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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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

SUBJECT: MURKINRe Bureau airtel to Memphis and Savannah,
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

*In Reply, Please Refer to
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**841 Federal Office Building
167 North Main Street
Memphis, Tennessee 38103
October 27, 1969**

**Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr.
District Attorney General
Shelby County Office Building
157 Poplar Avenue
Memphis, Tennessee 38103**

Dear Mr. Canale:

Mr. Harold Weisberg, a free-lance writer who resides at Frederick, Maryland, advised an official of the U. S. Department of Justice on October 8, 1969, that he had recently received a telephone call from Mr. J. B. Stoner, National Chairman of the National States Rights Party. According to Mr. Weisberg, Stoner told him that two men in the National States Rights Party formerly served as informants for the Federal Bureau of Investigation and that these two men are prepared to testify in court that the Federal Bureau of Investigation had offered them \$25,000 to frame James Earl Ray for the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Mr. Weisberg indicated that testimony in this regard presumably would be furnished in a habeas corpus proceeding.

Since you are in possession of all of the evidence in this case, I am certain it is obvious to you that there is no basis to the allegations that the Federal Bureau of Investigation offered anyone any money to frame James Earl Ray.

Yours very truly,

**ROBERT G. JENSEN
Special Agent In Charge**

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

RA Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: October 20, 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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This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Internal Security Division of the Department has advised that pursuant to his request, Harold Weisberg, a free-lance writer who resides in Frederick, Maryland, was interviewed by a Department attorney 10-8-69. During the course of the interview Weisberg advised that he had recently received a telephone call from J. B. Stoner, National Chairman of the National States Rights Party in which Stoner claimed that two men in his party formerly served as informants of the FBI and these two men are prepared to testify in court that the FBI offered them \$25,000 to frame James Earl Ray for the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. Weisberg said the testimony presumably would be furnished in a habeas corpus proceeding.

This is obviously an attempt by Weisberg and Stoner to discredit the Bureau with such unwarranted, scurrilous allegations.

Weisberg is apparently identical with Harold Weisberg an individual who has been most critical of the Bureau in the past. He is the author of several books including one entitled, "Whitewash - The Report of the Warren Report" and has been critical of the FBI, Secret Service, police agencies and other branches of Government. He was one of ten employees fired by the State Department during 1947 because of his loyalty being suspected. He was later allowed to resign. (This is public source data, article in "Washington Post" 11-18-47.) Weisberg by letter in April, 1969, requested information on the King murder case for a forthcoming book. It was approved that his letter not be acknowledged. (100-35138)

J. B. Stoner, one of the present attorneys for James Earl Ray who has petitioned the Supreme Court of Tennessee for a Writ of Certiorari in connection with his motion for a new trial, is a

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Rosen to DeLoach Memo
RE: MURKIN

notorious segregationist who continually attacks the Bureau and the Director. On the basis of the information furnished, the two alleged former informants referred to cannot be identified in Bureau files.

ACTION:

1. In view of the nature of the information and the background on Weisberg and Stoner it is not felt that they should be interviewed regarding this matter.

2. The Savannah Office which is the office of origin in the case covering the activities of Stoner and the National States Rights Party and the Memphis Office which is office of origin in the James Earl Ray case and is following any appeals are being furnished background information in this matter and are being instructed to be alert for any further information along these lines in order that appropriate action can be taken on any such additional information as warranted.

3. The Memphis Office is being instructed to advise responsible Tennessee state authorities handling the King murder case of the information furnished by the Department and that there is no basis to the allegation that the FBI offered money to anyone to frame James Earl Ray for the King murder. Information furnished Tennessee state authorities will be confirmed in writing by the Memphis Office. Airtel along these lines attached for approval. Letter to Department attached for approval denying allegation against FBI.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Memorandum

TO : Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: October 15, 1969

FROM : J. Walter Yeagley
Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division

SUBJECT: Harold Weisberg

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. DeLoach _____
Mr. Mohr _____
Mr. Bishop _____
Mr. Casper _____
Mr. Callahan _____
Mr. Conrad _____
Mr. Felt _____
Mr. Gale _____
Mr. Rosen _____
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On June 13, 1969 Harold Weisberg, a free-lance writer who resides at Route 8, Frederick, Maryland, requested an interview with a Departmental attorney.

Later the same day he visited this Division and discussed certain Haitian exile revolutionary activities. He again visited this Division on October 8, 1969 and continued his discussion of Haitian exile activities. The information he furnished regarding those activities was of no value.

During the course of the interview on October 8, 1969, Mr. Weisberg advised that he had recently received a telephone call from J. B. Stoner, National Chairman of the National States Rights Party. He said that Stoner told him that two men in his Party formerly served as informants of the FBI. Stoner allegedly said that these two men are prepared to testify in court that the FBI offered them \$25,000 to frame James Earl Ray for the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. Mr. Weisberg said that the testimony presumably would be furnished in a habeas corpus proceeding.

This information is being forwarded as a matter of possible interest to your Bureau.

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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (44-38861)

DATE: 10/29/69

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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Attached is one copy each of State Department telegrams dated 10/24/69 and 10/28/69 concerning the request by JAMES EARL RAY for documents prepared in connection with his extradition hearings in London.

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TO: DIRECTOR (100-441111)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-158741) (P)
SUBJECT: MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
RE: NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU, NOVEMBER 3, 1969.

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UNITED KINGDOM

DOCUMENTS SUPPORTING EXTRADITION REQUEST INCLUDE AFFIDAVITS
NOT REPRODUCED IN TRANSCRIPT. WE UNDERSTAND THAT SUCH AFFIDAVITS
NOT AVAILABLE TO PUBLIC IN UK BY COURT POLICY OR PROCEDURE.
BOTH RAY AND PRIVATE WRITER HAVE REQUESTED AFFIDAVITS, AND FURNISHING
TO EITHER OR BOTH COULD RESULT THEIR PUBLICATION HERE. AFFIDAVITS
PART OF INVESTIGATIVE FILES IN JUSTICE AND THEREFORE MAY BE
WITHHELD UNDER FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT BUT STATE DEPARTMENT
HAS NO SUCH BASIS WITHHOLD. BEFORE DECISION, HOWEVER, WOULD
LIKE EMBASSY CHECK WITH BOW STREET COURT AND REPORT THEIR
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SUBJECT: EXTRADITION: James Earl RAY

REF: State 180320

1. As far as British law is concerned Bow Street Court is of opinion that Ray has right to have affidavits taken in U. S. and received in hearings at London last year. Bow Street official states he believes copies of these affidavits were given to defense after proceedings here were completed. He assumed documents were transmitted to Hanes in U. S. When informed giving affidavits to Ray might result in their publication, he repeated that Ray, as defendant, had every right to the affidavits, which he understood could include Ray's making them available to others if he chose to do so.
2. While Department correct that affidavits not available to public in U. K., this policy does not apply to party in the proceeding who could publish it if he wished. Thus were Ray to have made request for documents, court would have released them. Court would not, rpt, not release to writer or any third party.

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Approving Officer: CG/D:WW Fisher

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Date:

3. Embassy has obtained views of Foreign Office and Home Office which concur with those of Bow Street Court. Both agree matter of publication would be up to Ray.

4. Since both Court and Home Office would have granted request by Ray for documents, Embassy of view that it would be awkward not to release documents to Ray. Embassy would not, rpt, not support giving documents to writer.

5. Foregoing has been coordinated with Gaither.

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

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SUBJECT: MURKIN

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-198A) (6)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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10/31/69



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Washington, D.C. 20520

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Sincerely yours,

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In Reply, Please Refer to
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York
November 5, 1969

James Earl Ray
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. -
Victim

Peter Goldman, Senior Editor, Newsweek Magazine,
444 Madison Avenue, New York City furnished the following
information to Special Agent O. Eugene Smith on November
3, 1969:

He cannot recall having ever met or having ever
received correspondence from a John Hamilton Morris. A
review of the files of the Letter Department of the
Magazine failed to reveal that he ever received a letter
from John Hamilton Morris.

He has never heard of anyone referred to as
"Big D" in connection with the James Earl Ray case and
he has no knowledge of any statement being made that James
Earl Ray was paid by "Big D".

He receives numerous "crank" letters which he
deposits in the waste basket. No record is kept of these
"crank" letters.

This document contains neither
recommendations nor conclusions
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

DATE: 11/5/69

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)(RUC)

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

Re: Phoenix letter dated 9/4/69

Enclosed for Bureau are four copies of LHM.
Enclosed for Kansas City and Memphis are two copies each
of LHM. Enclosed for Phoenix is one copy of LHM for
information.

Numerous efforts were made by New York to
contact PETER GOLDMAN, Senior Editor, Newsweek Magazine,
444 Madison Avenue, New York City during the period
9/8/69 through 10/29/69 with unsuccessful results.

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To: SAC, Kansas City (44-760)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)-5842

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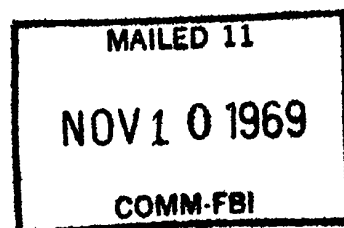
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If not already done, Kansas City interview John Hamilton Morris and suLHM within three days of receipt without fail.

1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info)

NOTE:

Upon receipt, send Department Phoenix LHM 9-4-69 and New York LHM 11-5-69.



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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: KSAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) (RUC)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReBuairtel to Kansas City 11-10-69.

Enclosed for the Los Angeles Office are one copy each of letter from Phoenix to the Director 9-4-69 with LHM and xerox copy of letter from JOHN HAMILTON MORRIS; also enclosed for Los Angeles is copy of New York letter to the Director 11-5-69 reflecting results of interview with PETER GOLDMAN.

On 11-13-69, CARL F. ZARTER, Administrative Assistant, U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, advised that inmate JAMES HAMILTON MORRIS, #83856, was released to the custody of the USM on 9-11-69 to be produced in the USDC, Los Angeles, California. MORRIS has not as yet returned to Leavenworth. Authorities at Leavenworth are unable to anticipate his return. It is therefore suggested that the interview set forth in Phoenix communication for the Kansas City Division be handled by the Los Angeles Division. Los Angeles should be able to determine whereabouts of MORRIS through the USM's office in that area.

It is to be noted that the copy of the handwritten letter from MORRIS to GOLDMAN is barely readable. If Los Angeles decides a more legible copy is needed, it is suggested they obtain one from the Phoenix Office. Kansas City believes that the individual mentioned in the letter as Big D, who was apprehended in New Mexico two weeks ago is possibly ROBERT DE PUGH, head of the Minutemen organization, who is also currently incarcerated at Leavenworth Penitentiary.

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For the information of the Los Angeles Office,
reairtel from the Director instructed Kansas City to inter-
view JOHN HAMILTON MORRIS and submit LHM within three days
of receipt without fail.

12/31/69

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TO: SAC, Memphis

1 - Mr. McDonough

FROM: Director, FBI

MURKIN

Enclosed is a copy of an article from the "Miami Herald" 12/28/69, in which reference is made to a statement by Ray to the effect that he was placed in maximum security because he refused to give certain unidentified information to a state official and the FBI.

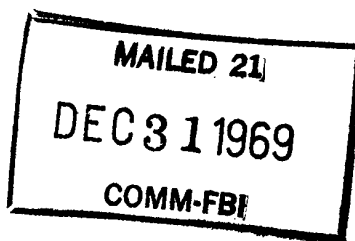
If information available in your files, furnish clarification of this if possible. Also insure Bureau has all pertinent facts relating to Ray's current appeals and status.

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Judge to Rule Whether Ray's Solitary Confinement Is Cruel

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (UPI) — Does the solitary confinement of James Earl Ray, the convicted murderer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., constitute "cruel and unusual punishment?"

This is what Federal Court Judge William E. Miller will be asked to decide Monday when Ray is whisked into court here amid tight security precautions.

Miller named the issue himself.

It's whether "Ray's present incarceration in solitary confinement constitutes the sort of cruel, unusual punishment which is prohibited by the Eighth Amendment to the Constitution," he said.

ON THE OTHER side of the argument, State Correc-



James Earl Ray
... 'Nazi tactics'

tion Commissioner Lake Russell has said it was in Ray's "best interest" that he be kept in maximum security until settlement of various suits brought in his behalf.

Ray and his attorneys differ with the commission on his "best interest."

"I do not believe that I can withstand either mentally or physically this type of imprisonment much longer," Ray said in an affidavit notarized June 23, 1969.

One of his attorneys, Robert Hill Jr. of Chattanooga, compared Ray's imprisonment since his capture in London to Nazi torture.

IN AN emotionally worded brief dealing mainly with Ray's imprisonment in Memphis before his trial, Hill said:

"To systematically strip away all inner psychological defenses through nine months of constant light,

sound and observation is as legally diabolical as many of the Nazi practices which we so often condemn."

The Chattanooga attorney was referring to Ray's constant surveillance by closed-circuit television cameras while in his cell in Memphis.

Ray said he was not asking to be let out into the regular prison population. However, he said he knew of jobs he could do that would make his exposure minimal.

THE STATE has said it would seek to prove that Ray's release from maximum security would endanger his life.

In his affidavit, Ray inferred that one of his former attorneys, Percy Foreman, and the prosecution at Mem-

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this may have made a deal to keep him in maximum security at the state prison.

"I suggest if state officials wanted to keep me in maximum security cells as a form of punishment they should of took (sic) me before a jury and tried to get the maximum penalty instead of dealing with Mr. Percy Foreman," Ray said.

The convicted murderer has also charged that he was placed in maximum security in Nashville because he refused to give certain information to former State Correction Commissioner Harry S. Avery and the FBI.

He did not say what the information was.

IN ANY EVENT, Avery, along with Gov. Buford El-

lington, may be required to appear.

The defense has filed a motion requesting that the former correction commissioner and the governor, along with a Vanderbilt University psychiatrist, be present. Miller said he would rule on the motion at the hearing.

When Ray walks into the eighth-floor courtroom in the Federal Building Monday, security will be tight.

U.S. Marshal Leon Campbell said that all persons would be searched before being allowed to enter the courtroom and, that after the hearing has started, no one would be allowed to enter the courtroom.

Ray has been in maximum security at the state prison here since March 11, the day after he pleaded guilty in return for a 99-year sentence — to the King assassination.

He has been in cell No. 4, an isolated six-by-nine-foot cubicle which is one of 43 cells in the maximum security building.



By United Press Inter

Israeli troops supported by the Gulf of Suez Saturday and a Egyptian outpost in the second big month. Cairo reports said Libya agreed to send strong troop elements to guard the Arabs' Suez

The new commando attack Israel's defense minister, Moshe Dayan, urged his countrymen to gird for a long, hard fight with the Arabs. But he said Israel's air superiority and the Egyptian commandos they would not be able to take the Canal.

An Israeli military spokesman said that four Egyptian soldiers were killed in the commando attack in the reducing area of Ras Gharib, about 10 miles from the entrance to the Suez Canal. One Israeli was wounded but all the

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Date: **January 21, 1970**

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Re: **MURKIN**

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John Edgar Hoover, Director

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Examination requested by: **Memphis**

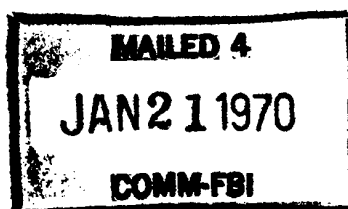
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1 - Philadelphia Enclosure (Lab report)



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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**Date: **January 21, 1970**Re: **MURKIN**FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-700109058 LF**Specimens received **1-8-70**

Q413 Envelope postmarked "PHILADELPHIA PA A AM 30 DEC 1969" bearing handwritten address "U.S. District Court Judge, Robert M. McRae, Jr. Memphis, Tennessee"

Q414 First page of handwritten letter beginning "Dear Judge McRae, Jr; As a Government Informer, I am giving..." and ending "...The truth is that"

Q415 Second page of handwritten letter beginning "I attended Communist schools..." and ending "... Learn to pray to 'God'"

Q416 Envelope postmarked "PHILADELPHIA PA. DEC 17 P.M." bearing handwritten address "U. S. District Court Judge, Robert M. McRae, Jr. Memphis, Tenn."

Q417 Accompanying Christmas card bearing hand printed message beginning "Judge McRae, Jr. You are wrong..." and ending "...with his Commie Negroes."

ALSO SUBMITTED: Newspaper clipping; Leaflet entitled It Can Happen Here

Result of examination:

Specimens Q413 through Q417 were searched in the Anonymous Letter File without effecting an identification. Copies are not being added at this time.

Specimens Q413 through Q416 contain no watermarks, indented writing of significance or any other identifying characteristics which would assist in determining their source. Specimen Q417 and the ALSO SUBMITTED material contain no indented writing of significance.

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The submitted material is returned herewith. Photographs have been made.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) (ATTN: FBI LABORATORY) DATE: 1/5/70

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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The following items are enclosed herewith to the Bureau:

- (1) Envelope postmarked Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Dec. 30, 1969, addressed, "U. S. District Court Judge, Robert M. Mc Rae, Jr. Memphis, Tenn."
- (2) Xerox copy of Item No. 1.
- (3) Original 2-page letter dated December 29, 1969, addressed to U. S. District Court Judge, ROBERT M. McRAE, JR., and ending "Learn to pray to 'God'," which was received in Item No. 1.
- (4) Newspaper article captioned, "James Earl Ray Loses Court Suit," which was contained in envelope described as Item No. 1.
- (5) Pamphlet entitled, "It Can Happen Here," which also was contained in envelope described as Item #1.
- (6) Xerox copies of Items 3, 4, and 5.
- (7) Envelope postmarked Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Dec. 17, 1969, addressed, "U. S. District Court Judge, Robert M. McRae, Jr., Memphis, Tenn."
- (8) Christmas card which was received in Item No. 7. This card contains a handwritten message beginning, "Judge McRae, Jr. You are wrong..." and ending, "U. S. Security Training 1942 - 1969."
- (9) Xerox copies of Items 7 and 8.

Xerox copies of Items 1, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8 are also being forwarded with copies of this communication to the Philadelphia Office.

- 3 - Bureau (Enc.-12) (REGISTERED MAIL)
- 2 - Philadelphia (Enc.-6) (Info)
- 2 - Memphis

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United States District Judge ROBERT M. McRAE, JR., Memphis, Tenn., made the original items described above available to the Memphis Office, January 2, 1970. Judge McRAE stated that obviously these communications were directed to him as a result of newspaper publicity about his having ruled against JAMES EARL RAY in RAY's suit seeking to void a series of contracts between JAMES EARL RAY and his former attorneys and to forbid publication of certain information in connection with the slaying of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. Judge McRAE gave this ruling in U. S. District Court, Memphis, Tenn., 12/1/69.

Judge McRAE stated he realizes that the contents of the two communications in question do not constitute a violation of any Federal Law and that these communications do not contain threats to do bodily harm. He stated that these communications have been handled by numerous friends and that he wanted to make these communications available to the FBI in view of the fact that perhaps the same anonymous person may have written similar communications to other people connected in some way with this case. Judge McRAE was also of the opinion that the FBI perhaps maintained a file on such anonymous communications. Judge McRAE stated he would abide by any decision the FBI makes in connection with action to be taken on these letters. In summary, he stated his reason for referring the letters to the FBI is merely informative and that he does not desire to know the results of any possible action taken.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU:

The Laboratory is requested to search the handwriting on the original communications through the Anonymous Letter File.

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THE PHILADELPHIA DIVISION (INFORMATION)

Copies of this communication and copies of the enclosures described above are being made available to Philadelphia inasmuch as the envelopes bear the Philadelphia postmark and it is possible the same anonymous person may have written other letters to the Philadelphia Office.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Work Sheet

Lab File

Re: **MURKIN**

File # **44-38861-5846**
Lab. # **D-700109058 LF**

Examination requested by: **Memphis (44-1987) L. 1/5/70**

Examination requested: **Document**

Date received: **1/5/70**

Result of Examination:

Examination by: **Newbrough**

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Specimens submitted for examination

- Q413 Envelope postmarked "PHILADELPHIA PA A AM 30 DEC 1969" bearing handwritten address "U.S. District Court Judge, Robert M. McRae, Jr. Memphis, Tennessee"
- Q414 First page of handwritten letter beginning "Dear Judge McRae, Jr.: As a Government Informer, I am giving..." and ending "...The truth is that"
- Q415 Second page of handwritten letter beginning "I attended Communist schools..." and ending "...Learn to pray to ~~HEAR~~ 'God' "
- Q416 Envelope postmarked "PHILADELPHIA PA. DEC 17 P.M." bearing handwritten address "U. S. District Court Judge, Robert M. McRae, Jr. Memphis, Tenn."
- Q417 Accompanying Christmas card bearing handprinted message beginning "Judge McRae, Jr. You are wrong..." and ending "...with his Commie Negroes."

**ALSO SUBMITTED: Newspaper clipping
Leaflet entitled It Can Happen Here**

*Christmas Is
A Season Of Kindness*

*May the kindly spirit of Christmas
Spread its radiance far and wide
So all the world may feel the glow
Of this Holy Christmastide —
And then may every heart and home
Continue through the year
To feel the warmth and wonderment
Of this season of Good Cheer —
And may it bring us closer
To God and to each other
'Til every Stranger is a Friend
And every man a brother.*

Helen Steiner Rice

Mr. J. B. Q. Brown, Jr.
You are surely
trained with
Martin King in
Communist
School, Boston.
Mass + Tenn.
An "American"

Give us
understanding
enough to make us kind
So we may judge
all people
with our heart
and not our mind.

H.S.R.

The F.B.I. knows he
was out to overthrow
America with his
Commie Negroes.

Wishing you all the joys
and all the blessings
of this happy,
holy season.

100% American

U. S. Security training
1942-1969



AIR MAIL

U. S. District Court Judge,
Robert M. McRae, Jr.
Memphis, Tenn.

do you pray and Bible read? What are your goals? Whom are you living for?

If you really love Him, are you sharing the gospel? I didn't ask you if you were a preacher but are you letting your fellow workmen, your neighbors, your schoolmates, know that you want to introduce your Saviour to them also?

What about your pocketbook? Does God have it as well as your life and witness for Him? A known Communist in San Francisco said that besides giving one-third of his day to Communism, he also gave half of his income. Do you really give to the cause of Christ and the spread of His gospel as if your life depended on it? You had better, for it does! Most Christians do not even give the half penny, fifth or tenth. We are content to be Christians of convenience. We give out of what is left over (if anything) after buying new homes, refrigerators, washers, dryers, sports equipment and so on.

I cannot conclude without this word to someone who may be reading this and who is yet a stranger to the family of God and dead in trespasses and sins. If the Communists do achieve world domination, I should a thousand times, rather fall into their torturing and cruel hands than to leave this life unprepared to meet God. "The body they may kill," wrote the hymnwriter. But Christ said, "Rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell" (Matthew 10:28). You may have to face a firing squad after a few more years here on earth, but you don't have to face an eternity in hell after this life is over. When the books are opened in eternity, it won't be a question of what you lived or died for

politically, but what you did with Jesus who is called Christ. *"He that believeth on him is not condemned; but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God"* (John 3:18).

Why not ask Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, to come into your heart right now, take away your sins, and give you life that never ends. Then live all-out-for Him. God is still on the throne. He will finally put all His enemies under His feet, but you and I can and must have a real part in this victory. *"Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead and Christ shall give thee light"* (Ephesians 5:14). — C. Calvin Herriott

This tract was awarded the George Washington Honor Medal by the Free Press Foundation of Valley Forge as "an outstanding achievement in helping to bring about a better understanding of the American way of life."

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THE IRON CURTAIN

"We are the young and aggressive," Nikita Khrushchev said, when Americans ventured into Eastern Europe, "and you are the decadent civilization! We will wipe the memory of capitalism from the face of the earth!"

Communism fully intends to conquer the world by or before 1973, and the Reds consider their program to be as much as five years ahead of schedule. In fact, many of Communism's leaders openly boast that they will have a dictator in Washington, D.C. within the next decade!

"When we conquer the United States," Khrushchev is reported to have said, "Sixty million Americans must be removed." Can this possibly happen here in America? A few months ago in Salem, Oregon, an evangelical pastor was approached by a Communist party member in an effort to soften up the Communist cause. When the pastor resisted, he was told that the Communists have a complete record of pastors and members of the churches of Salem in their files ready for action at the appropriate time!

If the Communists did get control of our country, what would this mean to you and to your church? An official publication of the Committee On Un-American Activities of the House of Representatives points out that if Communism should come to the United States it would mean that:

1. If you belong to a church, you must prepare for persecution.

2. The Communists would destroy every copy of the Bible they could find.
3. It would be illegal for your children to attend Sunday school.
4. The Communists would indoctrinate your children in atheism.
5. Church weddings, funerals and baptisms would be illegal.
6. Missionary work would be absolutely forbidden.

Yes, it can happen here, unless you and I, and all Americans decide to get busy and do something about it. What can I do, you ask? Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, editor of an evangelical magazine, says: "Face the facts, no matter how unpleasant. The Communists say this is a fight to the finish. Believe them! Khrushchev says, 'We will bury you.' He means it! Keep your head out of the sand and face the issue squarely.

"Don't be complacent. John Noble, who vanished for nine years in a Russian slave camp, said, 'We are drowning in a sea of complacency. Americans simply do not want to care.' You are your brother's keeper, including the 28 million in slave labor camps behind the Iron Curtain.

"Finally, agitate as a Christian for the righteous forces to take the initiative. We have been on the defensive. A personal acceptance of the gospel message is still the best deterrent to the spread of a godless atheism."

Do you see the peril that is at our very doorstep, and also the challenge that faces us? Then let these words from an article in a French Communist paper, "Paix et Liberté," burn with con-

viction into your heart: "The gospel is a much more powerful weapon for the renewal of society than is our Marxist philosophy. All the same, it is we who will finally beat you. We are only a handful, and you Christians are numbered by the million. But if you remember the story of Gideon and his three hundred companions you will understand why I am right. We Communists do not play with words. We are realists, and seeing that we are determined to achieve our object, we know how to obtain the means. Of our salaries and wages we keep only what is strictly necessary, and give the rest for propaganda purposes. To this propaganda we also consecrate all our free time and part of our holidays. You however, give only a little time and hardly any money for the spreading of the gospel of Christ. How can anyone believe in the supreme value of this gospel if you do not practice it, if you do not spread it, and if you sacrifice neither time nor money for it? Believe me, it is we who will win, for we believe in our Communist message and are ready to sacrifice everything, even our life, in order that social justice shall triumph. But you people are afraid to soil your hands."

Are you practicing your Christianity? Are you living daily for Christ? Do you let the cares of this life—making a living, keeping house, going to school, even church activity—keep you from full abandonment to your Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ! Oswald Chambers, in his daily devotional book tells us that Christ says in effect to His disciples, "Don't rejoice in successful service, but rejoice because you are rightly related to me. Do you guard your fellowship with the Lord, you