

Mr. Bishop

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**MURKIN;
FORTHCOMING BOOK BY
WILLIAM BRADFORD HULE**

William Bradford Hule 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.

By memorandum dated January 3, 1969, Mr. Rosen advised Mr. DeLoach that--according to a Memphis, Tennessee, newspaper article--a book by Hule regarding the King murder is to be published in March, 1969, under the title of "They Slew the Dreamer."

RECENT ACTION:

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--we have learned today that Hule's book, "They Slew the Dreamer," will be published by the New American Library, Inc., in New York City. According to Colby, Hule's manuscript was offered to, and apparently rejected by, three or four other publishers. The publication date for Hule's book is still in question, but it is not expected to come out until completion of Ray's trial.

RECOMMENDATION:

If approved, we will instruct the New York Office to make discreet arrangements to obtain a copy of Hule's book as soon as available.

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To: Legat, Bonn
From: Director, FBI (44-38861)
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with SA Graham Day)

Enclosed are two true copies of an announcement made by one Joachim Joesten concerning his publication on James Earl Ray and the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The announcement indicates that the publication is available at a cost of \$100 and the orders should be addressed to Joachim Joesten, Munich 13, Griegstr. 13, c/o Rahm, Germany. You should discreetly determine if this publication is available on a no cost basis, and if it is, you should obtain two copies of same for transmittal to the Bureau.

Bureau files indicate that Joesten was born in Germany in 1907, and naturalized as an American citizen in 1948. At hearing for his naturalization in 1947, Joesten reportedly identified himself as a "left-wing liberal" and a free-lance writer. He has written numerous books regarding the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. In his books and other writings he has attacked President Lyndon B. Johnson, accusing Mr. Johnson of being involved in the President John F. Kennedy assassination. He has also bitterly attacked the FBI and the CIA. He currently resides in Germany and has been hospitalized in the past for mental illness.

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: January 3, 1969

FROM : A. Rosen

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SUBJECT: MURKIN

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According to an article appearing in a Memphis newspaper, "Look" magazine will publish the third and final article on February 18, 1969, on the life of James Earl Ray. William Bradford Huie, author, who is writing the articles has decided to go ahead with the third article rather than wait until Ray's trial starts, which is scheduled for March 3, 1969.

According to this article, Huie states that the article will be published subject to the advice of counsel of Cowles Publishing Company (publishers of "Look") in view of the order of Judge W. Preston Battle concerning pretrial publicity. It is noted that the committee advising Judge Battle on restraint of pretrial publicity has told the judge Huie is "probably" in contempt of court for his two previous articles published in "Look" magazine, however, the judge has not held Huie in contempt.

The article further states that Huie's book on the King murder, to be entitled "They Slew the Dreamer," will be published in March. It is noted that the articles and the book are based on notes provided to Huie by Ray through Arthur J. Hanes, Ray's former attorney.

ACTION:

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Last Ray Article Due In February

Huie Says Last Of Three Magazine Features Will Precede Murder Trial

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William Bradford Huie, who is writing the articles, said at his home in Hartselle, Ala., the magazine has decided to go ahead with the third article Feb. 18 rather than wait until after Ray's trial starts.

Ray is scheduled to go on trial in Criminal Court here March 3 on a charge of murdering Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. April 4.

"All that we know will be published, subject to the advice of counsel," Mr. Huie said. "Our attorney is John F. Harding, vice president and general counsel of the Cowles Publishing Co. (publishers of Look)."

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Ray has since replaced Mr. Hanes with Percy Foreman, a Houston attorney.

Mr. Huie returned Saturday from a week's trip retracing Ray's wanderings in Mexico from Oct. 6 to Nov. 14, 1967. Ray spent most of the time at two fashionable resorts, Puerto Vallarta and Acapulco, on the Pacific coast, according to Mr. Huie.

Mr. Huie said he will spend most of next week visiting the Missouri State Prison at Jefferson City, from which Ray escaped in April 1967, and the Missouri Psychiatric Hospital at Fulton, where Ray was examined for possible psychosis.

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

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An item appearing in a Memphis newspaper states that James Earl Ray may enter a plea of guilty to the state charge of murder. This is speculation on the newspaper's part.

The attached relates to an inquiry made to Mr. Phil M. Canale, State Attorney General, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, concerning the newspaper article. Hugh Stanton referred to, has been appointed by Judge W. Preston Battle as co-counsel for Ray. Trial scheduled on March 3, 1969 at Memphis.

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

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The Department in the attached transmitted to us an announcement of a publication written by Joachim Joesten regarding James Earl Ray and the King Assassination. The Department requests that we obtain a copy of this publication for their investigative file.

Bureau files indicate that Joesten was born in Germany in 1907, and naturalized as an American citizen in 1948. At hearings for his naturalization in 1947, Joesten reportedly identified himself as a "left-wing liberal" and a free-lance writer. He has written numerous books regarding the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. In his books and other writings he has attacked President Lyndon B. Johnson, accusing Mr. Johnson of being involved in the President John F. Kennedy assassination. He has also bitterly attacked the FBI and the CIA. He currently resides in Germany and has been hospitalized in the past for mental illness.

It is noted that the announcement indicates the publication is available at a cost of \$100. This was brought to the attention of the Dept., and they advised the publication should be obtained on a no cost basis only. Legat Bonn is being requested to discreetly determine if a copy of this publication is available on a no cost basis.

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December 31, 1968

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Attached herewith is a communication received by this Department. It may be that your Bureau has already received this information.

Although this appears on its face to be somewhat less than reliable information, I think our investigative files should contain a copy of the information in the attachment. Please secure such a copy.

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