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FROM

: A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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The plane with our Agents on board departed Andrews Air Force Base at 10:16 a.m., today. It will be in constant communication with the 89th Special Command Post at Andrews Airways. The plane has been designated as SAM 24129. Colonel Burleson is on board.

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Arrangements are under way to have an Agent at the Command Post to advise us of any developments during the pertinent period.

Special Agent John C. Cuskelly of the Washington Field Office will be in contact with Colonel Frzee this afternoon when the Colonel returns from a training flight. This is in accordance with our previous plans to arrange for a Special Agent of the FBI to be at the patrol point at Andrews Airways during the pertinent period.

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Arrangements will be finalized to have an Agent at Andrews Airways from approximately 9:00 p.m., tonight, until the plane returns to the U.S. tomorrow morning.

Vinson advised me he was in touch with Ray Farrell, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), at 11:15 a.m., today, at which time Farrell advised him the INS representative at Memphis would be in touch with Jensen, our SAC. Vinson said the INS man will be empowered to handle all matters required.

Upon receiving advice as to the departure time appropriate officials who need to know were informed. After this was done and within appropriate time Vinson was advised of the departure in line with his previous request.

With reference to the communications set up at the airfield, McDermott at Washington Field Office has arranged for Special Agent 1968 Larry Danbom to call me at 6 o'clock tonight, at which time I will fill him in and he will then depart for Andrews Air Force Base where he will be on duty during the pertinent period.

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Memorandum to Mr. McGowan RE: MURKIN At 11:12 I talked with Minnich at London. I went over arrangements here. I went over the check list concerning his arrangements there and found them to be in order. Having advised him of the departure time, I requested he furnish the Bureau with his point of contact at Lakenheath Air Base so we would be able to reach him if need be at any time. He said he would be there at approximately 7:00 p.m., London time. He said his secretary would be available at the office during the out-of-contact period which would be a couple of hours. He reiterated that local charges had been dropped against the subject. He said it was probable that the order would be signed at 6:00 p.m. tonight by the Home Secretary and an announcement would be made at 6:30 p.m. from Vinson was furnished to Scatterday for appropriate check.

At 11:35 the list of names which was received just prior thereto

At 11:40 I was advised by Jensen, whom I had called with reference to his arrangements and having found them in order in accordance with our previous checks, that TV men were already set up in front of the jail under umbrellas.

He said he would have all communications covered in line with our previous discussions; would have coverage at the airfield, en route and at the jail; would also be able to communicate directly with the Bureau because of a direct line that was being put in.

With reference to the items which we wanted checked and in addition to communications, I went over the processing of the subject on arrival; the arrangements for the Sheriff for the receipt of the subject; coverage from an intelligence standpoint of all activities; insure that the Sheriff understands his duties and responsibilities; the handling of personal property of the subject; the necessity for palm prints. In connection with the palm prints, he advised me an Agent who formerly worked in the Identification Division would oversee the fingerprinting procedures so we would get proper palm prints and major case prints.

With reference to the list furnished by Vinson of the persons who were going to have anything to do with the guarding of the subject. this was not a correct list. Some names had to be respelled by Vinson's secretary. In addition, our list of 12 names does not jive on all four with the names received by Vinson. In any event, all names will be checked and pertinent information will be furnished to Vinson.

Memorandum to Mr. McGowan RE: MURKIN At 2:25 Vinson called me and said he was going over his check list and advised me that the INS man would be in touch with Jensen concerning his responsibilities. Vinson advised me the INS man would be empowered and will be instructed to carry out all the necessary arrangements for the handling of the arrival of the party so far as clearance is concerned. At 2:45 Minnich advised me that the estimated time of arrival, according to the air base at Lakenheath, is 9:05 p.m., London time. Minnich advised he had arrived at his destination, which means he had reached Lakenheath airfield. He said in order to communicate with him it would be necessary to go through Washington switch to South Rushslip to Lakenheath to Red Line One. If any difficulty on the Washington switch line, we could go commercial and you can reach him commercial on Eriswell 2551 Extension 3500 or 3502, Lakenheath, England. If we have any difficulty on the Government line, we can check the Pentagon directory and the operators there will know how to get through. At 3:23 Minnich called and advised the extradition order has been signed. He further advised the original estimated time of arrival at Lakenheath Air Base which he had given as 9:05 p.m., London time, is in error. According to personnel at Lakenheath, the flight from Andrews to Lakenheath will take a minimum of seven and a half hours and possibly eight hours. Minnich stated Lakenheath currently has an estimated time of arrival of 10:05 p.m., London time, but that in actuality the plane will probably not arrive at Lakenheath until shortly before or after 11:00 p.m., London time. At 3:30 I was advised that Minnich had called and the order of extradition was signed and that Minnich was not sure that any public announcement would be made. At 5:03 Minnich advised me that the time of arrival would be in about 10 or 12 minutes which would be around 5:15. Washington time, 10:15 London time. This is pretty close to our original estimate and planning to put the plane in London at 10:00 p.m., there time. This would allow the one to two hours for refueling and check over for turn around. - 3 -2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

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FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)

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IN ACCORDANCE WITH PRIOR INSTRUCTIONS, YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY FURNISH COMPLETE LISTING OF ITEMS OF INVESTIGATION OF NEW SCOTLAND YARD SUBMITTED BY YOU AND ADVISE WHAT ITEMS CAN BE DISSEMINATED TO TENNESSEE AUTHORITIES.

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Subject has been extradited by the British authorities, and arrived in United States on 7/19/68. Tennessee authorities will prosecute subject for the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr. We have furnished the findings of our Laboratory examination of the evidence as well as our prosecutive summary report to Tennessee authorities. It may be necessary to furnsih results of investigation conducted by New Scotland Yard to the Tennessee authorities, therefore, Legat, London was requested by tel call of 7/11/68, to advise if the investigative reports may be furnished to Tennessee authorities. To date this information has nottbeen received. Legat, London is being reminded to submit therrequested data.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO

: Director, FBI (44-38861)

DATE: July 23, 1968

Legat, Ottawa (44-4)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau R/S, 7/18/68.

Inasmuch as current Ottawa, Ontario, telephone directory lists a J. C. O'CONNOR as residing 180 Iona Street, Ottawa, no request is being made of RCMP to further establish the bona fides of this individual, UACB.

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SUBJECT: MURKIN

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	For the information of the Bureau, Shelby Criminal Court Judge W. PRESTON BATTLE, Memphis, Tenn. received a postcard postmarked P.M., 7/20/68, New York New York, addressed to Judge BATTLE, Shelby County Criminal Court, Memphis, Tenn., wherein the following message was set forth:	•
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	U. S. Attorney THOMAS L. ROBINSON, Memphis, advised on 7/23/68 that the contents of the message appearing on the postcard directed to Judge BATTLE con a veiled threat and that he would authorize prosecution the individual for violation of Title 18, Section 876, if the individual who is responsible for preparing and mailing this postcard is identified.	ntains on of USC,
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The Memphis Division anticipates that in the future additional communications of this type which are possible violations of the Federal Extortion Statute will be received by officers of the Court who are responsible for the trial of JAMES FARL RAY, scheduled on 11/12/68; therefore, the Memphis Division intends to open new 9 classification cases in the Memphis Division when such communications are received and warrant such action. The Bureau will be kept advised under the MURKIN caption of these complaints as they are received.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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: Mr. Mohr

DATE: 7/23/68

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FROM

N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: MUR

MURKIN - COST DATA

In connection with our investigation concerning the death of Martin Luther King, Jr., there is set forth below the estimated cost to the Bureau through the close of business June 30, 1968.

The total estimated cost is \$1,253,245. A peak of 3,075 field Agents was assigned to this case and 5,380 hours of unpaid overtime have been performed. Bureau and personally owned automobiles have been driven an estimated 473,205 miles.

ACTION:

None; informational.

- 1 Mr. DeLoach (sent direct)
- 1 Mr. Mohr (sent direct)
- 1 Mr. Rosen (sent direct)
- 1 Mr. Callahan (sent direct)
- 1 Mr. Bishop (sent direct)
- 1 Mr. Martindale (sent direct)

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July 24, 1968 GENERAL INVESTIGATION

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

' The attached relates to alleged harrassing and threatening telephone calls received by wife and secretary of Arthur Hanes, attorney for Subject James Earl Ray.

The Department and Memphis being advised.

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Mr. Telson FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE COMMUNICATIONS SECTION FBI WASH DC JUL23 1968 FBI BIRMGHAM TELETYPE 617 PM UDGENT 7-23-68 GDM TO DIRECTOR FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

Mr. DeLoach_ Mr. Mohr Mr. Bishop_ Mr. Casper_ Mr. Callahan. Mr. Tavel_ Mr. Trotter.

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Police Department

INSPECTOR WILLIAM J. HALEY, BIRMINGHAM PD, ADVISED FIVE PM INSTANT DATE THAT HE HAS RECEIVED COMPLAINT FROM ATTORNEY ARTHUR HANES. BIRMINGHAM. COUNSEL FOR JAMES EARL RAY. HANES ADVISED HALEY SEVERAL HARRASSING AND THREATENING TELEPHONE CALLS REGEIVED BY WIFE AND SECRETARY DURING HIS ABSENCE, RANGING FROM SILENT CALLS TO OUTRIGHT THREATS OF DEATH. HANES. ACCORDING TO HALEY. BELIEVES CALLS LOCAL IN NATURE. INSPECTOR HALEY ADVISING SECURITY PERSONNEL. SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE COMANY AND INSTITUTING INVEST-IGATIVE MEASURES.

BIRMINGHAM CONDUCTING NO INVESTIGATION BUT WILL BE ALERT TO ANY POSSIBLE FEDERAL VIOLATION AND WILL COORDINATE CLOSELY WITH BIRMINGHAM PD.

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Photograph #5 is a photograph of Sheriff MORRIS and subject JAMES EARL RAY.

Photograph #6 - Sheriff MORRIS advised that this was at the time he was explaining prison procedure and the rights of the subject to him.

Photograph #7, #8, #9, and #10 are photographs taken within the cell block occupied by JAMES EARL RAY immediately after his incarceration therein on the early morning of July 19.

Photographs #11 through #18 are varying poses taken by the Sheriff's Department of subject JAMES EARL RAY. No copies of these photographs are being maintained in the Memphis Office, and they are submitted primarily for the Bureau's information.

With the exception of Photograph #5, none of these photographs have been released by the Sheriff to the newspapers or the communications media. The Sheriff has advised that the photographs herein are furnished for the information of the Bureau.

FBI WASH DC

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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FBI BIRMGHAM

URGENT 7-24-68 HEP 654PM

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) 1P

TO HSCA RE REQUEST DATED

(SEE BUFILE 62-117290) -

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RE SI TEL TO BUREAU JULY TWENTYTHREE, LAST.

NEWS MEDIA, POLICE AGENCIES AND BANK OFFICIALS AT THE BANK OF ALTON REPORT NO REACTION TO SYNDICATED COLUMN OF DREW PEARSON APPEARING NATIONALLY JULY TWENTYTWO, LASTREC-35/1/2/2011

WILLIAM MAHER, UNCLE OF JAMES EARL RAY, ADVISES HE IS
CONVINCED RAY HAS NOT BEEN IN ALTON AT ANYTIME SINCE ESCAPE FROM
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Memorandum

TO

DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

DATE: 7/24/68

SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760)

SUBJECT:

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Re Jackson airtel to Director, 7/11/68.

Om 7/22/68, U. S. Commissioner W. C. SHELEY, Jefferson City, Missouri, advised SA ROWEN B. AYERS he had dismissed the complaint on JAMES EARL RAY on that date.

The following investigation was conducted by IC WILLIAM C. MC DONALD:

At Jefferson City, Missouria

On 7/18/68, Mr. HARRY LAUF, Records Officer, Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP), furnished the following information on inmates with the last name of WILLETT received at the MSP subsequent to 1960:

DONALD ROY WILLETT was received at the MSP 6/11/63, from St. Louis City to serve a 8,1/2 year sentence on charge of Burglary 2nd Degree and one prior. He was assigned MSP # 06915. This inmate was released to a detainer in favor of Sheriff, St. Charles County, Mo. on 3/1/65. Relatives listed are:

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Mr. ALVIN WILLETT, 4212 Towa St. Louis, Missouri; CATHERINE MILTON, 2345 W. 23rd, Chicago, Illinois; VIRGINIA O'NEAL, 1708 Doris, Cahokia, Illinois; BETTY KALK, 2111 Huntington, St. Louis, Missouri; EILEEN OHLENDORF, 3859A Wyoming, St. Louis, Missouri; MARY ELLEN WILLETT, 4621 Oregon, REC 27, St. Louis, Missouri;

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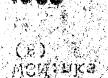
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H. WILLETT, 4621 Oregon, St. Louis, Missouri; LORRAINE WILLETT, same address.

He is described as a WM, born, at St. Louis, Missouri, height 5'8", weight 142, hair brown, eyes gray, build slender, complexion medium, Social Security No., FBI #852 311 C, tattoo of a needle inner pight forearm.

JAMES WILLETT (TN JAMES ROBERT WILLETT), aka BILL WILLETT, was held at the MSP 11/14/63, to serve a two year sentence on charge of escape, in Cole County, Mo. He had previously been received at the MSP, 12/1/60, from Dunklin County to serve a four year sentence on charge of Forgery. He was assigned MSP #01787. Records reflect WILLETT escaped from the Church Farm, MSP 1/13/62. He was apprehended and returned to the MSP, 1/15/62, to complete the original sentence.

B. 11-9-35. Huntsville ALA. (NISS MO)

This file reflects BILL WILLETT served a two year sentence in the Mississippi State Penitentiary in 1956.

The following information was obtained from an interoffice communication dated 9/10/62, to Director of Classification, MSP, from LEROY H. ROOK, M.S. Clinical Psychologist:

"In response to your IOC of September 6, 1962, the above named inmate was called to the psychiatric service on September 10, 1962 for interview and evaluation. The subject has just completed a three months tour on E-3 for becoming insolent and abusive to Lt. Williams. The subject has a history on the psychiatric service of being hospitalized from June 26, 1962 to July 5, 1962 on account of self-inflicted wounds and being in an emotionally disturbed state. He was again admitted on August 13, 1962 until August 15, 1962 for self-inflicted wounds and a highly nervous state. At that time he was demanding help but the nature of the help he expected was never made clear.

"The subject is an emotionally unstable individual. He is of average intellectual endowment, it seems, but he is ignorant, untutored, and uneducated. He is the sort of restless kind of individual who cannot bring himself to concentrate long enough to study in school. He was assigned to school when he first came here, but he got out of that because he was unable to concentrate on his work. Since that time he says he's never had a job. At the present time he states that he would take any job, but that he would like especially to work in the chair shop because he has had some experience on the outside working for his carpenter father-in-law as a carpenter's helper on inside cabinet work.

"When interviewed on this date the subject was in about as good a condition as we expect to ever see him in. It is recommended that he be assigned to work commensurate with his abilities and according to what is available."

The following was taken from Pre-Parole Progress Report dated November 8, 1961 by CLYDE CARRIOTT:

"Conduct:

One conduct violation reported for creating a disturbance, refusing orders, and writing obscenities on a test paper. For this he had his Yard and Show privileges denied for one month. He was reprimanded and released for Tatooing.

"Work:

12-29-60, Assigned to School. Work and training reports rate subject variously as good, poor, and fair. One report shows him to be considerate. The third report shows him as shirking his work, not doing what he was expected to do. His last report rates him good and states that he did average work. Subject states that he was not interested in school and therefore did not complete requirements for grade school.

8-4-61, Assigned to state at his request.

"Helath:

Normal.

"Military:

None.

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"Marital:

Subject states that he was married in July, 1958, and has been separated from his wife but no divorce has been obtained. His wife is now eighteen, and was only fourteen years of age at the time of their marriage. One boy was born to this union. the baby is now with the wife's mother. The wife is working and the mother is caring for the child. The wife is also staying with the mother.

"FAMILY AND PERSONAL RELATIONS

"Subject states that he corresponds every week with his mother, Bertha Willet, and occasionally with his sister, Lois Boyd. He writes frequently to his wife, Elizabeth, and claims to have received no visits. Subject was reared in poor financial circumstances in Mississippi and Missouri. His father died in 1939 and had worked as a farmer.

"Subject was one of six children. He states that he lived alternately with his family in Mississippi and his half-brotter, Frank, in Kennett, Missouri. His brother Paul is a farmer in Mississippi. His brother Charles, who had been a farmer in Kennett, Missouri, died in 1957. His half-brother, Frank Smithy, is a farmer in Kennett, Missouri, and his half-brother, David, is said to be Chief-of-police of a town in Ohio. None of the subject's family is said to have been in difficulty with the authorities. Subject claims he got along well with all members of his family, however, he apparently lived a rather unsupervised life, living at times with various members of his family.

"POST-RELEASE PLANS

Subject has no desire to return to Kennett, Missouri, because of his trouble with the authorities. He is interested in obtaining work through the Dismas Clark Foundation. He would live with his wife if she would return to him, but he does not expect her to leave her mother in Kennett.

"SUMMARY

"James Willett, a twenty-six year old inmate, will have served one year of a four year sentence for Uttering. Subject admits having served a sentence in Mississippi State Prison. However, no verified information has been received concerning this, and FBI record does not show any previous record.

"Subject states that he was released from Mississippi State Prison in May, 1958. He married a fourteen year old girl and lived in Kennett, Missouri. He states that he had considerable difficulty with his in-laws and that custody of his son had been given to his wife's mother. He stated that he had been arrested for disturbing the peace because his mother-in-law did not let him see his son and he had forced his way into the home. Because of his difficulty he forged a check in order to have money-to leave town.

"Subject apparently has lived a rather unstable and unsettled life and has been rather careless and irresponsible. It is not evident that he has had any change of attitude in this regard. He sees little value in education and has little ambition. Institutionally his record has been marginal, however, it would not prohibit further parole consideration."

Records reflect WILLETT was discharged from the MSP 3/14/65.

A letter in WILLETT's file indicated that he was incarcerated in the Illinois State Penitentiary on 5/2/67.

Relatives listed are:

Mother

BERTHA WILLETT, Route 1, Box 64, Marks, Mississippi or 436 Singapore, Carpentersville,

Illinois;

Wife

ELIZABETH WILLETT, 912 Anthony

Sister

St., Kennett, Missouri; MARGARET RATCLIFF, Elygen, Ill.;

LOIS BOYD, Route 1, Box 64,

Sister

Brother

Marks, Mississippi FRANK WILLETT, General Delivery, Dearing, Missouri.

MILTON LAWRENCE WILLETT, MSP # 09993, was received from Jackson County, Mo., to serve a two year sentence on charge of Forgery. He was paroled to Kansas on 2/23/65, and given a final discharge on 11/28/65.

He is described as a WM, born at Osborne, Kansas, height 5'6", weight 114, hair brown, eyes hazel, build small, complexion medium, occupation clerical, FBI # 146 931 B.

His wife is listed as MARY K. WILLETT, 607 West 34th Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

There is no indication that this individual was ever in Mississippi.

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Date: **7/24/6**8

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ATTORNEY ARTHUR J. HANES TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED THE SAC THIS DATE AND ADVISED THAT IN NEAR FUTURE HE INTENDS TO TALK TO THE DIRECTOR. HE STATED THIS CASE IS OF "GRAVE NATIONAL CONCERN." HE FURTHER STATED "THE THRUST CAME FROM THE LEFT." HE INDICATED THAT HE OWES A DUTY TO HIS CLIENT; HOWEVER. HE CONSIDERS HIMSELF AN AMERICAN FIRST AND STATED THE BUREAU SHOULD NOT LET UP IN THEIR EFFORTS. HE DID NOT ELABORATE NOR EXPAND ON STATEMENTS. AND WHEN QUESTIONED INDICATED HE WOULD AT SOME FUTURE DATE FURNISH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO THE DIRECTOR.

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