UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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Mr. Conrad

DATE: May 2, 1968

FROM

W. D. Griffith

SUBJECT:

MURKIN CR L. Shahir

The Bureau has received an anonymous hand printed letter and envelope postmarked in Arlington, Virginia on April 26, 1968. The anonymous letter states 'Dr. King's assassin is working with a group down in New Orleans, Louisiana and the blond haired woman that the assassin or his brother had the date with in California is the leader of the group, and is a communist."

Differences were noted between the hand printing on the anonymous letter and envelope when compared with the known hand printing of James Earl Ray and other similar anonymous communications which have been received in connection with this investigation; however, the distorted nature of the hand printing on these two items referred to above prevented a definite conclusion from being reached.

The anonymous letter and envelope were searched in the Anonymous Letter File but could not be identified with any prior submissions to this file and no identifying characteristics were noted on these items which might indicate their immediate source.

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The anonymous letter and envelope have been forwarded to the Latent Fingerprint Section for appropriate examination.

Recommendation: None. For information.

1 - Mr. Mohr

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AIR MAIL - REGISTERED

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TO:

DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) ATTN: FBI LABORATOF

FROM:

SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed for the Bureau for latent fingerrint examinations with those of JAMES EARL RAY and for handwriting comparison with samples previously furnished in this matter are the following items:

- (1) Frontier Airlines, 30 Day Temporary Air Travel Credit Card No. 31088 dated 4/26/68 and issued to Mr. CARL RAY, Ray Land and Cattle Company, Route 4, Box 868, Pecos, Texas.
- (2) One Frontier Airlines, Incorporated passenger ticket dated 5/1/68 issued to Mr. C. RAY, ticket number 1 028 201829753 6.
- (3) Frontier Airlines, Incorporated ticket dated 5/1/68 issued to Mrs. C. RAY, ticket number 1 028 201829754 0.

These enclosures were furnished by JOAN KEPP, United Airlines Ticket Agent, Los Angeles International Airport, to SA HOWARD A. PAULSEY. She was the only airline personnel who handled the enclosures. Enclosures are to be returned to Los Angeles for teturn to United Airlines, Los Angeles.

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Special Agent in Charge

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This date, KEPP furnished the following information to SA HOWARD A. PAULSEY:

Individual attempted to exchange enclosed tickets for a trip to Honolulu, Hawaii and used enclosed Frontier Airlines Credit Card. KEPP took the tickets and the credit card and told the individual she would have to check the credit card. Individual had previously asked KEPP if he could use two Frontier Airlines tickets, enclosed, as credit toward ticket to Honolulu.

Individual identified himself as Mr. RAY. KEPP and two United Airlines employees who viewed Mr. RAY furnished the following description:

Race White
Sex Male
Height 6 feet
Weight 185 pounds
Age 35 - 40 years
Hair Dark or golden blond
Eyes Greenish-blue

Other investigation, Los Angeles International Airport, this date, negative to locate person using enclosed credit card. Photos JAMES EARL RAY exhibited to United Airlines employees and they advised photos somewhat similar to RAY but could make no positive identification.

Inquiry at El Paso, Texas reflects credit card is apparently fictitious.

Denver, Las Vegas and Albuquerque Divisions all attempting to identify holder of credit card and purchaser of Frontier Airlines tickets.

The Attorney General

May 6, 1968

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. McGowan

1 - Mr. Long

1 - Mr. Martindale

1 - Mr. McDonough

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Reports in the captioned matter submitted by our Atlanta, Birmingham, Los Angeles, and Memphis Offices are being forwarded to the Civil Rights Division as well as to the United States Attorney in Birmingham, Alabama,

The Civil Rights Division and the United States Attorney, Birmingham, are being advised that the reports and/or the contents thereof should not be disseminated outside the Department or the office of the United States Attorney at Birmingham.

This is for your information.

1 - The Deputy Attorney General

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