

I went back outside and gave Jerry Prokos the four drinks and then went back to the car with Jon Frabbie with our two drinks. More time passes and when I was ready to go back home and go to sleep right before I left I saw that everyone but Jerry Prokos had left Aunt Charlie's. Jerry Prokos told me that he would have to wait until he was finished with buying the cocaine before he could purchase any antiques as he didn't know how much money he would have left.

Again I emphasized the fact that I wanted absolutely nothing to do with the drug dealings or any illegal activities. After speaking with Jerry Prokos I left Aunt Charlie's and went home to my mother's home to go to sleep. Before I left Aunt Charlie's, Jerry Prokos told me that he'll be through with his business by tomorrow night, so that he would know how much money he would have left to spend on art and antiques by then. He urged me to meet him at Aunt Charlie's the following night with photographs and materials.

The second night that Jerry Prokos was in town I went to Aunt Charlie's with my photographs of jade sculptures. When I arrived the second night neither Jerry Prokos or Special Agent Jerry Chapman were there. Scott Boyd, Tommy Rauschenberg, Jimmy Boyd and his girl friend, Jan Beechcamp and Anne Rhett had arrived. I was talking with Jimmy Boyd and his girl friend when Jerry Prokos came in with Special Agent Jerry Chapman.

When Jerry Prokos first walked in I asked him if he had finished his business yet, and he said that he hadn't. I told him that when he was through with his business for him to get with me which he assured me that he would. I sat with him and Special Agent Jerry Chapman for a few moments and showed them photographs of the ancient Chinese jade sculptures.

Tommy Rauschenberg was on the phone at this time and when he got off the telephone at this time and when he got off the phone, he whispered something into the ear of Jerry Prokos and then Jerry Prokos was whispering to Special Agent Jerry Chapman and then Special Agent Jerry Chapman got up and left with Tommy Rauschenberg and Scott Boyd.

The rest of the evening until I was arrested I was sitting with Jimmy Boyd, Jimmy Boyd's girl friend and Anne Rhett at a table with Jerry Prokos. We were not discussing drugs or anything of the sort. I was discussing ancient Chinese jade sculptures and old times; and what mutual friends were doing.

Just moments before Federal D.E.A. agents stormed into Aunt Charlie's Jimmy Boyd got up to use the rest room and his girl friend went to get more drinks or something, leaving just Anne Rhett, myself and Jerry Prokos there. At this time, Jerry Prokos attempted to give me a large amount of money in advance as a down payment for the purchase of ancient Chinese jade sculptures. He also attempted to purchase a black jade and 14K gold bracelet, an antique green jade Ching Dynasty jade amulet and 18K gold chain for more than what they were worth.

I didn't accept this money from Mr. Prokos as I had only photographs of jade sculptures with me and because I felt that Mr. Prokos' behavior was of a highly suspicious nature. There were people there that night who would be willing to testify to this. I now know that Mr. Prokos was attempting to give me marked one hundred dollar notes which would have linked me to that cocaine deal.

At the time of my arrest in Aunt Charlie's I offered absolutely no resistance to the agents of the D.E.A., but yet with handcuffs upon my hands I was beaten by the D.E.A. agents right in front of the front window of Aunt Charlie's so that all who were inside of Aunt Charlie's could see. There were many people there that night who will gladly testify to this, I'm sure. Yet, this is not the full extent of my abuse.

Upon entering Aunt Charlie's these same Federal D.E.A. agents cursed me and called me a faggot; loudly stating such slanderous insults as "Byron, you goddamn faggot! So you want to go back to prison and suck some more dicks and take it in the ass." I was also physically struck inside the establishment of Aunt Charlie's by those same fine representatives of the Federal Government. Furthermore, Agent Bennie Swint, Jr. made the remark very loudly so that all could hear "Come on you goddamn faggot, move it! You're going back to prison to suck some big dicks."

Certainly this is slander, not discounting the fact that I was struck numerous times in a public place. Many girl friends know that I have no unnatural sex drives. These same agents robbed me of over \$70.00. I can prove the manner in which I earned this money which was my Social Security check which I had cashed, some of which I had spent. I can produce people who were there to testify to the fact that I had the money just moments prior to my arrest. Plus, I have the receipt still where I had only \$1.85 when I entered the Fulton County Jail immediately after my arrest.

I shall not fail to mention that upon my arrival at the D.E.A. headquarters in Atlanta, where I was taken first after I was picked up at Aunt Charlie's, agent Bennie Swint, Jr. took me to an office to further search me and "talk to me." Once agent Bennie Swint, Jr. and I were alone in that office, Bennie Swint said to me "Now why don't you call Brad Marcello up and ask him to sell you a pound of heroin. I bet you he won't do it now."

Also, at this time agent Bennie Swint, Jr. removed a black jade and 14K gold bracelet from my arm which I had purchased for cash 12/5/74 and for which I still have my receipt as well as an antique silver malacite ring which I also still have my receipt for where I bought them. I also had in my possession one Chien Lung (ca. 1750 A.D.) white jade amulet of a lock which was buried with the dead to lock their spirits to the earth so that they wouldn't become ghost. These items were never returned to me nor was I given a receipt for them by agent Bennie Swint. There are people who were there at Aunt Charlie's that night who would testify that I was wearing both the malacite ring, black jade and 14K gold bracelet and that I had the Chien Lung jade lock at the time of my arrest. I didn't have any of these articles when I arrived at the Fulton County Jail so I have no receipt for them

from the D.E.A. as I wasn't given one. It is apparent that when officer Bennie Swint, Jr. "talked to me" and searched me privately in an office of the D.E.A. he stole these articles from me. The D.E.A. now deny having these items.

At the Preliminary Hearing Judge Joel Feldman dropped the charges against me because of a note he had received from the D.E.A. stating that I had been working with them providing information on drug trafficking. Harold A. Gold of Nadler and Gold (Suite 1710, Rhodes-Haverty Bldg., 130 Peachtree St., Atlanta) represented me at the Preliminary Hearing.

I was indicted by the Federal Grand Jury on the charge of conspiring to distribute six ounces of cocaine on March 6th. I was charged with conspiracy to sell and distribute 10 ounces of cocaine at the Preliminary Hearing at which the charges were dropped. What happened to the four missing ounces of cocaine?

The original charges against us was conspiracy to sell and distribute 10 ounces of cocaine and by the time the charges reached the Grand Jury, it's only 6 ounces. Now here is a surprise, while Tommy Rauschenberg was in jail with me, he told me that he had sold Special Agent Jerry Chapman 2 lbs of cocaine that night and Scott Boyd agreed with Tommy Rauschenberg as to this fact - that it was 2 lbs of cocaine that Tommy Rauschenberg sold - not 6 ounces as the charges stand now and not 10 ounces as the charges were at the Preliminary Hearing.

What happened to the rest of the cocaine which the agents seized, Tommy Rauschenberg has been sentenced to seven years in Federal prison with no parole, so he will probably be willing to testify as to the amount of cocaine which he sold to Special Agent Jerry Chapman the night of his arrest.

Mr. Harold A. Gold who represented me at the Preliminary Hearing was an attorney for the Public Defenders office. William Scott Boyd was in the Fulton County Jail with me and was discussing with me the possibility of having Harold Gold represent him in this case. Jimmy Boyd, Scott Boyd's brother told my mother over the telephone that they were going to pay Mr. Gold to represent Scott Boyd. Shortly after this conversation occurred, Mr. Gold dropped my case completely.

While in jail Scott Boyd wrote a letter to Mr. Bernard Fensterwald stating that I had absolutely nothing to do with the sale or distribution of the cocaine for which I had been charged. Scott Boyd also indicated in his letter to Mr. Fensterwald that I was being framed by Jerry Prokos, as I had absolutely nothing to do with that dope deal.

Later, I was told that Mr. Gold took Scott Boyd before a closed session of the Federal Grand Jury on March 6, 1975 where Scott Boyd testified that I set the whole cocaine deal up. I was told that Scott Boyd did this because Mr. Gold had promised him that he would receive a light sentence by so doing. My trial is set for April 14, 1975, 10:00 A.M. in the Old Post Office Bldg., Room 318, Judge James C. Hill, later changed to Judge Edenfeld.

Jerry Prokos has been convicted of two felonies, one for sales of heroin in Michigan and the other one for stealing an airplane. Brad Marcello (this is not his real name) who is from New Orleans, Louisiana was arrested in New Orleans towards the end of 1967 or the early part of 1968 for possession of heroin which was found in the garage portion of a garage apartment in which Brad Marcello was living. Brad Marcello made bond on this charge and then promptly left the state of Louisiana. He never went to court on this charge, and, according to the information which I have, these old charges are still pending against Brad Marcello in the state of Louisiana, although, it isn't on the NCIC computer used by the police as they are old charges. According to my information, there is still a warrant outstanding for Brad Marcello's arrest in New Orleans. These men are Federal narcotics agents and are protected by the Drug Enforcement Administration. This is why I have been framed for this charge.

If you'll remember, I had arranged to make a very large buy of narcotics from Brad Marcello, Jerry Prokos and Nick Catri when I first started to work for the D.E.A. I was not allowed to proceed and have Brad Marcello and his associates go through with the sale of a large amount of narcotics to my buyer who was to be a D.E.A. agent. Instead, I was framed by Jerry Prokos and arrested by the D.E.A.

Furthermore, I had arranged for the D.E.A. to make a sizeable buy of narcotics from Charlie Land whom I mentioned earlier. Charlie Land's brother is Lemar Land and they sell every kind of drug or narcotic which there is to sell, and yet, they are never arrested or anything, with the exception of a few couple of arrests which resulted in Charlie spending absolutely no time in prison.

I had also arranged for the D.E.A. agents to purchase cocaine from Mr. Ambroise of Ambroise & Company which is located directly across the street from the Old Post Office Building. Mr. Ambroise is Ron Daveney's partner in that business.

I originally met Ron Daveney through Bill Arnett as Ron Daveney was working with Bill Arnett in William and Robert Arnett, Inc. until Mr. Ron Daveney did many dishonest things to undermine Bill Arnett's business which resulted in Ron Daveney being kicked out of the company. After Bill Arnett threw Ron Daveney out of his business, Ron Daveney became associated with a Mr. Ambroise.

When Mr. Ambroise and Ron Daveney formed their partnership, they opened up a small art gallery on Poplar Street which is directly across the street from the Old Post Office building. The company is now listed under "Jewelers - Retail," 87 Poplar Street, N. W. Mr. Ambroise and Ron Daveney are now using Ambroise and Company as a front for the smuggling of narcotics into this country from South America in particular.

After my return from Chile, just prior to my decision to attempt to work for the Federal gangsters, Mr. Ambroise and I made contact when I wandered into his business off of the street one day after doing some research work on art. Upon introducing myself, Mr. Ambroise recognized me, (although, I do not remember having met him before). Mr. Ambroise approached me with the proposition that he would like for me to distribute narcotics for himself and Mr. Daveney. Mr. Ambroise informed

me that Mr. Daveney was in South America at that time so I needn't worry about them running out of cocaine. Mr. Ambroise further informed me that he was working in association with Herman and Bill Jackson. Once I was employed by the D.E.A. as a special employee, I called Mr. Ambroise where upon he agreed to sell to my "buyer" a quantity of cocaine. My buyer was going to be a special agent of the D.E.A. I was never allowed to set this bust up, although, Mr. Ambroise had agreed to make the sale. I wonder if Mr. Ambroise is being given protection by the Federal gangsters.

Mr. Ambroise didn't even seem to worry or care about the fact that he told me that Ron Daveney was in South America to smuggle cocaine into this country. If I was involved in something like that, I certainly wouldn't just tell anyone about what I was doing. Mr. Ambroise told me that if I would distribute cocaine for him and Ron Daveney, I wouldn't have to worry about being arrested if I was careful as Mr. Ambroise is a very close personal friend and business associate of a Federal narcotics agent by the name of Mr. Woods from Clayton County, Georgia.

I didn't believe Mr. Ambroise when he told me this as I felt that he was just trying to get me to sell his dope for him and get me into trouble. Now I do completely doubt that there is any honesty as far as the D.E.A. is concerned.

Going back to Wayne who was a big time syndicate figure flying dope out of Columbia up through Florida, if you'll remember I did not know Wayne's last name, although, he was living in the Hill Top apartments off of Piedmont Road. I still remember the apartment in which Wayne lived. Wayne's apartment was located directly across from that of Mr. Jeff Wilcox's who was a local heroin addict, with whom I did not associate but knew only briefly and mostly I know him by his terrible reputation. There should still be 45 caliber bullet holes in that apartment where Wayne's little boy was playing with one of Wayne's machine guns and it went off.

Wayne was married to a woman of short stature with blond hair whom he always referred to as "the hooker." I suppose he nick named her that.

Going back to Brad Marcello, during one of Brad Marcello's and Jerry Prokos' trips to Atlanta, I introduced Jerry Prokos to Mr. Gary Margol and Mr. Jim Plant who is doing research work at Emory University in the fields of Bio-Chemistry and Micro-Biology. Neither Gary Margol or Jim Plant are drug dealers, nor involved in any illegal activities to my knowledge.

In any event, on Brad Marcello's and Jerry Prokos' next trip to Atlanta, they approached both Mr. Plant and Mr. Margol with an offer to pay them for helping Brad Marcello and Jerry Prokos set up a lab to make such drugs as MDA, PCP, STP, etc. Mr. Marcello and Mr. Prokos offered to pay for the lab and all of its equipment, chemicals, etc., as well as paying both Mr. Plant and Mr. Margol for their services, plus a percentage of the profits from the sale of the drugs that they would be making.

Jerry Prokos and Brad Marcello were to sell the drugs which would be made by the lab. Both Jim Plant and Gary Margol are not drug dealers so they flatly refused Mr. Marcello's and Mr. Prokos' offer as they wanted absolutely nothing to do with any illegal activities. I was out of town when this incident occurred, but was informed of this upon my return to Atlanta as my friends were somewhat upset about this. Mr. Marcello and Mr. Prokos also offered to sell and to front (give drugs on credit) drugs to Gary Margol. In any case, Gary Margol also refused Jerry Prokos and Brad Marcello when they offered to give drugs on credit to him to sell for them.

During my last trip to Detroit which I accompanied Brad Marcello on, if you'll remember, Brad Marcello left me in Detroit and flew to New York where he was buying drugs from Max Schullman who owns a publishing house and an art gallery in New York. Then Brad flew back in his private plane to Detroit where I still was. When Brad Marcello returned to Detroit he told me that he had a deal going to sell Wally Eisenberg, Bob "Bo" Garret (who was into musical promotions) and Michael Tutock who owns Quality Concerts, 1006 David Scott Blvd., Detroit, Michigan 48226, phone number (313) 963-5131, a large quantity of cocaine.

Brad Marcello had arranged all of these dope deals separately and had offered to give me \$5,000.00 to deliver the dope from his plane to each of these people or their representatives. To prove to me that he was not lying, Brad Marcello phoned Michael Tutock at his home in Farmington who confirmed that he was buying a pound of cocaine from Brad Marcello. Michael Tutock also stated that he was selling some pounds of P.C.P. to Brad Marcello. Shortly after Brad Marcello made this offer to me, I jumped on the next jet out of Detroit to Atlanta leaving Brad with his dope deals.

Another odd incident occurred just about December 29, 1975 (I'm not sure as to the date). I was picked up by this girl by the name of Jon Frabbiele. While at Jon Frabbiele's apartment, Jerry Prokos called me and told me that he had gotten the number where I was from my mother. Jerry Prokos was calling me regarding his purchases of ancient Chinese jade sculptures and other objects of art which was to take place during Jerry Prokos' next trip to Atlanta. During my conversation with Jerry Prokos, I mentioned Brad Marcello's name.

After I was through talking to Jerry Prokos, Miss Frabbiele told me that she knew Brad Marcello, Brad Marcello's father and his brothers and whole family. Miss Frabbiele also indicated that she knew Nick Catri as well. It was at this time that Jon Frabbiele informed me that her father is Mr. Frabbiele, and that she came to Atlanta from New Orleans to hide out from her father and his mobster friends. This came as a shock to me. Then Jon Frabbiele started telling me that I should have absolutely nothing to do with Brad Marcello or anyone associated with him.

At this time Jon Frabbiele started telling me about the murder of Greg Culpepper in New Orleans sometime ago. Oddly though it may seem, I knew Greg Culpepper and his family for many years as they lived only a few houses down from my parents home on Wildwood Road. (Greg Culpepper's father owns the Buckhead House of Travel in Atlanta).

Greg Culpepper was selling cocaine, ~~marijuana~~ and not for Mr. Marcello, Sr., Brad Marcello and Mr. Frabbiele in New Orleans, until such time that Greg Culpepper decided he had made enough money so that he could buy the horse ranch he had always wanted. He decided that he would stop dealing drugs and return to Atlanta the next morning. He was supposed to have had \$100,000.00 cash in his possession. His mistake was that he had informed Mr. Frabbiele and Brad Marcello that he wasn't going to deal for them anymore.

That night Federal narcotics agents broke into Greg's apartment and blew his head off with a double barrel shot gun. The agents said that Greg was about to run out the back door so they had to shoot him. The truth is that Mr. Marcello and Mr. Frabbiele ordered Greg killed because he knew too much, he was no longer going to work for them and because they wanted to rob him of the money which he had made selling their dope. You see, Miss Jon Frabbiele says that she had gone to Greg's apartment to warn him because she knew what was going to happen to Greg because she had overheard her father and Mr. Marcello, Sr. discussing the matter. I am 100% sure that Jon Frabbiele was telling the truth.

Just as soon as I mentioned Brad Marcello's name over the phone to Jerry Prokos, she pulled out a piece of paper from her purse with Brad Marcello's name, address and phone number, plus she had photographs of Brad Marcello. The last time I saw Greg Culpepper alive I just happen to run into him at Piedmont Park. He was with Frank Craft, and Joe South (the rock star).

* While I was in Asia with Bill Jackson, I learned through him that he had sent a shipment of Asian heroin back to the United States concealed inside a teakwood log. While in Bangkok, Bill Jackson purchased a lot of huge teakwood logs - One of these had a hollow place in it in which the heroin was hidden. After the heroin was hidden inside this hollow place in the log, it was packed in with dirt, then a layer of cement was added, covering this thin layer of cement was a layer of plastic wood or "wood puddy."

Bill Jackson's shipment of teakwood logs went to New York City. Bill Jackson was in contact with Max Schullman in New York by means of correspondence. While we were in Bangkok I saw the letters which Bill Jackson wrote to Max Schullman.

* One more thing, when I was arrested at Aunt Charlie's by the D.E.A. agents I was never given my rights, as the agents are suppose to do under the law. The reason the agents didn't give me my rights is because they were too busy beating me up and cussing me.

Marcello Marcello is Brad Marcello's brother.

Recently you should have received my story concerning the assassination of President Kennedy and Martin Luther King; also, information concerning U. S. paid informants smuggling narcotics under the protection of the Federal Government. This is additional information pertinent to my story which will aid in your investigation.

First of all, Mr. Larry McDonald of Marietta who is now a Congressman has been closely associated with Mr. Jerry Adams of Adams and Associate as well as with Herman and Bill Jackson. Mr. Larry McDonald was a very frequent visitor to Magellan Galleries and he was well acquainted with Larry Meier, Bane Culley, Gene Purcell, Southerland and all of the other associates of Mr. Jerry Adams.

Back in the summer of 1974, when Herman Jackson was involved in a gold bullion smuggling operation from South America, upon his return to the United States, he contacted me as he wanted to involve me in some illegal "syndicate" transaction. It was at this time that Herman Jackson told me that he and Mr. Jerry Adams had provided a tremendous amount of campaign funds to Mr. Larry McDonald. Mr. Herman Jackson informed me that Mr. Jerry Adams was responsible for seeing to it that Mr. Larry McDonald received these campaign funds in such a way that they would not prove to be a source of embarrassment to Mr. Larry McDonald. Mr. Herman Jackson took great pride in the fact that the campaign funds for Mr. McDonald had been raised from sales of marijuana which he personally distributed in association with other members of the "syndicate."

The following information which I'm about to provide you is rather complicated and involved but I shall start to explain the operation to you to the best of my ability. This is such a big thing, that I find it difficult to fully explain everything that I know as there are so many people involved with so many "business ventures" going on.

Mr. James Long (also referred to as Buster) was involved in a "syndicate," South American operation. This operation involved the stealing of electronic equipment, industrial equipment, farm equipment, computers, etc. These stolen goods were sent to South America where payment was made by a South American Country (Chile and Peru) in gold bullion. Mr. James Long (who was living with Cyndi Langley, telephone (404) 874-8072 here in Atlanta) was in charge of securing these stolen goods and transporting them to Key West, Florida where Mr. Jimmy Powell and his brothers (whom I've mentioned in my earlier materials) along with some other people were in charge of transporting these stolen goods to South America. I believe that they also mentioned Columbia as being one of the countries which they transported these stolen goods to.

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from South America to the United States. Herman Jackson told me that the gold bullion was coming up into Alabama. Once this gold was in the United States it was sold by Mr. Jerry Adams through his Great American Silver Company, Mr. Anthony N. Malek, Mr. Hugh Franklin of Liberty Coin Company and by Mr. Ambroise. Back in the summer of 1974 Mr. Herman Jackson made a quick trip to South America in connection with this gold smuggling operation which he was in charge of. This was shortly after my release from federal prison.

After I was released from federal prison I did not know how to contact Herman and Bill Jackson nor did I want to know. Mr. Herman Jackson contacted me and told me all about this South American operation as well as some other things which I'll get into shortly. Mr. Herman Jackson would not give me his telephone number nor his address. He simply said that he would contact me. I believe that Herman Jackson was somewhat angry with me as I refused to become involved in any "syndicate operations." It was at this time that Herman Jackson told me that James Long would be contacting me. A few days after Herman Jackson told me that James Long would be contacting me, he did.

It was at this time that I met James Long and a friend of his from South America named "Hector." I believe that "Hector" was of Mexican birth, but in any event James Long introduced "Hector" to me as a friend of his from Mexico. Mr. James Long informed me that they had just brought one ton of Mexican marijuana into Atlanta and they wanted me to help them distribute it for them. This was just about a month or so before Herman actually made his trip to South America.

During this conversation with James Long he informed me that Cyndi Langley, whom he was living with, was having sexual relations with one of the Dekalb County police commissioners. Mr. James Long further informed me that Cyndi Langley had the commissioner "pussy whipped" so that he was cooperating with James Long in his illegal "syndicate" operations. Mr. Long further more asked me if I wanted to meet the commissioner as he was over at Cyndi's smoking marijuana and snorting cocaine.

After Herman Jackson returned from South America he again contacted me as he wanted me to help them to distribute the gold bullion. It was at this time that Herman Jackson and I had a conversation regarding Mr. Anthony N. Malek (855 Charles Allen Dr., P. O. Box 54534 Atlanta, Georgia, telephone (404) 876-0810). The subject of Anthony N. Malek came up because in order to talk to me Herman Jackson picked me up in his car and drove me around. After awhile Herman Jackson drove to Anthony N. Malek's home on Charles Allen Dr. and we went in. It seems that Anthony Malek was buying two bricks of pure gold from Herman Jackson. Anthony Malek pulled out a huge stack of hundred dollar bills and paid for the gold bullion in cash. After Herman Jackson and I left Anthony N. Malek's home I started asking Herman Jackson some questions about Anthony Malek. I asked Herman Jackson if Anthony was working with some

~~Arab organization whose interests he represented in this country~~
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While I was in federal prison Anthony Malek met my mother at a single club. He identified himself to her as a C.I.A. agent and he told her that he was investigating Jerry Adams, Gene Purcell, Bane Cully in regards to the smuggling of narcotics into this country as well as, if I remember correctly, the assassination of Dr. King and President Kennedy. While I was in prison my mother wrote me about this incident. The incident upset me somewhat so I wrote Mr. Fensterwald about this and forwarded my mother's letter to Mr. Fensterwald. He is still in possession of the letter..

When I confronted Mr. Malek about his conversation with my mother he told me that he just told my mother that he worked for the C.I.A. so that she would be more willing to tell him what she knew about the "syndicate" as he was really working for the P.L.O. (The Palestinian Liberation Organization). Mr. Anthony N. Malek informed me that the P.L.O. had sent him to investigate the "syndicate" as the P.O.O. had become very interested in the "syndicate" because of their operations in the Middle East. Mr. Anthony N. Malek then produced some documents which led me to believe that he was at least associated with the P.L.O. As I told you in an earlier letter, the last time I saw Fuad Habash Ansara who is the director of the P.L.O. in South America, he told me that the P.L.O. suspected Mr. Anthony of working with the C.I.A. Furthermore, Mr. Fuad Ansara told me that the P.L.O. had suspected Mr. Anthony N. Malek of working with the C.I.A. for a long time. As I told you earlier, I don't really know anything about the assassination of Robert Kennedy. I've only heard rumors on the subject. I would say that "because of Anthony N. Malek's unusual behavior and his association with such people as Jerry Adams and Herman Jackson, he is worthy of an investigation. My conversation with Mr. Malek occurred after March 6, 1974.

If you will remember when I started my brief career of working for the Drug Enforcement Administration as a "special employee" in an undercover capacity, I went to see Mr. Chris Kametches so that I could arrange the purchase of large amounts of hard drugs such as cocaine and heroin. One morning I paid Chris Kametches a visit at his office at Global Industries (telephone (404) 577-1393) to discuss setting up some major drug deals. Mr. Kametches at this time told me about the cocaine smuggling into El Paso, Texas from South America, and he told me that he was "backing this operation with his money so that he controlled the entire operation." Mr. Kametches assured me that he would not personally touch any cocaine or drugs, but he told me that since the cocaine was really his since his money was backing the operation, he would see to it that I could purchase all the cocaine and any other drug which he invested in that I wanted.

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Mr. Kametches told me that I would have to purchase any cocaine I wanted to buy from either Mr. George Tock, Mil. Lefevre, James Long (Buster). I would have set the 1½ pound or cocaine deal up with James Long using a D.E.A. agent as my buyer. However, I was unable to reach him at that time so I contacted Mr. George Tock. During this conversation I had with Mr. Chris Kametches regarding the drug smuggling operation through El Paso, Texas. Mr. Kametches told me some other things about this cocaine smuggling operation into El Paso which I believe you'll find very interesting. I didn't want to tell you about this portion of the conversation between Chris Kametches and myself as I felt that you wouldn't believe me. Before I tell you this you must remember that Mr. Chris Kametches told me this and I'm just repeating a conversation which may be helpful.

Mr. Chris Kametches told me that "Mr. Bobby Jones in El Paso, Texas is completely safe to keep as much as ten or twenty pounds of pure cocaine in the hotel which he owns in El Paso as no one is about to raid that place." When I asked him why, he told me, "because we have the D.E.A. on our side in Texas as well as the local police. Why even Senator John Tower and the present Governor of Texas works for and with us." Chris Kametches further said that they "just about control the entire state of Texas including Senator Benson." This came up when I asked Mr. Kametches about the possibility of getting busted with all of that cocaine if I were to go to the hotel which Bobby Jones owns in El Paso, Texas.

When I wandered into Ambroise and Company in December, 1974 and met Mr. Ambroise there for the first time, he told me about Herman and Bill Jackson and Ron Daveney as I've already told you. Mr. Ambroise also told me about Mr. Woods from Clayton County, who is a D.E.A. agent who provides them with protection. As I told you, Mr. Ambroise informed me that Ron Daveney was in South America as he was in charge of a major "syndicate" cocaine smuggling operation. Mr. Ambroise told me that Ron Daveney would be returning from South America around the middle of January, 1975 with a huge amount of pure cocaine. Mr. Bob Ambroise told me that if I wanted to distribute any of the cocaine once it arrived, I would have to go through the following procedure:

(1) I would have to go to Ambroise and Company Jewelers - Retail, 87 Poplar Street, N. W., and see either himself or Ron Daveney and tell them how much cocaine I wanted. (2) At this point I could either pay for the cocaine or marijuana there or wait until the cocaine or marijuana was delivered by Mr. Earl Sellers. (3) Mr. Ambroise told me that the cocaine was always either picked up by the buyer from Earl Sellers, or delivered by Mr. Earl Sellers to the buyers. With a smile on his face Mr. Ambroise told me that, "all we do here at Ambroise and Company is take the orders, take payments for the orders and count our profits." Mr. Ambroise told me that Mr. Earl Sellers is employed by Fox Photo Inc. which is really owned by Mr. Chris Kametches. Mr. Ambroise said that if Mr. Earl Sellers were accidentally arrested with some cocaine, he wouldn't be connected by the police to him.

That reminds me, in regards to that conversation I had with Mr. Chris Kametches back in December, 1971 regarding the cocaine smuggling operation from South America into El Paso, Texas which his money was backing, I just remembered something. When I asked Mr. Chris Kametches about the possibility of a bust occurring, Mr. Kametches' reply was that this couldn't happen because of the influence which he described to me.

I next asked Mr. Kametches what would happen if an accident were to occur which might cause the operation to be busted like someone getting arrested with the cocaine. Mr. Kametches' reply to that question was that, "In that event, they had a couple of fall guys who would take the bust and not even know fully what was being done to them. Mr. Chris Kametches said that these "fall guys" were Mr. [REDACTED] and Mrs. Sandy Reed who is [REDACTED]'s mother. Mr. Chris Kametches told me that neither [REDACTED] or Sandy Reed knew enough about the operation to really hurt them (in reference to Mr. Kametches and the other major people involved) or to cause the entire operation to be busted.

Mr. Kametches said that Sandy Reed was really excellent for "a fall" as she has been arrested in possession of almost an ounce of heroin before." It was because Mr. Kametches was using [REDACTED] and Sandy Reed as his "fall guys to take the bust if anything happened" that he told me to go through Mr. George Tock if I wasn't 100% sure of my buyer. If you'll remember when I met Mr. Rick Good and Mr. George Tock on Highway 41 (at the Stake and Ale) to set up the 1½ pounds of cocaine by (using a D.E.A. agent as the buyer) there was a Phil Reed there.

[REDACTED] looks to be about 17 years old, has blond hair and was just hanging around while we were discussing the purchase of 1½ pounds of cocaine. This must be the [REDACTED] whom Mr. Kametches was speaking of as he didn't serve any useful purpose being at that deal other than to serve as a "fall guy." I don't think he even knew what he was doing there. Since Sandy Reed was busted for heroin, you might be able to locate her or there must be some record of her bust. Perhaps, if you could find her and [REDACTED] and talk to them you might could secure their cooperation (but only if it didn't cause them trouble or put them in a worse position - like being killed by "the syndicate." I hope this information proves helpful to you.

Sincerely yours,

P.S. Power to the People!

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Other police sources said they were developing the information from Watson in hopes of gathering information on other possible criminal activities.

Watson and his mother were convicted in 1972 on federal charges relating to the importation of heroin. The 18-year-old was sentenced to imprisonment in a federal penitentiary and his mother, Mrs. R. W. Watson, was placed on probation, according to court records.

While on parole, Watson was charged in DeKalb County on one count of possession of less than one ounce of marijuana and creating a turmoil, records show.

In addition, his parole was jeopardized for a time because of an allegedly unauthorized trip to Chile last year.

Two months ago, Watson was convicted in U. S. District Court here on a charge of conspiracy to distribute six ounces of pure cocaine. The conviction is being appealed, according to court records.

An early Watson statement, now in The Journal's possession, claims the assassination plot was overheard at a now-defunct business on Peachtree Road near Buckhead.

Watson, whose father is dead, said he used to hang around the place because the firm imported pre-Columbian artifacts and he was interested in archeology, according to the statement.

Upon entering the business the day before King was shot, Watson said in the statement, he overheard one of the men involved in the business say he was "going to shoot that damn bastard King in the head and frame a jail-bird..."

Watson said in the statement that he and his mother flew to Washington in June 1970, and tried to give the information to President Nixon and his aides. In addition, they saw FBI agents there, who recommended the information be turned over to the Atlanta office.

Mrs. Watson said Tuesday the statement currently under investigation is "not the statement you have."

The latest document, which is more than 40 pages long, "goes into more detail," she said.

Mrs. Watson said the information was given to Eaves by Lamar J. Singleton, whom she described as an assistant to state Rep. Hosea Williams.

Singleton could not be reached for comment.

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HEARD TALK HERE**Eaves' King Conspiracy Probe Is Old to FBI**By **BARRY HENDERSON**

The "new information" on a conspiracy theory in the 1968 death of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. announced by Atlanta Public Safety Commissioner A. Reginald Eaves in a June 20 statement has turned out to be information investigated in 1971 by the Atlanta FBI office and, apparently, discarded.

Atlanta police sources confirmed Tuesday that the leads they were investigating at Eaves' suggestion came from Robert Byron Watson, 21, a twice-convicted violator of federal narcotics laws, who is incarcerated in the federal youth center at Ashland, Ky., just beginning a five-year sentence.

James B. O'Keefe, assistant to the special agent in charge of the Atlanta FBI office, said, "We had the (Watson) story in 1971, and it was referred to the Justice department, and we have not been advised to investigate it further since that time."

Watson, in a lengthy statement attributed to him by his mother, Mrs. R. W. Watson, described a conversation he overheard among men in an anteroom of a

Buckhead Art gallery where he was working in March, 1968, a week to the day before the April 4, 1968, King slaying. James Earl Ray was convicted and later sentenced to life imprisonment for the killing.

The statement said Watson heard a television news broadcast from the room describing Dr. King's leadership of a Memphis garbage workers' strike and heard one of the men in the room say he was "going to shoot that damn King in the head and frame a jailbird, just as they had Kennedy."

Another voice from the room set the date for King's killing at a week from that day, the Watson statement continued.

Mrs. Watson, who said she picked up her son at the gallery after the alleged conspiracy was hatched, said he told her about the date specified. And when it came true, they were both too frightened of a "syndicate" of dope smugglers and assassins they thought were involved in the incident to come forward.

At the time, Robert Watson was a 14-year-old freshman at North Fulton High

School, whose interest in ancient artifacts had led him to work in the shop, she said.

Contending that her and her son's guilty pleas in 1972 to heroin importation charges were the result of pressure from the so-called syndicate, whose members purportedly included "people high in the government," Mrs. Watson said threats on her son and herself had intensified when, in 1970, they flew to Washington at their own expense to try to bring the conspiracy directly to the attention of former President Nixon.

The Watson statement said the mother and son "spent several hours" being interrogated by Secret Service agents, who concluded the youth "must be crazy."

Watson has subsequently been convicted, on a nolo contendere plea in DeKalb County state court, of violating the Georgia Controlled Substances Act (marijuana possession), and in an Atlanta U. S. District Court trial of possession and distribution of cocaine, both while on federal parole from the 1972 sentence. His statement described both charges as "frames," and his mother said the federal case, decided May

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Capt. K. E. Burnette, head of Atlanta police intelligence investigations, declined to comment on the conspiracy investigation, while commissioner Eaves is in Boston, attending the U. S. Conference of Mayors.

But, a police investigator who had handled the material said the probe had "not been able to verify that there was a conspiracy, nor to prove that there wasn't."

Since the first few days of the investigation of Dr. King's death, when a Ford Mustang believed used by James Earl Ray turned up abandoned in Atlanta's Capitol Homes housing project, there has been broad but unsubstantiated speculation that a conspiracy in the civil rights leader's death was hatched here.

Young Watson's father, Robert Willard Watson, was a former Atlanta policeman and was a Fulton County sheriff's deputy at the time of his death on the last day of 1966. He was killed in the line of duty in a south Georgia auto crash while transporting a prisoner back to the Fulton Jail, according to Sheriff Leroy Stynchcomb.

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TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

DATE: 7/11/75

FROM : ASAC JAMES P. O'KEEFE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This is to record the fact that CLIFF GREEN, of the Atlanta Constitution called this morning, and advised he had been in contact with A. REGINALD EAVES regarding the ROBERT BYRON WATSON incident. EAVES pointed out to GREEN that our previous statement had to be untrue for some of the information furnished to us dated as late as last year. GREEN volunteered immediately his information indicated that the late information referred to by EAVES dealt solely with narcotic matters and not the alleged conspiracy. He asked me if I would stick by our original information that the statement previously received concerning the alleged KING conspiracy was identical to that previously furnished. I assured him that this is our position and will continue to be.

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TO : File 44-2386

FROM : SAC WILBURN K. DeBRULER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 7/18/75

At 10:15 A.M., 7/18/75, Captain Intelligence Division, Atlanta Police Department, together with Detectives PHIL SULLIVAN and JUDY WILLIAMS, came to this office and referred to the article contained in the Atlanta Constitution today wherein EAVES alleged a lack of cooperation on the part of the FBI. He stated they desired to know the name of the individual who furnished us this information, together with the results, and to review the aspects of investigation conducted in that regard, as well as reviewing the file concerning the recovery of the Mustang which subject RAY dropped in Atlanta following the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

At the outset, BERNETT was advised that the facts of this case are as follows:

At 9:45 P.M., 6/19/75, RICHARD BELCHER, Channel 5 TV, Atlanta, called SA O. RICHARD HAMILTON and said he attended a meeting of Sigma Delta Chi fraternity (journalistic fraternity) on the evening of 6/19/75 at which Public Safety Director A. REGINALD EAVES spoke and then invited questions from the audience. BELCHER said one of the questions posed to EAVES was "Whether in light of the Vice President's report regarding CIA activities, any new information had come to light concerning the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING."

BELCHER said EAVES replied that such information had been developed, and that he had informant information which the Atlanta Police and the Atlanta FBI Office are conducting investigation upon.

I was informed of this during the late evening of 6/19/75 and, as noted in a memo elsewhere, contacted all supervisors and appropriate employees to determine what, if any information, EAVES had furnished to this office. I determined that EAVES had not furnished any such information to this office.

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At 9:00 A.M., on the morning of 6/20/75, I called EAVES' office and was informed he was not in, but would return my call. At 10:05 A.M., EAVES did return my call and I asked him about the statement reportedly made by him by Channel 5. EAVES claimed that he always hated to talk to BELCHER since BELCHER could never get anything straight. I informed EAVES no information had been given to any Agent of this office and asked what this was about. He told me he was misquoted by BELCHER but would later furnish information to the FBI which had recently been received from an informant.

At about 4:00 P.M., 6/20/75, a uniformed police officer came to my office with a package marked for eyes only of SAC and numerous other markings. The police officer requested to look at my credentials to determine that I was in fact SAC. I displayed my credentials to him, after which he gave me the package.

The materials furnished me were immediately given to Supervisor BERNARD R. BERRY who commenced a review of the information to determine what, if anything, we knew about this information. It is noted that the information furnished to us had the source of information blocked out and EAVES did not advise us the source of his information, nor was he asked by me or any Agent as to the source since he had concealed same.

After extensive review of our files on the evening of 6/20, the morning of 6/21/75 and over the entire weekend, SA O. RICHARD HAMILTON was able to locate the information furnished. The information given to us by EAVES concerning MARTIN LUTHER KING was identical in all respects to information received by us in 1971. That information was furnished to the U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., during 1971 and the Department requested no investigation.

During that inquiry, Agents of the FBI interviewed BYRON WATSON and, in effect, WATSON told us he had fabricated his story to obtain a reward from the U. S. Government to compensate for money lost by his mother regarding a fraudulent scheme perpetrated on her by the individuals he claimed were co-conspirators in the murder of Dr. KING.

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At 8:30 A.M., 6/23/75, I telephoned the office of Commissioner EAVES and asked to speak with him, as I had information for him. His secretary informed me she would relay the message and he would call me. As of 11:30 A.M., 7/18/75, EAVES has not as yet returned my telephone call.

Inasmuch as this information was of interest to the Atlanta Police Department, at 4:10 P.M., 6/25/75, Supervisor BERNARD R. BERRY telephoned Detective PHIL SULLIVAN of the Atlanta Police Department Civil Unrest Squad, as a result of his inquiry for information concerning this matter. Supervisor BERRY, in the presence of SA EDWARD SHEA and O. RICHARD HAMILTON informed Detective SULLIVAN that the source had been interviewed and claimed he had lied. He was furnished the substance of the information in our possession, together with the fact this information was referred to the Department of Justice in 1971, and was again being referred, and no investigation was being or would be conducted unless requested by the U. S. Department of Justice.

(I do not know whether EAVES is privy to the Vice President's report regarding CIA activities, even though he claims to the press that he is. He has never informed us the source of his information.)

On the evening of 7/17/75, Commissioner A. REGINALD EAVES released a written statement to the local news media which is attached. According to an ~~inquiry~~ by BERRY HENDERSON, Atlanta Constitution, 7/17/75, EAVES stated that the FBI was refusing to cooperate with the Atlanta Police Department. I authorized the following response to the inquiry:

"Mr. EAVES has furnished this office no information which differs from that which came to the attention of this office during 1971. At that time the results of the FBI's investigation regarding this allegation was furnished to the U. S. Department of Justice in Washington, D. C. No further request for investigation was received at that time. The information recently received from Mr. EAVES was again furnished to the Justice Department by the FBI, and no request for additional investigation has been received by this office from the Justice Department, and we are conducting no further investigation in the absence of such instructions."

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I also advised I know of no instance of lack of cooperation by the FBI with the Atlanta Police Department regarding information in this matter, and Mr. EAVES has not indicated to me that he feels there has been any lack of cooperation.

It is noted, however, that Mr. EAVES did, in fact, make a press release to this effect, which is attached.

Captain BURNETT, during his visit to my office commencing at 10:15 A.M., 7/18/75, for the first time said he felt there had been a lack of cooperation in this instance. I pointed out to Captain BURNETT that the entire information had been furnished to Detective PHIL SULLIVAN of the Disturbance Squad.

After reviewing all of the facts in this case as above with Captain BURNETT, we at this time again informed him of the substance of the information furnished to us by BYRON WATSON in 1971 and told him that BYRON WATSON was the man who gave us that information. We told him we had the information from EAVES which in no way indicated the source of the information. He was unaware of this totally, since he felt we were told it was WATSON who also told them. He was told relative to all other aspects of this investigation, this office was not at liberty to furnish such information and it would be necessary for him or someone else in his department to contact the Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., for any such request.

Captain BURNETT indicated a thorough understanding of this situation. He said much had been said by EAVES which was unknown to him and members of his unit. It was quite clear during the interview that EAVES was making statements which were not necessarily approved by Captain BURNETT, but BURNETT indicated EAVES was his boss and there was no way he could really get this matter set straight with EAVES.

I also told BURNETT about my call to EAVES and his failure to return same, and told him I was still waiting on EAVES' call.

I asked BURNETT whether he understood all aspects of this matter, and he said he did. I asked him if EAVES would be privy to everything he was told, and he assured me he would be.

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I also informed BURNETT that I couldn't understand why all these releases were being made, most of which we know nothing about here in this office, since the police department has been briefed on this matter and does know the position. BURNETT stated that it is not him who is making the releases, but this is being handled elsewhere in the department; indicative to me it is being handled by EAVES.

It is noted that information relative to this matter was furnished to PHIL SULLIVAN of the Civil Unrest Squad inasmuch as EAVES did not, for reasons of his own, return my telephone call and receive this information first-hand from me. Since it was information was working upon and they had made such inquiry, we did inform SULLIVAN, since it appeared highly appropriate as an act of complete cooperation with the Atlanta Police Department.

Captain BURNETT said he was going to attempt to get EAVES to contact us personally, and he didn't know what success he might have.

I informed him we have been continuously available and will continue to be so to explain whatever it is Mr. EAVES doesn't understand.

The attached material was hand-delivered by a uniformed officer of the Atlanta Police Department 9:40 A.M., 7/18/75, to the Atlanta Office of the FBI.

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A. REGINALD EAVES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSIONER

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Wil,

JUST A NOTE TO
LET YOU KNOW THERE
IS NO FIGHT BETWEEN
THE F.B.I. AND THE
BUREAU OF POLICE SERVICES.

I RELEASED INFORMATION
THAT CAPT BUNNETT GAVE
ME!

I THINK WE NEED TO
TALK VERY SOON. RALPH



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

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Commissioner

NEWS RELEASE

Tel. 658-6700

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 1975

WITHIN THE PAST FEW WEEKS, THERE HAS BEEN A GREAT DEAL OF PUBLICITY, NOT ONLY HERE IN ATLANTA, BUT NATION WIDE, CONCERNING INFORMATION I RECEIVED WHICH ALLEGES A CONSPIRACY IN THE 1968 DEATH OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. IN THE PAST FEW YEARS, THERE HAVE BEEN MANY ALLEGED CONSPIRACY THEORIES SURROUNDING DR. KING'S ASSASSINATION. THEREFORE, WHEN I INITIALLY RECEIVED THE WRITTEN ALLEGATIONS, (42 PAGES) I WAS COMPELLED TO HAVE THOSE ALLEGATIONS THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATED.

THE FIRST STEP OF THE BUREAU'S INVESTIGATION WAS TO CONTACT THE LOCAL FBI OFFICE TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT THEY WERE AWARE OF THE CONTENT OF THE INFORMATION I HAD RECEIVED. I AM SORRY TO REPORT THAT THE FBI, ON OUR INITIAL INQUIRY, WOULD NEITHER CONFIRM NOR DENY KNOWLEDGE OF OUR ALLEGED CONSPIRACY INFORMATION. IN FACT, LOCAL FBI OFFICIALS HERE IN ATLANTA WHO NORMALLY COOPERATE WITH US, SEEMED UNWILLING TO SHARE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE CASE. SINCE THAT TIME, LOCAL FBI OFFICIALS HAVE CONFIRMED THAT SOME OF THE ALLEGATIONS HAVE BEEN IN THEIR POSSESSION SINCE 1971. OUR INTELLIGENCE DETECTIVES, TO DATE, HAVE BEEN DENIED ACCESS TO THE INFORMATION THE FBI NOW HAS IN THEIR FILES.



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WITHOUT THE COOPERATION OF THE FBI, MY INVESTIGATORS ARE PRESENTLY INTERVIEWING PERSONS WHO ARE SUPPOSE TO BE KNOWLEDGEABLE CONCERNING THE ALLEGED CONSPIRACY. WE HAVE VERIFIED THAT SOME OF THE INFORMATION IN THE FORTY-TWO PAGE ALLEGATION IS CORRECT REGARDING SPECIFIC CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES.

AT THE PRESENT TIME, WE HAVE NOT COMPLETED OUR INVESTIGATION CONCERNING WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO PROVE OR DISPROVE THE CONSPIRACY ALLEGATIONS IN THE DEATH OF DR. KING. I HAVE NOT, NOR DO I NOW SUPPORT THE WRITTEN ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING SUCH A CONSPIRACY. MY POSITION CONTINUES TO BE, THAT WE WILL THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATE (WITH OR WITHOUT THE FBI) THE ALLEGATIONS COMPLETELY.

WE ANTICIPATE OUR INVESTIGATION WILL BE COMPLETED WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) ATTN : SUPV. JACK LAWN, ROOM 5978, JEH
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AS ACCUSING THE ATLANTA OFFICE OF THE FBI OF FAILING TO
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PLOT PROBE**Eaves Raps FBI
On King Case**By **BARRY HENDERSON**

Public Safety Commissioner Reginald Eaves Thursday chastized the FBI for what he said was a lack of cooperation with Atlanta police investigating an alleged conspiracy in the 1968 assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

In a sharply worded written statement released through aides, Eaves said the first step of the police bureau's investigation of information he received only recently alleging a King death plot was to contact the Atlanta FBI office.

"I am sorry to report that the FBI, on our initial inquiry, would neither confirm nor deny knowledge of our alleged conspiracy information," Eaves said, adding that police "intelligence detectives, to date, have been denied access to the information the FBI now has in its files."

Eaves said the information, which was discounted by FBI agents as having been investigated in 1971 and dropped as groundless, is still being pursued by Atlanta police investigators "without the cooperation of the FBI."

"I have not, nor do I now support the written allegations concerning such a conspiracy," Eaves said. "My position continues to be that

we will thoroughly investigate, with or without the FBI, the allegations."

Wilburn K. DeBruler, special agent in charge of the Atlanta FBI office, replied to the Eaves' statement by saying, "I know of no instance of lack of cooperation by the FBI with the Atlanta police bureau regarding this matter."

"Mr. Eaves has not indicated to this office he feels there has been a lack of cooperation," DeBruler said.

The Justice department has not, on either occasion, requested additional investigation into the allegation, DeBruler said.

The information in question was contained in a lengthy typewritten statement presented by the mother of a convicted heroin importer and cocaine dealer, who now is serving a five-year sentence in the Federal Youth Center at Ashland, Ky.

The statement, attributed to Robert Byron Watson, 21, by his mother Mrs. R. W. Watson, described a plot Watson allegedly overheard in an art gallery in Buckhead where young Watson worked part-time in early 1968, when he was a 16-year-old freshman at North Fulton High School. Fear of the conspirators kept the son and mother quiet,

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Eaves Still Stands By King Material

By CLIFF GREEN

Atlanta Public Safety Commissioner A. Reginald Eaves said Friday he will continue probing "new" material on the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. despite FBI claims that the theory is at least four years old.

Eaves two weeks ago gave FBI Director Clarence Kelley a 60-page summary of the Bureau of Police Services' investigation into what was described as new material on Dr. King's death.

The Atlanta Journal Tuesday revealed that the material was drawn from a lengthy statement made by Robert Byron Watson, 21, who has been convicted twice on federal drug charges.

In addition, The Journal story quoted a spokesman for the Atlanta FBI office as saying the agency had investigated the material in 1971.

Eaves said Friday some of the information contained in the statement is as recent as last year. "So they couldn't have had it four years ago."

But this was immediately disputed by the FBI.

James B. O'Keefe, assistant to the special agent in charge of the Atlanta FBI office said the material is "identical" to that investigated in 1971.

"I will stick by that original statement," O'Keefe added.

After the initial investigation, the FBI forwarded a report of its probe to Washington, but never received orders to pursue the investigation further.

Watson, who has been convicted of importing heroin and conspiracy to distribute six ounces of cocaine, said in his statement he overheard several men discussing the plot to assassinate King just before the killing.

According to his statement, Watson claims he heard one of the men say he was "going to shoot that damn bastard King and frame a jailbird..."

Watson, who was 14 years old at the time, claims his drugs convictions are "frames," hatched by "the syndicate" and high government officials to keep him silent about the murders of both King and President Kennedy.

The plot was allegedly overheard at a now-closed art gallery near Buckhead.

Eaves said he never expressed confidence in the material, but "indicated some of it was convincing."

Other police sources say they are using the Watson statement to lead them to

other information on possible criminal activities, primarily drugs.

But Eaves said he would not abandon any of the probe at this point.

"I expect my staff to brief me on the investigation Monday," he said. "Then we'll make a determination" on whether to pursue the probe any further.

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King Slay Probers Hunt Leads in Tenn.

By JIM STEWART

Two Atlanta intelligence squad detectives sought a meeting with Tennessee Atty. Gen. Ray Ashley in Nashville Wednesday as part of Public Safety Commissioner Reginald Eaves' investigation into the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Earlier, the investigators were in Memphis, where news reports quoted sources saying the detectives were tracking a "racially motivated conspiracy . . . based in Atlanta" to kill the civil rights leader. The reports did not elaborate.

Authorities in Atlanta were noncommittal on the case Wednesday. Eaves could not be reached for comment.

Sources in Tennessee familiar with the Atlanta inquiries, however, said the two detectives, Phil Campbell and Judy William-

son of the subversives branch, had spent their time interviewing attorneys and others close to the man charged with King's murder, James Earl Ray.

Earlier, the officers had visited the source of the conspiracy information, Robert Byron Watson, 21, now serving time in Ashland, Ky., for a drug-related conviction.

The detectives were also making plans to talk with Percy Foreman in Texas and Arthur Haynes in Birmingham, two of Ray's former attorneys.

"They aren't learning much," said a source familiar with the detectives' wanderings. "They're just crisscrossing the paths of countless investigators before them."

The FBI and Justice department aimed and dismissed Watson's allegation more than four years ago. Wednesday, both de-

partments said they had no plans to reopen their investigations.

Eaves, however, who was alerted to the charges by black comedian and civil rights activist Dick Gregory, maintains that his detectives are exploring new avenues, and not those the federal agencies found to be a deadend.

Watson, through his mother, also charged with drug violations, and attorneys have painted a complex picture of intrigue that links King's death and that of the late John F. Kennedy to a syndicate of drug smugglers.

Watson specifically cites an incident that occurred a week before King was shot on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis in April 1968.

At that time, Watson says, he was

working at a now-defunct Buckhead art gallery when he overheard some men commenting a television newscast King's television news about cast King's efforts in Memphis to help some striking garbage workers.

One of the men, Watson says, said he was "going to shoot that damn King in the head and frame a jailbird, just as they had Kennedy."

Another voice in the room set the date for the killing as a week from that day.

Watson has identified the men for police, but from third-hand sources.

In addition to the assassination plot of which he claims knowledge, Watson also volunteered information on drug traffic. Some of that intelligence has been verified by Eaves' detectives, a law enforcement source said.

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King Death Probe Deepens

By KEN WILLIS

Atlanta Public Safety Commissioner Reginald Eaves said Tuesday night he has ordered a deeper probe into charges by a convicted drug distributor that the 1968 assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was the result of a conspiracy.

Eaves said a preliminary investigation prompted him to widen the probe into the conspiracy allegations.

Two Atlanta detectives are working out of town on aspects of the drug distributor's report, Eaves said earlier Tuesday.

He said the detectives will return Thursday and their findings will be forthcoming in about two weeks.

The public safety commissioner refused to reveal where the detectives had been sent.

Meanwhile, it was learned that a psychiatric examination has been ordered for the drug distributor, Robert Byron Watson, by U. S. District Judge Newell Edenfield. The examination pertains to Watson's recent drug conviction, not to his conspiracy theory.

"Based on what we've seen," Eaves said, we're going to go ahead. It's impossible for us to back away." He said certain portions of Watson's story had been corroborated, but he declined to say what portions.

He promised that more information would become available at a press conference "in a day or two."

Watson, in a lengthy statement attributed to him by his mother, Mrs. R. W. Watson, has described a conversation he overheard among men in an anteroom of a Buckhead art gallery where he was

working in March 1968, a week to the day before the April 4, 1968, King slaying. James Earl Ray was convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment for the killing.

The statement said Watson heard a television news broadcast from the room describing Dr. King's leadership of a Memphis garbage workers' strike and heard one of the men in the room say he was "going to shoot that damn King in the head and frame a jailbird, just as they had Kennedy."

Another voice in the room set the date for King's killing at a week from that day, the Watson statement continued.

The local FBI office said the story was referred to the Justice department in 1971, and that local FBI officials "have not been advised to investigate it further since that time."

Judge Edenfield's order directing that the psychiatric examination be done by prison authorities in Ashland, Ky., where Watson is presently jailed on his May drug conviction, came in response to a request for the examination by Watson's new attorney, Glenn Zell.

Watson was convicted in May in U. S. District Court of possession and distribution of cocaine, both while on federal parole from a 1972 sentence for his guilty plea to heroin importation charges.

Judge Edenfield wrote: "The court agrees that a psychiatric examination of the defendant would be appropriate in the light of his statements during the trial and especially at sentencing."

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Police Check Out Pusher's Tip on King

By CLIFF GREEN

Although the case is still in the evaluation stage, the Atlanta Bureau of Police Services is taking a long, hard look at the latest information on the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Agents of the bureau's intelligence division have visited a number of out-of-town people who may be familiar with the killing, including attorneys and investigators working for James Earl Ray, currently serving a 99-year sentence in Tennessee after pleading guilty to the 1968 shooting.

And after word circulated

that the bureau had new information on the murder, at least one investigator came to Atlanta for a look of his own.

The latest probe into the assassination began several weeks ago when Public Safety Commissioner A. Reginald Eaves was given a statement claiming that a plot to kill King was hatched in Atlanta.

Eaves later gave a copy of the statement and a summary of the bureau's preliminary investigation to FBI Director Clarence Kelley.

The Atlanta Journal reported two weeks later that the information came from

21-year-old Robert Byron Watson. He has twice been convicted on federal drug charges and entered a no-contest plea to a state drug charge. The Journal said the information had been studied in 1971 by the FBI.

Despite the FBI's claim the information contained in the statement is "identical" to material it received four years ago, Eaves directed the Atlanta Police Bureau to continue its investigation.

This week, Atlanta officers visited Bernard Fensterwald of the Committee to Investigate Assassinations in Wash-

ington, D. C. In addition, they talked with a private investigator associated with Fensterwald in the King probe. Officers Tuesday visited Memphis attorney Robert Livingston, who is attempting to win a new trial for Ray.

The officers Wednesday were scheduled to visit Tennessee Atty. Gen. Ray Ashley in Nashville and try to visit Ray in the state prison there.

Watson claims he overheard several Atlanta men in a Northside Atlanta firm discuss killing King a week before the civil rights leader

was gunned down on a motel balcony in Memphis.

According to the statement, one of the men said he was "going to shoot that damn bastard King in the head and frame a jailbird, just as he had Kennedy."

The conversation allegedly took place in a Buckhead firm dealing in imported artifacts. The company is now closed.

Fensterwald said he was contacted by Watson and his mother, Mrs. R. W. Watson, in 1970. He tried to help them bring Watson's information to the attention of government officials.

"The FBI in Washington," he said, "seemed quite bored with the whole thing."

Livingston said he spent seven hours with the Atlanta officers Tuesday.

Although Livingston claimed last year Ray was the "fall guy" in a conspiracy to kill King, he said the latest conspiracy information is "totally unrelated."

Livingston said no matter what information Atlanta police develop, it will not hurt his client's chances at receiving a new trial.

"When a man is serving 99 years," he observed, "there is

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very little you can do to hurt him."

Watson and his mother were convicted in 1972 on charges involving heroin traffic. Mrs. Watson was given a probated sentence. Her son spent two years in a federal institution in Kentucky.

In January, he was charged with conspiracy to distribute six ounces of pure cocaine and convicted in May.

While he was awaiting sentencing at the Fulton County jail, Watson was visited by a private investigator allegedly working for comedian-activist Dick Gregory.

Several weeks later, Gregory began a public fast in Washington in an attempt to get the FBI to reopen its investigation into the King murder.

Gregory claims the assassinations of King and the Kennedy brothers were all connected.

U. S. District Judge Newell Edenfield has ordered a psychiatric examination for Watson.

Watson claims his drug convictions are "frames" hatched by "the syndicate" and high government officials to keep him silent.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : File 44-2386

DATE: 7/23/75

FROM : SAC WILBURN K. DeBRULER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

A. REGINALD EAVES, Commissioner of Public Safety, came to the office at 12:50 P.M., 7/23/75.

We had a long discussion concerning press policy, during which he said he had been misquoted a number of times by the local media in connection with the information he recently furnished to the FBI concerning a possible conspiracy in the MARTIN LUTHER KING assassination. He also said he had been let down by members of his staff, had been given bad information, and that a number of items had been badly mis-handled within his department. He said he wanted me to know that he regreted any misleading information which might indicate an unhappiness with the FBI on his part or the part of the Atlanta Police Department.

We reviewed the entire matter covering the initial contact by the press and inquiries as to whether the FBI was investigating, and the delivery of the information to this office, which was concealed; my endeavor to contact him on the morning of 6/23/75 without response, recent indications of failure to cooperate on the FBI's part, together with the full facts as we have stated many times with respect to furnishing same to the Department, etc. I also informed him of two members of the media who appeared at this office on the evening of 7/22/75 and attributed to him that the FBI was furnishing the statement made by WATSON, which I assured him was untrue, together with information that he might desire Congressional inquiry concerning this matter. He denied both and said there would be no reason for him to ask for such an inquiry and this was simply not true.

EAVES said he felt the media was endeavoring to get some kind of contest going between the Atlanta Police Department and the FBI and it was his desire that no such thing occur. I assured him in no way did I or the FBI participate in such an effort, since our cooperation has been well established over many years; we cooperated yesterday and would do so tomorrow. EAVES gave me assurance that he and his department would certainly do the same.



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I told EAVES that he or a member of his department was welcome to contact the Department of Justice and seek whatever information they might be able to furnish. He said he understood this. EAVES did not indicate whether he would or would not contact the Department.

EAVES stated he planned to make a release Friday which would be an interim report on the MARTIN LUTHER KING matter and wished me to review same prior to making it public. I told him I did not care to do this since investigation he conducted was solely within his jurisdiction and in no way could I confirm or not confirm whatever his department may or may not have determined in this investigation. I told him we are not conducting investigation and would not do so unless requested by the Department of Justice.

He indicated he understood this and seemed to be making this offer as a cooperative measure.

I informed him that if at any time he in any way was unhappy with any of the work performed by the FBI, he should feel free to contact the Agent in Charge, who would certainly take steps to correct and/or determine the facts in any given situation. He said he would not hesitate to call me and invited me to call him with any similar situation that might occur with any representative of his department.

He again referred to the media's "hounding" of him and what he believed to be some effort to get a fight going between the Atlanta Police Department and anyone, regardless of who they might be, and especially the FBI.

He also referred to the Atlanta crime statistics. Recently EAVES made a press release indicating a reduction in crime; however, the news media interpreted recent crime figures of the FBI to be at odds with those shown by EAVES. EAVES noted that the periods referred to covered different time periods and, therefore, were at odds, but that the FBI crime records for the same period would probably agree. I informed him that no releases are made by us relative to the crime situation in Atlanta and that no statements are ever made by this office concerning such matters, since they are always contained in the statistics released by FBIHQ.

EAVES said he understood this completely and tried to explain this to the media without success.