

(received from FBI, Atlanta)

Jar of French's mustard
Coffee cup
Water glass
Small can of Carnation evaporated milk
Jar of Maxwell House instant coffee
Box of "C & H" sugar
One knife (Forgemcraft)
One National's Citation pencil
Wire electric cup heater
One portable Zenith television, Model #N 2205-6
Jar of Kraft's Catalina French Dressing
Package of Golden Grain California lima beans
Can of "Iris" ground black pepper
Box of five National's Citation pencils
Gulf map of Southeastern USA
Shell map of Texas and Oklahoma
Map of Mexico
Map of Los Angeles published by Mitock & Sons
Map of Los Angeles (Richfield)
Shell map of Louisiana
Map of California
Enco map of Arizona and New Mexico
Standard Oil map of Birmingham and vicinity
Tie (brown with brown, blue and silver diagonal stripes)
Pair of grey trousers
Booklet entitled "Your Opportunities in Locksmithing"

(received from FBI, Atlanta)

Four coat hangers
Two cardboard inserts for coat hangers
Handkerchief
Pair of socks

ITEMS FROM ROOM 2, 113 14TH STREET, NORTHEAST, ATLANTA, GEORGIA:

(received from FBI, Atlanta)

Large key blank
Small key blank
Piece of black thread
Piece of brown thread with needle
Metal strip, $\frac{1}{2}$ " by $1\frac{1}{2}$ "
Business card for "HANEY'S SHEET METAL"

White shirt received from FBI, Newark

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Material from ashtray received from FBI, New Orleans

Six sets of type used in Thermo Seal machines,
further described as follows: (from FBI, Albany)

<u>Type size</u>	<u>Characters</u>
Regular 18-point type	Letters
Regular 18-point type	Numbers
Narrow 18-point type	Letters
Regular 15-point type	Numbers
Narrow 15-point type	Letters
Narrow 15-point type	Numbers

Strip of $\frac{1}{4}$ " red Thermo Seal marking tape received from
FBI, Albany

Can of Schlitz beer, 12-ounce size from Southaven
Minnow Shop, received from FBI, Jackson

Brown paper bag from Southaven Minnow Shop, received from
FBI, Jackson

Also Submitted: (received from FBI, Atlanta).

Four lifts of latent impressions found on automobile
Rearview mirror from 1966 Ford Mustang
1967 Alabama license plate 1A-88354
1968 Alabama license plate 1-38993
Three cigarette butts from top of wardrobe, Room 6
One cigarette butt from under wardrobe, Room 6
Ten latent lifts from Room 6
Latent lifts A1 through A3 from Room 5

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ITEMS RECEIVED FROM FBI, MEMPHIS

25 lifts from room #34 of Rebel Motor Hotel
Elimination fingerprints of N. E. Zachary and
Jewel Greer Roy
Elimination fingerprints of 21 individuals
(1 latent from "Flop house" eliminated
1 latent from Rebel Motel registration
card eliminated)

ITEMS RECEIVED FROM FBI, BIRMINGHAM

Remington rifle box
Box of cartridges
Safe deposit box #5517 from Birmingham Trust
National Bank
Fingerprints of six bank employees
Palm prints and finger-tip impressions of five
Birmingham Trust National Bank employees
Bank draft for \$337.24, payable to Superior
Bulk Film Company
Major case prints of two Aeromarine Supply Co.
clerks

ITEMS RECEIVED FROM FBI, ATLANTA

Five transparent lifts from 66 Mustang
Luncheon check from "Mammy's Shanty Restaurant"

ITEMS RECEIVED FROM FBI, NEW ORLEANS

Nine items recovered from room at 623 Royal
Street in New Orleans

ITEMS RECEIVED FROM FBI, MIAMI

Piece of brown wrapping paper with label
bearing #777, etc.
Piece of brown wrapping paper with label
bearing #6829
Cardboard box

ITEMS RECEIVED FROM FBI, BUFFALO

Photo of Liberty National Bank Dealer
Plan form -
Known handwriting of DR. ALVIN FRENCH

ITEMS RECEIVED FROM FBI, LOS ANGELES

Known handwriting of KATZWINKEL
Known handwriting of FLIKEID
Chevron map of Los Angeles
Chevron map of California

ITEMS RECEIVED FROM FBI, JACKSONVILLE

Known handwriting of DR. ALVIN FRENCH
(postcard)

ITEMS RECEIVED FROM FBI, CHICAGO

Known handwriting of GINGER NANCE
Known handwriting of THOMAS FLIKEID and
SUSAN FLIKEID
Known handwriting of JERRY WM. RAY

ITEMS RECEIVED FROM FBI, BIRMINGHAM

BORSARI checks

ITEMS RECEIVED FROM FBI, ATLANTA

Known handwriting of JOHN WILLARD

ITEMS RECEIVED FROM FBI, MOBILE

Known handwriting of 11 persons (obtained
from Ala. State Dept. of Safety,
Montgomery, Alabama)

MISCELLANEOUS LAUNDRY TAPES RECEIVED FROM NUMEROUS FBI OFFICES

Received 10/20/68

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ITEMS BEING PERSONALLY DELIVERED TO MR. CANALE BY LABORATORY
EXAMINER MORTIMER

(From FBI, Memphis)

Registration card of New Rebel
Motel in name "Eric S. Galt"
Photocopy of four-page handwritten
letter dated at Montreal, Que.,
signed "Code letter 'G'"
Bar of Cameo toilet soap

(From FBI, Miami)

Envelope and accompanying letter
"Get Tommy Nash"

(From FBI, Los Angeles)

Typewritten letter dated 1/21/68 with
envelope from "Eric S. Galt"
Typewritten letter from Dykema to Galt
re apartment
Pair of women's black shoes
Change of Address order dated 4/25/68
signed "Eric S. Galt"
Nine Bank of America money orders
Typewritten letter "Inclosed is MO.."
signed Eric S. Galt
Post Office Department Application
for Delivery of Mail Through Agent,
signed "Eric S. Galt"
Order blank of Futura Books, signed
"Eric S. Galt"
Interview Card
Dance studio enrollment agreement
Change of Address form
Installment note (bar tending course)
Application for School Admittance
Airmail envelope to Tiffany Enterprises
and accompanying typewritten letter
enclosing money order for handcuffs
Envelope postmarked Los Angeles,
Apr. '68, mailing address sticker
"Mr. Eric S. Galt, 1535 N. Serrano,
L. A. 90627"

(From FBI, Chicago)

Typewritten letter dated 10/5/67 re
camera from "Eric S. Galt"
Typewritten letter dated 10/22/67 re
camera from "Eric S. Galt"
Typewritten letter dated 11/20/67 re
camera from "Eric S. Galt"
Order blank from Sup. Bulk Film Co.
in amount of \$337.24 (hand printed)
Also Submitted: 6 miscellaneous items
of Sup. Bulk Co.

(From FBI, Newark)

Enrollment form of Locksmithing Inst.,
Little Falls, N. J., in name "Eric S.
Galt"
Confidential Information form of
Locksmithing Inst., signed "Eric S. Galt"
Envelope postmarked Montreal, Canada,
(hand printed) to Locksmithing Inst.
from "Eric S. Galt"
Four payment coupons, order blank,
two envelopes re Locksmithing,
Envelopes containing lessons #8 and #9
Photocopy of Canadian Money Order
signed "Eric S. Galt"

(From FBI, New Orleans)

Provincial Motel registration card
dated 12/17/67, signed "Eric S. Galt"
Two sheets of motel stationery bearing
indented writing impressions

(From FBI, Atlanta)

Newspaper clipping bearing handwriting
"Galt 1052 N side Dr. 8769770"
Sealed envelope to Dr. Tarplee with
hand printing of Eric S. Galt
Eastern Airlines ticket envelope,
Fl.399/Y, Atlanta to Memphis

(From FBI, Headquarters)

Pink envelope addressed "The Federal
Bureau.."

(From FBI, Jacksonville)

Photocopy of Certificate of Title in
the name "Michael St. Pierre"

(From FBI, New York)

Modern Photo Bookstore coupon bearing
hand printing of "Eric S. Galt" and
handwritten letter dated 9/26/67

(From FBI, Washington Field)

Typewritten letter re emigrating to
Rhodesia signed "Eric S. Galt"
Photocopy of Statutory Declaration of
Guarantor form
Application for Canadian Passport (photo-
graph)
Photograph of RAY and signature
"Ramon George Sneyd"

(From FBI, Buffalo)

Photocopy of hand printed note dated
4/20/68, signed "Ramon George Sneyd"
Also Submitted: Photograph of partial
palm print and passport photograph

(From FBI, Mobile)

Photocopies of Alabama
1968 Motor Vehicle forms

(From FBI, Birmingham)

Known handwriting of ERIC S. GALT
(safe deposit records, ledger card
and letter)

(From FBI, Kansas City)

Known handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY (Missouri
State Pen form)
Known handwriting and hand printing
of JAMES EARL RAY (documents from
Missouri State Pen)
Known handwriting and hand printing of
JAMES EARL RAY (21 sheets of paper
and one form)
Also Submitted: Inmate Request form
for JACK M. RAY

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Date: 11/15/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Springfield airtel to the Bureau dated 11/8/68.

Investigation at Alton and vicinity during past week has produced no new information concerning JAMES EARL RAY or his alleged complicity in robbery The Bank of Alton, 7/13/68.

Independent investigation being conducted to verify statements attributed to RAY appearing in Look magazine articles.

Since all logical investigation conducted on continuing basis in effort to resolve possible complicity of RAY in robbery The Bank of Alton and since investigation failed to establish nexus between the two, weekly airtel summaries are being discontinued by the Springfield Division UACB.

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Approved: 61 NOV 26 1968
 Special Agent in Charge

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TO: DIRECTOR (100-3102)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-147641)

SUBJECT: MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

RE: NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU, NOVEMBER 15, 1968.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Callahan

DATE: 11/15/68

FROM : J. P. Dunphy

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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

SAC Jensen, Memphis Division, advises that Phil M. Canale, State Attorney General, Shelby County, who will prosecute subject Ray in State Court, has renewed his request for a three-dimensional model of the crime scene in this case. This model to be utilized during the trial.

Memorandum Mr. Rosen to Mr. DeLoach 10/31/68 advised that Canale desired, if possible, that such an exhibit be prepared for trial but was informed this could not be done because of the very short period of time before start of the trial which was then scheduled for 11/12/68.

The trial has been reset to 3/3/69 at the request of Ray's new attorney. This gives us sufficient time to conduct the necessary survey and thereafter construct the requested exhibit. SAC Jensen advises Attorney Canale stated a three-dimensional model would be of immeasurable assistance in the prosecution in this matter and the SAC is of the opinion a model would be a definite assistance and would reflect most favorably on the Bureau.

Normally we do not construct trial models for State cases in view of the multitude of requests we would receive and the normal heavy workload we carry. Exceptions, however, have been made upon approval of the Director in unusual major cases. The last of these was the trial of Richard Speck in Peoria, Illinois, in 1967 for the murder of the eight nurses in Chicago. It is felt since we now have sufficient time to construct the trial model and in view of the great national and international interest in this trial, that the Bureau should render this assistance.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Exhibits Section prepare the requested three-dimensional trial model.

1 - Mr. DeLoach

1 - Mr. Rosen

1 - Mr. R. E. Long (Rm. 2260)

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

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

The attached is a request of the Department to conduct investigation based upon their review of an article concerning James Earl Ray which appeared in "Look" magazine issue of 11/12/68 (circulated 10/29/68) and authored by William Bradford Huie.

We have previously conducted investigation on most of the items appearing in the article and have furnished results to the Department. We are presently conducting investigation in other items and will furnish the Department the results when completed.

Department being advised accordingly.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation

FROM : ^{SUP}Stephen J. Pollak
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

SUBJECT: James Earl Ray, Subject;
Martin Luther King, Jr., Victim;
Conspiracy Against Rights
CIVIL RIGHTS

DATE: November 1, 1968

Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. DeLoach ✓
Mr. Mohr ✓
Mr. Bishop ✓
Mr. Casper ✓
Mr. Callahan ✓
Mr. Conrad ✓
Mr. Felt ✓
Mr. Gale ✓
Mr. Rosen ✓
Mr. Sullivan ✓
Mr. Tavel ✓
Mr. Trotter ✓
Tele. Room ✓
Miss Holmes ✓
Miss Gandy ✓

We have reviewed the article appearing in the November 12, 1968, Look magazine written by William Bradford Huie concerning the above subject (pages 96 - 113).

It presents a number of objective facts as to Ray's travel and activities between April 23, 1967, and late August 1967. To the extent possible, please determine the correctness of these facts if you have not already done so.

There are also a number of factual statements in the story which require investigation in connection with the presence or absence of a conspiracy. While not inclusive, the ones that appear to us to require investigation are:

1. Ray worked at the Indian Trail Restaurant for approximately two months in Winnetka, Illinois. The story states that for seven weeks at the restaurant Ray received no telephone calls, "But during the week he left, he received 'three or four pressing calls' that seemed to excite him."

2. A friend of Ray's, presumably in East St. Louis, drove him to Edwardsville where he caught a bus for Chicago, on the sixth or seventh day after his escape from the Missouri penitentiary. After Ray quit his job at the restaurant in Winnetka, Illinois, he states that he spent a night with this same friend, before going to Canada in July 1967. At that time he states he obtained a new .38 pistol from a friend.

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3. Ray reports in some detail his contact with an unidentified woman in Canada, whom the author interviewed. Allegedly, Ray wrote her as late as March 1968. Ray appeared to have a closer relationship with her than with anyone else during his fugitivity. However, the article itself does not indicate that she had any knowledge of his actual identity or plans.

4. Ray reports a number of contacts with a man identified as Raoul in the Neptune Tavern in Montreal. Raoul allegedly propositioned Ray with respect to some sort of criminal activity. Part of the proposition allegedly involved Ray's presence in Birmingham where he did in fact go. Included in the proposition was a promise to provide Ray with a suitable car. Also Raoul allegedly had spent time in New Orleans and provided Ray with a New Orleans telephone number.

5. Reference is made to a 1962 red Plymouth which Ray was driving in Canada and which he purchased in East St. Louis, Illinois.

6. Ray states that he stayed at a rooming house owned by the Donnellys. They may remember something about him or whether or not he received any mail.

Please provide this Division with (carbon copy to the Criminal Division) a report of the results of your investigation and checking out of the facts as to Ray's travel and activities.

November 9, 1968

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

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

The attached relates to an individual by the name of Hubert James Putt who filed a petition with Shelby County Criminal Court, Memphis, Tenn., to testify on behalf of James Earl Ray. State trial scheduled for November 12, 1968, at Memphis. The petition was dismissed by the court.

Putt claims he was inadvertently involved in the assassination of Pres. Kennedy, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Putt has been convicted of Federal charge of interstate transportation of stolen motor vehicle and is presently confined to Federal Medical Center, Springfield, Missouri for psychiatric treatment. He has been certified psychotic, has a long history of behavior problems and further diagnosed as suffering from schizophrenic reaction, paranoid type and chronic severe. In view of the above Putt will not be interviewed.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
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MURKIN.

BY LETTER DATED SEPTEMBER SIXTEEN LAST, THE MEDICAL CENTER FOR FEDERAL PRISONERS, SPRINGFIELD, MO., FORWARDED TO CLERK OF THE CRIMINAL COURT OF SHELBY COUNTY, MEMPHIS, TENN., A PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS AD TESTIFICANDUM, DATED SEPTEMBER TWELVE LAST, PREPARED BY HUBERT JAMES PUTT, PRISON REGISTRATION NO. A - ONE SEVEN TWO THREE TWO - H.

IN THIS PETITION PUTT REQUESTED THAT THE CRIMINAL COURT OF SHELBY COUNTY ISSUE A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS TO ASSURE PUTT'S APPEARANCE IN SHELBY COUNTY COURT TO TESTIFY ON BEHALF OF JAMES EARL RAY WHEN THE CRIMINAL CASE AGAINST RAY COMES TO TRIAL. PUTT IN HIS PETITION STATED THAT IT WOULD BE PREJUDICIAL TO RAY FOR PUTT TO DISCLOSE WHAT TESTIMONY HE WILL OFFER IN THE CASE, AND STATED THAT IN ALL FAIRNESS TO THE PROSECUTION PUTT WAS INADVERTENTLY INVOLVED IN THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY AND THE VERY DAY THAT DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., AND SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY WERE TO BE KILLED.

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PUTT FURTHER INFORMED THE COURT IN HIS PETITION THAT HE WAS SUSPECTED OF LIQUIDATING ALBERT ANASTASIA OF MURDER, INC. PUTT STATED THAT HE MUST RESERVE THE RIGHT TO INVOKE THE FIFTH AMENDMENT UNLESS THIS COURT AND OTHER COURTS IN OTHER STATES WILL GUARANTEE THAT HE WILL NOT BE SUBJECTED TO PROSECUTION AS A RESULT OF ANY AND ALL TESTIMONY GIVEN IN THIS CASE, AND THE CRIMINAL CASE PENDING IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, TO WIT, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA V. SIRHAN B. SIRHAN.

RECORDS OF THE MEDICAL CENTER OF FEDERAL PRISONERS, SPRINGFIELD, MO., REVEAL THAT HUBERT JAMES PUTT, FBI NO. TWO FOUR THREE SEVEN NINE THREE C, WAS THE SUBJECT AND AN ^{INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLE} ~~ITSMV~~ CASE AND UPON CONVICTION WAS TRANSFERRED FROM THE U. S. PENITENTIARY AT ATLANTA, GA., TO THE MEDICAL CENTER ON APRIL FOUR LAST, FOR [REDACTED] TREATMENT. WHILE CONFINED AT THE MEDICAL CENTER, PUTT HAS COMPLAINED OF BEING UNJUSTLY PERSECUTED, AND IT WAS RECOMMENDED THAT HE BE [REDACTED] [REDACTED] AND BE HELD UNTIL HIS FULL SENTENCE EXPIRES ON JULY THIRTYONE NXT. THIS CERTIFICATION WAS APPROVED BY THE BUREAU OF PRISONS, WASHINGTON, D. C., JULY TWENTYFIVE LAST.

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THE FILE REFLECTS THAT PUTT HAS A LONG HISTORY OF BEHAVIOR PROBLEMS AND HAS HAD TROUBLE ADJUSTING SINCE HIS INCARCERATION ON DECEMBER THIRTY, SIXTYFOUR. AT TERR^EHAUTE, INDIANA, HE THREATENED TO KILL A CASE WORKER, AND AT ATLANTA HE WAS INVOLVED IN MULTIPLE OFFENSES SUCH AS DISOBEYING ORDERS, OUT-OF-BOUNDS, ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF LETHAL MATERIAL, CURSING AN OFFICER, AND WAS NEEDED TO BE SEGREGATED. HE WAS DIAGNOSED AT ATLANTA AS SUFFERING FROM [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] REPORT DATED DECEMBER FOUR, SIXTYFOUR, REFLECTS HE HAD PERSONALITY TRAIT DISTURBANCES MANIFESTED BY PASSIVE - AGGRESSIVE TRENDS WITH COMPULSIVE TRENDS AND AN INDIVIDUAL [REDACTED]. HE WAS INVOLVED IN A GOOD DEAL OF LITIGIOUS ACTIVITY FOR HIMSELF AND OTHERS, AND HE TENDS TO SEE HIMSELF AS A CHAMPION OF THE UNDERDOG.

PUTT HAS BEEN MARRIED FOUR TIMES AND IS PRESENTLY DIVORCED. HE HAS A HISTORY OF MOLESTING MINOR FEMALES AND HAS POOR CONTROL OF HIS SADISTIC IMPULSES. HE IS IN NEED OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHICH WOULD PROVIDE CONTROLS TO PREVENT HIM FROM HURTING OTHERS OR HIMSELF. HE IS CONSIDERED A DANGEROUS INDIVIDUAL.

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UPON RECEIPT OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PETITION, W. PRESTON BATTLE, SHELBY COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT JUDGE, MEMPHIS, INSTRUCTED THE SHELBY COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT CLERK TO FILE ABOVE DESCRIBED PETITION. IN RESPONSE TO THIS PETITION, MR. JAMES BEASLEY, ASSISTANT STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL WHO WILL ASSIST IN THE PROSECUTION OF JAMES EARL RAY IN CONNECTION WITH THE MURDER OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, FILED A MOTION IN SHELBY COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT IN OPPOSITION TO THE PETITION, STATING THAT THE SHELBY COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT JUDGE HAD NO JURISDICTION IN THE MATTER. MR. BEASLEY ALSO FILED A RECORD OF PUTT'S INCOMPETENCY AND REQUESTED THAT A COPY OF THE PETITION AND HIS MOTION BE FURNISHED TO ARTHUR B. HANDES, ATTORNEY FOR JAMES EARL RAY, IN THE EVENT HANES DESIRES TO OBTAIN A DEPOSITION FROM PUTT.

ON NOVEMBER EIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT, JUDGE BATTLE DENIED TO ISSUE A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS FOR PUTT, AND IN EFFECT DISMISSED THE PETITION. P.

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Mr. Percy Foreman
Attorney at Law
804 South Coast Building
Houston, Texas 77003

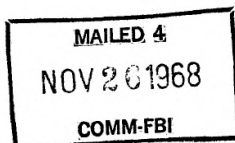
Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 23, 1968, concerning your request for information relative to the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., and information regarding James Earl Ray.

Your letter has been referred to Mr. Stephen J. Pollak, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D. C. You may desire to communicate directly with Mr. Pollak.

Very truly yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director



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NOTE:

Percy Foreman, attorney of record for James Earl Ray, has directed a letter to us requesting information regarding the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., and requested information regarding fingerprints that were sent to law enforcement officers (distributed by Missouri State Penitentiary). We are acknowledging Mr. Foreman's letter and we are advising him that his letter is being referred to Mr. Stephen J. Pollak, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

Attached for approval is a letter to SAC, Memphis, enclosing a copy of a letter from Mr. Foreman and our response to Mr. Foreman.

MAIN AT RUSK

LAW OFFICES OF
PERCY FOREMAN
804 SOUTH COAST BUILDING
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77002

November 23, 1968

Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. DeLoach ✓
Mr. Mohr ✓
Mr. Bishop ✓
Mr. Casper ✓
Mr. Callahan ✓
Mr. Conrad ✓
Mr. Felt ✓
Mr. Gale ✓
Mr. Rosen ✓
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Mr. Trotter ✓
Tele. Room ✓
Miss Holmes ✓
Miss Gandy ✓

RE: JAMES EARL RAY

J. EDGAR HOOVER, ESQ.
Director- F. B. I.
U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Never for a moment did I believe the Federal Bureau of Investigation, or any of its officers, had forbidden permission to inspect the premises at 422 1/2 South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee by attorneys for the defense. I know it was a misunderstanding on the part of the custodian. I dictated my letter to you long distance within a few minutes of being refused access. Early the next morning, I was given permission by the owner to inspect the premises. I would have stopped my letter, but it had already been mailed.

Now, another facet presents itself: I am reliably informed that the F.B.I. had anticipated a possibility of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King for at least two years prior to April 3, 1968. If possible, I would like the privilege of talking with whomever in the F.B.I. is knowledgeable concerning threats against Dr. King. Since the time preceded the date of the ~~re-escape~~ escape of James Earl Ray from the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jeffersonville, there may be information available that will be of assistance to his defense.

Also, I remember reading that a set of fingerprints was broadcast to law enforcement officers as those of James Earl Ray, but which were in fact of some other person. Is there anyone in the Bureau who could clarify these circumstances?

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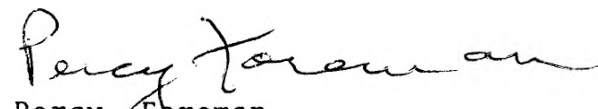
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J. Edgar Hoover, Esq.
November 23, 1968
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The adversary system being what it is, I do not anticipate the revelation of any information from the prosecuting attorney. It has long been my policy to start an investigation with the officers who first prepared the case against my client. More than a few times, this has been of considerable aid in the preparation of the client's defense.

I am willing to come to Washington or go anywhere in the United States to talk with any person who might be able to give me any information that is available to me as defense attorney.

Respectfully yours,


Percy Foreman

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November 12, 1968

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Mr. Percy Foreman
Attorney at Law
804 South Coast Building
Houston, Texas 77002

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 12, 1968, concerning your inspection of the rooming house at 422 1/2 South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee.

We understand that subsequent to your letter, you have inspected the rooming house. For your information, this Bureau has never placed any restriction on the property located at 422 1/2 South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee.

As you know, Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, is handling the state's prosecution of James Earl Ray. It is suggested that you contact Mr. Canale directly if you have any further questions regarding the state's prosecution.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE:

This is to acknowledge receipt of a letter from Mr. Percy Foreman who is the new attorney of record for James Earl Ray.

In a news release from Memphis, Tennessee, Foreman stated he was denied access to the rooming house at 422 1/2 South Main (where Ray allegedly rented a room on April 4, 1968) and Foreman claimed that the FBI was placing restrictions on access to the property. The news release also claimed that according to Foreman, he was writing the Director concerning security restrictions. Our Memphis Office advises us that according to a newspaper article of 11/14/68, Foreman inspected the rooming house with specific permission of the new owners, Mr. and Mrs. Short. We have never placed any restrictions on this rooming house and we are so advising Foreman. In view of the fact that Mr. Canale is prosecuting the case in state court, which is set for 3/3/69, we are suggesting to Foreman that in the event he has any further questions of a similar nature, he should contact Mr. Canale.

Bureau records indicate that one attorney, who was closely associated with Foreman described him as hard-nosed, cold, cruel and ruthless. He further advised he has been on out-of-town trips with Foreman and even at this age, sixty-six, Foreman attempts to seek female companionship. It has been rumored for years that Foreman has been intimate with many of his female clients.

Copy of incoming and our reply to Mr. Foreman being furnished to Memphis by separate communication.

MAIN AT RUSK

LAW OFFICES OF
PERCY FOREMAN
804 SOUTH COAST BUILDING
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77002

November 12, 1968

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Re: State of Tennessee
vs. James Earl Ray
Nos. 16645 and 16819

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I represent the defendant in the above styled cases.

In connection with the preparation for trial and within
two hours of being admitted to practice in this case, I went
to:

422 1/2 South Main
Memphis, Tennessee

This is the rooming house where news releases suggest my
client was living at the time of the shooting of Martin
Luther King, with whose murder he is charged. At this
address, I was told by Mr. Delbert White, custodian of
the rooming house, that he had been instructed by a Mr.
and Mrs. Short (telephone number 683 3143) that the F.B.I.
had said: "No one can see this room unless he is wearing a
gold badge."

I have no "gold badge", yet I want to do what I must
do as attorney for my client. This includes an investiga-
tion of the scene. Since the refusal of the permission to
inspect the scene is attributed to some ephemeral represen-
tative of the F.B.I., I respectfully request a letter from
you advising Mr. and Mrs. Short, at the above address, that
it is not the policy of the F.B.I. to prevent an attorney
for the defendant from inspecting the scene.

I know that such is not the policy of the F.B.I. and
that the attitude of Mr. and Mrs. Short is due to a lack
of full understanding of your policy.

Sincerely yours,

Ack: 11-19-68
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PERCY FOREMAN

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cc: Mr. & Mrs. Short
422 1/2 S. Main
Memphis, Tennessee

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November 21, 1968

GENERAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION

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

The attached relates to information orally furnished to our Memphis Office by the Sheriff of Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee.

William Bradford Huie has written two articles for "Look" magazine concerning Ray and Huie has allegedly been commissioned by Ray to write Ray's life story.

The attached implies that if the information from Hanes' (former attorney for Ray) defense file is published in "Life" magazine, it may differ from the articles as written by Huie which appeared in the last two issues of "Look" magazine.

You will be kept advised of pertinent developments.

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Mr. Tolson	
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

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Sheriff WILLIAM N. MORRIS, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, advised on 11-19-68 he was in receipt of information that might be of interest to the FBI. This information is as follows:

JAMES EARL RAY has advised WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE that he thought because of recent developments there might be a different approach to his trial, but that the final decision would be left up to PERCY FOREMAN, the new attorney. RAY also requested that any payments that might be due him for attorneys fees not be sent to anyone, including RAY's brother JERRY. RAY also reportedly told Mr. HUIE that he had read an article indicating that HANES is supposedly negotiating with "Life" magazine to sell the defense file which he was going to present at RAY's trial. RAY said that if this were so it would affect to a considerable degree the story being written by Mr. HUIE. RAY suggested to HUIE that in the event he wanted to correspond with RAY again he should do so through Mr. FOREMAN.

The foregoing information is furnished for the Bureau's information. Any other information received will also be furnished the Bureau.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-334340)



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

*In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.*

**Memphis, Tennessee
November 21, 1968**

Title **James Earl Ray, Aka.;**
 Dr. Martin Luther King, Victim

Character **Civil Rights - Conspiracy**

Reference **Memorandum dated November 21, 1968,**
 and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
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Re Memphis Airtel to Bureau 11/5/68.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are four copies of LHM regarding information furnished by one BILL SARTOR to Departmental Attorney J. HAROLD FLANNERY regarding a possible conspiracy in this matter.

For the information of the Bureau, the following is a brief resume of activity that occurred in Memphis, Tennessee, which resulted in Martin Luther King's appearances in Memphis during March and April 1968.

On 11/4/68, ME 338-R, a well known Memphis Negro who has been most active in support of the Negro civil rights movement in Memphis in recent years, advised that a strike of the Memphis sanitation workers, most of whom are of the Negro race, commenced in Memphis 2/12/68. The strike was initiated by Local 1733, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME). It started as a legitimate labor dispute, but soon developed into a political power struggle in the city of Memphis.

This informant explained that WILLIAM B. INGRAM, former Mayor of Memphis until January 1968, had been defeated in the November 1967 city election when he ran for re-election for Mayor against the present Mayor, HENRY LOEB. This had been a bitterly fought election in which INGRAM had the support of approximately 90% of the Negro electorate, who had categorized LOEB as a symbol of segregation. Beginning in late February,

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1968, and continuing until the settlement of the strike in mid-April, 1968, the political supporters of INGRAM joined the Union in support of the strike and in opposition to LOEB. This support stemmed from diverse Negro groups led by CORNELIA CRENSHAW, Mrs. TARLESE MATHEWS, a barber, O. W. PICKETT, Negro realtor, and a group of Negro ministers. The ministers developed an organization for this purpose known as Community on the Move for Equality (COME). Included in the group were such leaders as Reverend EZEKIEL BELL, Pastor, Parkway Gardens Presbyterian Church, Reverend JAMES MORRIS LAWSON, JR., SAMUEL B. KYLES, Pastor, Monumental Baptist Church, and Memphis Convener of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), Reverend H. RALPH JACKSON, AME Church, who is Director, Minimum Salary Office, and Reverend MALCOLM D. BLACKBURN, Pastor of the Claiborne Temple, AME Church, 280 Hernando. All sanitation strike marches supporting the strike originated from Claiborne Temple, located at 280 Hernando, Memphis. All the above-mentioned individuals, with the exception of BLACKBURN, are Negroes and all had strongly opposed LOEB and had supported INGRAM in the November, 1967, city election. Reverend LAWSON, who had been Director of the non-violent tactics for SCLC, and Reverend KYLES were later influential in bringing MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., Head of SCLC, to Memphis on March 28, 1968, and again on 4/3-4/68.

This source advised that as the strike developed, it became more and more apparent that the strike was a combined political and racial issue, nurtured, stimulated, and organized by political opponents of Memphis Mayor HENRY LOEB and supporters of former Mayor WILLIAM B. INGRAM. This was the group which so deeply involved SCLC in the strike, culminating in the 4/4/68 fatal shooting of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Source #1 is KAY PITTMAN BLACK, "Press-Scimitar" reporter, and Source #2 is ANGUS McEACHRAN, "Commercial Appeal" reporter, both Memphis daily newspapers, who were contacted by SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.

On 11/20/68, RUBY MARIE GEISENDORFF, Aka. MARIE LYONS, furnished the following confidential information:

She stated that she has cohabited with BILL SARTOR for approximately 1 1/2 months in the recent past, and that during this period SARTOR has been conducting an independent investigation concerning the death of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., in an effort to substantiate his theories that possibly the Mafia and the Memphis Police Department are involved.

Re: James Earl Ray

She stated SARTOR claimed he is divorced from his wife; however, he has been unable to display a divorce decree to her. She asserted that on the night of 11/19/68, she was in telephonic contact with SARTOR and during the conversation with him SARTOR indicated he still had the .25 caliber pistol belonging to GEISENDORFF and that he intended to commit suicide with this weapon. She stated that although she has been acquainted with SARTOR for a period of time she was unable to state whether SARTOR made the remark concerning suicide in jest or whether he was serious.

The information furnished by Mrs. GEISENDORFF should not be disseminated to the U. S. Department of Justice, due to the fact that Mrs. GEISENDORFF furnished this information in confidence and in the event the Department releases any information to SARTOR concerning the remarks about suicide SARTOR would be in a position to immediately ascertain the source of the information.

If the information furnished by ROBERT PATRICK LYONS, as contained in the enclosed LHM, is accurate, it is obvious, since J. HAROLD FLANNERY was present during the interview of LYONS by SARTOR, that FLANNERY was in a position to know that the information concerning CACAMECI and MANN originated with SARTOR and not with LYONS. In view of this, it is believed that the memorandum prepared by FLANNERY was not an accurate resume of information he had gathered from SARTOR and the information he gathered in the presence of SARTOR from other individuals, and this has resulted in considerable wasted effort on the part of the Bureau to ascertain the veracity of information furnished by SARTOR.

No further investigation is being conducted by the Memphis Division in regard to the information furnished by BILL SARTOR to Departmental Attorney J. HAROLD FLANNERY.

Source #3 in the enclosed LHM is CHARLES S. BALLARD, who, as of 4/18/68, was a self-admitted Black Organizing Project (BOP) leader in Memphis, who volunteered information to SAs WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE and HOWELL S. LOWE.

Re: James Earl Ray

Source #4 in the enclosed LHM is ME 338-R, who
furnished information to SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Memphis, Tennessee
November 21, 1968

RE: JAMES EARL RAY, Aka.;
Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING - VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY

Mr. J. Harold Flannery of the U. S. Department of Justice, has prepared a memorandum reflecting interviews on June 12, 1968, and August 22, 1968, with Mr. Bill Sartor of Greenville, Mississippi, a contract writer for "Time" magazine. In this memorandum, Sartor alleges that John McFerren, a Negro civil rights activist from Somerville, Tennessee, had overheard part of a telephone conversation at the Scott Street Produce Market in which the speaker allegedly made reference to where an individual should be shot and as to where the individual doing the shooting should go to collect his money.

John McFerren was interviewed on two occasions by Special Agents of the Memphis FBI Division, and the results of these interviews are set out as follows:

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ENCLOSURE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/11/68

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Mr. JOHN MC FERREN, Somerville, Tennessee, was interviewed at the Peabody Hotel, Memphis, Tennessee, in the presence of Inspector N. E. ZACHARY, Mr. BAXTON BRYANT of the Tennessee Council on Human Relations, and Attorney DAVID E. CAYWOOD. Mr. MC FERREN stated that he had some information he wished to furnish concerning the shooting of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Mr. MC FERREN advised that on the afternoon of April 4, 1968, he traveled from Somerville, Tennessee, to Memphis, Tennessee, to pick up his supplies for his grocery store. He advised that he departed from the Fineburg Meat Company, 2875 Starling Road, Memphis, at approximately 4:20 P.M. He said he traveled directly to the Farmers Market located on Scott Street and after arriving purchased a sack of potatoes from a Negro man, name unknown, at the market. He then went to the place where he normally buys his produce and stated he does not know the name of this particular firm but said it was possibly the LL&L Produce, 814 Scott Street. He said this business is operated by a large, heavy set white man, who weighs approximately 300 pounds and is of possible Puerto Rican extraction and who can be identified because his teeth are set apart from each other. MC FERREN stated after arriving at this company he walked up to the door to the office and noticed that the heavy set man was sitting at his desk with his back to the door and talking on the telephone.

MC FERREN stated that the heavy set man did not see him at that time. He stated he heard the heavy set man say, "Kill the S.O.B. on the balcony and get the job done. You will get your \$5,000." According to MC FERREN, a white man who is thin in build and who has a scar on his right cheek, saw him about that time and asked him what he wanted. MC FERREN replied that he was there to pick up some produce and this man told him to go on to the back and help himself.

MC FERREN said he went back to the rear portion of this office and shortly thereafter heard the telephone ring. The phone was answered by the man with the scar, and MC FERREN

On 4/8/68 at Memphis, Tennessee File # Memphis 44-1987-

by SA ORVILLE V. JOHNSON:mnr Date dictated 4/9/68

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said he could not hear what this man said. The man then handed the phone to the heavy set man, and MC FERREN said he heard this man say, "Don't come out here. Go to New Orleans and get your money. You know my brother." MC FERREN continued by advising that he bought his produce and wanted to purchase two bushels of apples. He said he saw apples at the LL&L Produce Company, but they referred him to another store and told him that he could get his apples there. MC FERREN believes that he was only at the LL&L Produce Company for approximately ten minutes and this was sometime between 4:45 P.M. and 5:15 P.M.

JOHN MC FERREN continued by advising that approximately a week prior to April 4, 1968, he was at the LL&L Produce Company at which time the heavy set man, the man with the scar, and approximately three other white men were in a group talking. He said he heard the heavy set man say at this time, "They ought to shoot the S.O.B.!" MC FERREN advised that immediately after this the heavy set man walked over to him and said, "What do you think about King and his mess?" MC FERREN told the heavy set man that he tended to his own business.

MC FERREN advised that he arrived at his store in Somerville at approximately 6:15 P.M. He said immediately thereafter WILLIAM C. ANDERSON telephonically advised him that KING had been shot. He said on the following day his wife told him about the description of the person who possibly shot KING, and he said according to this description the individual was approximately 5'6" tall. He said he saw the sketch which appeared in the Commercial Appeal and which was supposed to be a likeness of the unknown individual who shot KING and when he compared the description furnished by his wife from the paper and the sketch which appeared in the paper he thought of a person who was employed at the LL&L Produce Company sometime last summer. He thinks this man might be identical to the person who actually shot KING and stated that this individual is a cross between an Indian, a Cuban, or a Mexican. According to MC FERREN, this person has a very yellow complexion, has "jungle rot" on his neck, and definitely gives the impression of being a Puerto Rican or a Cuban and definitely not an American. MC FERREN also said, "This person is not 5 feet 6 like they said in the paper, but he is real tall. He is at least 5 feet 9."

MC FERREN also advised that the person who he thinks might be identical to the person who shot KING weighs 140 pounds, has a slender build, and is approximately 25 years old. He could furnish no further description regarding this person or any further information of value to identify him.

JOHN MC FERREN stated that he discussed what he had heard on the afternoon of April 4, 1968, with his wife and also discussed with his wife the possibility that he knows the identity of the person who shot KING. He said he was afraid to tell any person other than his wife and did not mention it to anyone except Mr. BASTON BRYANT, whom he advised at approximately 7:00 P.M. on April 7, 1968.

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Date 4/22/68

JOHN MC FERREN, Route 4, Box 133 A, Somerville, Tennessee, was interviewed at his place of business, Somerville, at which time he furnished the following information concerning the shooting of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR:

On the morning of April 4, 1968, at 8:00 a.m., he traveled to Memphis, Tennessee, from Somerville to pick up his supplies for his grocery store in Somerville. Before obtaining these supplies he went to his brother's house regarding income tax returns to be filled out by his brother, ROBERT MC FERREN. He called his wife at home at approximately 2:30 p.m. and sometime thereafter, at approximately 3:00 p.m., he departed his brother's place of business to go to a "chicken place" near the Greyhound Station on Front Street to purchase some meat. He arrived at the "chicken place" a little before 3:15 p.m. and thereafter departed to go to Fineberg Meat Company, 2875 Starling Road, Memphis, Tennessee, arriving there at approximately 3:45 p.m. He bought \$72 worth of meat at this place and a white female waited on him. He left Fineberg Meat Company at approximately 4:15 p.m. enroute to the Farmers Market located on Scott Street and arrived there at approximately 4:25 to 4:30 p.m. Upon arriving at the Farmers Market, he went to the east shed to purchase a sack of potatoes from a Negro male, name unknown. He put these potatoes in the bed of his truck and then proceeded to LL & L Produce Company, 814 Scott Street, Memphis. He described this produce market as a large warehouse type building with a garage type door.

He stated that as he passed this door he heard a white male yell, "Kill the son-of-a-bitch on the balcony" and, "I don't care how you get the job done, just get it done." At the time he heard this remark he did not know just what it meant.

He stated the LL & L Produce Company is operated by a large heavy-set white male who weighs approximately 250-300 pounds, has straight hair, is approximately 6' tall, has gapped teeth, was wearing a red sport shirt and sitting in an office in

On 4/18/68 at Somerville, Tennessee File # Memphis 44-1987

by SA ROBERT FITZPATRICK & ANDREW SLOAN:RF:cjs;bb Date dictated 4/22/68

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an office at this warehouse-type building at a desk with a telephone and was facing into the produce department area. He stated this individual had dark skin and was possibly of Puerto Rican or some "foreign" extraction. MC FERREN stated he walked up to the door of this office and noticed the heavy set man was sitting at the desk with his back to the door talking on the telephone. This man did not notice him, MC FERREN, at the time.

At this time another individual, whom he described as a white male, clear skin, over 6' tall, 200 pounds, with a hat on, wearing casual clothes, and a scar on the right side of his throat, known by MC FERREN to be another boss at the LL & L Produce Company, approached him and asked him what he wanted. According to MC FERREN, this man said, "Go ahead and wait on yourself." MC FERREN advised that he then went back to the rear portion of the warehouse and purchased \$16 worth of produce.

When he was coming out of this warehouse-type building, he heard the telephone ring which was answered by the man with the scar on his throat and he heard this individual mumble something to the heavy set man but he could not hear what this man had said. The man with the scar then handed the telephone to the heavy set man and he heard the heavy set man say, "Go to New Orleans and get your \$5,000 and don't bring your ass near my place and don't call me any more-you know my brother in New Orleans." MC FERREN advised that he had already purchased \$16 worth of produce but decided he wanted to purchase approximately two bushels of apples. He had seen the apples at the LL & L Produce Company but stated the heavy set man and the man with the scar on his face acted very nervous and told MC FERREN "to go next door and get your apples." MC FERREN stated that he was in the warehouse for approximately 30 minutes and to the best of his knowledge the telephone call took place about 5:15 p.m. MC FERREN advised that he bought two cases of apples from a Jewish fellow on the west side of the Farmers Market and then left to return to his home (in Somerville, Tennessee).

MC FERREN advised he arrived back at his store in Somerville at 6:15 p.m. and learned from WILLIAM C. ANDERSON, a friend of his, who telephonically advised him that Dr. KING had been shot. He stated that late that night, after talking with his wife and discussing the description of the person who

possibly shot KING, he figured the conversation he had heard may have had something to do with the murder of Dr. KING.

MC FERREN stated that on the following day he saw a sketch appearing in The Commercial Appeal which was supposed to be a likeness of the unknown individual who shot KING and he compared the description furnished by his wife from the paper and the sketch which appeared in the newspaper and thought this to be a person who was employed at the LL & L Produce Company sometime in the late fall or early winter of 1967. He stated this man, described as a light tanned or Puerto Rican type individual with long straight, coarse black hair, "jungle rot" on his neck, slender build, drop shoulders, white male, 5'10" - 5'11", 160 pounds, not a day over 25, as being identical with the individual who shot KING. He stated this individual was a cross between an Indian, Cuban, and Mexican and he could possibly identify this individual again. MC FERREN stated he saw this individual for approximately one to two days at the LL & L Produce Company in the late fall or early winter and has not seen him since that time at the produce company.

MC FERREN advised another reason for his suspicions is that on a Thursday, a week before April 4, 1968, he was at the LL & L Produce Company at which time the heavy set man, the man with the scar, said to him, "What do you think about your buddy?" MC FERREN said he replied, "Who are you talking about?" The heavy set man then said, "MARTIN LUTHER KING", to which MC FERREN replied, "I tend to my own business." MC FERREN stated the heavy set man then said, "Somebody ought to shoot the son -of-a-bitch." MC FERREN stated he again replied, getting into his truck, "I tend to my own business" and drove off. MC FERREN stated this was the first time the heavy set man had ever spoken to him regarding a racial matter.

MC FERREN advised that he had discussed what he had heard on the afternoon of April 4, 1968, with his wife and had also discussed with his wife the possibility he knew the identity of the individual who shot KING.

MC FERREN stated that on the morning of April 18, 1968, between 8:30 and 9:00 a.m., a beige, late model 1966 or 1967 Cadillac with a golden emblem on the front license plate, license plate not noticed, drove into his driveway at Route 4, Box 133 A,

Old Macon Road, Somerville, Tennessee. An individual, identified as ROBERT POWERS, and his wife, who approximately twelve years ago ran the Powers Store in Somerville, Tennessee, and thereafter left to live in New Orleans, Louisiana, or that vicinity. He stated this individual operates an all-night truck stop in Louisiana at the junction of Route 11 and Route 90. He further stated this individual has been on the property.

He stated POWERS and his wife got out of the car to shake hands with MC FERREN and stated they were "glad to see him." MC FERREN stated they asked him questions concerning his itinerary for that day and he told them he was going to Memphis at approximately 4:00 p.m.

MC FERREN stated that POWERS asked, "Are you putting on a lot of weight?" and then asked if the road behind the Powers Store Road still came out into Old Macon Road. MC FERREN advised he "acted dumb" and after a while POWERS left. POWERS told MC FERREN he was leaving tonight or tomorrow night. (April 18-19, 1968). MC FERREN advised that POWERS did not threaten him in any way and he was very suspicious and connected this incident with the telephone call at LL & L Produce Company because the "white man shook my hand." According to MC FERREN, it is very uncommon for white men to shake black men's hands in his part of the country.

MC FERREN stated he can tell when individuals are wearing guns and stated many times in the past he has seen people who appeared very suspicious to him and who, he thought, were a threat to him inasmuch as they stared at him and acted "funny." He advised he always looks at individuals to see whether or not they are wearing shoulder holsters or sidearms or "45's" in their back pockets. MC FERREN pointed out that he always acted dumb so that people will not give him a hard time when in reality he is actually very smart.

MC FERREN was shown six photographs, five of which were random photographs of individuals who have been arrested in various parts of the country in the past. These photographs are of NORMAN JAMES BURHEAT, FOLSE JOSEPH BERTHAUF, JR., JOSEPH FRANK ARNONE, RONALD FRANCIS SCOTT, BENJ VINCENT PATREM, and JAMES EARL RAY, also known as ERIC STARVO GALT. MC FERREN immediately eliminated the photographs of RAY PATREM, and SCOTT and looked closely at the three remaining photographs. He stated that the