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The name RAOUL has no significance to Mr. LARSON.

Mr. IARSON advised that he undoubtedly made several telephone calls while he stayed at the Provincial Motel; however, none of these telephone calls were made from his room. He always makes telephone calls from a public telephone in order to save the service charge that the motel or hotel usually charges for placing the call.

He undoubtedly called his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. STEWART STEERE at Berkeley Heights, New Jersey, telephone number 201-464-4721. He probably also called the telephone company where he works, telephone number 714-298-0650.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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FROM

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Mr. Rolling

DATE: December 16, 1968

1 - Mr. Rosen

1 - Mr. Malley 1 - Mr. McGowan

1 - Mr. Long

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, ${\bf Jr.}$

The Federal Communications Commission provided us with a list of every individual owning a Citizen's Band radio in Shelby County, Tennessee. We utilized this list to determine if anyone had a Citizen's Band radio in their automobile by the name of Galt. This resulted in negative findings.

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RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the fact that this may at some future time be useful, it is requested that the list be placed in bulky exhibit.

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the date of RAY's trial. and agreed to postpone until 12/18/68 a "hearing" to determine BATTLE conferred 12/11/68 with subject's lawyer, PERCY FOREMAN, copy of a newspaper clipping reflecting the fact Judge W. PRESTON Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and one

postponement. had taken place. It was FOREMAN who advised the press of the Office of their meeting until some hours after the meeting neither FOREMAN nor BATTLE notified the Attorney General's Judge BATTLE on 12/12/68 as previously scheduled and that 12/12/68 that his office had expected FOREMAN to appear before one of the prosecutors in this case, advised SA JOE C. HESTER Mr. JAMES BEASLEY, Assistant Attorney General and

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Trial-Date Hearing In King Murder Case Delayed Till Wednesday

Judge Preston Battle conferred yesterday with Percy Foreman, attorney for James Earl Ray, and agreed to postpone until Wednesday a hearing to finally determine the date of Ray's trial. The trial now is set tentatively for March 3.

Mr. Foreman later conferred for 50 minutes with Ray in Ray's specially guarded cell in the Shelby County Jail. The Texas attorney left yesterday afternoon for Los Angeles, where he will speak today.

He refused all comment, except to say, "This case was tried before I got into it." He apparently referred to worldwide publicity on the search for, arrest and background of Ray, the fugitive Missouri convict charged with the sniperslaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Dr. King was slain on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel on Mulberry Street the evening of April 4.

Judge Battle set a formal hearing on the date for the Ray trial for 9 a.m. Wednesday. The trial was set originally for Nov. 12 but postponed at the last moment because Ray chose to dismiss his first attorney, Arthur J. Hanes, former mayor of Birmingham, and retain Mr. Foreman.

It is understood the attorney general's office will oppose postponing the trial beyond March 3. It is noted that while the courts grant a defendant's right to an attorney of his choice, both the state and federal constitutions guarantee the right to a "speedy public

Tennessee law permits an accused person to be tried three days after an indictment is returned, Atty. Gen. Phil Canale said in arguing against a long continuance. Ray was indicted May 17.

Before Dr. King's murder threw an extra load on it, the attorney general's office brought the average case to trial four to six months after indictment. The lag now has increased by about two months.

in another development yesterday, the attorney general's office said Ray could not be tried in Missouri under that state's habitual criminal act after his trial in Memphis for morder.

Ray would be subject to such a trial in Missouri, with life imprisonment upon conviction, except that the terms of the treaty under which he was extradited from England forbid his trial on any charge except that specified in the extradition warrant — the murder of Df. King.

But Ray had 14 months to serve on an armed robbery conviction when he escaped from the Missouri State Prison in a bread truck. That 14 months will still hang over htm, sources said. Page 40
Commercial Appeal
Memphis, Tenn.

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Date: 12/12/68 Edition: FINAL

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO

Mr. DeLoach

FROM

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SUBJECT:

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DATE: December 10, 1968

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In connection with the hearing which was to be held on December 12, 1968, at which time Judge Battle of the State Court was to inquire of Attorney Percy Foreman as to whether he is ready to proceed with trial on March 3, we have been advised there may be some delay.

SAC Jensen stated, according to information he received from the State's Attorney General and the Sheriff's Office, it appears Foreman will not show on Thursday, December 12, 1968, inasmuch as he has some commitments on the West Coast. If he does not, the hearing has been set for December 16, 1968.

The State also feels that Judge Battle is annoyed with the dilly-dallying on the part of the defense and is considering asking a public defender to appear in court, at which time he will instruct that the public defender be prepared to proceed with trial. This would not seem to be too logical a course. (This does not seem to be too logical a course inasmuch as the defendant is entitled to an attorney of his own choice in the event he has the ability to pay for it.)

It is also understood Percy Foreman has not asked to see any of the evidence nor has he conducted any investigation or interview of witnesses. He has, however, placed a lien on the Ford Mustang which was purchased by Ray and which was found in Atlanta.

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December 16, 1968

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Mr. Bill Wiemer
Route 1
Forest City, Illinois 61532

Dear Mr. Wiemer:

Your letter of December 10th has been received.

With regard to your inquiry, James Earl Ray is being prosecuted by authorities in the State of Tennessee; therefore, I am unable to furnish you material concerning him for use as you indicated.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Mr J. Edgar Hoover Head of F. B. I. (U S A)

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TO

Director, FBI (44-38861)

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FROM

Legat, London (88-72) (P)

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Since DORNAY is in England digging into this matter the Bureau is requested to furnish any pertinent available information concerning him.

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- Mr. Long - Liaison (cleared with SA Graham Day)

Re Legat London letter to Bureau dated 12/13/68.

Based upon available data, Peter Dornay, not identifiable in Bureau files

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Legat London requested us to furnish any pertinent available data regarding Dornay. Bureau indices negative regarding Dornay and he is unknown in our Crime Records Section. Legat London being advised accordingly.

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Special Agent Robert Fitzpatrick Federal Bureau of Investigation Federal Building Memphis, Tennessee

Re: State of Tennessee vs. James Earl Ray, with aliases

Dear Mr. Fitzpatrick:

As you have undoubtedly heard through the news media, the above-styled case has been continued by the Judge until March 3, 1969, at the request of the new defense attorney, and over our objection.

Needless to say, we were very disappointed in not being able to try the case as scheduled on November 12, 1968, as we had planned and were prepared to do.

The purpose of this letter is to formally notify you as a witness for the State of Tennessee that the case has been continued and to remind you that the subpoenas heretofore issued for November 12, 1968, are being extended and maintained in effect for the new trial date of March 3, 1969. As we have previously explained to you, it will not be necessary that you appear on March 3 and be inconvenienced by unnecessary delay in awaiting your turn to testify so long as you are available when we give reasonable notice as to the date we anticipate having you testify.

We will contact you again as the new trial date approaches, and if in the meantime you should change your place of residence, business or phone number, please let us know.

Thank you so much for the splendid co-operation you

Thank you so much for the splendid co-operation you have extended us thus far, and we are confident that we can count on your continued co-operation,

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours very truly,

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