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## Judge Praises Memphis

"I submit that, up to now, we have not done too badly for a 'decadent river town.' If I may be permitted to add a light touch to a solemn occasion, I would like to paraphrase the great and eloquent Winston Churchill who, in defiant reply to the Axis threat to wring England's neck like a chicken, said, 'Some chicken—some neck.'

I would like to reply to Memphis' critic:

'Some river—some town.'"

—Judge W. Preston Battle



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: March 13, 1969

FROM : A. Rosen

1 - Mr. DeLoach

1 - Mr. Rosen

1 - Mr. Malley

1 - Mr. McGowan

1 - Mr. Long

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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

Reference is made to previous memoranda concerning Jensen's plan to interview subject Ray in the above-entitled matter at the Tennessee State Penitentiary, Nashville, Tennessee.

I had previously advised that Jensen had entered the maximum security building of the institution at 3:44 p.m. This information was furnished to the Director's Office immediately thereafter.

It is also pointed out that the steps outlined and the Director's comments concerning the need to make no public statement as the press and TV would descend on the penitentiary en masse were brought to the attention of Assistant Attorney General Leonard of the Civil Rights Division after Jensen had started his interview with Ray today. Mr. Leonard indicated he fully agreed that any publicity at this time would be most undesirable.

Mr. Leonard asked to be informed of developments which might have a bearing on this matter as it will be necessary to decide, in the event Ray is not cooperative and there is no possibility of further getting any cooperation from him, as to whether he should be brought before a Federal Grand Jury and be questioned under oath concerning the existence of coconspirators.

**ACTION TO BE TAKEN:** In accordance with the Director's instructions, the results of the interview of subject Ray by SAC Jensen will be furnished to the Director before any further action is taken to disseminate such information to the Department. It is noted that Leonard indicated he was in close touch with the Attorney General in this matter and is anxious to know of developments. The information will therefore not be furnished to Mr. Leonard until it receives the Director's approval.

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TO : Mr. Rosen *Re*

DATE: March 14, 1969

FROM : C. L. McGowan *cl*

1 - Mr. Rosen  
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SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 3/14/69, Attorney Jack Greenberg, Counsel for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, New York City, contacted the New York Office and advised that he plans to meet with Attorney Russell Thompson, Memphis, Tennessee, at New York City, on Monday, 3/17/69, at 9:00 A.M. Greenberg related that Thompson reportedly has some information concerning a conspiracy in connection with the slaying of Martin Luther King, Jr. which he wished to furnish to Greenberg. Mr. Greenberg requested that the New York Office have an Agent present at his meeting with Mr. Thompson.

*Russell X. Thompson*  
SAC Robert G. Jensen, Memphis, was contacted on 3/14/69 to determine what information he might possess concerning Thompson.

SAC Jensen advised that Thompson's full name is Russell X. Thompson and that he is of the white race and was or still is an attorney in an integrated law firm.

SAC Jensen stated that based on his independent recollection, Thompson on either April 10 or 11, 1968, but before James Earl Ray was identified by fingerprints on April 19, 1968, as the assassin, advised the Memphis Office that he was visited by a man who gave the impression that he might want some legal advice in the future. Because of a possible client-attorney relationship, Thompson did not furnish this man's name. Thompson related that the man stated that material found at the scene of the King slaying was false and that the real murder weapon was a Savage rifle which had already melted down. This man also reportedly told Thompson the authorities' interest in a white mustang was wrong because the assassin got away on a motorcycle. The man also told Thompson that a Cadillac was of interest in this case. *u*

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Thompson described this man as a blond Latin who had a Denver, Colorado, address.

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Jensen further advised that after Ray had been publicly identified, Thompson was again in contact with the Memphis Office probably

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McGowan to Rosen Memo  
Re: MURKIN

early in May of 1968 at which time Thompson advised that the man who had contacted him in early April, 1968, was probably a mental case. On this second contact with the Memphis Office, Thompson still did not reveal the man's name.

SAC Jensen advised that to the best of his knowledge the above two contacts with Thompson are the only contacts the Memphis Office has had with Thompson. Jensen stated he was not aware of any derogatory information concerning Thompson.

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

Attorney DON OWENS, a former SA who is now one of the advisers to Judge W. PRESTON BATTLE in the matter concerning JAMES EARL RAY, advised 3/11/69 that Senior Fingerprint Examiner GEORGE BONEBRAKE is scheduled to appear before Judge BATTLE on 4/11/69 regarding the possible contempt action of which the Bureau is aware.

It is suggested that the Bureau notify all offices of the subject's guilty plea and sentencing on 3/10/69, with instructions to discontinue all investigation except that which may indicate or tend to prove a definite conspiracy of which we may not have previously been aware.

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SUBJECT: MURKIN  
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1981) (P)  
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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March 12, 1969

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

This letter to you is prompted by the sentencing yesterday of the confessed murderer of Martin Luther King, Jr. to a 99-year sentence in the Tennessee State Prison along with the statement of the sentencing Judge that if the murder was indeed part of a conspiracy, the other members of that conspiracy would not sleep well in the future.

The fact that the sentenced man stated his disagreement with the former Attorney General, Ramsey Clark, who had stated that he didn't believe that there was a conspiracy, nothing more was said about the conspiracy aspects during this most unusual court proceeding.

Nevertheless, most people, who have any interest at all in the case, are convinced that the man sent to prison yesterday was only part of an actual group of conspirators. His affluence after the murder, his extensive traveling, which in addition to money, also required sophisticated identity arrangements, is in glaring contrast with everything else known--or printed--about the man's past. What has been divulged points to some kind of coordinated effort by more than one person.

It is well known, of course, that during his lifetime the Reverend King incurred your displeasure from time to time. No doubt his regard for you was not high, either. However, these are irrelevant factors today when a great body of opinion believes King was a conspiracy victim, and that any real effort to search out the members of that conspiracy has been effectively blocked by sentencing one man.

You have directed the Federal Bureau of Investigation during its development from a small, rather ineffective agency into a truly magnificent public service and protective organization, with a secure niche in history.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
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The Justice Department yesterday announced that the "conspiracy" investigation as it may or may not pertain to King's death is not closed--whatever such an announcement means. What I believe is this: The FBI has sufficient competence to ascertain as a matter of fact whether there was a conspiracy, and if there was, to identify its members.

You are the Director of the FBI. You did not like King. You referred to him in derogatory fashion in print on several occasions. He was murdered. One man has been sentenced for that murder, but most people believe that more than one man was involved with the killing, and that it could not have been accomplished as it was, except by virtue of a conspiracy.

Don't you believe that, not only that the ends of justice require, but that the hard won and well earned reputation of the FBI and its Director requires that this uncertainty be resolved? I do.

Too, I held Dr. King in high regard, and sympathized with the goals he espoused as I sympathized with you when he irritated you into, let's say, colorful comment.

The manner of King's death was ugly for this country in all of its implications. To have a large body of public opinion believe that it was the result of a conspiracy, and that there is a larger effort on the part of many persons to blur that picture and to eventually prevent its disclosure conjures up uglier implications.

It is my hope that the FBI will undertake to resolve all the unanswered questions about King's death; that it will eventually prove or disprove that there was a conspiracy so that hurtful conjecture and speculation can end.

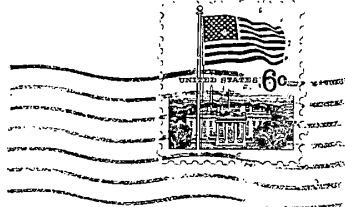
Sincerely yours,

*W. J. Haney*

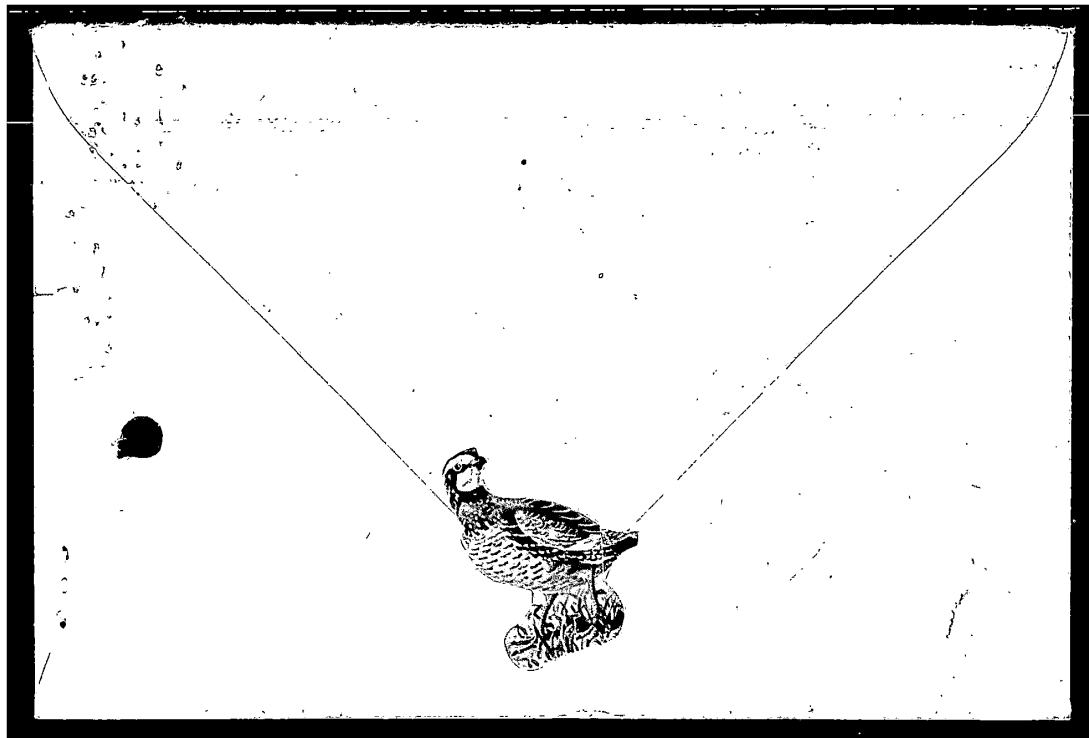
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Alfred C. Yurck  
1380 Winslow Ave.  
Clint, N.J. 07083



To  
The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover,  
Head of the <sup>FEDERAL</sup> Bureau of Investigation  
Washington  
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1380 Winslow Ave.  
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March 11, 1969

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover  
The F.B.I.  
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My dear Mr. Hoover,

I have just read of the  
sentencing of James Earl Ray, after  
his confession of guilt to the  
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I do not think Ray's statement  
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There are literally millions  
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untimely murders of Dr. King Jr., and  
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I, as a true American  
citizen wish you to please use  
Every possible quick means to solve  
this Conspiracy, so that the guilty one,  
or ones, may be apprehended by  
them - and justly punished, for  
the Future Moral Safety of us all.

Sincerely yours,

Helene E. Gurnet

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1380 Winslow Ave.  
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March 11, 1969

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover  
The F.B.I.  
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*Murkin*

My dear Mr. Hoover,

I have just read of the sentencing of James Earl Ray, after his Confession of Guilty to the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

I do not think Ray's statement concerning a Conspiracy was an idle theory, and I've always thought there was a Conspiracy.

There are literally millions of White and Negro citizens of this Country who were inspired by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's Principles: he was truly a Martyr.

And, I feel the great restlessness, and frustrations of the Young people today are caused by the Vietnam War, and the untimely murders of Dr. King Jr., and Senator Robert Kennedy. Dr. King Jr's murder was a World-wide Frustration.

I, as a true American citizen urge you to please use Every possible quick means to solve this Conspiracy, so that the Guilty one, or Ones, may be apprehended by Name - and Justly punished, for the Future Moral Safety of us All.

Sincerely yours,

Helen C. Yunck

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1 - Mr. Long

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~~X~~  
Miss Helen C. Yunch  
1380 Winslow Avenue  
Union, New Jersey 07083

Dear Miss Yunch:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated March 11, 1969, and your comments have been noted.

You may be assured that this Bureau will continue to fully discharge its investigative responsibilities in all matters coming within our jurisdiction.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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NOTE:

Helen C. Yunck, Union, New Jersey, wrote a letter to the Bureau and expressed her views concerning the sentencing of James Earl Ray and states that she has always thought there was a conspiracy. She also in this letter extends laudatory remarks regarding Martin Luther King, Jr. She concludes her letter by urging every possible quick means to solve this conspiracy.

Our investigation to date does not indicate any evidence of a conspiracy and it is felt that we should not make any comments relative to this aspect. Bureau indices contained no information identifiable with Helen C. Yunck,

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 1 P

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AT APPROXIMATELY TEN A.M. THIS DATE, SUBJECT RAY ADVISED SAC, MEMPHIS, AFTER THINKING MATTER OVER LAST NIGHT HE WOULD NO LONGER SPEAK WITH SAC. WHEN QUERIED AS TO REASONS, RAY SAID IN REGARD TO HIS TRIP TO NASHVILLE HE ONLY SAID THREE WORDS TO THE PEOPLE WHO BROUGHT HIM TO NASHVILLE AND THEN THE NEWSPAPERS WROTE ABOUT THREE PAGES CONCERNING WHAT HE WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE SAID. IT WAS POINTED OUT TO RAY THAT FBI HAD NO INTENTION TO RELEASE ANY INFORMATION TO NEWSPAPERS AND, IN FACT, DID NOT RELEASE ANY INFORMATION REGARDING CONTACT MADE YESTERDAY. RAY SAID HE REALIZED THIS BUT FELT WE WERE "ADVERSARIES." HE SAID HE HAD NOTHING FURTHER TO SAY AND REQUESTED THAT HE BE RETURNED TO HIS CELL. HE DID, HOWEVER, STATE, THAT IF HE CHANGED HIS MIND HE KNEW HOW HE COULD GET IN TOUCH WITH SAC. SAC IN PARTING TOLD RAY "I WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH YOU AGAIN, PERHAPS IN THIRTY DAYS." RAY DID STATE THAT WAS ENTIRELY UP TO SAC.

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## EASTLAND SEEKING 'FACTS'

## Little Light Shed in Ray 'Plot'

By RICHARD STARNES  
Scripps-Howard Staff Writers

Informed sources said today it is unlikely there will be conclusive new findings in the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., despite the doubt voiced by Sen. James O. Eastland, D-Miss., that the slaying was "the work of one man."

Sen. Eastland, who heads the Senate Internal Security subcommittee, said he was "assembling all the available facts" in the case in an attempt to answer questions in his own mind as to whether the assassination of Dr. King was the result of a "conspiracy."

"The obvious question is — were there Communists involved?" Sen. Eastland said.

He noted that James Earl Ray, who was sentenced to 99 years imprisonment Monday after a ritual trial at which he pleaded guilty to the murder, had indicated there was a conspiracy with a "blond Latin" man who supplied him with funds.

## MAY TALK TO RAY

Meanwhile, sources here indicated that Ray "may be talked with again" in jail in the course of the continuing official investigation of the King assassination. The Justice Department said Monday the case had not been closed.

One source made it clear, however, that no one familiar with the case expects Ray to enlarge on the cryptic hint of conspiracy that he made in a mumbled exchange with Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle at the climax of his pro forma trial in Memphis, Tenn.

"In the first place," the source continued, "Ray does not have to talk to anyone he does not want to talk to. He has the same rights in that respect that a free man has." It is logical to assume that the FBI will try to interview him again, to see if he can add anything to what he said in court Monday. But he doesn't have to agree to talk to anyone."

## MUST BE WARNED

If Ray does agree to talk to Federal officers, the law requires that he be warned of his rights, just as anyone else is, and he must also be represented by counsel.

Whatever chance existed that Ray's trial would close the books on the case was doomed by the "hangdog" defendant himself when he insisted that he did not accept the "theory of Mr. Clark" (former U. S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark) that no conspiracy existed. His remark, coupled with the bizarre circumstances of the trial, brought an inevitable fallout of speculation

that Ray was not alone in the assassination of the civil rights leader last April. The question was further compounded when a Justice Department spokesman offered the opinion that the case is "still open and the FBI probe is continuing."

See our Editorial, Questions About Ray, on Page 22.

This, officials insisted today, is true — but only in a strictly technical sense.

"Everything in the case that could be investigated has been investigated," one source wearily explained. "Every scintilla of information in the Huie series was checked and rechecked. Every possible avenue of investigation was explored before Ray's trial Monday. Except for trying again to see if Ray can produce anything, there is no place to go."

(The Look magazine series by William Bradford Huie quoted Ray as describing the mysterious "Raoul" who may have been a go-between in an assassination conspiracy.)

"The FBI," an official well acquainted with the case said today, "never was able to identify Raoul, or to find one shred of evidence that he had ever existed outside of Ray's imagination."

## DOUBTS CONSPIRACY

Mr. Huie himself told a TV audience immediately after Ray's trial that he himself now doubted the conspiracy theory, and had reached the conclusion that Ray alone made the decision to kill Dr. King. "But," Mr. Huie added, "I do not know this and Ray insists otherwise. Ray has a strange mind and a sharp one. He takes great satisfaction out of the fact that we still have

doubts, that we still have unanswered questions. He wants continuing drama in his life."

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The Director instructed that he be advised of the results of the interview with James Earl Ray. The attached sets forth Jensen's interview with Ray. Jensen plans to go back to see Ray today.

The Director stated that he did not want the results of the interview furnished to the Department until he had a chance to see it. If approved, the attached information will be prepared in proper form for transmittal to AAG Leonard who has stated that he is keeping in close touch with the Attorney General in this matter in view of the outside pressures which have developed.

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| Miss Gandy   | ✓ |

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) ATTN: MR. AL ROSEN, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR  
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION  
FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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MURKIN. — ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR

AT APPROXIMATELY TWO FORTYFIVE PM, INTERVIEW WAS BEGUN WITH JAMES EARL RAY BY SAC, MEMPHIS AT TENNESSEE STATE PRISON. INTERVIEW CONCLUDED AT APPROXIMATELY THREE THIRTYFIVE PM. RAY ON ENTERING ROOM SAID, "YOU'RE THE GUY WHO TESTIFIED. I DON'T WANT TO TALK TO YOU OR ANYBODY FROM THE FBI." RAY WAS ASKED TO SIT DOWN AND WAS TOLD IT WAS POSSIBLE WE HAD THINGS WE COULD TALK ABOUT. RAY SAID, "I'M NOT GOING TO TALK ABOUT CASE AS I'VE BEEN MISQUOTED ENOUGH." HE WAS UNABLE TO POINT OUT ANY SPECIFICS WHERE FBI HAD EVER MISQUOTED HIM. HE WAS ALSO TOLD FBI HAD NOT INTERVIEWED HIM SO IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE FOR US TO MISQUOTE HIM. RAY INDICATED HE BETTER GO BACK TO CELL AS SAC WAS ONLY TRYING TO TRICK HIM INTO TALKING ABOUT CASE. HE WAS THEN REMINDED OF HIS GUILTY PLEA IN OPEN COURT AND WAS ASKED IF HE INTENDED TO CHANGE THIS. HE SAID NO.

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RAY THEN CRITICIZED HIS ATTORNEY ART HANES, SR. HE SAID HANES WAS NOT GOOD ATTORNEY AS HE REFUSED TO INVESTIGATE CASE. SAC INTERJECTED THAT HIS ATTORNEY HAD HIRED INVESTIGATOR, TO

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WHICH RAY REPLIED, "HE'S NO GOOD EITHER, AND HE ONLY BEGAN TO INVESTIGATE A FEW DAYS BEFORE THE TRIAL." RAY STATED HANES REALLY WASN'T HIS ATTORNEY AS WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE HAD HIRED HANES<sup>S</sup> TO GO TO LONDON TO ACT AS ATTORNEY FOR RAY, IN RETURN FOR STORY CONTRACTS. RAY WOULD NOT AMPLIFY ON CONTRACTS BUT DID STATE HE HAD TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS IN CONTRACTS OUT. RAY SAID HE HADN'T RECEIVED ANY MONEY ON ANY OF THESE CONTRACTS YET. HE ALSO SAID HE HAD CONTRACTED WITH PERCY FOREMAN REGARDING POSSIBLE STORY. ALSO SAID PART OF HIS CONTRACT WITH FOREMAN WAS THAT RAY WOULD NOT EMBARRASS FOREMAN IN COURT. WHEN ASKED IF THAT IS WHY HE SAID NO MORE IN COURT WHEN HE ROSE TO MAKE COMMENT, RAY SAID HE WOULDN'T TALK ABOUT IT ANY MORE.

HE THEN BECAME CRITICAL OF FOREMAN, SAYING HE WOULDN'T INVESTIGATE HIS CASE EIGH<sup>T</sup>ER. SAID THAT FOREMAN CAME TO HIM WITH A NEGATIVE ATTITUDE, SAYING "YOUR BEST DEFENSE IS TO PLEAD GUILTY OR YOU'LL GET THE DEATH SENTENCE." RAY INDICATED DISSATISFACTION WITH HIS PAST ATTORNEYS. HE SAID HE WAS TRYING TO GET AN ATTORNEY IN GEORGIA NOW. HE REFUSED TO IDENTIFY THIS ATTORNEY. (SAC HAD PREVIOUS DISCUSSION WITH WARDEN LAKE RUSSELL AT PRISON AND WARDEN HAD ADVISED RAY HAD TOLD HIM HE

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WAS MAKING EFFORTS TO GET J. B. STONER, AN ATTORNEY IN GEORGIA, TO REPRESENT HIM. J. B. STONER WELL KNOWN FIGURE IN VARIOUS WHITE HATE GROUPS IN GEORGIA.)

RAY ALSO SAID HE DIDN'T WANT TO TALK ANY MORE ABOUT ANYTHING, AS HE FELT HIS ATTORNEY WOULD BE ABLE TO REOPEN HIS CASE. HE ALSO SAID HE HAD LETTER PREPARED TO SEND TO SENATOR EASTLAND AND THEN IN ABOUT TWO OR THREE MONTHS HIS CASE WOULD BE CLEARED UP. HE INDICATED HE MIGHT THEN BE WILLING TO SIT DOWN AND DISCUSS THE CASE FULLY.

ADDITIONAL SMALL TALK OCCURRED AND RAY BROUGHT UP FBI TV SERIES. HE WONDERED WHY FBI ALWAYS HAD TO LET THE CRIMINALS DRAW FIRST BEFORE THEY WERE SHOT. HE WAS TOLD THIS IS ONLY CONSISTENT WITH THE FACTS, AS OUR WEAPONS ARE USED ONLY IN SELF DEFENSE. HE EXPRESSED SOME SKEPTICISM. HE THEN ASKED IF FBI THOUGHT HE WAS STUPID ENOUGH TO LEAVE HIS FINGERPRINTS IN THE AREA WHERE A PUBLIC FIGURE WAS KILLED. HE WAS ASKED IF HE WAS TRYING TO TELL SAC THAT SOMEONE PLANTED HIS PRINTS, AND IF SO HIS STORY WAS GETTING THIN AND SAC WOULD LEAVE. HE THEN RAISED SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT NOT EVER HAVING BEEN IDENTIFIED IN A

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LINEUP AND WAS NOT SURE THAT ANYONE COULD IDENTIFY HIM. HE THEN INDICATED HE HAD READ IN A CANADIAN PAPER THAT ONE CHARLIE STEPHENS COULD PROBABLY ~~COULD~~ IDENTIFY HIM AS HE THOUGHT CHARLIE STEPHENS HAD A GOOD LOOK AT HIM IN ROOMING HOUSE. HE DID NOT WANT TO DISCUSS THIS FURTHER.

HE THEN FURTHER CLAIMED THAT NO ONE HAD IDENTIFIED HIM WITH A PHOTOGRAPH UNTIL HE MADE SOME PHOTOGRAPHS AVAILABLE ON THE WEST COAST. THE ABSURDITY OF THIS STATEMENT WAS POINTED OUT TO HIM AS HE KNEW THE STATE HAD SEVERAL WITNESSES WHO COULD IDENTIFY HIM.

HE WAS ASKED IF HE DIDN'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT SOMETHING ELSE, SUCH AS HIS TRIP FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS. HE SAID NO, THAT HE HAD MADE A MISTAKE GETTING MIXED UP WITH STEIN. HE SAID STEIN WAS ONLY A "HIPPIE." HE WOULD NOT TALK FURTHER ABOUT STEIN.

OTHER MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COVERED WITH RAY INDICATED HE SAID HE NEVER RECEIVED A PROPERTY RECEIPT FROM BUTLER OF SCOTLAND YARD, WHEN ARRESTED THERE. HE SAID THIS RECEIPT MIGHT BE OF VALUE AT SOME FUTURE DATE. HE REFUSED TO CLARIFY THIS.

RAY WOULD NOT AT ANY TIME DISCUSS CONSPIRACY OR ANY ASPECTS OF IT. HE CONTINUOUSLY CLAIMED THIS WOULD BE MATTER FOR HIS  
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ATTORNEY TO HANDLE AND POSSIBLY SENATOR EASTLAND'S COMMITTEE.

HE ALSO EXPRESSED DISLIKE FOR FORMER <sup>Attorney General</sup> ~~AG~~ CLARK BECAUSE OF HIS STATEMENTS BUT WOULD NOT CLARIFY WHAT STATEMENTS. HE DID, HOWEVER, SAY ABOUT CLARK THAT IF HE WAS SOFT ON CRIME AS THE NEWSPAPERS SOMETIME REPORTED THIS WAS OKAY.

AT THIS TIME SAC ASKED RAY IF HE WOULD NOT LIKE TO MEET A PAIR OF ASSOCIATES OF SAC, AGENTS JOE C. HESTER AND ROBERT F. BOYLE. RAY SAID HE DID NOT WANT TO TALK TO FBI BECAUSE ALL THEY WANTED TO DO WAS TRICK HIM. RAY AT CONCLUSION OF INTERVIEW SAID HE DID NOT WANT TO TALK TO ANY OTHER AGENTS AT THIS TIME. HE WAS TOLD THERE WERE TWO OTHER AGENTS WITH SAC. HE DID MEET THESE TWO AGENTS JUST PRIOR TO BEING RETURNED TO HIS CELL. HIS PARTING COMMENT WHEN GOING THROUGH CELL DOOR WAS, "TAKE A GOOD LOOK AS YOU MAY BE LOOKING FOR ME AGAIN."

SAC TOLD RAY THAT HE WOULD RECONTACT HIM AGAIN TOMORROW MORNING AND PERHAPS WE COULD AGAIN ENGAGE IN SMALL TALK. RAY SAID "MAYBE I WILL NOT TALK WITH YOU AGAIN."

ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE TO SEEK SECOND INTERVIEW IN A. M. WITH RAY.

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RAY'S COMMENT ABOUT TAKING A GOOD LOOK WAS SPECIFICALLY  
POINTED OUT TO THE OFFICERS ON DUTY IN THE MAXIMUM SECURITY  
SECTION AND IT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY POINTED OUT TO WARDEN RUSSELL.  
IN ADDITION, IN DISCUSSIONS WITH WARDEN RUSSELL, SAC REQUESTED  
THAT VISIT OF FBI TO TENNESSEE STATE PENITENTIARY SHOULD BE HELD  
CONFIDENTIAL. WARDEN INDICATED HE WOULD DO SO BUT, OF COURSE,  
STORY WOULD STILL GET AROUND IN THE PRISON YARD. P.

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March 17, 1969

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REC-64

Reverend John E. Hunter  
President  
The Midtown Ministerial Alliance  
1920 Tyler Court  
Gary, Indiana 46407

Dear Mr. Hunter:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your telegram dated  
March 14, 1969, and your comments have been noted.

You may be assured that this Bureau will continue to fully  
discharge its investigative responsibilities in all matters coming  
within our jurisdiction.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

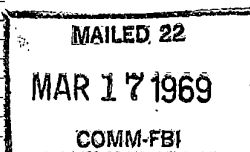
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM SAC, NEW YORK (100-100000) (P)  
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RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MARCH 16, 1969.  
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NOTE:

Reverend John E. Hunter, President of The Midtown Ministerial Alliance, Gary, Indiana, sent a telegram to the Bureau on 3-14-69, stating to close the case of James Earl Ray at this point would be a great mockery of justice. He is calling for a complete investigation on any possible conspiracy involved and states to this end he is calling upon the good offices of our President of the United States, Attorney General, and Justice Department to act now in the matter of reopening this case.

Bureau Indices indicate that Reverend Hunter, who is past President of the National Association For The Advancement of Colored People, Gary, Indiana, has been active in racial matters in Gary and has been the representative of various groups for the establishment of a human relations council in Gary, Indiana, in 1963.

Our investigation to date does not indicate any evidence of a conspiracy and it is felt that we should not make any comments relative to this aspect.

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investigation of receiving this case.

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Reverend John H. Hunter, President of the National

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TO CLOSE THE CASE OF JAMES EARL RAY, SELF CONFESSED SLAYER  
OF THE REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., AT THIS POINT, WHEN  
THE CONFESSED KILLER HIMSELF HAS PUBLICLY CHALLENGED THE VIEW  
OF THOSE WHO SAY THERE WAS NO CONSPIRACY, WOULD BE A GREAT MOCKERY  
OF JUSTICE IN THE EYES OF AMERICA AND THE WHOLE WORLD. WE HEREBY  
REGISTER OUR DEEPEST DISAPPROVAL OF AND STRONGEST PROTEST AGAINST  
THIS MOCK TRIAL AND URGENTLY INSIST THAT THIS CASE BE RE-OPENED  
FOR A COMPLETE INVESTIGATION ON ANY POSSIBLE CONSPIRACY INVOLVED.  
TO THIS END WE CALL UPON THE GOOD OFFICES OF OUR PRESIDENT  
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, OUR ATTORNEY GENERAL AND OUR  
JUSTICE DEPARTMENT TO ACT NOW IN THE MATTER OF RE-OPENING THIS  
CASE AND SEEKING TO RESOLVE THE ISSUES AT STAKE

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E. S. Coull  
P. O. Box 254  
Chapala, Jalisco  
Mexico  
(March 10, 1969)

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To Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
F. B. I.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am an American Citizen age 73 years old, active and healthy. I thank God and Alcoholics Anonymous for my good health. Am living permantely in Chapala Mexico My income is \$90.40 Social Security per month. A. A. meets in my home 3 nights per week, 2 meetings in Spanish for Mexicans and 1 meeting per week for Americans. I meet many Ex-Convicts like my self. I served time in Milan Michigan which ended in 1966. I try to help the law when ever it is possible.

Shortly after Martin Luther King was shot, Ray was here and met with some Canadians, possibly received his Canadian ppasports while here, in Chapala, Mexico. I recognized Ray from his pictures in the papers and other information. Reported same to your Agent at Guadalajara. The next day a Mexican federal Agent called on me, said he looked this man over in a resturant where I had reported seeing him, said he did not think this was Ray as he looked to old, his disguise fooled this man. Ray was not seen anymore in Chapala. He could easily have been captured here, before going to England. I feel that my report to your Agent was ignored, perhaps a few of your men need A. A. "But that is water under the bridge now" I do have the satisfaction of knowing, I tried to help the law.

I am Yours Respectfully and Sincerely,

E. S. Coull

P. S. God Bless you and yours.

E. S. C.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM SAC, NEW YORK (100-157441)  
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RE: [Illegible]  
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To Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
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Washington, D.C.

C. S. Coull  
P.O. Box 254  
Chapala, Jalisco  
Mexico.

Dear Sir:-

Murkin

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I am, Yours Respectfully  
and Sincerely

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God Bless you  
Rosen to DeLoach  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: March 14, 1969

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. DeLoach  
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This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Bureau is in receipt of a letter from a person who identifies himself as E. S. Coull, P. O. Box 254, Chapala, Jalisco, Mexico, in which he states that he is 73 years of age, a member of Alcoholics Anonymous, and is living permanently in Mexico. He advises that he has served time in Milan, Michigan, and he tries to help the law whenever it is possible.

Coull states that shortly after Martin Luther King, Jr., was shot (April 4, 1968) James Earl Ray was in Mexico, met with some Canadians, and possibly received his Canadian passports while in Mexico. He further advised that he has the satisfaction of knowing he tried to help the law. Coull advised that he reported this matter to our Agent in Guadalajara.

It is noted that Martin Luther King, Jr., was assassinated on April 4, 1968, and James Earl Ray departed Memphis on April 4, 1968, and arrived in Atlanta on April 5, 1968.

Ray arrived in Toronto, Canada, on April 8, 1968, applied for a passport on April 16, and was issued this passport on April 24, 1968. (Documented by interviews.) Ray departed Toronto on May 6, 1968, arriving in London on May 7, 1968, and immediately left for Lisbon. Ray returned to London on May 17, 1968, and stayed there until he was arrested by New Scotland Yard on June 8, 1968. This would preclude the statement that Ray was in Mexico after the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Review of Bureau files indicate that Coull has been the subject of Bureau cases and has been incarcerated on Federal offenses.

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Rosen to DeLoach memorandum  
RE: MURKIN

ACTION:

There appears that no useful purpose could be gained in making any further inquiry regarding this matter as Coull is an ex-convict and an admitted alcoholic. It is recommended that Coull's letter not be acknowledged as no useful purpose could be served.

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WORK SHEET - XEROX REQUEST

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|          | 5579               | AIRTEL FM LOUISVILLE<br>2-5-69  |              | 3         | 3          |            |   |   | ✓  |   |       |    |   |   |   |       | EXCISE  |
|          | 5580               | AIRTEL FM DIR<br>2-25-69        |              | 10        | 6          |            |   |   | ✓  | ✓ |       |    |   |   |   |       | EXCISE  |
|          | 5581               | MEMO FM HAG LEONARD<br>2-25-69  |              | 1         | 1          |            |   |   |    |   |       |    |   |   |   |       |         |
|          | 5582               | AIRTEL FM ME<br>2-25-69         |              | 9         | 9          |            |   |   |    |   |       |    |   |   |   |       |         |
|          | 5583               | AIRTEL FM JACKSON<br>2-25-69    |              | 1         | 1          |            |   |   | ✓  |   |       |    |   |   |   |       | RELEASE |
|          | 5584               | MEMO FM SPRINGFIELD<br>2-27-69  |              | 1         | 1          |            |   |   |    |   |       |    |   |   |   |       |         |
|          | 5585               | AIRTEL FM ME<br>2-25-69         |              | 1         | 1          |            |   |   |    |   |       |    |   |   |   |       |         |
|          | 5586               | INTERNAL MEMO<br>2-26-69        |              | 150       | 150        |            |   |   |    |   |       |    |   |   |   |       |         |
|          | 5587               | AIRTEL FM BIRMINGHAM<br>2-25-69 |              | 2         | 2          |            |   |   | ✓  |   |       |    |   |   |   |       | RELEASE |
|          | 5588               | AIRTEL FM ME<br>2-28-69         |              | 1         | 1          |            |   |   |    |   |       |    |   |   |   |       |         |

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| 44-38861 | 5589               | TELETYPE FM L.A.<br>3-3-69           |              | 1         | 1          |            |   |   |    |   |       |    |   |   |   |         |                                     |
|          | 5590               | AIRTEL FM K.C.<br>2-28-69            |              | 2         | 2          |            |   |   | ✓  | ✓ |       |    |   |   |   |         | Release                             |
|          | 5591               | TELETYPE FM L.A.<br>2-28-69          |              | 1         | 1          |            |   |   |    |   |       |    |   |   |   |         |                                     |
|          | 5592               | LETTER FM BONN<br>2-26-69            |              | 1         | 1          |            |   |   | ✓  |   |       |    |   |   |   |         | Release<br><del>REFER TO Army</del> |
|          | 5593               | AIRTEL FM K.C.<br>2-27-69            |              | 3         | 3          |            |   |   | ✓  | ✓ |       |    |   |   |   |         | Release                             |
|          | 5594               | AIRTEL FM ME<br>3-5-69               |              | 1         | 1          |            |   |   |    |   |       |    |   |   |   |         |                                     |
|          | 5595               | AIRTEL FM ME<br>3-5-69               |              | 1         | 1          |            |   |   |    |   |       |    |   |   |   |         | Release                             |
|          | 5596               | AIRTEL FM L.A.<br>3-4-69             |              | 3         | 3          |            |   |   |    |   |       |    |   |   |   |         |                                     |
|          | 5597               | TELETYPE FM ME<br>3-8-69             |              | 1         | 1          |            |   |   |    |   |       |    |   |   |   |         |                                     |
|          | 5598               | TELETYPE FM ME<br>3-7-69             |              | 1         | 1          |            |   |   |    |   |       |    |   |   |   |         |                                     |
|          | 5599               | INTERNAL MEMO<br>3-10-69             |              | 1         | 1          |            |   |   |    |   |       |    |   |   |   |         |                                     |
|          | 5600               | REPORT 2-28-69                       |              | 1         | -          |            |   |   | ✓  |   |       |    |   |   |   |         | EXEMPT                              |
|          | 5601               | UPI RELEASE 3-7-69/<br>INTERNAL MEMO |              | 5         | 5          |            |   |   |    |   |       |    |   |   |   |         |                                     |
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|          | 5603               | AIRTEL FM DIR<br>3-12-69             |              | 2         | 2          |            |   |   |    |   |       |    |   |   |   |         |                                     |
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