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For Dan Rather
of CBS — Do we
have any traces
on para 2? —

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Townsend

Sirhan questions for Colby

1. To your knowledge did the CIA ever place Sirhan Sirhan under Surveillance?
(Specifically, did the CIA film Sirhan and one of his brothers on a street
in Pasadena in January of 1968, five months before the Robert Kennedy
assassination?)

LA police
Did anyone with CIA connections work on the investigation of the
assassination of Robert Kennedy. (Specifically did Sgt. Enrique (Hank)
(pen-ya)
Hernandez or Lt. Manuel Pena ever work for any agency connected with
the CIA)?

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23 October 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Background for Rather Interview: James Earl Ray

Following Dr. King's death, CIA passed information provided by the FBI, to a number of Stations abroad to alert them that James Earl Ray had been identified positively as the assassin. Included were James Earl Ray's fingerprint formula, identikit composite and description. Ray, according to overt press accounts available in our files, was apparently identified and arrested at the London airport by an alert security guard who noted that he carried two passports. There is no indication that his apprehension was related to our input, but the identity data forwarded to London for passage to Liaison may have helped confirm his identity to London authorities. (There is no firm indication of this in our files.) A check of our files at the time of this inquiry revealed that we had no record of Ray prior to the killing of Dr. King.

David H. Blee
for William E. Nelson
Deputy Director for Operations

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22 October 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Dan Rather Interview (Friday, October 24
at 3:00)

I talked to Les Midgeley of CBS today about questions that would come up Friday with Dan Rather.

What follows below is in addition to talking points Pat Taylor gave you a couple of days ago:

Rather will ask whether CIA had any trace of the movements of Ray, the convicted assassin of the Rev. Dr. King. Ray crossed several international borders. Midgeley says CBS wonders whether we don't have something on Ray for that reason. I have run this past Bill Nelson and he thinks you are apprised of what we do know but is checking again.

As you mentioned to Pat Taylor, there will be Oswald questions (although Rather did not put them into his letter).

There will be questions such as:

Did you have no record on Oswald?

Did CIA have anything to do with Oswald's training while in the Marines?

Did CIA have knowledge of him while in Russia (he went into the Embassy; CBS thinks it unlikely we were unaware of this)?

Did we have no knowledge of him when he came back from Russia?

Did CIA not debrief him when he came back from Russia? This seems almost unbelievable to CBS that we didn't. Midgeley is aware that you have said we did not and believes you. He also believes the FBI did debrief him; CBS is working on getting the agent who debriefed him on the tube. Nevertheless, Rather will ask about this for the show.

Did CIA know about Oswald when he went to Cuba?

He will also want to talk about the misidentified picture of Oswald.

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Angus MacLean Thuermer
Assistant to the Director

cc: DDO