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Bureau File Number

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# FILES AND RECORDS DESTRUCTION ORDER

Date 11/19/78TO: SAC, Atlanta

FROM: \_\_\_\_\_

RE: File No. 44-2386

I have reviewed this file, and under the criteria set forth in Part II, Section 3, of Manual of Rules and Regulations, this file should be:

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under the ☐ 6-month ☐ 10-year Rule

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☒ **Retained****Justification for Retention is as Follows:**

Per BuR/S, 11/9/78 (ATfile 66-1849), civil litigation matter entitled

"James Earl Ray v. U. S. Government, FBI, United Press International

and George McMillian (U.S.D.C., E.D. TENN) Civil Action No. 3-7850" has

been dismissed; however, this file must be retained based on need by

"Select Committee on Assassinations".

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Date 11-29-76

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FROM: Sup. BERNARD R BERRY  
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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) *740 VLN*  
 EL PASO (44-920) *832 HLN*  
 MEMPHIS (44-1987) *752 JMB*  
 FROM: ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

MURKIN.

RE ATLANTA TEL TO THE BUREAU, FEBRUARY 17, 1976.

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8:57 PM URGENT FEBRUARY 18, 1976 TLL

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)

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 EL PASO (44-920) 7:52P/ajg  
 MEMPHIS (44-1987) 8:55P/ajg  
 FROM: ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

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REPORT WILL FOLLOW.

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FROM: ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

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FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

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SA HAROLD J. POE at Blue Ridge, Georgia:

On February 12, 1976, files of the Fannin County Sheriff's Department revealed LEE CARROLL GODFREY, also known as LEE RAY GODFREY, had been arrested on December 23, 1974, on the charge of theft by receiving stolen property. He was released on bond on December 27, 1974, and failed to appear for arraignment after which a bench warrant was issued for his arrest. The warrant is still outstanding. He gave his date of birth as [redacted] Social Security Number [redacted]. A photograph of GODFREY was obtained from the file.

On February 18, 1976, Mrs. R.L. (EDNA) EASLEY, Highway Number 5, sister of LEE CARROLL GODFREY, and MARIE GODFREY, mother of EDNA and LEE, advised they had no knowledge of LEE's whereabouts. They had no knowledge of LEON or CLAUDE POWELL, anyone named DUKE or any relationship or interest either LEE or RAY GODFREY had in MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., or JAMES EARL RAY. They knew no one named RALPH who associated with either LEE or RAY.

On February 18, 1976, Mrs. IRA (DENA) SMITH, Epworth Community, advised she is a sister to LEE CARROLL GODFREY and reiterated the information as furnished by her mother and sister.

On February 18, 1976, JAMES T. GODFREY, brother of LEE and RAY GODFREY, residing Sugar Creek Road, advised he had no idea of where LEE was residing at the present time. He did not know anyone named LEON or CLAUDE POWELL, anyone named DUKE or any interest LEE or RAY GODFREY had with MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., or JAMES EARL RAY. JAMES said a man named RALPH (SETZER) (Phonetic) used to play a guitar with LEE and RAY at a bar in Atlanta. RALPH was not further described.

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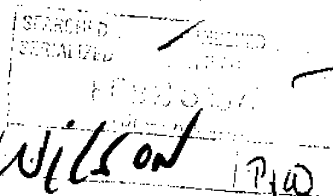
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 FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

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RE ATLANTA NITEL TO EL PASO, FEBRUARY 17, 1976.

COMPOSITE PHOTOGRAPH OF RALPH (

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NU) DISPLAYED IN

SPREAD OF PHOTOGRAPHS TO CLAUDE POWELL, JR., FEBRUARY 26,

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