Pendaflex

FBI - CENTRAL RECORDS CENTER

HQ - HEADQUARTERS PART 4 OF 4 BULKY PART 1 AND:

Class / Case # 0190 709

231 ONLY

8/19/352660

190-HQ-709-231

BULKY 231-CNLY

REPORALSSQ

4 of 4

profession discourance of the control of the contro		OO	0	N.
XEROX Tielles Mu	kin Menor Vol. I			
REVIEWED 1/9/17 Jmn				
EXCISED & XEROXED	007-19-77		_	
OTHER				
COMPLETED				
·}				•
				,
•			u ga ^a	
· · · · · ·	, -			\
	•		•	
				,
		-		

7-31-68

WE-SENT This INFO

MURKIM

MEMO

Mr. DeLoach

UP Balone

September 25, 1968

A. Rosen

Mr. DeLoach

Mr. Rosen

- Mr. Malley - Mr. McGowan

Mr. Long

: MURKIN

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr:

The sheriff of Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, made available to us the following/correspondence (letters) of James Earl Ray. It was made available to us on a confidential basis, not to be disclosed outside the Bureau. Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., who is handling the/state's prosecution is aware of the correspondence.

> 1. To Arthur Hanes (attorney for Ray)

From James Earl Ray

Date Oftober 18, 1968 (probably meant to

be September 18, 1968)

Substance: hay desired more than one legal opinion

before agreding to a proposition (unknown) of Hanes and stating he thinks William Bradford Huie (author who is writing a book about Ray) misunderstood

him.

2. To

J. B. Stoner (vice-president of National

States Rights Party)

From James Earl Ray

Date September 18, 1968

Substance: Advising Stoner he kill reimburse him for expense of coming to Memphis.

3. Jerry Ray (brother of Yames Earl Ray)

From James Earl Ray Date.

September 18, 1968 Substance :

Subject Ray wants Jerry to contact J. B. Stoner to come to see him and he wants Jerry to contact Percy Foreman (criminal trial lawyer from Houston, Texas) about

James Earl Ray taking the witness stand.

Enclosure

REL: jms (6)

CONTINUED - OVER

Rosen to DeLoach memorandum . RE: MURKIN

> To Michael Eugene (attorney in London for

> > subject Ray)

James Earl Ray From Date September 20, 1968

Substance: Attempting to obtain a transcript of the

> entire extradition proceedings, at suggestion of his attorney Hanes.

5. To Jerry Ray (brother of James Earl Ray)

From James Earl Ray September 20, 1968 Date

Substance: Subject Ray wants Jerry to contact the

London attorney, inquiring if Jerry talked to attorney Percy Foreman and

J. B. Stoner.

6. James Earl Ray To

> From Jerry Ray (brother of James Earl Ray)

September 17, 1968 Date

Substance: Advising he has not talked to Hanes or

Stoner lately and Hanes previously

mentioned he wanted to talk to some of

Rays relatives.

ACTION:

For your information, you will be advised of pertinent developments. Attached are these letters for inspection.

10-18-68

Den Mr Hones;

I have been thinking a last of what.

You said yesterlay, must expecially about tacticle, Due come to the conclusion that their is on important matter as least from as possition.

Therefore before I agree to their I think I should have more them one legal apinion, therefore I have written my faither and ask his assistant on this matter, I don't think the apprecian will guine but one chance on their In The mentione; I am writing everything cloom. I will get you opion on these deflows matters when you come up.

MEMPILS, HAY
REMPILS, TENN
COUNTY IT MIL.

Go Go

Special Delivery

To. Mr. Arthur House, altring.
617 Frank nelson Bly.
Berminghom, alabama

but their was two mustakes
in the Story which me injection of

Jewell talk to you about there
where you come up.

Simily

Porte. Ray

P.S. I Think HOIE has MISUNDERSTOD

P.S. I Think HOIE has MISUNDERSTOD

THE MALT ZIMBULLE THINKING ON

THE MALT ZIMBULLE THINKING ON

IT, AND IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT

IT, AND IT WOULD BE ITS SENTIN.

TO CORRECT IT BEFORE ITS SENTIN.

19-18-68

Den M. Hones,

I have been thinking a last of what.

you said yesterlay, must especially

about tactist, Due come to the

conclusion that their is on important

matter as least from my prinction.

Therefore before I agree to their I think I should have more than one legal apinion, therefore I have written my futher and ask his assistant on this

smiller, I don't think the oppision will give me but one chine on their In The mentione

2 om writing everything cloon. I well get you open on these defluts

matters when you come up.

TRASES , FRAY MEMPRIS, TENN COUNTYITHL.



To. Mr. Arthur Hoses, altring 617 Fronk nelson Bl. Birminghom, alabama. but their was two mistakes
in the story which me inportant

Jouel talk to you about there
where you come up.

Simily

Forer E. Ray

P.S. I Think HOIE has MISUNDERSTOD

P.S. I Think HOIE has MISUNDERSTOD

The MALT ZINGWHILE THINKING ON

THE MALT ZINGWHILE THINKING ON

IT, AND IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT

IT, AND IT WOULD BE ITS SERTIN.

TO CORPECT IT BEFORE ITS SERTIN.

Dear Sin;

2 will just winte a few line,

3 wrote you a few days ogo but

3 guess you brue hern to buy on

The reason 3 om winty you opan

is not only in regards to the likel

cose but on other matters reliting

to my cose as well, which will

Alf to be settled shortly.

2 well trembuse you for what

The effence of coming up here is Byy,

Summerly

Limited

TAMES RAY

MEMPHIS, TENNI

COUNTY THIL,

TO Ms. J. B. Stoner,

altoing at four

Po Bot - 6263

Swannely, Georgia, 31405

Dear Siri

2 will just write a few line,

3 wrote you a few day ogo but

3 guess you have been to buy on

The reason 2 on writing you open

is not only in regards to The likel

cose but on other matters reliting

to my cose as well, which well

foll to be settled shortly.

2 well ireimburse you for what

The expense of coming up here is to you.

Survey.

Limitely

TAMES BAY

MEMPHIS, TENNI

COUNTY THIL,

TO MS. J. B. Stoner,

allowing at four

Po Bot - 6263

Surannal, Georgia, 31405

Sept-18-1968 Dear Levy: I will just write a few lines to lit you know everything is OX att. Homes who here today That lauger from Swonnich Georgia hant get up here efet. I don't strow if he is busy or not what I want you to do is call him again ord ook him hav somehe can get up to see me, I wrote him but looms head from Aim of possible he mile bitchery. to come lis nome is J. S. STONER PhONE 3554271- SAUANNALISTER him el le cond get up unite and let me know, also you with right forks let me strow what he soil in core le forgets to writer. over.



To. Mr. Ferry Ray 1902 Cherakee St. Javis, missauri

SPECIAL DELIVERY

also ask fock or you to Stalk to pery Foremon again and get his apinion on my truit especially about taking the witness what I am going to do but will deside within a week or 10 days so if you con find out the info, and write wight book get advice from more Hon one allowing on this case, Skit eosy, P.S. Olso- lell stoner 2 w Positive for coming up ask Foremon about seeing me also; Jack Knows his address, ask him pine To come up.

Sept-18-1768 Dear Levy. I will just write a few line To lit you know everything is 0% att. Homes who here today That layer from Swonnich Georgia hasn't got up here yet. I don't strow if he is busy or met. What I wont you to do is coll him ogain ord ask him hav somethe can get up to see me, I wrothen but home head from him , et possible he mile bitching. To come lis nome is J.B. STONER PhONE 3554271-5AUANNALISTEEL him if he cond get up cante and let me know, also you winter right forks let me sonow what he said in core le forgets to write. over



To. Mr. Levy Ray 1902 Cherakee 'St, Jouis, Missauri

SPECIAL DELIVERY

also ask fock or you to Stalk to pery Foremon again and get his apinion on my truit stond, on not just sure yet what I am going to do but will deside within a week or 10 days so if you con find out the info, and with winger bock what I am trying to do is one allowing on this case, Ik it lost. P.S. Olso lell Stoner 2 will · pop him for coming up, ask Foremon about seeing me also; Jack Knows his address, ask him pius Tocome up. Dear Mr. Eugene;

I would appreciate it very much if
you would write me and give me some
information on how to again the
tronscript of the extralition proceeding
against me in England and any although
popers involving my henrings,

I could you send me the price of the

2. Do you still hove three paper that we reviewed ond if so what would be the price for diplicate copys.

3. One these the ones you sent Mr. Honer?
Mr. Hones suggested I write upon as their is
some conflict of carbat upon sent him.
MY HODRESS ON ENUROPE.

Sincerely, Jomes E. Ly.

LONDOX NAME, R.G. SHEYD

Sheley COUNTS TRIL MEMPING, TENN. U.S.A.

> TO. MICHAEL DRESDEN SOLICITOR COMPANY. 132 TAVISTUCK. LONDON, ENGLAND.

> > TO, MR. MICHAEL EUGENE,

9-20-68

Dear Mr. Eugene;

I would appreciate it very must if
you would write one and give me some
information on how to again the
tronscript of the extradition proceeding
against me in England and any although
popers involving my henrings,

I. could you send me the price of the trief tronscript

2. Do you still have these paper that we reviewed and if so what would be the price for diplicate copys.

3. One these the ones you sent Mr. Honer?

Mr. Hones suggested I write again as their in

some conflict of could you sent him.

MY HODRESS ON ENUSOPE.

Sincerely: Jomes E. Ly.

LONDON NAME, R.G. SNEYD

JAMES RAY
Shelby COUNTS TAIL
MEMPAIC, TENN.
U.S.A.

TO. MICHAEL DRESDEN SOLICITOR COMPANY. 132 TAVISTOCK. LONDON, ENGLAND.

TO, MR. MICHAEL EUGENE,

ŗ

9-20-68 Dear Levry I will just evrite a year lines to let you know a reid your letter yesterday the day ofter I wrote you If Hones wonto to see you than let him come up their, also 2 . Dought doubt if he senderyou onything. Their is something I forgot To Stell you yesterly, 2 would like for your To call The lower 3 had in london England and apple Sim If he Ever sent Hones ong. legal popers I had over their, If so how much was the cost The name of the low company is MICHEAL DRESDEN CO. SOLICITORS

To. Mr. Levy Ray.

1902 cherokee.

J. Janie, Misseni.
63118.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

De you have allowed talked to going Theremon it allowed, but if you how hald up a few days until we see what I toner days, on lets I say I you con't get to and I think he will onsee but I thought I would have you call in coule don't onser me book, But write right Book if you do contak him.

132 TAUISTOCK.

LONDON ENGLAND

THE MANY TO ASK AND THIK TO IB.

WHEN YOU GET THE NOMBER IS.

MR. MICHENL EUGENE

John Con proubly get the phone.

from the British consul in St. faire

Write book & bel me thour what

he says. But don't get to the

much bother about it. Tell

first theypily to the if eng.

Per they and IS ON DIFFERENT

TIME THAN THE. U.S. A. SO SEE

ALSO IF T. BONE EVER GOES TO FULTON COME + SEE ME,

Dear Lerry; I will just evente a few leves To let you know a said your letter yesterday the day after I wrote you If Hones wonto to see you than let him come up their, also 2 Dought doubt if he senderyou onething. Their is something I forgot To Stell you yesterday, I would like for your To call The lower 3 had in london England and appl Sim If he Ever sent. Hones ong legal popers I had over their, If so how mush was the cost The name of the low company is MICHEAL DRESDEN CO. SOLICITORS

FRANKLING BUJULIVELT

To. Mr. Levy Ray.

1902 cherokee.

Jr. Louis, missimi.
63118.

De you have allowed talked to going Thremon it allowed, but if you hownt bald up a few days until we see what Stoner Says, on lets Day of you cont get the Roylish allowing linturning about it and I think he will onsee but I thought I would have you call in coule de don't onsee me book, But write richt Book if you do contak him.

132 TAUISTOCK.

LONDON ENGLAND.

THE MAN TO ASK AND THIK TO.
WHEN YOU GET THE NUMBER IS.
MR. MICHENL EUGENE

from the British consul in St. fairs.
Write book the me town what he says. But don't got to too
much bother about it. Tell
Lich t Eurybile to take if eng.

TIME THAND IS ON DIFFERENT TIME THAN THE USA SO SEE WHEN IT'S WOKKING HOURS THEIR ALSO IF T. BONE EVER GOES TO FULTON COMEYSEE ME,

Dear Jimmy I received your letter last week and would have answered it right leach but I dedut know It down going May in stifacis or nut. I throught about going up to Quesies and work for a few weeks, I think ell just stay around stidouts until your treat will be at your trial, Emagene alt will last for Quite awhile I howent learnest anothing new since I wrate to you last as I hount talked to Haines or stoner since lack Yaral are aboy. Hones never ded . I send me that contract you were Illing me about concerning the Boals. low see me about something just let me know and all drive clown.

AFTER 5 DAYS RETURN TO

JEHRY MAY

-19-02 C. HEROKEE

-St. LOUIS, MO.

ZIP COOC 63/18

OOO VIA

Shelly County fail

Manufair , Tonn.

01613.

Paines mentioned the last time of talked to him that he would like to talk to caral, facht al. facht al could meet him in memphis on one of his visits to you he would have to let us know whom but up he talks to caral he will however come to set hard.

I guess all Close for more as were brother

Brother

P.G. Lit me know when and y anything. new Serielogs conving the case.

Dear Jimmy & received your letter last week and would have answered it right leach but I dedut know It I were going May in stirbaris or nut. I Throught about going up to Quesies and work for a few weeks, I think ell just stay around stidouts until your treal states. If everything gues as planned lack and I will be at your trial, Emagene alt will last for Quite awhile I howen't learned anything new since I wrate to you last as it hount talked to Haines or stoner since lacks Lard are aboy. Hones never ded I send me that contract you were Illing me about concering the Boats. low see me about somethers just let me know and all drive clower.

AFTER S DAYG RETURN TO

JCHLY RAY

-1902 CHEROKEE

-5t' Louis, mo

zip coot 63/18

Ooo Via

Shelly county fail

manphin | Tann.

Haines mentioned the last time of talked to him that he would like to talk to caral, fackt al. fackt al could meet him in memphis on one of his visits to you he would have to let us howir when but up he talks to caral he will however come to sto hack.

I guess all close for more.

Brother

Jerry Roy

P.G. Let me know when and y anothing. new Sevelops concering the case. Dear Mr. Eugune;

I would appreciate it very much if you would write one and give me some information on how to again the transcript of the extradition proceeding against me in England and any attended propers involving my hearings,

1. could you send metter grice of the

2. Do you still hove those paper that we revowed ond if so what would be the price for deplicate copys.

3. Ore these the ones you sent Mr. Honer?
Mr. Hones suggested I write you as their is
some conflict of cubat you sent him.
MY ADDRESS ON ENUXOPE.

Sincerely: Jomes E. Ly.

LONDOX NAME, R.G. SNEYD

JAMES RAY
Shelby COUNTS TAIL
MEMPAIC, TENN.
U.S.A.

TO. MICHAEL DRESDEN SOLICITOR COMPANY. 132 TAVISTUCK. LONDON, ENGLAND.

TO, MR. MICHAEL & UCENE

NA NAIL

Dear Lerry', I will just evente a year leven To let you know I reid your letter yesterles the day after I wrote you If Hones worts to see you than let him come up their, also 2 Dought lault if he combingon onything. Their is something I forgot To Stell you yesterly, I would like for your To call The lower 3 had in london England and appl Sim If he Ever sent Hones ong. legal popers I had over their, of so Low mush was the Cost. The name of the low company is MICHEAL DRESDEN CO. SOLICITORS

1902 Cherokee.

21. Janis, missouri.
63118.

If you have allowed talked to Oney Thorewow it albught, but if you hount falil up a few days until we see what Stoner Says, on less I say of you cont get to English othorney Sintermy ober it as 2 love wrote him and I think he will once but a though 2 - would have you call in caule don't onser ne bruk, But write ris

132 TAUISTOCK

LONDON ENGLAND

THE MANY TO ASK AND THIN TO IB

WHEN YOU GET THE NOMBER IS.

MR. MICHENL EUGENE

Jou can prombly get the phone.

from the British council in St. faire

Write book & bel me know what

he says. But don't get to the

mush bother about it. Teel

Sed Y Eurypil to the id eng.

To ME THAN THE. U.S. A. SO SEE

ALSO IF T, BONE EVER GOES TO FULTON COMETSEE ME,

sept 17-68 Dear Jimmy I received your letter last week and would have answered it wisht be but I dedut know If I were going to Stay in stefacis or nut. I throught about going up to Quency and work for or few weeks, I think Ill pist stay around st. Louis until your trial starts. If everything gues as planned fact and I will be at your trial, Cemagine alt will last for Quite awhile I lovent learnest anything new since I wrate to you last as I Sount talked to Haines or stoner since looks Laral are aboy. Hones I send me that contract you were telling me about concerning the Boals. ef anything comes up where you won't loo see me about something just let me know and all drive clocker.

AFTER 5 DAYS RETURN TO

JEHLY BAY

1902 C. HEROKEE

57 LOUIS, MO

ZIP COOE 631/8

OGO VIA AIR MAIL

Me lames E. Ray

Shelly county fail

manphia, tonn.

016B.

Haines mentioned the last time of talked to him that he would like to talk to Caral, Jackt al. Jackt al could meet him in memphis on one of his visits to you He would have to let us brain when but of he talks to Earal he will however come to st. Lauls. I guess elle Close for mow: P.G. Let me know when and y anything new Society concerning the case.

10-18-68

Dear Mr Hones,

I have been thinking a last of what:

you said yesterlay, must repecially

about tacticle, Due come to The

conclusion that their is on important

matter as least from any principle.

Therefore before I agree to this I think

I should have more then one layer

opinion, therefore I have written up

futter and ask his assistant on this

matter, I don't think the appearing will give me

fut one change on their In The mentione

I om writing everything choom. I well

get you open on these different

matters when you come up.

TANES: PAY MEMPILS, TENN COUNTY I TRIL.



To. Mr. Arthur House, allowy.
617 Frank nelson Bly.
Bermerghom, alabama

SPECIAL DELILERY

Clas I forget to tell you but their was two mistakes in that stay when some important I will talk to you about there where you come up.

Poner E. Ray

P.S. I Think HOIE has MISUNDERSTOP

P.S. I Think HOIE has MISUNDERSTOP

The MALT ZANGWHILE THINKING ON

THE MALT ZANGWHILE THINKING ON

IT, AND IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT

IT, AND IT WOULD BE ITS SENTIN.

TO COKNECT IT BEFORE ITS SENTIN.

Den die;

2 mil just winte a few lier,

2 wrote you a few days ogo but

3 guess you love heen to buy on

The reason I om winty you ogain

is not only in regards to the like!

Cose but on other matters reliting

to my cose as well, which well

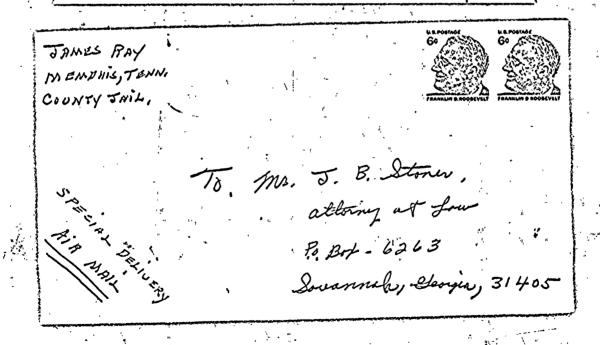
foll to be settled shorty.

I well reimbure you for what

The effence of coming up her is Byyy,

Survey.

Limited



Sept-18-1768 Den Levy. I will first write a few lines to let you know eventting is OX att. Homes who here today That layer from Swonnich Georgia hasn't got up here yet. I don't show if he is busy or not what I want you to do is call him again out ask him law somehe can get up to see me, I wrote him but looms heid from him , es possible he mile bitching, to come les nome so J. S. STONER PhINE 3554271- SAUANNALISTER him if he cond get up winte and let me know, also you winter right forks let me smow what he said in case le forgets to write. over.



To. Mr. Ferry Ray 1902 Cherakee St. Janis, Missami

SPECIAL DELIVERY

also ask fock or you . Stolk to pery Foremon again and get his apinion on my truit stond, on not just sure yet what I am going to do but will deside within a week or 10 days so if you can find out the info, and with wight book get aduce from more thou one allowy on this case, Sk it lost, P.S. Olso tell Stoner 2 will pop him for coming up, Joek Knows his oddress, ask him pice To come up. 2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

MR. I. W. CONRAD

W. D. GRIFFITH

MUR 1 18/24/68

Lory

MURKIN

Today Special Agent Joseph Hester, Memphis Division, called to advise that pursuant to prior arrangements made with the Bureau, three representatives of the Attorney General's office in Memphis will be arriving tomorrow (Wednesday, September 25) to examine the evidence being held in the Laboratory in this case. The three men are:

Robert K. Dwyer - special assistant to the District Attorney;

James Beasley - assistant district attorney; and,

John Carlyle - investigator: for the District Attorney's office.

The precise itinerary of these gentlemen is unknown at this time but it is expected they will arrive at approximately noon, tomorrow, Wed. Sept. 25.

I advised SA Hester to have the representatives of the District Attorney's office contact your (Mr. Conrad's) office telephonically upon arrival and to proceed to the Justice Building and come to room 7621.

SA Hester stated that after the evidence has been reviewed, the three visitors intend to return to Memphis.

Memphis is confirming these arrangements by teletype.

RECOMMENDATION:

None - for information.

1 - Mr. Mohr

Mr. DeLoachEs Shall nelling

Mr. (Rosen)

Mr. Trotter

Mr. Conrad

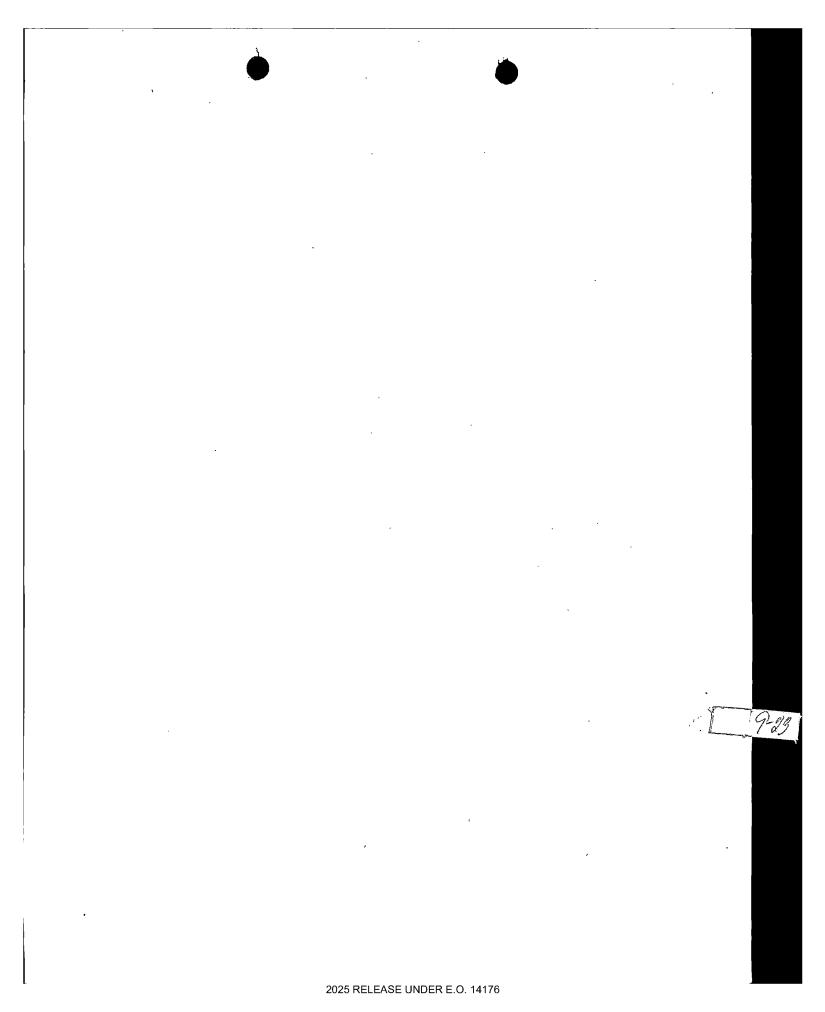
Mr. Griffith

Mr. Jevons

WDG:mn

(9))

44-38861



Septemb 25, 1968 GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The attached relates to information furnished to us on a confidential basis, and should not be discolosed outside this Eureau. Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County, Tennessee, who is handling the state's prosecution is aware of the contents in the attached.

J. B. Stoner is no doubt identical to Jesse B. Stoner, Vice-chairman of the National States Rights Party (a vicious anti-Semitic, anti-Negro, right wing hate group based in Savannah, Georgia.)

'D-56 (Rev. 5-22-64) 9-23-68 Harte FBI Date: Transmit the following in . (Type in plaintext or code) AIRTEL AM Viα (Priority) TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) FROM: MEMPHIS /(44=1987) MURKIŃ

On this date, Sheriff WILLIAM N. MORRIS. JR. advised that he received information that J. B. STONER, Attorney, had been in correspondence with JAMES EARL RAY. The nature of the correspondence was to the effect that J. B. STONER volunteered his services at no cost to JAMES EARL RAY and indicated that he would arrive in Memphis on Wednesday, 9/25/68, to meet with JAMES EARL RAY.

Sherff MORRIS was of the opinion that JAMES EARL RAY was losing interest in ARTHUR HANES, his present attorney, and might conceivably let STONER defend him in the forthcoming trial. Sheriff MORRIS also advised that he had picked up information indicating that JAMES EARL RAY at the present time was desirous of taking the stand on his own behalf when the trial occurs in Memphis. Sheriff MORRIS also stated that the current attorney, ARTHUR HANES, does not want his client JAMES EARL RAY to testify.

Bureau will be kept advised of additional developments as they occur.

	*		**	u t	
BUREAU ATLANTA (INFO)(AM) BIRMINGHAM (INFO)(AM) MEMPHIS	e e la e la	. ,			

RGJ:BN **(6)**

Approved:	16 Gensen	SentM		Det DIVI	, ,
	ial Agent in Charge	ociii	f .	P-G1	•

September 20, 1968

PLAINTEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

1 - Mr. Long

1 - Mr. Conrad

- Mr. Trotter

To: SAC, MEMPHIS

From: DIRECTOR, FBI

MURKIN

TOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT MR. PHIL M. CANALE, JR., STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL, SHELBY COUNTY, MEMPHIS AND ADVISE HIM HE AND/OR HIS REPRESENTATIVES MAY PROCEED TO OUR LABORATORY IN WASHINGTON, D. C. FOR REVIEW OF THE EVIDENCE IN BUREAU'S POSSESSION. HE SHOULD PROVIDE US WITH SUFFICIENT MOTIFICATION AS TO HIS DATE OF ARRIVAL. YOU SHOULD ADVISE THE BUREAU AS TO THE IDENTITY OF THE RESPECTIVE FIELD OFFICES THAT MR. CANALE PLANS TO HOLD PRETRIAL CONFERENCES WITH AGENTS AND WITNESS IN ORDER THAT SACE WILL HAVE SUFFICIENT MOTICE TO ARRANGE THEIR PERSONAL ATTENDANCE IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE BUREAU'S INTEREST.

REL:mjd (5)

NOTE: See Rosen to DeLoach memo, 9/19/68, captioned "MURKIN," REL: jms.

\dot{M} emorandum

TO

: Mr. DeLoach

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Q.	MURKIN
	11/0/6
	WEWO LEB
	MEMOLDER
٠.	, -

DATE: September 19, 1968

1 - Mr. DeLoach

1 - Mr. Rosen

1 - Mr. Malley

1 - Mr. McGowan

(1) - Mr. Long

1 - Mr. Conrad1 - Mr. Trotter

Tolson
DeLoach
Mohr
Bishop
Casper
Callahan
Conrad
Felt
Gole
Rosen
Sullivan
Tavel
Trotter
Tele, Room
Holmes
Gandy

SYNOPSIS:

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther Evidence recovered by Memphis authorities returned to King, Jr. them. Evidence recovered by Bureau, including the 1966 Mustang vehicle and documents, retained by Bureau in view of outstanding Federal charge against James Earl Ray. Department does not desire to dismiss charge at this time. In view of scheduled state trial of Ray in Memphis on November 12, 1968, disposition of evidence recovered by Bureau discussed with Department. Department advises 1966 Mustang should be turned over to Memphis authorities, and we should retain all other evidence in view of outstanding Federal charge. The Department further advised in connection with future court action, if Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., who is handling state prosecution, should make a request for any particular piece of evidence retained by the Bureau, such items should be made available to him. Conference held with Mr. Canale and other representatives of his office and they recommend their representatives meet with our Laboratory examiners to review the evidence in our possession and in selecting those items which will be most advantageous to introduce at time of Mr. Canale plans to hold pretrial conferences in the field with all witnesses including FBI Agents. When this is firmed up instructions will be issued to SACs to personally attend to protect Bureau's interest.

ACTION:

- 1. Laboratory being advised of conference with Mr. Canale and review and selection of evidence to be used for trial.
- 2. Attached for approval are a teletype to Memphis and Atlanta instructing the 1966 Mustang be released to Mr. Canale and a letter to the Department confirming the conversation concerning disposition of the evidence.

Enclosures REL: jms (8)

CONTINUED - OVER

2

Rosen to DeLoach Memorandum RE: MURKIN

BACKGROUND:

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

At the specific instructions of the Director the evidence recovered by the Memphis Police Department at the scene of the assassination in Memphis was returned to them after our Laboratory examination. The report of our Laboratory findings was also transmitted to the Memphis Police Department.

Evidence recovered by the Bureau has been retained in our Laboratory in view of the outstanding Federal charge, namely, the Civil Rights conspiracy charge against subject Ray. The evidence we have recovered includes the 1965 Mustang automobile, maps, bed sheets, a television set, various items of food, and personal articles of clothing. It is noted that a latent finger-print was located on a map which matched Ray's fingerprints and hairs and fibers located in the articles of clothing compared favorable with those located in the evidence at the scene of the assassination.

We also have in our possession documents which include the handwriting, hand printing, and typewriting identified as being prepared by Ray. We are continually comparing new documents with those we are retaining. For example, on August 23, 1968, we learned that subject Ray was employed by a restaurant in Winnetka, Illinois, during May and June, 1967. The documents relating to Ray's employment were obtained and forwarded to the Laboratory for examination purposes and identifications were made.

We have raised the question with the Department as to whether or not the complaint filed against James Earl Ray should be dismissed. The Department has advised that in their view it would not be appropriate to dismiss the complaint at this time as the conspiracy investigation is still underway. The Department further advised that after investigation has been completed, they would want to review the facts to determine whether or not Federal prosecution of Ray or other persons might be appropriate.

In view of the scheduled state trial of James Earl Ray in Memphis, Tennessee, on November 12, 1968, we discussed with the Department the disposition of evidence recovered by the Bureau. As a result thereof, the Department has advised that the 1965 Mustang automobile recovered in Atlanta should be turned over to the Memphis authorities; however, all other evidence which we recovered, including the documents, should be maintained in our possession in view of the outstanding Federal charge and our continuing investigation. The Department further advised they

- 2 -

CONTINUED - OVER .