

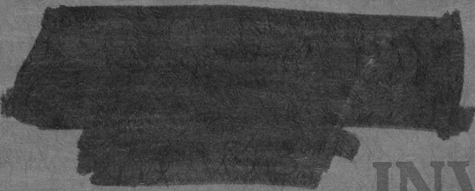
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TO: Director, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, New Orleans (157-10673)

MURKIN

Re Miami teletype to Bureau 6/3/77 and Bureau and
New Orleans telcalls 6/6/77 relating to one RAFAEL MARTINEZ. *Num Ref*

A review of the files of the New Orleans Office
was conducted and there was no reference to anyone by the
name of RAFAEL MARTINEZ in regard to MURKIN.

New Orleans indices do contain information regarding
one RAFAEL MARTINEZ, who was a subject of a San Antonio inves-
tigation, 92-419, in which San Antonio was office of origin.

This individual is described as a white male, born
[redacted] Laredo, Texas. As of February, 1968, he was further
described as 5'11", 220 lbs., black hair, brown eyes, residing
at 2216 Monterrey Street, Laredo, wife - CANDELARIA MARTINEZ.
New Orleans files give no indication that this individual has
ever been to New Orleans and in February, 1968, he was employed
as a used-car salesman for Homer Auto Sales, Laredo, and
reportedly was engaged in the smuggling of narcotics and the
handling of stolen automobiles. He had been assigned FBI
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)
ATTN: DEPUTY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
INGRAM, INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (100-9838)(RUC)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
BUDED: 8/9/76

Re Bureau nitels to all SAC's 7/29/76, and 7/30/76.

Enclosed herewith are 461 copies of serials and/or the first page of serials from San Antonio's MURKIN file (SA 44-1242), submitted pursuant to instructions in referenced Bureau nitels. The following items are located in the 1a exhibit envelope of San Antonio MURKIN file:

1. Photos of T-shirt and shorts.
2. Photos of ERIC STARVO GALT.
3. Registration card in name of DONALD D. TANNER.
4. Photos of JAMES EARL RAY.
5. Photo of WALTER T. RIFE.
6. Stand-up photos of RAY and RIFE.

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7. Photos of JAMES EARL RAY.
8. Photos of RAY taken 1/4/66.
9. Photos of RAY taken 1967 in Mexico.
10. Copy of telephone company data showing long distance phone calls made 12/15-17/67, from BR8-9048, Uvalde, Texas.
11. Three Greyhound Line Bus tickets.
Three Transportes Del Norte Bus tickets.
12. Photos of RAY taken Fall, of 1967.
13. Photos of GRAHAM ROBERT SMITH.
14. Photos of JAMES EARL RAY.
15. Post card to MAXINE INGRAM postmarked San Diego, California; letter to MAXINE from BOB, Los Angeles, California, San Diego, California; letter to Mrs. DAMPES from Los Angeles, California, from ROBERT P. ANDERSON.
16. Photos of laundry marks on shirts and bed linen.

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TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR (100-106670)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; BUDED AUGUST 9, 1976.

REBUTEL TO ALL SACS JULY 28, 1976.

FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TASK FORCE HAS RESULTED IN THE FOLLOWING CHANGE REGARDING REPRODUCTION OF FIELD OFFICE SERIALS IN THE MURKIN INVESTIGATION, AS OUTLINED IN REFERENCED TELETYPE.

IT WILL BE NECESSARY ONLY TO KEROX THE FIRST PAGE OF ANY DOCUMENT IN YOUR MURKIN FILE IF A COPY OF THAT DOCUMENT HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO FBIHQ. THIS WILL INCLUDE BOTH DOCUMENTS ORIGINATING IN YOUR OFFICE AND THOSE RECEIVED FROM OTHER FIELD DIVISIONS. ANY DOCUMENTS IN YOUR MURKIN FILE, COPIES OF WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN SUBMITTED TO FBIHQ MUST BE REPRODUCED IN THEIR ENTIRETY AND FORWARDED TO FBIHQ.

IT IS NOTED THAT THIS FIRST PAGE SHOULD CONTAIN THE FIELD OFFICE SERIAL NUMBER IN ORDER THAT THE DEPARTMENT CAN MAKE A COMPLETE CHRONOLOGICAL ACCOUNTING OF EACH FIELD OFFICE SERIAL.

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FROM DIRECTOR (100-106672)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BUDED AUGUST 9, 1975

FOR INFORMATION OF RECIPIENTS THE ATTORNEY GENERAL (AG) HAS ORDERED A REVIEW OF THE FBI'S INVESTIGATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING. ASSIGNED TO CONDUCT THIS REVIEW IS A TASK FORCE WORKING UNDER DIRECTION OF THE OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (OPR) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS INDICATED THE REVIEW IS TO RESOLVE THE FOLLOWING FOUR QUESTIONS: (1) WAS THE FBI INVESTIGATION OF KING'S ASSASSINATION THOROUGH AND HONEST? (2) IS THERE ANY EVIDENCE THE FBI WAS INVOLVED IN THE ASSASSINATION? (3) IS THERE ANY NEW EVIDENCE WHICH HAS COME TO THE ATTENTION OF THE DEPARTMENT CONCERNING THE ASSASSINATION? (4) DOES THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE BUREAU AND KING CALL FOR CRIMINAL PROSECUTIONS, DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS OR OTHER APPROPRIATE ACTION?

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CONDUCTED BY THE CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT UNDER DIRECTION OF ASSISTANT AG J. STANLEY POTTINGER. ALL PERSONNEL ON THE TASK FORCE ARE AUTHORIZED TOTAL ACCESS TO OUR FILES PERTAINING TO KING'S ASSASSINATION, OUR INTELLIGENCE INVESTIGATION OF KING AND ANY FILES RELATIVE TO BASIS FOR THESE INVESTIGATIONS. THIS WILL INCLUDE COVER PAGES OF COMMUNICATIONS CONTAINING IDENTITIES OF SOME FBI SOURCES AND INFORMANTS WHO WERE NOT AFFORDED SYMBOL NUMBERS AT THAT TIME AND INDIVIDUALS WHO EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED CONFIDENTIALITY.

TO DATE THE TASK FORCE HAS REVIEWED FBIHQ AND WFO FILES CONCERNING THE ASSASSINATION OF KING CAPTIONED "MURKIN, BUREAU FILE 44-33861. TASK FORCE MEMBERS HAVE TRAVELED TO MEMPHIS, MILWAUKEE, KANSAS CITY, OMAHA, SAN FRANCISCO AND LOS ANGELES AND REVIEWED MURKIN AND INTELLIGENCE INVESTIGATION FILES OF THOSE OFFICES. FUTURE TRAVEL BY THE TASK FORCE IS PLANNED FOR ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, CHARLOTTE, CHICAGO, NEW ORLEANS, NEW YORK, SPRINGFIELD AND ST. LOUIS.

AFTER ABOVE TRAVEL IS COMPLETED AND KING RELATED SECURITY FILES AT FBIHQ ARE REVIEWED, THE TASK FORCE WILL HAVE SEEN THE MAJORITY OF SERIALS IN OUR FILES RELATING TO THE KING INVESTIGATIONS. HOWEVER, SINCE IT IS THE GOAL OF THE TASK FORCE TO REVIEW KING RELATED FILES IN EVERY FIELD OFFICE, IT WILL BE

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NECESSARY TO FORWARD XEROX COPIES OF FILES FROM THE REMAINING OFFICES TO FBIHQ FOR REVIEW.

THEREFORE, ALL RECIPIENTS WITH EXCEPTION OF THOSE OFFICES NAMED ABOVE, FURNISH FBIHQ ONE XEROX COPY OF EACH SERIAL CONTAINED IN YOUR KING ASSASSINATION FILE CAPTIONED "MURKIN." IT IS REQUESTED THIS MATERIAL BE PROCESSED AND MAILED TO REACH FBIHQ PRIOR TO AUGUST 9, 1976. THIS MATERIAL SHOULD BE SENT BY REGISTERED MAIL, ATTENTION DEPUTY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR INGRAM, INTELLIGENCE DIVISION.

IF MURKIN FILES CONTAIN ANY PHOTOGRAPHS, EXHIBITS OR OTHER ITEMS WHICH CANNOT BE XEROXED A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF EACH ITEM AND ITS LOCATION SHOULD BE SET FORTH IN YOUR COMMUNICATIONS TRANSMITTING THE DOCUMENTS TO FBIHQ.

SUBSEQUENT INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE ISSUED CONCERNING SUBMISSION OF COPIES OF OUR INTELLIGENCE INVESTIGATION OF KING AND RELATED SECURITY FILES. OFFICES TO BE VISITED IN THE FUTURE BY TASK FORCE PERSONNEL WILL ALSO BE FURNISHED APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTIONS BY SEPARATE COMMUNICATION.

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5/26/76

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242) (RUC)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau telcall to San Antonio, 5/25/76 and San Antonio telcall to Bureau, 5/26/76.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are four copies of an LHM captioned "Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr." and dated 5/26/76.

Enclosed for the information of the Atlanta Division is one copy of this LHM.

For the information of the Bureau and Atlanta, the data appearing in enclosed LHM regarding investigation conducted on 5/14 and 15/65 was set forth in San Antonio LHM dated 5/17/65 captioned "Alleged Threat to Life of Martin Luther King, Jr.", (Bufile: 100-10667); (SAfile: 100-9838).

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
San Antonio, Texas

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

May 26, 1976

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The files of the San Antonio Federal Bureau of Investigation Office reflects the following information:

At 8:45 PM, May 14, 1965, Mr. OTIS H. MOORE, Army Serial Number RA 18328349, Company C, Second Battalion, 67th Armor, Second Armored Division, Fort Hood, Texas, who resides at 510 Louise, Copperas Cove, Texas, telephonically contacted the FBI Office, San Antonio, Texas, regarding alleged assassination plan of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., related to him by an unknown individual at the S. & S. Club, Temple, Texas, earlier that evening.

Attempts to interview MOORE and details concerning the allegation made by him that same evening were conducted with negative results due to his intoxicated condition. It was decided to hold further interview in abeyance until the following morning.

MOORE's wife, LYDIA MOORE, confidentially advised that evening that her husband frequently becomes intoxicated at which time he misunderstands or misinterprets what people are saying to him. She was of opinion that due to his past behavior little credence should be given to his story.

On May 15, 1965, MOORE was recontacted at which time he advised that at approximately 4:00 PM he went to the S. & S. Club, Temple, Texas, and started drinking. After approximately fifteen or twenty minutes an unknown male, approximately 55 to 60 years old, 6' tall, short gray-black hair, 190 to 200 pounds, wearing an old flannel shirt and khaki pants, came into the bar and sat next to him. After a few minutes MOORE started talking to this individual about Texas and other topics. After a few minutes this man inquired if MOORE was in the Army at Fort Hood as a member of CID (Criminal Investigation Detachment). MOORE told him that he

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was not and "never would be." The other man then began to talk about a "Mr. KING." He said Mr. KING was telling Mr. JOHNSON what to do and that KING would be running the United States next. MOORE then said "no, he'll be stopped before then." The man then asked MOORE if he was acquainted with military artillery and other military weapons and what MOORE's qualifications were on them. MOORE told him he could "split a match right down in half." The man then again asked if MOORE was in CID. MOORE replied "No, but I am in CIA." MOORE explained that he was not really in the CIA, but he just said this to string this man along. The man then said "You are from Panama." MOORE replied, "No, I am from Arkansas, but I have been in Panama." MOORE again explained that he was never really in Panama, but he was again stringing this man along. MOORE said he then got disgusted with this man and tried to terminate the conversation. After approximately ten or fifteen minutes the man again spoke to MOORE making some unrecalled remark about KING and KING's assassination. MOORE asked this man if he knew the movements of this "so called Mr. KING." The man replied that he knew every move KING made and the time and place. MOORE replied, "Well if you know all this, and I am the assassinator, what is my possibility of getting out of it after it's did, and how much money is involved." MOORE again explained that he was stringing this man along, but this time in an attempt to develop some information regarding a possible assassination of KING. The man replied that there was no money involved at the present time. MOORE told him, "Well I have to look after the security and welfare of my family. If I did it, I would have to have \$50,000 and a way out." The man said there was a way out, but no money.

MOORE advised that at this point the man went to the men's room, and he, MOORE, started to leave the club. As he was leaving he asked the man how he could get in touch with him and this man replied "I'm here all the time." MOORE said he then immediately went to his home in Copperas Cove and called the FBI in San Antonio requesting that an Agent contact him.

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During the course of the above interview MOORE repeatedly changed his story and exhibited great difficulty in recalling what had taken place the evening before. He admitted to having at least five or six beers and to being prone to easy intoxication. MOORE further admitted that during the course of his discussion with the above individual, he steered the conversation toward the possible assassination of KING in an attempt to determine if any such assassination plan existed. He was unsuccessful in doing so.

On May 25, 1965, Otis H. Moore, telephoned the San Antonio Federal Bureau of Investigation Office via long distance. Moore stated that he had been beaten up by "a company group" and that he feared his life. Moore requested that the agents who spoke to him the previous week be contacted and advised that the "thing" is now in the open and that the agents would know what this meant. Moore stated that this was important, but would not explain what this matter was about. Moore stated that he resides at 510 Louise Street, Copperas Cove, Texas.

On May 26, 1965, Otis H. Moore was interviewed by SAs Matthew B. Boyhan and Bernard P. Flanigan at Fort Hood Criminal Investigations Detachment Office regarding his telephone call to the San Antonio Federal Bureau of Investigation Office during the evening of May 24, 1965.

Mr. Moore advised that during the evening of May 24, 1965, while at the Fort Hood NCO Club Annex, Belton Lake, at a company (military) party, he became extremely intoxicated and got into a fight with three or four other men over some unrecalled incident. He stated that due to his intoxicated condition he could not remember much of anything that happened, but so far as he knows the fight did not have anything to do with the incident at the S and S Club, Temple, Texas, with regard to the assassination threat of Martin Luther King which he previously reported to SA Boyhan. He does not know why he called the FBI in San Antonio and does not recall informing the FBI clerk that he had been beat up and did not have very long to live, or that he had additional information regarding the incident at the S and S Club.

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Moore said after calling the FBI Office he believes he went straight to his residence in Copperas Cove and "fell into a pretty good sleep". He did not recall hearing the phone ring during the entire evening and he did not awake until the next morning. (SA Boyhan attempted to telephonically contact Moore at his residence on numerous occasions following his telephone call to the San Antonio Office. When no answer was received efforts were discontinued at approximately 10 p.m.)

Moore apologized for calling the FBI Office and advised that he only did so due to his drunken condition. He indicated that there would be no similar incidents in the future.

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

King's Murder Probe Near End

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Justice Department is putting final touches on its investigation of Martin Luther King's assassination and the FBI's "relation" with the civil rights leader before his death eight years ago, a spokesman said Friday.

Attorney General Edward H. Levi last November ordered the Civil Rights Division to review the FBI's investigation of King's death in a Memphis, Tenn., motel April 4, 1968, and the FBI's reported harassment of the Nobel Peace Prize winner.

Assistant Attorney General J. Stanley Pottinger, head of the rights division, is awaiting reports before he is ready to give his results to Levi, according to Justice Department

spokesman John Wilson.

Department officials refuse to comment on speculation Pottinger may recommend some independent body reopen the case with a full-scale inquiry.

Riots Hit Colombia

BOGOTA, Colombia (UPI)

The government ordered its troops Friday to open fire on student demonstrators and strikers if attacked. The order was one of a series of drastic measures aimed at ending a leftist-inspired wave of student and labor unrest the government said threatened the security of the country.

The FBI has received credit for tracking down James Earl Ray in London after King was shot to death. Ray pleaded guilty to a state murder charge and is now serving a life sentence.

But the Senate Intelligence Committee last year received evidence the FBI conducted a campaign of harassment against King before his death, using wiretaps and once sending an anonymous suggestion he commit suicide.

The committee was told the late Director J. Edgar Hoover considered King, then head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, a "dangerous" black leader and directed FBI agents to discredit him.

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FROM: ATLANTA (44-2386) (94-481) (P)

MURKIN.

ON JANUARY 29, 1976, AT 7:45 P.M., LEON OWEN POWELL, AFTER EXECUTING FD-328 (POLYGRAPH CONSENT FORM), AFFORDED POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION IN ATLANTA OFFICE OF FBI. ASSISTING IN COLLATERAL INTERVIEW WAS SA AUGUST W. BULFER. POWELL DURING PRE-POLYGRAPH INTERVIEW FURNISHED SUBSTANTIALLY SAME INFORMATION AS IN PREVIOUS INTERVIEWS WITH EXCEPTION TO INFORMATION CONCERNING MONEY OFFERED BY GODFREY. POWELL, ACCORDING TO HIS RECOLLECTION, STATED GODFREY NEVER MENTIONED THE AMOUNT OF MONEY TO BE PAID BUT INDICATED HE STATED HE WAS LOOKING FOR SOMEONE WHO WAS INTERESTED IN MAKING "BIG MONEY." ALSO GODFREY INDICATED "BIG MONEY" WOULD BE PAID FOR KILLING MARTIN LUTHER KING. POWELL PREVIOUSLY STATED GODFREY MADE STATEMENT FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS

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WAS TO BE PAID. HOWEVER, WHEN GOING OVER POLYGRAPH QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED OF HIM, HE REQUESTED THAT THE AMOUNT BE DELETED FROM QUESTION AND WORDS "BIG MONEY" BE SUBSTITUTED FOR FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS. ACCORDING TO POWELL, THE CONVERSATION WITH GODFREY CAME ABOUT WHILE THEY WERE SITTING IN PETE'S BAR DURING FALL OF 1967 AND CONVERSATION WAS CONCERNING MARTIN LUTHER KING'S ACTIVITIES AT WHICH TIME SOMEONE STATED KING SHOULD BE KILLED AND POWELL'S BROTHER, CLAUDE POWELL, MADE STATEMENT TO THE EFFECT HE WOULD KILL HIM FOR THE RIGHT AMOUNT OF MONEY. POWELL ADVISED A COUPLE OF DAYS AFTER THE INITIAL CONVERSATION WITH GODFREY WHILE THEY WERE IN PETE'S BAR A WHITE MALE ENTERED THE BAR INQUIRING ABOUT THE POWELLS. AFTER LOCATING THEM, HE STATED HE CAME TO TALK TO THEM CONCERNING A MATTER THAT HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN DISCUSSED AFTER THEY ACKNOWLEDGED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE THAT THEY KNEW WHY HE WAS THERE. THE WHITE MALE, WHOM POWELL IDENTIFIED AS RALPH, THEN ASKED IF THEY WERE READY TO GO THROUGH WITH IT. POWELL STATED THIS WHITE MALE NEVER MENTIONED THE KILLING OF KING OR DISCUSSED HOW THE KILLING WOULD TAKE PLACE BUT ONLY DISPLAYED A SMALL BRIEFCASE WHICH CONTAINED A LARGE AMOUNT OF MONEY. ONE QUESTION ON THE POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION WAS "DID RALPH SAY HE HAD

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TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS IN THE BRIEFCASE?" HOWEVER, POWELL STATED RALPH NEVER INDICATED THE EXACT AMOUNT, ONLY STATING HE HAD "TWENTY-FIVE." POWELL, WHEN QUESTIONED AS TO WHETHER HE MEANT TWENTY-FIVE HUNDRED OR TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND, STATED RALPH NEVER DID STATE THE AMOUNT BUT HE REALIZED THAT THAT MUCH MONEY IN THAT SIZE BRIEFCASE WOULD HAVE TO BE AT LEAST TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS. RALPH ALSO MADE STATEMENT THAT THERE WOULD BE "FIFTY MORE" WHEN MARTIN LUTHER KING WAS BURIED. HOWEVER, WHEN HE QUESTIONED THEM AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THEY WOULD GO THROUGH WITH IT, CLAUDE POWELL STATED THEY WOULD HAVE TO THINK ABOUT IT AT WHICH TIME RALPH DEPARTED THE BAR STATING THAT IF THEY HAD NOT MADE UP THEIR MINDS BY THAT TIME HE COULD NOT DO BUSINESS WITH THEM.

POWELL WAS AFFORDED FOUR SEPARATE EXAMINATIONS, THE FIRST BEING A CARD TEST WHERE POWELL VIEWED THREE DIFFERENT CARDS OF DIFFERENT COLORS BUT WAS ADVISED TO DELIBERATELY LIE TO THE COLOR OF TWO OF THESE CARDS. IT WAS NOTED THE RESULTS OF THIS EXAMINATION INDICATED NO SIGNIFICANT REACTION TO THESE QUESTIONS AND THIS TEST WAS INCONCLUSIVE.

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EXAMINATIONS TWO, THREE AND FOUR, ALL CONTAINING RELEVANT, IRRELEVANT AND CONTROL QUESTIONS, THE RELEVANT QUESTIONS CONCERNING STATEMENTS MADE BY GODFREY AND CONTACT BY RALPH, WERE ALSO INCONCLUSIVE IN THAT POWELL DID NOT REACT SIGNIFICANTLY TO ANY ONE OF THESE QUESTIONS. POWELL DID REACT TO TWO QUESTIONS CONCERNING GODFREY, PARTICULARLY THE QUESTIONS "DID GODFREY EVER ASK YOU IF YOU WERE INTERESTED IN MAKING BIG MONEY?" AND "DID GODFREY TELL YOU THE BIG MONEY WAS TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING?" THE REACTION INDICATED ON THE CHART WAS NOT SIGNIFICANTLY STRONG ENOUGH TO DRAW A CONCLUSION AS TO DECEPTION AND IT IS POSSIBLE THIS REACTION COULD BE ATTRIBUTABLE TO POWELL'S CHANGING HIS STORY FROM THE ORIGINAL INTERVIEW OF GODFREY MAKING THE STATEMENT CONCERNING FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS TO NOW STATING "BIG MONEY."

DURING THE POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION, POWELL APPEARED TO HAVE DIFFICULTY BREATHING AND THE UPPER PNEUMOGRAPH HAD TO BE CONTINUALLY ADJUSTED BY THE EXAMINER. POWELL DID NOT APPEAR OVERLY NERVOUS, DID NOT DISPLAY ANY OUTWARD SIGN OF EMOTION, BUT DID STATE ALL DURING THE POLYGRAPH THAT HE WAS VERY NERVOUS CONCERNING THIS WHOLE MATTER AND THAT HE HAD A HARD TIME BREATHING PROPERLY,
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PARTICULARLY AS THE POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION PROGRESSED. WHEN QUESTIONED CONCERNING RESPONSES INDICATED ON THE CHART, POWELL WOULD ONLY STATE THAT HE WAS TELLING THE TRUTH AND THAT HE TOLD ALL THAT HE KNEW AND COULD RECALL CONCERNING THIS INCIDENT. POWELL INDICATED HE HAD A HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY DEGREE, HOWEVER, HE APPEARED TO BE OF LIMITED INTELLIGENCE AND APPEARED TO BE MUCH OLDER THAN FORTY YEARS OF AGE. DURING QUESTIONING, HE ADMITTED TO DOING A LOT OF BEER DRINKING, HOWEVER, DENIED DRINKING ANYTHING DURING THE DAY OF THE EXAMINATION.

A REVIEW OF THREE CHARTS REFLECTS POWELL RESPONDED GENERALLY IN THE SAME MANNER TO ALL QUESTIONS ASKED WITH NO SIGNIFICANT RESPONSE TO ANY INDIVIDUAL QUESTION WHEREBY A CONCLUSION COULD BE DRAWN AS TO HIS BEING TRUTHFUL OR UNTRUTHFUL. THEREFORE, THESE POLYGRAPH EXAMINATIONS WERE DETERMINED TO BE INCONCLUSIVE.

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9:37PM NITEL JANUARY 23, 1976 LPP

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

ATLANTA (44-2386)

EL PASO (44-923)

MEMPHIS

FROM SAN ANTONIO (44-1242) (RUC)

MURKIN.

REBUTEL TO ATLANTA, JANUARY 15, 1976, AUTHORIZING REINTERVIEW OF CLAUDE POWELL, JR., WITH USE OF POLYGRAPH.

ON JANUARY 19, 1976, AT 3:15 P.M., CLAUDE POWELL, JR., AFFORDED POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION AT MIDLAND, TEXAS, BY SA LOREN K. LEE (SAN ANTONIO) WHO WAS UNASSISTED IN COLLATERAL INTERVIEW.

POWELL'S "YES" RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS, "DID SOMEONE OFFER YOU AND LEON \$50,000 TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.?" AND "DID SOMEONE ASK YOU TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.?" WERE LESS THAN RESPONSES TO CONTROL QUESTION, INDICATING POWELL IS TRUTHTELLING IN STATING SOMEONE DID, IN FACT, OFFER HIM AND HIS BROTHER \$50,000 TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. POWELL'S "NO" RESPONSE TO QUESTION, "DO YOU KNOW WHO ASKED YOU AND LEON TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.?" AND HIS REACTIONS FOLLOWING THE ANSWER INDICATE POSSIBLE KNOWLEDGE REGARDING UNIDENTIFIED PERSON MENTIONED IN ABOVE QUESTIONS.

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SUBJECT POWELL WAS LEFT WITH IMPRESSION THAT RESULTS OF POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION WERE UNCLAR AND THAT STRONG POSSIBILITY EXISTED WHEREIN FBI WOULD REQUEST ADDITIONAL TEST IN EVENT IN FUTURE. RESULTS OF TEST WERE NOT DISCUSSED IN ANY WAY WITH POWELL NOR WAS INTERVIEW EFFECTED.

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FROM: SAN ANTONIO (44-1242) (RUC)

MURKIN.

REBUTEL TO ATLANTA, JANUARY 15, 1976, AUTHORIZING REINTERVIEW
 OF CLAUDE POWELL, JR., WITH USE OF POLYGRAPH.

ON JANUARY 19, 1976, AT 8:15 P.M., CLAUDE POWELL, JR.,
 AFFORDED POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION AT MIDLAND, TEXAS, BY SA LOREN K.
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TO DIRECTOR, JANUARY 13, 1970

FROM EL PASO (44-338) (P) (10)

RE EL PASO (44-338) (P)

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RE TELETYPE TO EL PASO, JANUARY 13, 1970, AND
URGENT TELEPHONE CALL TO SAN ANTONIO,
JANUARY 13, 1970.

EL PASO INVESTIGATION FOR CLAYTON POWELL, JR.,
COOPERATIVE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, OFF. ANTONIO DIVISION,
FOR JANUARY 13, 1970, AT P.M., MIDLAND, TEXAS. TELETYPE
WAS FOR POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION OF POWELL.

EL PASO WILL OBTAIN RESULTS OF THE POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION.

ATLANTA (44-338) AND MEMPHIS ADVISED BY MAIL.

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5:00PM URGENT JANUARY 16, 1976 SMC

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) SAN ANTONIO

FROM EL PASO (44-920) (P)

MURKIN.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO EL PASO, JANUARY 16, 1976, AND
MIDLAND RESIDENT AGENCY TELEPHONE CALL TO SAN ANTONIO,
JANUARY 16, 1976.

POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION FOR CLAUDE POWELL, JR.,
COORDINATED WITH SA LOREN K. LEE, SAN ANTONIO DIVISION,
FOR JANUARY 19, 1976, 8:00P.M., MIDLAND, TEXAS. NECESSARY
WAIVER FOR POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION OBTAINED FROM POWELL.

EL PASO WILL SUTEL RESULTS OF THE POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION.

ATLANTA (44-2386) AND MEMPHIS ADVISED AIRMAIL.

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TO ATLANTA (44-9386)

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FROM DIRECTOR (44-38861)

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TELETYPELOCALLY JANUARY 11, 1978.

CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION (CRD), U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, HAS REQUESTED THAT POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION BE AFFORDED TO LEOB OUTH POWELL, CLAUDE POWELL, JR., AND ARNOLD RAY GODFREY.

ATLANTA, HAVE SA JOHN T. REYNOLDS, BUREAU-APPROVED POLYGRAPH EXAMINER, AFFORD POLYGRAPH EXAMINATIONS TO LEOB OUTH POWELL AND ARNOLD RAY GODFREY. DETAIN NECESSARY DRIVERS.

EL PASO, COORDINATE POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION FOR CLAUDE POWELL, JR. BUREAU-APPROVED POLYGRAPH EXAMINER, SAN ANTONIO DIVISION, IS INSTRUCTED TO AFFORD THIS POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION. EL PASO CONTACT CLAUDE

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EXAMINATION. OBTAIN NECESSARY WAIVERS.

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REBUTELCALLS JANUARY 14, 1976.

CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION (CRD), U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, HAS REQUESTED THAT POLYGRAPH EXAMINATIONS BE AFFORDED TO LEON OWEN POWELL, CLAUDE POWELL, JR., AND ARNOLD RAY GODFREY.

ATLANTA, HAVE SA JOHN B. REYNOLDS, BUREAU-APPROVED POLYGRAPH EXAMINER, AFFORD POLYGRAPH EXAMINATIONS TO LEON OWEN POWELL AND ARNOLD RAY GODFREY. OBTAIN NECESSARY WAIVERS.

EL PASO, COORDINATE POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION FOR CLAUDE POWELL, JR. SA LOREN K. LEE, BUREAU-APPROVED POLYGRAPH EXAMINER, SAN ANTONIO DIVISION, IS INSTRUCTED TO AFFORD THIS POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION. EL PASO CONTACT CLAUDE

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POWELL, JR., AS TO AVAILABILITY AND CONTACT SAN ANTONIO DIVISION
DIRECT RE ARRANGING THE TIME AND PLACE FOR THIS POLYGRAPH
EXAMINATION. OBTAIN NECESSARY WAIVERS.

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FBI WON'T DISCLOSE ADDITIONAL WIRETAPS

By CARL T. ROWAN

WASHINGTON—The Federal Bureau of Investigation has refused to say whether it has ever tapped the telephones of any members of Congress as part of its job of "protecting internal security."

Clyde A. Tolson, the FBI associate director who disclosed in a letter to me that the telephone of the late Dr. Martin Luther King was tapped "strictly in the field of internal security," has also refused to say whether the FBI has tapped the telephones or bugged the homes of other civil rights leaders such as Roy Wilkins of the NAACP, Whitney Young of the National Urban League, the Rev. Ralph Abernathy of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, or James Farmer, formerly of the Committee on Racial Equality and now an Assistant Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare.

In a curt exchange of letters with this reporter, Tolson takes the view that, in revealing that the wiretap on King was authorized by the late Robert F. Kennedy, the FBI's purpose has "been accomplished" and "there is no need to continue this correspondence."

THUS THE FBI seeks to evade the thrust of my recent column, which Tolson labeled "scurrilous," by resting its case on an assortment of allegations against two dead men who cannot talk back.

First, in an all-out effort to protect the reputation of J. Edgar Hoover, the FBI has alleged that the wiretap on King was both suggested and approved by the late Sen. Kennedy.

A check of records I kept on the King affair during my government days, including discussions of the matter with FBI officials, suggests that Kennedy did approve the wiretap, but that the FBI lies in stating that it was Kennedy's idea originally.

A significant point which was central to my column has been obscured by the "Hoover or

Kennedy?" controversy. That is my point, that the FBI can, does, and will tap the phone or bug the dwelling of just about any American in the name of "internal security."

Rather than meet this point the FBI wants the wiretapping-bugging controversy to focus on King because it possesses tape recordings and photographs that it thinks will blacken King's reputation.

(TOLSON has carefully neglected to comment on my report that for years the FBI has had a small army of agents and allies roaming the country whispering the dirt about King.)

FBI strategy is based on the assumption that some of the public already hates King, others automatically despise heroes who turn out to have feet of clay, and still others are quick to adopt a holier-than-thou posture and throw the first stone. The assumption seems to be that if the FBI leaks enough degrading details about King the American people will forget the central charge in my column that the FBI found so wounding it finally decided to tell the American people part of the truth.

That charge, I repeat, is that we are a lot closer to becoming a police state than most Americans realize. Nothing illustrates this more than the current FBI campaign.

But the issue is not whether King was a saint—and perhaps this is the time for me to reveal that I have read the FBI reports based on electronic surveillance of the late Nobel Prize-winner. I know how much dirt the FBI has dug up, and at least 90 per cent of it is barnyard gossip and hasn't the remotest relationship to internal security.

The question is: should a powerful, police-investigative agency be permitted to tap an American's telephone, bug his home, sneak electronic devices into his hotel rooms, just because someone in the Justice Department (Hoover, Kennedy, or whoever)

thinks he has "Communist associates"? Ought there not to be the safeguard of some court concluding that only "clear and present danger" justifies such an invasion of a free man's privacy?

WAS THERE a "clear and present danger" that King would endanger the nation's security? If so, why did the danger disappear on April 30, 1965, when the FBI claims it discontinued the wiretap? King was seeing the same "dangerous" people for almost three years after that.

The answer is that certain buggings and other surveillance of King did not end in April, 1965. As a top government official, I read FBI surveillance reports on King long after the date when Hoover says the wiretaps were ended.

The answer is that the FBI will not admit to this later surveillance because it cannot claim that it was authorized by Attorneys General Nicholas DeB. Katzenbach and Ramsey Clark, both of whom are alive to defend themselves.

There is a fundamental point about the King affair that is valid no matter who authorized the wiretap and buggings. If the FBI had information that King was an enemy of and menace to his country, we have courts and other proper channels in which to make whatever charges the FBI felt it could prove. This affords the accused a chance to face his accuser, to reply.

BUT THE most frightful aspect of this whole business is to have FBI officials waging a campaign to destroy a man by rumor, by stealth, by whispers, by innuendo, by flashing dirty pictures in smoke-filled bars.

These are the legal and moral issues that the American public must face. And we must not be blinded to the reality by a shrewd campaign to make the late Robert F. Kennedy and the late Martin Luther King the villains.

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FBI Bug On Martin Luther King's Bedroom Said 'Transom Peeking'

By MIKE ROYKO

CHICAGO DAILY NEWS SERVICE

CHICAGO—The FBI has a lot more explaining to do about its motives for spying on the late Dr. Martin Luther King.

It has publically described as "malicious" a column written by Carl Rowan that criticized the wiretapping of Dr. King's phones.

Clyde Tolson, associate FBI director, says the wiretapping was done for "national security" reasons, with the approval of the late Robert Kennedy, then attorney general.

That doesn't come even close to telling it.

One thing it doesn't explain is the following incident:

ABOUT THREE YEARS ago an ex-FBI agent I knew asked me to join him for a round of golf.

After the round, we sat in the clubhouse chatting. He worked the conversation around to Dr. King.

Exclusive

He told me that the FBI had been using a variety of electronic eavesdropping devices on Dr. King. Besides tapping his phone, they had planted listening devices in hotel rooms he used while traveling.

The result, he said, was a very thick file on Dr. King.

He gave me some examples.

They were very personal things. Naturally, if

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you bug almost anybody's bedroom long enough, you will hear personal things.

THEY WERE THINGS that I'm sure Dr. King would not want anyone else to know about. If you bugged almost anyone's bedroom long enough, you would hear things that person didn't want anyone else to know about.

But none of the things this ex-FBI agent told me about reflected in any way on Dr. King's "loyalty," his "Americanism," or seemed to be remotely related to "national security."

Nor did they reflect on his role as a leader in the civil rights crusade, a winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, or a figure of historic importance.

I asked the ex-FBI agent if his information was merely gossip or if he was sure about it.

He said that he had visited J. Edgar Hoover in Washington and had been briefed on the contents of the Dr. King file.

IT WAS NOT uncommon, he said, for trusted ex-agents to be let in on such things.

Obviously, I was supposed to be shocked by the things he told me. And I was. But not for the reasons he assumed. A famous man's imperfections don't shock me.

The shocking disclosure was that he was actually sitting there telling me such things.

They were none of my business, and they were none of his business. They were nobody's business but Dr. King's.

It was plain old mud slinging, on a level with the lowest scandal magazines and transom-peeking public actions.

There was no doubt in my mind then, and none now, that it was being leaked to me for the purpose of discrediting Dr. King.

The same type of thing, I have since learned, occurred in other cities, with other newsmen.

AND IT DOESN'T take much imagination to figure out why. Dr. King and Hoover had engaged in a furious public quarrel. Hoover, quite clearly, did not like Dr. King.

That's why I suggest that the FBI hasn't given an adequate explanation.

If the wiretapping was being done for "national security," I presume that it should have been kept a big secret.

Secret? How much of a secret was it if a newspaper columnist in Chicago knew of the eavesdropping? Or if a former agent—a private citizen—could talk about it?

(For the record, the ex-agent was not a two-bit gumshoe given to flights of fancy. He was then a well-known and highly-respected investigator. He is today a famous and powerful man.)

And is the purpose of such official eavesdropping to gather spite-material, transom-peeking tidbits that will be whispered in the ears of opinion makers?

THAT, OF COURSE, is the greatest danger of Big Brother and his big ear.

If that's what Dr. King's file was used for, then I'll gladly second Rowan's suggestion that Hoover be replaced.

The scandal sheet business should be left to private industry.

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TO: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242) (RUC)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Jackson airtel to Memphis, 5/7/69.

A review of reairtel reflects that San Antonio would have a lead appearing in the 302 of H. C. FREEMAN, owner and operator, Corona Plaza Motel. A copy of this 302 was forwarded to San Antonio.

A thorough review of the 302 of H. C. FREEMAN dated 4/24/69, reflects on page 9 three individuals residing in Texas; however, none of them are listed as residing in the San Antonio Division. Further, this review failed to reflect any possible lead for San Antonio.

In view of the above, San Antonio is conducting no investigation in this matter.

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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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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 GUILD 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.

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Re Bureau airtel, dated 4/7/69; Birmingham airtel to Bureau, dated 4/15/69, and Jackson airtel to Bureau, dated 4/18/69.

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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

Mrs. LOUISE BREWER, Mgr.
Round-Town Motel

Division

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

Division

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

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
Miami	Springfield
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FD-302

Division

BROOKS PHILLIPS, Owner,
Southern Motel

Atlanta
Birmingham
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

Miami
Minneapolis
Mobile
Oklahoma City
Omaha
Salt Lake City
San Antonio
Savannah
Springfield

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FD-302

Division

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
Little Rock
Memphis
Minneapolis

Omaha
Richmond
St. Louis
Springfield

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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.

4/7/69

Airtel

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

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Date 4/24/69

H. C. FREEMAN, Owner and Operator, Corona Plaza Motel, Highways 72 and 45, 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:

PAUL FIELDER
147 Robert E. Lee
Leeds, Alabama

G. M. McEACHERIN
3120 North 27th Street
Birmingham, Alabama

Mrs. EULA M. CORVAN
1123 South 10 Place
Birmingham, Alabama

R. G. LUTTRELL
1348 Hatfield Lane
Birmingham, Alabama

JOHN DOBBS
1003 Peas Street
Florence, Alabama

RAY TODD
206 Carol Drive
Trussville, Alabama

JOHN M. BRUSH
8734 Edgehill Drive, Southeast
Huntsville, Alabama

On 4/14/69 at Corinth, Mississippi File # 44-1242-631 Jackson 157-9586

by SA JOHN S. CASTLES /bdb

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