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Mr. DON M. STRICKLAND, Mgr., Holiday Inn Motel

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A Xerox copy of each motel registration has been made by the Jackson Division, and copies of these registrations are being maintained in the bulky exhibit file of Jackson File 157-9586.

It is noted on the registrations that there is registration from Saskatchewan, Canada, at the Round-Town Motel, and a registration from Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, at the Holiday Inn, during the pertinent period. It is being left to the discretion of Memphis, the Office of Origin, as to whether appropriate LHM should be submitted to the Bureau to have these individuals identified in Canada.

The names of those individuals appearing on the motel registrations who reside within the Jackson Division are being identified through indices check in the Jackson Office and appropriate credit and criminal being conducted within the cities in which they indicate they reside.

# LEADS:

#### ALL RECEIVING OFFICES

All offices receiving copies of this communication will review the FD-302s which they have received for names of those individuals who reside within their respective divisions and will review the names through the appropriate office indices and will identify the individual through appropriate credit and criminal check, and if deemed advisable, will interview the individual if there is a possibility of any association with JAMES EARL RAY.



# FBI

Date: 5/13/69

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	FROM:	SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609) (100-149194)
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By airtel dated 4/29/69, PH stated that PH 897-R stated that RAYMOND (LNU) said that BEVEL had been in NY for three weeks.

A lead was set out for NY to locate JAMES BEVEL, and if in a hospital, attempt to determine the reason for hospitalization.

The New York Operation of the SCLC is concerned with fund-raising, and is under the overall supervision of STANLEY LEVISON. NY has maintained close contact with NY 3810-S\*, a source close to STANLEY LEVISON, in an effort to obtain information that JAMES BEVEL is hospitalized in NY. This source has provided no information indicating that BEVEL is in the NY area.

There are over 100 hospitals in the Greater New York area with no central repository of information concerning patients. NY does not plan to canvass hospitals in view of the lack of definite information about BEVEL being hospitalized in NY.

No further action is being taken by NY as to BEVEL.

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, New York (44-1609)

DATE: 5-14-69

FROM. :

Director, FBI (44-78861)

SUBJECT:

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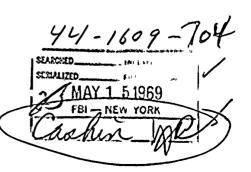
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44-1609-704 PM SAC, NY Attention Garden City RA (44-1609) 5/13/69
SA Francis L. Cashin #23

MURKIN

As to an individual named ELLIOTT J. RYAN, 50 Home Street,

Malverne, New York;
Obtain credit and ciminal on him in Nassau County and obtain from any other records available to you background information on Ryan. It is not necessary to conduct interviews to obtain such.

The Nassau County telephone book lists Elliott J. Ryan, 50 Home St., Malverne, NY.

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

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From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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Renyairtel to Bureau dated 5-13-69.

New York and Philadelphia should maintain contact with appropriate sources to determine the whereabouts of Reverend James Bevel in order that he may be interviewed regarding his statement in the "New York Times" on 3-18-69.

If it is determined that Bevel is in a hospital or institution, the Bureau should be advised as to complete circumstances of such confinement, including opinion of doctors and authorities as to advisability of interviewing Bevel before any such interview with Bevel is conducted.

Keep Bureau advised of results of contact with appropriate sources.

1 - Memphis (Info) (44-1987)

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Indices Search Slip FD-160 (Rev. 10-1-59) (Mount Clipping In Space Below)

Suit by Ray Accuses a ma Of Violating His Civil Dights

NASHVILLE, May 22 (AP) Attorneys for James Earl Ray who is serving a 99-year sentence for the killing of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., filed an amended suit today charging that Ray's civil rights had been violated by two lawyers

and a writer.

The suit was filed in Federal District Court by Ray's lawyers, Robert W. Hill Jr. and

J. B. Stoner. Defendants named were two

Defendants named were two former attorneys for Ray, Arthru Hanes and Percy Foreman, and William Bradford Huie, who wrote a biography of Ray. The latest petition charges the defendants entered into a conspiracy to violate Ray's civil rights. The earlier suit charged that the three men profited unduly from publication rights.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (44-78861)

5/27/69

SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

MURKIN (00: MENPHIS)

ReBulet to NY dated 5/14/69, with a copy for Memphis, requesting NY to locate and interview EDMARD PINAUD, 902 Broadway, NY.

Enclosed for the Bureau, marked 'Obscene' is a copy of the letter which reads in part, "I am deeply involved in the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING," which is mentioned in referenced Bureau letter to NY.

The physical make-up of the letter and its wording would lead one to conclude that it was written by someone not in complete control of their mental functions.

At 902 Broadway, NY, NY, in the address telephone book there is listed "Pinaud, Ed, Inc. Cosmetics, SP 7-8200". There are numerous companies at this address with approximately 18 of them having the telephone number SP 7-8200.

The NY indices contain no reference to ED PINAUD.

In view of the above, the NYO is making no further effort to locate and interview ED PINAUD.

2-Bureau (44-78861) (Encl. 1)
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#### UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION Philadelphia, Pennsylvania June 2, 1969

# JAMES LUTHER BEVEL

The New York Times on March 18, 1969, carried a story concerning an interview of JAMES BEVEL in which BEVEL stated a letter was turned over to the Memphis Police on approximately April 3, 1968, which contained information that Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., was to be assassinated while in Memphis.

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past and who is familiar with Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) activities in the Philadelphia area, advised in April 1969 that BEVEL was in a mental hospital in New York.

On May 18, 1969, a track meet was held at Villanova University, Villanova, Pa., and the proceeds from the track meet were sent to SCLC.

A second source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised he was present with Rev. RALPH ABERNATHY, Director, SCLC, at the track meet. This source advised while with ABERNATHY he met BEVEL at the track meet. Source stated BEVEL was extremely quiet and did not act in his usual manner. Source stated he mentioned this to Rev. ABERNATHY who stated, "BEVEL is in another world." Nothing further was said.

On May 20, 1969, the first source contacted people active in SCLC in Philadelphia and was told BEVEL is no longer in Philadelphia. One person stated "BEVEL is in New York,"

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	FROM:	SAC, PHILADELPHIA
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		Re Bureau airtel, 5/15/69.
	Atlanta an	Enclosed herewith are 11 copies of an LHM entitled ER BEVEL. Enclosed for Memphis is one copy and for Id New York three copies of this LHM. Copies are being to NISO, OSI, MI, Secret Service.
	TOMMIE FRY	First source is PH 897-R. Second source is Captain E, Commissioner's Office, Philadelphia PD, who requested ty be kept confidential if given outside the Bureau.
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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, New York (44-1609)

DATE: 6/2/69

FROM: Director, FBI (44-78861)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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On 6/6/69, Mr. HAROLD RAND, Secretary and Assistant Treasurer of the Ed Pinaud, Inc., 902 Broadway, NY, NY, was interviewed by SA FRANCIS L. CASHIN,

RAND stated the Ed Pinaud Co. is a very old company in France, and that the Ed Pinaud, Inc. in the United States is a licensing arrangement with the France Company to use the name Ed Pinaud. The United States company pays the French company a royalty for the use of the name Ed Pinaud.

There is no such person in the United States company by the name of MD PINAUD or EDWARD PINAUD and to RAND's knowledge there never has been. RAND stated that he assumes that many years ago there muy have been an ED PINAUD with the French company.

RAND r d the letter sent to the National Radio Institute, Washington, D.C., in April, 1969, with the return address of EDWARD PINAUD, 302 Broadway, NY, NY.

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RAND stated that the hand printing is not familiar to him and that the reference to Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING does not cause him to think of any person in the company.

RAND knows of no disgruntled employee who would write such a letter and knows of no one who has any association or correspondence with the National Radio Institute.

RAND stated that he knows of no other such letters having been sent to anyone indicating that they were sent from Ed Pinaud, Inc. or EDWARD PINAUD.

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Offices receiving this communication should discontinue efforts to locate Rev. MIES L. BEVEL for interview in connection with this case.

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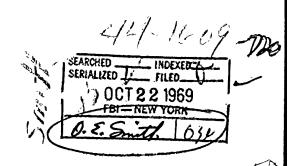
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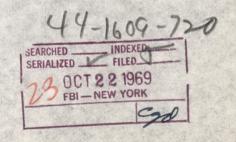
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New York, New York November 5, 1969

James Barl Rey Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. -Victim

Peter Goldman, Senior Editor, Newsweek Magazine, 444 Madison Avenue, New York City furnished the following information to Special Agent O. Eugene Smith on November 3, 1969:

He cannot recall having ever met or having ever received correspondence from a John Hamilton Morris. A review of the files of the Letter Department of the Magazine failed to reveal that he ever received a letter from John Hamilton Morris.

He has never heard of anyone referred to as "Big D" in connection with the James Earl Ray case and he has no knowledge of any statement being made that James Earl Ray was paid by "Big D".

He receives numerous "crank" letters which he deposits in the waste basket. No record is keept of these "crank" letters.

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BAC, NEW YORK (44-1609) (RUC)

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TO

SAC, NEW YORK

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FROM

PHILADELPHIA (44-1368)

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

On 1/16/70, Mr. REUBEN R. GORDON, 2675 Ocean Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y., telephone #SH 3-2175, appeared at this office and furnished the following information:

GORDON advised the purpose of his visit concerned JAMES EARL RAY and that fact that RAY although he had pled guilty to the killing of Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, now desired to change his plea.

GORDON said RAY has applied to the State Supreme Court but his application was denied. However, GORDON expects that RAY's attorney will bring the matter to the attention of the U.S. Supreme Court but GORDON fully expects that the motion will also be denied by the U.S. Supreme Court.

CORDON stated his basis for this belief is that the Stalinist and Marxist® factions of Communism have infiltrated all Intelligence Agencies and the Department of Justice in America and these agencies will bring force not to have RAY have his say in court.

GORDON then drewgingerence between the killing of Doctor King by using the killing of President JOHN F. KENNEDY and Senator ROBERT KENNEDY. He also likened this to spy cases involving the Krogens, aka Cohens; BELLA DODD; BELCHERS; BUTENKO and ABLE and COWENS.

GORDON stated he has been openly critical of the Department of Justice in the past and feels that all Intelligence Agencies, including the FBI and CIA should have their say in court to protect themselves and their good name. SEARCHED A

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He advised that when Mr. VINSON from the Department of Justice went to England to seek the extradition of RAY, he, GORDON, wrote a letter to VINSON in care of Scotland Yard drawing the parallel stated above. However, he never received a reply from VINSON or Scotland Yard, but he did receive a reply from the U.S. Embassy advising him that his information had been furnished to Mr. VINSON.

GORDON was questioned as to whether he had ever visited the FBI Office in New York and he stated he had. However, he said he did not believe he was very well accepted because he believes same of the agents in that office, along with agents in other Government agencies, are controlled by the Mafia.

GORDON stated he is a former school teacher from New York City, presently retired, and that he had been expelled from the Teachers Union because he failed to submit to a physical examination. He later changed his mind and submitted to the examination with the result that the Psychiatrist's report indicated he was paranoic, which he described as his being crazy without his knowing it.

In conclusion, GORDON advised his main purpose in visiting this office was to request that the Director be furnished with the above information in the hope the Director would confer directly with President Nixon and request a Special Commission similar to the Warren Commission he appointed to completely check into the killing of Doctor MARTIN LUTHER KING.

## GORDON is described as follows:

Height 5'5"
Weight 165 lbs.
Race White
Age About 68
Hair Black, graying

Philadelphia indices prove negative on GORDON.

The above information is being furnished to your office for information purposes.

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On 1/16/70, Mr. REUBEN R. GORDON, 2675 Ocean Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y., telephone #SH 3-2175, appeared at this office and furnished the following information:

GORDON advised the purpose of his visit concerned JAMES EARL RAY and that fact that RAY although he had pled guilty to the killing of Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, now desired to change his plea.

GORDON said RAY has applied to the State Supreme Court but his application was denied. However, GORDON expects that RAY's attorney will bring the matter to the attention of the U.S. Supreme Court but GORDON fully expects that the motion will also be denied by the U.S. Supremé Court.

OORDON stated his basis for this belief is that the Stalinist and Marxist: factions of Communism have infiltrated all Intelligence Agencies and the Department of Justice in America and these agencies will bring force not to have RAY have his say in court.

GORDON then draw inference between the killing of Doctor King by using the killing of President JOHN F. KENNEDY and Senator ROBERT KENNEDY. He also likened this to make the senator of the Krogens, aka Cohens; BELLA DODD; BEICHERS; BUTENKO and ABLE and COWENS.

GORDON stated he has been openly critical of the Department of Justice in the past and feels that all Intelligence Agencies, including the FBI and CIA should have their say in court to protect themselves and their good name.

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He advised that when Mr. VINSON from the Department of Justice went to England to seek the extradition of RAY, he, GORDON, wrote a letter to VINSON in care of Scotland Yard drawing the parallel stated above. However, he never received a reply from VINSON or Scotland Yard, but he did receive a reply from the U.S. Embassy advising him that his information had been furnished to Mr. VINSON.

GORDON was questioned as to whether he had ever visited the YBI Office in New York and he stated he had. However, he said he did not believe he was very well accepted because he believes same of the agents in that office, along with agents in other Government agencies, are controlled by the Mafia.

GORDON stated he is a former school teacher from New York City, presently retired, and that he had been expelled from the Teachers Union because he failed to submit to a physical examination. He later changed his mind and submitted to the examination with the result that the Psychiatrist's report indicated he was paranoic, which he described as his being crazy without his knowing it.

In conclusion, GORDON advised his main purpose in visiting this office was to request that the Director be furnished with the above information in the hope the Director would confer directly with President Nixon and request a Special Commission similar to the Warren Commission he appointed to completely check into the killing of Doctor MARTIN LUTHER KING.

## CORDON is described as follows:

Height 5'5"
Weight 165 lbs.
Race White
Age About 68
Hair Black, graying

Philadelphia indices prove negative on GORDON.

The above information is being furnished to your office for information purposes.

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