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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO

: Mr. DeLoach

DATE: July 24, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT MURKIN

1 - Mr. DeLoach 1 - Mr. Rosen

1 - Mr. Malley

1 - Mr. McGowan 1 - Mr. Long

1 - Mr. Conrad

1 - Mr. Sullivan

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Our Legal Attache in London furnished the following documents which he obtained on amunofficial and confidential basis from the New Scotland Yard. Legal Attache advised that a copy of each of the documents may be furnished to the Department with the understanding that they be considered classified, confidential and possession of them not be made known to any other sources.

1. Letter from subject as R. G. Sneyd, addressed to Mr. Ramsey Clark, Attorney General of the United States. This letter is not dated and subject states that he had no intention of making any oral statements and suggests that in regard to his extradition to the United States, the Attorney General send someone with less imagination than Mr. Vinson.

Letter from subject as Ramon G. Sneyd dated July 4, 1968, addressed to a Mr. J. B. Stoner, Attorney-at-Law, Savannah, Georgia. This letter in essence states that subject was shown a letter written by Stoner concerning a legal fund which Stoner represents and subject advises that he has retained Mr. Hanes and would like to get his advice before he takes any action. The letter continues by advising that subject appreciates Stoner's offer of assistance. It is noted that this Stoner is possibly identical to one Jesse B. Stoner, who is Vice President of the National States Rights Party with headquarters in Savanhah, Georgia. Stoner has been described as a racial rabble rouser.

REC-21 4 3. Letter addressed to Mr. Arthur J. Hanes, Birmingham, Alabama, from subject as R. G. Speyde 30Th 388 letter is dated June 29, 1968, in which he states that he

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Memo Rosen to DeLoach RE: MURKIN has no intention of making any oral statement, is going to write to Attorney General Clark to this effect and gave his brother's telephone number in Maplewood, Missouri. 4. Letter from subject to Mr. Edward Heath, member of Parliament, letter undated. In this letter the subject as Ramon George Sneyd states he is awaiting completion of his extradition hearing and is complaining that his attorney Mr. Arthur J. Hanes, has not been afforded adequate interview rights. 5. Letter from subject as Lord R. G. Sneyd addressed to John Ray at Maplewood, Missouri. This letter is undated and states that the subject would like John Ray to give the attorney Arthur Hanes \$600, and John could get some of it from Jerry, (subject's brother). He also mentioned that John mentioned Percy Foreman, who is a good attorney, but subject would like to wait until he got back and let his attorney Hanes decide on someone he thinks would be best. Subject in this letter further stated he could appeal his extradition hearing but he is getting tired, and he may close it up about Tuesday. He cautioned John not to discuss any part of the case with anyone until he got back, especially the 'libel' part. This letter was previously furnished to the Bureau by our Chicago Office. Laboratory has examined this letter and has stated that the handwriting on this letter is that of subject James Earl Ray. 6. A letter dated June 15, 1968, from John Ray of Maplewood, Missouri, to the subject in which John stated that he is providing the phone number of a sister Carol, and he wanted to furnish his address at Maplewood, Missouri. 7. A report dated July 5, 1968, from a prison official which concerns the activities of subject. This report states that subject appeared to be lost in thoughts, made numerous notes in preparation for the next visit from his attorney. Subject mentioned his stay in Lisbon, the places where he stayed in London and made remarks concerning an interview with his attorney. He stated he did not trust the room and had to talk through the wire with officers in the room. - 2 -CONTINUED - OVER 2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

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8. A prison official's report dated June 17. 1968, in which the report states that subject began discussing the 14 months after he escaped from Missouri State Penitentiary. Subject stated that the suitcase, which has been found with his fingerprints on it, had not been in his possession for four months. It is to be noted that fingerprints found on items in this suitcase have been definitely identified as those of subject James Earl Ray. No latent fingerprints of value were located on the suitcase itself. He also mentioned that a car which he believed the police had in some way connected to the assasination was his. He also admitted that he had been in Tennessee at sometime but did not say when.

This report further states that mention was made of the man who made his getaway from the shooting and successfully fooled the police by using a wireless tuned to the police frequency, giving false information causing them to go in the wrong direction. This point has been investigated and it has been determined that a broadcast had been made by an individual using a citizen's band radio at 6:36 p.m., 4/4/68, over thirty minutes from the actual assassination time. The police officials in Memphis have thoroughly checked out this matter and they term this to be a complete "hoax" in relationship to the escape of Ray. We are continuing to identify the individual who made the broadcast on the citizen's band radio and will, of course, interview him. It is possible that the subject in making the above remarks was attempting to create doubt and establish his innocence by utilizing information which has been recorded in various newspapers.

ACTION:

1. If approved, the above documents (attached) will be transmitted to the Department for its information. The proper caution statement will be placed on the transmittal form. See no no beer 7/25/62

The Laboratory will examine the handwriting appearing on the pertinent documents for comparison with the known handwriting of subject Ray.

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Memo Rosen to DeLoach RE: MURKIN

In view of Stoner's association with the National States Rights Party, Savannah and Memphis Offices if Ston will be instructed to determine through contact with appropriate sources and informants if Stoner had any further contact with Ray.

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July 29, 1968

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1 - Mr. Long

TO:

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FROM:

Director, FBI

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Reference Springfield airtel to the Bureau dated 7/18/68.

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Fifty copies of the circular letter are being mailed to the Springfield and Memphis Divisions under separate cover for action deemed appropriate by these divisions.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

March 3, 1966

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535





RE: John William Clouser, also known as: Frank Fox, Edward L. Poe, James A. Ripley, Robert T. Smith, Chuck A. Williams

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is attempting to locate John William Clouser, who is one of the Ten Most Wanted Fugitives.

Clouser in the past reportedly has dyed his hair red or brown and has worn his hair in different styles to disguise his appearance. It would be appreciated in connection with your employment if you would be alert for this individual. He is described as follows:

Age:

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Height:

5'9"

Weight:

167 pounds

Build:

Medium

Eyes:

Blue

Hair:

Blond, may be dyed red or brown

Scars and Marks:

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If you have any information which would be of assistance in locating Clouser, promptly contact the nearest office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the telephone number of which appears on the first page of your telephone directory. In the event you have no information concerning Clouser, no reply to this letter is necessary.

No action should be taken which would endanger anyone's safety since Clouser should be considered dangerous.

Your cooperation in this matter is indeed appreciated.

Very truly yours,

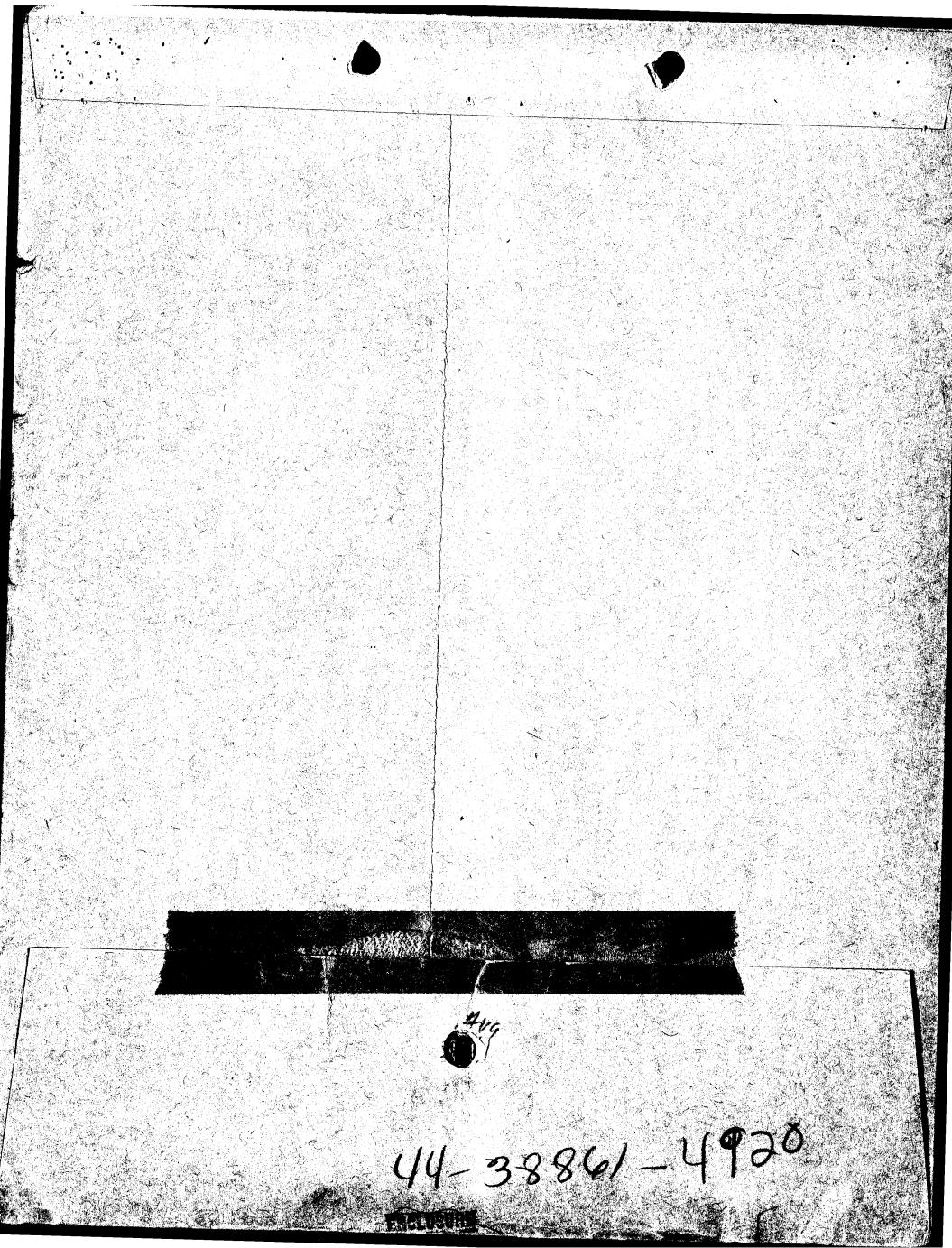
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Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr. Assistant Attorney General

July 24, 1968

Director, FBI 144-3886/- 4921

1 - Mr. McDonough 1 - Mr. McGowan

assassination of martin luther king, Jr.

The Special Agent in Charge of our Memphis Office has advised that Mr. Phil M. Canale, State Attorney General, Shelby County, Tennessee, recently contacted him in this matter. Mr. Canale advised that you had indicated to Mr. Canale that he may be desirous of obtaining additional reports in this matter from the FBI.

You were previously advised that Mr. Canale and the United States Attorney in Birmingham, Alabama, were being furnished copies of the prosecutive summary report in this matter, which was also furnished to the Department. In addition, the Department and the United States Attorney in Birmingham, who had authorized the Federal process in this case, were furnished copies of other reports of information developed in this case.

In view of the comments of Mr. Canale to our Special Agent in Charge of the Memphis Office, you are requested to advise if you desire that the additional reports be furnished to Mr. Canale.

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NOTE:

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Mr. DeLoach

FROM

A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: July 16, 1968

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This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

SAC Jensen of the Memphis Office has advised that Phil M. Canale, State Attorney General, Shelby County, (Memphis), Tennessee, contacted him relative to this case. Canale advised that in discussing this case with Assistant Attorney General Fred M. Vinson, Jr. of the Criminal Division, Vinson had indicated that in addition to the information in the prosecutive summary report furnished Canale, the Department had been in receipt of additional information that Canale might be desirous of obtaining from the Bureau.

Reports containing information suitable for dissemination, as well as the prosecutive summary report mentioned by Canale, have been furnished to the Civil Rights Division, as well as the U. S. Attorney at Birmingham in view of the fact that the U. S. Attorney in Birmingham authorized the Federal prosecution in this case. The Department has been kept advised of pertinent information as it developed and we will continue to keep the Department so advised.

ACTION:

Upon approval, this will be discussed with Mr. Vinson and if he requests, additional reports previously furnished the Department containing information suitable for dissemination will be furnished to Mr. Canale.

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July 11, 1968

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AIR MAIL

Honorable Ramsey Clark United States Attorney General Department of Justice Washington, D. C.

Dear General Clark:

As you know, I have been retained by a man known as R. G. Sneyd, alias, who is currently imprisoned in London, England. You were apprised of this fact via telephone on Saturday, June 15th, and by letter dated June 17, 1968. It is my request that this man not be interviewed, or interrogated by any member of the Justice Department unless done in my presence. This includes transportation to the United States in the event he is extradited. This man seems to have fear for his personal safety while in the custody of the Justice Department, and I respectfully request that I be given permission to accompany this man, along with the Justice Department agents, on his trip to the United States if extradited.

Respectfully yours

Arthur JU Hanes

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cc: Mr. R. G. Sneyd

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ENCLOSURE

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July 16, 1968

Arthur J. Hanes, Esquire Hanes and Hanes 617 Frank Nelson Bldg. Birmingham, Alabama 35203

Dear Mr. Hanes:

This will acknowledge your letter of July 11 to the Attorney General.

In particular, this will acknowledge your request that your client, James Earl Ray, also known as R. G. Sneyd, not be interviewed or interrogated by any representative of the Justice Department unless you are present.

You make the very unusual request that you be given permission to accompany Mr. Ray upon his trip to the United States if extradited. From your prior experience in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, I am sure you can understand why this request cannot be honored.

Sincerely,

Fred M. Vinson, Jr. Assistant Attorney General

44-3856/- 4923 ENCLOSURE Form DJ-150 (Ed. 4-26-65) fr. Tolson Mr. DeLoach Mr. Mohr. UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT OF MIS BIEFEP Mr. Casper Memorandum Mr. Callahan Mr. Conrad. Mr. Felt. JUL 1 7 0 Mr. Gale Rosen : Director DATE: Mr. Sullivan Federal Bureau of Investigation Mr. Tavel. Mr. Trotter. FROM Fred M. Vinson, Jr. Tele. Room. Miss Holmes. Assistant Attorney General Miss Gandy. Criminal Division ENC losure SUBJECT: James Earl Ray 10-1 WBC Attached is a copy of a letter the Attorney General received dated July 11, 1968, from Arthur Hanes, counsel/for the above subject, and a copy of my response. The Attorney General has now received letters from both the subject and his attorney concerning Ray's intent and wish not to be interrogated. There is the added factor that, on his trip back, Ray will be in restraining devices on a military aircraft. Because of these factors I have grave doubts that we could ever sustain the burden of proving a knowing and intelligent waiver of those rights referred to in the Miranda opinion. Therefore, it is my recommendation no effort be -made to interrogate Ray on his return trip to the United States. However, this does not mean that statements volunteered by Ray may not be used under some circumstances. -COPIES MADE, DATE 5/ FUN REVIEW AT PUMO AND/OR BELIVERY TO HOUA HE HEGUEST DATED 573778 (SEE BUFILE 62-117290) **REC 27**4 Attachment VERIOROSION 4 JUL 23 1968 / 79 AUG 7

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