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JAN 28 1969

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450 PM URGENT 1-28-69 ECK

TO DIRECTOR (CODE)

FROM PHILADELPHIA (89-3113) 2P

UNSUBS; JAMES E. BEVEL - VICTIM. POSSIBLE EXTORTION

REMYTEL ONE TWENTYSEVEN LAST.

CEDRIC MOORE, OF MEMPHIS, TENN., WHO HAS RESIDED IN PHILA.
"A FEW WEEKS" AT NINE ONE NINE N. EIGHTEENTH ST., RESIDENCE OF JAMES
BEVEL AND SCLC HQS., INTERVIEWED THIS DATE AND ADVISED THAT ON
EITHER ONE NINETEEN OR ONE TWENTY LAST MICKEY MC MILLAN OF PHILA.,
NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED, TOLD MOORE THAT A GROUP OF "CATS" WERE IN-
CENSED AT BEVEL'S STATEMENTS RE JAMES EARL RAY, ALLEGED KILLER OF
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, AND THAT BECAUSE OF THIS THEY WERE GOING TO
BURN DOWN THE BUILDING IN WHICH BEVEL RESIDES.

ON SAME DATE HE OVERHEARD CONVERSATION IN BUILDING IN WHICH
UNIDENTIFIED PERSON STATED "BEVEL SHOULD BE CAREFUL."

EFFORTS MADE TO INTERVIEW BEVEL ONE TWENTYEIGHT INSTANT ALL
UNSUCCESSFUL BECAUSE BEVEL WAS TIED UP IN PRESS CONFERENCES AND
SCLC MEETINGS.

CAROLINE DE LOATCH, PHILA. SCLC STAFF MEMBER, CONTACTED BEVEL
IN MEETING AND ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR INTERVIEW EIGHT AM ONE TWENTY
NINE NEXT.

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WHILE STANDING IN HALL OUTSIDE SCLC MEETING, AGENTS OVERHEARD TALKS IN WHICH BEVEL WAS SEVERELY CASTIGATED BY UNKNOWN SPEAKER AS BEING PERSON WHO WANTED HIS OWN WAY AND WOULD NOT LISTEN TO ANYONE ELSE. SPEAKER PUNCTUATED TIRADE WITH OBSCENITIES TO DESCRIBE BEVEL.

PH EIGHT NINE SEVEN - R HAS BEEN CONTACTED AND STATES HE WILL ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY AND DETERMINE RESIDENCE OF MC MILLAN.

PHILA-INDICES NEGATIVE RE MC MILLAN. BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

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URGENT 1-27-69 MTS

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ATTENTION DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE

FROM PHILADELPHIA (157-2371) 3P

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URGENT 1-27-69 MSJ

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FROM PHILADELPHIA (9-3113)

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JAN 24 1969

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937PM URGENT 1/24/69 CRR

TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS (PLAINTEXT)
FROM PHILADELPHIA

UNSUBS; REV. JAMES BEVEL - VICTIM; POSSIBLE EXTORTION.

REPHTTS JAN. TWENTYTHREE AND TWENTYFOUR SIXTYNINE.

NEITHER REV. BEVEL NOR CEDRIC MOORE CONTACTED THE PHILA. OFFICE
OF THE FBI THIS DATE.

AT FOUR FORTYFIVE PM THIS DATE TELEPHONE CALL WAS MADE TO BEVEL'S
RESIDENCE. THE PERSON ANSWERING STATED BEVEL AND MOORE WERE STILL OUT
OF TOWN AND DID NOT KNOW WHEN THEY WOULD RETURN.

CAPT. CHARLES CONROY, INTELLIGENCE UNIT, PHPD, ADVISED SIMILAR
TELEGRAMS WERE SENT TO MAYOR TATE, POLICE COMMISSIONER RIZZO OF PHILA.,
PRESIDENT NIXON AND J. EDGAR HOOVER. PHILA. POLICE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO
LOCATE OR IDENTIFY CEDRIC MOORE.

BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

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Mr. Rosen

January 23, 1969

C. L. Mc Gowan

1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. Mc Gowan
① - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Peelman

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
REVEREND JAMES BEVEL - VICTIM
POSSIBLE EXTORTION

On 1/23/69 at 10:30 P. M., SA Edward Cole, Philadelphia Division, called and advised that information had been developed that Cedric Moore, complainant re possible extortion, is probably in Memphis, Tennessee, and Reverend James Bevel may be with him. He indicated that they were going to set out a lead and telephonically request Memphis to locate Moore and handle requested investigation.

On checking with Supervisor Long, SA Cole was advised they should proceed with their attempts to locate Moore in Memphis and resolve the allegation. He advised a confirmatory teletype will be sent to Memphis and Bureau re this matter.

ACTION:

For information.

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545 PM URGENT 1-24-69 DND

TO DIRECTOR AND PHILADELPHIA

FROM MEMPHIS (9-1501)

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UNSUBS; REV. JAMES BEVEL - VICTIM. POSSIBLE EXTORTION. OO PHILADELPHIA.

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TE PHILADELPHIA TEL JAN. TWENTY FOUR, INSTANT.

EFFORTS TO CONTACT CEDRIC MOORE AT MEMPHIS HAVE BEEN
UNSECCESFUL. PHILADELPHIA SHOULD ADVISE MEMPHIS IN THE EVENT
THEY ARE CONTACTED AGAIN BY PERSONS KNOWING MOORE'S WHEREABOUTS.
LOCAL POLICE HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED OF POSSIBLITY THREAT HAS BEEN
MADE AGAINST BEVEL. P.

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(1) - Mr. Long

TO SAC PHILADELPHIA

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

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POSSIBLE EXTORTION.**

**BUREAU RECEIVED A TELEGRAM FROM AN INDIVIDUAL WHO
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EDUCATION SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE,
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**YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY INTERVIEW CEDRIC MOORE TO
DETERMINE BASIS FOR COMMENT, AND DETERMINE IF A VIOLATION OF
THE EXTORTION STATUTE EXISTS. INSURE THAT APPROPRIATE
AUTHORITIES ARE NOTIFIED OF THREAT ON REV. JAMES BEVEL, IF
SUCH THREAT EXISTS.**

AIRMAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

1 - MEMPHIS

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SEE NOTE PAGE TWO

NOTE:

Telegram received from an individual who identifies himself as Cedric Moore, Assistant non violent education Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Moore states that he is informing us that a serious threat is being made on Reverend James Bevel's life concerning his defense of James Earl Ray. It is noted that in a television interview in Philadelphia on 1-19-69, Bevel made the statement that he communicated with James Earl Ray in Memphis, Tennessee, and has offered to defend Ray at no expense.

We are instructing our Philadelphia Office to interview Moore to determine basis for comment and also determine whether there is a violation of the Extortion Statute.

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J EDGAR HOOVER DIRECTOR OF THE FBI

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CONTACTED AT BEVEL'S RESIDENCE TONIGHT. SHE ADVISED CEDRIC MOORE IS
OUT OF TOWN WITH BEVEL, AND SHE IS "NOT AT LIBERTY TO SAY WHERE HE IS".

STERNER ADVISED OF TELEGRAM AND STATED SHE KNEW OF NO THREATS
AGAINST BEVEL AND ASKED IF BEVEL KNEW OF TELEGRAM. SHE WAS ADVISED
WE KNEW ONLY OF TELEGRAM NOTHING ELSE.

STERNER ADVISED MOORE AND BEVEL WILL CALL PHILA OFFICE AT ONE
THIRTY PM JAN TWENTYFOUR NEXT.

SECOND SOURCE ADVISED TONIGHT HE HEARD RUMOR BEVEL WENT TO
MEMPHIS JAN TWENTYTWO AND IS TO RETURN JAN TWENTYFOUR NEXT.

NO RECORD PHILA INDICES CEDRIC MOORE.

LT. GEORGE FENCL, CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE UNIT, PHILA PD, ADVISED
OF THREAT. MOORE UNKNOWN TO CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE UNIT.

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FBI WASH DC

orig: M. Cowan

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Date: 1/22/69

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-445914)
FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (100-28380) (RUC)
RE: JAMES LUTHER BEVEL
SM - MISCELLANEOUS
OO: Philadelphia

For information of Bureau and receiving offices, the following information was developed during investigation of VICTOR LLOYD BEVEL, Cleveland file 29-1571, Bureau file 29-50715.

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Date: 1/22/69

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 FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (100-28380) (RUC)
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October 23, 1968

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TELETYPE

URGENT

① - Mr. Long

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
MURKIN

REBUCAB TO LEGAT MEXICO OCTOBER EIGHTEEN LAST.

THE FOLLOWING WAS RECEIVED FROM LEGAT MEXICO IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRY CONCERNING POSSIBLE ARRANGEMENTS FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF MR. PHIL M. CANALE TO VISIT MEXICO FOR PURPOSE OF INTERVIEWING WITNESSES:

AMERICAN CITIZENS TRAVELING IN MEXICO AS TOURISTS MAY NOT LEGALLY ENGAGE IN BUSINESS OR INVESTIGATIVE ACTIVITIES. THROUGH LIAISON WITH MEXICAN MINISTRY OF GOVERNMENT, (GOBERNACION), EFFORTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO OBTAIN INFORMAL WAIVER OF ABOVE FOR SHELBY COUNTY OFFICIALS OR, IN ALTERNATIVE, ARRANGE FOR SOME TYPE OF SPECIAL TRAVEL DOCUMENTATION PERMITTING THEM TO ENTER MEXICO FOR PURPOSES OUTLINED IN RECAP. HIGH LEVEL CONTACTS IN GOBERNACION, WHO HAD PREDICTED SUCCESS FOR THESE EFFORTS, ADVISED ON OCTOBER TWO TWO INSTANT NO WAIVER OR SPECIAL DOCUMENTATION COULD BE OBTAINED INFORMALLY AT THIS TIME.

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TELETYPE TO SAC MEMPHIS
RE: MURKIN

DECISION IS LARGELY BECAUSE TOP OFFICIALS OF THAT AGENCY AND OTHER HIGH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ARE INCENSED ABOUT RECENTLY PUBLICIZED CASE WHICH OCCURRED IN BORDER AREA ALLEGEDLY INVOLVING IMPROPER ACTIVITY ON MEXICAN SIDE BY AGENTS OF U. S. NARCOTICS AND CUSTOMS BUREAUS. BRIEFLY, ONE ALFREDO REYES PRUNEDA, A MEXICAN, WAS SENTENCED TO SIX ZERO YEARS BY FEDERAL COURT AT LAREDO, TEXAS ON OCTOBER ONE EIGHT LAST, ON NARCOTIC CHARGES. MEXICAN PRESS NEXT DAY HIGHLIGHTED CHARGES BY REYES AND ATTORNEYS THAT HE WAS DRUGGED AND KIDNAPED AND BROUGHT ACROSS BORDER TO U. S. CUSTODY. HIS RELATIVES AND LAWYER HAVE REPORTEDLY PROTESTED TO GOBERNACION AND TO PRESIDENT OF MEXICO. GOBERNACION CONTACTS UNDERSTAND PERFECTLY THAT BUREAU WAS NOT INVOLVED IN THIS REPORTED INCIDENT BUT REACTION IS STRONG ENOUGH AND BROAD ENOUGH AMONG MEXICAN OFFICIALDOM TO ENCOMPASS ALL U. S. INVESTIGATIVE AGENCIES, AS IN PAST CASES WHERE MEXICAN SOVEREIGNTY ALLEGEDLY VIOLATED.

AS SECOND CHANNEL, TENNESSEE AUTHORITIES COULD SUBMIT INTERROGATORY TYPE DOCUMENTS TO DEPARTMENT OF STATE WITH REQUEST THAT PROSPECTIVE WITNESSES NAMED IN RECAP BE LOCATED AND QUESTIONED BY VICE - CONSUL OF U. S. CONSULATE AT GUADALAJARA, JALISCO, WHO SPEAKS SPANISH AND IS ACCREDITED TO MEXICAN GOVERNMENT.

THIRDLY, STATE DEPARTMENT COULD BE APPROACHED BY STATE OF TENNESSEE WITH FORMAL REQUEST THAT SPECIAL PERMISSION BE REQUESTED FROM MEXICAN GOVERNMENT FOR VISIT OF PROSECUTOR'S REPRESENTATIVES TO CONDUCT INTERVIEWS.

**TELETYPE TO SAC MEMPHIS
RE: MURKIN**

YOU SHOULD DIPLOMATICALLY ADVISE MR. CANALE THAT IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, ARRANGEMENTS CANNOT BE MADE BY THIS BUREAU TO HAVE WITNESSES INTERVIEWED PURSUANT TO THEIR REQUEST. MR. CANALE SHOULD BE FURTHER ADVISED THAT IN THE EVENT HE DESIRES TO PURSUE THIS MATTER FURTHER THAT ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD BE MADE BY MR. CANALE THROUGH THE STATE DEPARTMENT AS OUTLINED ABOVE.

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

Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, desires that his representatives proceed to Mexico and interview witnesses in this case. He requested Bureau assistance in this matter. We directed a cablegram to our legal attache in Mexico City listing witnesses desired to be interviewed by Mr. Canale and requested our legal attache to advise if arrangements can be made for these interviews.

Our legal attache has advised that efforts were made to make arrangements for representatives of Mr. Canale to interview witnesses in this case on an informal basis with Mexican Government officials without success. Our legal attache advises that due to a recent incident involving a case of U. S. Narcotics and Customs Bureaus with the Mexican Government, the reaction is very high with Mexican officials concerning all U.S. investigative agencies. Legat advises that interviewing of these witnesses may be affected through State Department.

SAC, Memphis being instructed to advise Mr. Canale that request to interview witnesses in Mexico with Bureau assistance cannot be completed at this time, and if Mr. Canale desires to pursue this matter further, he should handle through the State Department. This matter coordinated with foreign liaison and they feel that if Memphis authorities pursue this matter of interviewing witnesses through the Bureau, this could very possibly jeopardize the Bureau's operations in Mexico in the future. Department being advised.

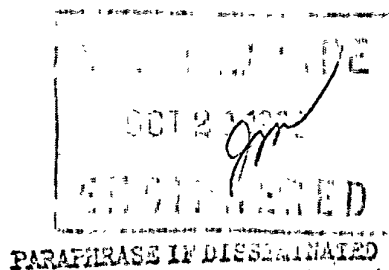
October 21, 1968
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

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The attached relates to representatives of Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, who are interviewing witnesses in foreign countries. The representatives have been in Toronto and Montreal, Canada and are presently in London.

This matter has been coordinated with Mr. Graham Day, Foreign Liaison, Division 5.

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STATE 04

URGENT 10-21-68

TO DIRECTOR

FROM PARIS NO. 131

MURKIN.

Reference Bureau Cable

REBUCAB OCTOBER ONE SIX LAST AND MY TELEPHONE CALL OCTOBER ONE NINE LAST.

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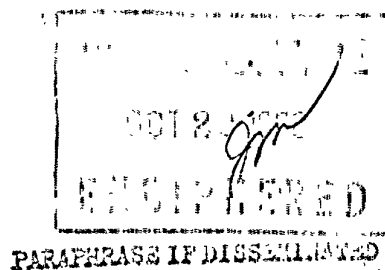
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*Referred to
Mr. Tolson*

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Mr. Rosen

October 19, 1968

C. L. McGowan

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

MURKIN

Norman Philcox, Legat, Paris, called at 5:20 a. m., 10-19-68, and advised that the Legat in London had asked him to forward information to Bureau that the Portuguese officials have no objections for Tennessee Attorney General representatives to interview witnesses in Lisbon and the Portuguese were currently running down witnesses to be interviewed. He stated that these individuals should contact the Legat in London upon their arrival there.

He advised that he would send a confirming cablegram on Monday, 10-21-68. He can be reached at home through the military line during 10-19-68.

ACTION: Special Agent R. E. Long advised of the above.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: October 20, 1968

FROM : C. L. McGowan

SUBJECT: MURKIN

- 1 - Mr. Rosen
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Nate Ferris, Legat, Mexico City, telephonically advised Special Agent (SA) W. A. Kish at 6:00 p. m., 10-19-68, that the Mexican authorities who have to be contacted to make arrangements for representatives of Tennessee State Attorney General's Office to interview witnesses in Mexico will not be available until Monday, 10-21-68. Ferris stated he will contact the appropriate authorities on Monday and submit the results by cable.

Moss Innes, Legat, Ontario, telephonically advised SA Kish at 6:30 p. m., 10-19-68, that the three representatives of the Tennessee State Attorney General's Office, namely Robert Dwyer, James Beasley and John Carlisle will depart Montreal, Canada, at 6:50 p. m. (Canada Time), 10-19-68, on Air Canada Flight Number 549, and will arrive London, England, at 7:30 a. m., 10-20-68 (London Time).

SA Richard Long advised of above at 6:45 p. m., 10-19-68.

Extra-Duty Supervisor Leon Smith, Domestic Intelligence Division, at 7:10 p. m., 10-19-68, advised SA Kish that John Minnich, Legat, London, will meet the three representatives from the State Attorney General's Office when they arrive in London.

At 5:30 a. m., 10-20-68, SA William D. Neumann, Domestic Intelligence Division, advised John Minnich telephoned and related that he had met the three representatives from the State Attorney General's Office. Legat Minnich advised Mr. Dwyer would like the following information from Memphis:

1. Are there any developments in the case which might cause it to be continued to a later date?

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Memorandum to Mr. Rosen
RE: MURKIN

2. What, if any, developments are there regarding the Hanes Contempt of Court case?

In addition to the above, Mr. Dwyer asked that SAC Robert G. Jensen tell General Phil M. Canale that the three of them are well and progressing on schedule. Have General Canale call Mrs. Beasley and tell her that all is going well and that Mr. Dwyer is taking good care of Mr. Beasley.

Mr. Dwyer further asked that General Canale call Mr. Dwyer's "friend" and tell the friend that he is well and that they still plan to return Thursday, 10-24-68.

Concerning Items 1 and 2 above, Legat Minnich asked that he be called at the Embassy about 8:30 p. m. , London Time (3:30 a. m. , Washington Time).

SAC, Memphis advised that he was unable to get in touch with the State Attorney General; however, to the best of his knowledge, there has been no change in the situation with respect to either Items 1 or 2.

MURKIN

At approximately 5:00 a.m., 10/20/68, John Minnich, Legal Attache, London, called. Call was taken by Extra Duty Supervisor William Neumann. Minnich requested following be relayed to Division 6, which is handling the Murkin case:

Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Beasley and Mr. Carlisle arrived in London this morning (10/19/68). Mr. Dwyer would like information from Memphis as follows:

- (1) Any developments in the case which might cause it to be continued to a later date.
- (2) What, if any, developments are there in the Hanes contempt case.
- (3) SAC Jensen in Memphis is to tell State Attorney General Canale that they are all well and progressing on schedule.
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- (5) Attorney General Canale is to be requested to call "Mr. Dwyer's friend" to inform the friend that he (Dwyer) is well and that they plan to return on Thursday, 10/24/68.

Legal Attache Minnich requested he be called at the Embassy at about 8:30 a.m. London time. (This will require call being placed from Washington at 3:30 a.m., Monday, 10/21/68)

At 3:20 p.m. 10/20/68 Supervisor Henry Schutz, Division 6, telephonically advised Extra Duty Supervisor A. H. Solomon that the following information is to be relayed to London in response to Minnich's request:

SAC Jensen in Memphis has been unable to contact State Attorney General Canale and as far as Jensen is aware, there have been no developments bearing on questions (1) and (2) above.

Supervisor Schutz also requested that Minnich be asked to diplomatically inform Mr. Dwyer, Beasley and Carlisle that in matters such as those under (3) and (4) above better results might be obtained by direct contact with Memphis on the part of the men now in London.

John Minnich
3:40 AM,
10/21/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATION SECTION

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TELETYPE

FBI WASH DC 10-18-68

FBI-BUFFALO

530PM URGENT 10/18/68 DAT

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM BUFFALO (44-374)

MURKIN.

RE BUREAU CABLEGRAM LEGAT, OTTAWA, OCTOBER SIXTEEN LAST.

INSPECTOR CARL DOEY, RCMP TORONTO, ADVISED THREE TENNESSEE STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL REPRESENTATIVES HAVE RESERVATIONS TO DEPART TORONTO ABOARD FLIGHT EIGHT SEVEN FOUR AIR CANADA SEVEN THIRTY PM OCTOBER EIGHTEEN INSTANT, TO ARRIVE MONTREAL EIGHT FORTYFIVE PM SAME DATE. RCMP TORONTO HAS MADE HOTEL RESERVATIONS MONTREAL FOR THEM. LEGAT, OTTAWA, HAS BEEN ADVISED BY BUFFALO.

AIRMAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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*9:50 PM 10/18. Moss advised Legat Ottawa,
telephonically advised to
call Bureau when these
guys leave Montreal
so Legat London can
be advised*

OCTOBER 18, 1968

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CABLEGRAM

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1 - Mr. Long

TO LEGAT MEXICO CITY

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL, PHIL M. CANALE, JR., SHELBY COUNTY, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, WHO IS HANDLING STATE PROSECUTION OF JAMES EARL RAY FEELS IT IS NECESSARY THAT HIS REPRESENTATIVES ROBERT DWYER, JAMES BEASLEY AND JOHN CARLISLE INTERVIEW WITNESSES IN MEXICO. CANALE'S REPRESENTATIVES ARE PRESENTLY TRAVELING TO TORONTO, MONTREAL, LONDON AND LISBON INTERVIEWING WITNESSES, AND EARLIEST THAT THEY WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR TRAVEL TO MEXICO WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY OCTOBER TWENTY-EIGHT NEXT. CANALE OF OPINION THAT INTERVIEWS ARE PERTINENT TO CASE AND HE IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN DEVELOPING INFORMATION WHICH DISCLOSED THAT SUBJECT RAY HAD ON AT LEAST ONE OCCASION WHILE IN MEXICO SHOWED STRONG ANTI-NEGRO SENTIMENTS.

1 - MEMPHIS (BY AIRMAIL)

1 - FOREIGN LIAISON (Cleared through SA Graham Day)

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CABLEGRAM TO LEGAT MEXICO CITY
RE: MURKIN

STATE TRIAL SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER TWELVE NEXT AT MEMPHIS.
THE REPRESENTATIVES OF CANALE WOULD LIKE TO INTERVIEW THE
FOLLOWING WITNESSES IN MEXICO:

EDUARDO MARROQUI, OWNER HOTEL RIO, MARVELOS EIGHT SIX,
PUERTO VALLARTA, JALISCO. GALT GUEST IN HOTEL FROM OCTOBER
NINETEEN THROUGH NOVEMBER FIVE, SIXTYSEVEN.

ROBERTO WONG, CLERK, HOTEL RIO, FURNISHED REGISTRATION
CARD ON GALT AND IDENTIFIED PHOTO.

LUIS GARCIA, BARTENDER HOTEL OLEANA AT PUERTO VALLARTA,
JALISCO, MEXICO. PAL OF GALT, DESCRIBED CAR AND IDENTIFIED
PHOTO OF RAY MAY NINE.

ROMIMIR BISCARA, BARTENDER CASA SUSANA, NEGOTIATED WITH
GALT FOR CAR AND ACCOMPANIED GALT AND IRMA TO BEACH.

ELENO GUZMAN GARCIA, BOCO DE MISMALOYA, ON MAY THREE
IDENTIFIED RAY AS COMING TO HIS BEACH CAFE WITH IRMA AND
BARTENDER.

CABLEGRAM TO LEGAT MEXICO CITY
RE: MURKIN

ELISA ARELLANO TORRES, APENINOS ONE SEVEN SIX FOUR,
COLONIA INDEPENDENCIO, GUADALAJARA, JALISCO, MEXICO.
PROSTITUTE WHO ASSOCIATED WITH GALT/NOVEMBER SIXTYSEVEN,
DESCRIBES CAR AND IDENTIFIED PHOTO ON JUNE SIX.

MANUELA AGUIRRE MEDRANO, AKA. IRMA MORALES, ATOTONILCA,
JALISCO, MEXICO, PROSTITUTE WHO SPENT TIME WITH GALT,
DIDN'T SMOKE COULDN'T DANCE, PROVIDED SOURCE WITH PHOTO.

LEPOLDO CISNEROS, ASST. MGR., DAIRY QUEEN SHOP, MAIN
PLAZA PUERTO VALLARTA. JALISCO, MEXICO. ON APRIL
TWENTYFOUR RECOGNIZED PHOTO OF RAY AS SUBJECT WHO
CAME IN DAILY FOR THREE OR FOUR WEEKS TO GET HAMBURGER
AND PEPSI, DROVE WHITE MUSTANG.

LEGAT MEXICO SHOULD IMMEDIATELY SUBCAB IF ARRANGEMENTS
CAN BE MADE WITH MEXICAN AUTHORITIES TO HAVE THE ABOVE
WITNESSES INTERVIEWED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF MR. CANALE.

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NOTE:

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

Memphis advises that Mr. Phil M. Canale Jr., Shelby County, Memphis Tennessee, who is handling the state prosecution of James Earl Ray feels it is necessary for his representatives to travel to Mexico to interview witnesses. The earliest that would be available for travel to Mexico would be approximately October 28, 1968, due to the representatives presently traveling in Toronto, Montreal, and Lisbon interviewing witnesses. Mr. Canale is particularly interested in developing information which disclosed that Ray had on one occasion while in Mexico showed strong anti-Negro sentiments. Mr. Canale has listed witnesses in Mexico that he desires to be interviewed and Legat Mexico City is being requested to immediately advise if arrangements can be made to have these witnesses interviewed through Mexican authorities. After response by Legat Mexico, Mr. Canale will be advised accordingly.

OCTOBER 15, 1968

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CABLEGRAM

URGENT

TO LEGAT PARIS
FROM DIRECTOR FBI

① - Mr. Long

MURKIN.

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THE FOLLOWING WITNESSES IN LISBON, PORTUGAL:

ANTONIO ROCHA FAMA, PASSPORT INSPECTOR, LISBON AIRPORT;
AUBRY L. MORANIZ, CANADIAN EMBASSY, LISBON; MANUELA TEIXEIRA LOPES, CANADIAN EMBASSY, LISBON; GENTIL LUIS SOARES, HOTEL

1 - MEMPHIS

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**CABLEGRAM TO LEGAT PARIS
RE: MURKIN**

**PORTUGAL, FOUR RUA JOAO DAS REGRAS, LISBON; GLORAI SAUSA
RIBEIRO, LISBON.**

**LEGAT PARIS SHOULD IMMEDIATELY SUCAB IF ARRANGEMENTS
CAN BE MADE WITH LISBON AUTHORITIES TO HAVE THE ABOVE
WITNESSES INTERVIEWED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF MR. CANALE.**

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

Memphis advises that Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, who is handling the state prosecution of James Earl Ray feels it is necessary for his representatives to travel to Toronto, Canada, Montreal, Canada, London, England, and Lisbon, Portugal, to interview witnesses. They desire to depart as soon as possible and it is their opinion that the interviews are pertinent to case as they clearly indicate fugitive and flight status of subject after the assassination of King. Mr. Canale has listed witnesses in each place that he desires to be interviewed and SAC in Buffalo, Legats in Ottawa, London and Paris are being requested to immediately submit response if such arrangements can be made to have witnesses interviewed. After response by these respected offices, we will advise Mr. Canale accordingly.

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THE FOLLOWING WITNESSES IN LONDON:

DET. CHIEF INSPECTOR KENNETH THOMPSON, SCOTLAND YARD;
DETECTIVE S. PHILLIP BIRCH, SCOTLAND YARD; DETECTIVE CHIEF
SUPT. P. BUTLER, SCOTLAND YARD; CHIEF INSPECTOR ARTHUR BRINE,

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**SCOTLAND YARD; DETECTIVE SGT. PETER ELLIOTT, SCOTLAND YARD;
MISS MONICA BAKER, SEVEN WINSLOW WAY, WALTON-ON-THE-THAMES;
CONSTABLE WHITHAM, SCOTLAND YARD; MRS. DORIS CATHERINE
WESTWOOD, TWO FIVE RITZROY SQUARE, W. ONE; EIGHTEEN ONE-
THIRD CROMWELL ROAD, LONDON, S. W. FIVE; MRS. JANET ELIZABETH
NASSAU, FLAT NINE, TWENTY NINE EARL'S COURT SQUARE, S. W. FIVE,
THIRTY SIX PENYWEIN ROAD; MRS. ANNA ELIZABETH THOMAS, ONE
TWO SIX WARWICK WAY, LONDON, S. W. ONE; IAN CALVAN, FIFTY ONE
CADOGAN PLACE, S. W. ONE; KENNETH LEONARD HUMAN, LONDON
AIRPORT, HEATHROW TERMINAL TWO.**

**LEGAT LONDON IMMEDIATELY SUCAB IF ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE
MADE WITH NEW SCOTLAND YARD TO HAVE THE ABOVE WITNESSES
INTERVIEWED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF MR. CANALE.**

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