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were made, these names were merely added to the passenger manifest and no addresses were obtained. Efforts to locate this manifest to date have been negative.

Investigation conducted by Kansas City and San Francisco Divisions determined that the addresses furnished by WALKER and RAND at the William Len Hotel were nonexistent. These Divisions as well as Houston and Memphis have been unable to identify WALKER, RAND, DAVIS, or CHIDLOW through contact with airline personnel, transportation drivers, motel and hotel clerks, credit and criminal checks, and through a review of street and telephone directories in the pertinent cities involved.

The FBI Laboratory developed six latent fingerprints of value on Q349 which was the William Len Hotel registration card of WALKER and five latent fingerprints of value were developed on Q350 which was the registration card for RAND.

The FBI Identification Division developed VINCENT JOSEPH WALKER, FBI # 52651D, as a suspect possibly identical with VINCENT WALKER, who registered at the William Len Hotel. The Latent Fingerprint Section of the FBI, Identification Division, has advised that the latent prints developed on Q349 and Q350 are not identical with the fingerprints of VINCENT JOSEPH WALKER, FBI # 52651D. The FBI Laboratory has also advised that the handwriting appearing on Q349 and Q350 is not identical with the handwriting of WALKER, FBI # 52651D.

The William Len Hotel personnel advised that this WALKER is not identical with WALKER or RAND who registered at the hotel on 4/4/68. WALKER, FBI # 52651D, was interviewed by a BuAgent on 6/12/68 at St. Louis, Mo., and denied being in Memphis or ever flying via commercial airlines. Driver for the Yellow Cab Company transporting WALKER and RAND to Metropolitan Airport, Memphis, advised that a photograph of WALKER, FBI # 52651D, is definitely not identical with either of the two individuals that he transported to the Metropolitan Airport, Memphis, in the early a.m. of 4/5/68.

The Yellow Cab Company driver, William Len Hotel employees, and Delta Airlines employees advise that JAMES EARL RAY is definitely not identical with the two individuals that they had dealings with in Memphis on 4/4-5/68.

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Although it is agreed that WALKER and RAND departed the Memphis area in a somewhat suspicious manner on 4/5/68, many visitors and residents, immediately after KING was killed, departed the Memphis area by any means of transportation available due to the real existence of fear of the riot as a result of KING's killing. The Memphis Division conducted investigation regarding numerous persons who left the area after KING's killing and WALKER and RAND were merely two individuals of the large number of individuals who were under investigation as suspects prior to the identification of ERIC STARVO GALT at the Rebel Motel, Memphis, and subsequent identification of JAMES EARL RAY as being identical with ERIC STARVO GALT.

Due to the manner in which WALKER and RAND departed the Memphis area and the lack of luggage at the time of their arrival and departure, it is believed that WALKER and RAND were "running from something," possibly law enforcement and/or were in the city of Memphis for some type of illegal activity.

Since WALKER and RAND furnished nonexistent addresses in San Francisco and Kansas City, Kansas, and it is believed that they actually changed names while in Memphis, it is not believed that any of the names used in Memphis by these individuals would be their true identities.

In view of the above, no further investigation is being conducted or directed by the Memphis Division concerning the William Len Hotel phase in this matter.

8/8/68

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1 - Mr. Long

To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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The Bureau is contemplating comparing the latent fingerprints developed on the William Len Hotel registration cards concerning Vincent Walker and Lawrence Rand in an effort to identify these individuals. You should, therefore, obtain elimination prints from hotel employees, law enforcement officers who may have handled these registration cards and any other individuals from your determination who may have handled these cards.

Submit these prints to the Bureau promptly.

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NOTE: See memo Rosen to DeLoach, dated 8/5/68, same caption, REL:cs, with addendum of General Investigative Division.

*AC 112*

Mr. Rosen

July 31, 1968

C. L. McGowan

1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Malley  
1 - Mr. McGowan  
① - Mr. Long

MURKIN

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

The following original documents were  
obtained from the Special Agents who were responsible  
for transporting James Earl Ray from London, England,  
to the United States:

1. The flight logs concerning Ray's  
activities while in flight.
2. The custody logs concerning Ray.
3. The notes of the physician who  
conducted the physical examination of  
James Earl Ray.
4. The Presidential order requesting  
James Earl Ray be extradited to the  
United States.
5. Six (6) photographs of James Earl  
Ray taken on the airplane.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the above original documents be made part  
of the Bureau file and retained in the files at the Seat  
of Government. Memphis has been provided copies of the  
above.

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**Mr. DeLoach**

**July 31, 1968**

**A. Rosen**

**1 - Mr. DeLoach**

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**MURKIN**

**1 - Mr. Long**

**This is the case involving the murder of  
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**The Legal Attache in Ottawa has furnished us  
with results of investigation by the Royal Canadian Mounted  
Police (RCMP) regarding activities of subject Ray while  
in Toronto, Canada.**

**The investigative results include the interview  
of a person by the name of Blanche Beatrice Hutchinson,  
who identified the photograph of James Earl Ray as the  
individual whom she spent one night with at the Lord Simco  
Hotel in Toronto, Canada, in April of 1968. She claims  
that she picked Ray up at the Metropol Hotel in Toronto  
and stated that Ray used foul language while he was making  
love to her. Officers of the RCMP described her as a  
prostitute, alcoholic and confirmed liar and incapable of  
telling the whole truth. Photographs of Hutchinson are  
attached.**

**The investigative report of the RCMP also  
states that Ray on April 23, 1968, entered Loblaw's  
Grocerteria, Toronto, Canada, from the rear of the establish-  
ment and asked the assistant manager for a full time job.  
Ray was notified that full time help was only hired from the  
head office, not by various branches and the correct  
address and phone number of the home office was supplied  
to Ray. The head office of Loblaw's was checked, however,  
there is no record of Ray applying for a job under his  
own name or aliases.**

**The RCMP report also advises that they have  
made investigation at 103 branches of various banks in the  
Toronto area, as well as 125 branches of the Royal Bank  
of Canada in Toronto with negative results concerning the  
possibility of Ray having a bank account or safety deposit  
box in such establishments.**

**Enclosures (2)**

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**Memo Rosen to DeLoach**  
**RE: MURKIN**

**The RCMP officials are continuing to account  
for the subject's activities in Toronto, Canada.**

**ACTION:**

**For your information.**

*Memorandum*

Mr. Conrad

July 31, 1968

W. D. Griffith

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Legat, London, has forwarded to the Bureau photocopies of numerous documents pertaining to James Earl Ray which were obtained from British authorities on a confidential basis. The exact nature of these documents is set forth in a memorandum dated July 26, 1968, from Mr. Rosen to Mr. DeLoach. In general, these items are letters sent under the name Ramon George Sneyd to Mr. J. B. Stoner, Attorney at Law, Savannah, Georgia; Mr. Arthur J. Hanes, subject Ray's attorney; the Attorney General; John Ray, subject's brother and Mr. Edward Heath, of the House of Commons. Also included in the material submitted was a letter from John Ray to the subject and observations of British prison personnel concerning the subject's activities during his incarceration.

It was determined from an examination that the questioned handwriting and hand printing appearing on the items which emanated from Ramon George Sneyd were prepared by the subject JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405942G.

RECOMMENDATION: None. For information.

44-38861

- 1-Mr. Mohr
- 1-Mr. DeLoach
- 1-Mr. Rosen
- 1-Mr. Conrad
- 1-Mr. Griffith
- 1-Mr. Mortimer
- 1-Foreign Liaison
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**July 31, 1968 -**

**GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION**

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

**Attached is in response to our memorandum to the Attorney General pointing out that it was our understanding that since the Civil Rights - Conspiracy charge was not cited in the order of extradition, prosecution was not possible on this charge. The Criminal Division advised the Civil Rights Division that it concurred with our observation.**

**We will, of course, continue to run out any allegations relating to possible conspiracies in this case.**

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*Rosen*  
Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

JUL 30 1968

Stephen J. Pollak  
Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Rights Division

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JAMES EARL RAY

This is in response to your memorandum to the Attorney General of July 23, 1968, raising the question as to whether or not the complaint filed against Ray in Birmingham on April 17, 1968 under 18 U.S.C. 241 should be dismissed.

In our view, it would not be appropriate to dismiss the complaint at this time. The conspiracy investigation is still under way. After that investigation has been completed, we would want to review the facts and determine whether or not prosecution of Ray or other persons might be appropriate. If the evidence and the outcome of the State proceedings warranted our continued pursuit of the prosecution against Ray, we would want to consider appropriate steps through proper channels to try to obtain a waiver from the British government under the Treaty so that prosecution could proceed.

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July 29, 1968

Stephen J. Pollak  
Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Rights Division

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Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division

JAMES EARL RAY

A Xerox copy of a memorandum dated July 23, 1968,  
to the Attorney General from the FBI is attached.

We concur in this recommendation.

Attachment

cc: Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

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The Attorney General

July 23, 1968

Director, FBI

JAMES EARL RAY

It is noted that a complaint was filed before the United States Commissioner at Birmingham, Alabama, on April 17, 1968, charging the subject, as Eric Starvo Galt, with a violation of Section 241, Title 18, United States Code.

It is our understanding that prosecution of the above charge is no longer possible in view of the fact that this offense was not cited in the order of extradition. It is requested that we be advised as to whether this is correct and if this is so, it is suggested that the Department arrange for the immediate dismissal of the Federal complaint.

1 - The Deputy Attorney General

① - Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr.  
Assistant Attorney General

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: January 29, 1969

FROM : A. Rosen

1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Malley  
1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Long  
1 - Mr. Bishop

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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

An article appeared in the "Parade" magazine (the magazine contained in various Sunday newspapers in the country) to the effect that two prominent New Orleans businessmen reportedly contributed \$25,000 to intermediaries to arrange for James Earl Ray to murder Martin Luther King, Jr. We do not have any information to this same effect.

The magazine lists the Editor-at-Large as Lloyd Shearer and the office of "Parade" magazine is listed at 733 Third Avenue, New York, New York.

Bureau indices indicate that Bureau has had cordial relations with "Parade" magazine although its Washington Bureau is held at arms length since it is staffed by Jack Anderson and Fred Blumenthal. The president of "Parade" magazine, Arthur H. Motley, is on the Special Correspondents' list

Bureau records further indicate that Lloyd Shearer has requested on two occasions to be placed on the mailing list to receive the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin, and on each instance, this was denied. In 1947, Shearer was interviewed by a Special Agent in connection with an investigation. In the preliminary conversation, Shearer stated that the Director of the FBI was a "SOB." The Agent asked Shearer for an explanation of the comment and he backed down somewhat and he explained that this was a typical phrase used in his position writing stories for the screen. He also contacted the Bureau regarding the Bureau's cooperation in furnishing material for articles that he was writing, and again he was advised that the Bureau could not cooperate in this matter. In 1946, a neighbor of Shearer's advised she had been holding Shearer's mail while he had been in the East and he received literature from the Information Bureau, Soviet Embassy, Washington, D. C. (not further explained). Our files contain no information concerning Shearer beyond September of 1963.

Enclosure

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ACTION - PAGE TWO

Rosen to DeLoach Memorandum  
RE: MURKIN

If approved, the attached will be sent to the New York Office instructing them to interview Lloyd Shearer concerning this allegation and for any information he may have of a similar nature. New York is being instructed that if any reasons exists which would preclude the interview with Shearer, the Bureau should be advised.

*This is necessary simply for  
record purposes, but undoubtedly  
a waste of time.*

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January 29, 1969

1 - Mr. Long  
1 - Mr. Bishop

**AIRTEL**

**To: SAC, New York (44-1609)**  
**From: Director, FBI (44-38861)**

**MURKIN**

Enclosed are two copies of an article which appeared in the "Parade, The Sunday Newspaper Magazine" issue of 1/26/69. This article alleges that two prominent New Orleans businessmen reportedly contributed \$25,000 to intermediaries who arranged for James Earl Ray to murder Martin Luther King, Jr.

The exact credit for this article is not stated; however, it is noted that Lloyd Shearer is the editor at large and the address as given for this publication is 733 Third Avenue, New York, New York.

New York will immediately interview Lloyd Shearer and determine what information he may possess regarding this allegation or any information of a similar nature.

If information is recorded in New York files, not in possession of the Bureau, which would preclude the interviewing of Lloyd Shearer, New York should immediately advise the Bureau.

**Enclosures 2**

**1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Encl)**  
**1 - New Orleans (157-10673) (For Info) (Encl)**

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See Rosen to DeLoach memorandum dated 1-29-69, captioned, "Murkin" REL:jms.

1-28-69

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1 - Mr. Long

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From: Director, FBI (44-38861)  
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New York being requested to interview Lloyd Shearer concerning this allegation, as well as any other similar items.



JAMES EARL RAY



MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

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**A.** Miss Allyson and Mr. Martin were close friends at one time. June and her husband, a former barber, now perform on stage. June works frequently in TV dramatic shows.

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January 28, 1969

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1 - Liaison  
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SA Graham Day)  
① - Mr. Long

To: Legat, London

From: Director, FBI

MURKIN

Referenced Memphis airtel to the Bureau dated  
1/23/69.

Executive Assistant Attorney General Robert K. Dwyer, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, who is handling the state prosecution of James Earl Ray has requested that Mr. Ian Colvin, a reporter for the "Daily Telegraph," London, England, be re-interviewed in detail concerning attempts made by Ray to contact him for assistance in joining an army of white mercenaries. It is noted that this contact took place during May of 1968.

Mr. Dwyer further requested that Colvin be interviewed regarding his willingness to come to Memphis, Tennessee, to testify in Ray's trial, beginning on or about March 3, 1969.

You should make the appropriate arrangements to have Colvin interviewed in accordance with the above request. Expedite.

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SEE NOTE PAGE TWO. . . . .

NOTE:

This is a case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr. The office of the State Attorney General, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, is prosecuting the state's case against James Earl Ray. This case is scheduled for trial in Memphis, on March 3, 1969. In preparation of the state's trial Mr. Robert K. Dwyer, Executive Assistant Attorney General requests that Mr. Ian Colvin, a reporter for the "Daily Telegraph," London, England, be re-interviewed concerning the contact with him by Ray, and Colvin's willingness to come to Memphis to testify at the trial.

Legat, London is being instructed to make appropriate arrangements to have Colvin interviewed in accordance with request of Memphis authorities.



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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)  
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Based on available data there is no information identifiable with Givan in Bureau files.

ACTION:

In view of the nature and tone of her letter, no acknowledgment is being made of her letter since no useful purpose would be served in doing so.

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Dear Sir:

After the Concerted effort you made to find and bring to justice - eventually - the suspected slayer of Martin L. King, it is a real travesty that since then you apparently have done nothing to bring to justice those who paid him to do the killing.

The records of his life bear out the fact that Earl Ray was no racist; and his own brother candidly admitted that the consuming love of his life was money. There were white racist groups and black militant groups who wanted him out of the way. Earl Ray had large unexplained amounts of money to live on and travel with.

And yet for almost a year, you have done nothing to bring the most real criminals to justice!

No wonder the "credibility gap" which exists in America today between us citizens and our government. How could it be otherwise when T. V. has made us so much more knowledgeable?

Black Americans also know that there was not much love lost between you and the late Martin L. King; and this should have made you all the more zealous to see that complete justice was done as speedily as possible.

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As for the God of the Bible, the One you profess to believe in and obey, He makes no difference between the sins of omission and the sins of commission -- none!

"To him who knows to do good and does it not, it is sin."

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Reverend James Bevel, an official of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, appeared on a television program in Philadelphia on January 19, 1969, and stated he has evidence that James Earl Ray did not kill Martin Luther King, Jr. He refused to divulge the evidence to the television interviewer, but said he had offered to defend Ray in court although he was not a licensed attorney.

Reverend James Bevel was interviewed at his residence in Philadelphia on January 21, 1969. He stated he was extremely busy as he had appointments through 11 p. m. He stated that he had proof of the innocence of James Earl Ray and since the FBI was the prosecutor and he was involved with the defense, he felt he should not furnish the information. It was pointed out to him that the FBI did not prosecute anyone but always made every effort to obtain all facts available in matters of investigative interest to this Bureau. He stated he sent a telegram to Ray on Saturday, January 18, 1969, and as yet has received no answer. He stated he plans to call Percy Foreman, attorney for Ray, and offer his services. He stated he would contact our Agents and advise if Mr. Foreman has accepted his offer. Reverend James Bevel stated if Mr. Foreman does not accept his offer, he plans to drop the entire matter as he feels he has no moral obligation toward James Earl Ray to produce his evidence of Ray's innocence if his offer of help is refused.

Reverend James Bevel stated he was at the Lorraine Motel, Memphis, Tennessee, on the ground underneath the balcony at the time Martin Luther King, Jr. was shot. When contacted in April of 1968, he refused to be interviewed.

A source has advised this Bureau that Reverend James Bevel told a group that he has no evidence and he feels the "system" is killing a man not worth anything while this man killed a great man.

This is for your information.

1 - Assistant Attorney General  
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**NOTE:**

This letter is to advise the Department the results of the interview of Reverend James Bevel. The source mentioned in this letter is PH 897-R, a racial informant of the Philadelphia Office. This letter is classified Confidential as disclosure could seriously jeopardize our source.

**FILE REVIEW**  
**SUBJECT: WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE**

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The following is a summary of available information concerning William Bradford Huie.

**BACKGROUND DATA:**

The 1968-69 edition of "Who's Who in America" advises that William Bradford Huie was born November 13, 1910, in Hartsells, Alabama, where he presently makes his home. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Alabama in 1930, where he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. It describes him as an author well-known for both his fiction and non-fiction writings, among these are "Mud on the Stars," "The Fight for Air Power," "The Case Against the Admirals," "The Execution of Private Slovik," "The Crime of Ruby McCollum," "Wolf Whistle," "The Americanization of Emily," "The Hiroshima Pilot," and most recently, "Three Lives for Mississippi," 1965, and "The Klansman," 1967.

**INFORMATION IN BUFILES:**

Bureau files contain considerable information regarding Huie, who has obtained his reputation by writing about very controversial subjects in which he has been critical of many prominent and respected individuals and organizations.

After graduating from college, he was a reporter for the "Birmingham Post" from 1932 to 1936. While working as Associate Editor of the "American Mercury" magazine from 1941 to 1943, the editor of that magazine, Mrs. Alice Widener, (67-185207-192) charged that Huie had written an article under her byline, and that the article was somewhat pro-Communist, therefore she had the article suppressed.

In January, 1943, his book, "The Fight for Air Power," was an attack against the Army, Navy, the President and the Congress. An article by Huie in "Nation's Business" in June, 1949, concerning the atom bomb was believed to have contained information of a security nature. This matter was resolved by the Atomic Energy Commission as an administrative problem and there was no violation of the AEC laws. (117-559-58)

In October, 1954, Huie contacted the Department and later our Agents in Jacksonville, Florida, furnishing information concerning an alleged violation of the civil rights of Ruby McCollum, a Negro charged with the murder of a prominent white man in Florida. She originally was sentenced to death, but a new trial was ordered following an appeal, and subsequently

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she was declared mentally incompetent and ordered to the Florida State Hospital for the Insane. We conducted limited investigation in this matter, which was dropped in April, 1955, when the Department advised prosecution was not contemplated. Huie was convicted in Florida State Court for contempt of court because of his activities in this case. He appealed the conviction to the State Supreme Court six times at an alleged cost of \$22,000. He left the state of Florida and went to New York where efforts to extradite him were thwarted. According to a newspaper clipping in July, 1959, Governor Collins of Florida had freed Huie of all blame in the matter.

Huie authored "The Execution of Private Slovik," which was filmed by Frank Sinatra in 1960. Albert Maltz, one of the so-called "Hollywood Ten" was scheduled to write the screen play but was fired after numerous protests by various patriotic organizations. In 1960, Huie completed the screen play "Wolf Whistle" which dealt with the Emmett Till case. He authored an article in the April, 1960, issue of "Calvalier" magazine entitled, "Lynching--Northern Style," which was critical of the Bureau because it did not enter into a local Vermont kidnap-murder case.

In a letter dated April 6, 1960, to the Director, Huie claimed to be a friend of the Bureau and wanted to talk to the Director for about two or three hours about an article on the Bureau. This request was declined due to the heavy schedule of the Director.

Huie also authored an article in the May, 1960, issue of "Calvalier" relating to the Mack Charles Parker case. In September, 1960, Huie contacted the Birmingham Office regarding a contemplated article relating to Kathryn Anderson who had been the subject of considerable publicity due to her involvement in two bank robbery investigations in Birmingham and also her arrest in June, 1960, for forgery. Birmingham was advised by the Bureau that no cooperation should be extended to Huie in connection with his proposed stories.

On April, 27, 1964, Huie contacted our Birmingham Office again and stated he was to speak at a Negro church on the following evening and expressed concern over his personal safety. He said that there was considerable publicity given to his proposed speech and felt there would be a large attendance. He pointed out that he had previously gone to Wisconsin while Governor Wallace was in that state campaigning for President. Upon Huie's return to Alabama, he alleged there were several incidents indicating the people in his community were not in favor of Huie's remarks regarding Wallace. He was advised protecting him was not within the function of the FBI and this matter should be called to the attention of the Chief of Police. We subsequently learned that Huie's address on 4/28/64

went off without incident.

Huie's column in the August 9, 1964, issue of the "New York Herald Tribune" is captioned, "FBI's Victory Over the Ku Klux Klan in Mississippi." The over-all tenor of the article is favorable to the FBI in connection with the finding of the three youths in the MIBURN case. He concludes by stating that "What Mississippi needs most in 1964 is Bobby Kennedy's Federal Bureau of Investigation." Huie, who had been in Philadelphia, Mississippi, in connection with his coverage of the MIBURN case for the "New York Herald Tribune", authored several other articles, most of which were highly speculative about the outcome of the three victims and the persons responsible for their deaths. (94-46450)

On 10/20/64, Huie contacted the Jackson Office, stated he was preparing a book on the MIBURN case and unsuccessfully attempted to obtain information. He stated he was dealing with local law enforcement officials in Mississippi in effort to find out what had happened in the case. Press accounts of 11/3/64 reported an interview of Huie in which he claimed he knew the identities of the killers, that he expected to pay them \$10,000 for information for his new book and predicted they would never be convicted. He visited the Jackson Office 1/21/65 and offered several chapters of his book, "Three Lives for Mississippi," for review but was advised by the Bureau that we had no desire to review his book. Huie's articles on the MIBURN case contained considerable inaccurate information and seemed to combine a small amount of fact and a greater amount of literary license and pure guesswork. In effect, Huie did not say any more in his book and it appears that he was more interested in getting something commercial on the bookstands early than in providing a really authoritative document on the MIBURN case. (44-25076)

Huie is the author of two articles regarding James Earl Ray and the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr., which appeared in the November 12 and November 26, 1968, issues of "Look" magazine. According to a Memphis, Tennessee, newspaper article, a book by Huie regarding the King murder is to be published in March, 1969, under the title of "They Slew the Dreamer."

Through Carroll B. Colby--author of a very favorable picture book concerning the FBI and a most reliable contact of ours in the New York publishing industry--it has been learned that Huie's newest book will be published by the New American Library, Inc., in New York City. According to Colby, Huie's manuscript was offered to the apparently rejected by, three or four other publishers. The publication date for Huie's book is still in question, but it is not expected to come out until completion of the James Earl Ray trial.

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Mr. DeLoach

January 22, 1969

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1 - Mr. DeLoach

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

We have received information that one Malcolm Davis, who claims to be a correspondent of Radio America and the British Broadcasting Company in New York City, allegedly had a tape of an interview between James Earl Ray and an unknown individual regarding the details of a payoff of the assassination. The interview is alleged to have taken place three months before the assassination (assassination April 4, 1968). We do not have any information that such a tape exists.

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The information regarding the tape has been obtained from a technical surveillance of the telephone of one Stanley Levison. A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past, described Stanley Levison as a secret member of the Communist Party as of July, 1963. We have also learned that this alleged tape will be forwarded to an individual by the name of Joel Levy in Los Angeles, California. We have learned of the telephone number of Joel Levy.

We have further determined that Malcolm Davis resides in New York City and Davis was formerly with the British Broadcasting Company, but is now a free-lance writer who makes occasional appearances whenever there is a need for a person with a pronounced British accent, on television.

Our Los Angeles Office advises us that Joel Levy is not identifiable in their files nor is he identifiable in the records of the various law enforcement agencies in the area. Los Angeles has further determined that the telephone number of Levy is listed to one Marjorie Largent of Van Nuys, California. We do not have any information regarding Marjorie Largent in our records.

ACTION: In view of the nature in which the telephone number of Levy, registered to Marjorie Largent, was obtained (technical surveillance) Los Angeles being instructed not to interview Largent at this time.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: January 19, 1969

FROM : C. L. McGowan

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① - Mr. Long  
1 - Mr. Gordon

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Philadelphia Office directed a communication to the Bureau on 1-19-69, advising a Philadelphia news media on 1-19-69, had furnished information Reverend James Bevel, Southern Christian Leadership Conference official, sent a communication to James Earl Ray in Memphis stating Ray did not kill Martin Luther King, Jr., as Bevel was present when King was killed. Bevel offered to testify in Ray's behalf. Lieutenant George Fencil, Civil Disobedience Unit, Philadelphia Police Department, advised Bevel was to hold a press conference with the local CBS affiliate at 2:00 p. m., 1-19-69, in Philadelphia.

## ACTION:

The Philadelphia Office was instructed to monitor the CBS program, 2:00 p. m., 1-19-69, and submit a teletype summary. Included in the summary is to be the information which Bevel alleges he can testify to.

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January 17, 1969.  
GENERAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION

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

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Department being advised.

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