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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) P  
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Re Kansas City airtel to Director, 1/30/69.

On 2/6/69, DALE L. POLLOCK, Minister, Windwood United Methodist Church, Kansas City, Mo. furnished three page history of an organization called Odessa. Xerox copies are attached. POLLOCK advised that he is furnishing the Bureau this information because of the coincidence of a member of Odessa, a HEINZ MANGER being in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico at approximately the same time as JAMES EARL RAY. Also RAY was in Lisbon Portugal where one of the headquarters of Odessa is reportedly located. POLLOCK stated that he is a student of Post World War II German history and corresponds with people in Germany re Odessa. He again stated that a painting given to Mr. and Mrs. KARL RAPP, Leawood, Ks. by HEINZ MANGER when they were in Puerto Vallarta was signed by MANGER. POLLOCK stated that MANGER did not do this painting he bought it from a street vendor, however he signed it for the RAPPs. POLLOCK advised that he bought the painting from the RAPPs, made photographic copies of the signature thereon and sent them to the Ministry of Justice in West Germany and also to the CIA in order to verify the fact that HEINZ MANGER is the same individual that was a former SS General.

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The Kansas City Office has been attempting to interview Mr. and Mrs. KARL RAPP, Leawood, Kansas, however they have recently moved from their address at 3101 W. 83rd Street and a new address is not as yet known. He has an office at 208 Nichols Road, Kansas City, Missouri, which is closed at this time and the neighbors feel he may be away on vacation, but could furnish no additional information.

Kansas City will continue efforts to locate and interview the RAPPs to determine the exact date they were in Puerto Vallarta, any additional information they may have re HEINZ MANGER, Odessa or JAMES EARL RAY.

Any other leads in this matter being left to the discretion of the OO, or Bureau.

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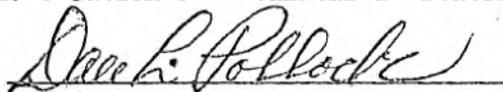
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OO: Memphis

Re Kansas City airtel to the Director 1/22/69.

On 1/28/69 DALE L. POLLOCK advised that he is the minister of the Winnwood United Methodist Church, 4408 Northeast 45th Terrace, Kansas City, Missouri, where he also resides. He furnished the following additional information regarding HIENZ MANGER who reportedly lived for some time in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. POLLOCK advised that he lived there many years without obvious means of support but he is now, according to the German Ministry of Justice to be living in Friedberg/Hessen, Germany. MANGER reportedly was a friend of a Mr. JOHN MATTHIESEN, P.O. Box 53, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. POLLOCK also stated that HIENZ MANGER was formerly a General in the German Army. POLLOCK advised that he is aware of these things because he is a student of post German history.

POLLOCK stated that MANGER was a member of ODESSA (organization of former SS men). This organization was formed in 1947 at Strasbourg and utilizes funds remaining from the spoils of the Third Reich. The organization was responsible for the safe passage into neutral or friendly territories of high-ranking SS men. It also continues to be responsible for

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financing extreme Nationalist and Right Wing activities throughout the world. For example, at a meeting in Milan, Italy, a large reward was offered for the murder of SIMON WIESENTHAL, the man who tracked down ADOLF EICHMANN in Buenos Aires. At such times as meetings of this organization are held, it is known that travel arrangements and lodgings are paid for from ODESSA funds, estimates of which run into the hundreds of millions of dollars. A portion of its treasure is reportedly still buried in the Toeplitzsee near Salzburg in Austria. Another significant activity of ODESSA was the financing of the military coup of JUAN PERON in Argentina.

POLLOCK advised that it seemed significant to him that JAMES EARL RAY should have spent a month in Puerto Vallarta and further significant that at the time of his arrest he should have been enroute to Lisbon, Portugal, which is one of the five known headquarters of ODESSA activity. POLLOCK further stated that he knows of no positive information connecting RAY and MANGER or ODESSA. He did add that probably the world's best authority on ODESSA is SIMONE WIESENTHAL, Vienna, Austria.

When the original information in this matter was received from POLLOCK telephonically on 1/21/69 his name was obtained as DALE POLLACK. The Kansas City Office indices were negative regarding DALE POLLACK. However, on DALE L. POLLOCK, Kansas City has an Internal Security - East German file in which he is the subject, KC 105-2706. This file reveals that POLLOCK had expressed an interest in the "Democratic German Report", an East German propaganda publication. No derogatory information was obtained regarding POLLOCK in this investigation and his interest was probably due to the fact that he is a student of post World War II German history. This information was furnished to the Bureau in a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination on 9/27/68 in case entitled "DALE L. POLLOCK, IS - EG, OO: Kansas City".

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Leads in this matter to determine if RAY is in any way connected with this organization is being left to the discretion of the office of origin. Kansas City will interview Mr. and Mrs. KARL RAPP, Leawood, Kansas, for any additional information they may have.

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From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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Judge E. Preston Battle, Criminal Court, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, has granted the defense a continuance in the state trial of James Earl Ray. Judge Battle has now set the trial to commence April 7, 1969.

In the event you receive any inquiries from individuals who have been placed on notice regarding their possible appearance in Memphis, you may advise them of the new date of the trial. If any individuals who contact you desire any further details, they should be advised to correspond directly with Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County Courthouse, Memphis, Tennessee.

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NOTE: This is to advise respective Legats of the new date of the state trial of James Earl Ray in the event they receive inquiries from individuals who have been placed on notice by Tennessee state authorities regarding their possible appearance in the trial. Respective Legats are also being instructed that if any of these individuals contact them and they have any further questions, they should be advised to contact Mr. Canale directly. Mr. Canale is handling the state's prosecution of James Earl Ray.

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 SUBJECT: MURKIN

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All offices receiving copies of this airtel should note that the trial in instant case has been postponed from March 3, 1969, until April 7, 1969, in Division III of the Shelby County Criminal Court, Memphis, Tenn. In the event you receive inquiries from any witnesses who have been previously subpoenaed, you should advise them that their testimony will still be desired for the new trial on 4/7/69. If they have any need for further details, they should correspond directly with Attorney General PHIL A. CANALE, Shelby County Courthouse, Memphis, Tennessee.

The Bureau is requested to advise Legats London, Paris, and Ottawa of the postponement in order that they may be able to answer any inquiries from persons in their areas who may have been subpoenaed.

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In view of plans being laid throughout the country for the observance of 4/4/69 as a memorial observance for MARTIN LUTHER KING, it is suggested that the Bureau consider requesting all offices to advise Memphis of any information they may receive which would indicate that militant groups or individuals plan to come to Memphis on 4/4/69 and who may remain to demonstrate or otherwise disrupt subject's trial on 4/7/69.

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OO: MEMPHIS

*COMPLAINANT*  
 Re Louisville airtel dated 4/16/68, no copy WFO, enclosing for Bureau and Memphis copies of FD-302s recording information furnished on 4/15/68 and 4/16/68 by Mrs. JASPER D. WARD as to her knowledge of events occurring at the Lorraine Motel, Memphis, Tennessee, on 4/4/68, when Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. was murdered.

It is to be noted that Mrs. WARD is a liaison source of the Louisville Division and during a contact with her on 2/4/69, among other information she furnished, she advised as follows:

She has recently learned from a source, whose identity she is not at liberty to disclose but who she considers reliable, that reportedly JAMES R. CORTEZ was in Memphis, Tennessee, the night Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. was killed. Supposedly, CORTEZ, in the company of two other persons, identities not known to Mrs. WARD, flew to Memphis, Tennessee,

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from Washington, D. C., in connection with the garbage strike turmoil. The three individuals may have arrived in Memphis several days before 4/4/68, and supposedly were part of the "militants" rather than Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.'s peaceful protesters.

Mrs. WARD commented her source, in telling her of the above, inferred the source may feel the reported presence of CORTEZ in Memphis, Tennessee, on the date Dr. KING, JR. was killed may in some way be connected with the recent published statement of Reverend JAMES BEVEL that BEVEL has information to the effect that Dr. KING, JR. was not murdered by JAMES EARL RAY. Mrs. WARD stated, however, that she feels this is pure speculation on her source's part.

For information of Memphis, it is noted that JAMES R. CORTEZ is currently a very controversial figure in Louisville, Kentucky. He has been in jail in Louisville since 6/1/68 under a variety of charges. CORTEZ came to Louisville from Washington, D. C., on 5/25/68, and was a leading speaker at a Negro rally in the West End of Louisville on 5/27/68, after which rioting and looting erupted, in Louisville, and continued for the next several days. CORTEZ has received much news publicity since being in Louisville and is of considerable interest to local authorities as he was the only reported "outsider" who had any leading part in events leading up to the Louisville disorders.

For the further information of Memphis, it is noted that the Washington Field Office has advised Louisville that on 4/10/68, CORTEZ voluntarily contacted Washington Field claiming to be an acquaintance of STOKELY CARMICHAEL and affiliated with the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) and volunteering to furnish information to Washington Field for a price. Thereafter, on several occasions, CORTEZ did

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furnish Washington Field information but CORTEZ did not advise Washington Field of his plan to come to Louisville in May of 1968, and CORTEZ made no contact with Louisville FBI upon his arrival in Louisville.

LEADS:

THE WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE:

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Will advise Louisville and Memphis whether or not Washington Field is in possession of any information indicating CORTEZ was in Memphis, Tennessee, around the time of the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. If so, furnish Louisville complete information regarding CORTEZ' reported activities there, together with whether or not such information could be disseminated to reliable local authorities in the event inquiry may be received from them concerning this report.

THE MEMPHIS DIVISION:

AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.

Will conduct same investigation at Memphis as requested of Washington Field.

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SOVIET REPORTER COMMENTS ON U.S. ASSASSINATIONS

Teletype report from New York by Genrikh Borovik; Moscow, Literaturnaya Gazeta, Russian, No 3, 15 January 1969, p 14

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The trial of the man who killed Senator Robert Kennedy began in Los Angeles on the 7-th of January. For seven months, Sirhan Bishari Sirhan, whose name became notorious on 5 July 1968 after the shot in the kitchen of the Ambassador Hotel, has been awaiting trial in a small (2 by 2.5 meters) windowless cell on the 13-th floor of the "Hall of Justice" in Los Angeles.

The newspaper-men wrote that no person in America had ever been so closely guarded. Incidentally, journalists from Tennessee maintain that "their guy," who is accused of murdering Martin Luther King is guarded even more strictly.

At 9:40 A.M. of 7 January, Sirhan Sirhan was led out of his cell, and a few minutes later, he was led into the court-room in which the windows were tightly battened down with armored shutters.

Sirhan behaved outwardly calm. His alarm was given away only by the fingers of his hands -- he was constantly touching his upper lip involuntarily. That is how it was on the first day. On the second, even these indications of nervousness disappeared. He smiled several times at his mother and younger brother, who were present among the public.

There were no more than one or two seats in the court-room for the public. No journalists were allowed in there, they follow the proceedings from a special room on another floor, where a TV screen is set up for local closed-circuit court-room viewing; the camera is concealed behind the air-conditioning inlet screen.

At the door, every person admitted to the court-room is thoroughly searched by the sheriff's men...

At the very first session, the murderer's lawyer demanded a one month delay of the trial. This demand was denied, however, and the trial began. It promises to be a long one: at least two months. There are

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over 200 witnesses alone (for the prosecution and defense). The first two days were devoted to selecting the jury.

Sirhan has three attorneys, one of whom is named Emile Zola Behrman by an irony of fate. But the great writer's namesake acquired a dismal fame for himself by defending a sergeant who had driven soldiers into a swamp and watched how they perished there.

As always, when a major trial is beginning, the pages of newspapers are alive with sketches from the court-room. No photographs are permitted. It is not even permitted to photograph the TV screen. The TV reporters make up their enforced absence from the court-room by activity in the streets of Los Angeles. They ask passers-by this question: can Sirhan hope for a fair trial after the "publicity" that has been received by "this case"?

Although the most skillful among the numerous visitors to the "Ambassador" are still stealing tea-spoons with the hotel's emblem, "publicity" is not a very fitting word for the tragedy that occurred on June 5-th. One should rather speak of a deliberate effort to impose a certain version of the murder upon American public opinion. When the investigation was only making its first small steps, the Mayor of Los Angeles appeared on television and announced that Sirhan Sirhan is an "agent of the communists" and that Robert Kennedy was a victim of a "communist conspiracy."

A similar rumor was circulated immediately following the shot that struck down Martin Luther King in April, and even earlier -- after the tragic death of President Kennedy in Dallas in November 1963.

The monotony of the "scenarios" foisted off on the public cannot fail to put those on guard who follow the events connected with these three murders.

During a recent trip through the United States, I spent two days in New Orleans. I naturally wanted to meet the district attorney Jim Garrison. I wanted to find out whether Jim Garrison saw any connection between the three crimes. And if so, then how?

Unfortunately, Garrison turned out to be out of town. He had gone somewhere on business. It was senseless to ask his secretary, Mrs. Shuler where he went or for how long. But I was still in luck. In New Orleans I found out that shortly before my arrival, Jim Garrison had given an interview to a small Los Angeles newspaper, the "Free Press." I managed to get a text of this interview. It turned out that the reporter had asked the district attorney many of the same questions that I had intended to ask. This is why I am quoting several excerpts from this talk, which seems interesting to me; I only want to add that as far as I know, this interview was not published by a single one of the major American newspapers (the American press has recently written almost nothing about Jim Garrison; it is as if a deal had been made to hush up everything concerning the activities of this person). Why this

is so -- the reader will understand for himself, after reading the replies given by Garrison to questions of the "Free Press" reporter.

Reporter: What parallels, if there are any, do you see between the murders of John Kennedy, Martin Luther King and Robert Kennedy?

Garrison: There is nothing "mysterious" in what is happening. I think that the majority of the people in the country feel this, although the clever news services pretend that the word "mystery" explains everything and there is nothing further to be said. The "counter-revolution" that started on 22 November 1963 murdered John Kennedy with the help of an operation organized by the Central Intelligence Agency. This "counter-revolution" is continuing, and that is all...

They are destroying one public figure who opposes the system of military rule in the U.S.A. after another, or any sufficiently frank person who stands between them and the plans for the war in Asia. John Kennedy, Martin Luther King and Robert Kennedy have been killed... At the basis is always the same technique... A "lone killer" is always on hand. The differences are minor, details only.

Reporter: A "lone killer"...

Garrison: In quotes, of course. In reality, if you look closely at the "lone killer," you will discover his direct connection with the C.I.A. -- it was so in the case of Oswald. Or you will discover a professional killer -- this was the case with Martin Luther King, although it is not clear: did James Ray do the shooting? I personally doubt that he was the killer. It looks like he was used as a decoy. But this is not important. These are details.

Reporter: And what about Sirhan Sirhan? If he had any connections with the C.I.A., they were apparently very thoroughly covered up, or as they say there, "isolated." Do you know anything about Sirhan?

Garrison: I do not want to go into it, because the district attorney and the Los Angeles authorities may decide that I am interfering in their affairs. I will speak generally. The C.I.A. acts under the cover of many facades. The characteristic feature of this case seems to consist of the following: The killer did not realize very clearly that he was used by the C.I.A. Perhaps he thought that he was acting in the interests of some organization of which he was a member. The Central Intelligence Agency has over 500 "fronts." Is it difficult to find "motives" for any act by an individual person?

There is no doubt that no matter which path Robert Kennedy would have taken after his victory in California (in the primary elections, which were held there on June 4 -- G. B.), a killer was ready and waiting everywhere, a member of some organization perhaps, and one who did not realize that he was a tool of the Central Intelligence Agency of the USA.

When Robert Kennedy won in California, this meant that he was on the way to the President's chair. Had Robert Kennedy lost in California, he would be alive now. But having won, he was doomed to die. He won, and his chances of survival were few.

John Kennedy was murdered because he had once said that he "would break the C.I.A. into ten thousand small pieces." The C.I.A. did not wish to be broken up. This machine is like a living organism -- it does not tolerate anyone standing in its way.

Reporter: Is it true that Robert Kennedy, after becoming President, intended to begin prosecution of the people responsible for his brother's murder? What can you say about this?

Garrison: I had several friends, who were close to him. After meeting with them here, in New Orleans, it became clear to me -- he understood what had occurred, but apparently decided not to undertake anything until he occupied a post that would permit him to do something. He would have done something, if he could. But they killed him....

The C.I.A. is now so omnipotent that it is to a considerable degree autonomous. The C.I.A. is a global force. It is so powerful that as a secret participant in military-industrial operations, it has in a sense greater power than all other ruling bodies in the United States of America.

Such is the opinion of Jim Garrison, the district attorney of New Orleans. I think that neither he nor the reporter who asked him the questions harbor the slightest doubts that this opinion -- be it correct or not -- will be corroborated at the trial in Los Angeles.

This trial will hardly be the major event of the next two months. On January 21, a trial -- if it is not postponed -- will begin in New Orleans, in which Jim Garrison accuses Clay Shaw of taking part in a conspiracy for the purpose of killing John Kennedy. And in March -- again, if it is not postponed once more -- the trial of James Ray in Memphis, who is accused of murdering Martin Luther King... There are many sensations in the courts ahead. Americans are stocking up on patience. But meanwhile their attention to the Sirhan trial is distracted by the brutal murder of a girl student from Harvard, which occurred on the first day of the trial in Los Angeles...

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (62-8651) C

FRED ALEXANDER MICHAELSON, aka  
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ASSASSINATION OF JOHN F. KENNEDY, DOCTOR MARTIN  
LUTHER KING, AND SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY  
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Re Kansas City report of SA WEETER S. POND 2/10/69.

Dallas, Los Angeles, Indianapolis, and Memphis were furnished one Xerox copy of letter written by MICHAELSON to the U. S. Marshal, Kansas City, Missouri.

On 2/24/69, U. S. Marshal OWENS, Kansas City, Missouri, made available a letter which he had received from FRED MICHAELSON, a federal prisoner located at Liberty, Missouri. This letter was dated 2/5/69. In this letter to the U. S. Marshal, MICHAELSON claimed to have valuable information concerning the assassination of JOHN F. KENNEDY, MARTIN LUTHER KING, and Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. A review of referenced report reveals that FREDERICK ALEXANDER MICHELSON, the subject of Kansas City file # 87-21205, Bureau file # 87-95561, and that MICHELSON indicated to Bureau Agents on 10/2/68, that he had information concerning the assassination of JOHN F. KENNEDY on 11/22/63, of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING on 4/3/68, and of the subsequent assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. MICHELSON stated his information "goes to the scale of great national importance." While he realized this information had been held too long, MICHELSON refused to discuss it while confined in the county jail at Liberty, Missouri. He indicated a full disclosure will be made if and when he is removed from the jail and placed in a penitentiary or hospital where he might receive treatment for his nervous stomach.

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The above information has already been furnished to the Memphis Division and it was noted that MICHELSON has made claims of being psychotic, however, he was incarcerated in the Missouri State Penitentiary from 6/25/65 to 8/26/68, and both MICHELSON and JAMES EARL RAY were in the Missouri State Penitentiary at the same time.

On 1/31/69, MICHELSON was sentenced to the custody of the Attorney General for a period of six years on three counts each to run concurrently for a violation of Title 18, Section 2314, U. S. Code.

On 2/27/69, MICHELSON was interviewed at the Jackson County Jail, Kansas City, Missouri, and stated that he had important information concerning the assassination of JOHN F. KENNEDY and ROBERT F. KENNEDY. It is noted that at this time MICHELSON did not mention the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING. MICHELSON stated that he had written a letter to JIM GARRISON, Prosecuting Attorney, New Orleans, Louisiana, in which MICHELSON had stated the same information was furnished to U. S. Marshal, OWENS, by letter on 2/5/69. MICHELSON stated that both these letters to GARRISON and OWENS had been mailed on the same day.

MICHELSON stated that he might be willing to furnish information concerning the assassination of the KENNEDY brothers to the FBI if a psychiatrist of MICHELSON's choosing was present along with an attorney to represent MICHELSON. MICHELSON stated that he had gathered the information concerning the assassination of the two KENNEDYS from various individuals in prison, but MICHELSON would not elaborate on what prisons or what individuals.

MICHELSON stated that he had a nervous stomach and was extremely high strung, and if the FBI would arrange for MICHELSON to be sent to the Federal Medical Center at Springfield, rather than the U. S. Penitentiary at Terre Haute, Indiana, he might consider divulging his important information concerning the assassinations. MICHELSON at this time refused to divulge any other information and on 2/27/69, he was removed from Jackson County Jail, Kansas City, Missouri, by U. S. Marshals and transferred to U. S. Penitentiary Terre Haute, Indiana.

Unless advised to the contrary, Kansas City is conducting no further investigation in this matter.

The Attorney General

February 28, 1969

Director, FBI 44-38861-

MR. PHIL M. CANALE, JR.  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL  
FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF  
TENNESSEE  
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

Enclosed is a copy of a letter dated February 20th from Mr. Canale wherein he comments most favorably concerning the preparation of exhibits by this Bureau in the case of James Earl Ray, the accused assassin of Martin Luther King.

Enclosure

- 1 - The Deputy Attorney General - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enclosures (2)
- 1 - Mr. Bishop - Enclosures (2)
- 1 - Mr. Rosen - Enclosures (2)
- 1 - Mr. Callahan - Enclosures (2)

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February 25, 1969

Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr.  
District Attorney General  
Shelby County Office Building  
157 Poplar Avenue  
Memphis, Tennessee 38103

Dear Mr. Canale:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter of February 20th and your favorable comments concerning the work of my associates in connection with the preparation of the exhibits in the case involving James Earl Ray. I am pleased that their efforts merited your approval and you may be sure they will appreciate, as I do, your kind remarks.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

- 1 - Memphis - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enclosure (detached)
- 1 - Mr. Bishop - Enclosure (detached)
- 1 - Mr. Rosen - Enclosure (detached)
- 1 - Mr. Callahan - Enclosure (detached)

Personal Attention: Bring to the attention of SA John P. Dunphy and Messrs. F. Thomas Peyton, Wayne M. Fox, and Brent H. Hughes.

- 1 - Personnel file of SA John P. Dunphy - Enclosure
- 1 - Personnel file of Mr. F. Thomas Peyton - Enclosure
- 1 - Personnel file of Mr. Wayne M. Fox - Enclosure
- 1 - Personnel file of Mr. Brent H. Hughes - Enclosure

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Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr.

NOTE: Bufiles indicate we have had prior cordial correspondence with Mr. Canale, last outgoing 1-23-69 thanking him for his favorable remarks concerning the testimony of a Special Agent. SA Dunphy and Messrs. Peyton, Fox and Hughes are all assigned to the Exhibits Section of the Administrative Division.

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

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

On Saturday, February 15, Mr. John Dunphy and Mr. Wayne Fox delivered to this office the mock-up of the murder scene in the James Earl Ray case and of the rooming house involved.

These mock-ups are truly a work of dedication, precision, detail and art, and will be of invaluable assistance to this office in the prosecution of James Earl Ray.

I wish to extend my sincere appreciation to your office, and particularly to Mr. Dunphy, Mr. Fox, Mr. Tom Peyton and Mr. Brent Hughes, all of whom came to Memphis to work on this project; and also to the staff of Mr. Dunphy whom we have not met, but whose excellent hand is seen in the finished products.

We in this office are most grateful to you and the men in your office who participated in this project.

Sincerely yours,

*Phil M. Canale, Jr.*

PHIL M. CANALE, JR.  
District Attorney General

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You should disseminate a copy of each of the below listed documents to Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee. Two of each are enclosed for your utilization.

New Orleans letterhead memorandum dated 2-8-69.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police report dated 11-15-68.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police report dated 1-24-69.

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FOR MR. WOLF

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NOTE:

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

Based upon articles appearing in various newspapers in the United States and based upon information furnished to us, we have been conducting investigation to determine if a conspiracy exists in this case. We have received the results of investigation requested by us and have furnished the results to the Department, and in each instance asked the Department if they desired these reports furnished to Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, who is prosecuting the state's case. Our investigation thus far does not include any facts that would support the allegation that a conspiracy exists.

Attached is a memorandum from the Department giving us authority to disseminate the three listed documents. Memphis being instructed accordingly.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New Orleans, Louisiana  
February 8, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

JAMES EARL RAY

Mr. Jerry Cohen, Los Angeles Times news reporter in New Orleans, Louisiana, residing at the Cochetta Motel, Room 216, Telephone 822-1560, New Orleans, Louisiana, telephonically advised he had contacted the Los Angeles Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and had been referred to the New Orleans Office of the FBI.

Cohen advised that he and Dave Lawson of Los Angeles, California, who is also a reporter of the Los Angeles Times, had obtained from Charles Stein a telephone number within one week after the arrest of James Earl Ray.

Cohen stated that Dave Lawson had made all the notes of the conversation with Stein but that as he, Cohen, recalls it, Stein showed Lawson a piece of paper which contained a telephone number and that Lawson had copied the telephone number from Stein's piece of paper into Lawson's note.

When Stein questioned Ray concerning this telephone number, Ray had said this is where Ray got his weather report.

Cohen stated that Stein two or three days after talking to Cohen and Lawson had made a call to New Orleans and had determined this number was a number for Troop B of the Louisiana State Police located in the Greater New Orleans area.

Cohen stated that neither he nor Lawson had furnished this telephone number to the Los Angeles Office of the FBI and when questioned as to whether or not this was an oversight advised that subconsciously it had been forgotten with the hope it might materialize into a good story.

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JAMES EARL RAY

Cohen advised that he did not have the telephone number with him but had made a contact in New Orleans while here to attend the Clay Shaw trial, who had determined that there was a Louisiana State Trooper at Troop B named Raul V. Esquivel.

Cohen advised he had no further information concerning this number but that Lawson would have more complete and accurate information from his notes.

A review of the New Orleans indices show an investigation was conducted in the case captioned "TROOPER RAUL VICTOR ESQUIVEL, LOUISIANA STATE POLICE, FERDINAND JOSEPH HORIO, JR. - VICTIM, CIVIL RIGHTS." Esquivel in 1964 was described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	[REDACTED]
Place of Birth	British, Honduras
Employment	Louisiana State Police, Troop B, Metairie, Louisiana
Length of Employment	Seven years
Residence	4524 Parsimmon Street, Metairie, Louisiana

R. L. Polk's New Orleans City Director for 1968 lists telephone number 482-5751 to State Police Department Headquarters, Troop B. This number was dialed February 6, 1969, and the trooper answering the phone stated "State Police Department Headquarters" and then upon inquiry stated that it was Troop B.

The current New Orleans Telephone Directory lists telephone number 524-6446 to the Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. The Provincial Motel is where Ray stayed in New Orleans in December, 1967.

JAMES EARL RAY

Lieutenant Colonel Ben F. Ragusa, Assistant Superintendent, Louisiana State Police (LSP), Baton Rouge, Louisiana, advised that Trooper 1st Class Raul Victor Esquivel is assigned to LSP Troop B at New Orleans, Louisiana. He advised that in August of 1967 Trooper Esquivel was at that time also assigned to Troop B at New Orleans. He advised that Trooper Esquivel worked as follows during the month of August, 1967:

August 1, 2, and 3: on duty; 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

August 4: day off

August 5: on duty; 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

August 6 and 7: off duty due to a death in his family

August 8 and 9: on duty; 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

August 10: off duty

August 11 through 23: on duty; 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

August 24: off duty

August 25 and 26: on duty; 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

August 27: off duty

August 28, 29, and 30: on duty; 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

August 31: off duty

Ragusa advised that during August, 1967, Trooper Esquivel was assigned to duties in different areas of the Troop B LSP area as he was filling in for other troopers on their days off. He advised that during August, 1967, Trooper Esquivel worked in the New Orleans area.

JAMES EARL RAY

Ragusa advised that on March 22, 1968, Trooper Esquivel worked an eight-hour shift on that date.

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DETACHMENT - DÉTACHEMENT

Montreal C.I.S.

RE:  
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1. Further to the memorandum of the A/Officer i/c C.I.B. dated in Ottawa the 28 OCT 68, the hotel mentioned is none other than the Markey Apartments where RAY resided whilst in Montreal. This building concept is fairly large and is situated at the corner of Havre and Notre-Dame East Street in Montreal. The Acapulco Club is part of this building and has its main entrance on Havre Street while the Markey Apartments have its main entrance around the corner of Notre-Dame Street.

2. Further to verbal instructions received from Insp. DUCHESNEAU, enquiries conducted at the Neptune Tavern, 121 rue des Commissaires West, have revealed the following.

3. Mr. Eugène GAUDET, co-owner of Neptune Tavern, residing at Rang St-Dominique, Les Cèdres, Comté de Soulanges, P.Q., telephone 452-4438, was interviewed and stated being fully aware of newspaper articles which had been written in respect to RAY's activities in Montreal. He could not however identify photographs of RAY as having been a client at his tavern nor could he offer any information on the blond latin named RAOUL.

4. Mr. Arthur MORIN, day waiter at Neptune Tavern during the period concerned and residing at 1827 St-André Street, Montreal, P.Q., was interviewed and could not offer any information of value relative to RAY and one RAOUL ever having been customers at the Neptune Tavern. From his records, Mr. GAUDET was able to supply the name of a former waiter who had been employed on the evening shift at the tavern during the Summer of 1967. This former waiter was identified as Michel BACON, 2823A Ontario East, SIN [REDACTED]. Attempts to interview BACON at 2823A Ontario East, have revealed that BACON is no longer residing there and it was not possible to obtain any information as to his present address or employer. It was however, learned that BACON was believed to still be in the Greater Montreal area. Enquiries have been instituted through the regional GIC Office in Montreal in view of locating BACON through his present employer.

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5. Jean-Marie CHARRON, co-owner of Neptune Tavern residing at 5100 Boulevard Pie IX, Apt. 104, Montreal, P.Q., was interviewed and he stated that at approximately 6:30pm on one of the last days of October 1968, two (2) men who had identified themselves as newspaper reporters from U.S.A. had presented themselves at the tavern and had exhibited to CHARRON two (2) pictures one of which, they stated being the photograph of James Earl RAY, and the other being a photograph of RAOUL.

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One of the newspapermen who spoke broken French, enquired from CHARRON if either RAY or RAOUL had ever been customers at his tavern. CHARRON states having declined to make any identification either of RAY or RAOUL.

6. The picture of RAY which was in possession of these two (2) men was identical to the last photograph which was obtained prior to RAY's arrest. The dress and tie were similar with the exception that RAY was holding the lapel of his suit jacket with his right hand. The picture of RAOUL was a full-face picture, passport-type photograph which showed RAOUL to have blond curly hair, age approximately 30 years old, wearing a white shirt, a tie, and a dress jacket. CHARRON stated to us that from our photographs of RAY, he could not state whether or not RAY had ever been a customer at the Neptune Tavern. The same applied in the case of RAOUL. One comment made by CHARRON was to the effect that the photograph of RAOUL which had been exhibited by the American newspapermen indicated to him that RAOUL was not a sailor. One of the newspapermen also made mention that RAY was in possession of a Neptune Tavern match-book which served to indicate to them that RAY could have visited the tavern.

7. The newspapermen who spoke to CHARRON were described as follows: First - Spoke English like an American, height 5'6", built small, hair blond, spoke broken French. Second - Spoke like an American, approximately 6' tall, thick dark hair, wore a band indicating that he was married.

8. Please find attached hereto, photostat copies of a newspaper article which appeared in "The Gazette", Montreal, P.Q., on the 12 NOV 68.

9. In an attempt to corroborate CHARRON's statement to the effect that a photograph of a man reported to be RAOUL had been exhibited to him, further enquiries will be conducted in the Montreal area. Some of the persons who were interviewed earlier during the course of this investigation will be contacted in a view of ascertaining if they have any information pertaining to RAOUL.

D.D. 28-11-68

(JIB PROULA) S/SGT.  
N.C.O. I/C G.I.S.

*E.J.C. Mager*  
Sgt.  
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Montreal C.I.S.

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- Further to paragraph 2 of PCR dated 12 DEC 68, J.K. CHARRON was interviewed and cannot recall ever having seen the person on the composite drawing which was forwarded to this point appended to the memorandum dated in Ottawa, 3 DEC 68, from the A/Officer i/c C.I.B. CHARRON was certain that this was not the picture shown to him by newspaper reporters, (ref: our PCR dated 15 NOV 68, paragraph 5).
- Further to memorandum dated in Montreal, 31 DEC 68, from the A/Officer i/c C.I.B., the pictures of HUIE and HANSEN were also viewed by CHARRON and no identification could be made. Photographs attached to this report for retention on Division file.

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- The composite drawing mentioned above was also viewed by Mr. H.H. RITCHIE of the Mariner's House, Montreal, with negative results.
- The Montreal Star editions for January 20 to January 23rd inclusive, contain a four-part series of articles on RAY. These articles will also be found attached for retention on Division file. It will be noted that the edition dated January 20, 1969, shows the picture of the author of these articles, Bernard GAVZEN. CHARRON was also shown this photograph and no identification was made.
- At the present time, all avenues of investigation have been exhausted at this point and have been unsuccessful in establishing whether or not RAOUL is fact or fiction.
- In view of the above, this file will be held in abeyance pending the outcome of RAY's trial or receipt of other request for investigation by the F.B.I.

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(JIB PEOPLE) S/Sgt. ...  
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The COMMISSIONER, Ottawa:

Your: 68HQ-791-Q-60

1. FORWARDED for your information. Photographs mentioned in para. 2 above are retained on file here.
2. The four-parts series article written by GABLER are also being retained on file as no doubt you are in possession of copies of same.
3. All avenues of investigation now appear to have been covered in this case and your instructions will be awaited as to what further action is to be taken.

S.H.I.

MONTREAL  
29-1-69

J.R. Duchesneau, Insp.,  
A/Officer i/c C.I.B.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# Memorandum

TO : Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: FEB 25 1969

FROM : *JL by mhr*  
Jerris Leonard  
Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Rights Division

JL:DRO:msp  
DJ 144-72-662  
# 41-157-147

SUBJECT: Assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Following is a list of reports and letterhead memoranda that you have transmitted to this Division in connection with the James Earl Ray case. Please furnish copies of each of these reports to Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County, Tennessee:

1. New Orleans, Letterhead Memorandum of 2/8/69
2. R.C.M.P. Report of 11/15/68
3. R.C.M.P. Report of 1/24/69

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FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

One copy of memorandum dated 2/5/69, reflecting conversation between WILLIAM BRADOFRD HUIE and members of District Attorney General PHIL M. CANALE's staff on 2/4/69.

Letter dated 2/27/69 from JOACHIM JOESTEN to Judge W. PRESTON BATTLE.

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Enclosed for the Bureau is one copy each of the following documents:

- A. Memorandum dated 2/5/69, reflecting conversation between WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE and members of District Attorney General PHIL M. CANALE's staff on 2/4/69.
- B. Letter dated 2/27/69, from JOACHIM JOESTEN to Judge W. PRESTON BATTLE. This was made available to the Memphis Office by General PHIL M. CANALE. Bureau has previously been advised of JOESTEN's interest in this case.

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January 27, 1969

OPEN LETTER

To Judge W. Preston Battle, Criminal Court, Memphis, Tenn.

concerning the JAMES EARL RAY HOAX

by JOACHIM JOESTEN

Your Honor:

James Earl Ray did not kill Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

He was a paid decoy and as such deserves to be punished for his part in the conspiracy. But he did not fire the shot that killed Dr. King and, for all his criminal past, he, too, is entitled to justice.

Ray has been charged with murder by the State of Tennessee on the basis of a deliberately false and fraudulent FBI Report. The FBI knows, and so does the State, that Ray did not commit the murder of which he has been accused. The felony of this false accusation is compounded by the hidden intent to shield, through the sacrifice of a scapegoat, the real assassin of Dr. King, whose identity is well known to the FBI.

I am making these charges on the basis of a careful and detailed study of the case. My findings and conclusions are laid down in a 45,000-word documentation, of which a copy is being airmailed to you under separate cover today. Copies are also being sent to the Rev. Ralph Abernathy, Head, Southern Christian Leadership Conference; to the American Civil Liberties Union; and to a select group of newspapers.

This documentation is not just a layman's brief for the defense of a man wrongfully accused. It is also a public indictment of his accusers, in particular J. Edgar Hoover, who personally supervised this frame-up.

I hereby declare and affirm that J. Edgar Hoover wilfully, knowingly and with malice aforethought conspired with other felonious "law-enforcement officials" to bring about the judicial murder of James Earl Ray through trumped-up charges and doctored evidence.

Because Hoover knows that his false and fraudulent case will not stand up in court, extreme pressure is now being brought on Ray, a man virtually defenseless because of his long criminal record and his involvement in the conspiracy to kill King, falsely to plead guilty in return for a promise of leniency. Ray has been informed unambiguously that, if he defends himself against the murder charge, he will be convicted, sentenced to death and executed. On the other hand, he has been promised a recommendation of mercy, a comparatively light sentence and an early pardon if he accepts the role of a lone assassin.

That would obviate the inconvenience, for J. Edgar Hoover and the State authorities, of having to prove their false and untenable charges in court, but it would hardly serve the cause of justice in America.

I trust that you, the judge, will not tolerate this travesty of justice. The documentation which I am making available to Your Honor, will help you establish the truth.

Respectfully yours,

As the Moment of Truth Dawns in New Orleans...

At long last, the historic process of establishing the truth about the assassination of President John F. Kennedy is under way. The trial of Clay Shaw in New Orleans is only a first step in that direction; others will follow soon. In the end, the process inexorably will lead to the unmasking of Lyndon B. Johnson as the power behind what was in effect the first coup d'etat in American history (Nov. 22, 1963).

The time has come for thoughtful Americans to start thinking the

U N T H I N K A B L E -- because it is true.

As the truth gradually emerges in the courts, in the press and in public debate or private discussions, a careful compilation of all the available literature on the assassination and the Warren Report becomes an urgent task for historians, political scientists and librarians, for at least two reasons:

One, each and every book that has been published on the subject makes a contribution to the search for the truth - some large, some small, but none is negligible.

And Two, some day students of history, pondering the era of breath-taking disclosures that is now ahead will ask in amazement: How did all this get started?

The Crime of Dallas was almost the perfect crime. Every precaution had been taken by its organizers to make sure that the truth would never come out. And then the Warren Report, this "gigantic fraud" (Garrison), all but sealed off the last avenues of truth-seeking.

Officialdom and the news media not only did nothing to help bring out the true facts, but they actively, and in concert, exerted every possible effort to obfuscate the truth and obstruct independent investigation.

BOOKS, and books alone, were the weapons of truth. District Attorney Jim Garrison himself has publicly acknowledged that it was through his reading of the published critiques of the Warren Report that he felt impelled to open an official investigation into the assassination of President Kennedy.

Now, it is a matter of record, easily to be verified, that the first book published in the United States which attacked the official version of the assassination as an unmitigated fraud was JOACHIM JOESTEN's Oswald: Assassin or Fall Guy? (New York, June 1964). The same book, in its second edition (January 1965) contained the first critique of the Warren Report to come out between book covers.

Since then, JOACHIM JOESTEN has published seven more books about the assassination of President Kennedy which are not, however, generally available in the United States. They are "books-in-exile," published in England, Switzerland and France, because their outspokenness made them too "hot" for American publishers to handle.

However, these books - Oswald: The Truth; Marina Oswald: The Garrison Enquiry; How Kennedy Was Killed; Die Wahrheit über den Kennedy-Mord (Zurich); La vérité sur le cas de Jack Ruby; (Paris); and now The Dark Side of Lyndon B. Johnson are available at a fast increasing number of public and college libraries in America. They can be obtained by writing directly to the author: Joachim Joesten, 87-70 173rd Street, Jamaica 11432, New York City; or to his present address in Europe: Joachim Joesten, Munich 15, Griegstrasse 13, c/o Rahim, Germany.