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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)

ATLANTA (44-2386)

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FROM: CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P)

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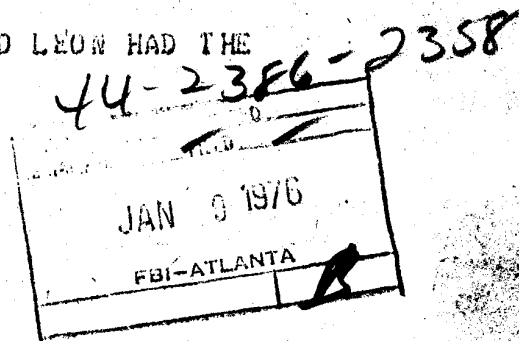
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RE BUREAU TEL JANUARY 9, 1976.

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King's assassins

On April 4, 1968, Martin Luther King was gunned down in Memphis, Tennessee. James Earl Ray confessed to the crime and was convicted.

Then, from his prison cell, Ray stated that he hadn't acted alone, but had been part of a conspiracy with white Southerners. He petitioned for a new trial to air these charges. Earlier this year, a federal judge ruled that no new trial would be allowed.

The startling revelation this week of new facts about the FBI's drive to eliminate King as a leader of the civil rights movement adds new weight to a suspicion already shared by millions: the "white Southerners" who plotted the killing were in the service of the FBI.

The depraved attempts of the FBI to silence King knew no limits. The latest disclosures show that the FBI hoped it could compel him to commit suicide by threatening to make public tapes of his private life. King was harassed and hounded at every turn by government agents.

The FBI tried character assassination, and failed. Their next step, all the evidence indicates, was to use a real assassin.

Only a tiny portion of the facts are known about the FBI's war on King, and on other Black leaders such as Malcolm X and Fred Hampton. The rest remain locked in files in Washington. Who would deny that these still-secret files contain accounts of crimes far more sinister than what has already been forced into the open?

The Political Rights Defense Fund, which is coordinating the suit filed by the Socialist Workers party and the Young Socialist Alliance against the FBI, has already succeeded in compelling the release of files documenting illegal government activities against Blacks, unionists, anti-war activists, and radical groups.

As the case comes closer to trial, more such information will be brought to light.

The PRDF suit and similar lawsuits by other victims of the FBI's illegal operations deserve the full support of all those who want to lay bare the truth about the crimes of the FBI and other secret police agencies.

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FRANKLIN, N. C., INTERVIEWED ON JANUARY 14, 1976, AND ADVISED
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LEON LAST SEEN BY BRYSON DURING CHRISTMAS, 1975, AND ALL APPEARED WELL.

BRYSON PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING LIST OF HER BROTHERS:

WENDELL POWELL, BELMONT, N. C.

CLAUDE POWELL, JR., CHAMBERLAIN, DEKATUR, GA.

EDWARD POWELL, SHALLOWFORD, CHAMBERLAIN, GA.

HUBERT POWELL, ROUTE THREE, TACOA, GA.

LEON POWELL.

ATLANTA, HANDLE INTERVIEWS OF FAMILY.

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DRINKS TO EXCESS HE BECOMES DEPRESSED AND OFTEN CALLS MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT FOR CONSOLATION. LEON OFTEN STATES HE WISHES HE WERE DEAD LIKE THE REST OF THE BOYS IN HIS UNIT WHO WERE KILLED IN KOREA. BRYSON BELIEVES LEON'S EXPERIENCES IN KOREA HAVE ADVERSELY AFFECTED HIS MIND. LAST CALL WAS MADE BY LEON TO BRYSON SEVERAL MONTHS AGO.

LEON LAST SEEN BY BRYSON DURING CHRISTMAS, 1975, AND ALL APPEARED WELL.

BRYSON PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING LIST OF HER BROTHERS:

WENDELL POWELL, BELMONT, N. C.

CLAUDE POWELL, JR., CHAMBERLANE, DEKATUR, GA.

EDWARD POWELL, SHALLOWFORD, CHAMBLEE, GA.

HUBERT POWELL, ROUTE THREE, TACOA, GA.

LEON POWELL.

ATLANTA, HANDLE INTERVIEWS OF FAMILY.

TELETYPE FURNISHED EL PASO AND MEMPHIS PER REQUEST.

END.

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NR002 AT PLAIN

12:15 AM NXURGENT 1-15-76 HLF

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

SAC, MEMPHIS

SAC, EL PASO

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2638) (P)

MURKIN.

RE AT TEL TO BU, JAN. 13, 1976.

ON INSTANT DATE, DIANE BRADY, WHITE FEMALE, DOB

POB ATLANTA, GA., CURRENT OWNER OF THE OFFICE LOUNGE,

INTERVIEWED AND ADVISED SHE IS QUITE CERTAIN THAT IN 1967 SHE WAS EMPLOYED AS A CARHOP AND BARTENDER AT PETE'S PLACE ON MORELAND AVE. SHE IS FAMILIAR WITH RAY GODFREY AND AFTER VIEWING PHOTO OF CLAUDE AND LEON POWELL, WAS FAMILIAR WITH BOTH OF THEM. SHE STATED SHE NEVER HEARD ANYONE TALKING ABOUT ANY MURDER OF ANY TYPE AT PETE'S PLACE. SHE WAS UNABLE TO IDENTIFY ANYONE RESEMBLING ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OF RALPH (LNU). SHE CAN ONLY DESCRIBE ONE INDIVIDUAL WHO CAME INTO PETE'S PLACE WHO WAS WELL-DRESSED AND WALKED WITH A LIMP. SHE KNEW THE INDIVIDUAL AS "DUKE". "DUKE" WAS A WHITE MALE, APPROXIMATELY 6', 180 LBS., DARK HAIR, WALKED WITH A LIMP, DROVE A LARGE DARK CAR WITH A GWINNETT COUNTY TAG. "DUKE"

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ATLANTA AT ATLANTA. LOCATE AND INTERVIEW DOTTIE (LNU) AND SHOW ARTIST'S CONCEPTION.
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NR012 AT PLAIN

8:55 PM URGENT 1-15-76 HLF

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)

MEMPHIS

EL PASO (44-920)

FROM: ATLANTA (44-2336) (P)

MURKIN.

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, JANUARY 15, 1976.

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DIANE BRADY RECONTACTED, ADVISED ALL OTHER EMPLOYEES OF PETE'S PLACE HAVE DIED SINCE PETE'S PLACE WAS CLOSED. AS FAR AS SHE CAN REMEMBER, THE ONLY INDIVIDUALS STILL LIVING THAT WERE CONNECTED WITH PETE'S PLACE ARE HERSELF, "DOTTIE", AND RAY GODFREY. A LOT OF THE CUSTOMERS ARE STILL AROUND AND FREQUENT HER BAR, "THE OFFICE".

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FROM: ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)
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TO ATLANTA (44-2386)

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SAN ANTONIO

FROM DIRECTOR (44-38861)

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EXAMINATION. OBTAIN NECESSARY WAIVERS.

HANDLE PROMPTLY AND SUTEL SUMMARY RESULTS.

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10:45 PM NITEL JANUARY 16, 1976 JMB

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)

ATLANTA (44-2386)

EL PASO (44-920)

FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

MURKIN

INDICES OF THE MEMPHIS OFFICE CONTAIN NOTHING WHICH
WOULD LINK CLAUDE POWELL, LEON POWELL, RAY GODFREY, OR ANY
OF THE POWELL RELATIVES TO THE MURKIN INVESTIGATION.

NO FURTHER ACTION BEING TAKEN AT MEMPHIS.

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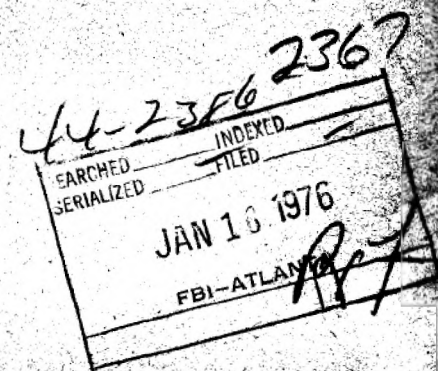
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
AND SAC, SAN ANTONIO

FROM: SAC, EL PASO (44-920) (P)

MURKIN.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO EL PASO, JANUARY 16, 1976, AND
MIDLAND RESIDENT AGENCY TELEPHONE CALL TO SAN ANTONIO,
JANUARY 16, 1976.

POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION FOR CLAUDE POWELL, JR.,
COORDINATED WITH SA LOREN K. LEE, SAN ANTONIO DIVISION,
FOR JANUARY 19, 1976, 8:00 P. M., MIDLAND, TEXAS. NECESSARY
WAIVER FOR POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION OBTAINED FROM POWELL.

EL PASO WILL SUTEL RESULTS OF THE POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION.

ATLANTA (44-2386) AND MEMPHIS ADVISED AIRMAIL.

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EL PASO (44-920)

FROM: ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

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RE ATLANTA TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, JANUARY 15, 1976.

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ATLANTA WILL, ASAP, MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO HAVE A. RAY GODFREY AND LEON POWELL AFFORDED POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION.

POWELL BROTHERS, LEON AND CLAUDE, SHOULD BE CONSIDERED POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

SAC, MEMPHIS

SAC, EL PASO (44-920)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

MURKIN

RE ATLANTA NITEL TO THE BUREAU DATED JANUARY 16, 1976.

ON JANUARY 16, 1976, A. RAY GODFREY WAS CONTACTED CONCERNING HIS WILLINGNESS TO SUBMIT TO A POLYGRAPH EXAMINE AT THE ATLANTA OFFICE OF THE FBI AT WHICH TIME GODFREY STATED "I AM INNOCENT" AND HE THEN ADVISED THAT HE DID NOT WISH TO TAKE ANY POLYGRAPH EXAMINE AND HE STATED HE DID NOT WISH TO TALK TO THE FBI ANY FURTHER AND IF THE FBI NEEDS ANY FURTHER INFORMATION THEY SHOULD CONTACT HIS ATTORNEY, JACK V. DORSEY, AT TELEPHONE NUMBERS 633-9607 OR 934-8921.

ON THE SAME DATE, LEON OWEN POWELL ADVISED THAT HE IS WILLING TO TAKE A POLYGRAPH EXAMINE AND STATED THAT HE WOULD BE AT THE ATLANTA OFFICE OF THE FBI SOMETIME BETWEEN 3:00 AND 7:00 P.M. ON JANUARY 19, 1976, FOR THE POLYGRAPH EXAMINE.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) *244/p CMB*
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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

ATLANTA (44-2386)

EL PASO (44-920)

MEMPHIS

FROM SAN ANTONIO (44-1242) (RUC)

MURKIN.

REBUTEL TO ATLANTA, JANUARY 15, 1976, AUTHORIZING REINTERVIEW OF CLAUDE POWELL, JR., WITH USE OF POLYGRAPH.

ON JANUARY 19, 1976, AT 8:15 P.M., CLAUDE POWELL, JR., AFFORDED POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION AT MIDLAND, TEXAS, BY SA LOREN K. LEE (SAN ANTONIO) WHO WAS UNASSISTED IN COLLATERAL INTERVIEW.

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