SAC. MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) -P-

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Re Butte letter to Memphis, dated 4/1/69.

The following investigation was conducted by SA RALPH P. INSTON:

AT TOPEKA, KANSAS

On 4/14/69, Mr. VINGIL CROW, Chief of Medical Records, Topeka State Hespital, advised that according to the Topeka State Hespital records, MORRIS W. MC CARVER was a voluntary committed patient at the Topeka State Hespital on 4/8/68. He indicated at that time that he was a resident of Harvey County, Hansas, and stated that his cousin was CARL FORTER of RR #1, Dox 25, Sedgwick, Kansas.

The records further reflect that MCRHIS R. MC CARVER went AVOL from the hospital and was discharged from the bospital as AVOL on 6/1/68.

Mr. CROW advised that according to hospital regulations no further information concerning this patient may be disclosed without the written consent of the patient himself. He said the hospital is not able to disclose the reason for this patient's committeent without a written consent from the patient authorizing the hospital to release such information.

In view of the above information no further information can be obtained from the hospital records at this time without the written consent of MC CARVER. Morphis and Butte will note, however, that MC CARVER was not committed to the Topeka State Hospital until 4/8/88.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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Re Kansas City airtel to Director 2/7/69.

on 4/22/69, Mr. KART RAPP was interviewed at his office, 208 Nichols Road, Kansas City, Missouri. RAPP advised he had just returned from a vacation in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, and is now residing at 103rd and Mores Road, Overland Park, Kansas.

RAPP advised that he could furnish no information regarding JAMES EARL RAY, or any conspiracy against MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; however, he did furnish the following information regarding HEINZ MANGER whom he met in Puerto Vallarta during 1965. RAPP advised that he and his family were vacationing there and they met MANGER at the Hotel Coronada in Puerto Vallarta. They became friendly and had dinner and drinks together on several occasions. MANGER advised them that he had been a former Colonel in the Germany Army and served under General ROMMEL in the desert of North Africa.

RAPP remembered one incident that took place down there; they bought a painting from a local artist and MANGER wrote on back of the canvas,"To my good friends from HEINZ MANGER." RAPP advised that his wife showed this painting to a Reverend DALE POLLOCK, Kansas City, Missouri, and POLLOCK reportedly determined from a handwriting comparison that HEINZ MANGER was a former SS General by the name of HEINZ MUELLER. RAPP could not elaborate on this.

RAPP further advised that when he left Mexico in 1965, he was contemplating purchasing some property in the area of Puerto Vallarta, and for this reason, maintained correspondence with a JOHN MATHIESON, a retired American living in the area. MATHIESON was in his 70's but periodically wrote letters to RAPP. RAPP stated that in a letter written January, 1967, MATHIESON stated that HEINZ MANGER had if Puerto Vallarta and was no longer living in the area. A subsequent letter determined that he had moved to Guadalajara. REC 54

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RAPP stated that the visit this year was the first time that they had been back to Puerto Vallarta since 1965, and JOHN MATHIESON was no longer living there, nor was HEINZ MANGER, and their whereabouts was unknown to him. RAPP felt that inasmuch as MANGER left Puerto Vallarta before January, 1967, he could not have been there during the time JAMES EARL RAY was in Puerto Vallarta.

RAPP advised that he would like to help the Bureau in any way possible, and any information that comes to his attention, he will immediately contact the Kansas City Office.

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For information of Savannah, Bureau has requested JERRY RAY be interviewed as to basis for his statements alleging existence of conspiracy.

Memphis or Savannah interview JERRY RAY when located.

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TO:

DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM:

SAC. BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Mobile teletype to Director dated 4/24/69.

On 4/24/69, ERIC STANLEY, Vice-President of the Student Senate, Talladega College, Talladega, Alabama, advised SA LARRY K. SYLVESTER that JAMES BEVEL was to speak at 4:00 PM on 4/24/69. He said BEVEL did not appear and he has determined there was no confirmation between the college and BEVEL. The student leaders at the college had contacted SCLC who in turn had agreed to have the speakers present at Talladega College. STANLEY said he had no idea of the present whereabouts of BEVEL or how to contact BEVEL.

On the same date, MILTON HURST, Dean of Students, Talladega College, advised JAMES BEVEL did not appear at the College. He said other speakers who were listed on the program did not appear and he does not expect many of the others to appear. HURST said if BEVEL does appear at a later date he will be aware of same and he will immediately advise this office.

On 4/28/69, HURST said BEVEL did not appear at the college and he has talked with no one who has any knowledge as to his present whereabouts.

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According to informant this is the second floor of a two story building. A state liquor store is on the first floor and there are approximately four apartments on the second floor. Everyone residing in the apartments on the second floor is connected in some way with SCLC.

It is to be noted that BEVERLY STERNER, girl friend of BEVEL, and BEVEL have been interviewed by agents at this address.

PH 897-R and TRAVIS, who is a former staff member for Philadelphia Branch SCLC, went to the address to talk to BEVEL. They had been instructed to invite BEVEL to speak at a meeting of "The Resistance" to be held May 1 in downtown Philadelphia. The second purpose for their visit was to determine if they could help in any plans being made by SCLC in connection with the recent arrest of RALPH ABERNATHY in Charleston, S.C.

RAYMOND (LNU), who is currently residing on the second floor of 919 North 18th Street, Philadelphia, advised that BEVEL was in New York and has been in New York for three weeks. He also stated that it would be impossible for informant and TRAVIS to contact him at this time.

With regard to activity of SCLC in Charleston, S.C., RAYMOND stated that no plans have been made by SCLC in Philadelphia and that he did not know what was being done nationally.

Informant advised that after he and TRAVIS left BEVEL's address, TRAVIS made the statement that SCLC was "apparently falling apart in Philadelphia."

The above is furnished for information and was not put into an LHM because it would immediately identify an informant of continuing value.

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# Memorandum

TO Mr. DeLoach

FROM : A. Roser

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: May 5, 1969

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

William Bradford Huie, author, has written three articles for "Look" magazine and is currently writing a book entitled. He Slew The Dreamer." These articles and book are based on the life of James Earl Ray and the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. We previously analyzed the three articles appearing in "Look" magazine and have written memoranda on these articles.

On April 18, 1969, William Bradford Huie was interviewed by Betty Groebli on WRC (NBC Radio), Washington, D.C. We have recorded this interview and have analyzed it. The interview consists primarily of the same data recorded in his latest writing appearing in "Look" magazine. In essence William Bradford Huie claims that James Earl Ray and Ray alone murdered Martin Luther King, Jr., and he murdered him for recognition purposes.

### ACTION:

Attached for approval is a communication to Memphis enclosing a copy of the tape (we are retaining a copy of the tape at the Eureau) instructing them to:

1. Review the tape containing the interview of William Bradford Huie by Betty Groebli and determine if any information is recorded thereon pertinent to this case.

2. Make the tape available to ar. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, who handled the state's case of murder against Ray.

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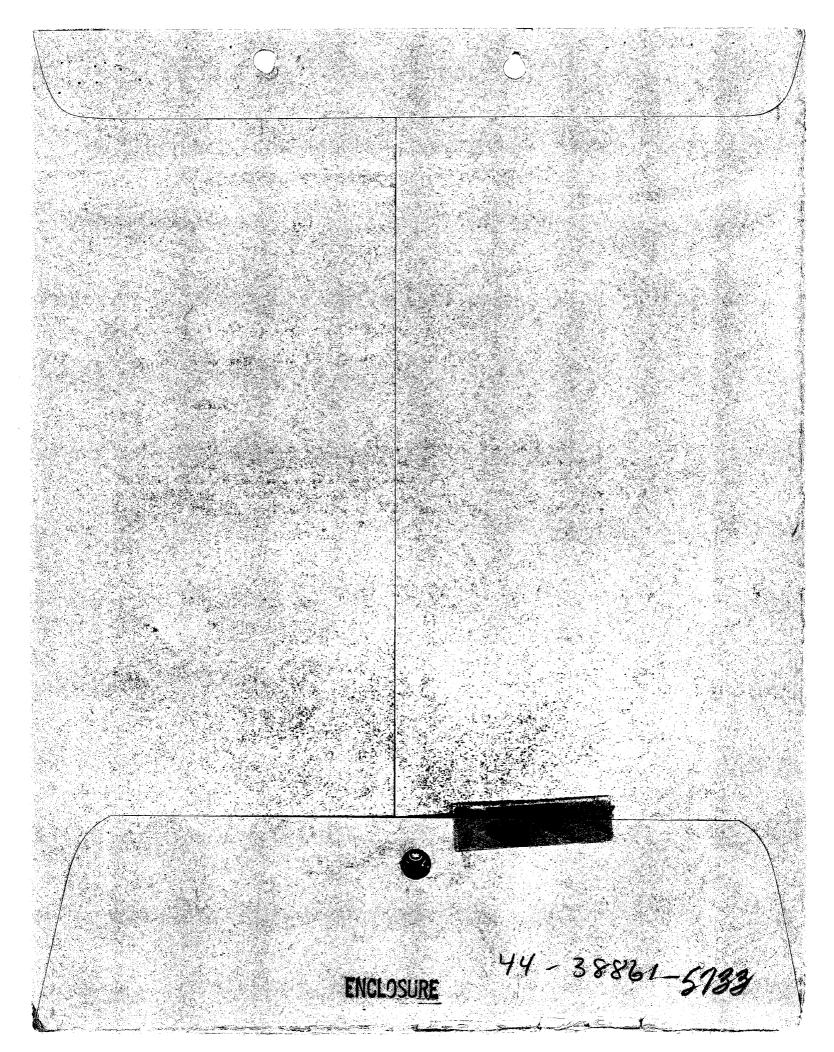
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WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE, and ARTHUR J. HANES

# BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO DISMISS

The venue of this action is not in the Middle District of Tennessee under Title 28 U.S.C., Section 1391(a), which provides:

"The civil action wherein jurisdiction is founded only on diversity of citizenship may, except as otherwise provided by law, be brought only in the judicial district where all plaintiffs or all defendants reside, or in which the claim arose."

According to the averments of the complaint and the amended complaint the claim arose, if the plaintiff has a claim, in the Western District of Tennessee at Memphis.

The plaintiff's incarceration in the penitentiary at Nashville does not make him a resident of this judicial district for venue purposes.

Nobuo Hiramatsu v. Phillips, 50 F. Supp. 167 (S.D. Calif. 1943).

Shaffer v. Tepper, 127 F. Supp. 892 (E.D. Ky. 1955).

Urbano v. New Syndicate Co., Inc., 232 F. Supp. 237 (S.D. N. Y. 1964).

<u>U. S. v. Stabler</u>, 169 F. 2d 995 (3rd Cir. 1948).

Wendell v. Hoffman, 24 F. Supp. (N. J. 1938).

Stadtmuller v. Miller, 11 F. 2d 732 (2nd Cir. 1926).

The Restatement of Conflict of Laws, Section 21, provides:

"A person cannot acquire a domicile of choice by any act done under legal or physical compulsion."

The Proposed Official Draft Part I, of May 2, 1967, of the Restatement of the Law, Second, Conflict of Laws, Section 17, Subsection (c), of the Comments, states:

"Under the rule of this section, it is impossible for a person to acquire a domicile in the jail in which he is incarcerated."

HOOKER, KEEBLE, DODSON & HARRIS

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Attorneys for Defendants
Percy Foreman and William Bradford Huie

900 Nashville Bank & Trust Building Nashville, Tennessee 37201

# CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, John J. Hooker, hereby certify that the foregoing Brief in Support of Motion to Dismiss has been served on the attorneys for the plaintiff by mailing a copy thereof to the Honorable Robert W. Hill, Jr., 418 Pioneer Building, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37402; and the Honorable J. B. Stoner, Savannah, Tennessee 38372, by first class mail, this day of April, 1969.

John J. Hooker

## AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF TENNESSEE )
COUNTY OF DAVIDSON )

Mr. Tom Y. Richardson, being first duly sworn, says:

That he is the Custodian of the records at the Tennessee State Prison at Nashville, Tennessee; that according to the records James Earl Ray upon entering the Tennessee prisons gave no legal residence but instead in answer to the questions as to his legal residence gave the answer as unknown; that the only addresses given by James Earl Ray were those of his brothers, John Ray, 1982 Arsenal, St. Louis, Missouri and Jerry Ray, 710 Ann Avenue, St. Louis Missouri.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this  $28^{-4}$  day of April, 1969.

Notary Public

My commission expires: 4-26-197Z

Exhibit "1" to Motion to Dismiss

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
NASHVILLE DIVISION

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BRANDON LEWIS, Clerk

JAMES EARL RAY

v.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 5380

PERCY FOREMAN,
WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE,
and ARTHUR J. HANES

# MOTION TO DISMISS ON BEHALF OF THE DEFENDANTS PERCY FOREMAN AND WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE

The defendants move the Court as follows:

- (1) To dismiss the action because the complaint fails to state a claim against these defendants upon which relief can be granted.
- (2) To dismiss the action on the ground that it is in the wrong district because the plaintiff is not a resident of the Middle District of Tennessee and the Middle District of Tennessee is not the judicial district in which the claim arose.

In support of this motion an affidavit of Tom Y. Richardson, Custodian of Records at the Tennessee State Penitentiary at Nashville, Tennessee, is filed as Exhibit "1" to this motion.

HOOKER, KEEBLE, DODSON & HARRIS

Attorneys for Defendants

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Nashville, Tennessee 37201

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To:

SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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Advise Bureau results of your review of this tape.

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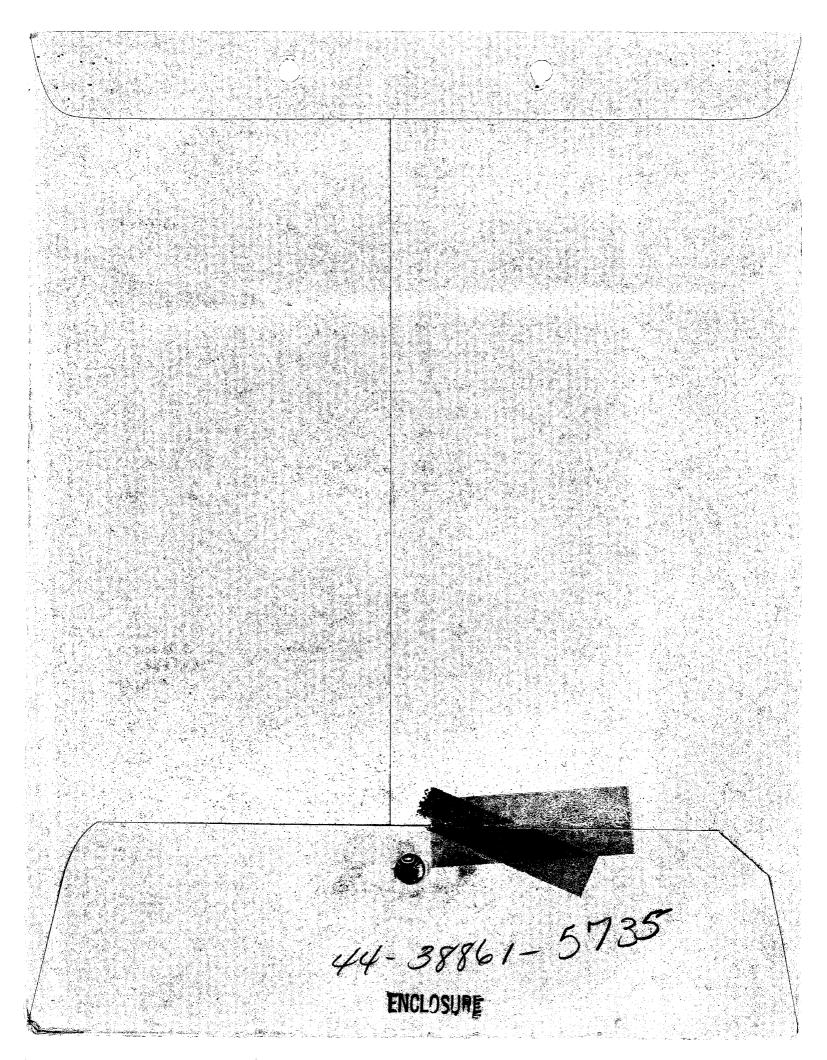
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MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE - NASHVILLE DIVISION

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CIVIL ACTION FILE NO. 5380

JAMES EARL RAY Resident of Tennessee

Plaintiff

۷s.

ARTHUR J. HANES, PERCY FOREMAN and WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE

Defendants

#### DISMISS MOTION T O

Defendant, Arthur J. Hanes, respectfully moves the Court to dismiss the action and as grounds therefor assigns the following separately and severally:

- 1. The venue is improper and said action is in the wrong Judicial District because (a) the Plaintiff is not a resident of said Judicial District and is within said Judicial District solely by reason of his involuntary confinement within the Tennessee State Penitentiary. (b) No Defendant is a corporation, alien, or resident of said Judicial District, and (c) Said claim is not alleged to have arisen within said Judicial District.
- 2. Said Petition fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.

ATTORNEY FOR DEFENDANT, ARTHUR J. HANES

617 Frank Nelson Building

Birmingham, Alabama 35203

# CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day mailed, postage prepaid, a copy of the foregoing Motion to Dismiss to Honorable Robert W. Hill, Jr., 418 Pioneer Building, Chattanooga, Tennessee, 37402, and Honorable J. B. Stoner, Savannah, Tennessee, 38372, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

This is the 30 day of \_

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ARTHUR J. HANES,

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Butte, Montana, 59701 May 2, 1969

## MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING

A confidential source, who has furnished insufficient information to determine reliability, but who has an arrest record dating back to 1951, advised that in about February, 1968, GERDON WHITNER (Phonetic), who resided in the Eureka Springs, Arkansas, area, and who had been for sometime a "political hack" in Northwest Arkansas, attempted to solicit the services of different individuals in the Eureka Springs, Arkansas, area to eliminate MARTIN LUTHER KING. WHITNER was not successful in his efforts with these individuals, but indicated that KING would die.

The source advised that WHITNER has a strong dislike for Negroes and indicated it would be a service to the community to eliminate KING.

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Mr. VIRGIL CROW, Chief of Medical Records, Topeka State Hospital, stated that hospital regulations prohibited him giving further information concerning this patient without written consent of the patient himself.

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### BUTTE DIVISION

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A copy of this airtel is being furnished in the event Memphis desires to set forth a lead RAY to be interviewed at that location.	
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According to Mr. HUIE, RAY felt that killing KING would give some purpose to an otherwise useless life, and RAY now enjoys the publicity and notoriety which resulted from his crime. He further said that RAY is appealing his sentence to the Tennessee State Prison as RAY is afraid of being forgotten by the public.

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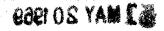
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Since Mr. HUIE's interview has not disclosed any new information concerning this case, no additional investigation is warranted on the basis of this interview. This tape recording has now been turned over to District Attorney General PHIL M. CANALE.

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### UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

215 U. S. Post Office Building P. O. Box 1111 Little Rock, Arkansas 72203 May 6, 1969

MURDER OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

On May 2, 1969, Mr. J. GURDON WHITENER, Busch, Arkansas (located about 10 miles west of Eureka Springs, Arkansas), was located at the Hillbilly Gift Shop in Eureka Springs, Arkansas, which is owned and operated by Mr. WHITENER and his wife, LU RENE WHITENER.

Mr. WHITENER advised that he did at one time work as a guard during the construction of Beaver Dam on the White River near Busch, Arkansas, which was constructed between the years 1961 and 1965, and he said that he worked there from 1963 to 1964. He advised further that an individual named MORRIS MC CARVER is the son of a sister of his mother, and that MC CARVER and his parents, many years ago, lived near Hindsville, Arkansas. MC CARVER's parents have been dead for many years and he, WHITENER, had had no contact with MORRIS MC CARVER for over twenty years when suddenly, possibly a year or year and a half ago, MC CARVER appeared at WHITENER's home at Busch, Arkansas, sometime after dark. Mr. WHITENER said that it is possible that this did take place possibly in November or December of 1967, but he has no way of knowing exactly when it occurred. MC CARVER was alone, and on foot, and had been drinking, and he stayed at the WHITENER home the entire evening with WHITENER and his wife, and no one else was present, and they did not leave the house. They did no drinking while at the house, but MC CARVER definitely had the appearance of having been drinking when he arrived.

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ENCLOSURE

#### MURDER OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

MC CARVER allegedly slept rather late the next day and sometime, possibly prior to noon, Mr. and Mrs. WHITENER drove MC CARVER into Eureka Springs, Arkansas in their car and dropped him off because Mrs. WHITENER did not desire to have MC CARVER around the house any longer and definitely did not want him to remain for another night.

Mr. WHITENER advised that he recalls MC CARVER was short of money, so he, WHITENER, cashed a \$15 check for him, and MC CARVER said that this would be enough to get him by. The check later bounced. Mr. WHITENER was unable to recall the details of the check or upon which bank it had been drawn.

Mr. WHITENER advised that at no time did he ever make any statements to MC CARVER or anyone else concerning Governor ORVAL FAUBUS of the State of Arkansas or concerning MARTIN LUTHER KING or his activities.

Mr. WHITENER denied that he had ever been on a drinking spree of any kind with MC CARVER or anyone else and stated that this one short overnight visit which MC CARVER paid to WHITENER, possibly in December of 1967, is the only time he has seen or heard from MC CARVER in more than twenty years.

Mr. WHITENER advised that he is not certain that MC CARVER left the Eureka Springs area after he and his wife dropped MC CARVER off in Eureka Springs because he had heard later from an unrecalled source that MC CARVER had been somewhere in the area of Eureka Springs and had been drinking. He said he knew none of the details of this and was not interested. He said further that he knows nothing of the personal habits of MC CARVER or where he lives, but he categorically denied information furnished by MC CARVER, stating that it definitely is not true. In addition, he stated that his wife could certainly vouch for the fact that he and MC CARVER never

## MURDER OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

left the house the night MC CARVER was there and that they were not drinking. Mr. WHITENER continued that he felt he was doing MC CARVER a favor by cashing his check, that they had never had any falling out, and actually had never had any close association with each other, there had never been any trouble between them, and he is at a complete loss to understand statements made by MC CARVER.

Mr. WHITENER advised that he recalls MC CARVER did have a younger sister who was mentally retarded and who died when she was about twelve or fourteen years of age. He said that after the check bounced, he and his wife talked this matter over, and they decided between themselves that the bad check was worth it if it would keep MC CARVER from ever returning to their home.

As a matter of background information, Mr. WHITENER advised that he was born at Mayfield, Arkansas, and that he and his family moved to the Busch, Arkansas area in 1916. A number of years ago his wife died, and he remarried less than four years ago, and he and his wife have been operating the Hillbilly Gift Shop in Eureka Springs.

LU RENE (Mrs. J. GURDON) WHITENER advised on May 2, 1969, that she recalls MORRIS MC CARVER appeared at her home near Busch, Arkansas at least a year ago and possibly a year and a half ago. He stayed over one night, but he had been drinking, so she and her husband brought him into Eureka Springs the next day and dropped him off as she did not want him to stay another night. She said her husband cashed a small check for MC CARVER which check later bounced.

Mrs. WHITENER advised that MC CARVER and her husband remained at her home the entire time he was there, and her husband did not go out drinking with MC CARVER at any time.

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## May 6, 1969

Chief Superintendent Fred Gerrard
New Scotland Yard
Metropolitan Police
London, England

My dear Chief Superintendent:

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my thanks to you personally and to the members of your staff for the excellent assistance and cooperation we have received from you in the matter involving James Earl Ray, as well as the many other cases in which you have afforded us invaluable aid. As a token of my appreciation, I have instructed Mr. Minnich to present you a replica of the FBI Seal.

# Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: See A. Rosen to Mr. DeLoach Memo dated 4-21-69 captioned "Murkin."

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