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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) (P)

MURKIN

The Bureau is aware that New Orleans has been making preparations to interview Louisiana State Police Trooper RAUL V. ESQUIVEL in connection with information received that indicated Subject RAY and his unknown friend "RAOUL" were alleged to have been together in July and August, 1967, in Canada; again in August, 1967, in Birmingham, Ala.; in October, 1967, in Mexico; in December, 1967, in New Orleans, La.; and finally on 4/4/68 when "RAOUL" was allegedly in Memphis, Tenn.

The purpose of this interview, of course, is to determine if Trooper ESQUIVEL is possibly identical with the "RAOUL" originally mentioned by newspaper reporters.

In view of RAY's recent plea of guilty in this matter and subsequent sentencing to 99 years in jail, Bureau is requested to advise if New Orleans should proceed with the interview of Trooper ESQUIVEL.

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2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (100-44-1111) FROM SAC, NEW YORK (100-1111) (P)  
RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MARCH 14, 1969.  
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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: March 19, 1969

FROM : A. Rosen

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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

Attorney Russell Thompson, Memphis, Tennessee, contacted our New York Office and expressed his desire to fully cooperate with the FBI concerning the information he possesses. Thompson advised that most of the information that he possesses has already been furnished to the FBI, however, he does have some information that he has not discussed with the FBI although this information may be already known to the FBI.

Thompson stated that he will probably return to Memphis on March 19, 1969, and upon his return he would contact our Memphis Office to arrange an appropriate time to furnish the information that he possesses. Thompson pointed out that he believed that it would be more practical to furnish the information to the FBI in Memphis since they are more familiar with streets, locations, and other pertinent details.

Thompson pointed out that he possesses no information that he classifies as great or spectacular, such as the news media was attempting to relate to the public.

In accordance with the Director's instructions, SAC, Jensen, in Memphis, was advised that he be most certain that we listen to Thompson and absolutely nothing be disclosed to him.

ACTION:

For information. You will be kept advised.

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FBI NEW YORK

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TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS (PLAIN)

FROM NEW YORK 44-1609

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~~JACK GREENBERG, DIRECTOR, LEGAL DEFENSE FUND,~~  
~~NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR ADVANCEMENT OF Colored People~~  
~~NAACP,~~ CONTACTED MARCH SEVENTEENTH, SIXTY ~~NINE~~, AND ADVISED  
THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF FBI WOULD NOT ATTEND CONFERENCE WITH  
RUSSELL THOMPSON AND THE NAACP.

GREENBERG WAS INFORMED THE FBI WAS DESIROUS OF  
RECEIVING ANY INFORMATION THOMPSON POSSESSED AND EXTENDED  
INVITATIONS TO GREENBERG AND THOMPSON TO COME TO THE  
NEW YORK OFFICE  
NYO AND FURNISH THIS INFORMATION.

GREENBERG ADVISED THAT THOMPSON HAD WITH HIM MUCH  
PAPER MATERIAL AND HAD BEEN DISCUSSING INFORMATION HE POSSESSED.  
HOWEVER, GREENBERG ADVISED HE WAS NOT IN A POSITION TO  
EVALUATE THIS INFORMATION.

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*See Rosen to DeLoach  
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GREENBERG ADVISED HE WOULD REQUEST THOMPSON TO  
CONTACT THE NYO CONCERNING THIS MATTER. GREENBERG  
ADVISED THAT HE WOULD NOT ACCOMPANY THOMPSON TO THE NYO.

THOMPSON TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED NYO EVENING OF THREE  
SEVENTEEN, SIXTYNINE AND ADVISED DUE TO PRIOR COMMITMENTS,  
HE WOULD AGAIN CONTACT NYO ON THREE EIGHTEEN, SIXTYNINE  
CONCERNING HIS AVAILABILITY IN THIS MATTER.

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WA...RDR

FBI WASH DC

*Be certain we  
just listen to him  
& disclose nothing -  
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Attorney Russell Thompson, Memphis, Tennessee, was to meet with Jack Greenberg, Director, Legal Defense Fund, National Association for Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), on 3-17-69, in New York to furnish names of other people involved with Ray in the King killing. Greenberg desired an FBI Agent to be present at this meeting, and in accordance with Director's instructions we told New York that Thompson has not been forthcoming and if Thompson wants to furnish any information, he and Greenberg can come to our New York Office and give it.

The attached advises that invitations were extended to Greenberg and Thompson to come to our New York Office and Thompson contacted our New York Office concerning his availability in this matter. ✓ *nm*

You will be advised of pertinent developments. *ch R Egan rel*  
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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 3/13/69

FROM : T. E. Bishop

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY  
INQUIRY FROM SENATOR JAMES O. EASTLAND

On the evening of 3/12/69 Jay Sourwine, Chief Counsel for the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, telephoned Bishop and advised that Senator Eastland had asked him to contact the FBI and request that he be furnished answers to the questions raised in his press release of 3/12/69. Bishop advised Sourwine that he had not seen a copy of this press release and therefore was not aware of the questions raised in it. Sourwine explained that in the release Eastland stated that he is assembling all available facts concerning the slaying of Martin Luther King in an effort to answer some questions in his mind and in his press release he has listed the principal questions to which he refers. Sourwine advised that he would send Bishop a copy of the press release in question on 3/13/69. A copy of it has been received and is attached.

OBSERVATION

While the questions raised by Senator Eastland undoubtedly can be very simply answered by material contained in the Bureau file on this case, it is felt that we should advise Eastland that all data on the case has been furnished to the Department of Justice and that he might wish to contact the Attorney General for the answers to his questions.

RECOMMENDATION

That Bishop be authorized to inform Sourwine that the FBI cannot furnish the information desired, but that Senator Eastland might want to contact the Attorney General regarding this matter.

Enclosure

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach (Enclosure)
- 1 - Mr. Rosen (Enclosure)
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan (Enclosure)
- 1 - Mr. Jones (Enclosure)

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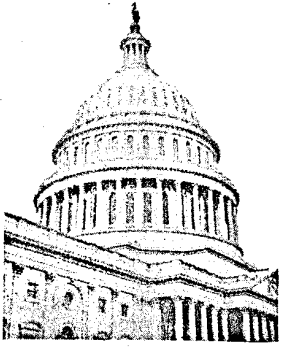
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NEWS FROM  
**SENATOR JAMES O. EASTLAND**

WASHINGTON, D. C.

FURTHER INFORMATION: LARRY SPEAKES (202-225-5056)

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON -- Senator James O. Eastland (D. Miss) said Wednesday he is "assembling all available facts" in the slaying of Martin Luther King "in an effort to answer some questions in my mind."

Senator Eastland, who heads the Internal Security Subcommittee, said he is looking into the matter as head of the Senate's anti-communist watchdog committee. "There are some questions which are unanswered," the Senator said. "They deserve an answer."

He pointed out that Ray's own statements had indicated there was a conspiracy with a "blond Latin" man, who directed Ray and provided him with funds. "The obvious question is - were there communists involved?" the Senator said. "There has been and there are now some questions in my mind on this incident" he added. "I have doubts that this killing was the work of one man."

The Senator said he wanted to find out --

- how Ray knew that King was going to be in the Lorraine Motel...
- how Ray knew the location of King's room. . .
- how Ray knew King would come out on the balcony where he was shot. . .
- how did Ray know exactly where to go to get a room from which to fire the shot...

"It is obvious to me," said the Senator, "that someone inside the motel advised Ray."

"The mathematical odds that King would step from a certain room onto a balcony directly in front of a would-be assassin are impossible to calculate," the Senator said. "Only a man armed with detailed and accurate information could have positioned himself to fire the fatal shot." He said also it was a puzzle as to "who assisted and advised Ray in the intricacies of international travel."

Furthermore, he added, some of the leaders of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, which King headed, have said Ray is not guilty.

The Senator emphasized that he had "no direct information" on any individual. "I simply am raising some questions that are in my mind," he said.

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

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*[Signature]*

Re San Antonio teletype to the Bureau and New Orleans dated 3/11/69 captioned as above.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of an LHM suitable for dissemination. Two copies are being furnished New Orleans and two copies are also being furnished Memphis for information purposes in view of the fact that division is 00 in captioned matter.

Local dissemination has been made to U.S. Secret Service, San Antonio and Austin in view of the fact it would appear subject of enclosed LHM would fit Category 2 of the Agreement between Secret Service and this Bureau concerning Presidential protection. 112th MI Group, San Antonio, has also been furnished a copy of this LHM.

No further action is being taken by San Antonio.

- ENCLOSURE**  
 ③ - Bureau (Encs. 8)  
 2 - New Orleans (157-10673)(Encs. 2)  
 2 - Memphis (44-1987)(Encs. 2)  
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     (1 - 44-1242)(1 - 100-Dead)(Carlin)  
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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March 12, 1969

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☒ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☐ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
  - (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
  - (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
  - (c) ☐ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☒ is not available  
☐ may be available through \_\_\_\_\_

Very truly yours,

  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))  
U. S. Secret Service  
1 - Secret Service, San Antonio  
1 - Secret Service, Austin

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(Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any, this transmittal form  
becomes UNCLASSIFIED.)



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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

San Antonio, Texas

March 12, 1969

FREDERIC L. CARLIN

At approximately 11 a.m., March 11, 1969, an individual identifying himself as Frederic L. Carlin appeared at the San Antonio Office of the FBI advising he had a "conspiracy theory" concerning the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King which he wished to discuss with the FBI.

Carlin proceeded to explain his "theory" which among other things encompassed the Russian Revolution of 1917 and the Senate debate on the appointment of Abe Fortas as Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court in 1968. Carlin contended the conspirators in the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. were Senator Phillip A. Hart (D-Mich.) for "being suspect" in the Detroit race riots; Senator Steven M. Young (D-Ohio) for "being suspect" in the Cleveland race riots; Senator Eugene Mc Carthy for being so liberal on different issues and for stating he planned to visit Red China if he were elected President; former Attorney General Ramsey Clark for supporting anti-gun law legislation; and FBI Special Agent George Bonebreak (phonetic), if not the whole FBI in general.

Carlin elaborated the conspirators in this case were the product of Communist infiltration into every phase of the United States Government, civil rights groups, and church groups in the United States, and each of the conspirators had contributed large sums of money to finance James Earl Ray and to keep Ray quiet, thereby protecting themselves.

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Carlin, who throughout the foregoing conversation spoke in an extremely arrogant and belligerent manner, stated he had been discharged from the United States Navy in 1961. He exhibited a Navy identification card, No. 322795, showing him to be a "non petty officer".

Carlin stated he was a former letter carrier for the United States Post Office, San Antonio, having been employed by that office until mid-1968, at which time he "resigned" or was "removed" due to medical problem involving his blood sugar count and the fact he had overextended his sick leave privileges. He stated he was presently self-employed as a farmer owning a small farm near Stockdale, Texas.

Carlin gave no exact address, stating he does not like to use a street address and that he received his mail through General Delivery or occasionally a box he might rent at the Post Office in San Antonio.

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Governor John McKeithan of Louisiana;  
Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau of Canada;  
Former President Lyndon B. Johnson while in office;  
President Richard M. Nixon;  
New Orleans, Louisiana, District Attorney James Garrison; and  
U. S. Senators Strom Thurman, Robert P. Griffin, James O. Eastland, Sam Ervin, Jr., Ted Kennedy, and John Tower.

From observation during the above conversation Frederic L. Carlin is described as a white male; in his early 30's; approximately 5'9"; 155-160 pounds; dark hair and eyes; wears glasses; and has pock marked complexion.

At approximately 2 p.m., March 11, 1969, Deputy United States Marshal Mario Granados, San Antonio, Texas, telephonically contacted the San Antonio Office of the FBI advising he had received the following information from his brother Rudy Granados.

At approximately 12:45 p.m., March 11, Rudy Granados was in Cap'n Jim's restaurant located at the intersection of Loop 13 and Roosevelt, San Antonio, and overheard an unknown man state he had "a .357 magnum" in his car and was "leaving to take care of Garrison". Granados observed this unknown individual, described as a white male, 5'8", approximately thirty years of age, leave the restaurant and drive off in a light blue Chevrolet Nova automobile bearing 1968 Texas license plates GNS 308.

Check of these license plates through Bexar County automobile registration records reflected they had been issued for a 1963 Chevrolet, Vehicle Identification No. 30411K127278, registered to F. L. Carlin, 511 Monticello, San Antonio, Texas.

A check of the current San Antonio city directory

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reflected 511 Monticello is the address for one Clifford T. Carlin, a printer for the San Antonio Express Publishing Company. This directory further carried the listing for one Frederic L. Carlin, who was a carrier for the United States Post Office, San Antonio, and has a Post Office Box of 10039.

Driver records, Texas Department of Public Safety, Austin, Texas, reflected the following descriptive data for the above individuals:

Clifford Theodore Carlin:

White male; born [REDACTED], 5'9"; 180 pounds; brown eyes; black hair; Texas operator's license 0031853; address 511 Monticello, San Antonio, Texas.

Frederic Leroy Carlin:

White male; born [REDACTED], 5'10"; 168 pounds; brown hair; brown eyes; Texas operator's license 1135972; address 511 Monticello, San Antonio, Texas.

The files of the San Antonio Division of the FBI fail to reflect any information identifiable with Frederic L., Frederic Leroy, or Clifford Theodore Carlin.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.



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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No.

March 12, 1969

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United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
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6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☒ is not available  
☐ may be available through \_\_\_\_\_

Very truly yours,

  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))  
U. S. Secret Service

1 - Secret Service, San Antonio  
1 - Secret Service, Austin

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TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS PLAINTEXT

FROM NEW YORK 44-1609 2P

MURKIN

RE NEW YORK TEL, MARCH SEVENTEEN, SIXTYNINE.

MR. RUSSELL THOMPSON, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED THE  
NEW YORK OFFICE  
NYO ON MARCH EIGHTEEN, SIXTYNINE, AT WHICH TIME HE EXPRESSED  
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INFORMATION HE POSSESSES AND HAS HAD DISCUSSION WITH OFFICIALS  
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE  
OF THE NAACP IN NYC ON MARCH SEVENTEEN, SIXTYNINE.  
NEW YORK CITY

MR. THOMPSON RELATED THAT MOST OF THE INFORMATION  
THAT HE POSSESSES HAS ALREADY BEEN FURNISHED TO THE FBI  
AND OTHER TENNESSEE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES. HE STATED  
THAT HE DOES POSSESS SOME INFORMATION THAT HE HAS NOT  
DISCUSSED WITH THE FBI OR OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.  
HOWEVER, THIS INFORMATION MAY ALREADY BE KNOWN TO  
THESE AGENCIES.

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TO DIRECTOR AND SENIOR PLAINTEXT  
FROM NEW YORK 100-1689 2P

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MR. THOMPSON ADVISED THAT HE WAS PROBABLY RETURNING TO MEMPHIS ON MARCH NINETEEN, SIXTYNINE, AND UPON HIS RETURN WOULD CONTACT THE MEMPHIS OFFICE TO ARRANGE WITH THEM AN APPROPRIATE TIME TO DISCUSS ALL THE INFORMATION THAT HE POSSESSES. MR. THOMPSON POINTED OUT THAT HE BELIEVED THAT IT WOULD BE MORE PRACTICAL TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH FBI OFFICIALS IN MEMPHIS SINCE THEY ARE MORE FAMILIAR WITH STREETS, LOCATIONS AND OTHER PERTINENT DETAILS.

MR. THOMPSON POINTED OUT THAT HE POSSESSES NO INFORMATION THAT HE CLASSIFIED AS GREAT OR SPECTACULAR SUCH AS THE NEWS MEDIA WAS ATTEMPTING TO RELATE TO THE PUBLIC.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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TO : Mr. DeLoach *DL*

DATE: March 12, 1969

FROM : A. Rosen *AR*

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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

Bob Owen, Deputy Assistant Attorney General of the Civil Rights Division, called to advise me that the Press Relations Office and the Attorney General's Office were considering making some statement to the effect that steps were being taken to interview James Earl Ray. He said there was a suggested statement to the effect the Department was continuing its inquiry into the possibility of a conspiracy and the facts developed during the past week would give rise to talking to Ray. Owen said this was not the exact language but this was the general idea which they had in mind.

Owen said he was opposed to making any statement because he thought this might have some effect upon our plan to try to talk to Ray and he wondered what our position in the matter was.

I told him we were trying to get permission from Canale, from the warden of the penitentiary at Nashville, Tennessee, and from Percy Foreman to conduct such an interview. In addition, Ray was being processed through the penitentiary at this time and we do not know whether permission would be granted by the warden; we do not know where Percy Foreman is although we believe he is at Houston, Texas; and consequently we have to clear all this before we can actually say we are allowed to interview Ray. I advised him any premature statement at this time about our plan to interview Ray or that we were taking steps to try to interview him might preclude this opportunity. I advised him this was my personal opinion and I would want to have this taken under consideration before giving him any answer. *Asst. Atty Gen*

Owen also mentioned he understood Bradford Huie was on TV last night and made the comment he had not been able to come up with any evidence of any conspiracy although he had talked with Ray and had been of the opinion at the start when he wrote the story on Ray that such a conspiracy might have existed but he said he has not come up with anything to indicate that there was a conspiracy.

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FOR REVIEW AT 100A ROOM OF DELIVERY  
TO INSCA RE REQUEST DATED 5/3/78  
(SEE BUFILE 62-117200)

REC'D DELOACH  
FBI



Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach  
Re: MURKIN

ACTION TAKEN:

I called Owen back and advised him it was the Bureau's view that any comment at this time would be premature and might preclude the possibility of our getting an opportunity to talk with Ray and also to have him talk with us if we do get such permission unencumbered by the possibility of news comment.

Owen said if we do get permission to talk to Ray from Canale, the warden, and Attorney Percy Foreman that he would want to know beforehand but that insofar as we were concerned we could go ahead with the interview.

*But even then no public statement  
should be made as press & TV would  
descend on Penitentiary en masse.*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General  
CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION  
CRIMINAL DIVISION  
FROM : Director, FBI

DATE: 3-17-69

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Reference is made to \_\_\_\_\_ memorandum dated \_\_\_\_\_  
(your file \_\_\_\_\_).

There is enclosed one copy of ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~  
~~XXXX~~ a memorandum dated 3-11-69  
at Atlanta.

A. ☐ This covers the preliminary investigation and no further action concerning a full investigation will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

B. ☒ The investigation is continuing and you will be furnished copies of reports as they are received.

C. ☐ The investigation requested by you has now been completed. Unless advised to the contrary no further inquiries will be made by this Bureau.

D. ☐ Pursuant to instructions issued by the Department, no investigation will be conducted in this matter unless specifically directed by the Department.

E. ☐ Please advise whether you desire any further investigation.

F. ☐ This is submitted for your information and you will be advised of further developments.

G. ☐ This is submitted for your information and no further investigation will be conducted unless specifically requested by the Department.

H. ☐ This covers the receipt of a complaint and no further action will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Atlanta, Georgia

March 11, 1969

ANONYMOUS ACCUSATION ALLEGING  
PARTICIPATION OF RAYMOND POLACCO  
IN ASSASSINATION OF  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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On March 7, 1969, Mr. Jim Rankin, City Desk, "The Atlanta Constitution" newspaper, Atlanta, Georgia, furnished a letter, contained in an envelope, postmarked Amarillo, Texas, March 2, 1969. The letter, which was typewritten and unsigned, states as follows:

"March 1, 1969

"The Constitution  
Atlanta Newspapers, Inc.  
10 Forsythe St., N.W.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30030

"To Whom it may concern:

"I am sure this is some information that you would appreciate. I have been keeping up with what you publish about the Martin Luther King Jr. case. That whole thing was plotted in Atlanta, Ga. One of the key pay-off men is a Cuban, 27 years of age, his name is Raymond Polacco and uses telephones, concerning his pay-off at 4550 Ridgecrest and 834 C Confederate Courts S. E. He is also shacking with a little red headed girl at the Confederate Courts address. This little red-headed girl is Debbie Blackman. They make a lot of trips together to New Orleans, La.

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"I live in New Orleans and know this girl real well. She does not know that this Cuban is the pay-off man. She is a teen-ager and should not be involved in this crime."

The current Atlanta City Directory reflects there is no address such as 4550 Ridgecrest Drive in Atlanta. The current suburban directory for the Atlanta, Georgia, area reflects 4550 Ridgecrest Drive, Forest Park, is occupied by Mr. Alf Calalay.

On March 10, 1969, Miss Deborah Diane Blackman, 834 Confederate Court, Apartment C, age 19, advised she met Raymond or Raymon Polacco about four months ago at The Scene, a nightclub in Atlanta, Georgia. She advised she dated Polacco several times after that and he came to her apartment on numerous occasions where she lives with her sister, Judy Griffin. She advised she has not seen Polacco for about one month, although she dated him quite steadily during the period that she knew him. Miss Blackman advised that according to Polacco he was married and separated from his wife and he worked at the First National Bank in Atlanta, Georgia, and attends Georgia State College in Atlanta. She said that according to Polacco he is half Italian and half Spanish. Miss Blackman advised that Polacco is from California. She believes he is from the Los Angeles area but is not sure. She advised he called his home in California on two or three occasions during the period of time she knew him from her and her sister's apartment. She advised she heard that Polacco has been reconciled with his wife and is living with her again.

Miss Blackman advised that she and a girl friend have made two trips to New Orleans, Louisiana, the first one being made in December, 1968, and the second in February, 1969. The girl who accompanied her was Charlotte Majure. She stated these

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were short weekend trips, the latter being to attend the Mardi Gras. She denied that Polacco ever went with her to New Orleans or to any place outside of Atlanta. Miss Blackman advised during the time she knew Polacco, he never mentioned James Earl Ray nor does she recall that he ever mentioned the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Miss Blackman advised that Polacco is a white male, about 25 years old, about 5' 9" tall, medium build, black hair, black eyes, olive complexion, and wears expensive clothing.

Miss Blackman advised that her sister, Judy, is married to, separated from, and in the process of getting a divorce from Joe Griffin, who resides at 1918 North Manhattan Street, Amarillo, Texas. She advised he is a house painter by trade and is about 50 years old. Miss Blackman stated that Judy and Joe Griffin have three children, who are living with Judy, and that Joe Griffin is attempting to obtain custody of the children. During his attempts to obtain custody of the children, he has attempted to prove that Judy is an unfit mother. In making these allegations, he has accused Judy of having illicit affairs with Raymond Polacco. She advised that on at least one occasion, Joe Griffin called a neighbor of Polacco's and told the neighbor that Polacco was running around with Judy and told Judy that from that conversation with the neighbor, he determined that Polacco is actually a Cuban. She advised that Joe Griffin and Raymond Polacco have never actually met to her knowledge but that Griffin seems intent upon proving an illicit relationship between Polacco and Judy Griffin.

On March 10, 1969, Mrs. Judy Griffin, 834 Confederate Court, Apartment C, S. E., Atlanta, Georgia, confirmed the above information furnished by Deborah Blackman, her sister, and stated that Joe Griffin, her husband, appears to be attempting through

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telephone calls, to prove that she and Raymond Polacco have been too intimate. She advised that Polacco has been to her and her sister's apartment on numerous occasions but that actually her sister, Deborah Blackman, has been dating Polacco.

Judy Griffin advised that the telephone call allegedly made by Griffin to a neighbor of Polacco's was made to a family by the name of Calalay. She does not know where the Calalay family lives and neither Judy Griffin nor Deborah Blackman admitted knowing the residence of Raymond Polacco.

Deborah Blackman advised that during the time Polacco was allegedly separated from his wife he claimed to have an apartment in Atlanta, but she does not know where it was located.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P  
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For the information of the Bureau, there is enclosed  
 Xerox copy of Houston Airtel to Memphis 3/12/69.

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Dear Mr. Hoover —

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I am one of the millions of Americans who is not satisfied by the method of trial in the James Earl Ray case. I feel that <sup>IMPORTANT</sup> important facts in this man's motivations must be made public or the roots of democracy will erode.

We want more information on this matter and we are not satisfied with the whitewash in Tennessee. This is a federal matter!

I await your action.

Sincerely

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