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SUGGEST THAT BUREAU MAKE ARRANGEMENTS THROUGH BUFFALO OFFICE FOR TORONTO CONTACTS TO BE SET UP THROUGH TORONTO PD AND THROUGH LEGAT, OTTAWA VIA RCMP FOR CONTACTS IN MONTREAL.

ON COMPLETION OF INTERVIEWS IN CANADA, IT IS INTENTION OF CANALE'S STAFF TO PROCEED TO LONDON FOR OTHER INTERVIEWS. REQUEST LEGAT, LONDON, BE INFORMED SO THAT INTERVIEWS CAN BE ARRANGED. LEGAT, LONDON, SHOULD ALSO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS THROUGH LEGAT, PARIS, TO SET UP INTERVIEWS IN LISBON.

ROBERT DWYER, JAMES BEASLEY AND JOHN CARLISLE ARE REPRESENTATIVES OF ATTORNEY GENERAL CANALE'S OFFICE WHO WILL HANDLE THESE INTERVIEWS. THEY HAVE PREVIOUSLY HANDLED INTERVIEWS AT FBI LABORATORY, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM AND LOS ANGELES. DWYER HAS ADVISED THAT HE WILL INFORM LEGAT, OTTAWA OF COMPLETION OF INTERVIEWS AND TIME OF DEPARTURE FROM CANADA FOR LONDON SO THAT LEGAT, LONDON, CAN BE INFORMED. ATTORNEY GENERAL CANALE OF OPINION THAT INTERVIEWS LISTED ABOVE ARE PERTINENT TO CASE AS THEY CLEARLY INDICATE FUGITIVE AND FLIGHT STATUS OF SUBJECT AFTER THE ASSASSINATION OF DR. KING.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO ADVISE MEMPHIS OFFICE SO THAT CANALE'S OFFICE CAN BE INFORMED PROMPTLY THAT ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN

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COMPLETED. ATTORNEY GENERAL CANALE MOST DESIROUS THAT ARRANGEMENTS BE EXPEDITED AS HE HOPES TO HAVE ALL NECESSARY PRE-TRIAL ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETED IN ADVANCE OF TRIAL SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER TWELVE NEXT.

AIR MAIL COPY, BUFFALO. P.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-374)

DATE: 10/17/68

FROM : ASAC WASON G. CAMPBELL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 7:55 AM, 10/16/68, Supervisor RICHARD LONG, Civil Rights Section, Bureau, phoned to advise that three representatives from the State of Tennessee Attorney General's Office planned to visit Toronto to interview witnesses there in this case. They will on finishing in Toronto proceed to Montreal and then to London and Lisbon for the same purpose. He called to alert this office and indicated that these three men would be guests of RCMP, Toronto, and that Legat, Ottawa, was in the process of handling with RCMP headquarters, Ottawa, the arrangements for their two stops in Canada.

Mr. LONG called back at 3:45 PM, 10/16/68, to advise that Mr. JOSEPH DOWNEY, head of RCMP, Toronto, will be the contact for these visitors in Toronto and Mr. DOWNEY has received instructions from Ottawa to "extend all courtesies." The No. Two man, Mr. C. R. DOOEY, at RCMP, Toronto, will make the necessary arrangements for the interviews these visitors desire to conduct.

These visitors expect to arrive Toronto 1:57 PM, 10/17/68, aboard AAL Flight 294. Their identities are:

ROBERT DWYER

Executive Assistant to Attorney General, Tennessee

JAMES BEASLEY, Prosecutor

JOHN CARLISLE

Chief Investigative Officer
Tennessee AG's Office.

They expect to conclude their business late on 10/18/68 and perhaps depart Toronto for Montreal that evening. Mr. LONG expects Buffalo will be in a position to advise Legat, Ottawa, of their departure and flight description.

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The above information was telephoned to SA JAMES MC MAHON, who will either meet them at the Toronto Airport and make the necessary introductions, or will arrange proper reception for them.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-374)

DATE: 10/17/68

FROM : ASAC WASON G. CAMPBELL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 12:00 Noon, 10/17/68, SAC ROBERT JENSON, Memphis FBI Office, phoned in connection with the proposed visit of representatives of the Tennessee AG's Office to Toronto to interview certain witnesses. He requested that the following information be relayed to Mr. ROBERT DWYER, one of the three visitors:

Chief Inspector KEN THOMPSON, Scotland Yard, London, has advised that he has maintained contact with the witnesses in London and will be delighted to have these three representatives visit London for the necessary interviews there and which Mr. THOMPSON feels can be expedited because the whereabouts of all are known to him.

Mr. DWYER has previously been advised by FBI Memphis that JOHN MINNICH, Legat, London, will meet him. However, Mr. MINNICH will be in Stockholm during this period and the Tennessee party will be met by Assistant Legat ALDEN MC RAE.

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*10/15/68
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Inspector Carl
Dwyer B.C.M.P.
advised & will pass
along to Dwyer.*

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CABLEGRAM

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AIR MAIL

TO LEGAT OTTAWA

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN.

STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL, PHIL M. CANALE, JR., SHELBY COUNTY, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, WHO IS HANDLING THE STATE PROSECUTION OF JAMES EARL RAY FEELS IT IS NECESSARY THAT HIS REPRESENTATIVES ROBERT DWYER, JAMES BEASLEY AND JOHN CARLISLE TO INTERVIEW WITNESSES IN TORONTO, MONTREAL, LONDON AND LISBON IN THIS ORDER. CANALE OF OPINION THAT INTERVIEWS ARE PERTINENT TO CASE AS THEY CLEARLY INDICATE FUGITIVE AND FLIGHT STATUS OF SUBJECT AFTER THE ASSASSINATION OF KING. TRIAL IS SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER TWELVE NEXT AND CANALE MOST DESIROUS FOR EXPEDITIOUS HANDLING.

THE FOLLOWING WITNESSES IN TORONTO:

PAUL EDWARD BRIDGEMAN, EIGHTY CASSANDRA BLVC., APT. ONE; DON MILLS, EMPLOYED BY TORONTO BOARD OF EDUCATION, ONE FIVE FIVE COLLEGE ST., TORONTO; ERIC ST VINCENT GALT, FOUR NINE

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**CABLEGRAM TO LEGAT OTTAWA
RE: MURKIN**

**LE HANN DRIVE, SCARBOROUGH, ONTARIO, EMPLOYED BY UNION
CARBIDE, TORONTO; RAMON GEORGE SNEYD, ONE SEVEN THREE
ONE VICTORIA PARK AVE., TORONTO ONTARIO, EMPLOYED BY
TORONTO POLICE DEPT.; BLANCH VAN LUEN, ONE FOUR
KINGSTON ROAD; SAMUEL MARSHALL, ONE FOUR FIVE THREE
QUEENS ST. WEST, TORONTO, EMPLOYED BY LOBLAWS GROCERY,
ENESON BENNS, ONE FOUR FIVE THREE QUEENS ST. WEST TORONTO,
EMPLOYED LOBLAWS GROCERY; MRS. SUN FUNG LOO, NINE SIX
DUNDAS ST., TORONTO; LILLIAN SPENCER, FOUR TWO FOUR BLOOR
ST. WEST, TORONTO, EMPLOYED BY KENNEDY TRAVEL BUREAU;
MRS. ADAM SVPAKOWSKI, ONE ZERO TWO OSSINGTON ST. WEST,
TORONTO; MRS. MARGARET EAKING, CARE OF MABLE AGNEW,
ARCADE PHOTO STUDIO, ONE THREE SEVEN YOUGE, SUITE SIXTY
FOUR; MABLE AGNEW, ARCADE PHOTO STUDIO, ADDRESS ABOVE,
ROBERT MC NAULTON, TEN BELLEHAVEN CRESCENT, TORONTO.**

**ARRANGEMENTS FOR INTERVIEWS OF WITNESSES IN TORONTO
CAN BE BEST HANDLED THROUGH THE BUFFALO OFFICE; THEREFORE,
BUFFALO OFFICE IMMEDIATELY SUTEL IF ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE
THROUGH RCMP IN TORONTO FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF CANALE TO
INTERVIEW WITNESSES.**

**CABLEGRAM TO LEGAT OTTAWA
RE: MURKIN**

THE FOLLOWING WITNESSES IN MONTREAL:

**LOUIS FEIGAN, ONE TWO FOUR EIGHT ST. CATHERINE ST. WEST,
EMPLOYED BY ENGLAND AND SCOTS WOOLEN CO., LTD.; JOHN WELCH,
EMPLOYEE OF ENGLAND AND SCOTS WOOLEN CO., LTD.; A. CHEVARIE,
FOUR EIGHT EIGHT ST. CATHERINE ST. WEST, MONTREAL, OGR OF
TIP TOP TAILORS; J. B. CLOUTIER, SALESMAN, TIP TOP TAILORS;
MR. AND MRS. MORRIS QUINTAL, ONE THREE NINE TWO HICKORY ROAD,
WINDSOR, ONTARIO, EMPLOYED AT HI-NEIGHBOR FLOORING CO. LTD.,
TWO FIVE SEVEN WYANDOTTE ST. EAST, WINDSOR; H. ROTHMAN,
OWNER OF HARKABY APARTMENTS, TWO FIVE EIGHT NINE NOTRE
DAME EAST, MONTREAL.**

**LEGAT OTTAWA WILL IMMEDIATELY SUCAB IF ARRANGEMENTS CAN
BE MADE THROUGH RCMP AT MONTREAL TO HAVE ABOVE-LISTED
WITNESSES INTERVIEWED AT MONTREAL.**

**AIRMAIL COPY SENT TO BUFFALO AND ONE AIRMAIL COPY SENT
TO MEMPHIS.**

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-374)

DATE: 10/18/68

FROM : ASAC WASON G. CAMPBELL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Airmail copy of Bureau cablegram dated 10/16/68 received in Buffalo late afternoon 10/17/68. Page 2, paragraph 2, states "Arrangements for interviews of witnesses in Toronto can be best handled through the Buffalo Office; therefore, Buffalo Office immediately sutel if arrangements can be made through RCMP in Toronto for representatives of CANALE to interview witnesses."

Since the above paragraph was not the essence of instructions received from Bureau Supervisor RICHARD LONG, Civil Rights Section, Bureau, I phoned him at 8:45 AM, 10/18/68. He indicated that instructions in the quoted paragraph had been superseded by his telephone call (see my earlier memo) and that the Bureau had never intended for Buffalo Agents to make specific arrangements for interview of witnesses in Toronto. I told him that SA JAMES MC MAHON, the road trip Agent to Toronto, had met the three visitors at the Airport and handled their introductions to RCMP officials. Supervisor LONG indicated that this was the exact intent of the Bureau and that an airtel advising of this action should be sent and that no teletype was necessary.

During this conversation it was mentioned to Mr. LONG that the schedule which these visitors have set for themselves is a very ambitious one and SA MC MAHON and I, who were in Toronto during the initial interviews of most of these witnesses, very much doubt that these projected interviews by these Tennessee visitors can be handled by close of business Friday, 10/18/68. He requested again that Buffalo be in a position to advise Legat, Ottawa, of the travel plans when the visitors depart Toronto for Montreal.

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Date: 10/18/68

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, 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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AIR TEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (44-374)
MURKIN

Re Memphis tel to the Bureau, 10/15/68;
Bureau Cablegram to Legat, Ottawa, 10/16/68; and mytel-
calls to the Bureau, 10/17 and 18/68.

At 9:00 AM on 10/17/68, Inspector CARL DOEY, RCMP, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, was contacted and informed that Mistfers DWYER, BEASLEY and CARLISLE were scheduled to arrive at the Toronto International Airport at 1:57 PM, 10/17/68. At the same time, Inspector DOEY was informed of the respective positions of these men.

Inspector DOEY indicated that he had already received instructions from Ottawa as to the impending arrival of these men in Toronto and the purpose of their trip, but that their specific arrival time had not previously been furnished to him. He added that he was assigning Corporal JOHN DUNLOP of the RCMP, who participated in the original investigation of RAY's activities in Toronto, to "look after" these representatives of the State of Tennessee.

It should be noted in connection with this particular conversation with Inspector DOEY that he made the observation that it appeared highly improbable to him.

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that these men would be able to interview all of the people they wanted to talk to and still leave Toronto for Montreal on Friday, 10/18/68.

At 2:08 PM, 10/17/68, Misters DWYER, BEASLEY and CARLISLE were met at the ramp of the Toronto International Airport by SA JAMES P. MC MAHON of the Buffalo Office and Corporal DUNLOP of the RCMP as they alighted from their plane. Their passage through Canadian immigration and customs was facilitated by Corporal DUNLOP and they were thereafter driven to Headquarters of the RCMP in Toronto in an RCMP car by Corporal DUNLOP. During the brief discussion at the airport, DWYER, BEASLEY and CARLISLE expressed their appreciation for the cooperation of the FBI, pointing out that they "don't know what they would have done if it were not for the Bureau."

At that same time, it was pointed out to these gentlemen that the possibility of arranging all of the interviews which they indicated they desired while in Toronto would be extremely unlikely in the one full day which they have allocated for their stay in Toronto particularly since at least two of the interviews, those of the two landladies at the residences in Toronto at which RAY had stayed required the services of a Chinese and Polish interpreter. Despite this, they insisted they were committed to adhere to their original schedule and that they would have to accomplish as much as they could during the time they had allocated for Toronto.

Arrangements were made with Corporal DUNLOP for him to notify the Buffalo Office just as soon as the men from Tennessee "firmed up" their plans for departure from Toronto for Montreal.

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ADDENDUM

As per instructions of ASAC CAMPBELL, the writer telephonically contacted Chief Superintendent JOSEPH DOWNEY, RCMP, Toronto, at about 9:00 AM, 10/17/68, at which time Superintendent DOWNEY suggested that I handle this matter through Inspector DOEY and thereupon had my call transferred to Inspector DOEY.

During my discussion of the matter with Inspector DOEY, it was agreed that the RCMP would handle all of the necessary arrangements for interviews including that of Police Officer SNEYDA of the MTPD. Inspector DOEY indicated that he would contact Deputy Chief B. O. SIMMONS to arrange for that interview at the pleasure of the gentlemen of Tennessee.

During discussion at the Airport, Corporal DUNLOP indicated to me that he had already made arrangements with Detective Sgt. ROD MARSH of the MTPD who had originally worked with him on this investigation to assist in arranging matters for the gentlemen from Tennessee.

SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

11/6/68

SAC, BUFFALO (44-374) (P)

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COST DATA

Reurairtel dated 4/19/68, and myairtel dated 9/4/68.

	<u>Regular Hours</u>	<u>Overtime Hours</u>	<u>Total Hours</u>
1. A. Special Agents	17	0	17
B. Clerical	<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6</u>
	<u>23</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>23</u>
2. Total Mileage Traveled	0		
3. Unusual or Out of Ordinary Costs	None		
4. Peak Number of Special Agents Working on Case During October, 1968	None	3	

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ASAC WASON G. CAMPBELL

MURKIN

At 5:00 PM, 11/25/68, Bureau Supervisor RICHARD LONG phoned with regard to a portion of JAMES EARL RAY's story that appears in the 11/26/68 issue of "LOOK" Magazine at page 87. It is set out there that RAY crossed the International Border at Windsor-Detroit and was carrying with him certain contraband packages in behalf of "RAOUL" secreted in RAY's old red Plymouth automobile. RAY, according to the account, declared a TV set at U. S. Customs, hoping to avoid a search of his car. He claims the declaration procedure required about 30 minutes and he paid \$4.50 duty on this TV set which he had purchased earlier in Montreal. According to the account, the receipt for the duty payment was issued in the name of ERIC S. GALT and this entry occurred in August or September, 1967.

Supervisor LONG said a complete check had been made of U. S. Customs records, Detroit, where no record of this claimed declaration was located. At Detroit the records were filed by item and during the period under review only 3 TV sets have been declared, none of which was in the name of ERIC S. GALT or any other known aliases of RAY.

LEAD:

Explore feasibility of checking U. S. Custom records at all entry points in Buffalo Division to see if this entry may have been here rather than in Detroit. This investigation should be handled on a priority basis.

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

In connection with the articles prepared by WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE, which have appeared in "Look" magazine, certain investigation has been conducted by offices receiving this Airtel. The Memphis Division, as office of origin, requests that results of investigation conducted by the various offices be furnished in the form of either FD-302 or investigative insert so that all results can be incorporated in a report. This material should be submitted so that it reaches Memphis no later than December 4, 1968.

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SAC, BUFFALO (44-374) (P)

MURKIN -
COST DATA

Reurairtel dated 4/19/68.

	<u>Regular Hours</u>	<u>Overtime Hours</u>	<u>Total Hours</u>
1. A. Special Agents	3	0	3
B. Clerical	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>
2. Total Mileage Traveled	0		
3. Unusual or Out of Ordinary Costs	None		
4. Peak Number of Special Agents Working on Case During November, 1968	2		

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On December 2, 1968, FRANK GRIMES, United States Customs, Buffalo, New York, advised SA R. GORDON EDDY that customs had completed a check of its records for August and September, 1967 and could locate no record of a television set being declared at any of the points of entry to the United States from Canada within the Buffalo Division for the months of August and September, 1967. GRIMES said that these records would normally be maintained on an informal entry form in the Monies and Accounts section and are retained for a period of two years. He had the records checked for both the names ERIC S. GALT and JAMES EARL RAY.

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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (44-374) (P)
MURKIN

Re Bureau telephone call to Buffalo, 11/25/68,
and Memphis airtel, 11/27/68.

Enclosed herewith to Memphis are original and
nine copies of investigative insert at Buffalo.

For information of Bureau, U.S. Customs, Buffalo,
N.Y., could locate no record of JAMES EARL RAY declaring
a television set at any point of entry to the United States
within the Buffalo Division.

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TO: ALL SAC's
FROM: SAC, Memphis (44-1987) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA
(OO: MEMPHIS)
BUFILE 44-38861

Re Memphis airtel to Albany dated 4/19/68, and
Memphis airtel to All SAC's, dated 7/16/68.

Discontinue the monthly submission to the Memphis
Division of the cost data requested in referenced airtels,
since the Bureau has agreed this submission can be discon-
tinued.

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Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-374) (RUC)

DATE: 1/14/69

FROM : SA R. GORDON EDDY

SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA
(OO: Memphis)
(Bufile 44-38861)

In view of the fact that the Bureau has discontinued the submission of the monthly cost data airtel to Memphis and the fact that there are no leads outstanding in the Buffalo Division, it is recommended this case be considered in RUC status

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King Case Wide Open

So far as James Earl Ray's personal future is concerned, this now self-conficted assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is obviously better off pleading guilty and getting a 99-year prison sentence than he would be if he had been convicted and sentenced to death.

But so far as the public is concerned, we can hardly imagine a more ambiguous or unsatisfactory aftermath to this terrible crime than to have everyone but the confessed killer himself piously doubting that there was any conspiracy involved in the murder of Dr. King. For even though James Earl Ray's guilty plea may leave no doubt that he was in fact the triggerman, his cryptic statement in court invites the inference that he was part of a plot.

Even while accepting all the implications of his guilty plea, including the waiver of any right to appeal, Ray said he had just one thing he wanted to tell the court: He did not agree with "the theory that there was no conspiracy."

But what a sick joke it would be to leave this case dangling like that. For who better than the triggerman himself could know whether or not this assassination was a conspiracy?

What makes the conspiracy angle all the more puzzling is the strangely casual attitude taken toward it by both Defense Counsel Percy Foreman ("It took me months to prove to myself . . . that it was not a conspiracy") and by the chief prosecutor, Shelby County (Memphis) Atty. Gen. Phil M. Canale ("We have no evidence of conspiracy. If at any time there is evidence . . . we will take prompt action.")

Well, what more do the Memphis authorities really need, as a starting point, than Ray's own cryptic hint, as he heads into prison for a minimum of 33 years, that there was a conspiracy—that he was, in effect, an instrument in a plot? These attorneys and this court, after all, arranged the "stipulation" on which Ray's guilty plea was accepted. If Ray really knows something about a conspiracy, as he implies, then why was not that information extracted from him before he was allowed to enter this plea to save his life? Or has he talked, and is his story in process of being either substantiated, discredited, or hushed up?

Plainly there is more here than meets the public eye, and neither Tennessee nor the U. S. Justice Department can let the case rest where it is. Until some satisfactory answers to the conspiracy possibility cited by Ray himself are forthcoming, the case of the assassination of Martin Luther King is going to remain disturbingly wide open, despite this sentencing of the man who presumably pulled the fatal trigger.

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Ray Hints Plot, Gets 99 Years

Pleads Guilty To King Murder

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (UPI)—James Earl Ray pleaded guilty to the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in return for his life Monday, but he hinted he was not alone in the plot to slay the civil rights leader.

After an hour and 55 minutes of token testimony a jury of 12 men, by prearrangement, convicted Ray and sentenced him to 99 years in prison.

Says Probe Continues

But Ray himself announced he disagreed with the theory that there was no conspiracy to kill Dr. King, Judge W. Preston Battle warned that any conspirators could never rest easy, and the Justice Dept. took virtually its first notice of theories that Dr. King's assassination last April 4 was a conspiracy.

"The investigation into the original allegations of a conspiracy is still open," said a spokesman in Washington a few hours after Ray was led out of the Memphis courtroom.

Feared Death Sentence

Ray changed his plea to guilty in return for the 99-year sentence and went on trial instantly rather than wait until his scheduled April 7 trial. His attorney, famed Texas trial lawyer Percy Foreman, evidently feared Ray might be sentenced to die—even though no one has been executed in Tennessee in seven years—if he maintained his innocence.

Both Dr. King's widow and his successor, the Rev. Ralph Abernathy, insisted others were involved in the murder and demanded that the investigation continue. Negroes throughout the South called the two-hour trial a "cover-up."

Ray Disagrees

Ray stood up in court to say that "I can't agree with Mr. Clark."

Judge Battle, taken aback, asked "Mr. Who?"

"Ramsay Clark," the former attorney general, explained Foreman. Clark had said several times that no one but Ray was involved in Dr. King's killing. So, during Monday's proceedings, did Foreman and prosecutor F. Lee Canale.

"You don't agree with whose theories?" asked Battle.

"Mr. Canale's, Mr. Clark's, and J. Edgar Hoover's theories about the conspiracy," said Ray. He said no more, and was asked no more, about a conspiracy.

Maximum Security Cell

Ray celebrated his 41st birthday Monday, and he will be eligible for parole when he is 71. An isolated maximum security cell was ready for him at State Prison in Nashville 200 miles away. There were indications he might be sped there late Monday night.

The question of a possible conspiracy virtually overshadowed Ray's conviction.

"There have been rumors that James Earl Ray was a hired dupe

for others to kill Martin Luther King," said Canale. "We have no evidence that any conspiracy was involved."

Foreman Convinced

Foreman said that "it took me a month to convince myself of this fact, what the attorney general of the United States and J. Edgar Hoover of the FBI said last year, that there was not a conspiracy."

But Canale said "if at any time there is evidence that such a conspiracy is involved, we will take prompt action."

"It has not been established at this time that there was any conspiracy," said the judge before turning the case over to the jury. "This is not conclusive evidence that there was no conspiracy."

"If there was a conspiracy, no member of such a conspiracy can ever live in peace or lie down to pleasant dreams because there is no statute of limitations in capital cases in this state," he said.

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J. H. WICKER, Manager, No-El Motel, Highway 72 East, Corinth, Mississippi, made available the motel registration records for the period March 29, 1968, through April 3, 1968. The following individuals were registered during this period:

RED SHARP
Scottsboro, Alabama

B. H. PLEMONS
Box 385
Steele, Alabama
Alabama license 59-1044

J. A. SMELLY
Sheffield, Alabama

VERA ELKINS
Jasper, Alabama
(Olen Mills representative)

L. O. ELLIS
Sheffield, Alabama

C. D. WRIGHT
Box 939
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Mr. and Mrs. BILL SALMON
Salmon Lane
Harrison, Arkansas

(name illegible)
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Sarasota, Florida

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On 4/14/69 at Corinth, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586

by SA JOHN S. CASTLES /bdb Date dictated 4/18/69

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D. H. HATOBETT
Bremen, Georgia
Georgia license 64A591

J. L. YOUNG, Jr.
1002 Forrest Boulevard
Decatur, Georgia

WILLIAM R. PARKER
15 Vine Court
Savannah, Georgia
Georgia license 3-D-889

C. S. CARSON and wife
Route 1
Sadorus, Illinois
Illinois license JE1010, Chevrolet

BOB FORMAN
Evansville, Indiana

Miss MARTHA COSCINO
1205 North Rampart
New Orleans, Louisiana
License 38-B-685

BILL and SANDY FERRELL
Route 1
Grand Junction, Michigan

JAMES D. FERRELL
Grand Junction, Michigan

WALTER PICKWICK
20440 Spencer
Detroit, Michigan

Mr. and Mrs. GALE BUTTERFIELD
118 Palmer Street, Northeast
Grand Rapids, Michigan
Michigan license JA45-70

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LOIS HINDMAN
Parker Road
Corinth, Mississippi

JESSIE CLARK
1202 Meggie Street
Tupelo, Mississippi
Mississippi license 21-726

THOMAS R. SMITH
Route 2
Corinth, Mississippi

JOEL EVANS and TOMMY COWART
2212 Bell Avenue
Columbus, Mississippi

GARY LOWE
2212 Bell Avenue
Columbus, Mississippi

SAMMUEL WILLIAMS
805 Cemetery Street
Corinth, Mississippi

C. T. WALKER
1450 West Capitol Street
Jackson, Mississippi
Mississippi license H-44460

BRICKLE
837 Highland Drive
Las Vegas, New Mexico

Mr. and Mrs. LEIGH KETCH
249 Penfield Road
Rochester, New York
New York license MR 866

PAULINE BULLARD and G. L. LAWSON
208 East 11th
Wewoka, Oklahoma

CHARLES WALTERS
1505 Vera Cruz
Memphis, Tennessee
Arkansas license B122-34

P. E. BENNETT
3730 Earls Court Road
Memphis, Tennessee

CHARLES T. BROWN
950 Runyan Drive
Chattanooga, Tennessee

THOMAS J. MYRICK
4530 Almo
Memphis, Tennessee
Tennessee license KP 1493

DAVID F. NABORS
412 Old Hickory Boulevard
Nashville, Tennessee

W. H. CARLETON
109 Bellevue
Memphis, Tennessee
Tennessee license KW7890

P.A.S. Talen Company, Incorporated
P. O. Box 349
Trenton, Tennessee

TONY WALKER
301 South Royal
Jackson, Tennessee

4/7/69

Airtel

To: SACs, Birmingham (44-1740)
Jackson (157-9556)
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

William Bradford Huie has written a third article for "Look" magazine. The article appears in the issue dated April 15, 1969, but this issue was circulated on April 1, 1969. A review of the article reveals that James Earl Ray allegedly registered at the Travelodge Motel, Five Points, Birmingham, Alabama, on March 29, 1968; at a motel near Florence, Alabama, on April 1, 1968; and at a motel near Corinth, Mississippi, on April 2, 1968. It is to be noted that Ray, using the name Harvey Lowmyer, negotiated the purchase of a rifle at the Aeromarine Supply Company, Birmingham, Alabama, on March 29 and 30, 1968. On April 3, 1968, he was registered at the Rebel Motel in Memphis, Tennessee.

In an effort to establish whether or not Ray was in contact with any individuals immediately prior to the assassination, appropriate investigation should be conducted by the Birmingham and Jackson Offices. It should be understood that there is to be no indication made whatsoever that the following investigation has any connection whatsoever with the case involving James Earl Ray.

Birmingham and Jackson Offices should make inquiries of the motels in or near the cities indicated above to determine the identities of individuals registered during the period March 29 to April 3, 1968. Efforts should be made to identify all individuals listed, as well as

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obtaining descriptions and registrations for the automobiles of such persons. A review of such records might indicate whether any one individual might have accompanied Ray or been in contact with him during this period. Pertinent or questionable registration records should be obtained if possible for examination by the FBI Laboratory.

Memphis should insure that the Bureau is kept currently advised of pertinent developments in this case, particularly all aspects of court action since the death of Judge Battle on March 31, 1969.

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Enclosed for each office, except for Memphis and Birmingham, is one copy of referenced Bureau airtel, dated 4/7/69.

As directed by Bureau, a review of all motel records for the period March 29, to April 3, 1968, of motels in Corinth, Miss., made and the names of those individuals registered at the motels during this period have been obtained, and their names are revealed on appropriate FD-302s. One copy each of the FD-302s, where appropriate, are being submitted to the appropriate offices, as set out below:

FD-302

Division

Mrs. LOUISE BREWER, Mgr.
Round-Town Motel

Birmingham
Chicago
Dallas
Detroit
Indianapolis
Jacksonville
Kansas City
Little Rock
Louisville
Memphis
Miami
Milwaukee
New York
Omaha
St. Louis
Springfield
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FD-302

Division

Mr. DON M. STRICKLAND, Mgr.,
Holiday Inn Motel

Atlanta	Miami
Birmingham	Minneapolis
Charlotte	Mobile
Chicago	Newark
Cincinnati	New Haven
Columbia	New Orleans
Dallas	New York
Denver	Oklahoma City
Detroit	Omaha
Houston	Philadelphia
Indianapolis	Richmond
Jacksonville	Salt Lake City
Kansas City	Savannah
Knoxville	Seattle
Little Rock	Springfield
Louisville	Tampa
Memphis	

WALTER COUTURE, Mgr.
Cannoneer Motel

Albany	Minneapolis
Atlanta	Mobile
Birmingham	New Orleans
Cincinnati	New York
Denver	Oklahoma City
Detroit	Omaha
Indianapolis	Philadelphia
Kansas City	Sacramento
Knoxville	St. Louis
Memphis	Savannah
Miami	Springfield
Milwaukee	Tampa

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FD-302

Division

BROOKS PHILLIPS, Owner,
Southern Motel

Atlanta
Birmingham
Charlotte
Chicago
Columbia
Dallas
Kansas City

Little Rock
Louisville
Memphis
Mobile
New Orleans
St. Louis

HOWARD STARNES, Mgr.,
Illinois Motel

Atlanta
Birmingham
Chicago
Cleveland
Dallas
Detroit
Indianapolis
Jacksonville
Kansas City

Knoxville
Little Rock
Memphis
Milwaukee
Mobile
St. Louis
Savannah
Springfield
Tampa

WILLIAM PHILLIPS, Owner,
Phillips Motel

Atlanta
Birmingham
Cleveland
Columbia
Dallas
Detroit
Kansas City
Knoxville

Little Rock
Los Angeles
Memphis
Omaha
Sacramento
St. Louis
San Diego

H. C. FREEMAN, Owner and
Operator, Carona Plaza Motel

Birmingham
Chicago
Cleveland
Dallas
Denver
Houston
Indianapolis
Kansas City
Louisville
Memphis

Miami
Minneapolis
Mobile
Oklahoma City
Omaha
Salt Lake City
San Antonio
Savannah
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FD-302

Division

Mrs. FREDDIE GLOVER, Owner,
Merry Acres Motel

Birmingham
Little Rock
Memphis

Milwaukee
Minneapolis
Springfield

Mrs. BERRY (SHIRLEY) SMITH,
Owner and Manager,
El-Ray Motel

Birmingham
Chicago
Cleveland
Columbia
Dallas
Detroit

Indianapolis
Memphis
Miami
New Orleans
St. Louis
Springfield

Mr. PAUL HAYES, Mgr.,
Dixie Court

Memphis
Milwaukee

J. H. WICKER, Mgr.,
No-El Motel

Albuquerque
Atlanta
Birmingham
Buffalo
Detroit
Indianapolis
Knoxville

Little Rock
Memphis
New Orleans
Oklahoma City
Savannah
Springfield
Tampa

Mrs. G. N. PRUETTE, Owner,
Teetotum Motel

Memphis

Mrs. BERRY (SHIRLEY) SMITH,
Nite-Fall Motel

Atlanta
Indianapolis
Little Rock
Memphis
Minneapolis

Omaha
Richmond
St. Louis
Springfield

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A Xerox copy of each motel registration has been made by the Jackson Division, and copies of these registrations are being maintained in the bulky exhibit file of Jackson File 157-9586.

It is noted on the registrations that there is registration from Saskatchewan, Canada, at the Round-Town Motel, and a registration from Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, at the Holiday Inn, during the pertinent period. It is being left to the discretion of Memphis, the Office of Origin, as to whether appropriate LHM should be submitted to the Bureau to have these individuals identified in Canada.

The names of those individuals appearing on the motel registrations who reside within the Jackson Division are being identified through indicés check in the Jackson Office and appropriate credit and criminal being conducted within the cities in which they indicate they reside.

LEADS:

ALL RECEIVING OFFICES

All offices receiving copies of this communication will review the FD-302s which they have received for names of those individuals who reside within their respective divisions and will review the names through the appropriate office indices and will identify the individual through appropriate credit and criminal check, and if deemed advisable, will interview the individual if there is a possibility of any association with JAMES EARL RAY.

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

By airtel dated 4/7/69, the Bureau advised that in a third "Look" magazine article, WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE stated that JAMES EARL RAY had spent the night of 4/2/68 in a motel near Corinth, Miss. The Bureau instructed Jackson to review motel records in and around Corinth to determine the identities of individuals registered there during the period 3/29/68 to 4/3/68. By airtel dated 4/18/69, the Jackson Office advised the Bureau that motel records at Corinth, Miss., had been reviewed under the subject's true name and aliases and had been reviewed for subject's Alabama license number. Nothing identifiable with the subject was located.

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By airtel dated 5/7/69, copies of which were not furnished the Bureau, the Jackson Office set out leads for those offices to whom copies of this communication are designated. These offices have been requested to interview several hundred persons who spent the night in motels at Corinth, Miss., on or about 4/2/68.

In view of the fact that more than a year has passed since these persons stayed over night at Corinth, and since similar investigation of this type in this case has previously been unproductive, and since HUIE has admitted that RAY frequently is untruthful in statements to him, and further since it is not believed that it is of any particular importance to establish whether or not JAMES EARL RAY stayed over night at Corinth on 4/2/68, all offices will disregard the leads set out in Jackson airtel dated 5/7/69, unless specifically advised by the Bureau to cover same.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-374) -RUC-

DATE: 5/20/69

FROM : SA Paul A. Joensen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Discontinue received this date.

Investigation requested by JACKSON airtel to MEMPHIS dated 5/7/69 had been covered and communication was being prepared at the time discontinue was received. Therefore investigative notes are being retained as a part of exhibit section of this file.

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (44-374)

MURKIN

On 4/15/70, Sgt. of Dets. JAMES NOBLE (NA), Homicide Squad, Metropolitan Toronto Police Department (MTPD), Toronto, Ontario, Canada, advised as follows:

He had been in contact with one of the police constables assigned to the Department who furnished him with the following:

This Police Constable, during the past year, was using an informant, identified only as (FNU) DINENNO or DENINNO.

During the time he was in contact with this person, DINENNO received several telephone calls from Mexico from his brother or cousin, who apparently had just been charged with murdering his wife by pushing her off a cliff. This brother or cousin's name was CHARLES DENINNO and his wife's name was MARIE.

Recently, this Police Constable had been reading a book entitled "The Case of James Earl Ray" by CLAY BLAIR, JR., Supposedly on Page 136 of this book, the author referred to RAY as having made friends in Mexico and

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having used their names as references in order to gain employment as a waiter. The names of the references in this book supposedly were CHARLES and MARIE DENINNO. The Police Constable pointed out to Sgt. NOBLE that he believed the DENINNOs mentioned in this book were possibly related to his source and that there might be some significance which would aid in developing past background re JAMES EARL RAY. The Police Constable's source is unavailable but the Police Constable is attempting to locate him for additional details.

Sgt. NOBLE stated that he realized the Police Constable might have a tendency to exaggerate and imagine there is some connection with his informant and the RAY case but he felt he should furnish same to the FBI in any event.

Memphis is requested to evaluate the above information and advise Buffalo as to any significance involved so that MTPD may be informed.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, BUFFALO (44-374)

FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/22/70

Re Buffalo airtel to Memphis, 4/25/70.

It is believed that MARIE DENINNO referred to in referenced airtel is MARIE MARTIN, aka MARIE DENINNO, who was an associate of the subject JAMES EARL RAY at Los Angeles during late 1967 and early 1968. At that time, MARIE MARTIN was a cocktail waitress at the Sultan Room, a bar in the St. Francis Hotel in Los Angeles. She knew the subject as ERIC GALT, and it was at MARIE MARTIN's suggestion that the subject and MARTIN's cousin, CHARLES STEIN, traveled from Los Angeles to New Orleans for the purpose of bringing the children of another cousin, RITA STEIN, back to Los Angeles during December, 1967.

For your information, CHARLES STEIN, RITA STEIN, and MARIE MARTIN have all been interviewed on several occasions regarding their knowledge of the subject, and it is not believed likely that they are now in possession of any worthwhile information which they have not previously furnished.

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Remyairtel, 4/25/70 and your letter, 5/22/70.

On 6/24/70 information contained in referenced letter was furnished to Sgt. of Detectives JAMES NOBLE (NA), Homicide Squad, Metropolitan Toronto Police Department (MTPD), Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

No further action is required and this matter is being considered RUC.

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New Data Claimed In King Slaying

ATLANTA, Ga. (AP) — Georgia's public safety commissioner, Reginald Eaves, says he will release a report today which he claims contains new information about the assassination of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Eaves originally scheduled a news conference for Monday to release the report, then put it off for a day. No reason was given for the postponement.

Glenn Foster, a state police spokesman, said Eaves was given a four-page "overview" of the information Friday and had been reviewing it since then.

Eaves said five weeks ago that he had evidence pointing to a conspiracy in the slaying of the civil rights leader in Memphis, Tenn., on April 4, 1968.

FBI Unimpressed

The FBI dismissed the report as "no new information." The federal agency said it had checked out the same material in 1971.

Eaves countered by saying, "If it had been investigated earlier we would not have been involved."

He said the information was delivered to him by "someone I respect a great deal," but he refused to identify the person.

Published reports have indicated that the material quoted Robert Byron Watson, 21, a convicted felon, who said he overheard several Atlanta men discuss a plot to kill King the day before the civil right leader was slain.

Eaves has refused to confirm that Watson, who was 14 at the time of the killing, was the source of his material.

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FROM BUFFALO (44-374) (P)

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REFERRED TO RECENT ATTEMPT ON PART OF REV. RALPH ABERNATHY AND
OTHERS TO HAVE INVESTIGATION OF DR. KING'S DEATH REOPENED BASED
REPORTEDLY ON NEW EVIDENCE INCLUDING TESTIMONY OF PERSONS KNOW-
LEDGABLE OF AN ALLEGED PLOT. ARTICLES CONCENTRATED ON ONE OF
THESE PERSONS IDENTIFIED AS CLIFFORD H. ANDREWS AKA R. L. WARREN
INASMUCH AS HE REPORTEDLY WAS CONFINED AT MIMICO CORRECTIONAL
INSTITUTE AT TORONTO AND COULD TESTIFY AS TO HIS PARTICIPATION IN
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NOVEMBER 28, 1975 INDICATING INTEREST IN ANDREWS AND HE WAS TOLD
WE WOULD ACCEPT ANY INFORMATION HE WISHED TO FURNISH.

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SELLAR STATED INQUIRY AT MIMICO HAD DETERMINED ANDREWS RELEASED FROM THERE SEPTEMBER 30, 1975 AND PRESENT WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN; FURTHER THAT FBI REPORTEDLY HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH MINISTER OF CORRECTIONS FOR ONTARIO PROVINCE RE THIS MATTER. INQUIRY VIA LEGAT, OTTAWA, NEGATIVE RE THIS.

BUFFALO WILL FOLLOW RESULTS OF KIRK INTERVIEW

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2 Can Testify To King Plot, Ford Is Told

United Press International

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28 — A trio of prominent civil rights activists say two men now in jail can testify that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated in a conspiracy and not single-handedly by James Earl Ray.

The Rev. Ralph Abernathy, Dick Gregory and a Georgia state legislator, Hosea Williams, led a small demonstration at the White House Thursday to back their telegraphed plea to President Ford to reopen the investigation of Dr. King's death in 1968.

Att. Gen. Edward Levi said Wednesday he had ordered a review of the FBI investigation of Dr. King's assassination to determine whether it should be reopened.

The civil rights leaders, in their telegram to Mr. Ford, said any investigation should include evidence from Robert B. Watson, who allegedly overheard a plot to assassinate Dr. King.

They also said a C. H. Andrews, also known as R. L. Warren, would be willing to testify as to his alleged part in the plot against Dr. King if he were granted immunity from prosecution.

They said Watson is in a federal prison at Ashland, Ky., and Andrews is in the Mimico Correctional Institute in Toronto, Ont.

They gave no details of the testimony either could offer.

They also urged Mr. Ford "in the spirit of Thanksgiving" to ask Dr. King's family to the White House to apologize for FBI harassment of the late black leader.

In his news conference Wednesday, Mr. Ford said he abhorred the FBI's attempts to discredit Dr. King and that he thought those responsible should be brought to justice.

Mrs. King Joins in Call For Reopening Probe

NAIROBA, Kenya, Nov. 28 (AP) — Mrs. Coretta King, widow of slain civil-rights leader Martin Luther King, has called for a reopening of the investigation of her husband's assassination.

"I don't have the facts, but at this stage I say it appears there was a conspiracy in the death of my husband," she said in an interview Thursday.

"The way he was documented and followed around by the late FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover and the CIA when he was abroad, it would have to have been attached to the forces of our government that felt he was a threat to the system as it existed," Mrs. King said.

"I think there are grounds for reopening the case. I have always felt there was more to it than came out. I also felt somehow in the long run of history it would be revealed — just what did happen."

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Katzenbach Raps Hoover on King

WASHINGTON. (UPI) — Former Atty. Gen. Nicholas Katzenbach testified on Wednesday that J. Edgar Hoover risked the reputation of the FBI — "his life's work" — in a vendetta against Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Katzenbach told the Senate Intelligence Committee that when he was attorney general during 1965-66 he knew of telephone wiretaps against Dr. King by the FBI and once ordered a tap on Dr. King's home phone ended.

But he said he learned later the FBI put electronic "bugs" in Dr. King's hotel room without authorization and used other "unlawful and grossly improper" tactics against Dr. King.

The committee, investigating FBI harassment of Dr. King which allegedly continued for seven years until Dr. King was assassinated April 4, 1968, also was told Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy authorized telephone taps against Dr. King after Hoover insisted Dr. King was under Communist influence.

When questioned about three memos to him written by Hoover in 1965, giving what Katzenbach called "after-the-

fact" notification of bugs in Dr. King's hotel room, he said the memos contained initials "that appear to be mine" — but he said he could not recall the memos, and said he did not think he initialed them.

There was no explanation as to who else might have initialed the memos.

Katzenbach said Hoover held "conservative views" and as he "grew older and the country changed — for the worse, in his view — the intensity of those feelings and the frustrations at what was taking place grew."

Dr. King criticized Hoover and the FBI, Katzenbach said, and Hoover's "capitulation to personal pique stemming from public criticism of the FBI was particularly reprehensible and clearly contrary to the interests of Presidents Kennedy and Johnson, constitutional government and the nation."

He drew a picture of Hoover: "National hero ... historical accident ... served too long ... overwhelming political power and political autonomy."

But he said: "I would not have expected him to risk the bureau's reputation — his life's work — by resorting to unlawful or improper tactics."

Cartha Deloach, former assistant to Hoover, testified Hoover and Dr. King once held a "love feast" at which Hoover warned Dr. King about the company he kept and Dr. King pledged help in FBI civil rights investigations — but their "unfortunate feud" would not die.

Deloach said he once went with Hoover to a meeting of the National Catholic Women's Press Club, where Hoover called Dr. King "a notorious liar."

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Abuse of FBI Chronicled Back to FDR Presidency

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 4—Political abuse of the FBI dates back at least to the administration of Franklin D. Roosevelt, according to the staff of the Senate Intelligence Committee.

A 16-page staff report and a 3-inch-thick bundle of exhibits released Wednesday cited examples under Presidents Roosevelt, Harry S. Truman, Dwight D. Eisenhower, John F. Kennedy, Lyndon B. Johnson and Richard M. Nixon.

The committee also heard testimony that the late Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy authorized a "trial" telephone tap on the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. in 1963 under pressure from the FBI, which feared the civil rights leader was influenced by Communists.

Courtney Evans, former assistant FBI director in charge of the Special Investigating Division, said the authorization was for only 30 days. But evidence obtained earlier by the committee showed the FBI bugged, wiretapped and tried to intimidate Dr. King until his assassination in 1968.

THE STAFF report said "political abuse of the FBI and by the FBI has extended over the years through administrations of both parties" and cited these examples:

—Mr. Roosevelt asked FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover to run "name checks" on scores of persons who wrote or telegraphed the White House in 1940 protesting his defense and other policies. Mr. Hoover complied. Mr. Roosevelt also had the homes of his closest aides bugged to pick up their conversations.

—When Mr. Truman became President after Mr. Roosevelt's death April 12, 1945, his military aide, Maj. Gen. Harry Vaughan, provided transcripts of the wiretaps on Mr. Roosevelt's aides. "I don't have time for that foolishness," Mr. Truman was quoted as saying. But Mr. Truman, according to the documents, "received regular letters from Mr. Hoover labeled 'personal and confidential' and containing tidbits of political intelligence."

—Gen. Eisenhower asked Mr. Hoover in 1956 to brief the Cabinet on racial tension and apparently didn't object when he received "a report not only

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on incidents of violence, but also on the activities of seven governors and congressmen in groups opposing integration as well as on the role of Communists in civil rights, lobbying efforts and the NAACP's plans to push for legislation."

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—MR. JOHNSON asked for and got "name check" reports on at least seven reporters and also an investigation of 13 employees of Sen. Barry Goldwater (R., Ariz.).

—Mr. Nixon went after correspondents and others on his "enemies list." His abuse of the FBI was chronicled in the Watergate hearings which forced his resignation last year.

Former Atty. Gen. Nicholas Katzenbach, who served in 1965-66, testified he didn't know the extent of the FBI's program against Dr. King but admitted authorizing some taps.

But he said he learned later that the FBI put electronic "bugs" in Dr. King's hotel room without authorization and used other "unlawful and grossly improper" tactics against Dr. King.

When questioned about three memos to him written by Mr. Hoover in 1965, giving what Mr. Katzenbach called "after-the-fact" notification of bugs in Dr. King's hotel room, he said the memos contained initials "that appear to be mine" — but he said he could not recall the memos, and said he did not think he initialed them.

There was no explanation as to who else might have initialed the memos.

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MR. KATZENBACH said Mr. Hoover held "conservative views" and as he "grew older and the country changed — for the worse, in his view — the intensity of those feelings and the frustrations at what was taking place grew."

Dr. King criticized Mr. Hoover and the FBI, Mr. Katzenbach said, and Mr. Hoover's "capitulation to personal pique stemming from public criticism of the FBI was particular-

ly reprehensible and clearly contrary to the interests of Presidents Kennedy and Johnson, constitutional government and the nation."

He drew a picture of Mr. Hoover: "National hero . . . historical accident . . . served too long . . . overwhelming political power and political autonomy."

But he said: "I would not have expected him to risk the bureau's reputation — his life's work — by resorting to unlawful or improper tactics."

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"HIS VENDETTA against Dr. King, if successful, could have led to a civil strife of frightening magnitude."

Also testifying was former Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark, who gave no specifics about what he may have known when he was attorney general in 1967-69 but said the FBI was trying "to destroy the desperately needed moral leadership of Martin Luther King."

William Rogers, attorney general in 1957-61, was to have testified Wednesday, but his appearance was postponed until Monday.

Cartha DeLoach, former assistant to Mr. Hoover, testified that Mr. Hoover and Dr. King once held a "love feast" at which Mr. Hoover warned Dr. King about the company he kept and Dr. King pledged help in FBI civil rights investigations — but their "unfortunate feud" would not die.

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