director, Chicago, Memphis, Mobile, Philadelphia and New York, dated 4/3/69; Chicago teletype to Director, Memphis, Mobile, Philadelphia, New York and Atlanta, dated 4/4/69; and Philadelphia airtel to Chicago, dated 4/25/69.

For the information of Philadelphia, CG 7116-R (Probation) has been closed per authority of the Bureau and present whereabouts of this individual unknown.

Investigation conducted by Chicago has failed to develop present whereabouts and activities of JAMES REVEL.

Atlanta is Office of Origin in SCLC matters and therefore it is suggested that Philadelphia contact Atlanta in an attempt to develop whereabouts of REVEL in New York City through SCLC informants.

Information copies of this communication being furnished to Atlanta, Philadelphia and New York in view of their interest in this matter.

In view of the above, Chicago conducting no further investigation.

2 - Memphis
1 - Atlanta (44-2386) (Info)
① - New York (Info)
1 - Philadelphia (44-1368) (Info)
1 - Chicago

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Atlanta File 100-5718

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On 5/7/69, AT 1387-R advised that on that date, BERNARD LAFAYETTE, Program Director, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), commented that BEVEL was not currently working on behalf of SCLC in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. LAFAYETTE did not state where BEVEL is located or mention what he is actually doing. He simply commented that BEVEL "is working on something new".

On 5/8/69, DORA E. MC DONALD, Secretary to the President, SCLC, Atlanta, when contacted by the Atlanta Office in connection with another matter, advised she did not know the present whereabouts of JAMES BEVEL.

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3 - Philadelphia (RM)
5 - Atlanta
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(1 - 100-5718) (SCLC)
(1 - 100-290A)
(1 - 157-656) (J. BEVEL)
(1 - 100-6974) (B. LAFAYETTE)

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AT 100-5718

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To: SACs, Birmingham (44-1740)
Jackson (157-9586)
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

William Bradford Huie has written a third article for "Look" magazine. The article appears in the issue dated April 15, 1969, but this issue was circulated on April 1, 1969. A review of the article reveals that James Earl Ray allegedly registered at the Travelodge Motel, Five Points, Birmingham, Alabama, on March 29, 1968; at a motel near Florence, Alabama, on April 1, 1968; and at a motel near Corinth, Mississippi, on April 2, 1968. It is to be noted that Ray, using the name Harvey Lowmyer, negotiated the purchase of a rifle at the Aeromarine Supply Company, Birmingham, Alabama, on March 29 and 30, 1968. On April 3, 1968, he was registered at the Rebel Motel in Memphis, Tennessee.

In an effort to establish whether or not Ray was in contact with any individuals immediately prior to the assassination, appropriate investigation should be conducted by the Birmingham and Jackson Offices. It should be understood that there is to be no indication made whatsoever that the following investigation has any connection whatsoever with the case involving James Earl Ray.

Birmingham and Jackson Offices should make inquiries of the motels in or near the cities indicated above to determine the identities of individuals registered during the period March 29 to April 3, 1968. Efforts should be made to identify all individuals listed, as well as

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obtaining descriptions and registrations for the automobiles of such persons. A review of such records might indicate whether any one individual might have accompanied Ray or been in contact with him during this period. Pertinent or questionable registration records should be obtained if possible for examination by the FBI Laboratory.

Memphis should insure that the Bureau is kept currently advised of pertinent developments in this case, particularly all aspects of court action since the death of Judge Battle on March 31, 1969.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/24/69

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Mrs. LOUISE BREWER, Manager, Round-Town Motel,
Highway 45, North, Corinth, Mississippi, made available
the motel registration records for the period March 29,
1968, through April 3, 1968. The following individuals
were registered during this period:

JAMES R. GREEN
Route 2
Red Bay, Alabama

LEON BLAXTON
Courtland, Alabama

NORRIS McDADE
Little Rock, Arkansas
(representing Sterling Store)

WILLIAM CHITTY
Widener, Arkansas
Arkansas license 3950

WAYNE BAKER
Forest City, Arkansas
License J5034

HOMER (last name illegible)
425 Pike
North Little Rock, Arkansas

N. V. PEDERSON
Congress, Saskatchewan, Canada

JESSE COCHRAN
10818 1087 Street North
Largo, Florida

On 4/14/69 at Corinth, Mississippi

File # Jackson 157-9586

by SA JOHN S. CASTLES /bdb

Date dictated 4/18/69

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SID CLEVLEN
115 Wallmunda
Port Richey, Florida
Florida license 28D1760, Rambler

SAMMY S. BULLIGTER
New Port Richey, Florida

Mr. and Mrs. O. RUNNER
Route 1, Box 236A
Clermont, Florida

Mrs. PAUL W. HAYES
857 Northwest Deedra Street
Port Charlotte, Florida
Florida license 53-503

N. C. LADNER
Big Pine Key, Florida
Florida license 38-2211, Dodge

HOWARD H. LAVON
518 Tschetter Drive
Auburndale, Florida

JAMES COLLIN
Sheldon, Illinois
Indiana license 7829E

Mr. and Mrs. CECIL M. CARTER
1745 West Division Street
Decatur, Illinois
Illinois license CC 1745

O. H. WOLTERS
Route 3
Sparta, Illinois
Alabama license 1A92256

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Mr. and Mrs. EARL JURZE
2919 Custer Avenue
Rockford, Illinois

Mr. W. L. PARKERSON
1115 Harlem Boulevard
Rockford, Illinois

ALLEN AUGHENBAUGH and wife
3845 Aberdeen
Alton, Illinois

M. L. SHAFFER
609 South 10th
Quincy, Illinois

Mr. and Mrs. J. MacGREGOR
7704 Adams Street
Forest Park, Illinois
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