

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

FROM: Stephen J. Pollak
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

DATE: November 27, 1968

SUBJECT: Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

This responds to an inquiry from your Bureau. We have no present plans to obtain a search warrant or issue a subpoena in order to obtain the notes and letters in the possession of William Bradford Huie, allegedly received by him from James Earl Ray through Attorney Arthur Hanes.

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TO MR. TOLSON
FROM MR. ROSEN
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Date: 11-27-68

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Mr. Mohr	_____
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Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

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In connection with the articles prepared by WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE, which have appeared in "Look" magazine, certain investigation has been conducted by offices receiving this Airtel. The Memphis Division, as office of origin, requests that results of investigation conducted by the various offices be furnished in the form of either FD-302 or investigative insert so that all results can be incorporated in a report. This material should be submitted so that it reaches Memphis no later than December 4, 1968.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242) (P*)
 RE: MURKIN

Re Bureau telephone call, 11/27/68.

All motels and hotels in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico,
 were checked under RAY's true name and aliases for the
 month of October, 1967 with negative results.

② - Bureau
 1 - Memphis
 2 - San Antonio
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WOMEN OF OCTOBER, 1968 WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.
WERE CHECKED UNDER LAWS, 2 FIVE NAME AND ADDRESS FOR THE
THE MODELS AND REPORTS TO MEXICO, MEXICO,
BE SCREENED TELEPHONE CALLS, 11/25/68.

RE: MEXICO

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1575) (P)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

ATTENTION: VIKING

INFORMATION: FOLLOWING

cc:

Enclosure to memorandum J. P. Dunphy to Mr. Callahan dated 11/25/68.

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. Callahan *NOL*
FROM : J. P. Dunphy *JD*
SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 11/25/68

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In connection with services performed by the Exhibits Section in this case, aerial photographs were taken by the U. S. Corps of Engineers at Memphis on 4/10/68. This film was turned over to SAC Jensen, Memphis Office, by me on 11/19/68 to be maintained in the Memphis file.

As an enclosure to this memorandum is a sheet prepared by the cameraman who took these photographs which contains such information as time of day, weather, altitude, etc., which should be made a matter of record in the Bureau file.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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Mr. Murphy

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FOR INFORMATION:

RE: MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

DATE: 12/4/68

FROM : SAC, INDIANAPOLIS (44-563) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO: Memphis

Re IP tels to Bureau 11/13/68 and 11/14/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA ERIC C. WILLIAMS and ARTHUR C. GRUBERT:

On 11/13/68, the following individuals advised the records of their businesses failed to indicate anyone using the name JAMES EARL RAY, ERIC S. GALT or JOHN L. RAYNS registered for 8/21/67, nor did they have a record of an older model Plymouth with Illinois license plates for that date:

MARGUERTE PILGRIM, Manager, Gary Travelodge, 6200 Melton Road, Gary, Indiana.

ETHEL MIHALKO, Assistant Manager, Holiday Inn, 3030 East 8th Avenue, Gary, Indiana.

JEAN KIRCHMAYER, Bookkeeper, Diplomat Motel, 4905 Melton Road, Gary, Indiana.

MARGARET LEWIS, Owner, Sleepy Hollow Motel, 5296 Melton Road, Portage, Indiana.

HOWARD NEBBERGALL, Owner, Park Side Motel, 5192 Melton Road, Portage, Indiana.

RICHARD TRETHEWEY, Owner, Don's Motel, 5500 Melton Road, Portage, Indiana.

- 2 - Bureau
- 2 - Memphis
- 1 - Indianapolis (44-563)

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MARTY MARFLAK, Owner, Gary Motel, 5400 Melton Road, Portage, Indiana.

On 11/14/68, KATHERINE TROUP, Manager, U. S. 20 Motel, 11200 Melton Road, Portage, Indiana, advised her place of business had no record as above.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach *PK*

DATE: November 29, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen *R*

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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

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SYNOPSIS:

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

Clay D. Blair, Jr., a free-lance fiction writer, formerly affiliated with "Time," "Life," and "Saturday Evening Post," advised he is writing a book on the King assassination to be published by Bantam Books. He provided us with a copy of his manuscript and wanted our cooperation. We told him that the FBI would not cooperate in connection with the preparation of the book.

This 377 page manuscript has been reviewed, and it is a rehash of previous accounts of Ray as recorded in the public press. The following exceptions are taken to this manuscript:

1. Author claims there is no evidence anywhere that Ray was a vodka drinker. This is not true.
2. The woman at Atlanta, Georgia, who observed the abandoned white Mustang stated that she called the FBI Office to report this vehicle and our Office referred her to the Atlanta Police Department. This same woman indicates Agents were waking people up at all hours of the night. This is not true.

3. The issuance and retraction of a bulletin on Eric Starvo Galt (one of Ray's aliases) was given wide spread publication, and in view of this, Ray intensified his flight. Our investigation does not disclose justification for this implication by the author.

4. Regarding a "stake-out" in Atlanta rooming house "the Agents rushed the apartments, cracked open the door." This is not true.

SEE NOTE ON REVERSE SIDE

25 DEC 4 1968

Full facts concerning these statements and actual investigation set forth in details. *we do not want to approve it in any manner*

ACTION: The Crime Records Division should return the attached manuscript to Blair and point out the exceptions to him.

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DETAILS - PAGE TWO

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FOR REVIEW AT FBIHQ AND/OR DELIVERY
TO HSCA RE REQUEST DATED 5-16-78
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MR. JONES

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FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: JAMES EARL RAY, AKA; ALLEGEDLY ASSASSINATED SENATOR
MURDER OF SENATOR JAMES EARL RAY

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Rosen to DeLoach memorandum
RE: MURKIN

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This 377 page manuscript has been reviewed, and it is a rehash of previous accounts of Ray as recorded in the public press. Nothing is contained herein which requires additional investigation by the Bureau. The following exceptions are taken to this manuscript:

1. In our press release in connection with Ray being placed on the ten most wanted fugitives, we stated that Ray was a vodka drinker. The author claims there is no evidence anywhere that Ray was a vodka drinker. We have documentary proof from interviews in Mexico that Ray was a vodka drinker, and he liked the "screwdriver" drink (a drink of vodka and orange juice).

✓ 2. On pages 302 and 303 it is indicated that a woman at Atlanta, Georgia, who observed the abandoned white Mustang of Ray stated that she called the FBI Office to report this vehicle and they referred her to the Atlanta Police Department. We have no record indicating that such contact was made with our Atlanta Office by this individual. Our Atlanta Office has advised they do not have any record of an individual contacting them to report the abandoned vehicle of Ray. Atlanta has advised that the information concerning the locating of the vehicle was first reported to the Atlanta Police Department. On page 304 this same woman indicates Agents were waking people up at all hours of the night. This is not true as we interviewed people during the day and in the early evening hours. Our Atlanta Office advises that members of the press in Atlanta were the individuals responsible for waking people at all hours of the night and our Agents positively did not interview people at all hours of the night.

✓ 3. On pages 306 and 333 reference is made to the issuance and the retraction of a "bulletin" on Eric Starvo Galt (one of Ray's aliases) by the Miami Office of the FBI on April 12, 1968. The author states this was given wide spread publication

Rosen to DeLoach memorandum
RE: MURKIN

and the author speculates that in view of this, Ray intensified his flight. The Bureau on April 10, 1968, instructed our Field Divisions to request local police officials to issue an all-points bulletin regarding the fact that Eric Starvo Galt, supposedly driving a 1966 Mustang, was wanted by the FBI for questioning only. In view of the fact that this Mustang was located by the Atlanta Police Department in Atlanta, Georgia, on April 11, 1968, in an abandoned condition, we instructed our Field Offices on April 11, 1968, to cancel any all-points bulletins which may have been placed.

It is noted that Ray appeared in Toronto, Canada on April 8, 1968, and stayed there until he departed for London on May 6, 1968. Our investigation does not disclose justification for the implication by the author that Ray intensified his flight based on the issuance and retraction of the all-points bulletin.

4. On page 309 the author states that in connection with a "stake-out" in Atlanta rooming house where Ray allegedly resided "the Agents rushed the apartment, cracked open the door. Galt was gone." This is far from the truth, as we had permission from the landlord at the apartment to enter, and it was done in an orderly manner.

clm *egm* *P*
Rosen

12-12-68

AIRTEL

1- Mr. Long

To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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Re Boston letter to the Bureau dated 11-25-68.

Memphis should bring the letter of Hersey to the attention of Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, who is prosecuting this case in state court. Mr. Canale may desire to review the personal effects of Ray to determine if the system as described by Hersey is applicable.

If any items are found by Mr. Canale indicating utilization of the system described by Hersey, you may suggest to Mr. Canale that such items along with the book written by Hersey be forwarded to the FBI Laboratory for appropriate examination.

Based upon available data, William Dearborn Hersey not identifiable in Bureau files.

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US Boston letter to the Bureau dated 11-21-68

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FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

TO: SAC, BOSTON (44-1881)

I- MR. TOLSON

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NOTE:

Boston received a letter from one William Dearborn Hersey. The letterhead indicates that he is an Information Retention Specialist, residing at One Fairlee Lane, Norton, Mass. In this letter Hersey makes reference to the article on James Earl Ray appearing in the "Look" magazine, issue of November 26, 1968. Hersey stated that the article refers to a book that Ray had in his possession when he was arrested, and this book, which is called "How to Cash In On Your Hidden Memory Power" was written by him.

According to Hersey the book describes a code system for remembering numbers by converting them into words, and Hersey suggests that Ray may have utilized this system and this could be of significance.

Memphis is being instructed to bring this to the attention of Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., who is prosecuting the case in state court. Mr. Canale may desire to review the personal effects of Ray to determine if system described by Hersey is applicable.

Ray did have such a book in his possession when arrested by British authorities, and this book is presently in possession of Memphis authorities along with the other evidence in this case.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (157-644)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 11/25/68

Enclosed for the Bureau and Memphis are two copies each of a letter received at the Boston Office from WILLIAM DEARBORN HERSEY, "Information Retention Specialist," of One Fairlee Lane, Norton, Mass., dated 11/17/68.

HERSEY sets out information in his letter concerning a memory code which may have been utilized by subject JAMES EARL RAY since RAY had a copy of a book written by HERSEY in his possession when captured.

Bureau and Memphis may desire to refer HERSEY's letter to the prosecutor at Memphis, Tennessee.

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1 - Boston
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-100000)
SUBJECT: [Illegible]

RE: [Illegible]

ON [Illegible]

IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU [Illegible]



William Dearborn Hersey
INFORMATION RETENTION SPECIALIST

One Fairlee Lane
Norton, Mass.
November 17, 1968

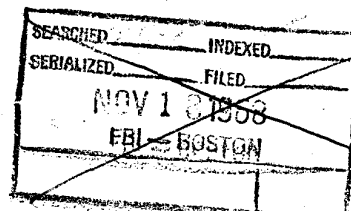
Memo for F.B.I.

According to a story on James Earl Ray appearing in Look for November 26 Ray had in his possession when captured a copy of a book written by me called "How To Cash In On Your Hidden Memory Power". It was described as a well worn copy.

This book describes a code system for remembering numbers by converting them into words. It is a universal mnemonic code. It is not original with me. However the thought crossed my mind that if Ray had learned this code he might well have made notes in words of numbers such as telephone numbers or addresses of friends or associates and might have had in his possession some writing that might have no apparent significance but which might conceal and contain important numeric information.

The code is very simple and anyone trained in it could quickly translate words into numerical combinations which could then be examined for any possible significance.

William D Hersey
Phone 617-843-3890



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

[Signature] : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 11/22/68

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[Handwritten mark] Re Bureau airtel 11/14/68, and Birmingham teletype 11/20/68.

Enclosed please find the original of a registration card believed for subject RAY under alias JOHN L. RAYNS. This reflects his registration at 9:05 a.m. on Saturday, 8/26/67, at the Grenada Hotel, Birmingham, a third rate institution, giving residence address of 1825 Lafayette St., St. Louis, Missouri.

It is requested that the handwriting appearing on the three lines of the registration card be compared with known handwriting of subject RAY. A Xerox copy of the registration card is also enclosed for the Bureau and each office receiving this communication. Mr. ADRIAN KOONCE, Clerk, has no independent recollection of RAYNS.

A review of all registration cards during the period 8/22-28/67 has been completed without noting any significant card which might be indicative of the presence of "RAOUL" during the period. A list of the names will be furnished Memphis.

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2 - Bureau (Enc. 2) (AM - RM)
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TO : DIRECTOR (100-1) (RM)
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-1) (RM)
SUBJECT: MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
RE: NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU, 11/25/68

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REGISTRATION CARD

GUESTS WITHOUT BAGGAGE PLEASE PAY IN ADVANCE

Money, jewels and valuables must be deposited in the office safe,
otherwise the proprietor will not be responsible for any loss.

Name John L. Payne
Street 1825 Lafayette St.
City St. Louis State Mo.

Representing _____

Room <u>210</u>	Rate <u>4.50</u>	Arrive <u>905</u> A. M. P. M.	Folio
Date <u>8-26-67</u>	No. in Party <u>1</u>	Clerk <u>AK</u>	<u>Suitcase</u>

Remarks _____

Form 34A JOHN WILLY, INC., EVANSTON, ILL.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P
y MURKIN

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of newspaper clippings in captioned matter.

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C. C. Bishop

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

MURKIN

There are enclosed original and one Xerox copy each of newspaper clippings in captioned matter.

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'Racial Aspect' Is Seen In Dismissal Of Hanes

The New York Times News Service

BIRMINGHAM, Nov. 15. — Arthur J. Hanes, the dismissed attorney for James Earl Ray, contended Friday that it was "entirely possible" that he had been picked as Ray's attorney only to underscore the racial aspect of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and that he had never been expected to be the actual trial lawyer.

Hanes said it was also possible that Ray had been told, even before King was murdered, that "he should contact me" if he was arrested.

The lawyer offered his observations in an interview in Birmingham.

He said he still could hardly credit the brusque manner in which he and his son, Arthur J. Hanes Jr., were dismissed from the Ray case last Sunday night when they arrived at the jail in Memphis to give Ray a new gray suit to wear during his trial. Upon his arrival the lawyer was handed a note from Ray stating that he had been relieved.

Hanes said that for months he had been aware of many indications that Ray might be preparing to switch attorneys and that about a month ago he became virtually certain that this was Ray's plan. The attorney said that he had mentioned this possibility to Judge W. Preston Battle, and to the prosecutor, Phil M. Canale, the Shelby County attorney general.

"But Ray didn't say anything, and Artie and I had to proceed on the assumption that we were going to trial," Hanes said.

The suggestion that Hanes' background would point up racial aspects of the case was due, he says, to a combination of circumstances. He was elected mayor of Birmingham on a ticket with arch-segregationist Eugene 'Bull' Connor and was in office during the city's racial troubles. He later defended three Ku Klux Klans-

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— The Commercial
Appeal

— Memphis, Tenn.

Date: 11-16-68

Edition: Final

Author:

Editor: Frank R. Ahlgren

Title:

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Classification: 44-1987

Submitting Office: Memphis

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men accused of murdering Mrs. Viola Liuzzo, a white civil rights worker, in the wake of the Selma-to-Montgomery march.

William Bradford Huie, the author who brought the rights to Ray's life story, says in an article in the current Look magazine that from information furnished him by Ray, he concluded that the Negro civil rights leader's murder had been ordered by men who wanted his death to provoke

outbreaks of violence between whites and Negroes. They were said, for this reason, to prefer that the murder occur in Birmingham, Montgomery or Selma.

Hanes said he decided that he and his son should undertake Ray's defense notwithstanding their conclusion and that they should proceed on the assumption that the murder had been plotted and financed by what he called "black militants with foreign ties."

Hanes said that the attitude of Ray's brothers, John Ray and Jerry Ray, had helped him form the conclusion that he was never to be the defense attorney at Ray's trial.

"You would expect the family to flock around the attorney to offer help and advice," Hanes said. "But I couldn't even get close to them. I offered to meet with them in St. Louis, Memphis, Birmingham or anyplace else. But I never did see either one of them."

Hanes said that he had not learned until after he had been dismissed by Ray that the two brothers had ordered a copy of the British hearings on Ray's extradition.

"That certainly indicated they had tried to find another attorney," he said.

Percy Foreman, the Houston criminal lawyer who agreed Sunday night to represent Ray, said that John Ray and Jerry Ray had asked him last week to take the case and that he had reluctantly agreed to do so after going to Memphis to talk to Ray himself.

Foreman, who still has not hired a Memphis lawyer to assist him in the case, had told reporters he planned to visit Hanes in Birmingham Friday afternoon. But he failed to show up and Hanes and his son left their office at 5:30 p.m.

Hanes, who has been cited for contempt of court in Memphis for making public statements about the Ray case, posted a \$1,000 cash bond with the court in Memphis Tuesday as a guarantee for his return later to be sentenced for the contempt of court.

"They can keep the \$1,000," Hanes said. "But I guess I'll have to find a new ski resort. I don't suppose I can ever go to Gatlinburg again." Gatlinburg, Tenn., is a ski resort town frequented by many Alabamans.

Hanes said that under Tennessee law he cannot be extradited for contempt of court.

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Reporters' Case Is Shifted

Tennessee Supreme Court has instructed counsel for two Memphis reporters held in contempt of court in the James Earl Ray case to seek relief first in the State Court of Criminal Appeals.

In compliance with the order, Armistead Clay, counsel for Memphis Publishing Co., yesterday re-filed petitions for certiorari and superse-
deas with Criminal Appeals Judge Mark Walker at Covington.

Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle in a ruling Sept. 30 held Roy Hamilton, reporter for The Press-Scimitar and Charles Edmundson of The Commercial Appeal in contempt of his order to limit pretrial publicity in the Ray case.

Hamilton and Edmundson pleaded the constitutional guarantee of a free press and other grounds in appealing Judge Battle's ruling.

Clay said the intermediary court will hear the case, "but I don't know when." He said, "We asked to be heard at the earliest possible time."

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— Memphis
Press Scimitar

— Memphis, Tenn.

Date: 11-15-68

Edition: HOME

Author:

Editor: Charles H.

Title: Schneider

Character:

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Classification: 44-1987

Submitting Office: Memphis

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: 11/20/68

FROM : N. P. Callahan *msw*

SUBJECT: MURKIN COST DATA

To: *✓*
DeLoach *✓*
Mohr *✓*
Bishop *✓*
Casper *✓*
Callahan *✓*
Conrad *✓*
Felt *✓*
Gale *✓*
Rosen *✓*
Sullivan *✓*
Tavel *✓*
Trotter *✓*
Tele. Room *✓*
Holmes *✓*
Gandy *✓*

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 October 31, 1968.

The total estimated cost is \$1,287,635. 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 477,527 miles.

My memorandum to you of 11/6/68, pointed out that the SAC at Memphis had requested authority to discontinue submission of monthly cost reports after the report for October had been submitted since subject James Earl Ray is in custody and there is very little, if any, investigation to be conducted. The General Investigative Division also recommended that cost records be discontinued and the Director concurred. Accordingly, this is the last cost memorandum which will be submitted in connection with this matter.

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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44-38861

COPIES MADE, DATE 5/4/78
RE M.L.K. King, Jr.
FOR REVIEW AT FBIHQ AND/OR DELIVERY
TO NSCA RE REQUEST DATED 5/3/78
(SEE BUFILE 62-117290)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

Mr. Mohr

W. F. Callahan

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 October 1968.

The total estimated cost is \$1,387,032. A breakdown of this cost was assigned to this case and 8,380 hours of man and machine time have been performed. Bureau and personally done and authorized have been driven an estimated 477,527 miles.

My memorandum to you of 11/8/68, pointed out that the SAC at Memphis had requested authority to discontinue surveillance of mostly cost reports after the report for October had been submitted since subject James Earl Ray is in custody and there is very little, if any, investigation to be conducted. The General Investigative Division also recommended that cost records be discontinued and the cost incurred. Accordingly, this is the last cost memorandum which will be submitted in connection with this matter.

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

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: December 13, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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

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Bishop _____
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Callahan _____
Conrad _____
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This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Department has transmitted to us 46 separate applicant type fingerprint cards containing the fingerprints of 46 individuals.

These fingerprint cards were submitted to the Department by Norman A. Carlson, Executive Assistant to the Director of Bureau of Prisons, who received them from Memphis, Tennessee, Police authorities and are those of local law enforcement personnel who will be used to provide security for James Earl Ray during his state trial in Memphis, Tennessee, scheduled for March 3, 1969.

The Department requests that we search these individuals through our identification records, and if any arrest records located they be transmitted to the Department for transmittal to Memphis authorities.

ACTION:

The fingerprint cards are being transmitted to our Identification Division for appropriate handling.

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Identification Division for appropriate personnel.
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A. Rosen

AL. DeLoach

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1 - Mr. McCord
1 - Mr. Miller
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Tavel
1 - Mr. Trotter

December 13, 1968

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Date: 12/18/68

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Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTN: ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

Re Bureau teletype to Memphis 4/17/68 and MEairtel to Bureau 11/15/68.

The information set out hereafter is cumulative totals concerning the cost data of captioned matter as furnished by all Bureau offices for the period 4/4/68 to 11/30/68:

- 1) HOURS:
- | | Regular Hours | Overtime Hours | Cumulative Total |
|-------------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|
| A. Special Agents | 96,644 | 27,336 | 123,980 |
| B. Clerks | 20,146 | 1,745 | 21,891 |
| | 116,790 | 29,081 | 145,871 |
- 2) MILEAGE TRAVELED BY BUCARS ON THIS MATTER: 474,393 miles.
- 3) UNUSUAL OR OUT-OF-ORDINARY COSTS:

A. Per diem	\$6,708.00
B. Communications	4,182.03
C. Photography	1,884.68
D. Hotel Room Expense	59.48
E. Plane Fares	1,012.00
F. Miscellaneous:	
Xeroxing	\$330.94
Xerox Paper and Supplies	14.25
Mailing Wanted Flyers to	
Laundries in U. S.	287.00
Miscellaneous Supplies	65.77
Confidential Item	19.50
Total Miscellaneous	717.46
Total unusual or out-of-ordinary costs	\$14,563.65

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4) PEAK NUMBER OF SPECIAL AGENTS ON THIS CASE: 3,075 Special Agents.

It is noted that the above figures constitute only those costs known to the Memphis Division as reported through the Bureau's field divisions.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU:

The Bureau is requested to authorize the Memphis Division to advise the Bureau's field divisions to discontinue submitting to the Memphis Division their respective monthly cost data in captioned matter and for the Memphis Division to discontinue the submission of these monthly reports. This request is being made since subject RAY is in State custody, his trial in State Court is now scheduled for March 1969, and it is not anticipated any additional Bureau investigation will be requested.

*R/s To SAC 12/12/68
telling him to dis-
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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COMMUNICATION SECTION

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 P

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MURKIN. ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

PERCY FOREMAN, ATTORNEY FOR JAMES EARL RAY, APPEARED SHELBY COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT, MEMPHIS, TENN., THIS DATE AND ADVISED JUDGE W. PRESTON BATTLE THAT HE ^{COULD} ~~COULD~~ NOT POSSIBLY BE READY TO DEFEND RAY IN MURDER TRIAL SCHEDULED FOR MARCH THREE NEXT. FOREMAN ADVISED THE COURT THAT IN HIS OPINION HIS PREDECESSOR ARTHUR HANES, SR. WAS NOT PREPARED TO GO TO TRIAL IN THIS MATTER ON NOVEMBER TWELVE, SIXTYEIGHT, AND IN FOREMAN'S OPINION HAD CONDUCTED INADEQUATE INVESTIGATION AND MADE INADEQUATE PREPARTION FOR TRIAL.

THIS HEARING LASTED APPROXIMATLEY ONE HOUR AND AT CONBLUSION JUDGE BATTLE APPOINTED THE SHELBY COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE, MEMPHIS, AS CO-COUNSEL AND INVESTIGATORS IN ORDER TO ASSIST FOREMAN IN PREPARATION FOR TRIAL. JUDGE BATTLE RULED THAT IF IT IS AT ALL HUMANLY POSSIBLE HE DESIRES THAT THIS MATTER GO TO TRIAL ON MARCH THREE NEXT, AS SCHEDULED.

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MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Memorandum

TO : Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: December 13, 1968

144-72-662

FROM : Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

SUBJECT: Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

This will refer to your memorandum of December 9, 1968, and the attached report of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police of November 26, 1968.

Because the RCMP report goes beyond the captioned investigation and deals, in part, with other matters, I do not think you should furnish a copy of the report to Mr. Canale. However, I think it would be desirable to have a representative of your organization in Memphis show Mr. Canale the report so that he may be fully advised.

The flavor of the RCMP report is one of disbelief with respect to the information of those interviewed. Even so, however, I would appreciate being kept advised of any information developed by the RCMP resulting from leads reflected in these interviews, with particular reference to the composite drawing.

You might also wish to discuss the matter of "Raoul" with the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs to see if that organization can cast any light on the identification of "Raoul" and to see if the composite drawing means anything to them.

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Ernest M. Vincent, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

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This will refer to your memorandum of December 17, 1968, and the witness report of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police of November 26, 1968.

Because the RCMP report does not contain the captioned investigation and leads, in fact, with other matters, I do not think you should furnish a copy of it to Mr. Connel. However, I think it would be desirable to have a representative of your organization in Washington show Mr. Connel the report so that he may be fully advised.

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TO: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

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FROM: Director, FBI (44-38861) - 5474¹ - Mr. Long

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EX-103

Re Bureau airtel to Legat Ottawa dated 11/7/68.

Enclosed are two copies of an investigative report of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) concerning an interview with Richard Alvin Giesbrecht and information related to him, as well as one Donald Stewart Appel. Also enclosed are two copies of a Departmental Memorandum dated December 13, 1968 concerning their views in this matter.

In view of the restrictions placed upon the dissemination by the Department, you should orally discuss the contents of the RCMP report with Mr. Canale. Do not furnish him a copy of the RCMP report.

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NOTE:

James Squires, Assistant Editor, "Nashville Tennessean," advised our Memphis Office that he is covering the trial of James Earl Ray at Memphis. Squires stated he received a telephone call from Canada and the caller identified himself as Donald Stewart Appel, an investigator employed by one Richard "Dick" Giesbrecht. Appel asked questions of Squires concerning the particular aspect of James Earl Ray being approached in Montreal, Canada, by an individual by the name of "Raoul." Appel advised Squires that Giesbrecht is of the opinion that "Raoul" is identical with a blond Latin seaman that Giesbrecht had heard discussing the President Kennedy assassination (conversation overheard in 1964.) We previously had this information concerning the President Kennedy assassination and logical investigation disproved numerous parts of Giesbrecht's allegation and failed to confirm verifiable portions of his story. President Kennedy assassinated in November 1963.

We sent this information to Legat Ottawa and instructed Legat to request the RCMP to conduct appropriate investigation. The RCMP conducted investigation and results thereof were disseminated to the Department with permission requested to disseminate to Mr. Canale, who is handling the state prosecution of Ray. In the report of the RCMP, they state that Giesbrecht is interested in personal gain in this matter and the RCMP states that Giesbrecht is strictly a promoter. The RCMP further states that Donald Stewart Appel is a "con" man capable of practically any scheme of defrauding, extortion, theft by conversion, and like schemes which would give him financial return. The RCMP report contains information concerning the President Kennedy assassination and the King assassination.

The Department advised by their letter of December 13, 1968, that in view of the fact that the RCMP report goes beyond the King assassination, we should not disseminate a copy of the report to Mr. Canale; however, they desire a representative of our office in Memphis to show Mr. Canale the report so that he may be fully advised. Memphis being instructed accordingly.



21 Nov 68: Photo of composite drawing
of person GIESBRECHT overheard in
Horizon Room 13 Feb 64.

RE:
OBJET:

Martin Luther KING. Murder of:
ASSISTANCE TO THE F.B.I.

21 Nov 68

1. FPS 737045 Richard Alvin ~~X~~ GIESBRECHT was interviewed this date in order that a current assessment of his position as an informer concerning the assassinations of President J.F. KENNEDY and Dr. Martin Luther KING could be obtained.
2. GIESBRECHT was quick to create the impression that he was working closely with James GARRISON of New Orleans in the latter's investigation into the KENNEDY assassination, in fact, indicated that he had become aware of what he described as the most delicate facet of the United States' agencies' investigations concerning the two assassinations. He told me that he had received this vital information through several anonymous telephone calls approximately three months ago and had relayed it immediately to GARRISON. The substance of his information was that "RAOUL", the unknown individual with whom James Earl RAY allegedly associated in Montreal, is one and the same person whom GIESBRECHT claims to have overheard discussing the KENNEDY assassination in a local beverage room in February of 1964. According to GIESBRECHT, he mailed certain documents to support some of his information to GARRISON in New Orleans, however, GARRISON apparently did not receive this mail. I might point out that while GIESBRECHT spoke quite openly concerning his involvement in this matter, he was careful to maintain an aura of intrigue by vaguely touching on points of interest or by hinting that he was aware of much more than he cared to impart.
3. GIESBRECHT left me with the impression that his prime interests in the matter under investigation were recognition and personal gain. He admitted that he had attempted to sell information in his possession to the news media. He belaboured the fact that the information which he had was vitally important to GARRISON and to the F.B.I., to the point where I was prompted to question the wisdom of his releasing such information for personal gain. He stated that it is his belief that the general public should be kept abreast of all developments in investigations of this nature. He also expressed the opinion that if the public were aware of his identity, those responsible for the assassinations would be hesitant to do likewise to him. Although I have no firm basis for disbelieving anything which GIESBRECHT said, I formed the opinion that I would hesitate to accept anything he said which was of vital importance without some supporting evidence. He is obviously a promoter, and through my brief exposure to him I would suggest that he would not be above fabrication, for personal gain.
4. FPS 926280 Donald Stewart ~~X~~ APPEL is known to members of this Force and to the Winnipeg City Police as a confidence man, and is not even trusted by GIESBRECHT, according to the latter. GIESBRECHT

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Martin Luther KING - Assassination.

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.....GIESBRECHT stated that he has known APPEL for many years and had revealed some of the information which came to him, to APPEL. Without a doubt APPEL's motivation for calling the Assistant Editor of the "Nashville Tennessean" was strictly monetary, and I might suggest, probably at the prompting of GIESBRECHT. As stated earlier, APPEL is known to be a most unscrupulous "con" man, capable of practically any scheme of defrauding, extortion, theft by conversion, and like schemes which would give him financial return. His record follows:

APPEL, Donald Stewart, FPS 926280. (B. 20 June 33) Ste. 14 - 275 Nassau St., Winnipeg Manitoba. Salesman.

- 24 June 59 - Lethbridge Alta. (1) Extortion - withdrawh.
(2) Soliciting with license - fined \$75.00 and costs \$26.00
- 25 Sept 63 - Winnipeg Man. Disorderly on street - fined \$50.00
- 24 Sept 65 - Winnipeg Man. Theft (7 chges) Sec. 280 C.C. - fined \$50.00 each chge.
- 3 Oct 68 - Winnipeg Man. Fraud (3 chges) - stayed.
Attempt Fraud - stayed.
Conspiracy - discharged.
Conspiracy (3 chges) - stayed.

GIESBRECHT, Richard Alvin, FPS 737045. (B. 6 July 32) 757 Adandell Cresc., Winnipeg Manitoba. Insurance Representative.

- 24 Feb 49 - Winnipeg Man. Theft (no disposition shown)
- 5 Apr 51 - Selkirk Man. B.E. & Theft - Given 3 year Suspended Sentence.
- 19 July 54 - Winnipeg Man. Assault Causing Bodily Harm - fined \$40.00 and costs.

5. GIESBRECHT advised me that a friend of his who is employed by a local newspaper sketched a likeness of the man whom GIESBRECHT described as the person he overheard discussing the KENNEDY incident in the beverage room. He gave me a copy of this drawing, stating that GARRISON and the newspaperman each have one. This is the person then, whom GIESBRECHT says is "RAOUL". (Photostatic copy attached)
6. Mr. M. NELSON, F.B.I. Agent at Grand Forks N.D., USA, interviewed GIESBRECHT in Winnipeg on 27 Feb 64 concerning the conversation GIESBRECHT is said to have overheard. At that time subsequent investigation by the F.B.I. apparently failed to substantiate vital points of the story given by this subject. It was after his contact with the F.B.I. that GIESBRECHT began his campaign to publicize his story, and when District Attorney GARRISON began his enquiries, he made himself known, and according to him, has been co-operating with GARRISON since.

(D.P. Warshler) #19842 Cpl.

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ReBuairtel, dated 12/11/68, enclosing copy of Tampa letter to the Bureau, dated 12/3/68.

Files of the San Francisco Office did not contain any reference in the name "ALICIA GRAY."

Files of the San Francisco Office did not contain any information identifiable with "RAUL" (per Tampa letter) or "RAOUL" (per "Look" articles).

The records of the San Francisco Police Department, Bureau of Identification, were reviewed on December 16, 1968, by SE GERALD E. ROSS and no arrest record was located in the name "ALICIA GRAY."

DELBERT W. CHASE, residing at 1759 Lake, San Mateo, California, home telephone number 345-5178, employed as a bartender at Cypress Hills Golf Course, South San Francisco, California, on December 17, 1968, advised SA MICHAEL T. GEARY that he owned CHASE's Lounge which had been located at 709 Larkin Street (Ellis and Larkin), San Francisco, California. He related he sold the lounge in the fall of 1967.

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He related he sold the house in the fall of 1967.
Parkin Street (Hills and Parkin), San Francisco, California.
that he owned CHASE, a house which had been located at 108
California, on December 11, 1968, advised SA MICHAEL L. GEARA
partnered at Cypress Hills Golf Course, South San Francisco,
California, home telephone number 342-2118, employed as a
DEBBIE M. CHASE, residing at 1328 Lake, San Mateo,

name "ARICIA GEARA."

SA GEORGE E. BOSS and no arrest record was located in the
Bureau of Identification, were reviewed on December 18, 1968.

The records of the San Francisco Police Department,

or "KAVON" (per "look" articles).

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files of the San Francisco Office did not contain

any reference in the name "ARICIA GEARA."

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