

MEX 173-1

The State Judicial Police in Jalisco do have a small contingent in Puerto Vallarta. MEX 24, who has handled other aspects of this investigation, has been instructed to attempt to determine, on his next road trip to Puerto Vallarta, whether any information is available to this police unit which would establish whether GALT was involved in traffic in marijuana during the time he spent there.

The Bureau and Office of Origin will be promptly advised of any concrete results obtained during this inquiry.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: April 2, 1969

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

SEE NOTE ON REVERSE SIDE

1 - Mr. DeLoach
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SYNOPSIS:

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In the same issue of "Look" magazine, Arthur J. Hanes, Ray's first attorney, states that he feels Ray was helped and points out different items to support his theory. We have conducted investigation on each of the items and determined no supporting evidence exists to corroborate theories of Hanes.

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ACTION:

For information.

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re: Huie
For review of FBIHQ by
FOIA: 1-20-78 request.
(See Profile #100-117290)

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TO NSCA RE REQUEST DATED 5-3-78
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Rosen to DeLoach memorandum
RE: MURKIN

DETAILS:

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

William Bradford Huie has written the third in a series of articles for "Look" magazine. Huie previously advised us that he entered into a contract with James Earl Ray to write the true account of Ray's activities and background concerning the assassination of King. Huie has been provided with notes from Ray through Ray's first attorney, Arthur J. Hanes.

The first article appeared in the 11-12-68, issue and the second article appeared in the issue of 11-26-68. In this third article, which is dated 4-15-69, (circulated 4-1-69), Huie claims that as a result of notes received from Ray and his extensive investigation and retracing of Ray's travels, he has definitely concluded that Ray alone is the murderer of King.

Huie points out in this current article that a number of questionable items existed concerning Ray and the King murder, and he resolved these through his investigation. The items and his investigative results are as follows:

1. Item - Ray's ability to obtain a Canadian passport.
Answer - It is relatively easy to obtain a Canadian passport and Ray is very capable of executing this matter.

2. Item - Ray's determination of the location of the motel in Memphis where King was staying.
Answer - It was public knowledge through television and newspaper reports that King stayed at the Lorraine Motel and his room number was publicized.

3. Item - The fatal rifle shot could have been fired only by a practiced, experienced, and expert marksman.
Answer - Ray had Army training, he was in the Military Police, he had practiced with guns, and the shot was easy for him. A 12-year-old boy familiar with a .22 caliber weapon could have killed King from the same position.

4. Item - Ray is stupid and inept.
Answer - During Ray's seven years in the Missouri State Penitentiary, he matured as a criminal. His escape on 4-23-67, from the Missouri State Penitentiary was well planned and well executed.

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5. Item - Ray could not have supported himself and his travels between 4-23-67, (escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary) and 6-8-68, (Ray apprehended in London, England) and, therefore, must have had financial assistance.

Answer - Ray obtained funds through robberies and other criminal activities.

6. Item - Ray is not a "racist" or "nigger-hater" and, therefore, could have been motivated only by money.

Answer - Ray, while incarcerated, did not feel he could live in an Honor Farm Dormitory because it was integrated. Ray made bitter anti-Negro remarks while he was in Canada, Mexico, and California.

7. Item - Ray was not a killer.

Answer - The superintendent at the Missouri State Hospital, who supervised the psychiatric examination of Ray, stated that Ray is capable of killing for gain, and he is capable of killing in the hope of relieving his anxieties and enhancing his self-respect.

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1. Item - Ray had help in selecting the rooming house from which the fatal shot is alleged to have been fired, and no evidence exists that this house was entered by Ray until 3:15 p.m. on the day of the murder.

Facts - Ray was in Memphis on 4-3-68, (one day before the murder) and had sufficient time to choose the rooming house and it was public knowledge as to where King was staying and his assigned room number.

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2. Item - According to a few witnesses, the shot was fired from the bushes which are 20 feet below the bathroom of the rooming house.

Facts - Interviews of witnesses and other individuals failed to corroborate any such statements.

3. Item - When Ray abandoned the Mustang, a search of the Mustang revealed that the clothing did not fit Ray and the car's ashtrays were filled with cigarette butts. According to Hanes, Ray does not smoke.

Facts - The clothing located in the Mustang was perfectly sized for Ray and our Laboratory matched certain threads from articles of clothing found in the car with items of evidence located at the scene of the killing. Our examination of the Mustang disclosed no cigarette butts or ashes.

4. Item - The state has no conclusive ballistic evidence. The .30-.06 bullet was recovered from King's body but no ballistic expert could say that the bullet was fired from the rifle purchased by Ray.

Facts - The bullet recovered from the body of King was such that it is impossible to state that the bullet was fired from the rifle purchased by Ray; however, there were certain characteristics which would indicate that it was fired from this rifle. It was further determined that the casing found in the rifle was fired from the rifle purchased by Ray.

5. Item - Within a few minutes after King was shot, there were mysterious radio reports concerning a Pontiac chasing a Mustang believed to have been occupied by the killer of King.

Facts - We completely checked this matter out and it was determined that the broadcast concerning a Pontiac chasing a Mustang was a fabrication, and no supporting evidence exists to verify the report.

6. Item - There was no motive in killing King as Ray was doing all right as a fugitive.

Facts - This is conjecture on Mr. Hanes' part, and we have statements that Ray could possibly have committed the murder for personal recognition for status among inmates in prison.

Mr. Hanes concludes his article by stating that the FBI has done its usual masterful job in this matter.

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April 8, 1969

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

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

The attached states that a motion for new trial concerning James Earl Ray was filed with the Clerk of Criminal Court, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, by three attorneys representing Ray.

Jesse B. Stoner is an official of the National States Rights Party with headquarters in Savannah, Georgia. Richard J. Ryan has recently been employed by Ray. It is not known at this time the significance of Robert W. Hill, a Chattanooga, Tennessee, attorney representing Ray.

Based upon available data, Bureau indices contain no information identifiable with Robert W. Hill, Jr. ✓

Department being advised.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987

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MEMPHIS PRESS-SCIMITAR IN FINAL EDITION, MONDAY, APRIL SEVEN, CARRIED HEADLINE "RAY'S ATTORNEYS ASK NEW TRIAL." ARTICLE STATES THAT NEW DEFENSE COUNSEL FOR JAMES EARL RAY THIS AFTERNOON FILED AMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTAL MOTION FOR A NEW TRIAL, CHARGING THAT RAY'S GUILTY PLEA WAS "A FARCE, A SHAM, AND A MOCKERY OF JUSTICE." THE THREE PAGE MOTION WAS SUBMITTED TO CRIMINAL COURT CLERK'S OFFICE BY RICHARD J. RYAN, J. B. STONER, AND ROBERT W. HILL, JR., RAY'S ATTORNEYS. ACCORDING TO ARTICLE RAY CHARGES THERE WAS CONFLICT OF INTEREST BETWEEN HIM AND HIS TWO PRIOR ATTORNEYS, ARTHUR J. HANES AND PERCY FOREMAN, OVER AN AGREEMENT WHICH GAVE ALABAMA AUTHOR WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE EXCLUSIVE LITERARY RIGHTS TO RAY'S STORY. RAY REPORTEDLY DECLARED IN HIS MOTION THAT HANES AND FOREMAN ACTUALLY REPRESENTED WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE. THE PETITION CONTINUED THAT IF RAY HAD BEEN ALLOWED TO TAKE THE WITNESS STAND THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN NO STORY OR MOVIES TO SELL AND THERE WOULD BE NO PROFITS FOR THOSE PARTIES.

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COPY OF MOTION AND ITS EXHIBITS BEING SECURED AND WILL BE SUBMITTED AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY.

ASST. ATTORNEY GENERAL JAMES BEASLEY, WHO WAS ONE OF PROSECUTORS IN INSTANT CASE, ADVISED THAT HE HAD JUST RECEIVED COPY OF MOTION AND HAD NOT HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY MOTION AS YET. BEASLEY SAID THAT HE WAS NOT SURPRISED THAT MOTION WAS FILED AS THIS IS NOT UNUSUAL PROCEDURE IN CRIMINAL CASES. BEASLEY ADVISED HE DOES NOT KNOW ATTORNEY ROBERT W. HILL, JR. HE DID STATE ONE OF LETTERS IN JUDGE BATTLE'S DESK WAS FROM AN ATTORNEY, ROBERT W. HILL, JR., OF CHATTANOOGA, TENN., WHO HAD OFFERED TO ASSIST JAMES EARL RAY IN HIS TRIAL. P.
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (44-38861)

DATE: 4/9/69

FROM : Legat, London (88-72) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Chief Superintendent Fred Gerrard, C. 1, New Scotland Yard (NSY), Metropolitan Police, has ten Superintendents and their support personnel under his command. These Superintendents constitute the famous Murder Squad of NSY. They handle murders through England, Scotland, Wales, Commonwealth and former Commonwealth countries. They have a Murder Squad Information Room which is a combination map room, reference library and message center. In this room they proudly display the Coats of Arms or insignia of the various police forces they have assisted or worked with on murder cases.

It was the men under Gerrard who did the fine work for us in instant matter. Additionally, the men under Gerrard do the bulk of our day to day criminal work.

Displayed in the information room, mounted on a walnut plaque is a gold badge from the Shelby County Sheriff's Office, Memphis in recognition of their work on MURKIN.

On 4/2/69 Gerrard mentioned to me that he and his men would be extremely proud to be able to display something representative of the FBI in the Information Room. He said the close working relationship of C-1 with the FBI is well known and respected by the majority of the police forces throughout the U.K. and the world. When taking visiting officers through the Information Room they look at the plaques and invariably ask to see the FBI plaque.

In view of the foregoing and to further, if possible, our close working relationship with New Scotland Yard, I recommend:

1. A small desk size walnut FBI seal replica or somewhat similar seal, 6" to 8" in diameter, suitable for hanging on a wall, be sent for presentation to Gerrard and

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Director, FBI (44-38861)

FROM / Capt. , London (88-72) (P)

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1. A small doghouse with a roof made of straw and a door made of wood. The doghouse is painted white and has a small window. It is located in a field of tall grass. The doghouse is surrounded by a fence made of wooden posts and wire. The doghouse is the only building in the field.

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the officers and men of C-1.

2. That a letter from the Director to Gerrard accompany the seal. Letter should point out that on behalf of the Director I am presenting the seal to the officers and men of C-1 not only in gratitude for their work in the James Earl Ray matter but also in recognition of the close effective working relationship between New Scotland Yard and the FBI.

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Date: 4-9-69

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

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Memphis indices disclose no identifying data re HILL.

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

Enclosed for the Bureau is one copy each of Savannah airtel to Memphis dated 4/8/69, and an FD-302 dated 4/8/69 which reflects an interview on 4/3/69 with ROY RICHARD ERWIN, an inmate of the Georgia State Prison.

The Bureau will note that ERWIN has denied writing a letter bearing his name which indicated that he had driven a 1965 Mustang from Memphis, Tenn., to Atlanta, Ga., on 4/4/68, the date that victim was killed. The subsequent interview with ERWIN on 4/3/69 indicates that ERWIN was in Chattanooga, Tenn., on 4/4/68, and ERWIN denies having any knowledge regarding KING's murder.

Since it does not appear to serve any useful purpose to conduct the investigation set out in Savannah airtel of 4/8/69, Atlanta and Knoxville should hold the requested investigation in abeyance and should not conduct same, UACB.

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, SAVANNAH (44-1768) (RUC)
SUBJ: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to Savannah and Memphis, 3/28/69.

Enclosed for the Atlanta Division are the following:

1) One xerox copy of above referenced Bureau communication.

2) One xerox copy of a letter reportedly from ROY ERWIN.

3) One copy of an FD-302 with Mr. LAMAR L. MC GREGOR, Records Clerk, Record Room, Georgia State Prison, Tattnall County, Ga., conducted on 4/3/69.

4) One copy of an FD-302 with ROY RICHARD ERWIN, GSP #57075, GSP, Tattnall County, Ga., conducted on 4/3/69.

Enclosed for the Knoxville Division is one copy each of the above four items.

Enclosed for the Memphis Division are 7 copies each of the above FD 302s.

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ENCLOSURE

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LEADS:

ATLANTA

AT DALTON, GEORGIA

- 1) Will identify, locate and interview JERRY BENNETT, who is employed at Coronet Carpets Company, thoroughly regarding trip taken in latter part of March, 1968, and first part of April, 1968, together with ROY RICHARD ERWIN (protect name of ERWIN at all times) and MICHAEL BLALOCK, to Atlanta, Ga., Chattanooga, Tennessee, Knoxville, Tenn., and Memphis, Tenn., and back to Chattanooga, Tenn., and Dalton, Ga.
- 2) Will determine from BENNETT where he, BLALOCK and ERWIN stayed in Memphis and purpose of their trip to Memphis, Tenn.
- 3) Will determine from BENNETT where he heard about murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.
- 4) Will determine where BENNETT, BLALOCK and ERWIN went after leaving Chattanooga, Tenn., after hearing of death of KING.
- 5) Will determine whether or not 1965 Mustang disposed of and to whom, so that 1965 Mustang can be examined to determine if a police radio ever was installed in it.
- 6) Will identify, locate, and interview MICHAEL BLALOCK, who lives on dirt road six miles out Chatsworth Highway from Dalton, Georgia, who is said to be in U.S. Army, at present, along same lines as JERRY BENNETT.

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AT CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE

- 1) Will contact the Florida Hotel to determine dates on which JERRY BENNETT, MICHAEL BLALOCK and ROY RICHARD ERWIN (protect at all times) were registered in the Florida Hotel. (Note BENNETT, BLALOCK and ERWIN were allegedly registered in Florida Hotel on 2/separate occasions in late March, 1968, and early April, 1968.
- 2) Will contact a porter, TEASDALE ROOSEVELT, who allegedly works at Florida Hotel to determine if he knows JERRY BENNETT, MICHAEL BLALOCK and ROY ERWIN, and if he told of death of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

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Date: **4-8-69**Transmit the following in _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P
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Re Memphis teletype 4-7-69.

Submitted herewith for the Bureau's information and completion of its file are two copies of the amended and supplemental motion for a new trial filed on behalf of JAMES EARL RAY, defendant. This material was filed 4-7-69.

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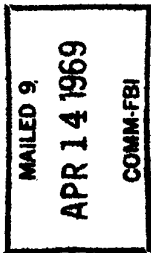
~~Mr. Robert Lowery~~
128 Patterson Park Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21231

Dear Mr. Lowery:

In reply to your letter received on April 10th,
our supply of wanted posters on James Earl Ray has been
depleted. While there is no charge for our material, I regret
I am unable to be of assistance in this instance.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director



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Robert Lowery
128 Patterson Park Ave.
Baltimore 23, Md. 21231

Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Dept of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Would it be possible to obtain a copy of "Wanted Flyer
442-A, April 19, 1968 - FBI No. 405, 942G" James Earl Ray?

If there is a charge, please send C.O.D.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

/s/

Robert Lowery

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U.S. Dept of Justice
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 8, 1969

ROY RICHARD ERWIN, Georgia State Prison (GSP) Number 57075, was located in the visitor's section just off the rotunda, GSP. He was advised he was to be interviewed in regards to a letter from a ROY ERWIN received at the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D.C. ERWIN was given a Rights and Waiver form, which he read and signed.

A letter was read to ERWIN as follows:

"Dear Sir:

"I would like to inform you that I drove a 1965 model Mustang from Memphis, Tenn. to Atlanta, Ga. on April 4th, 1968. If this date reminds you of anything that happen in Memphis, last April 4th at 9:45 p.m.

"Sincerely,

Roy Erwin"

ROY RICHARD ERWIN orally advised as follows:

He did not write the letter and did not send any letter to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D.C. No one has hinted to him that such a letter had been written. He was unable to think of any inmate in the GSP who would write such a letter. He knows of no inmate in the GSP that dislikes him who would write a letter and send it out with his name on it.

He has engaged in conversation with other inmates regarding the Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING case, but he does not recall ever having mentioned a Mustang automobile in these conversations with other; however, he could have said something about such a vehicle.

On 4/2/69 at Tattnall County, Georgia File # Savannah 44-1762

by SA SYDNEY J. SMITH /lbb Date dictated 4/8/69

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He recalled that a friend of his, JERRY BENNETT, had owned a 1965 Mustang, white, two door hardtop. BENNETT is employed at Coronet Carpet Company, Dalton, Georgia, but it is believed that he had traded the 1965 Mustang in on another car.

On the last Saturday in March, 1968, he had left Dalton, Georgia, with JERRY BENNETT, and MICHAEL BLALOCK, who lives near Dalton, Georgia. BLALOCK's home is located by going out the Chatsworth Highway about six miles, then turn off the highway onto a dirt road. BLALOCK is in the U.S. Army at the present time.

After leaving Dalton, Georgia, on the last Saturday of March, 1968, BENNETT, BLALOCK and he drove in BENNETT's 1965 Mustang to Atlanta, Georgia, where they stayed about two hours. They then traveled back to Dalton, Georgia, where he, ERWIN, obtained his 1963 Lincoln Continental, light blue, and drove to Chattanooga, Tennessee, along with BENNETT and BLALOCK in BENNETT's 1965 Mustang. In Chattanooga, Tennessee, BENNETT, BLALOCK and ERWIN checked in at the Florida Hotel and stayed there for one night and a day.

He left his car, the Lincoln Continental, in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and drove with BENNETT and BLALOCK to Knoxville, Tennessee, where they stayed for four or five hours. They then drove to Memphis, Tennessee, where they stayed for a couple of days. They left Memphis and drove back to Chattanooga and checked in at the Florida Hotel, Chattanooga. A Florida Hotel porter, THASDALE ROOSEVELT, a Negro male, about 65 to 66 years of age, tall and muscular build, knows him, ERWIN, well. Between 9 PM and 10 PM on April 4, 1968, THASDALE ROOSEVELT told him about the fact that Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING had been killed in Memphis, Tennessee.

The next day, April 5, 1968, in the early afternoon, he drove back to Dalton, Georgia, in his 1963 Lincoln Continental. About a half mile from Dalton, his 1963 Lincoln motor burned up and he had to have the car hauled into Dalton to his home.

He knows nothing about the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

A description of ERWIN as obtained by observation and interrogation, is as follows:

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Name	ROY RICHARD ERWIN
GSP Number	57075
Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	20
Born	
Place	Dalton, Georgia
Height	5 feet 10 1/2 inches
Weight	145 pounds
Build	Slender
Hair	Blond
Eyes	Blue
Tattoo	Three dots on left wrist
Marital status	Single
Father	OSCAR ERWIN
Mother	302 Fleming Street, Dalton, Georgia (operates Erwin Discount Outlet, Dalton, and Ocoee, Tennessee)
Mother	Mrs. MARIE ERWIN same address

VIA TELETYPE
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PH EIGHT NINE SEVEN - R ADVISED THIS DATE THAT HE HAD BEEN AT BEVEL'S APARTMENT AND AT SCLC HEADQUARTERS AND THAT ONE LOCAL OFFICIAL OF SCLC STATED BEVEL WAS IN NEW YORK BUT THAT SCLC WAS KEEPING QUIET. ALL OTHER SCLC PEOPLE ADVISED SIMPLY THAT BEVEL WAS OUT OF TOWN.

NEW YORK ATTEMPT TO LOCATE HOSPITAL AT WHICH BEVEL IS LOCATED BUT DO NOT INTERVIEW WITHOUT BUREAU PERMISSION.

IT IS FELT BEVEL SHOULD NOT BE INTERVIEWED IF HE IS IN A MENTAL HOSPITAL BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE EMBARRASSMENT TO THE BUREAU.

IF BEVEL IS LOCATED IN NEW YORK, THE FACT THAT HE IS IN A MENTAL HOSPITAL MAY BE EXCELLENT MATERIAL FOR COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE.

BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE WHETHER OR NOT BEVEL IS TO BE INTERVIEWED IN HOSPITAL.

AIRMAIL COPY SENT ATLANTA AND MEMPHIS.

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April 11, 1969

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

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

An article appeared in the "New York Times" on 3/18/69 quoting Reverend James Bevel that there was definitely a conspiracy to murder King a couple of days before King arrived in Memphis on 4/3/68. (King murdered 4/4/68) Based on this, we instructed our Philadelphia office to locate and interview Bevel concerning this.

Attached advises that Bevel may be confined to a hospital in New York as a mental patient.

New York will be instructed to determine if Bevel is confined to a mental hospital or institution and not to interview him without specific Bureau authority.

You will be kept advised of pertinent developments.

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1 - Mr. Long

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TO SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) *5705*

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NEW YORK, IF NOT ALREADY DONE, WILL IMMEDIATELY
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CONFINED AND DETERMINE COMPLETE CIRCUMSTANCES OF SUCH
CONFINEMENT INCLUDING OPINION OF DOCTORS AND AUTHORITIES AS
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1 - Philadelphia (44-1368)

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Philadelphia advises that Bevel may be confined to a hospital in New York as a mental patient, and they requested advice as to whether or not Bevel is to be interviewed in hospital. They are presently attempting to locate hospital at which Bevel is allegedly confined.

We are advising New York to locate hospital or institution and determine complete circumstances of confinement and not to interview Bevel unless specifically advised by the Bureau.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Memorandum

TO : Inspector Norman E. McDaniel
Identification Division
Room 4131, Identification Building, F.B.I.

DATE: April 11, 1969

FROM : Nathaniel E. Kossack
Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

SUBJECT: State of Tennessee v. James Earl Ray, with aliases

I am enclosing a copy of a special delivery letter dated April 7, 1969, in connection with the scheduled contempt hearing in Tennessee. I presume this refers to the petition for contempt involving Agent George Bonebrake.

While I am not aware of the reason for Mr. Vinson's presence at the contempt hearing I will notify him since he is no longer with the government.

Enclosure

cc: Agent George Bonebrake

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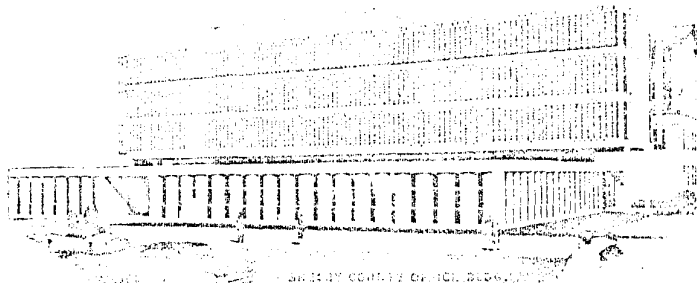
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April 7, 1969

SPECIAL DELIVERY

Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20530

Dear Sir:

As directed by Judge Arthur C. Faquin, Jr., you are hereby notified that the Contempt of Court hearing scheduled in Division III of the Criminal Court of Shelby County, Tennessee, on the date of April 11, 1969, has been reset to May 23, 1969. You are hereby notified to appear in that Court on May 23, 1969.

Respectfully,

J. A. BLACKWELL, Clerk

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By R. M. [Signature], D.C.

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TO : Mr. DeLoach *DW*

DATE: April 14, 1969

FROM : A. Rosen *AR*

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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

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

On April 7, 1969, the attorneys for James Earl Ray filed an amended and supplemental motion for a new trial with the Clerk of the Court of Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee. In this motion it is alleged that in establishing a conflict of interest between defendant (James Earl Ray) and his two prior attorneys (Arthur J. Hanes and Percy Foreman) the said prior attorneys actually represented William Bradford Huie (author) and their own financial interest and not James Earl Ray.

The motion states the defendant would have no story to sell and no movie or publishing rights to convey if he were allowed to take the witness stand, since such action on his part would allow all of the facts to become a matter of public record for the free use of all. The motion also states that William Bradford Huie made a statement that the defendant "must not take the witness stand in his expected trial, because if the defendant did take the witness stand, then he (William Bradford Huie) would have no book." According to the motion, the defendant alleges that there would be no profit to anyone if he persisted in his "not guilty" plea and that the defendant was pressured and induced into entering a plea of "guilty."

It is noted that in attached exhibit B the fee arrangement between Percy Foreman and James Earl Ray was signed by both parties. It is to be further noted that a newspaper in Tennessee has quoted Mr. Foreman as stating that he took over the same financial arrangement that existed between Ray and Arthur J. Hanes, Ray's first attorney. Foreman also said that when Ray decided to plead guilty, he suggested to Ray that the fee be adjusted and Ray signed an agreement to pay him \$150,000, a figure suggested by Ray. Mr. Foreman also stated he advised Ray to plead guilty "because I believe he would be electrocuted if he didn't." Mr. Foreman said Ray "thought he'd be electrocuted, too" and sent Foreman a letter officially requesting the plea.

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Rosen to DeLoach memorandum
RE: MURKIN

In support of the motion, several exhibits were attached. One of the exhibits (exhibit A attached) states that William Bradford Huie advanced \$30,000 to Mr. Hanes and \$10,000 to Mr. Foreman.

Another exhibit (exhibit B attached) states that Percy Foreman will receive the first \$165,000 of Ray's revenue obtained from the royalties from magazine articles, book, motion picture or other revenue to be derived from the writings of William Bradford Huie. According to this exhibit, \$150,000 is for attorney's fee and \$15,000 is for expenses.

In another exhibit (exhibit C attached) it is stated that Mr. Foreman advanced \$500 to Jerry Ray, the brother of James Earl Ray, and this would be added to the \$165,000 previously mentioned making now a total of \$165,500.

ACTION:

For information. A copy of the motion and the exhibits attached thereto will be forwarded to the Department.

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EXHIBIT A

WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE

HAR

JAN 1

March

Dear James Ray....

Enclosed you will find:

1. The original agreement signed by you, Hanes, and me.
2. The letter attached to that agreement by which I agreed to advance \$35,000 in anticipation of earnings from this project.
3. Receipts from your attorneys for the \$40,000 which I have advanced to date. (\$30,000 to Mr. Hanes and \$10,000 to Mr. Foreman.)

I am also having sent to you, from my attorneys, the Supplementary Agreement which was signed by Mr. Foreman, Mr. Hanes, you and me. I suggest that you sign another copy of this for Mr. Foreman, so that we can have two copies bearing all four original signatures.

This gives you copies of all agreements existing between you and me; and you will note that I have followed them to the letter. I will continue to do so.

To this date this project has earned \$30,000. Additional earnings will shortly be received from LOOK magazine, from foreign magazines, and from Dell Publishing Company, which will publish the book in May.

LOOK Magazine will publish my next article on April 15th. The book, titled HE SLEW THE DREAMER, will be published about May 15th.

I am currently negotiating with Carlo Ponti, the film producer, over picture rights. I'll keep you informed of developments.

As soon as you are moved to Nashville, I will attempt to see you....or rather we will attempt to get permission for you to see me. We need a picture of you to use on the front cover of the book.

Jerry keeps in touch with me; and if it is your desire you can count on me to keep in touch with you indefinitely. I'll help you in any way I can.

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And of course I will keep both you and Mr. Foreman informed as to earnings.

Best wishes.

B. B. Huie

EXHIBIT B

LAW OFFICES OF
PERCY FOREMAN
804 SOUTH COAST BUILDING
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77002

MAIN AT RUSK

CA 4-9321

March 9th, '69

Mr. James Earl Ray,
Shelby County Jail,
Memphis, Tennessee.

Dear James Earl:

You have heretofore assigned to me all of your royalties from magazine articles, book, motion picture or other revenue to be derived from the writings of Wm. Bradford Huie. These are my own property unconditionally.

However, you have heretofore authorized and requested me to negotiate a plea of guilty if the State of Tennessee through its District Attorney General and with the approval of the trial judge would waive the death penalty. You agreed to accept a sentence of 99 years.

It is contemplated that your case will be disposed of tomorrow, March 10, by the above plea and sentence. This will shorten the trial considerably. In consideration of the time it will save me, I am willing to make the following adjustment of my fee arrangement with you:

If the plea is entered and the sentence accepted and no embarrassing circumstances take place in the court room, I am willing to assign to any bank, trust company or individual selected by you all my receipts under the above assignment in excess of \$165,000.00. These funds over and above the first \$165,000.00 will be held by such bank, trust company or individual subject to your order.

I have either spent or obligated myself to spend in excess of \$14,000.00, and I think these expenses should be paid in addition to a \$150,000.00 fee. I am sure the expenses will exceed \$15,000.00 but I am willing to rest on that figure.

Yours truly,

Percy Foreman

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James Earl Ray

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CA 4-9321

March 9, 1969

Mr. James Earl Ray,
Shelby County Jail,
Memphis, Texas.

Dear James Earl:

You have asked that I advance to Jerry Ray five (\$500.00) of the "\$5,000.00", referring to the first five thousand dollars paid by Wm. Bradford Huie. On January 29th, Mr. Huie advanced an additional \$5,000.00. At that time I had spent in excess of \$9,500.00 on your case. Since then, I have spent in excess of \$4,000.00 additional.

But I am willing to advance Jerry \$500.00 and add it to the \$165,000.00 mentioned in my other letter to you today. In other words, I would receive the first \$165,500.00. But I would not make any other advances - just this one \$500.00.

And this advance, also, is contingent upon the plea of guilty and sentence going through on March 10, 1969, without any unseemly conduct on your part in court.

Yours truly,

Percy Foreman

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P.S. The rifle and the white mustang are tied up in the suit filed by Renfro Hays. Court costs and attorneys fees will be necessary, perhaps, to get them released. I will credit the \$165,500.00 with whatever they bring over the cost of obtaining them, if any.

James Earl Ray

Percy Foreman
Percy Foreman

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

~~RCMP~~, TORONTO, HAVE ADVISED JOHN WILLIAM BEATTIE, LEADER
CANADIAN NATIONAL SOCIALIST PARTY, WHOSE PHILOSOPHY AND
POLITICAL IDEOLOGIES ARE EXTREMELY RIGHT WING AND WHO
HAS WRITTEN SEVERAL ARTICLES AND GIVEN NUMEROUS SPEECHES ON ANTI-
SEMITISM AND ANTI-NEGRO EVENTS, WAS RECENTLY IN CONTACT WITH
THE TORONTO RCMP OFFICE. AT THAT TIME, BEATTIE SAID DAVID
STANLEY, WHO AT THAT TIME WAS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE CANADIAN
NATIONAL SOCIALIST PARTY, HAD FORWARDED NAMES OF TORONTO RESIDENTS
TO THE NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, IN ORDER THAT
THE PUBLICATION "THUNDERBOLT" COULD BE FORWARDED TO THEM. ACCORDING
TO BEATTIE, STANLEY CHOSE THESE NAMES FROM THE TORONTO CITY DIRECTORY
AND FORWARDED LISTS OF TWO TO THREE HUNDRED NAMES ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS.
THIS INCIDENT REPORTEDLY OCCURRED IN SIXTYFIVE AND SHORTLY THEREAFTER,

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