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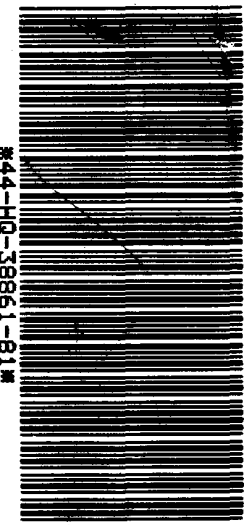
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FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to Memphis, 8/22/69, concerning the subject RAY's request for a duplicate copy of the receipt given him for items taken from him at the time of his arrest.

On 8/25/69, Assistant District Attorney J. CLYDE MASON, Memphis, Tenn., advised that he is in possession of a copy of this receipt and that he will correspond with RAY concerning his receiving a duplicate copy of same.

RAY has been advised by this office that any correspondence by him concerning this matter should be directed to District Attorney General PHIL M. CANALE at Memphis, Tenn.

No further action being taken in this matter by the Memphis Office.

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THE MEMPHIS OFFICE:

NO INTERFERED ACTION BEING TAKEN IN THIS MATTER BY

MEMPHIS' JOHN.

QUESTIONS TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL; BUT W. CIVILIAN OF

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 1P

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Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
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Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

*[Signature]*

MURKIN.

RE BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE AUGUST TWENTY EIGHT INSTANT.

MEMPHIS CONCURS WITH RECOMMENDATION OF BIRMINGHAM AND  
DOES NOT FEEL THAT WE SHOULD REVIEW WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE'S  
BOOK PRIOR TO PUBLICATION.

AIR MAIL COPY TO BIRMINGHAM.

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Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Rights Division

August 29, 1969

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. McDonough

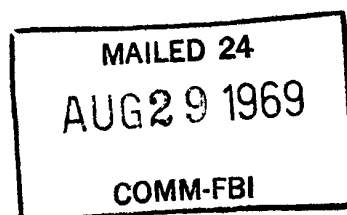
**ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**

This is to confirm the conversation between Mr. J. H. Flannery of your Division and Special Agent E. J. McDonough on 8/28/69.

In April, 1968, an official of the Birmingham Trust National Bank, Birmingham, Alabama, furnished a safe deposit box which had been rented in the name of Eric S. Galt, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, on 8/28/67. James Earl Ray, the subject of the captioned case, utilized this name and address. No fingerprint or other evidentiary data was developed from this safe deposit box. In accordance with Department instructions this safe deposit box was turned over to Tennessee State Authorities in connection with their prosecution of James Earl Ray. Birmingham Trust National Bank officials have now requested return of this box and the appropriate Tennessee State Official is aware of this request.

Mr. Flannery advised that the Department has no objection to this box being returned to the Birmingham Trust National Bank and the appropriate Tennessee State Official should be so informed in order that he can handle this matter with bank officials.

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Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Rights Division

September 2, 1969

Director, FBI

1 - Mr McDonough

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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Enclosed is a copy of a two-page statement allegedly dictated by James Earl Ray to his brother Jerry Ray while at the Tennessee State Prison, Nashville, Tennessee. The second page of the statement bears the signature of James Earl Ray but, according to the individual who furnished copies of the statement, this signature was actually written by Jerry Ray.

This statement was read by Jerry Ray in a taped interview and after editing it, KMOX-TV, St. Louis, Missouri, broadcast the statement twice during the evening of August 14, 1969. am

This is furnished for your information and no inquiries will be conducted on the contents of this statement unless specifically requested by the Department.

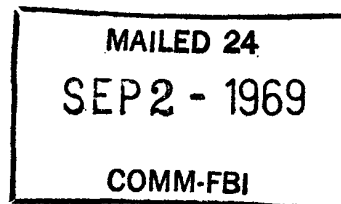
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-100000) (P)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: August 29, 1969

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. McGowan
- 1 - Mr. McDonough
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan

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## SYNOPSIS:

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

On instructions of the Bureau, the St. Louis Office obtained copies of a statement allegedly dictated by James Earl Ray, who is presently incarcerated in the Tennessee State Prison at Nashville, Tennessee, which was read by his brother Jerry Ray in a taped interview on station KMOX-TV, St. Louis, Missouri, on the evening of 8/14/69. Al Mann, News Chief, KMOX-TV, who made the statement available, confidentially advised that his station was expending a great deal of time and possibly expense in "developing" Jerry Ray for the purpose of uncovering the "true story" of the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., and James Earl Ray's part in it.

In his statement Ray claims he was working with Federal Agents including one "Raoul" in supplying arms for the overthrow of the Castro regime in Spring, 1968, and was in Memphis for same purpose when King was killed and he was used as a "fall guy" to cover the killing. He does not identify the "Federal Agents." It is, of course, not the FBI. He states that his ease of travel through Canadian and Mexican borders was a result of Federal Agents' aid and he claims FBI knew of his movements in Mexico. This is not true as Ray traveled in Mexico in Fall, 1967, and we traced these travels after the killing of King in April, 1968. He intimates that former Attorney General Ramsey Clark possibly has knowledge of the plot and will be ruined along with Ray's former Attorneys, Percy Foreman and Arthur Hanes, as well as author William Bradford Huie, who wrote articles on Ray in "Look" magazine. Ray indicates he hopes to talk to CBS in person in near future unless blocked by State and Federal authorities. No information has been developed indicating any Federal Agencies were involved in the King murder and there does not appear to be any logical connection between anti-Castro activities and the killing of King.

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Rosen to DeLoach Memorandum  
RE: MURKIN

ACTION:

Although it is not known whether, in fact, James Earl Ray dictated the statement or if it was manufactured by his brother Jerry Ray, in view of its non-substantiated content, it is not felt that we should further pursue it at this time. A copy of the statement is being furnished to the Civil Rights Division for its information with advice that no inquiries are being conducted on the contents of this statement unless specifically requested. We will remain alert to any additional statements by Ray or any other individuals relating to this case and thoroughly run out any leads of pertinence.

Attached for approval is letter to Civil Rights Division forwarding a copy of Ray's statement.

A copy of Ray's statement is being furnished to the Memphis Office for its information. *AIRTEL ATTACHED.*

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Rosen to DeLoach Memorandum  
RE: MURKIN

DETAILS:

JAMES EARL RAY'S STATEMENT:

Ray claims that in the Spring of 1968, he was working with Agents of the Federal Government, including "Raoul" and was told that he, Ray, was assisting in supplying arms to Cuban refugees to overthrow Castro and the Communists in Cuba. He states that he was led to believe that he was in Memphis in April (1968) for the same purpose when, in fact, he was actually used as a "fall guy" to cover up the killing of King by Federal Agents. He points out that the facility with which he crossed the Canadian and Mexican borders would be impossible without the help of Federal Agents who with the Mexican Police afforded him protection in Mexico.

Ray states that William Bradford Huie admits that the FBI and Mexican Police knew all of Ray's movements in Mexico and he did not know of King being in Memphis until after the shooting. He states that he realizes that the Federal Agents had no interest in overthrowing Castro and only used him to cover up the killing of King. He continues that two Federal Agencies are guilty and he is innocent and that he hopes that some higher Government official will expose the plot so that he will be freed from prison. Ray states that he does not know what motives the Federal Agents had for killing King and suggests that former Attorney General Ramsey Clark be asked as he may know.

Ray, in closing, stated he wanted to pass along a message to Percy Foreman, Arthur Hanes (two of Ray's former Attorneys) and William Bradford Huie (author who wrote articles on Ray) that they got their wish but they along with Ramsey Clark would be ruined before this matter is closed. He indicates he hopes to talk to CBS in person in the near future if Tennessee State and Federal authorities don't block it.

ANALYSIS:

Raoul is the individual who, according to William Bradford Huie's articles in "Look" magazine which were based on Ray's statements to Huie, was endeavoring to make some type of deal concerning a "joint activity" for which Raoul would pay Ray \$12,000. The specific nature of the "joint activity" was not fully described or identified but Ray was to transport packages between the United States and Canada. The possibility exists that the packages could contain contraband such as narcotics.

Rosen to DeLoach Memorandum  
RE: MURKIN

Extensive investigation has been conducted in an effort to identify Raoul to no avail. No information has been developed indicating Ray was connected with any United States Federal Agency or the Mexican Police or involved in any way with anti-Castro activities. The procedures for passage between the United States and Canada and Mexico, respectively are not difficult nor do they require any particular Governmental sanction. There is no statement in the William Bradford Huie articles on Ray wherein Huie alleges that the FBI and Mexican Police knew all of Ray's movements in Mexico. During the course of our extensive investigation we have substantially accounted for Ray's whereabouts from the time of his escape from prison in April, 1967, until his apprehension in London in June, 1968, and his subsequent incarceration in the Tennessee State Prison in Nashville, Tennessee.

No information has been developed that the Mexican Police Authorities were aware of his presence or activities in Mexico. Ray states that he realizes that the so called Federal Agents had no interest in overthrowing Castro and their whole purpose was to use him to cover up their own crime. There does not appear to be any logical connection between anti-Castro activities and the killing of Martin Luther King, Jr., and it is not felt that we should pursue the non-substantiated information in Ray's statement unless additional information is developed warranting such action.

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*Spa*

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Date: 8-21-69

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775) -C-

RE: MURKIN

Enclosed for the Bureau are five xerox copies of a two page statement allegedly dictated by JAMES EARL RAY to his brother JERRY RAY in the Tennessee State Prison at Nashville. Second page of this statement bears the signature of JAMES EARL RAY but this signature was actually written by JERRY RAY.

The above was confidentially made available to the St. Louis Office by ALLMANN, News Chief, KMOX-TV, St. Louis, Mo. MANN advised that JERRY RAY read the statement in a taped interview and after editing it, KMOX-TV aired the interview twice during evening of 8-14-69.

MANN further confidentially advised that his station was expending a great deal of time and possibly expense in "developing" JERRY RAY for the purpose of uncovering the "true story" of the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and JAMES EARL RAY'S part in it.

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FROM: SAC, MOBILE (44-1280) -C-  
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

VICTIM: UNKNOWN

8-21-69



TRUE COPY

In the spring of 1968 I James Earl Ray was working with Agents of the federal goverment including Raoul. They told me that I was helping them to supply arms and, guns to cuban Refugees to overthrow Castro and, the communest in cuba. The reason why I've made trips to Mexico was in regard to helping the Agents of the federal goverment to supply arms to cuban refugees there to overthrow Castro. The federal Agents led me to beleave that I was in Memphis in April for the same purpose. I knew that I was working with federal Agents the way they had me passed across the Mexican and, Canadan borders is only one thing that proves they were federal Agents. They got me across the Canadan and, Mexican borders under circumstances which would have been inpossable without the help of federal agents. At a later time if necessary, I will give more extensive proof about the federal Agents with whom I was involved. It is a known fact that Agents of the federal government and, the Mexican Police knew about my trips to Mexico and, protected me there.

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9-8-69

1 - Mr. McDonough

**AIRTEL**

**To: SAC, Phoenix (44-371)**

**From: Director, FBI** *44-38861-5812*

**MURKIN**

**EX-104 REC-6**

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RePXlet 9-4-69, with enclosure in which reference is made to Phoenix airtel to Memphis 8-6-69, and Memphis letter to Phoenix 8-22-69.

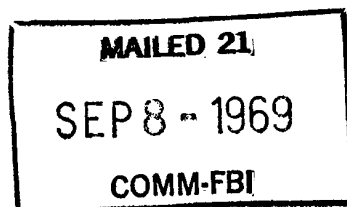
Phoenix furnish Bureau copies of those communications. Also furnish legible copy of the purported letter from Morris to Goldman.

Handle by return mail.

1 - Memphis (Info) (44-1987)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM : SAC, PHOENIX (44-371) (RUC)

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY, aka;  
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -  
VICTIM  
CR - CONSPIRACY;  
UFAC - ROBBERY

OO: ME

DATE: 9/4/69

Re PX airtel to ME, 8/6/69; ME let to PX, 8/22/69.

There is enclosed for the Bureau original and three copies of Letterhead Memorandum reflecting information furnished by Mr. C. R. CRANK, Superintendent, Federal Detention Center, Florence, Arizona, regarding JOHN HAMILTON MORRIS, an inmate who was temporarily incarcerated at that institution from 7/19-25/69, indicating that he had knowledge of who paid JAMES EARL RAY.

Enclosed for Kansas City, Memphis and New York are two copies each of above LHM.

LEADS:

KANSAS CITY DIVISION

AT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

Will interview JOHN HAMILTON MORRIS regarding the contents of his letter to PETER GOLDMAN, 444 Madison Avenue, New York City, New York.

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- 2 - Bureau (Encs. 2)
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ENCLOSURE  
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NEW YORK DIVISION

AT NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK

Will interview PETER GOLDMAN, 444 Madison Avenue,  
for his knowledge of JOHN HAMILTON MORRIS and his evaluation  
of statement that JAMES EARL RAY was paid by "BIG D".

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

DATE: 9/9/69

FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Transmitted under separate cover for Birmingham is a safe deposit box which was obtained 4/10/68 by SA ROBERT J. YARNALL from Mr. CHARLES T. SMITH, Auditor, Birmingham Trust National Bank, Birmingham, Ala.

This safe deposit box should be returned to the bank and an appropriate receipt obtained.

District Attorney General PHIL M. CANALE, Memphis, Tenn., has authorized the return of this safe deposit box to the bank inasmuch as he does not anticipate using it in the event this case ever comes to trial.

EX- 104

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- 2 - Bureau
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM : SAC, PHOENIX (44-371) (RUC)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 9/10/69

Re Bureau airtel to Phoenix, dated 9/8/69.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau is one copy of Phoenix airtel to Memphis, dated 8/6/69. Also enclosed is one copy of Memphis communication to Phoenix, dated 8/22/69. Also enclosed is the original reproduction of the communication written by JOHN HAMILTON MORRIS, which was furnished by Mr. C. R. CRANK, to the Phoenix Division on 7/25/69.

EX-103

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3 - Bureau (Encl 3) ENCLOSURE  
1 - Phoenix

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SAC, PHOENIX (44-371)

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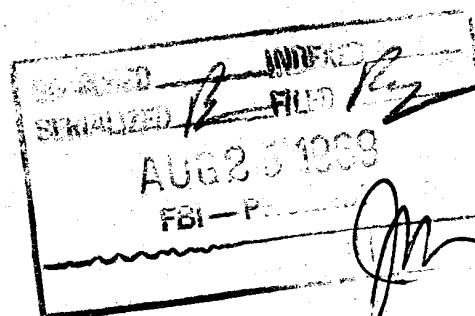
SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

MURKIN

Re Phoenix airtel to Memphis, 8/6/69.

Enclosed for Phoenix is the copy of a letter written by one JOHN HAMILTON MORRIS which was furnished to Memphis in referenced airtel. Phoenix should set the information in the enclosed letter, together with background information available concerning MORRIS, in an LHM suitable for dissemination to the Department. Phoenix is also requested to set out leads to have MORRIS interviewed.

② - Phoenix (Enc. 1)  
1 - Memphis  
JCH:jap  
(3)



44-371-407

8/6/69

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, PHOENIX (44-371) ( RUC)

JAMES EARL RAY, aka  
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM  
CR - CONSPIRACY;  
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OO: ME

Bufile: 44-38861

On 7/25/69, C. R. CRANK, jr., USM, Federal Detention Center, Florence, Arizona, made available the enclosed copy of a letter written by an inmate, JOHN HAMILTON MORRIS, #H3900, to MR. PETER GOLDMAN, 444 Madison Avenue, New York City, N. Y. It will be noted that in this letter MORRIS referred to RAY being paid by big "D".

MORRIS was being held at the Florence facility having been previously sentenced to Leavenworth and at the time was being returned to Leavenworth having been transported to the Northern District of California to stand trial on a Federal Charge.

It is assumed that at the present time MORRIS has been returned to Leavenworth Penitentiary.

2 - Memphis (Encl 1)  
1 - Phoenix

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Re: U.S. v. Morris, No. Cr-LV 177 - Las Vegas, Nevada  
22 July, 1969

Dear Mr. Goldman, There is somewhat of a similarity between Tennessee v. Ray and the above Cause — via the plea of guilty to alleged charges — but more I say that my attorney and I find your observation of March 24 a bit naïve, when you assert that "a plea is normal enough in U.S. Court some authorities to settle far more cases than they bring to trial." Not exactly so, Pete — by reason of the following examples in both cases, supra. In the 4th day of July, 1968, I attempted to commit Air Craft Piracy (i.e., the attempted hijacking of a TWA jetliner with 71 passengers aboard) while in the custody of U.S. Government Marshalls. The Government made a "deal" with the defendant [pursuant to Rule 17.1, Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure — which provides for a Pretrial Conference] — not because of any "time - and - money saving convenience" as you think it is, but primarily because the Government did not want any of those seventy-one passengers to file a multi-million dollar civil action damage suit against the U.S. Attorney General, as provided for under Title 28, U.S. Code Chap. 171, Sections 1346 and 2671. The magnitude of this case provided a "flexibility" beyond the "normal" routine of the so-called "cop-out."

In the Ray "deal" the same "convenience" applies — but since the apprehension of the "big" in New Mexico two weeks ago, the deal which was made will now backfire! And the shocking events unfold — with the exposure of the highly placed source within the FBI. Ray himself was paid by big "G" to run — but knows not the intricate stages of the deal.

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W. J. [signature]	

44-371-408

TO Bureau, File # 44-38861  
FROM PX, File # 44-371  
RE \_\_\_\_\_  
( ) enc. to PHOENIX  
Report, Letter, Airtel  
dated 9/10/69 described  
as \_\_\_\_\_



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

DATE: 9/12/69

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
OO MEMPHIS

Re Kansas City letter to Director, 4/29/69.

Referenced communication contained information from a Mr. KARL RAPP, Kansas City, Missouri, regarding a former SS general by the name of HEINZ MUELLER, aka HEINZ MANGER, who he had previously met in Puerto Vallarta. MUELLER was reportedly also a member of Odessa, an organization of former SS officers.

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RAPP advised if any additional information comes to his attention he will immediately contact the Kansas City Office.

Leads in this matter are being left to discretion of office of origin or Bureau.

This case is remaining pending inasmuch as a lead was set out to interview JOHN MORRIS, Leavenworth, Kansas, in Phoenix letter to Director, 9/4/69.

2 Bureau (RM)  
1 Memphis (44-1987) (RM)  
2 Kansas City  
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Date: 9/12/69

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Priority)

Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

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FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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Also enclosed for the Bureau are 2 copies of an order signed by Shelby County Criminal Court Judge ARTHUR C. FACQUIN, allowing the subject's attorneys to talk with the subject in an open conference room. This was occasioned by the fact that the new Warden at the Tennessee State Penitentiary had required that RAY communicate with his attorneys through a telephone system while separated by a glass partition.

For the Bureau's information, Assistant District Attorney General J. CLYDE MASON stated that in a recent conversation with the subject's attorney, RICHARD J. RYAN, it was determined that RYAN intends to appeal this matter to the Tennessee Supreme Court. He has until 10/13/69 to perfect his appeal to that Court, and RYAN has indicated he intends to meet that deadline. The basis for this appeal is that under Tennessee law when a Judge ~~is~~ before ruling on a motion for a new trial, the defendant is automatically granted a new trial on the basis that only the trial Judge would have been aware of errors in the previous trial and that the defendant should be entitled to a new trial. The State contends that this law does not apply in the RAY case since RAY was sentenced on a plea of guilty and was never tried. The defense contends that a letter written by RAY to the late Judge BATTLE constituted a motion for a new trial, and that since Judge BATTLE died without ruling on this matter RAY is entitled to a new trial.

② - Bureau  
1 - Memphis

ENCLOSURE

JCH:jap

Reg. M.

SEP 23 1969

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Registered: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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Mr. MASON further stated that RYAN indicated to him that if RAY is unsuccessful before the Tennessee Supreme Court, they will then attempt to obtain a trial by seeking relief through the Post Conviction Relief Act.

LLOYD A. RHODES  
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

WILLIAM D. HAYNES  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

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E. L. HUTCHINSON, JR.  
CLYDE R. VENSON  
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATORS

EARL E. FITZPATRICK  
NON-SUPPORT DIVISION

PHIL M. CANALE, JR.  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL  
FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF TENNESSEE  
COUNTY OF SHELBY

SHELBY COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING  
157 POPLAR AVENUE  
MEMPHIS, TENN. 38103

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JOHN W. PIEROTTI  
JAMES G. HALL  
JAMES H. ALLEN

September 10, 1969

The Honorable W. S. Neal, Warden  
State Penitentiary  
Nashville, Tennessee 37203

Re: James Earl Ray, inmate

Dear Sir:

On August 13, 1969, James Earl Ray made a written request of the United States Marshal to forward to him a duplicate copy of a property receipt of property confiscated by the Scotland Yard Police.

The United States Marshal forwarded this request to the Federal Bureau of Investigation who in turn forwarded same to this office. I am enclosing a list of property which accompanied James Earl Ray to this jurisdiction and which bears the signature of the Federal Agents who took Ray into custody and delivered him to the Chief Jailer of this county whose name also appears on the list of property.

If this meets with your approval, it would be appreciated, at your convenience, to forward this copy on to James Earl Ray.

Very truly yours,

PHIL M. CANALE, JR.

By   
JOHN L. CARLISLE  
Criminal Investigator

JLC:MEF  
Enclosure

Copy to Mr. Joe Hester, Special Agent  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Federal Building  
Memphis, Tennessee 38103

44-38861-5314

IN THE CRIMINAL COURT OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE

STATE OF TENNESSEE

VS

JAMES EARL RAY,

Defendant

NO. 16645

AMENDED ORDER

This cause having come to the attention of this Court, and it appearing to the Court that the Honorable Richard J. Ryan and the Honorable J. B. Stoner are now representing the above styled defendant;

AND IT FURTHER APPEARING to the Court that an ORDER was heretofore directed to the Warden of the State Penitentiary at Nashville, Tennessee, or any other person charged with the care and custody of the defendant was directed to permit the Honorable Richard J. Ryan and Honorable J.B. Stoner to visit and consult with the defendant as above styled;

AND IT FURTHER APPEARING to the Court that the visitation and consultation of the defendant has been restricted to conversations behind glass partition with the use of a telephone system in communicating with their client, all of which is not conducive to good client and attorney consultations;

AND IT FURTHER APPEARING to the Court that there is available a consultation room in the Maximum Security Building wherein it is possible for the said attorneys to converse with their client, said conversations having taken place in the past in said consultation room;

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*Signed by Judge Arthur C. Jacquin*  
*9/10/69*

*On application ~~to~~ by Richard Ryan, atty*

IN THE CRIMINAL COURT OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE

STATE OF TENNESSEE

VS

NO. 16645

JAMES EARL RAY,

Defendant

AMENDED ORDER

This cause having come to the attention of this Court, and it appearing to the Court that the Honorable Richard J. Ryan and the Honorable J. B. Stoner are now representing the above styled defendant;

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