

Bonebrake (ESTIMONY)

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A N D this Witness

On oath says :

George
Jacob
Bonebrake

of 12314
Georgia
Avenue,
Silver Spring
Maryland.

I have
already
sworn an
affidavit
in these
proceedings.

I am a
finger-print
examined

George Jacob Bonebrake

M.C.A. 9(6) - 11.7

DEPOSITION

(Inner Sheet)

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in the Federal
Department,
Washington,
D.C. have
held that
position
since February
1941.

During that
time I have
made millions
of finger-print
comparisons
for identification
purposes.

On April 5
1968 I received
George Jacob Bonchale

A Remington
Rifle number
461476

A Redfield
telescopic ~~sight~~ sight
A 17350

and a pair
of Bushnell
binoculars
DP 408664.

I examined
each of those
for latent
finger prints.
I found one
on the rifle
one on the

George Jacob Bonhake

telescopic
sight & one
on the binoculars.

On April 19th
1968 I compared
those three
latent
fingerprints
with the
known
fingerprints
of James Earl
Ray from
the officials
of the Los
Angeles
Police Department
George Jacob Bonhake

I found
that the
prints on
each of these
items had
been made
by the same
individual
as had
made the
prints
listed as
those of James
Earl Ray.

I have
prepared

George Jacob Bonbrake

Comparison
photographs.
I now produce
photographic
enlargements,
one portion
being labelled
"Latent finger
print 1" as
an enlargement
of the latent
finger print
on the rifle.
— another
being labelled
"ink finger print
1" as an enlargement

George Jacob Bonhake

of the left.
thumb print
appears
on the finger
print card
from the
officials of
Los Angeles
Police Department.
— this Bow Street.

Exhibit 6.

I found
the ~~same~~
characteristic
points
of identity
between these
two prints

George Jacob Bonihake

I also
produce on
a similar card
a comparison
of the finger
print found
on the telescopic
sight. — I
found in
respect of
that eleven
points of
identity —
this ~~Bow~~ Street
Exhibit 7
I did the
same in

George Jacob Bonbrake

respect of
the print
found on
the binocular.
I found eleven
prints here
I produce
that card
— ^{Bow Street} Exhibit 8.

I also
examined
the finger
print files
in Washington
contain
the finger prints
George Jacob Bonchake

of James Earl
Ray taken
in connection
with his
imprisonment
in Missouri
Penitentiary
in 1960.

I compared
the Los Angeles
prints with
the Missouri
prints.
They were
the prints
of one & the
same man.

George Jacob Bonchack

I now
identify in
the authenticated
documents
before the
Court the
Los Angeles
prints which
are Exhibit 1
to my affidavit.
Exhibit 2 to
that is the
Missouri
prints.

I look
now at
Bow Street

George Jacob Bonebrake

Exhibit 5. I
have compared
those with
the Los Angeles
prints,
with the Missouri
prints
with the latent
print on the
rifle with the
print on
the telescope
sight & with
the print
on the binoculars.

— each of those
last 3 being
in Bow Street
Exhibits 6, 7 & 8

George Jacob Bonbrake

and the
exhibits 3, 4,
5 to my
affidavit.

In my
opinion these
were all of
one & the
same man

Cross

- Examined.

My duties
are confined
solely to finger
print work.

I have been
so confined
for the 25 years

George Jacob Bonchale

or more
with that
department.
I therefore
am not
brought
into contact
with any
political
aspects
of the Department's
work except
as may be
through
finger points.
I do however
take a personal
interest in
the politics
George Jacob Bonchack

of my own
country
- that of an
intelligent
man interested
in the politics
that affect his
country.

Dr Martin
Luther King
was a nationally
known figure.
He inspired
great affection
with some
but dislike
in others though
I would say
George Jacob Bonebrake

rather the former
than the latter.

I have no
doubt that
there were
in the United
States people
with a hearty
dislike of
what Dr King
stood for.

For something
like 13 or 14
years before
his death
Dr King had
been active

George Jacob Bonebrake

in promoting
the causes he
believed in.
Some of those
activities had
led to opposition
by other people.
And in connection
with some of
them I agree
there was
strong feeling
in some of
community.

George Jacob Bonhake

I recall
reading
in 1955 of
a negro
boycott of
buses in
Montgomery,
Alabama.
Dr King was,
as far as I
recall, president
over the
committee
organizing
that. The
protest was
I believed

George Jacob Bonebrake

raised over
segregation
on the buses.
I cannot
remember
whether Dr
King was
arrested on
that occasion
or whether
bombs were
thrown at
his house.
I agree
that off &
on since
then Dr King
George Jacob Bonbrake

Was in the
public eye.
I have
read about
the "Southern
Christian
Leadership
Conference".
I know that
Dr King was
one of the
leaders of
that. It was
a body
taking part
in non-violent
demonstrations

George Jacob Bonbrake

Some were
by students
"sitting in"
in various
places

Arising out
of such
demonstrations
there ~~was~~ were
^{acts} a great deal
of violence.
Because of
opposition.

I agree that
at various
times there
were arrests

George Jacob Bonebrake

and I would
agree there
was pretty
strong feeling
on both sides.

In the beginning,
to the best of
my knowledge
and belief
this body
associated
with Dr King
was uncommitted
politically
in the sense
of party
politics.

George Jacob Bonchack

I would
agree Dr King
was active
most of the
time from the
time of the
Montgomery
bus boycott.
There were
demonstrations
& sit-ins.

I recall
read
of the Freedom
Ride in possibly
1961. I think
it was
in connection

George Jacob Bonbrake

with de-segregation
of inter-state
transport.

There were
demonstrations
against ^{Dr King} that
Ride. There
was violence
involved in
several of those
demonstrations.
I do not recall
the number of
arrests made.

~~About the time~~
~~of the Freedom~~
~~Ride~~ I agree
that a more
militant
movement
"Black Power"
George Jacob Bonebrake

has grown up
but I cannot
speak of the
timing. I believe
that there was
some disagreement
between the two
groups. i.e.
Dr King appeared
to be opposed
from two sides
i.e. from those
who opposed
his ideas
and from those
who thought
he was not
going far
enough

George Jacob Bonbrake

I recall
slightly
the March
on Washington
— maybe it
was in 1963.
It was a
very large
gathering —
I know there
were mixed
races in the
March but
could not give
percentages.

I know
of the Civil
Rights Act

George Jacob Bonbrake

passed in 1964.
I believe.

I am sure
that the pattern
of events
must have
had some
influence on
Congress but
I cannot say
to what extent.

I recall
the Voting
Rights Act
being passed
— maybe in 1965.

Between these
two Acts I
recall a
March led

George Jacob Bonbrake

by Dr King from
Selma to
Montgomery.
A large number
took part I
believe. I do
recall two
ministers
being killed
and a lady.
I believe the
Voting Rights
Act was passed
after that March.
I would
think that Dr
King was the
most well known

George Jacob Bonebrake

name in
this movement.
I believe he
was one of
the organizers
of the Poor
Peoples Crusade.

At time of
his death
Dr King was
in Memphis
at the time
that sanitary
workers were
on strike.

Re-examination :-
I have
expressed purely
George Jacob Bonbrake

my personal
views and
I must not
be taken to
represent
officially
any Government
view.

I have no
knowledge
of Dr King
~~ever~~ ^{ever} being
at odds with
the Federal
Government.

I have
never heard
of him as
a man

George Jacob Bonebrake

seek
political
office for
himself,
nor have
I heard
his name
referred to ~~to~~ as
~~a~~ ~~the~~ advocating
any violence.
In my mind
Dr King is
~~a~~ associated
with the
peaceful
bring
about of
integration
and equal
George Jacob Bonchale

rights for
negro

George Jacob Bonebrake