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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.

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

SUBJECT: MURKIN ✓ 44-657^x e

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Enclosed for each office, except for Memphis and Birmingham, is one copy of referenced Bureau airtel, dated 4/7/69.

As directed by Bureau, a review of all motel records for the period March 29, to April 3, 1968, of motels in Corinth, Miss., made and the names of those individuals registered at the motels during this period have been obtained, and their names are revealed on appropriate FD-302s. One copy each of the FD-302s, where appropriate, are being submitted to the appropriate offices, as set out below:

FD-302

Division

Mrs. LOUISE BREWER, Mgr.
Round-Town Motel

Birmingham
Chicago
Dallas
Detroit
Indianapolis
Jacksonville
Kansas City
Little Rock
Louisville
Memphis
Miami
Milwaukee
New York
Omaha
St. Louis
Springfield
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FD-302

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

Division

Atlanta	Miami
Birmingham	Minneapolis
Charlotte	Mobile
Chicago	Newark
Cincinnati	New Haven
Columbia	New Orleans
Dallas	New York
Denver	Oklahoma City
Detroit	Omaha
Houston	Philadelphia
Indianapolis	Richmond ✓
Jacksonville	Salt Lake City
Kansas City	Savannah
Knoxville	Seattle
Little Rock	Springfield
Louisville	Tampa
Memphis	

WALTER COUTURE, Mgr.
Cannoneer Motel

Albany	Minneapolis
Atlanta	Mobile
Birmingham	New Orleans
Cincinnati	New York
Denver	Oklahoma City
Detroit	Omaha
Indianapolis	Philadelphia
Kansas City	Sacramento
Knoxville	St. Louis
Memphis	Savannah
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Division

BROOKS PHILLIPS, Owner,
Southern Motel

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Charlotte
Chicago
Columbia
Dallas
Kansas City

Little Rock
Louisville
Memphis
Mobile
New Orleans
St. Louis

HOWARD STARNES, Mgr.,
Illinois Motel

Atlanta
Birmingham
Chicago
Cleveland
Dallas
Detroit
Indianapolis
Jacksonville
Kansas City

Knoxville
Little Rock
Memphis
Milwaukee
Mobile
St. Louis
Savannah
Springfield
Tampa

WILLIAM PHILLIPS, Owner,
Phillips Motel

Atlanta
Birmingham
Cleveland
Columbia
Dallas
Detroit
Kansas City
Knoxville

Little Rock
Los Angeles
Memphis
Omaha
Sacramento
St. Louis
San Diego

H. C. FREEMAN, Owner and
Operator, Carona Plaza Motel

Birmingham
Chicago
Cleveland
Dallas
Denver
Houston
Indianapolis
Kansas City
Louisville
Memphis

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San Antonio
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Mrs. FREDDIE GLOVER, Owner,
Merry Acres Motel

Birmingham
Little Rock
Memphis

Milwaukee
Minneapolis
Springfield

Mrs. BERRY (SHIRLEY) SMITH,
Owner and Manager,
El-Ray Motel

Birmingham
Chicago
Cleveland
Columbia
Dallas
Detroit

Indianapolis
Memphis
Miami
New Orleans
St. Louis
Springfield

Mr. PAUL HAYES, Mgr.,
Dixie Court

Memphis
Milwaukee

J. H. WICKER, Mgr.,
No-El Motel

Albuquerque
Atlanta
Birmingham
Buffalo
Detroit
Indianapolis
Knoxville

Little Rock
Memphis
New Orleans
Oklahoma City
Savannah
Springfield
Tampa

Mrs. G. N. PRUETTE, Owner,
Teetotum Motel

Memphis

Mrs. BERRY (SHIRLEY) SMITH,
Nite-Fall Motel

Atlanta
Indianapolis
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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.

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 FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)
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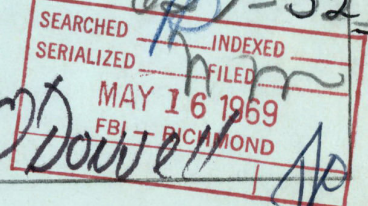
By airtel dated 4/7/69, the Bureau advised that in a third "Look" magazine article, WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE stated that JAMES EARL RAY had spent the night of 4/2/68 in a motel near Corinth, Miss. The Bureau instructed Jackson to review motel records in and around Corinth to determine the identities of individuals registered there during the period 3/29/68 to 4/3/68. By airtel dated 4/18/69, the Jackson Office advised the Bureau that motel records at Corinth, Miss., had been reviewed under the subject's true name and aliases and had been reviewed for subject's Alabama license number. Nothing identifiable with the subject was located.

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Approved: *R. Jensen*
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By airtel dated 5/7/69, copies of which were not furnished the Bureau, the Jackson Office set out leads for those offices to whom copies of this communication are designated. These offices have been requested to interview several hundred persons who spent the night in motels at Corinth, Miss., on or about 4/2/68.

In view of the fact that more than a year has passed since these persons stayed over night at Corinth, and since similar investigation of this type in this case has previously been unproductive, and since HUIE has admitted that RAY frequently is untruthful in statements to him, and further since it is not believed that it is of any particular importance to establish whether or not JAMES EARL RAY stayed over night at Corinth on 4/2/68, all offices will disregard the leads set out in Jackson airtel dated 5/7/69, unless specifically advised by the Bureau to cover same.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, RICHMOND (44-657)(RUC)

FROM : SA THOMAS J. O'DONNELL, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/23/69

Re Jackson airtel to Memphis, 5/7/69, and Memphis airtel to Director, 5/14/69.

The records of DMV, Richmond, Va., revealed that Virginia license 555- for the years 1967, 1968, and 1969 has been issued to J. HERBERT WHEELER, Ewing, Va.

1969 Virginia license 555 is presently issued to WHEELER for a 1966/67 Buick, VIN 452697B107729.

On 5/16/69, Miss BETTY SULLINS, Clerk, Credit Bureau of Richmond, Richmond, Va., made available the credit record of LEONARD PAIGE DEAN. This record reflects DEAN is married to VIRGINIA CHRISTINE DEAN and that he is employed by the Crawford Manufacturing Co., Richmond, Va. The record shows that DEAN was employed by the Crawford Mfg. Co., on 8/5/46, and that as of 6/15/49, he was a truck driver for that firm.

DEAN has been known to the files of the Credit Bureau since July, 1947, and his addresses are listed as:

117 Henry Clay Rd., Ashland, Va.;

111 College Ave., Ashland, Va.;

315 Robinson St., Ashland, Va.

-(No dates indicated for these addresses.)

The record indicates that DEAN was 24 years of age in 1949. The record also indicates that DEAN formerly resided in Aberdeen, Md. The record contains no derogatory information and indicates that DEAN has a satisfactory credit rating.

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On 5/16/69, Mrs. ADDIE WEBB, Clerk, Richmond, Va. PD, advised that LEONARD PAIGE DEAN, 315 Robinson St., Ashland, Va., was issued a traffic citation on 2/22/64, for "following too closely." DEAN was fined \$10.00 in connection with this charge.

DEAN is described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5'10"
Weight	165 lbs.
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Brown
DOB	9/24/24
Occupation	Truck driver

It is noted that a review of the FD-302 on DON M. STRICKLAND, dated 4/14/69, at Corinth, Mississippi, which was enclosed with reJackson airtel to Memphis, revealed no information of interest to the Richmond Division.

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King Conspiracy

Ruled Out

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) —

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According to Livingston, eight men were involved in King's death, with Ray the "patsy." He

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BULLETIN
MARTINSVILLE, VA.

Date: 5/27/74
Edition: VOL. 85, # 126
Author:
Editor: JOHN D. WILSON
Title: DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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said Ray was "...just a gullible-type sort of fellow, easily influenced and led around. He had never been a high-powered criminal all his life, just penny ante stuff..."

Jensen described the investigation as a "good case, well worked, well handled. I'm satisfied with the results."

It is probably true, Jensen said, that King's slaying was one of the most thoroughly investigated murders in criminal history.

"There is little doubt that it was an extensive and in-depth investigation," he said. "It was

worldwide, involving the cooperation of Canadian authorities, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Scotland Yard and many, many others. We explored every angle and the only thing is that when the case developed, we could find no evidence of such a thing (a conspiracy)."

Jensen said when the FBI had compiled the facts, "a representative of the attorney general's office followed

through and rechecked the material."

"The case was analyzed and it will continue to be analyzed," he said. "I don't think history buffs have ever put to rest the story of Lincoln and John Wilkes Booth."

"Fifteen years from now people will ask the same questions, but my personal opinion now lies with the public record. I have no personal theories whatsoever that differ with the record of the case."

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Scandal, Slaying Link Seen

HAMPTON (AP) — The Rev. Jesse Jackson, refused permission to hold a news conference on the Hampton Institute campus, said Wednesday some of the same people involved in the Watergate scandals may have been involved in the assassination of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

Jackson did not mention any names, but asked for an investigation of two alleged memos sent by the late Federal Bureau of Investigation director J. Edgar Hoover on Aug. 25, 1967, and March 4, 1968.

He said the first memo instructed FBI agents to "disrupt and discredit" black organizations and the second ordered them to prevent the rise of a "black messiah."

"One month later King was dead," Jackson said.

Jackson, here to attend the 60th annual Hampton Institute Ministers Conference, was refused permission to hold a news conference for what a conference spokesman said was his failure to get official permission from the college to meet with reporters.

The spokesman also indicated that the ministers wanted to keep the convention from being diverted to controversial political matters.

Reopen Trial

Jackson said also that the trial of convicted King assassin James Earl Ray should be reopened.

"We believe it [King's slaying] was a conspiracy, and we believe the trial should be reopened so all evidence can come onto the table," said Jackson, who was with King the moment he was shot.

The Supreme Court cleared the way Monday for Ray to withdraw his guilty plea and change his testimony.

"Ray's lawyers are now saying they have two more people willing to testify, and they should be allowed to do so," Jackson said.

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RICHMOND, VA.

Date: 6-6-74
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Author:
Editor: JOHN E. LEARD
Title: JAMES EARL RAY

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Jesse Jackson
Wants Investigation

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Retrial Possible

Court Ruling Favors Ray

From Wire Dispatches

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Supreme Court cleared the way today for James Earl Ray to withdraw his guilty plea to the 1968 killing of Martin Luther King. Ray contends he was influenced by the interest of his attorneys in profits from a book about the slaying.

The action could mean Ray eventually will be retried for the King slaying after a plea of innocent.

The Supreme Court refused to hear appeals by Tennessee that Ray's original plea was voluntary and intelligently made and therefore he should not be given a chance to have it changed.

The 6th U.S. Court of Appeals ordered a hearing to decide whether Ray's constitutional rights to due process and assistance of counsel were violated and if he can change his plea to innocent.

Ray was sentenced to 99 years in the Tennessee state prison after pleading guilty in 1969 to killing the civil rights leader in Memphis.

Shortly after sentencing, Ray claimed he had been coerced into pleading guilty by his attorney, Percy Foreman, well known criminal lawyer from Houston, Tex.

Foreman took over the case at Ray's request after Ray dis-

missed his first lawyer, Arthur Hanes. Hanes had signed a contract on Ray's behalf with author William Bradford Huie to write a book about the killing, with Hanes getting 30 per cent of the royalties.

When Foreman took over, he changed the agreement so that he would receive 60 per cent of the royalties.

Ray contended that he was advised to plead guilty by Foreman so that information about the case would not be made public in open court at the fullscale trial, thus assuring the exclusive nature of the book.

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RICHMOND, VA.

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Title: JAMES EARL RAY

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Clure Morton denied Ray's motion for a hearing on whether his plea was voluntary. Morton agreed with the state and cited the plea record. In accepting the original plea, Judge W. Preston Battle questioned Ray thoroughly and the defendant said his plea was knowledgeable and voluntary.

In another action, the Supreme Court today declined to decide whether husbands can veto abortion sought by their wives.

The court also refused to consider whether the consent of parents is needed before a minor daughter may have an abortion.

A three-judge federal court declared the law unconstitutional, but refused to issue an injunction blocking its enforcement. Both the plaintiffs and the state appealed.

The Supreme Court declined to rule on whether the declaratory judgment invalidating the act was correct, but said the lower court acted properly on procedural grounds in declining to issue an injunction preventing state officials from enforcing the statute.

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Danville, Va.

Date: 5-27-74

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Editor: Johnny Johnson

Title: DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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Ray Believed Himself Heroic?

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (UPI) — James Earl Ray thought the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. would make him the "champion of the white race," according to the confessed assassin's former attorney.

Percy Foreman, of Houston, Tex., who negotiated Ray's guilty plea into a 99-year prison sentence, made the statement in a deposition printed in a copyrighted story yesterday in the Memphis Press-Scimitar.

The deposition was given to an assistant state attorney general, Henry Haile, earlier this year and will be presented as evidence in a federal court hearing Oct. 22 to determine if Ray is entitled to a new trial.

Foreman said Ray was convinced he would not be convicted by a local jury.

"The other thing that he (Ray) had a misapprehension about was that he could, since (Richard) Nixon and (George) Wallace had received 70 per cent of the Shelby County vote (in 1968), that a jury should be expected to be 70 per cent in his favor because he equated every vote they got (as being) anti-black," Foreman said.

"In other words," Haile asked, "Is it fair to say he thought everybody who voted for Nixon and Wallace in Shelby County was in favor of having Martin Luther King killed?"

"Well, that would be unfair," Foreman answered, "But it is sort of a shorthand rendition. He thought everybody was like him. That isn't unusual for people. He thought everybody thought like he thought and he thought the killing of Martin Luther King would make him the champion of the white race, that he would be the most popular man in America."

"He was a racist — he is a racist and had been one all of his life. He could not think of anybody not being a racist if

they were white."

"Did he ever protest his innocence to you?" Haile asked.

"He never even intimated that he expected anybody to believe he was innocent," the attorney replied.

Foreman, who was fired by Ray shortly after the guilty plea on March 10, 1969, also denied that his financial involvement with Alabama author William Bradford Huie influenced his representation of his client.

In denying the assertion, Foreman said he did not need the money. "I have never made a net worth statement," he said. "I don't want to make one, but I am worth at least \$4.5 million with liabilities of \$140,000."

Foreman said he entered the case not to make money, but to save Ray's life.

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