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**TO SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)**

**FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)**

**MURKIN.**

**REURTEL OCTOBER SIXTEEN CONCERNING ARTICLE APPEARING IN "THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL." INFORM DON OWENS GEORGE BONEBRAKE IS FINGERPRINT EXPERT WHO PRESENTED DETAILED TESTIMONY IN OPEN COURT IN LONDON, ENGLAND, IN CONNECTION WITH EXTRADITION OF RAY. TESTIMONY RECEIVED WIDESPREAD PUBLICITY IN NEWS MEDIA THROUGHOUT WORLD. DURING POLICE SCHOOL CONDUCTED BY BONEBRAKE AT WICHITA, KANSAS, SEPTEMBER NINE THROUGH THIRTEEN LAST IN A CLOSED SESSION MEMBERS OF CLASS ATTEMPTED TO QUERY BONEBRAKE AS TO DETAILS OF FINGERPRINT TESTIMONY. BONEBRAKE GAVE NO FACTS OTHER THAN WHAT HAD ALREADY BEEN QUOTED BY PRESS CONCERNING HIS LONDON TESTIMONY AND THIS IN ONLY VERY BRIEF FASHION. NO MEMBERS OF PRESS WERE PRESENT. ON ONE OCCASION DURING SCHOOL, MEMBERS OF PRESS WERE BRIEFLY INVITED TO TAKE PHOTOGRAPHS AND TO COLLECT DATA FOR STORY**

**NEM:hs**

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**NOTE: Cover memo C. E. Ganley to Mr. Trotter dated 10-17-68 captioned "James Earl Ray, Latent Fingerprint Evidence," CEG:hs**

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**CONCERNING POLICE SCHOOL. MEMBER OF CLASS REMARKED TO A  
REPORTER THAT BONEBRAKE WAS FINGERPRINT EXPERT IN RAY CASE.  
REPORTER THEN SAID HE RECALLED BONEBRAKE'S NAME. NO FURTHER  
DISCUSSION OCCURRED AT THIS SESSION OR ANY OTHER SESSIONS OF  
CLASS. BONEBRAKE STATES UNEQUIVOCALLY THAT ANY QUOTATIONS  
IN PRESS OTHERWISE ARE OUTRIGHT FABRICATIONS AND FALSEHOODS.  
WHEN BONEBRAKE TESTIFIED IN LONDON SUCH TESTIMONY BECAME  
PUBLIC SOURCE MATERIAL AND ANY FURTHER ELABORATION FROM ANY  
OTHER SOURCE IS PURE FABRICATION.**

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : MR. TROTTER *llb*

DATE: 10-28-68

FROM : N. E. McDaniel *md*

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
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Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr. Previous information received from Memphis indicated that committee of seven attorneys advising Judge W. Preston Battle, Criminal Court, Memphis, Tennessee, was presenting to the Judge a petition stating that George Bonebrake, Latent Fingerprint Examiner, may be in violation of the Judge's court order restricting comment in this case. Their recommendation based on article appearing in Wichita, Kansas, "Beacon" newspaper concerning a police school conducted by Bonebrake in September, 1968. Bonebrake presented expert fingerprint testimony on June 27, 1968, in London, England, in connection with extradition of James Earl Ray. His testimony received widespread publicity in news media throughout the world. Bonebrake has emphatically denied discussing his fingerprint testimony with press representatives at any time or unnecessarily airing fingerprint testimony of this case before a police school in Wichita, Kansas. On one occasion representatives of this police school, in a closed session, attempted to query him as to details of the fingerprint testimony. Bonebrake reports he gave no facts other than what had already been quoted by the press concerning his London testimony. Administrative action has previously been taken against Bonebrake for discussing the case at the closed police school.

Judge Battle signed petition 10-24-68 which requires that Bonebrake appear before the Court on 12-6-68 to show cause why he should not be adjudged in contempt. The Judge noted he was setting the date of 12-6-68 which would be after the trial of James Earl Ray, subject of the case, since to do otherwise would result in unnecessary publicity, defeating purpose of his original order. The committee of attorneys in presenting the petition to the Judge recognized that the Court does not have jurisdiction. The committee of attorneys has no sound grounds to substantiate their recommendation and undoubtedly took this action against our employee as a face-saving gesture. The committee has been severely criticized by Ray's Defense Attorney Arthur Hanes, Sr., and a Memphis "Commercial Appeal" newspaper reporter Charles Edmundson, who are both currently under contempt citation by Judge Battle in this case as result of

Enc. *sent* 10-29-68

- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Bishop

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Memorandum to Mr. Trotter  
Re: Murkin

recommendation by the committee of attorneys. The committee is reportedly extremely liberal and, in fact, one member, Lucius E. Burch, Jr., according to SAC, Memphis, has served as an attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union.

The Court has not officially notified the Bureau of the petition but reportedly has mailed a copy to the Attorney General. The Department has requested a letter from the Bureau setting out information concerning the nature of the police school conducted by Bonebrake at Wichita, Kansas, in September, 1968, and what transpired at this meeting. The Department indicated they intend to present this to the Court in Memphis. Attached is proposed letter. Copy of letter being sent to SAC, Memphis, for his information and so that he may properly advise the State's Attorney General, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, prosecutor in this case. State's Attorney General is fully aware of this entire situation and is of the opinion that this will have no adverse effect on his handling of the prosecution.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter to the Department be approved.

*[Handwritten notes and signature]*  
I am sending letter to Dept  
but I do so reluctantly as  
"It is obvious Bonebrake just  
can't keep his lips buttoned  
up." As previously indicated  
he is never to be used for  
speech making nor instructions.

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October 25, 1968

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM LEGAT, OTTAWA (44-4)(P)  
SUBJECT MURKIN  
OO: MEMPHIS

Enclosed are three copies each of RCMP letters  
10/24 and 10/25/68.

With reference to letter of 10/25/68, kindly  
note dissemination restriction at bottom of Page 1 which is  
based on alleged intimacy between source and Galt. RCMP  
have been requested to endeavor to confirm story through  
checks at Grey Rock, Town and Country Hotel in Montreal and  
dependent on outcome, Legat will discuss restrictions with  
RCMP in effort to secure permission to make available to  
Tennessee authorities.

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1 Liaison Direct  
1 Memphis (44-1987)  
1 - Ottawa

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OTTAWA 7, CANADA

OUR NO. 68HQ 791-Q-60 (Vol.5)  
NOTRE N° \_\_\_\_\_

October 25, 1968.

Mr. Moss Lee Innes,  
c/o United States Embassy,  
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Re: Martin Luther KING  
Murder of  
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On October 8 last information was received from the Superintendent of Security, Department of Transport, Ottawa, to the effect that a female employee, who wishes to remain anonymous had confided to her superior that she had met with RAY on 3 occasions, once in the Laurentians, once in Ottawa and once in Montreal. Those meetings are believed to have taken place prior to the murder of Dr. Martin Luther KING.

2. Recently this woman has received telephone calls from William Bradford HUEY (phonetic) in Alabama, asking her about her association with RAY. This person is now concerned about the turn of events and consented to be interviewed by a member of this Force relative to her association with RAY.

3. On the 15 OCT 68 subject was interviewed and the following information was obtained from her.

"On the 4th of August 1967, my girlfriend and I went to St. Jovite, P.Q. to spend the long week-end. We arrived there at around 7:00 p.m. and registered at the "Petit Manoir" Inn. We had supper and then decided to go to the Grey Rock Resort for the evening. As we entered the lounge, we saw a man sitting alone at a table facing the Dance Floor. My girlfriend said 'That man is alone, let's see if we can sit with him.' She approached him and he invited us to sit at his table. He introduced himself as Eric GALT and said that he was on holidays from Chicago and was staying at the Grey Rock. He also mentioned that his brother and his sister-in-law had come up with him from Chicago and that they had left for Montreal. He said that he had been there

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for about one week and that he would be leaving within the next few days for Montreal to meet his brother. At around Midnight, my girlfriend said that she was not feeling well and she returned to the Petit Manoir. Eric and I went to the Manoir Pinoteau to see the entertainment. We returned to Grey Rock at around 4:00 a.m. and I spent the rest of the night with him in his room, I was intimate with him. I did not notice anything unusual about him. He was quiet, polite, neat and reserved. The next morning, I left him at around 11:00 a.m., at which time he told me that he was leaving for Montreal. He said that he did not know where he would be staying in Montreal, but that he would like to see me again and that he would call the Petit Manoir and let me know where he was staying. He was driving an old red Plymouth around a 1956 model. I did not look at the License Plates.

He called around supper time and since we were out, he left a message with the desk advising to call a number in Montreal. I called and talked to a desk clerk at a hotel in the East end of Montreal. She gave me the address and the number of the room where Eric was staying. He was not in at the time. On Monday, the 7th of August, my girlfriend and I drove down to Montreal and went to the hotel to see Eric. I don't remember the name of the hotel except that it is around the corner from the Acapulco Club. We met Eric in the hall and he appeared pleased and surprised to see us. We shared his quarters during the two nights we spent in Montreal. He was not intimate with either of us in Montreal. He took us out to the Acapulco Club and to restaurants. He seemed to have money and appeared to pay for everything with Canadian \$20.00 bills. In fact, he gave me a Twenty before we left Montreal, in case I had car trouble. I gave him my address in Ottawa.

Some three weeks later, he called me and said that he was in Ottawa staying at the Town and Country Hotel for the week-end. He stayed in Ottawa for two days and I showed him around Ottawa. I did not stay with him at the Town and Country. He did not appear to know anyone in Ottawa. I don't recall him saying where he was coming from, but I assumed it was Montreal. He did not have a car and probably came by train. He mentioned that he was working for his brother in Real Estate and that he did not do much but was paid well. He also said that he had no problems with money and could always get some.

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He never mentioned any friends or associates besides his brother and I never saw him with anyone. He never mentioned the name Martin Luther KING and never indicated any hatred toward any Negroes.

I did not hear any more from him until around March 1968 when I received a letter from him postmarked Hollywood, California. I don't remember the address and have since destroyed the letter and envelope. The letter was short and did not contain much of interest. He was enquiring as to when I was taking my holidays and said if I write, to do it soon because he would not be at that address after a couple of weeks. I received the letter some three weeks before the assassination of Martin Luther KING.

When I heard that Eric GALT had been arrested and was implicated in the murder of Dr. KING, I panicked and destroyed the letter.

About one month ago, I received a phone call from one William Bradford HUEY who said that he was writing a book about James Earl RAY and when he mentioned the names Grey Rock and Eric GALT, I knew that he must have gotten my name and address from RAY. I agreed to see him and we met for lunch at the Holiday Inn. At that time he showed me his credentials, his picture in Time Magazine with RAY's lawyer and some of his books. He was very charming and appeared to know all about my association with RAY, including the fact that I had been intimate with him. He appeared to be mainly interested in what I thought of RAY and I told him that as far as I was concerned, he was a normal man. He said that I would be the Mystery woman in his book and assured me that my name would not be mentioned. He had a photographer with him and I agreed to let him take smoky pictures which they assured me would show only shadows. He gave me \$100.00 for the information and invited me to go to New York at his expense, any time I felt like it, and to call him collect if I could remember anything else.

I have no other information to offer and the above is all I can remember about my association with James Earl RAY alias Eric GALT.

4. The above information was obtained during several hours of questioning and our investigator is satisfied that it contains all that this informant knows about RAY. She is very concerned about the possibility

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of her name and photograph appearing in HUKY's book and in this regard she was advised to consult a lawyer.

5. The girlfriend mentioned has been contacted, however, she has no information of value to offer. She could not remember the name of the hotel where they stayed in Montreal and could not elaborate on any of the points covered by the informant.

W. F. G. Perry, Insp.,  
Assistant Officer in Charge,  
Criminal Investigation Branch.



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OTTAWA 7, CANADA

OUR NO. **68HQ-791-Q-60 (V.5)**  
NOTRE N° \_\_\_\_\_

October 24, 1968.

Mr. Moss Lee Innes,  
c/o United States Embassy,  
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Re: Martin Luther KING  
Murder of  
- Assistance to FBI -  
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Information has been received from our  
Montreal GIS that the photograph of KIMBLE was shown to  
MATHIEU and ROBILLARD and they both identified this  
photograph as the person known to them as KIMBLE.

W.F.G. Perry, Insp.,  
Assistant Officer in Charge,  
Criminal Investigation Branch.

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# Memorandum

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*Anthony*  
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Gandy \_\_\_\_\_  
*Mr. Spencer*  
*Long*

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: October 24, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen *R*

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN

## SYNOPSIS:

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

Information received from Memphis that Judge W. Preston Battle, Criminal Court, Memphis, Tennessee, had cited or planned to cite an FBI employee who commented on the Martin Luther King assassination case. Mr. Don Owens, former FBI Agent, is one of seven attorneys acting on behalf of Judge Battle in preparing petitions to determine if the Judge's court order has been violated. Owens advised that committee presenting Judge Battle with petition which states that George Bonebrake, a Latent Fingerprint Examiner, may be in violation of Judge's court order on basis of an article appearing in newspaper concerning police school conducted in Wichita, Kansas. Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, is aware of this matter and is of opinion this will not affect his handling of the prosecution. Bureau took administrative action previously on this matter.

## ACTION:

Memphis has obtained copies of this petition and they are forwarding same to Bureau. Department is being advised.

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DETAILS - PAGE TWO

Rosen to DeLoach memorandum  
RE: MURKIN

DETAILS:

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

U. S. Attorney Thomas L. Robinson, Memphis, contacted our Memphis Office and advised a Mr. Brown from the Department of Justice contacted him and informed him he received information from a newspaper source in Washington, D. C. that Judge W. Preston Battle, Criminal Court, Memphis, Tennessee, had cited or planned to cite an FBI employee who commented on the Martin Luther King assassination case. Mr. Brown indicated to Robinson that something may be sent to the Attorney General regarding this matter.

SAC, Memphis, referred Robinson to Mr. Don Owens, former FBI Agent, who is one of seven attorneys who are acting on behalf of Judge Battle in preparing various petitions to determine if Judge Battle's court order regarding restrictions of publicity and comments about this case have been violated.

Mr. Owens informed us that his committee met to determine, among other things, if the comments by Latent Fingerprint Examiner, George Bonebrake, at a police school in Wichita, Kansas, were in violation of the Judge's court order. It is to be noted that a recent article appeared in a Memphis newspaper citing a story printed by the Wichita, Kansas, "Beacon" newspaper covering a police school that Bonebrake conducted in Wichita in early September, 1968. During this class, members attempted to query Bonebrake as to details of his fingerprint testimony and Bonebrake gave no facts other than that which had already been covered in the press concerning his London testimony. No members of the press were present at this police class. The committee is presenting Judge Battle with a petition concerning their findings relative to the comments of Bonebrake, which states that Bonebrake may be in violation of the Judge's court order and the petition points out the court does not have jurisdiction in Washington, D.C., which is given as alleged residence of Bonebrake.

Mr. Owens advised that although the petition is prepared it may never be filed, and to him there does not appear to be any problem in that statements attributed to Bonebrake appear to be those to which he already testified publicly in London.

This matter has been brought to the attention of the Bureau previously and administrative action was taken against Bonebrake. Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, advised he is aware of this entire matter, is not concerned in the least, and is of the opinion this will not affect his handling of the prosecution.



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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

October 14, 1968

SJP:efw

Stephen J. Pollak  
Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Rights Division

D.J. 144-72-662  
#41-157-147

Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Reference your memorandum of October 4, 1968.

My memorandum to you of October 8, 1968 under this caption requested you to furnish a copy of the report of Special Agent Rene J. Dumaine, dated October 2, 1968, to Mr. Phil Canale, Attorney General, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee.

The subject matter of the Dumaine report concerned information originally received from Mr. William Bradford Huie. My October 8 memorandum was intended to reflect my determination to authorize you to furnish the information obtained in the interview of your agent with Mr. William Bradford Huie to Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr.

OWEN NOV. 20/17/68  
He made a concerning  
this before Grand Jury  
should be left to Canale  
& Canale is aware of this.  
He will confirm by memo  
was called on 10/24  
" 10/28  
Memo is coming over.

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MEMO  
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October 14, 1968

CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

XXXXX a memorandum  
New Haven

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10-7-68

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

*In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.*

New Haven, Connecticut 06510

October 7, 1968

**JAMES EARL RAY**

On October 7, 1968, NH T-1, an English professor in the academic field, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on October 4, 1968, he was in a small social gathering of four individuals, one of whom was an employee of Mc Call's Publications, whom he refused to identify.

During the course of the conversation, the Mc Call's employee mentioned in a matter-of-fact manner that Look Magazine beginning with the issue of October 29, 1968, will run a serial on JAMES EARL RAY. In this series of articles, RAY reportedly will state that the Ku Klux Klan hired him to assassinate Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

A characterization of the Ku Klux Klan appears in the Appendix.

NH T-1 stated that the Mc Call's employee impressed him as a down-to-earth, level-headed, business man who appeared at the time to be making a factual statement. The Mc Call's employee also stated that the rights to this article have been sold world wide.

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## APPENDIX

### NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC. (NKKKK)

A source advised that on May 22, 1960, the National Grand Council of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan met at Atlanta, Georgia, to discuss consolidation of the Klan's unity of effort and activities to establish a National Fund, and a National Secretary, and to design a new flag. The meeting was attended by representatives of the Federation of Ku Klux Klan, Alabama; Association of Arkansas Klans, Arkansas; Florida Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Florida; Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Florida; Association of Georgia Klans, Georgia; Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, North Carolina; Association of South Carolina Klans, South Carolina; Dixie Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Tennessee; and Kyksos Klan, Texas.

This source advised that at a consolidation meeting at Atlanta, Georgia, September 2-5, 1960, at which the North Carolina and Texas Klans were not represented, it was resolved and passed that their name be changed to National Ku Klux Klan.

A second source advised in March, 1964, that several meetings of Klan groups were held during the period 1960 to 1963 in an effort to unite the Klan groups under a single leadership.

The organization was granted a charter in DeKalb County, Georgia, November 1, 1963, under the name National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., as a "patriotic, secret, social, and benevolent order."

A third source advised in December, 1963, that the organization had issued a statement of its program which indicated the organization to be anti-Negro, anti-Jewish, anti-Catholic, and anti-foreign born.

A fourth source advised in July, 1968, that the organization has its headquarters in Tucker, Georgia, and the day-to-day operations are under the direction of James R. Venable, Imperial Wizard.

Mr. DeLoach

A. Rosen

MURKIN

October 10, 1968

1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Malley  
1 - Mr. McGowan  
① - Mr. Long  
1 - W. C. Sullivan

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Dr. Bertram D. Sarason, professor of English, Southern Connecticut College, New Haven, Connecticut, advised us that he recently was at a small gathering of four individuals and one of these individuals was employed at McCall's Publications.

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Dr. Sarason requested that his identity be protected and he declined to furnish the name of the "McCall's" employee since he feared if it became known the employee might lose his job.

We previously had information that William Bradford Huie, author, who allegedly entered into a contract with James Earl Ray to write his life story, has been in contact with restaurant owners in Winnetka, Illinois. Based upon information furnished by Ray, Mr. Huie interviewed these people, as they employed Ray at their restaurant during May and June of 1967, and he promised to furnish them "proofs" of an article to appear in "Look" magazine on November 10, 1967. To date Huie has not furnished the proofs to the restaurant owners.

We have run out similar allegations of Ray having been involved in an assassination plot financed by the Ku Klux Klan with negative findings.

Bureau files contain no derogatory information concerning Dr. Sarason.

ACTION:

For your information. *Department being advised.*

REL:jms  
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10-7-68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-818)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
OO:MEMPHIS

Enclosed for the Bureau are 5 copies; for Memphis two copies and for New York one copy of an LHM captioned JAMES EARL RAY, which is self-explanatory. A copy of this communication and the LHM is being designated for the New York Office for information since Mc Call's and Look Magazines both have their headquarters in New York City.

NH T-1 is Dr. BERTRAM D. SARASON, professor of English, Southern Connecticut State College, New Haven, Conn., whose identity is protected at his request. He declined to furnish the name of the Mc Call's employee since he feared if it became known the employee might lose his job.

Professor SARASON was concerned that the U.S. District Attorney prosecuting the case might be caught by surprise by the revelation that the Ku Klux Klan hired RAY to assassinate Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. and that the resulting publicity might cause difficulty in selecting an unbiased jury.

③ - Bureau (Encs. 5) (RM)  
2 - Memphis (44-1987) (Encs. 2) (RM)  
1 - New York (INFO) (Enc. 1) (RM)  
2 - New Haven  
JAH:jml  
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NH 157-818

Professor SARASON was under the impression that both Mc Call's and Look Magazines were jointly owned by one corporation.

The above is being submitted for the information of the Bureau and the Memphis Office.

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A second source advised in March, 1964, that several meetings of Klan groups were held during the period 1960 to 1963 in an effort to unite the Klan groups under a single leadership.

The organization was granted a charter in DeKalb County, Georgia, November 1, 1963, under the name National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., as a "patriotic, secret, social, and benevolent order."

A third source advised in December, 1963, that the organization had issued a statement of its program which indicated the organization to be anti-Negro, anti-Jewish, anti-Catholic, and anti-foreign born.

A fourth source advised in July, 1968, that the organization has its headquarters in Tucker, Georgia, and the day-to-day operations are under the direction of James R. Venable, Imperial Wizard.

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MURKIN  
Memo  
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October 8, 1968

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① Mr. Long

To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)  
From: Director, FBI (44-38861)  
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Rerep of SA Rene J. Dumaine dated 10-2-68, at Chicago.

You should disseminate a copy of referenced report to Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee.

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NOTE:

We transmitted to the Department the Chicago report which sets forth investigation concerning James Earl Ray's employment at a restaurant in Winnetka, Illinois, during parts of May and June, 1967. The Department by memorandum requests that we furnish a copy of this report to Mr. Canale, who is handling the state's prosecution, and Memphis being so instructed.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

October 8, 1968

Stephen J. Pollak  
Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Rights Division

SJP:DRO:stj

Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

We have received today the report of Special Agent Rene J. Dumaine, dated October 2, 1968, of your Chicago office in the above matter.

Please furnish a copy of this report forthwith to Mr. Phil Canale, Attorney General, ~~Seahoby~~ County, in Memphis, Tennessee.

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Mr. Stephen J. Pollak  
Assistant Attorney General  
Director, FBI

*H. Norkin*  
*MEMO'S*  
October 4, 1968

① - Mr. Long

**ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**

Reference is made to my memorandum of September 10, 1968, advising you that Mr. William Bradford Huie was interviewed at his home at Hartselle, Alabama, at his request. We provided you with the results of his interview and requested permission to furnish the information to Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County, Tennessee.

In your memorandum of September 17, 1968, responding to the above memorandum, you stated that you would desire postponement of any action on this matter pending your resolution of several questions.

You are requested to advise this Bureau of your determination in this matter, as it appears this should be promptly resolved.

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**NOTE:**

We previously advised the Department that Mr. William Bradford Huie, author whose books include, "Three Lives for Mississippi" dealing with the murder of the three civil rights workers in June of 1964, was interviewed at his home at Hartselle, Alabama, at his request and wanted to "bargain" with us. (He would furnish us information as provided to him by Ray in exchange for current nonpublicized photographs of Ray.) We advised our Birmingham Office not to "bargain" with Mr. Huie under any circumstances. We also advised the Department that Huie has obtained notes from Ray, and Mr. Huie is preparing an article in "Look" magazine based on these notes. The obtaining of these notes was discussed with the Department and they advised they are considering the question of obtaining a search warrant or subpoena duces tecum for Huie's notes and/or calling Huie before a grand jury.

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**NOTE CONTINUED:**

The Department by memorandum of 9/17/68, advised us that they would appreciate postponing any action in this matter until they resolved certain questions. This memorandum is to ascertain if the Department has reached a decision.



**MURKIN**  
Memo  
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Mr. DeLoach

October 4, 1968

A. Rosen

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

**MURKIN**

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

Judge W. Preston Battle, Criminal Court, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, who is handling the state trial of James Earl Ray, furnished us a letter sent to him by Ray. The judge provided us this letter for our information.

The letter which is dated September 12, 1968, states Ray is calling attention to three articles written about him, namely: a "Readers Digest" article by Jeremiah O'Leary; a photograph and article appearing in a tabloid called "The Inquirer," and a story written by William Bradford Huie appearing in "The Commercial Appeal," a Memphis newspaper. Ray states that he intends to file libel suits.

Ray expresses displeasure with Huie's article in that it depicts Ray as being only interested in money and in exposing some persons or organization. Ray states "for the record, both public and private, I don't know anyone to expose and I want to disassociate myself from this article."

Ray concludes his letter by stating he is going to send these stories to the Ethical Committee of the American Bar Association.

**ACTION:**

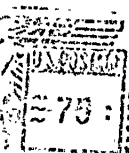
For information. The Department is being advised.

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Nick F. L. [unclear] of  
Dept. advised  
10/4/68

J. RAY

MEMPHIS, TENN.  
COUNTY, TENN.



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REGISTERED

Hon. W. Preston Battle-Judge.  
Criminal Court Bldg.  
Memphis, Tenn.

Sept-12-1968

DEAR SIR;

I WOULD LIKE TO RESPECTFULLY CALL YOUR  
HONOR'S ATTENTION TO THREE ARTICLES WRITTEN  
ABOUT ME SINCE YOU ISSUED YOUR ORDER  
AGAINST PUBLISITY IN THE INSTANT CASE,  
ONE ARTICLE IS IN THE AUGUST ISSUE OF  
THE READERS DIGEST BY MR. JEREMIAH  
O LEARY, I AM SURE YOU WOULD AGREE  
THAT THIS ARTICLE COULD NOT HAVE BEEN  
WRITTEN WITHOUT THE ASSISTANCE OF  
SOMEONE IN THE JUSTICE DEPT,

THE OTHER IS A PICTURE OF ME IN A  
LATE EDITION OF A TABLOID CALLED THE  
INQUIRER, THIS IS A TYPICAL PICTURE  
WHICH THE LAW AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN  
RELEASING OF ME, IN THIS INSTANCE THE

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1.

PICTURE WAS TAKEN AND RELEASED BY THE  
SHELBY COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICE, IT SHOWS ME  
MANACLED UP, A BULLET PROOF VEST ON  
AND LOOKING LIKE I JUST BEEN PULLED  
OUT OF THE RIVER, THE ACCOMPANYING STORY  
DOES NOT RELATE TO ME, THE THIRD STORY  
CAME OUT IN WEDNESDAY'S COMMERCIAL APPEAL  
THE 12TH. OF SEPT, BY MR. WILLIAM BRADFORD  
HUIE. I THINK ALMOST ANYONE READING  
BETWEEN THE LINES WOULD INTERPET THIS  
ARTICLE AS MEANING THE ONLY THING I AM  
INTERESTED IN IS MONEY AND IN MY GREED  
FOR IT I AM GOING TO HELY EXPOSE SOMEONE  
OR ORGANIZATION SUCH AS WAS MENTION IN  
THE NEWSPAPER ARTICLE, I WOULD LIKE  
TO SAY FOR THE RECORD BOTH PUBLIC  
AND PRIVATE, I DONT KNOW ANYONE TO  
EXPOSE AND I WANT TO DISASSOCIATE

2.

MYSELF FROM THIS ARTICLE, I HAVE RELIED  
TO MR. HUIE THAT I WOULD TELL HIM WHERE  
I HAD BEEN AND WHAT I HAD DONE AND THATS  
ALL, THAT I DIDNT CARE WHAT HE WROTE  
BUT NOT TO QUOTE ME. ALSO I CERTAINLY  
DIDNT ASK FOR THE ARTICLE OR ANY OTHER  
PRE TRIAL STATEMENTS FROM MR. HUIE.  
I RELISE YOUR HONOR DOES NOT HAVE JURISDICTION  
OVER NATIONAL PUBLICATIONS LIKE THE DICAST,  
BUT I WOULD THINK SO IN THE PICTURE REIZENCE  
AND THE HUIE RELEASE. I HAVE SAID NOTHING  
SINCE I ARRIVED HERE THINKING THESE  
STORYS WOULD STOP UNTIL AFTER THE TRIAL  
BUT APPARENTLY THEY ARE NOT, THEREFORE IN  
THE NEAR FUTURE I AM GOING TO HAVE MY  
ATTORNEY FILE SOME LIBEL SUITS, AND  
CONTRADICT SOME OF THE OUTRIGHT LIES.

I AM ALSO SENDING THESE STORIES AND  
PICTURES TO THE ETHICAL COMM. OF THE A.B.A.  
I BELIEVE IF THESE TYPE OF ARTICLES DONT  
STOP I MITE AS WELL WAIVE THE TRIAL  
AND COME OVER AND GET SENTENCED,  
I REALIZE THAT MR. HANES SHOULD BRING  
THIS UP BUT I THINK UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES  
I HAD TO,  
I AM ALSO WRITING HIM TODAY ABOUT THIS MATTER.

SINCERELY

James Earl Ray

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JAMES RAY  
MEMPHIS COUNTY TAIL  
Memphis, TENN.



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To, Hon. W. Preston Battle  
Judge of the Criminal Court  
Memphis, Tennessee.

8-9-68

Dear Judge;

Sometime in the near future I expect to have an attorney file a libel suit against some publications, in order to do this I or a member of my family will have to engage another attorney as Mr. Arthur Hounsby attorney over the charge I am presently being held on is to bury. The reason I am writing you is I am having trouble getting a visit from my brother to discuss this legal matter with my brother as you can see by the enclosed letter he has been here twice and couldn't see me because of a technicality that I didn't ask to see him, one brother did get in but was only permitted to stay 10 or 15 minutes, not long enough to discuss the legal question. Therefore in view of the seriousness of the charge against me would you issue an order for a single 1-hr. visit. Thank

Sincerely

JAMES E. RAY

OVER



IN ORDER FOR MY BROTHER TO GET HERE  
HE HAS TO TRAVEL APP. 900 MI. HERE+BACK, ST. LOUIS.

Jerry W. Ray  
1902 Cherokee  
St. Louis, Mo.



Mr James Earl Ray  
Shelby County Jail  
Memphis, Tenn

8-9-68  
M.P.

Aug 6, 68

Dear Jimmy:

Just a few lines to say hello  
and also to let you know Jack and  
I got back okay.

That was the second time we come  
down to see you but neither time  
would they let me in, They said  
that you had to request to see  
me. so if there is anything you  
want to see me about or if you  
just want to have a ~~formal~~ friendly  
talk then let me know and I'll  
drive down and pay you a visit.

Jack talked to Arthur Haerin J.B. over  
the phone a few days ago.

Everybody in the Family is okay.

all close for now, and will be waiting  
for your answer. so until next time  
take care.

as ever  
Brother

Jerry Ray.

Also Sal.

DEAR SHERIFF;

AN ATTORNEY FROM SAVANNAH GEORGIA,  
MR. J. B. STONER WILL BE UP TO SEE ME  
IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND I WOULD APPRECIATE  
IT IF YOU WOULD LET HIM IN. HE'S BEEN  
ENGAGED BY ME AND SOME MEMBERS OF  
MY FAMILY TO HANDLE SOME LIBLE CASES.

THANKS

James E. Ray

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SHERIFF MORRIS

I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF  
YOU WOULD LET THE FOLLOWING IN

JERRY RAY - BROTHER  
JOHN RAY - BROTHER

I don't know the price on this letter

8-9-68  
LJM

ALSO IF I GET ANY MAIL WOULD YOU  
HOLD IT FOR ONE OFF MY BROTHERS  
WHO WILL PICK IT UP WHEN THEY  
VISIT ME.

THANKS  
J. Ray

To: Mr. Marvin Sheriff

Please give my money to Mr. Hones  
my att. so he can convert it into  
U.S. currency.

James E. Ray

This date I received 30<sup>00</sup> from Mr. Arthur  
Hones for James E. Ray.  
Lt. B. J. Smith

H. Smith

I probably won't write but a few letters while I am here, therefore I don't think it necessary for me to send any list to the Attorney General and have a long delay while he decides if my letters can go out. Also I believe under federal law I can ~~send~~ write to anyone I wish but that you have a right to censor for security reasons.

I would also like for you to let my brother in if he comes here to see me. His name is John Ray.

If there is any conflict I would very much like to get it settled as soon as possible

Thanks

J. Ray



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