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<u>DATE</u>	<u>INSTITUTION</u>	<u>CRIME FOR WHICH CONFINED</u>
1956 - 1958	West Virginia State Prison, Moundsville, West Virginia	Breaking and Entering
1959 - 1963	Ramsey No. 1 Prison Farm, South Texas	Unarmed Robbery
1963 - 1966	State Prison, Moundsville, West Virginia	Complete original sentence for Auto Theft
1966 - December, 1967	State Prison, Moundsville, West Virginia	Parole violation

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On February 4, 1969, subject was arraigned before United States Commissioner DAVID S. NELSON and in lieu of \$25,000 bond with surety was remanded to the custody of United States Marshal, Boston, Massachusetts. A hearing was scheduled for February 7, 1969.

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(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

The Dissolution of James Earl Ray

by Carl Oglesby

Something seems to be moving in the long-stagnated Martin Luther King murder case, though it's still hard to tell what is happening exactly, or why, or what it may come to.

The killer of record, recall, is James Earl Ray, who has spent four out of the last five years and the last 14 months solid in solitary confinement at the Tennessee state pen in Nashville. He lives in a six-by-five foot concrete room with a concrete slab door and a slot for food with no exercise or sun and only the legal minimum of contact with the outer world.

Ray was apprehended in a London airport under circumstances strongly suggesting a set up. First he denied his guilt. Then he confessed to having done it. He was convicted as a lone assassin and sentenced to 99 years. In prison he reversed himself and began claiming strenuously that he had been maneuvered and

used by a larger conspiracy.

His story seems no doubt all too familiar. It is the kind of piteous tale desperate felons invent as they disappear into the pit. But that doesn't make it necessarily untrue, since suckerdom is still everything it used to be and more, a permanent human fate. There is evidence that Oswald and Sirhan were suckers. Why not Ray too?

Ray says his downfall began in 1967 when he was for some reason allowed to escape the Missouri state prison where he was then serving time. He made way to Montreal and found and entered the city's community of smalltime runaway American hoodlums like himself. He was soon contacted by a Cuban who called himself Raoul with a proposition involving steady work and easy money.

Operating always with finely detailed instructions, Raoul sent Ray on several missions, to

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THE PHOENIX
BOSTON, MASS.

Date: January 8, 1974

Edition: Weekly

Author: Carl Oglesby

Editor: Harper Barnes

Title: JAMES EARL RAY

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Mexico, mainly he says involving dope. After a few of these relatively innocuous runs, possibly when the fox was satisfied of the rabbits obedience! Raoul gave Ray the specific instructions — to buy a certain rifle, to arrive in Memphis on a certain day by a certain route, to check in at a certain rooming house at a certain hour, to be waiting in a white Mustang at a certain time and place — which Ray now says he followed step by step into the trap being set for him by the real killers of King.

Ray's first lawyer, Arthur Hanes, a former mayor of Birmingham and before that an agent of the CIA, left the case four days before Ray's court appearance. It was his public view that Ray was duped into the King assassination either by the CIA or by agents of Red Cuba or Red China, motives attributable to a putative King

assassin covering so wide an ideological span.

After Hanes came Percy Foreman, who had made something of a reputation for himself fighting the civil rights movement through the southern courts. Ray says he afterwards gave Foreman leads that would have established the truth of his conspiracy theory. Foreman says he turned these leads over to another Ray lawyer, Z.T. Osborne, who first was disbarred and then died and got no known results.

After Foreman came Washington attorney Bernard Fensterwald, whom this column tirelessly reminds is the founder of the Committee to Investigate Assassinations as well as counsel to Watergatesman James McCord, this last being a detail of special meaning for me because I propounded the theory that McCord was a secret agent among the Hunt-Liddy Plumbers, and that his purpose

was to break their game up, and Nixon's, by exposing it precisely as he did.

In any event, followers of the Ray case were alarmed by the news breaking over the holidays that Ray is to be moved to the Federal Hospital Prison in Springfield, Mo., an establishment long infamous in legend as a lobotomart, a kind of souped-up, high technology Devil's Island US-style where the sort of things that happened to whatshisname in *Clockwork Orange* happen to real-life whatshisnames like maybe James Earl Ray.

Ray's legal moves to keep out of Springfield (handled by Nashville lawyers) had been rebuffed the day before by the Cincinnati federal court which Fensterwald is trying to get to lift Ray's original confession and let the case go to trial on the basis of an innocent plea and a conspiracy-theory defense.

Fensterwald's position is that Tennessee officials want Ray off their hands because as long as he keeps trying to tell the true story of the King killing he has to be kept isolated. He wonders if they are not at the same time trying to break him. Tennessee prison officials justify their treatment of Ray on the grounds (a) that he's an escape artist and (b) that his security could not be guaranteed if he were exposed to the prison population. The escape thing just doesn't wash, but there might be something to the security angle: Ray might be just as inviting a target to those who loved King as to those who actually did the killing. But neither of these excuses explains why the prison wants to make Ray as miserable as possible. Fensterwald's explanation on the other hand covers the angles and has the feel of a likely truth: "They want to get him in a condition where he can't defend himself if his case ever does come to trial."

Did that not imply, I asked, that the conspiracy to cover up the truth about King extended into the Tennessee prison system? "The people responsible for the murder of King are still alive and free someplace," he answered, "and I assume that if they can arrange a murder like that, they can arrange other things, and you can make of that what you will."

Then what did Fensterwald intend to do? "If I have something to do with it," he promised, "and I do, Ray will never go to Springfield."

We'll have to see about that. Ray is a prisoner of the state of Tennessee and cannot legally be turned over to the federal prison system without a special act by the Tennessee legislature, and as Justice Department spokesman Jed Swift told me over the phone last Thursday, that may take a month or two. "It won't happen next week," Fensterwald would not discuss his plans, if any exist, for keeping it from happening next month.

If it does happen, one fears not only for Ray, whose lot is hardly a happy one even at Tennessee, but also for the knowledge of the truth of King's death that he might so easily take with him if the surgeons and the electronics specialists of Springfield ever unsheath their various arts and crafts to dissolve totally his memory and will.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-644)
Attn. RICHARD M. KIRBY

DATE: 5/28/68

FROM : SA RAYMOND G. ROSS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re SAC Memorandum dated 5/23/68

On May 28, 1968 Captain PAUL SWEGR Salvation Army Officer In Charge of the Salvation Army Hotel York Street, Bangor, Maine was provided a Identification Order regarding JAMES EARL RAY.

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Date: 4/27/74

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FROM: BOSTON (157-644) (P)

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RE BUTEL 4-26-74

ON 4/27/74, GEORGE MC MILLAN, 12 HILLIARD STREET, CAMBRIDGE, MASS., ACKNOWLEDGED BEING AUTHOR OF MATERIAL ON JAMES EARL RAY BUT DECLINED INTERVIEW. STATES FENSTERWALD HABITUALLY MAKES WILD ACCUSATIONS AND HE DOES NOT FEEL ANY RESPONSE TO THESE IS WARRANTED. MC MILLAN STATES HE HAS WRITTEN LETTERS TO "JACK" WHO IS JOHN LARRY RAY, BROTHER OF JAMES EARL RAY. SECOND REASON FOR HIS NOT WISHING TO BE INTERVIEWED IS THAT CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN HIMSELF AND JOHN LARRY RAY CONCERNS A SUIT IN FEDERAL COURT BY MC MILLAN TO GAIN ACCESS TO JOHN LARRY RAY, AN INMATE AT FEDERAL PRISON, MARION, ILLINOIS. SUIT ~~APPARENTLY~~ ^{PRESENTLY} ON APPEAL TO UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

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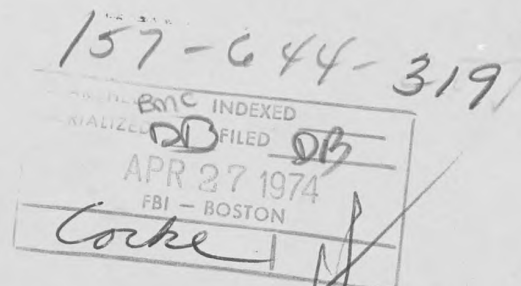
ON APRIL 27, 1974, MRS. J.E. MCTEER, COFFIN POINT,
FROGMORE, S.C., A NEIGHBOR OF GEORGE MCMILLAN, ADVISED

MCMILLAN'S HOUSE IS CLOSED FOR THE SUMMER AND HE HAS RETURNED
TO 12 HILLIARD STREET, CAMBRIDGE, MASS., TELEPHONE 547-6260.

BOSTON INTERVIEW MCMILLAN AT CAMBRIDGE ADDRESS.

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7:55 PM URGENT APRIL 29, 1974 JWH

TO DIRECTOR

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GEORGE MC MILLAN CALLED BOSTON OFFICE TWO HOURS
LATER AND ASKED THAT HE BE CONTACTED FOR INTERVIEW
4/29/74.

BOSTON WILL INTERVIEW MC MILLAN 4/29/74 TO RESOLVE
ANY POSSIBLE ALLEGATION THAT HE MAY HAVE RECEIVED
BUREAU REPORTS IN THIS MATTER.

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TO: DIRECTOR 44-38861 - KLJ

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RE BOSTON TT DATED APRIL 29, 1974.

ON APRIL 29, 1974, GEORGE MC MILLAN RECONTACTED THE BOSTON OFFICE AND ADVISED HE WAS WILLING TO BE INTERVIEWED ON MAY 2, 1974, IN THE PRESENCE OF AND IN THE OFFICE OF HIS ATTORNEY JOHN T. WILLIAMS OF HAUSSEMAN DAVISON AND SHATTUCK, FIFTEEN STATE STREET, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS.

ON APRIL 30, 1974, MC MILLAN CONTACTED THE BOSTON OFFICE AND CANCELLED APPOINTMENT. HE STATED HE WAS WILLING TO HAVE ATTORNEY WILLIAMS INTERVIEWED IN HIS BEHALF BUT DID NOT WISH TO BE PRESENT HIMSELF. HE STATED HE WAS LEAVING THE BOSTON AREA IMMEDIATELY TO SPEND THREE OR FOUR DAYS IN TENNESSEE. HE VOLUNTEERED THAT HE HAD NOT REVIEWED ANY FBI FILES AND HAD ONLY HEARSAY KNOWLEDGE OF SUCH SUBJECT

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REVIEW BY OTHER AUTHORS.

ON APRIL 30, 1974, JOHN T. WILLIAMS STATED HE HAD LAST TALKED WITH MC MILLAN A FEW HOURS EARLIER AND AT THAT TIME MC MILLAN WAS WILLING TO BE INTERVIEWED PERSONALLY. WILLIAMS STATED HE KNOWS ONLY THAT MC MILLAN DID NOT REVIEW FBI FILES. HE STATED HE WOULD CONTACT BOSTON OFFICE CONCERNING POSSIBLE INTERVIEW AFTER CONFERRING WITH MC MILLAN UPON MC MILLAN'S RETURN FROM TENNESSEE.

BOSTON WILL ARRANGE INTERVIEW WITH MC MILLAN IF POSSIBLE AND KEEP BUREAU ADVISED.
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URGENT 4-29-74 DAO

TO: BUREAU 44-38861

MEMPHIS - JSD

FROM: BOSTON 157-644 P

MURKIN

RE BOSTON TT DATED APRIL 27, 1974 (INCORRECTLY
DATED APRIL 29, 1974).

ON APRIL 29, 1974, GEORGE MC MILLAN, TWELVE
HILLIARD STREET, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS, WAS
RECONTACTED IN EFFORT TO ARRANGE INTERVIEW. MC MILLAN
STATED HE HAS DECIDED TO CONSULT WITH AN ATTORNEY PRIOR
TO INTERVIEW AND WISHES TO HAVE ATTORNEY PRESENT IF
INTERVIEWED. HE STATED HE WOULD CONTACT BOSTON OFFICE
IN A FEW DAYS.

BOSTON WILL KEEP BUREAU ADVISED.

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TO: DIRECTOR 44-38861 DBS

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FROM: BOSTON 157-644 -

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RE BOSTON NITEL MAY 1, 1974.

ATTORNEY JOHN T. WILLIAMS TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED DURING AM OF THIS DATE THAT HIS CLIENT GEORGE MCMILLAN WILL BE IN BOSTON, FRIDAY, MAY 10, 1974, AND AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW IN WILLIAMS' OFFICE 3:15 PM THAT DATE.

BOSTON DIVISION ARRANGED TO INTERVIEW MCMILLAN AT THAT TIME, AND WILL SUTEL SUMMARY OF RESULTS, FOLLOWED BY LHM.
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ATTORNEY WILLIAMS SPOKE TO RELIEF SUPV. SA JOHN
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BOSTON COMPANY BUILDING, 1 BOSTON PLACE.

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Date: 5/10/74

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TO : DIRECTOR (44-38861) - *JXS*
MEMPHIS (44-1987) - *KTW*
FROM: BOSTON (157-644)

MURKIN

RE BOSTON TEL TO BUREAU, 5/8/74.

GEORGE MC MILLAN INTERVIEWED THIS DATE IN
OFFICE OF HIS ATTORNEY, JOHN T. WILLIAMS, OF FIRM
HAUSSERMANN, DAVISON AND SHATTUCK, 1 BOSTON PLACE,
BOSTON, IN PRESENCE OF WILLIAMS.

MC MILLAN ADVISED HE HAS NEVER SEEN OR HAD
ACCESS TO ANY FBI FILES OR PORTIONS THEREOF, CONCERNING
THE JAMES EARL RAY CASE OR ANY OTHER CASE. ALSO
STATED THAT NO FBI PERSONNEL ANYWHERE EVER INDICATED THEY
WOULD MAKE SUCH AVAILABLE TO HIM.

MC MILLAN FURTHER ADVISED THAT THE TENNESSEE
STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE IN MEMPHIS HAD IN ITS
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POSSESSION WHAT WAS REFERRED TO AS FBI FILES IN ORDER TO CONDUCT ITS PROSECUTION OF RAY AND HE HEARD RUMORS FROM SOURCE, NOW UNRECALLED, THAT THOSE FILES WERE MADE AVAILABLE TO AUTHORS GERALD FRANK AND WILLIAM HUIE BY STATE OR COUNTY PERSONNEL. AS A RESULT OF THESE RUMORS, MC MILLAN FELT THE FILE WOULD ALSO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO HIM. WHEN ASKED IF ANY TENNESSEE STATE OR LOCAL OFFICIAL OR PERSONNEL EVER OFFERED TO MAKE THE FBI FILES AVAILABLE TO HIM, MC MILLAN REPLIED BY SAYING HE REFUSES TO ANSWER THAT QUESTION.

LHM WILL BE SUBMITTED.

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Special Agent in Charge

Boston, Massachusetts

May 15, 1974

JAMES EARL RAY;
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY

George McMillan, 12 Hilliard Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts, telephonically advised a representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Boston, Massachusetts, on April 27, 1974, that he is an author of material on James Earl Ray; however, he declined to be interviewed. He said that James Earl Ray's attorney, Bernard Fensterwald, Jr., habitually makes wild accusations and he, McMillan, did not feel any response was warranted. McMillan noted he has written letters to "Jack," described by him as being John Larry Ray, brother of James Earl Ray. McMillan said he had a second reason for not wishing to be interviewed, stating that correspondence between himself and John Larry Ray concerned a suit in Federal Court by McMillan to gain access to John Larry Ray, currently an inmate at Federal Prison, Marion, Illinois. This suit is presently on appeal to the United States Supreme Court, according to McMillan.

Two hours later on the same date, April 27, 1974, McMillan telephonically requested he be contacted on April 29, 1974, to arrange for interview.

On April 29, 1974, McMillan was telephonically contacted by a representative of the FBI. McMillan stated he had decided to consult with an attorney prior to interview and desired to have an attorney present if interviewed. He said he would contact the Boston Division of the FBI in several days.

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On April 29, 1974, McMillan telephonically advised he was willing to be interviewed May 2, 1974, in the presence and in the office of his attorney, John T. Williams, of the Boston law firm of Hausserman, Davison and Shattuck.

On April 30, 1970, McMillan telephonically cancelled his appointment. He stated he was willing to have Attorney Williams interviewed in his behalf, but he did not wish to be present himself. He said he was leaving the Boston area immediately to spend three or four days in Tennessee. He volunteered that he had not reviewed any FBI files and had only hearsay knowledge of any such review by other authors.

On April 30, 1974, Attorney John T. Williams telephonically advised he had talked with McMillan several hours earlier, at which time McMillan was willing to be interviewed personally. Williams stated he knows only that McMillan did not review FBI files. He added he would contact the Boston Division of the FBI concerning possible interview, after conferring with McMillan upon McMillan's return from Tennessee.

On May 8, 1974, Attorney Williams telephonically advised that his client, George McMillan, would be in Boston on May 10, 1974, and available for interview in Williams' office on that date.

On May 10, 1974, George McMillan was interviewed by Special Agents Kenneth L. Hansen and John M. Onellatte in the office of his attorney, John T. Williams, of the firm Hausserman, Davison and Shattuck, 1 Boston Place, Boston, in the presence of Williams.

McMillan advised he has never seen or had access to any FBI files, or portions thereof, concerning the James Earl Ray case or any other case. He said no FBI personnel, anywhere, ever indicated they would make such material available to him. He recalled he once visited the office of former FBI Assistant Director Tom Bishop at FBI Headquarters, Washington, D.C., to request material for his book on James Earl Ray; however, Mr. Bishop, who was then handling press relations, told McMillan he could not give him anything regarding that case.

McMillan further advised that the Tennessee State Attorney-General's Office in Memphis was in possession of what was commonly referred to as "FBI files" in order to

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conduct its prosecution of James Earl Ray. McMillan said he heard rumors from sources in Memphis, whose identity he does not recall, that those files were made available to authors Gerold Frank and William Huie by either state or county officials or personnel. McMillan added these were merely rumors of unknown origin and he possessed no specific information as to whether either Frank or Huie had access to the files.

McMillan stated the aforementioned rumors led him to believe he could have the FBI files made available to him. McMillan was asked if any state or local official or personnel in Tennessee ever offered to make the FBI files available to him. McMillan replied by saying that he refuses to answer that question.

McMillan went on to relate he has been attempting to compile material regarding James Earl Ray in order to determine a personal motive for the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., so as to disprove theories that a conspiracy may have been involved. He said he was previously retained by the Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) and Time Magazine, Inc., to conduct a study of Lee Harvey Oswald in connection with the assassination of former United States President John F. Kennedy and that study led him to the conclusion Oswald acted on his own and there was no conspiracy involved.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, BOSTON (157-644) (RUC)
SUBJECT: ~~MURKIN~~

Re Boston nitel 5/10/74.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of an LHM concerning interview of author GEORGE MC MILLAN in connection with captioned matter. Two copies are enclosed for Memphis Division.

The representative of the FBI with whom MC MILLAN and his attorney were in telephonic contact on 4/27, 29, and 30/4 is SA ROGER J. CORKE.

Inasmuch as there are no further leads outstanding in the Boston Division, this matter is hereby being RUC'd.

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To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)
From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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ReBStel 5/10/74.

If not already done, the Memphis Office should contact appropriate current and former Tennessee State authorities to ascertain if they have any information that FBI files previously in possession of state authorities were made available to Frank and Huie or anyone else by state or county personnel.

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Sen Frank Church, (D-Idaho), who heads a congressional committee looking into intelligence operations, says he would like to see a special prosecutor named to investigate the 1968 assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King. "Our committee has found no evidence suggesting the FBI or the CIA were involved in any plot to assassinate Dr. King," Church said in Chicago "but I think there are a sufficient number of questions to warrant a further investigation."

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THE CHRISTIAN
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BOSTON, MASS.

DATE: 12/22/75

EDITION: EVENING

AUTHOR:

EDITOR: THOMAS WINSHIP

TITLE: DR. MARTIN LUTHER
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FROM DIRECTOR (100-106670)

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BUDED AUGUST 9, 1976

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?

THIS REVIEW IS A CONTINUATION OF A "PARTIAL REVIEW" RECENTLY

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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 RELATING 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 FBI Q 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 FBI Q 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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11:55PM NITEL 07/29/76 MDP

TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR (100-106670)

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BUDED AUGUST 9, 1976

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?

THIS REVIEW IS A CONTINUATION OF A "PARTIAL REVIEW" RECENTLY

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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 RELATING 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 FBI Q 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 FBI Q 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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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; BUDED AUGUST 9, 1976.

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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.

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FROM: SAC, BOSTON (157-644) (RUC)
SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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Re Butels dated July 29 and July 30, 1976.

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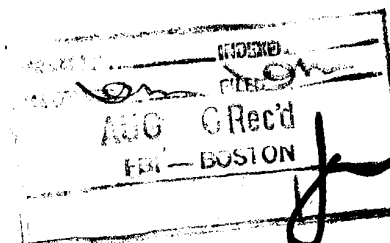
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SA BERNARD T. MC CABE, GS 14, STEP 7, TWO HOURS;
RICHARD P. BROOKS, GS 4, STEP 2, TWO HOURS (NIGHT SHIFT);
KEVIN P. CLOUGHER, GS 4, STEP 1, ONE HOUR (NIGHT SHIFT);
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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW, COST DATA

RE BOSTON TELETYPE, SEPTEMBER 7, 1976.

DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 1976 NO COSTS WERE INCURRED
IN THE BOSTON OFFICE IN REGARD TO ABOVE CAPTIONED MATTER.

DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1976, THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL
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SA EDWARD F. FAIRBROTHER, GS-13, STEP 10, 12 HOURS

HARRY PERKINS, GS-3, STEP 1, 12 HOURS

JOHN W. HOULE, GS-5, STEP 3, 5 HOURS

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Memorandum

TO : ALL SPECIAL AGENTS

DATE: 12/2/76

FROM : SAC RICHARD F. BATES (66-4127)

SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS

The Bureau by Teletype dated 11/26/76 advised that the House of Representatives created a Select Committee on Assassinations to investigate the deaths of JOHN F. KENNEDY and MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. This Committee and the Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, have reached an agreement stipulating that all Committee requests for access to FBI files and personnel will be made in writing to the Office of Legislative Affairs.

If any Agent is contacted by a member of this Committee, he is to politely advise him to direct his inquiry to the Office of Legislative Affairs of the Department of Justice or to FBIHQ, Attention Congressional Inquiry Unit, General Investigative Division.

For your further information, in the event personnel are contacted for purpose of interview or testimony, refer to Director's letter, No. 1-75, dated May 28, 1975, captioned: "MEMORANDUM TO ALL EMPLOYEES; RE: INTERVIEWS OF FBI EMPLOYEES." This memorandum details employee responsibility regarding disclosure of information as outlined in the Code of Federal Regulations, and the FBI employee agreement, which require appropriate authority before furnishing information, testimony or record material.

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS

FOR INFORMATION OF RECIPIENTS, AT THE CLOSE OF THE 94TH CONGRESS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CREATED A SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS TO INVESTIGATE THE DEATHS OF JOHN F. KENNEDY AND MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. THIS COMMITTEE AND THE OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, HAVE REACHED AN AGREEMENT STIPULATING THAT ALL COMMITTEE REQUESTS FOR ACCESS TO FBI FILES AND PERSONNEL WILL BE MADE IN WRITING TO THE OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS.

IT IS NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT SOME MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE STAFF HAVE SOUGHT ON THEIR OWN TO INTERVIEW DEPARTMENTAL EMPLOYEES KNOWLEDGEABLE REGARDING THE KENNEDY AND KING INVESTIGATIONS. SIMILAR EFFORTS MAY BE DIRECTED TOWARD FBI FIELD OFFICES

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AND HEADQUARTERS PERSONNEL. IF SUCH CONTACTS OCCUR, YOU ARE INSTRUCTED TO REFER THE CONTACTING HOUSE COMMITTEE OFFICIAL TO THE OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS OF THE DEPARTMENT OR TO FBIHQ. ATTEMPTS BY THE COMMITTEE TO OBTAIN INFORMATION THROUGH YOUR PERSONNEL OR ANY OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE SHOULD BE FURNISHED PROMPTLY TO FBIHQ, ATTENTION CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION.

FOR YOUR FURTHER INFORMATION, IN THE EVENT PERSONNEL ARE CONTACTED FOR PURPOSE OF INTERVIEW OR TESTIMONY, REFER TO MY LETTER, NUMBER 1-75, DATED MAY 23, 1975, CAPTIONED "MEMORANDUM TO ALL EMPLOYEES; RE: INTERVIEWS OF FBI EMPLOYEES." THIST MEMORANDUM DETAILS EMPLOYEE RESPONSIBILITY REGARDING DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION AS OUTLINED IN THE CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, AND THE FBI EMPLOYEE AGREEMENT, WHICH REQUIRE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITY BEFORE FURNISHING INFORMATION, TESTIMONY OR RECORD MATERIAL.

RECIPIENTS ARE ALSO REMINDED THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR DESTRUCTION OF FILES AND RECORDS PROGRAM, RECORDS POSSESSING EVIDENTIARY, INTELLIGENCE OR HISTORICAL VALUE, SUCH AS THE KENNEDY AND KING ASSASSINATION INVESTIGATIONS ARE

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DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1976, NO COSTS WERE
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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

FOR INFORMATION RECIPIENTS, THE DEPARTMENT'S OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (OPR) TASK FORCE HAS BEEN REVIEWING OUR SECURITY INVESTIGATION AND OUR INVESTIGATION INVOLVING THE ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. OPR PERSONNEL ADVISED THAT THEY INTEND TO INTERVIEW SEVERAL FORMER BUREAU OFFICIALS. THE INTERVIEWS WILL BE CONCERNED WITH ASCERTAINING WHY CERTAIN INSTRUCTIONS AND ACTIONS WERE ISSUED FROM FBIHQ TO THE FIELD AND OTHER ASPECTS OF THE SUPERVISION OF THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., INVESTIGATIONS.

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THE DEPARTMENT IS GOING TO INTERVIEW THE FOLLOWING FORMER BUREAU OFFICIALS: MR. A. BELMONT, FORMER ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR, 240 CHATHAM WAY, MOUNTAIN VIEW, CALIFORNIA, 94040; MR. F.J. BAUMGARDNER, FORMER SECTION CHIEF, 3915 TAYLOR BOULEVARD, LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY, 40215; MR. W.C. SULLIVAN, FORMER ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR, SUNSET ROAD, SUGAR HILL, NEW HAMPSHIRE, 03585; MR. C. D. DELOACH, FORMER ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR, PERKINSCOAD, GREENWICH, CONNECTICUT, 06830; MR. G.H. SCATTERDAY, FORMER SECTION CHIEF, 5911 OSCEOLA ROAD, WASHINGTON, D.C., 20016; MR. J. W. BROWN, FORMER SECTION CHIEF, 10621 MANTZ ROAD, SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND, 20903; AND MR. C.L. MCGOWAN, FORMER SECTION CHIEF, 3111 63RD PLACE, CHEVERLY, MARYLAND, 20785.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF LOUISVILLE AND SAN FRANCISCO, OPR PERSONNEL WILL BE ADVISED CONCERNING THE HEALTH OF MR. BELMONT AND MR. BAUMGARDNER, BOTH OF WHOM ARE KNOWN TO BE IN ILL HEALTH. IF EITHER OFFICE HAS ANY CURRENT INFORMATION CONCERNING THESE INDIVIDUALS' STATUS, WHICH WOULD DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT OPR PERSONNEL SHOULD NOT INTERVIEW THEM, ADVISED FBIHQ.

RECIPIENTS SHOULD ADVISE THOSE FORMER EMPLOYEES RESIDING WITHIN THEIR DIVISIONS THAT OPR PERSONNEL WILL BE CONTACTING

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THEM CONCERNING AN INTERVIEW AND FURNISH THEM WITH THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS: (1) THEY ARE RELEASED FROM THE OBLIGATION IMPOSED BY THEIR EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENTS TO MAINTAIN INFORMATION OBTAINED IN THE COURSE OF THEIR EMPLOYMENT IN CONFIDENCE, TO THE EXTENT THE AGREEMENT IS APPLICABLE IN SUCH A SITUATION. (2) THE BUREAU DESIRES TO EXTEND FULL COOPERATION TO THE DEPARTMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THIS INQUIRY AND, THEREFORE, THEY ARE ENCOURAGED TO COOPERATE WITH THE INQUIRY. HOWEVER, FORMER EMPLOYEES WILL BE ADVISED TO UNDERSTAND, CLEARLY AND UNEQUIVOCABLY, THEY MUST DECIDE FOR THEMSELVES WHETHER OR NOT TO ANSWER SPECIFIC QUESTIONS. (3) WITH REGARD TO REQUESTS FOR COUNSEL, FORMER EMPLOYEES WILL BE ADVISED THAT THE BUREAU HAS NO AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE SUCH COUNSEL. THE FORMER EMPLOYEE MUST DECIDE FOR HIMSELF IF HE FEELS THE NEED FOR PERSONAL COUNSEL IN CONNECTION WITH HIS INTERVIEW. REQUESTS FOR APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL BY THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AT DEPARTMENT EXPENSE OR FOR APPOINTMENT OF PRIVATE COUNSEL SHOULD BE MADE IN THE FORM OF LETTERS DIRECTED TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE DEPARTMENT BY FBIHQ.

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IN ADDITION, FORMER EMPLOYEES SHOULD BE ADVISED THEY ARE NOT TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS WHICH MIGHT DIVULGE THE IDENTITY OF ANY INFORMANTS OR SOURCES.

OPR TASK FORCE PERSONNEL HAVE INDICATED IN ORDER FOR THEM TO MEET THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S DEADLINE FOR COMPLETION OF THE INQUIRY IT WILL BE ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY THAT THESE INTERVIEWS BE COMPLETED NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1976 OR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1976.

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