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**JAMES ROSSO**

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1330 Delery Street, NOLA

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New Orleans, Louisiana

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TO: CHIEF CLERK

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GENE ARMSTRONG

Aliases

Address

1401 Airline Highway, NOLA

Birth Date

Birthplace

Race

Sex

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☐ Female

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NOLA

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TO: CHIEF CLERK

Subject

**M. O. JOHNSON**

Aliases

Address

**Box 672  
Opelousas, La.**

Birth Date

Birthplace

Race

Sex

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**Angola, La.**

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Shreveport, Louisiana

Birthplace

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Baton Rouge, La.

Birthplace

Race

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SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) (RUC)

MURKIN

Re Memphis airtel to Bureau dated 5/14/69.

In accordance with the instructions set out in reference airtel, the investigation previously requested in Jackson airtel to Memphis dated 5/7/69, is not being conducted.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, New Orleans

DATE: 7-18-69

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: MURKIN

You should refer to a copy of a letter of acknowledgement to Mr. Robert E. Lee, Batesville, Mississippi, dated 7-14-69, enclosing a copy of "The Councilor."

The copy of "The Councilor" was dated 6-14-69, Volume 6, Number 14 and is printed in Shreveport, Louisiana. It makes reference to the fact that in the next issue of "The Councilor" it will repeat a prior story written indicating one of Martin Luther King's lieutenants was involved in the assassination.

You should obtain copies of that issue of "The Councilor" and furnish copies to the Bureau and Memphis. If warranted on the basis of the information therein; the Memphis Office should furnish appropriate evaluations and comments.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

8/13/69

SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) (RUC)

MURKIN

ReBulet to New Orleans, 7/18/69.

Enclosed for Bureau and Memphis, are two copies of "The Councilor", Volume 6, Number 15, dated 7/5/69.

It is to be noted this issue of "The Councilor" is the first issue after Volume 6, Number 14, mentioned in referenced letter. It is further noted that the article concerning the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING appears on page 2 under the caption "Behind the Scenes".

NEW ORLEANS COPIES ONLY:

"The Councilors" were obtained by NO 1109-C by request.

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Jim Bishop: Reporter

## James Earl Ray Believed To Be Hired For Assassin Job

After a year and a half of intensive research, I am convinced that James Earl Ray was paid to kill Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. He was not recompensed by a fictitious character named "Raoul," but by a businessman or businessmen in Atlanta or Birmingham. He took his payoff, and tried to flee to Rhodesia, with whom the U.S. had no extradition pact, when the Federal Bureau of Investigation requested its British counterparts to pick The Smiler up in England.

Consider: Ray had \$10.50 a few days before the murder at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis. At the Aeromarine Supply Co. outside the Birmingham Airport, he paid about \$245 for a rifle and telescopic sight two days before the murder. He rode in a white Mustang worth \$2,000 in the retail market. He phoned an hour after buying the rifle and said it was too small. Aeromarine asked him to return in the morning to buy a heavier gun.

Price did not matter. He stood in the bathtub of a rooming house on Main Street looking at the Lorraine Motel most of the afternoon of April 4, 1968. Lodgers knocked loudly to use the facilities, but Ray remained with his rifle on the ledge, looking through binoculars and a scope. He hit King once, through the right jaw, aiming downward and to the left, nicking the top of the trachea, the bullet severing the spinal cord between the shoulder blades and dying between two vertebrae.

He left his gun, with fingerprints, his binoculars, his underwear and other items in front of Canipe's store next to the

rooming house, as though the identity of the killer would not matter. He drove his Mustang north on Main, then south into Mississippi — only 12 miles away — while Memphis put out a city alarm, not an all points one. He was in Atlanta by 6 A.M., had his plane tickets and his payoff, and was gone, leaving the Mustang — loaded with fingerprints — in a parking lot.

Mr. Ray is known in penitentiary circles as a "loser." He could not rob a bank successfully if the vault door was open and all the police worked for him. Ray hated blacks, but not to the point of violence. He bragged to fellow convicts that somebody must have been paid to kill President Kennedy, and he would like to make "one big lick" like that.

In 1959, when Ray got out of stir for running an easy robbery, he decided to hold up a supermarket. As a confederate, he selected a coughing consumptive. At 9:06 A.M. on July 11th, the two began a comedy of errors suitable for a Charlie Chaplin movie.

They parked a car outside the supermarket. The confederate, coughing in spasms, held the customers off with a nickel plated gun. Ray grabbed a fistful of money from the cashier (about \$1,200) and dropped all but \$200 on the floor in a fit of nervousness. He asked for the manager. The boss was in the back.

Ray stuck a gun in his face and asked for the money in the safe. It was upstairs, in front. The criminal permitted the manager to walk up one aisle of canned goods while Ray went up another. ~~among~~ at cans of

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THE RUSTON DAILY  
LEADER

RUSTON, LA.

Date: 12-3-70

Edition:

Author:

Editor: TOM KELLY

Title:

JAMES EARL RAY

Character: 157-10673

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Classification: 100-

Submitting Office: N.O., LA.

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tomatoes. The manager stooped, picked up a phone, and murmured: "Holdup. Police."

The two stickup men backed out of the store, and backed into a breadman loaded with loaves, who couldn't see over the top. The bread fell everywhere on the sidewalk. Ray's companion got in the car; then Ray. Mr. Ray stepped on the accelerator, made a violent U-turn to the right, and forgot to close his door. His body flew out, but his hands hung onto the wheel.

He drove up over a hill at 80. Police arrived. They followed him at 80. At the top of the hill, the police were stunned to see James Earl Ray coming back into town at 80. He ran the car across a field and into a barn. The cops fanned out near a hummock of trees.

Ray's confederate came out, coughing and begging the police to take him back to the penitentiary: "I don't get good care when I'm out," he said. Ray escaped.

A year before the assassination of the Rev. King, Ray took a course in bartending in Los Angeles. Drinks are the same in Rhodesia as anywhere else, like the sound of barking dogs. Also, he would be in a country where the white was supreme and the Negro supine.

Ray was lucky that King required two minutes, standing still on the Lorraine porch, to ask Ben Branch to play "Oh, Precious Lord." The target was perfect. It was over 200 feet away, but, through the scope, 35 feet.

James Earl Ray, the all-time loser, made his one "big lick." It was paid for, of that you may be sure.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

DATE: 2/4/71

FROM : SUPERVISOR RUDROW

SUBJECT: MURKIN

JOE HESTER of the Memphis Office called this date requesting some information relating to an airtel Memphis sent to Denver, copy to New Orleans in this case on 4/12/68. He requested that he be phoned back. The writer reviewed the MURKIN file and returned Mr. HESTER's call furnishing him the information requested.

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# Memorandum

TO : SA Carney

FROM : SAC R. C. HALSTEAD

SUBJECT: BULKY EXHIBITS

DATE: 7/30/71

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in Bulky Room:

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Please advise on this memo if bulky(s) should be  
retained or can be destroyed.

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701 Loyola Avenue  
New Orleans, Louisiana 70113  
August 20, 1971

Mr. Gerald J. Gallinghouse  
United States Attorney  
Eastern District of Louisiana  
500 St. Louis Street  
New Orleans, Louisiana

Attention: AUSA Michael H. Ellis

Re: Assassination of Martin  
Luther King, Jr.  
Racial Matter

Dear Sir:

Enclosed are the telephone toll records which  
were obtained in captioned case through subpoena.

These records are no longer of use to the FBI  
and are being returned to your office for return to the  
telephone company.

Very truly yours,

*WHP*

ROWLAND C. HALSTEAD  
Special Agent in Charge

Enclosures

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9/3/71

SA JAMES FRANCIS WRIGHT

SAMUEL J. RECILE, aka  
(Information concerning - miscellaneous)

Re Correlation Memo 4/30/68 (Under file # 157-10673, entitled "Murkin")

AT LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA

On 9/2/71, SISTER PAULETTE, Principal, Our Lady Queen of Heaven School, Lake Charles, La. (PROTECT IDENTITY) advised that RECILE contacted her personally the latter part of August for the purpose of registering his two elementary school age children in the fourth and sixth grades. Due to waiting list, she advised RECILE she could not admit the fourth grader but there was the possibility of a vacancy in the sixth grade. She did obtain an application from RECILE which indicates he is from New Orleans, La. and has been in Lake Charles, La. since June, 1971. He advised her he is the manager for the MATILDA GRAY, aka MATILDA G. GRAY (MISS) Estate. GRAY who died in the spring of 1971 was a millionaire and held vast properties in the state of Louisiana including land, oil leases, cattle, French Quarter Property in New Orleans. SISTER PAULETTE advised RECILE "came on very strong" to get his children in the school and attempted "bribery" in that he told her if she needed anything or if she might need anything including money just to call on him. She received polite but "pressured" type telephone calls from E. J. PRENDERCAST, President of KAOX Radio and La. Cable TV, on behalf of RECILE. PRENDERCAST, who is from New Orleans, La. had some connection with CHURCHILL, FARMIS two or three years ago and was associated with BRUCE GORDON (82-844; 92-845 and an ITSP - FBI matter, 87-15631) and DEXTER BUSH (same 82 and 97 references). RECILE is temporarily residing at the Suffolk Manor Apartments and is having the MATILDA GRAY home renovated and is to move to this home upon completion of repairs. The law firm of EDWARD M. GIBBOUS, Lake Charles, La. represents the estate of MATILDA GRAY.

It is not known at this time, why RECILE was appointed to the position with the estate which involves millions of dollars or why his move to Lake Charles, and for this reason it is recommended a lead be assigned SA WRIGHT under the 49 character and investigation be conducted concerning additional info on RECILE. Upon return of the case agents return from leave, investigation which may of importance in the 49 matter desired will be conducted.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (137-4326)

DATE: 10/22/71

FROM : SA James Francis Wright

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☐ PC ☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R (Prob)  
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SUBJECT: NO 2116 C

Dates of Contact <b>10/16/71; 10/22/71</b>	
File #s on which contacted (Use Titles if File #s not available or when CI provides positive information) <b>49-829</b> <b>157-10673</b> <b>92-50</b>	
Purpose and results of contact <input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC  On 10/16/71, NO 2116 C advised SAM RECILE since moving to Lake Charles, La. has or was a close associate of ED PRENDERGAST Owner of Radio Station KAOK and La. Cable TV. Both are campaigning openly for EDWIN EDWARDS, Governor, JIMMY FITZMORRIS, Lt. Governor, and GUSTI as state AG. RECILE continues to donate and spend money quite freely. He recently bought 200 tickets at a church supper at \$1.50 each. He has two suites at the Suffolk Manor Apartments while the MATILDA GRAY residence is being renovated. NO 2116 C has advised that RECILE has been associating with SAM A. ANGE and THOMAS L. COLLETTA.	
Has informant shown any indication of emotional instability, unreliability or furnishing false information? <b>No</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Coverage: <b>FUGS, AR, ITAR, CRM. INTELL. WSTA.</b>
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## Orleans Folks Pay Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King

Ella Fitzgerald and Mayor Landrieu on Hand

By BRUCE NOLAN

A thousand or so people — most of them just folks — fashioned a rare gumbo of traditional New Orleans blues and 1960s civil rights fervor as they gathered Saturday to pay tribute to the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King.

The celebration began with an afternoon march through New Orleans' predominately black Central City and culminated hours later in a simple, old frame church nestled in the heart of the same area.

But in poignant contrast to the surroundings — the 105-year-old building with its plain, hard-backed pews — were the people inside.

Ella Fitzgerald came, drawing murmurs and nods of recognition as she was escorted up the aisle.

Mayor Moon Landrieu came, telling those who had gathered that while New Orleans "has known its share of tragedy, known its share of racism, it has moved more forcefully into the future than any city in America."

### BRINGS GREETINGS

Buddy Young, one of the first black men ever to play professional football came to bring his greetings.

He said he had come to do the same for Calvin Hill, Marv Fleming, Herb Adderley, Bob Hayes and Paul Warfield, all of them Negro football players who are in New Orleans to compete in the Super Bowl.

Hosea Williams, once one of the late Dr. King's key lieutenants, was there.

He defended the civil rights movement's current leader, Dr. Ralph Abernathy, against those who questioned his leader-

ship, and he blasted blacks and whites alike whom he said had faltered in King's crusade.

Through it all the old St. Francis De Sales Church at 2203 Second Street reverberated with the sounds of old spirituals, blues and jazz, including the movement's anthem, "We Shall Overcome."

Mayor Landrieu joined in then, and with arms linked with black leaders on either side, swayed as he sang the old hymn with the people who packed the church to the choir loft.

### TONE GETS HARDER

It was much like that most of the way through, but the tone became harder and edged with anger when Williams took the microphone.

"There's a Super Bowl in New Orleans tomorrow," roared Williams, "and a fight tonight! There's a lot of things going on in New Orleans. But tomorrow, ain't no black folks gonna be free in New Orleans."

It's time for New Orleans "to stop jiving", he declared, and the black community, too.

He lashed out at black New Orleans ministers who pay only lip service to the civil rights cause, blasting those "who preach on Sunday about how David faced the lions, and then they're too scared to face the

white man downtown on Monday."

And from that Williams mounted an attack on churchmen of many faiths, all races, criticizing their institutions for being unresponsive to the needs of the poor.

"How can men ride around in Cadillacs when their members don't even have busfare to get downtown?" he asked.

Williams warned though that the civil rights movement is not dead, nor with it its principle tactic, non-violence.

"Non-violence is not dead!" he cried. "No as long as there is breath in my body! Not as long as Hosea Williams lives! And white folks gonna catch hell in New Orleans if they think it is!"

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Williams conceded though that the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) has declined since the days of King's leadership. "The New York Times says we're in trouble. But everyone else is in trouble with us."

He said that doubts about the Rev. Mr. Abernathy's leadership had come largely from the "white press," from Time and Life magazines. He defended the Rev. Mr. Abernathy personally, however, and said the SCLC's decline lay at the feet of those blacks who had fallen away from the civil rights movement since King's death.

He referred specifically to blacks' dwindling rate of cash contributions since King was assassinated in Memphis in April of 1968. King would have been 43 on Saturday.

Ella Fitzgerald, in her brief turn at the microphone, asked simply that King be remembered.

"Let's not let the name be forgotten," she said in the whisper, "or remembered only on his birthday. Let's let everyone know that we are one."

Earlier, the Rev. Avery Alexander, head of the local chapter of the SCLC, led a memorial march through Central City, winding up eventually at the church.

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THE TIMES-PICAYUNE

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Editor: GEORGE W. HEALY, JR.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)

FROM : SUPVR. JAMES M. SCHEFFER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 1/30/74

On this date U. S. Attorney GERALD J. GALLINGHOUSE telephonically contacted this office and advised that HERMAN CLAY of the Kenner PD, telephone 729-5119, had telephonically contacted him this date and advised that the day preceeding the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING he had been talking to an individual in the airport who informed him that he was en route to Memphis, Tenn., to do a job; that he was being paid to do this job; but would not say who he was working for. CLAY advised he subsequently had viewed pictures of JAMES EARL RAY and feels certain this was the same individual he was talking to and he had gone back to the airlines office within a few days and found that an individual with the name of "RAY" as part of his name had, in fact, been scheduled to go to Memphis. CLAY now feels he is certain that the individual he talked to was JAMES EARL RAY.

GALLINGHOUSE advised he did not ask CLAY why he had waited so long to furnish this information or whether he had ever furnished this information, but requested that CLAY be contacted and interviewed to determine the veracity of the information and, if possible, that he, GALLINGHOUSE, be advised of the outcome.

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of an LHM reflecting an interview with HERMAN CLAY.

On 1/30/74, CLAY telephonically advised USA, EDLA, GERALD J. GALLINGHOUSE about the enclosed incident.

UACB no further investigation being conducted concerning the results of this interview at this time.

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New Orleans, Louisiana

December 13, 1974

At 7:30 p.m. on December 12, 1974, a meeting of the National Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression (NAARPR) was held at the Desire Development Center in the 2600 block of Desire Street. The following were recognized in attendance:

EUGENE JAMES, Operational Director of the Desire Development Center

JANET HARRIS, who stated that she was leaving New Orleans to attend school in San Francisco, departing New Orleans on December 13, 1974

NEAL SMITH, a student at University of Colorado, a friend of HARRIS

ROBERT ROVARIS

LLOYD and LORETTA ROBINSON, LLOYD is now considered to be the leader of the NAARPR, taking over from ERNEST PICKETT who has been strongly criticized

LYDIA WHITE, works for Figaro

ROGER WHITE, who works at the "Times-Picayune" newspaper and is preparing to work for the State Probation and Parole Office

ERNEST PICKETT, who is now working but who has been gone for a long while, and whose ineffectual leadership has been criticized

CARL GALMON, who has been serving as the leader of the Southern Christian Leadership Council (SCLC) ad hoc committee

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Discussion in the meeting included how the group has been chartered, possibly with the state, having paid a \$25.00 charter fee. It was discussed how the group should enlarge itself to a membership of between 75 and 100 members. In this regard EUGENE JAMES said he would try to recruit new young members from New Orleans, and hoped to bring them to the next meeting on January 6, 1975. It is expected that that January 6, 1975, meeting should determine the future direction and purpose of the NAARPR.

The NAARPR has been interested in the following issues: JANET HARRIS stated that she would contact the San Quentin 3, and would send information from San Francisco regarding how the NAARPR in New Orleans can assist in the support for the San Quentin 3. EUGENE JAMES has continued to show interest in the Parkchester issue in support of the rent strike there by residents upset by poor living conditions. The NAARPR has considered supporting the prison reform issue of the Angola 4 but is not actively supporting that group now.

A copy of the constitution of the Communist Party, U.S.A. (CPUSA) was circulated by an unknown person, and all members at the meeting were urged to read it.

It was also learned that an actual chapter of the group of the Communist Party (CP) is or has been recently established in New Orleans. It is believed that this group consists of the following individuals: LLOYD and LORETTA ROBINSON; ROGER and LYDIA WHITE; JANET HARRIS; DICK REAVIS; and ERNEST PICKETT. All of these individuals are believed to be card-carrying members of the CP. The group meets at 1410 St. Andrews Street, Apartment 3, the address of the ROBINSONs. The group intends to consider for membership in the near future ROBERT ROVARIS.

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# FBI's 'blackmail file' on Martin Luther King

**Jack Anderson**

WASHINGTON — The Senate Intelligence Committee is investigating allegations that the FBI tried to smear the late Dr. Martin Luther King by spreading stories about his sex life.

Some senators regard this as a classic abuse of police power. It will get special attention, therefore, from the committee.

Dr. King won the Nobel Peace Prize for his nonviolent crusade to gain equal rights for black Americans. He faced the police dogs and fire hoses of Southern sheriffs without flinching. His cry, "We shall overcome," stirred his people.

Dr. King's rhetoric, however, led him into a collision with the late, powerful FBI chief J. Edgar Hoover. This became one of the famous feuds of the 1960s.

Senate investigators are now trying to determine whether Hoover used the FBI to carry on his vendetta against Dr. King. They want to know who ordered the snooping and who leaked the sex stories to the press. They are also searching for FBI agents who participated in the actual surveillance of the civil rights leader.

We were the first to reveal on May 24, 1968, that the FBI had tapped Dr. King's telephones. We reported that the wiretaps had divulged information about his alleged love affairs, a subject that was none of the FBI's business.

Now, more than seven years later, we have dug deeper into the story for the answers the senators are seeking.

There is bitter disagreement over who first suggested that the FBI eavesdrop on Dr. King. But in October 1963, Hoover obtained — some say wangled — a memorandum from then-Atty. Gen. Robert Kennedy authorizing the controversial wiretaps.

The official justification was to determine whether Dr. King had any secret ties with the Communists. But the only secret dealings that the wiretaps revealed were with women. His dynamism and courage had made him attractive to many women.

Here are examples of the sort of smut that the FBI collected about the Nobel prize winner:

—The FBI bugged his suite in Washington's elegant, old Willard Hotel. He allegedly drank too many "Black Russian" concoctions, bragged of his sexual prowess to a

woman visitor and then proceeded to prove his boast.

—In Las Vegas, Dr. King allegedly picked up an FBI informant who reported to the FBI next morning that he had paid her \$100 to spend the night with him.

—Another time, he allegedly became intoxicated and made passes at a woman in a New York City hotel. The secret FBI summary of the incident reported that "King threatened to leap from the 13th floor window of the hotel if this woman would not say she loved him."

—The CIA forwarded a raw, unverified report to the FBI that Dr. King, totally naked, chased a woman through an Oslo hotel during his Norway visit to receive the Nobel Peace Prize.

—The FBI also monitored Dr. King's relationship with the vivacious wife of a Los Angeles dentist. The FBI called it an "illicit affair." The woman insisted the relationship was "merely a friendship."

—As part of its continuing surveillance, the FBI bugged Dr. King's hotel suite in Atlantic City during the 1964 Democratic Convention. But apparently nothing of significance was picked up.

The FBI continued its electronic surveillance of Dr. Martin Luther King, according to our sources, until his death in April, 1968. The latest secret sex report we saw was dated Feb. 20, 1968.

In other words, the FBI continued listening to Dr. King's most private conversations for nearly five years. Yet during all this time, the FBI picked up no evidence that he had committed a crime or was likely to commit one. J. Edgar Hoover's boys just kept filling up folders with titillating tidbits, idle gossip and vicious slander about the great Dr. King. His FBI dossier can only be described, therefore, as a blackmail file.

But the blackmail, apparently, didn't work. Dr. King's close friend and associate, Rep. Walter Fauntroy, D-D.C., told us the late leader was fully aware of the FBI's surveillance and wasn't the least deterred by it.

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# Truth about FBI smear campaign against King

**Jack Anderson**

WASHINGTON — Associates of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. have asked us to investigate the FBI's smear charges against him and to publish our honest findings. His widow, they say, hopes we will clear his name.

We have found that the FBI sometime after 1964 began leaking stories about Dr. King's alleged sexual exploits and supposed Communist ties. The leaks were ordered personally by the late J. Edgar Hoover who had developed a fierce hatred for the black leader.

Hoover began the smear campaign after learning in advance that Dr. King would get the 1964 Nobel peace prize. The selection was reported to the late FBI chief in a secret memo from his intelligence network. He was so infuriated that he scrawled words of outrage on the memo in blue pencil, we were told.

Not long afterwards, Hoover was visited by Atlanta's police chief, Herbert Jenkins, who was then president of the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

Suddenly, out of context, Hoover blurted that he had three enemies whom he hated

more than anyone else in the world. He identified them as his former deputy, Quinn Tamm, ex-Atty. Gen. Robert Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The dumbfounded Jenkins later encountered his friend, Dr. Martin Luther King Sr., on the streets of Atlanta. Jenkins took the occasion to warn the old man pointedly that "Junior better be on the alert. It may be that the FBI is looking into him and they look pretty thoroughly."

Indeed, the FBI kept the civil rights crusader under surveillance and even bugged his hotel suites. Then the FBI used the information to start a whispering campaign against him. At the urging of his associates, we have now checked into the stories that the FBI spread about him. Here are our findings:

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Did Dr. King have secret Communist connections? He was in touch with a known Communist attorney in New York City, who tried to influence his civil rights campaign. However, Dr. King never let the Communists take over his movement and remained a staunch anti-Communist.

He eventually accepted some of the attorney's anti-Vietnam War views. But those who knew Dr. King agree he was motivated by humanity, not ideology.

Did the FBI tape a sex orgy, involving Dr. King, at Washington's old Willard Hotel? Witnesses who were with him at the Willard recall that he used some ribald language but indulged in no sexual acts.

There was evidence on the tape, according to those who heard it, that sexual intercourse occurred. But Dr. King was not one of the lovers. The man's voice was identified as that of an acquaintance.

Did Dr. King, while in Norway to accept the Nobel peace prize, chase a woman through an Oslo hotel? Rumors of the hot pursuit were whispered around Washington by the FBI.

Witnesses recall that some supporters of Dr. King let their jubilation get out of hand, brought prostitutes into the hotel and raised a ruckus. The witnesses remember clearly that King was not among them but, on the contrary, tried to quiet the celebration.

Did Dr. King carry on a romance with the wife of a Los Angeles dentist? To check out this FBI report, we spoke directly with both the dentist and his wife. Both agreed that she was Dr. King's close friend but not his lover.

Thus the FBI's attempt to besmirch the great civil rights leader, as Dr. King himself prefaced before his martyrdom, has backfired against the FBI.

Footnote: Neither Dr. Martin Luther King Sr. nor Herbert Jenkins would comment about the incidents involving them. But our sources had direct knowledge of the incidents.

They also told about another warning which Jenkins gave to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. before a dangerous visit to Alabama. "Don't go to Alabama or they'll kill you," urged the Atlanta police chief.

The black leader replied quietly: "If that's the Lord's will." On April 4, 1968, still guided by the Lord's will, he was assassinated in Memphis, Tenn.

## INTERPOL INVESTIGATION

A confidential Senate memo raises questions about the use of FBI data, which is distributed to dictatorships through Interpol, the international police agency.

The staff memo, addressed to Sen. Joseph Montoya, D-N.M., notes that nations of all political persuasions have access to FBI data through a computer at the Treasury Dept.

"Should the U.S. underwrite a burgeoning international data bank it cannot fully monitor?" asks the memo. "The possibility of laundering a request by an Iron Curtain country for information on an American citizen," should be explored, the memo urges.



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# FBI URGED KING SUICIDE—PANEL

WASHINGTON (AP) — The staff of a Senate committee said Tuesday that the FBI waged a campaign against the late Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., including sending a letter which King interpreted as a suggestion he commit suicide.

The campaign to destroy King's influence also included the planting

of 16 electronic bugs and eight wire-taps and an effort to hand pick and promote a successor to him as the nation's most influential black leader, committee lawyers said.

The disclosures came as the top lawyers of the Senate Intelligence Committee detailed FBI efforts to investigate, infiltrate and discredit thousands of persons in groups ranging from the Ku Klux Klan and the Communist party to the women's liberation movement.

Chief counsel F.A.O. Schwarz III and minority counsel Curtis Smothers said the full extent of the bureau's activities may never be known because most of director J. Edgar Hoover's personal files were destroyed shortly after his death in 1972.

The staff lawyers gave the most complete account to date of the FBI's counterintelligence, or Cointel programs, which were aimed at disrupting the personal lives of members of alleged terrorist, radical or new left groups by causing them to lose their jobs, fight among themselves or be arrested by local police.

They documented several attempts at destroying the marriages of such persons through anonymous letters written by FBI agents.

In the case of King, Smothers testified that a draft of the anonymous letter his wife received was found at FBI headquarters in the file of deputy director William Sullivan.

They said Sullivan maintains the draft letter was planted in his files by persons attempting to discredit him.

But they added the FBI does not dispute its authorship of the letter or the fact it was delivered to King.

King received the letter just 34 days before he was to receive the Nobel Peace Prize in 1965, an event which Schwarz said generated intense FBI efforts to find information to discredit King.

Schwarz said the letter "includes materials the FBI had gathered illegally or improperly through tapes and bugs and so forth." Sen. Walter F. Mondale, D-Minn., said some of the bugs were installed in King's hotel room.

Schwarz said later the material sent King with the letter was a tape recording gathered by illegal and improper electronic bugs and telephone taps containing information embarrassing to King. Other sources said the information

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was of a nature that could be used to blackmail King.

No senator or staff member would disclose the nature of the information, and one senator said the committee was trying not to create a situation in which the purpose of the FBI to discredit King might actually be realized.

The letter read in part:

"King, there is only one thing left for you to do. You know what it is. You have just 34 days in which to do. (This exact number has been selected for a specific reason.) It has definite practical significance. You are done. There is but one way out for you."

The rest of the letter was not read because of privacy reasons, the lawyers said.

They said King himself interpreted the letter as a clear suggestion that he commit suicide.

Smothers read from FBI memos in which he said the bureau outlined its objective of taking King "off his pedestal and reducing him completely in influence."

The bureau earmarked a man of its own choosing, a person who was not a civil rights leader, to take King's place as "a new national Negro leader."

Schwarz and Smothers later declined to identify the person concerned, saying that he asked to remain anonymous.

That person was never told by the FBI of the role some proposed he play and was "shocked and astonished" when committee staff members relayed the information to him, Smothers said.

A former FBI agent, meanwhile, told the House Intelligence Committee across the Capitol that he believes he

was asked to help the FBI try to prevent the election of black Rep. Andrew Young, D-Ga., in 1972.

Arthur Murtagh told the House committee his supervisor in the FBI Atlanta bureau told him Washington wanted him to obtain samples of Young's handwriting.

Murtagh said he refused and told the supervisor, "I knew damned well it was going to be used in an unrecorded counterintelligence operation to destroy Mr. Young's chances of getting elected to the House of Representatives."

In other testimony, a New Jersey contractor said he reported plans for an assault on the Camden, N.J., draft office in 1971 to the FBI and asserted that the FBI turned him into a provocateur to encourage the raid.

Robert Hardy said he tried to get the FBI to stop the raid in advance but instead said 100 FBI agents were brought into the area to wait for the event.

He asserted that the FBI told him "that the new orders had come directly from the little White House in California."

The House committee's chairman, Rep. Otis G. Pike, DN.Y., disclosed that an FBI report shows either a telephone call or some other communication to Pike's administrative assistant was intercepted by the FBI apparently in 1972.

Deputy associate FBI director James B. Adams listened to Pike's account and told the chairman he had never heard of the incident and knew nothing about it.

Adams later told the committee that the FBI does not use agent provocateurs to entrap people into committing crimes but conceded it does permit people so inclined to commit crimes on their own.

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# Anti-King campaign unjustified—agent

WASHINGTON (AP) — A top FBI official said today there was no justification for the bureau's extensive campaign to destroy Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. as a leader of the civil rights movement.

However, Associate Deputy Director James B. Adams defended the bureau's investigation of possible Communist influences on King and said that the late Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy had requested and approved FBI wiretaps on the civil rights leader.

Testifying under oath before the Senate intelligence committee, Adams said a total of 25 schemes were directed at discrediting King for which there was "no statutory basis or justification."

Adams said the motive for the campaign against King "was known to (the late FBI Director J. Edgar) Hoover and one top official," but Adams refused to reveal that motive.

Evidence made public Tuesday revealed that the FBI had wiretapped and bugged King, sent his wife an anonymous letter which King took to be a suggestion he commit suicide shortly before he was to receive the 1964 Nobel Peace Prize, and sought to promote a successor to King as the "national Negro leader."

One document raised the possibility that the FBI had been responsible for King's stay at the Memphis hotel where he was shot and killed in April 1968.

**ADAMS' REMARK** about Kennedy's approval of the wiretap did not apply to the electronic bugs, and it remained unclear who had approved the installation of 16 such eavesdropping devices against King.

The FBI official told the committee that "the president of the United States and the attorney general specifically discussed their concern of Communist influence with Dr. King."

He identified Kennedy as the attorney general but did not mention the president by name. Kennedy served as attorney general under both Presidents Lyndon B. Johnson and John F. Kennedy.

As described by Adams, Robert Kennedy initially requested the wiretap on King but then turned down the wire-

tap proposed submitted by the FBI. The bureau made a second proposal which Kennedy approved, according to Adams. "I don't know why he changed his mind," Adams said.

According to committee lawyers, the FBI campaign against King also included an unsuccessful 1964 effort to prevent King from meeting Pope Paul VI; a warning to then-New York Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller not to meet with King, and an attempt to convince a major university which had awarded an honorary degree to then-FBI director J. Edgar Hoover not to make a similar presentation to King.

Chief counsels F. A. O. Schwarz III and Curtis R. Smothers told the committee the campaign began with a January 1962 memo in which Hoover concluded that King was "no good." The campaign escalated sharply after the August 1963 civil rights march on Washington despite a determination by agents just prior to the march that the Communist party had "failed dismally" in its efforts to infiltrate the movement lead by King, the lawyers said.

**THE FINDING** that Communists had failed to infiltrate the civil rights movement was rejected by Hoover with the notation, "Time will only prove you're wrong," according to a series of memos read by the staff.

Several days after the march, William C. Sullivan, chief of the FBI domestic intelligence division, responded with a note that read "the director is correct. . . . We regret greatly the memo did not measure up to the standards that the director had every right to expect."

Another memo followed, recommending increased coverage of Communist influence in the civil rights movement, to which Hoover responded, "I can't understand how you can so agilely switch your thinking."

Ten days after than an unofficial memo written by Sullivan stated "it is obvious to us now we did not put the proper interpretation on the facts. . . . We regard Martin Luther King to be the most dangerous and effective Negro leader in the country."

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