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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTN: DOCUMENT SECTION
FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

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Submitted herewith are five separate communications which Sheriff WILLIAM N. MORRIS, JR., Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, made available to SAC this date. These are letters prepared by subject JAMES EARL RAY. These are all samples of known handwriting and hand printing of subject RAY. They should be utilized for any additional handwriting comparison needed in captioned case.

In addition, there are furnished herewith the originals of two letters which were forwarded by RAY to the Honorable W. PRESTON BATTLE, Judge of the Criminal Court, Memphis, Tennessee. Judge BATTLE will be the presiding Judge in the JAMES EARL RAY trial. These letters were furnished by Judge BATTLE to SAC. In connection with these letters, District Attorney General PHIL M. CANALE, Memphis, raised point that possibility exists that utilization of material furnished the Judge might be prejudicial at some future date. CANALE pointed out that since Judge BATTLE would hear case he was of opinion that it would probably not be feasible to utilize handwriting in letters sent Judge BATTLE. Therefore, it is requested that handwriting examination prepared by Document Section utilize letters received from Sheriff MORRIS as primary sources for examination purposes.

Results of examination regarding letters received by Sheriff MORRIS should be handled in separate communication. Handwriting examination relative to letters received by Judge BATTLE should not be incorporated in the examination of handwriting contained in letters received by Sheriff MORRIS. The letters received by Judge BATTLE should be made a matter of a

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a separate examination and a separate Laboratory report. District Attorney General CANALE's views should be incorporated in any results pertaining to examination of the letters received by Judge BATTLE.

The originals should be returned to the Memphis Office so that they can be delivered to Sheriff MORRIS and Judge BATTLE.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach *SR*

DATE: October 4, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen *RY*

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Bishop

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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

Judge W. Preston Battle, Criminal Court, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, who is handling the state trial of James Earl Ray, furnished us a letter sent to him by Ray. The judge provided us this letter for our information.

The letter which is dated September 12, 1968, states Ray is calling attention to three articles written about him, namely: a "Readers Digest" article by Jeremiah O'Leary; a photograph and article appearing in a tabloid called "The Inquirer," and a story written by William Bradford Huie appearing in "The Commercial Appeal," - a Memphis newspaper. Ray states that he intends to file libel suits.

Ray expresses displeasure with Huie's article in that it depicts Ray as being only interested in money and in exposing some persons or organization. Ray states "for the record, both public and private, I don't know anyone to expose and I want to disassociate myself from this article."

Ray concludes his letter by stating he is going to send these stories to the Ethical Committee of the American Bar Association.

ACTION:

For information. The Department is being advised.

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Date: 10/4/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) -P-
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Re Springfield airtel to the Bureau dated 9/27/68.

SI 1614-C advised suspects JOHN MC CLINTOCK, HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON, and DELMAR GRINDSTAFF have strong connections with LEON KOHLER, known fence operating, Cottage Hills, Illinois. KOHLER reputed to get 10 per cent of all their take in any criminal activities as repayment for fence merchandise and for providing bond money when needed. Informant states KOHLER will not talk to anyone but he is alleged to have advised suspects not to spend bank robbery loot for at least two years.

SI 1552-C advised his information still indicates MC CLINTOCK and COVINGTON as prime suspects in BR at Bank of Alton, 7/13/68; but JAMES EARL RAY not in area at time of BR.

Bank employees and law enforcement agencies can provide no current or additional information in this matter.

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Montreal G.I.S.

RE:
OBJET:

Dr. Martin Luther KING - Murder of
Assistance to F.B.I.

1. Further to para. #1 of P.C.R. dated 30 AUG 68, it was ascertained that the Post Office documents concerning the suit were destroyed after the three (3) month holding period. As a result of this, no information can be obtained from the Post Office.

2. This file will remain open pending further investigation if required and instructions as to the disposition of exhibits.

S.U.I. - D.D: AI.

(JIB Froulx) Sgt.
NCO i/c Mtl. GIS.

Cpl.
(M.F.T. Power) #19416
Montreal G.I.S.

The COMMISSIONER, Ottawa:

Your: 68HQ-791-Q-60

1. FORWARDED for your information. Your instructions as to the disposition of exhibits in this case are awaited here.

S.U.I.

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J.R. Duchesneau, Insp.
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September 27, 1968

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C. 20535

Attention of Mr. G. J. Bonebrake
Fingerprint Division

Re: Fingerprint Impressions of James Earl
Ray, alias Ramon Sneyd

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find fingerprint impressions
of James Earl Ray, alias Ramon Sneyd, dated August 6,
1968, by authorities in London, these prints having
been requested by Mr. G. J. Bonebrake of your depart-
ment.

Yours truly,

PHIL M. CANALE, JR.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL

By John L. Carlisle
John L. Carlisle
Criminal Investigator

JLC:MEF
Enclosure

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537

REPORT

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LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO. **REC- 65**

FBI FILE NO.

LATENT CASE NO.

44-38861-
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October 2, 1968

REGISTERED AIRMAIL

TO:

Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr.
District Attorney General
State of Tennessee
Memphis, Tennessee 38103

Attention: Mr. John L. Carlisle
Criminal Investigator

RE:

JAMES EARL RAY;
MURDER

REFERENCE:

EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY:

SPECIMENS:

Letter, September 27, 1968

Addressee

Fingerprints of James Earl Ray, alias Ran on Heyl

The submitted fingerprints, taken in London by
 Mr. Arthur Brine, are sufficiently clear to be used in preparing
 court exhibits. The necessary photographs and negatives have
 been prepared.

The submitted prints and your mail envelope are
 enclosed.

Enc. (2)

1 - Mr. Rosen

1 - Memphis (44-1987)

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John Edgar Hoover, Director

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