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URGENT 1-21-69 MSJ

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

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FROM PHILADELPHIA (44-1368)

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RE PHILADELPHIA TELETYPES JANUARY ONE NINE, LAST.

PH EIGHT NINE SEVEN DASH R ADVISED EARLY A.M., THIS DATE,
JAMES BEVEL WAS IN WASHINGTON, D.C., ON JANUARY TWO ZERO,
LAST. HE IS EXPECTED TO RETURN TO PHILADELPHIA TODAY.

INFORMANT ADVISED HE CONTACTED ERIC WARD, SCLC OFFICIAL
MENTIONED BY BEVEL ON NEWSBROADCAST, AS PERSON AGREEING
WITH HIM THAT JAMES EARL RAY DID NOT KILL KING.

WARD TOLD SOURCE THAT BEVEL IS QUOTE PLAYING A GAME "
UNQUOTE BECAUSE HE DID NOT WANT RAY EXECUTED. BEVEL FEELS
RAY IS PART OF A CONSPIRACY, AND HIS DEATH WOULD END ALL TALK
OF CONSPIRACY. PEOPLE WOULD THEN FORGET ABOUT CONSPIRACIES
TO KILL KING.

INFORMANT ALSO ADVISED MILITANTS IN PHILADELPHIA AREA
FEEL BEVEL HAS QUOTE "SOLD OUT" UNQUOTE.

AIR MAIL COPY SENT MEMPHIS.

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1 - Mr. Long

To: SAC, Philadelphia (44-1368)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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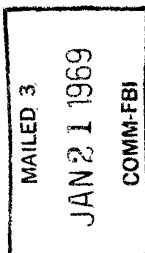
This will be to confirm Bureau instructions given to you on January 21, 1969. You should immediately interview Reverend James Bevel, of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference for complete details as to what evidence and information he may have bearing on the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

You should keep the Bureau advised of all pertinent developments.

1 - Memphis (44-1987)

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NOTE:

Philadelphia advised us that Reverend James Bevel, Southern Christian Leadership Conference Official in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, appeared on television on 1-19-69, and stated that he had evidence that James Earl Ray did not kill Martin Luther King, Jr. On this interview Bevel refused to divulge the evidence and further stated he has offered to defend Ray in court.

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We have instructed Philadelphia to thoroughly interview Bevel for complete details as to what evidence he has bearing on the King assassination. This communication is confirming our instructions to Philadelphia.

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January 21, 1969
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This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The attached relates to a television interview of the Reverend James Bevel, Southern Christian Leadership Conference in Philadelphia, PA., who stated he has evidence that Ray did not kill Martin Luther King, Jr. Bevel also stated he refuses to divulge evidence and he has offered to defend Ray in court although he is not a licensed attorney.

We have no information indicating any evidence that Bevel may have.

The Philadelphia Office has been instructed to interview Bevel.

You will be advised of pertinent developments.

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861

FROM MEMPHIS 44-L987 1 P

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SUBJECT'S ATTORNEY, PERCY FOREMAN, AND MR. HUGH STANTON, SHELBY COUNTY, TENN., PUBLIC DEFENDER WHO HAS BEEN NAMED CO-COUNSEL, WERE SCHEDULED TO APPEAR THIS DATE BEFORE JUDGE W. PRESTON BATTLE TO REPORT ON THEIR PROGRESS IN PREPARING RAY'S DEFENSE.

MR. STANTON APPEARED AS SCHEDULED AND STATED THAT FOREMAN HAS BEEN ILL WITH INFLUENZA SINCE DECEMBER TWENTYSIX LAST, AND WAS THUS UNABLE TO APPEAR THIS DATE. MR. STANTON STATED THAT DUE TO FOREMAN'S ILLNESS HE WAS UNABLE TO STATE DEFINITELY THAT INSTANT MATTER WOULD GO TO TRIAL

BY MARCH THREE NEXT. JUDGE BATTLE ORDERED MR. STANTON TO PREPARE THIS CASE WITH OR WITHOUT FOREMAN'S ASSISTANCE IN SUCH A MANNER AS TO BE READY TO GO TO TRIAL MARCH THREE NEXT.

JUDGE BATTLE FURTHER ORDERED MR. STANTON AND MR. FOREMAN TO AGAIN MAKE A PROGRESS REPORT TO HIM FEBRUARY FOURTEEN NEXT.

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January 17, 1969
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This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The attached relates to a progress report made to Judge W. Preston Battle regarding the preparation of the defense in the state trial of James Earl Ray scheduled for March 3, 1969, at Memphis, Tennessee.

Department being advised.

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, 100-438794, ATLANTA AND LOS ANGELES ...CODE...

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FROM NEW YORK 44-493, 100-149194

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A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, LEARNED ON ONE NINETEEN SIXTYNINE, THAT A PERSON, WHOM THE SOURCE BELIEVES TO BE A SECRETARY TO CORETTA KING, TOLD STANLEY LEVISON, SCLC, ADVISED THAT SHE HAD RECEIVED A CALL FROM A MALCOLM DAVIS WHO CLAIMED TO BE A CORRESPONDENT OF RADIO JAMAICA AND THE BRITISH BROADCASTING COMPANY IN NEW YORK CITY. SHE SAID DAVIS ADVISED HER THAT HE IS GETTING A TAPE ALLEGEDLY OF A CONVERSATION BETWEEN JAMES EARL RAY AND AN UNKNOWN PERSON WHICH TOOK PLACE THREE MONTHS BEFORE MARTIN LUTHER KING'S ASSASSINATION AND WHICH CONTAINS DETAILS OF THE ASSASSINATION. SHE SAID THE PURPOSE OF DAVIS' CALL WAS THAT HE DOES NOT WANT TO DISTURB CORETTA KING BECAUSE AS A JOURNALIST HE IS APPARENTLY GOING TO MAKE THIS TAPE.

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AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AND DESIRED TO GIVE CORETTA KING A COPY FOR HER LAWYERS. SHE CONTINUED THAT DAVIS DISCLOSED THAT A JOEL LEVY IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, HAS THE TAPE AND WILL BE FORWARDING IT TO HIM. SHE SAID THE TAPE IS SUPPOSED TO BE DETAILS OF A PAYOFF PLAN. *AN*

LEVISON ADVISED CORETTA KING'S SECRETARY TO CONTACT DAVIS IN A FEW DAYS TO SEE IF HE HAS RECEIVED THE TAPE. HE SAID THEN SHE COULD JUDGE DAVIS' REACTION AND PERHAPS HE, LEVISON, WOULD THEN GET INTO THE MATTER. HE SAID HE FELT HE SHOULD NOT INTERVENE AT THE PRESENT BECAUSE IT MIGHT UPSET RELATIONS BETWEEN CORETTA KING AND DAVIS IN THE EVENT DAVIS HAS SOMETHING OF VALUE. *AN*

THE SOURCE ALSO LEARNED THAT LEVISON DISCUSSED THE OFFER OF THE TAPE WITH HARRY WACHTEL, NEW YORK CITY ATTORNEY AND ADVISOR TO SCLC. WACHTEL'S POSITION WAS THAT AS MEMBERS OF THE BAR THEY SHOULD NOT GET INVOLVED BECAUSE THEY DID NOT WANT TO BE *AN*
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PUT IN THE POSITION OF SUPPRESSING EVIDENCE. HE SAID THEY SHOULD NOT BE PLACED IN THE POSITION OF DIGNIFYING THE TAPE BY ENTERING NEGOTIATIONS FOR IT. THEY AGREED THAT CORETTA KING'S SECRETARY SHOULD HANDLE ANY NEGOTIATIONS AND THAT WHEN DAVIS SENDS THE TAPE TO CORETTA KING THEY WOULD LISTEN TO IT AND TAKE THE NECESSARY ACTION. *§u*

A SECOND CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, IN APRIL SIXTY FOUR DESCRIBED STANLEY LEVISON AS A SECRET MEMBER TO THE COMMUNIST PARTY AS OF JULY SIXTY THREE. *TS §u*

A THIRD CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST ON DECEMBER FORTY FOUR FURNISHED INFORMATION WHICH REVEALED THAT THE NAME HARRY *u*
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WACHTEL WAS ON A LIST OF NAMES, SIGNIFICANCE UNKNOWN,
MAINTAINED AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE KINGS COUNTY
COMMUNIST PARTY, TWENTY SIX COURT STREET, BROOKLYN, NEW
YORK. U

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AND THE THIRD SOURCE IS FORMER [NEW YORK ONE ONE NINE ZERO
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FOR THE INFORMATION OF ATLANTA THE PERSON WHO
CONTACTED LEVISON WAS A ^RFAAN LUCAS (PHONETIC). U
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January 21, 1969 (e)rl

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

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

The attached states that information has been received that one Malcolm Davis who claims to be a correspondent of radio America and the British Broadcasting Company in New York City, allegedly has a tape of an interview between James Earl Ray and an unknown individual regarding the details of a pay-off of the assassination. The interview is alleged to have taken place three months before the assassination. (Assassination April 4, 1968) u

We do not have any information that such a tape exists. u

In view of the manner in which this information has been received, we are instructing our New York Office to determine if Malcolm Davis does exist, his affiliations, and to closely follow this matter. u [CONFIDENTIAL]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen *gm*
FROM : C. McGowan *gm*
SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: January 19, 1969

1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
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Philadelphia Office directed a communication to the Bureau on 1-19-69, advising a Philadelphia news media on 1-19-69, had furnished information Reverend James Bevel, Southern Christian Leadership Conference official, sent a communication to James Earl Ray in Memphis stating Ray did not kill Martin Luther King, Jr., as Bevel was present when King was killed. Bevel offered to testify in Ray's behalf. Lieutenant George Fencel, Civil Disobedience Unit, Philadelphia Police Department, advised Bevel was to hold a press conference with the local CBS affiliate at 2:00 p. m., 1-19-69, in Philadelphia.

ACTION:

The Philadelphia Office was instructed to monitor the CBS program, 2:00 p. m., 1-19-69, and submit a teletype summary. Included in the summary is to be the information which Bevel alleges he can testify to.

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which is to be the information which Baker alleges he can testify to.
5:00 p.m. 1-18-69 and submit a telephone summary. Included in the summary.

The Philadelphia Office was instructed to monitor the CBS broadcast.

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at 5:00 p.m. 1-18-69 in Philadelphia.
Baker was to have a press conference with the local CBS affiliate
George Bender. CIAI (Independence Hall) Philadelphia Police Department
when King was killed. Baker offered to testify in his report. Informant
stating that did not kill Martin Luther King. He said Baker was present
conference officials sent a communication to ask as early as in your office
information regarding Baker's report. Southern Christian Leadership
1-18-69 regarding a Philadelphia news item on 1-18-69 and indicated
Philadelphia Office directed a communication to the Bureau on

ADMIN

C. F. MCCOMBS

MR. ROSEN

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ADDENDUM: GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION JCG:sds 1/21/69

At 2:45 p.m., 1/19/69 Supervisor Joseph Spivey, Philadelphia Division, advised there were no CBS T. V. or radio programs on the air in Philadelphia at 2 p.m., in which Reverend James Bevel participated in a press conference. Philadelphia is checking with their sources.



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Date: 1/22/69

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

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) -P-
RE: MURKIN
OO: Memphis

Re report of SA RAYMOND B. HOWE dated 12/13/68 at
Kansas City.

On 1/21/69 DALE POLLACK, 4408 Northeast 45th
Terrace, Kansas City, Missouri, telephonically furnished the
following information:

He was reading an Associated Press feature story
on JAMES EARL RAY which appeared in the Kansas City Star,
January 19, 1969. In this story it mentioned that RAY spent
time in Puerato Vallarta, Mexico. This brought to his
attention that an individual by the name of HEINZ MANGER, a
former SS officer with the Third Reich during World War II
and reportedly a member of an organization called "Odessa"
which is reportedly an organization of former SS officers,
spent considerable time in Puerato Vallarta, Mexico.

POLLACK advised that he did not know MANGER
personally but has been a student of post-war German history
and knows that MANGER has been involved in numerous radical
movements.

POLLACK further advised that MANGER presented
a Mr. and Mrs. KARL RAPP, Leawood, Kansas, a painting while
they were visiting in Puerato Vallarta. POLLACK did not

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They were waiting in Puerto Vallarta. BOGACK did not
and Mrs. KATE LEE, nee MOORE, Kansas, a beautiful white
BOGACK further stated that KATIE presented
movements.
and knows that KATIE has been involved in numerous recent
personally and has been a student of post-war German history.
BOGACK stated that he did not know KATIE.

agent consociate time in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.
agent is reportedly an organization of former SS officers,
and reportedly a member of an organization called "Odessa".
former SS officer with the initials "OD" and "M" was in
attention that an individual by the name of "KATIE KATIE" was
time in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. This person is the
subject of the case. In this story it mentioned that KATIE agent
on KATIE KATIE was mentioned in the Kansas City story.
he was reading an associated press feature story.

Following information:
Kansas City, Missouri, telephonically informed the
on January 23, 1969, that BOGACK, #408 Northwest 24th

Kansas City.
The report of SA KATHLEEN B. HOME dated January 23, 1969 at
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RE: MURKIN
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-386) -P-
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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give the subject matter of the painting but stated it was signed by HEINZ MANGER. POLLACK did not believe MANGER painted it. POLLACK stated that Mrs. RAPP gave him the painting inasmuch as she knew he was a student of German history. POLLACK advised that his home telephone is GL 3-2191, his business telephone is GL 2-6181 and that he would be glad to cooperate with the FBI in this matter at any time.

Indices of the Kansas City Office negative re POLLACK, MANGER or RAPP.

Kansas City Office will interview Mr. or Mrs. KARL RAPP, Leawood, Kansas, and reinterview DALE POLLACK for any additional information they may have connecting MANGER with JAMES EARL RAY.

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FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

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Date: 1/25/69

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Judge Gives Order**Stanton Readied
In Ray Defense**By ROY B. HAMILTON
Press-Scimitar Staff Writer

Public defender Hugh Stanton Sr. today was ordered to be ready to assume full responsibility for the defense of James Earl Ray, if for any reason, Percy Foreman has to withdraw as counsel.

The instructions were issued by Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle during a six-minute hearing attended by Ray.

In issuing the order, Battle repeated his earlier assertion that he wanted the Ray trial to begin as scheduled on March 3 "if humanly possible."

Foreman has been ill with influenza and pneumonia in Houston and sent word he was unable to come to Memphis. Battle had asked the Texas attorney and Stanton to give him a progress report on their trial preparations.

CLEAR ORDER

Battle said he was sorry to hear about Foreman's illness but he made it clear he wanted no further delay in the trial, which has already been continued once.

Battle told Stanton that he wanted his office "to prepare this case in such a manner that if for any reason it becomes necessary your office could take full charge of his defense."

James A. Blackwell, Criminal Court clerk, was ordered to draw up a copy of the order and send it to Foreman. The judge asked for another progress report on Friday, Feb. 14.

Stanton, who had been appointed previously to assist

Foreman, said his work on the case so far had convinced him there is still "work to be done."

NO ASSURANCE

Said Stanton: "We have accumulated quite a batch of evidence."

But he said he could not say "with assurance" the defense could be ready for trial by March 3.

Stanton, 72, a tall, white haired, distinguished looking man, has been practicing law in Memphis for 43 years and is regarded as elder statesman of local criminal lawyers. As head of the Public Defender's office, he was named by Battle as associate defense counsel when Foreman said Ray had no funds to help in his defense.

Ray, charged with murder in the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King in Memphis last April, also has on his defense team Stanton's son, Hugh Stanton Jr.

The state was represented at the hearing by Atty. Gen. Phil Canale and his two trial assistants, Robert M. Dwyer and James Beasley.

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Silent Ray Spends 6 Minutes in Court

By CLARK PORTEOUS
Press-Scimitar Staff Writer

Six minutes in the life of James Earl Ray: He was led into the courtroom at 10:52 a.m. by two Sheriff's deputies and sat behind Hugh Stanton, 72, chief public defender who is aiding in the defense and handling it while Ray's chief counsel, Percy Foreman, is ill.

Ray looked neat. He was wearing the same dark blue suit with a check design of the same color that he has worn in previous court appearances.

He had on a white shirt and solid blue tie. He looked rather pale, which is understandable as he has been in custody since June 8 when he was arrested in London. He has been in Shelby County jail since July 19.

When Ray was being sought as a suspect the FBI reported he had a nervous habit of pulling on his left ear lobe. During the six minutes he was in court he did not touch his ear.

Graying a bit at the temples and in the back, his dark hair was neatly trimmed. He stood with others in the court when Judge Preston Battle entered immediately after his own entry.

Then Ray sat quietly looking at the Judge, who did most of the talking, and listened intently. After a couple of minutes he put his

right arm on the arm of his chair and his hand on his thigh. He pulled his feet up under the chair and sat motionless except for an occasional slight motion of his head.

Once he glanced at Stanton.

When court recessed, Stanton leaned over and told Ray he was going to call Foreman and tell him of the judge's instructions (to proceed with the case for trial March 3 if humanly possible) and that he would see Ray after talking with Foreman.

Ray barely nodded, indicating he understood — but didn't say a word.

He was led out of the courtroom at 10:58. He hadn't said a word. All he has said in previous appearances was "yes, sir" a couple of times — a total of four words.

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—Press-Scimitar Staff Photo by Tom Barber

CARRYING BALL FOR RAY

Hugh Stanton Sr., left, public defender, and his son and aide, Hugh Stanton Jr. leave Courthouse after the defender was told by Judge Preston Battle to be prepared to assume full responsibility for James Earl Ray's defense in the Martin Luther King slaying.

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Foreman Visits Doctor, May Miss Court Today

By JOHN MEANS

James Earl Ray's chief counsel went to a doctor yesterday in Houston, Texas, but no one seemed to know whether he is too sick to appear with his famous client in Judge Preston Battle's courtroom this morning.

Mrs. Percy Foreman would only say, "He went to the doctor's office this morning. I haven't heard from him."

Shelby County Public Defender Hugh Stanton, who is Mr. Foreman's co-counsel, said he understood his flamboyant colleague had contracted pneumonia during a bout with the flu. Mr. Foreman's illness was expected to leave Mr. Stanton alone to report to Judge Battle today on the progress of Ray's defense.

Mr. Foreman had been scheduled to appear with Ray today, to tell Judge Battle whether he needed another continuance to prepare his defense for the man accused of assassinating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. last April 4.

Ray will appear in court, with or without Mr. Foreman, which means the maximum security procedures will go into effect around the Shelby County Jail and Criminal Courts Building again. The security measures are a rehearsal for the March 3 trial date, assuming no further delays are granted.

Judge Battle indicated at Mr. Foreman's last appearance in his courtroom that he would not look favorably on further requests for continuance.

The security measures were the subject of a meeting between Judge Battle, Sheriff William N. Morris Jr. and the sheriff's press officer, Charles Holmes, yesterday.

Sheriff Morris said the meeting resulted in a decision not to allow closed circuit televi-

sion transmission from the courtroom, despite his report to Judge Battle on the Sirhan Sirhan trial in Los Angeles, where such a television system is in operation.

The sheriff said, however, "it's a good possibility" a system will be devised to allow photographs and filming of Ray away from the courthouse.

"It's pretty much yes" if the procedures can be worked out to satisfy the judge. Judge Battle said only: "It's still being discussed. I haven't agreed to it yet."

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Spotlight On Ray Case Pales Beside Gaudy Garrison Style

By CHARLES EDMUNDSON

The legal profession is watching the contrast between the no-holds-barred, pre-trial conduct of principals in the New Orleans case against Clay Shaw, accused by Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison as a conspirator in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, and the stringent guidelines laid down by the trial judge here in the upcoming trial of James Earl Ray, accused in the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The feverish, two-year-long drive of Garrison to establish an entirely new theory of the assassination of President Kennedy may have foundered on the evidence of X-ray pictures of the late President's wounds.

Mr. Garrison's case has been built on the theory that Kennedy was shot by two, or possibly three, gunmen situated in front of and at a level below that of their victim. Four physicians of high reputation have studied 69 hitherto little-publicized X-ray photos of President Kennedy's wounds and found the shots were fired from above and slightly to the rear of the President's car.

The X-ray photos which have stopped Mr. Garrison—at least for the time being—were the subject of a report made public Thursday. The six-foot, six-inch Mr. Garrison promptly sent an assistant before General Sessions Judge Charles W. Halleck in Washington and asked access to the pictures.

Judge Halleck replied he would release the photographs to Mr. Garrison only if he were shown this was not "a fishing expedition, a frivolous attempt to obtain what certainly must be sensational X-ray pictures and material."

Mr. Garrison, known in New Orleans as the 'Jolly Green Giant,' impatiently has swept aside all previous contradictions exposed in his "evidence" by such reporters as those for The New York Times, The New Yorker magazine and the National Broadcasting Company.

The Commercial Appeal also has looked into Garrison's charges. Yesterday he accused United States Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark of seeking to hide the truth about President Kennedy's murder. But New Orleans observers said there appeared to be reason to suspect he may welcome a chance to bring to an end his endlessly changing projection of a presidential murder plot which he has peopled, at one time or another, with 16 plotters.

The prime target of Mr. Garrison's charges, Mr. Shaw, a retired director of the International Trade Mart in New Orleans who has visited and spoken in Memphis, was to have gone on trial before Criminal District Court Judge Edward A. Haggerty Tuesday.

In view of the X-rays, Mr. Garrison will go into court at 10 a.m. tomorrow and ask that the trial be continued.

If the motion is denied, Mr. Garrison could drop the prosecution and withdraw from the glare of publicity he has basked in since November, 1966.

Some responsible New Orleans citizens would apparently approve. Their sentiments seem to have been summed up by Aaron M. Kohn, managing director of the Metropolitan New Orleans Crime Commission, who said, "Garrison never lets the responsibilities of being a prosecutor interfere with being a politician."

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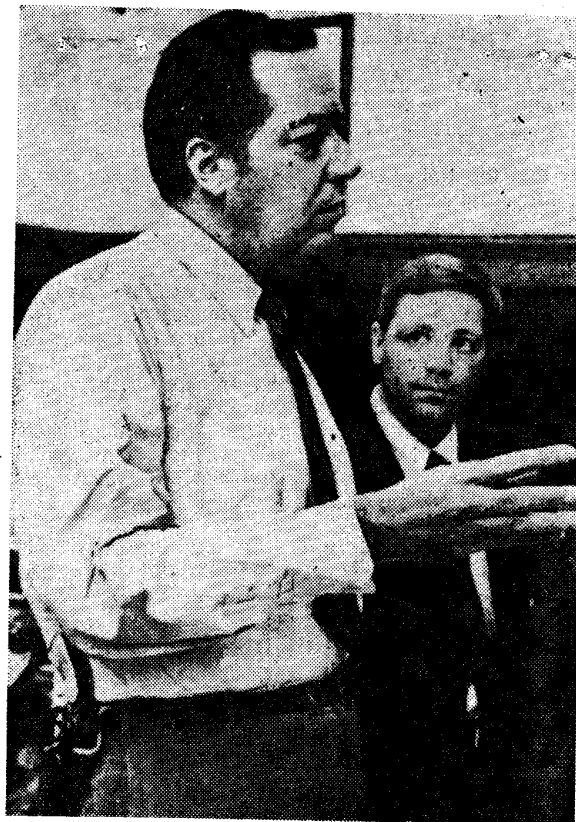
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It is not entirely clear whether Mr. Garrison thinks Lee Harvey Oswald, the man generally considered President Kennedy's assassin, fired one or more of the fatal shots. Among a long array of hypotheses, Mr. Garrison has on occasion assumed the existence of a "second Lee Harvey Oswald," without fully distinguishing between the role of the No. 1 and No. 2 claimants to the name.

Many of his principal plotters are drawn from New Orleans' populous and bizarre underworld. Some of his "witnesses" have been ex-convicts, homosexuals, narcotics addicts and former mental patients.

New Orleans may well be drawing unflattering comparisons between Mr. Garrison's performance and the manner the Shelby County Criminal Court and district attorney's office are preparing for the trial of Ray.

While Judge Haggerty has imposed no limits on Mr. Garrison's television appearances and cross-country personal appearances, Judge W. Preston Battle has limited pretrial publicity in the Ray case by forbidding interviews from being given by law officers and the



Pistol-Packing Garrison And Assistant
District Attorney With Andrew Sciambra (Right)

—AP Wirephoto

attorney general's staff. While Mr. Garrison has welcomed the tales of hangers-on who always appear in the wake of a sensational murder, here Atty. Gen. Phil M. Canale has stuck to the responsible evidence and kept much of that to himself pending the trial.

On Judge Battle's attempt to stop the press from printing the news developments in the Ray case, opinion is more mixed. In a long article in The New Yorker, Edward J. Epstein notes that it is the press and TV that have stood in the way of Mr. Garrison's attempt to convict Mr. Shaw even before the trial opens.

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Former King Aide Volunteers To Serve As Counsel For Ray

By ANGUS McEACHRAN

James Earl Ray reportedly was sent a telegram last night from a former aide of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. offering to take over Ray's defense.

It was sent to Ray, charged with the April 4 murder of Dr. King, at the Shelby County Jail by the Rev. James L. Bevel, a Southern Christian Leadership Conference director.

The text of the telegram, according to sources, read:

"I would like to inform you that I would be very happy to take your case without fee. I was present at the Lorraine Hotel when Dr. King was killed. You have been charged with murdering him. Of course, I know that you are not guilty."

The telegram was also said to have contained added details of where the Rev. Mr. Bevel could be reached in Philadelphia.

Sheriff William N. Morris Jr. confirmed last night that Ray had received a telegram but declined to reveal the contents and the name of the sender.

In Philadelphia, a woman who identified herself as an aide to the Rev. Mr. Bevel told The Commercial Appeal such a telegram had been sent but all details would have to come from the minister.

"Reverend Bevel is in a meeting in the city right now and it is impossible to reach him," said Miss Beverly Sterner. "I can only say that a telegram has gone to James Earl Ray offering assistance."

Miss Sterner was reached at the residence of the Rev. Mr. Bevel.

There was no answer at the Rev. Mr. Bevel's home early today.

The latest strange development in a case which has been overlaid with mystery and strange developments, started to unfold early yesterday afternoon when Reuters, a British wire service, received a tele-

phone call at its New York office saying the telegram had been sent.

In Atlanta, headquarters for the SCLC, a high-ranking spokesman told The Commercial Appeal the Rev. Mr. Bevel "has been under a lot of pressure lately. Since Dr. King's death, he has gone into a deep depression, and if he sent that telegram he is speaking for himself."

In SCLC, the Rev. Mr. Bevel is known as somewhat of a mystic. With his balding top and full beard he has the appearance of a monk.

An ordained minister, he does not have a law degree and therefore there is little likelihood he could represent Ray in court. The trial is scheduled to begin March 3.

Observers close to SCLC said Dr. King relied on the Rev. Mr. Bevel to keep him in touch with the young and most militant Negroes because he could speak their language.

In last year's Poor People's March to Washington, the SCLC director was sent to Memphis to recruit young marchers. But he reportedly created so much dissension in Negro ranks when he tried to persuade youths to leave school before final examinations that he was replaced by other SCLC staff members from Atlanta.

He was sent later to Philadelphia as director of non-violent education.

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OFFERS 'HELP' — The Rev. James L. Bevel, a Southern Christian Leadership Conference director, reportedly has sent James Earl Ray a telegram offering to take over the defense of Ray, charged with the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

—Staff Photo

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Bevel Declines To Divulge His 'Evidence' In Ray Case

By P. H. BREESE

The Rev. James L. Bevel, a ranking figure in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, declined yesterday to elaborate on evidence he claims could free James Earl Ray, accused in the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The Rev. Mr. Bevel, 32-year-old director of the SCLC's nonviolent and direct action program, sent a telegram Saturday to Ray in the Shelby County Jail which, according to sources, read:

"I would like to inform you that I would be very happy to take your case without fee. I was present at the Lorraine Hotel when Dr. King was killed. You have been charged with murdering him. Of course, I know that you are not guilty."

"I have evidence that, if presented to a jury, would free him (Ray)," the Rev. Mr. Bevel said.

But in a telephone conversation at his home in Philadelphia yesterday, the balding minister told The Commercial Appeal, "I have many reasons for wanting to defend Mr. Ray, but to discuss the evidence at this point would be to his disadvantage."

The Rev. Mr. Bevel said that he did not know or care what Ray's attorney, famed Texas lawyer Percy Foreman, thought of his offer. "If Mr. Ray wants me to defend him I will. I don't know what Mr. Foreman will do."

Mr. Foreman, in bed with pneumonia at his home in Houston, was not available for comment.

"I am confident that Mr. Ray would not be found guilty on the basis of evidence I now have," the Rev. Mr. Bevel said.

Shelby County Public Defender Hugh Stanton declined to comment on the Bevel statement.

There is little possibility the minister, who was born at Itta Bena, Miss., could ever represent Ray in court. He does not have a law degree.

When asked his legal qualifications, the Rev. Mr. Bevel said, "Well, I've been arrested 25 times." He added that he had represented himself in court appearances.

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Court Turns Down Reporters' Appeal

Review Of Contempt Ruling Is Refused

From The Commercial Appeal
Nashville Bureau

NASHVILLE, Jan. 20. —The Tennessee Supreme Court Monday refused to review the case of two Memphis newspaper reporters cited for contempt for violating court orders on pretrial publicity in the James Earl Ray murder case.

The high court gave no reason for denying a petition for a writ of certiorari, which if granted would have opened the way for a Supreme Court review of the contempt citation.

On Sept. 30, Criminal Court Judge Preston Battle ruled the reporters — Charles Edmundson of The Commercial Appeal and Roy Hamilton of the Memphis Press-Scimitar — and two other men were in contempt of court.

He did not impose sentence on any of the men pending their "future actions" despite a request by attorneys for Memphis Publishing Co., that sentence be handed down promptly so the case might be appealed.

Others cited by Judge Battle were Arthur Hanes, then an attorney for Ray, and Renfro Hays, a private investigator who worked for Mr. Hanes. Ray is accused of the sniper slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

In November, the newsmen through their attorney petitioned Court of Criminal Appeals Judge Mark Walker of Covington to review the contempt citation. Judge Walker denied the petition, saying in effect that a contempt citation is not final until punishment is imposed and that the appeal was premature.

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

The attached relates to a television interview of the Reverend James Bevel, Southern Christian Leadership Conference in Philadelphia, PA., who states he has evidence that Ray did not kill Martin Luther King, Jr. Bevel also stated he refuses to divulge evidence; he has offered to defend Ray in court although he is not a licensed attorney.

We have no information indicating any evidence that Bevel may have.

You will be advised of pertinent developments.

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TO : Mr. DeLoach *PD*

DATE: January 22, 1969

FROM : A. Rosen

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- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. McGowan
- 1 - Mr. Long
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This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr. *u*

We have received information that one Malcolm Davis, who claims to be a correspondent of Radio America and the British Broadcasting Company in New York City, allegedly had a tape of an interview between James Earl Ray and an unknown individual regarding the details of a payoff of the assassination. The interview is alleged to have taken place three months before the assassination (assassination April 4, 1968). We do not have any information that such a tape exists. *eu*

The information regarding the tape has been obtained from a technical surveillance of the telephone of one Stanley Levison. A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past, described Stanley Levison as a secret member of the Communist Party as of July, 1963. We have also learned that this alleged tape will be forwarded to an individual by the name of Joel Levy in Los Angeles, California. We have learned of the telephone number of Joel Levy *ES (u)*

We have further determined that Malcolm Davis resides in New York City and Davis was formerly with the British Broadcasting Company, but is now a free-lance writer who makes occasional appearances whenever there is a need for a person with a pronounced British accent, on television. *102*

Our Los Angeles Office advises us that Joel Levy is not identifiable in their files nor is he identifiable in the records of the various law enforcement agencies in the area. Los Angeles has further determined that the telephone number of Levy is listed to one Marjorie Largent of Van Nuys, California. We do not have any information regarding Marjorie Largent in our records. *5513*

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BEVEL ALSO SAID ALL HIS FRIENDS DID NOT BELIEVE RAY WAS GUILTY.

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HE SAID HE WAS SPEAKING FOR THE REV. RALPH ABERNATHY AND SCLC BUT THE PRESS INTERVIEWER SAID THAT AN OFFICIAL OF SCLC IN ATLANTA TOLD THE NEWS MEDIA THAT BEVEL WAS UNDER PRESSURE AND SPEAKING FOR HIMSELF ONLY.

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ON JAN. TWENTYFOUR, SIXTY NINE, ME THREE THREE EIGHT R ADVISED THAT JAMS BEVEL OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC), ACCOMPANIED BY YOUNG MALE NEGRO, CEDRIC MOORE, FORMERLY OF MEMPHIS, NOW OF PHILADELPHIA, PA., ONE (FNU) RUTHERFORD, SCLC GENERAL MANAGER, AND (FNU) NIXON (PHONETIC), FORMER CAMPAIGN MANAGER OF PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDACY OF COMEDIAN DICK GREGORY, WERE IN MEMPHIS, TENN. ON NIGHT JANUARY TWENTYTHREE, SIXTYNINE. BEVEL CLAIMED TO HAVE CONFERRED FOR SEVERAL HOURS JANUARY TWENTYTHREE, SIXTY NINE, ON EIGHTH FLOOR OF PEABODY HOTEL WITH JAMES EARL RAY'S ATTORNEY, PERCY FOREMAN, AND LATER FOREMAN AND BEVEL CONFERRED WITH RAY IN SHELBY COUNTY JAIL. AT ABOUT TEN P. M. BEVEL CALLED PRESS CONFERENCE AT CLAYBORN TEMPLE AME CHURCH, AT WHICH HE INVITED DELEGATES TO NATION COUNCIL OF CHURCHES MI-WINTER CONFERENCE, THEN MEETING IN MEMPHIS. BEVEL CALIMED THAT HE WAS CONVINCED OF RAY'S INNOCENCE IN KILLING MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CLAIMED AMERICA IS TRYING TO!LYNCH RAY. CLAIMED SCLC PRESIDENT, REV. RALPH ABERNATHY, IS ALSO CONVINCED OF RAY'S INNOCENCE. HE REFUSED TO FURNISH THE BASIS FOR HIS STAEMENTS, OTHER THAN TO CLAIM HE HAD "PROPHETIC POW^T BEVEL ADDED THAT HIS CONVICTIONS REGARDING RAY'S INNOCENCE HAD BEEN DISCUSSED BY HIM WITH ABERNATHY AND OTHER SCLC LEADERS

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THESE CHARGES WITH ACQUIESCENCE OF SCLC LEADERS.

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MY SUGGESTION IS YOU CONTACT MYSELF AND A COUPLE OTHER MARINES
I WANT GOOD MARINES WHEN THOSE PLANES LAND WE WILL SEND THEM
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