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RE BOSTON TT DATED APRIL 29, 1974.

ON APRIL 29, 1974, GEORGE MC MILLAN RECONTACTED THE BOSTON OFFICE AND ADVISED HE WAS WILLING TO BE INTERVIEWED ON MAY 2, 1974, IN THE PRESENCE OF AND IN THE OFFICE OF HIS ATTORNEY JOHN T. WILLIAMS OF HAUSSERMAN DAVISON AND SHATTUCK, FIFTEEN STATE ST., BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS.

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TO: BUREAU 44-38861

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FROM: BOSTON 157-644 P

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RE BOSTON TT DATED APRIL 27, 1974 (INCORRECTLY
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Memorandum

TO : Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: APR 24 1974

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DJ 144-72-662

FROM : J. Stanley Pottinger
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

SUBJECT: Assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Reference is made to your investigation of the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., Bureau file #44-38861, and the attached correspondence between this Division and Mr. Bernard Fensterwald, attorney for James Earl Ray.

Mr. Fensterwald asserts that authors Gerold Frank, William Bradford Huie and George McMillan have had access to FBI reports in connection with this matter.

Please interview the appropriate Bureau personnel who may have information, or comments, with regard to Mr. Fensterwald's assertion and advise us whether there is any indication that these authors had access to the reports as asserted.

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per FOIA req. of George McMillan
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Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

APR 24 1974

Mr. Bernard Fensterwald, Jr.
Law Offices
Fensterwald and Ohlhausen
910 Sixteenth Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Mr. Fensterwald:

Bud

This is to reply to your letter of March 27, 1974, enclosing a letter from one George McMillan to John Larry Ray, and requesting access to our investigative file pertaining to the assassination of Reverend Martin Luther King.

As an investigative file pertaining to a possible violation of federal criminal statutes, this material is specifically exempted from disclosure pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act. See 5 U.S.C. §552. Any disclosure of the contents of this file would be contrary to Department policy and regulations.

I regret that we could not be of more assistance.

Sincerely,

K. William O'Connor
Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

44-38861-5942

ENCLOSURE

GEORGE McMILLAN
12 HILLIARD STREET
CAMBRIDGE, MASS 02138
PHONE 617-547-6260

Sept 14, 1973

Dear Jack:

That was a good letter you wrote about the blackberries, etc. Peacock is now living in Lewiston, not far from Ewing. I heard that his wife is an alcoholic and that he isn't doing much of anything himself.

My lawsuit to see you goes on, in fact my lawyers expect some kind of decision from the federal judge here in Boston within next two weeks. But, even if he acts in my favor, the government has recourses which will still delay my seeing you. I am now well along with my book and am working against a hard deadline of March 15, 1973. It is the absolute last date on which I can do anything with my manuscript. That means it will be published in the Fall of 1974, about a year from now. Book publishing is a very slow affair.

The thing I want to talk with you about now is ~~xxxxxxxx~~ about what went on between you and Jimmy and Jerry and Jimmy in that year between the time he escaped from Jeff City and was arrested in London. I especially want to know about the time between Jeff City and Memphis. What I most want to do is check with you the story Jerry told me in Chicago in the summer of 1972 when I went out there two times to interview him. He told me one hell of a lot stuff. Then he sent me a tape on which he said he had conned me. I put all the stuff I got from him aside, telling myself it was probably all a lot of shit. Then the other day I looked at it again, read it all over carefully. I changed my mind about it. I decided that Jerry had told me the truth, that all the stuff was pretty much true, that maybe he had lied to me about some names, invented something here or there, but that the general story he told me was true. That's what I believe now, and I mean to use the stuff.

But I want to check it as much as I can. I've already checked a couple of things & they've turned out to be true. Sometime before I write this section I am going to Memphis and look at the FBI file on the case; that's been made available to me. Knowing what I know, some of the things in that FBI file might look different to me from what they looked to Frank and Julie.

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PS I thought a man named Cason ran the pool hall? Edix And barber shop. Did he come before or after Fat Brown? Or did Cason own it and Fat run it?

GEORGE McMILLAN
12 HILLIARD STREET
CAMBRIDGE, MASS. 02138
PHONE 617-547-6260

What I would like ~~xx~~ more than anything is to check Jerry's story with you. What do you think about doing it by mail? I've just been taking for granted that this is something you wouldn't want to write me about. Am I wrong? Let me know. If it's OK with you, it's OK with me.

And I will ~~xxxx~~ pay you something for your help. Not a big sum. And I won't pay in advance. I've been had too often for that. But I will pay as we go along.

And if we don't do it now, I don't know when we will ever do it. Time is running out for me. And I'm going to use something so it might as well be the straight story.

I would like to talk with Jimmy. The Tennessee officials have given me permission. But Jimmy won't see me, just as he hasn't seen any writer. Jerry says that if Jimmy's current appeal is turned down in Cincinnati that Jimmy is going to talk, hold a press conference. Well, I doubt that there would be much for me in that press conference. Both Stoner and Foreman have urged Jimmy to talk with me but Fensterwald does not want him to.

I think he should. Mine is the East book that's going to be done in the foreseeable future. And he can't sell another "story" like he sold to Huie. Nobody is going to pay him anymore unless they check the story in advance. Oh, maybe some TV network might pay him a relatively small sum for an on-camera interview. But that wouldn't help anybody.

One more question. Do you have any pictures of your family? Your mother? Any old pictures of any kind of any member of the family?

Look forward to hearing from you soon.

JACK Ray

JOHN RAY

Sincerely,

Mr. John Larry Ray #86798

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Illinois

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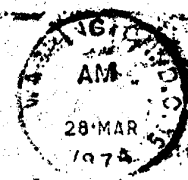
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PS I'm moving South Octobr 1st so answer this letter to me at

Coffin Point
Frogmore, South Carolina 29920

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NEW YORK, N. Y. 10017

March 27, 1974

Mr. William O'Connor
550 11th St., N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bill:

I enclose a copy of a letter which I obtained, and which should be of interest to you. It is from George McMillan, well known writer and hopeful biographer of James Earl Ray; it is to John Ray, Jame's brother.

As you will note, McMillan claims access to the FBI file and asserts that both Gerold Frank and William Huie had access.

If this is true, and I have reason to believe it is true at least in the cases of Huie and Frank, I believe that I, as Ray's attorney, am entitled to access. In fact, I believe I'm entitled under the FOI Act as an individual. It would be to everyone's advantage, I believe, to let me examine it quietly rather than after a big, public flap.

Would you look into this and take it up with your elders.

Warmest regards.

Sincerely,

Bud

Bernard Fensterwald, Jr.

BF:crr

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PS.

Despite our best efforts, Ray is still in solitary; starting his 18th month.

We go to Houston to depose Percy Foreman on April 2, 1974
Oh joy!!

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Civil Rights Division requests we interview appropriate Bureau personnel concerning comments made in correspondence from Bernard Fensterwald, attorney for James Earl Ray. Fensterwald asserts that based on correspondence of George McMillan which he obtained, authors Gerold Frank, William Bradford Huie and McMillan have had access to FBI reports in the King assassination case. In the letter referred to, McMillan states "sometime before I write this section I am going to Memphis and look at the FBI file on the case; that's been made available to me. Knowing what I know some of the things in that file might look different to me from what they looked to Frank and Huie."

Bufiles show McMillan has contacted the Bureau previously for information on the Ray case and other Civil Rights cases and there is no indication that he has been furnished information by the Bureau from Bureau files. Our files do show that in January, 1971, in response to his request for data in the Ray case, the Civil Rights Division of the Department advised McMillan that the only information which could be made available to him consisted of documents filed on behalf of the states of Tennessee and Missouri in the extradition proceeding against Ray in British Court.

Appropriate personnel at the Bureau and in the Memphis Office advise that they have no information that Bureau reports were furnished McMillan, Frank or Huie in this matter.

It is recommended we interview McMillan and pin this down and upon receipt of results, Civil Rights Division and Fensterwald will be appropriately advised.

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Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

May 7, 1974

Director, FBI 44-38861-5942

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1 - Mr. Franck
1 - Mr. McDonough

ASSASSINATION OF
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

I have received your memorandum dated April 24, 1974, and its enclosures in the captioned matter, your reference JSP:FDA:SH:bmp; DJ 144-72-662.

In the letter from Mr. George McMillan to John Larry Ray furnished you by Mr. Bernard Fensterwald, Attorney for James Earl Ray, it is stated "Sometime before I write this section I am going to Memphis and look at the FBI file on the case; that's been made available to me. Knowing what I know, some of the things in that xxxx file might look different to me from what they looked to Frank and Huie." This apparently refers to Gerold Frank and William Bradford Huie, authors who have written material on the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., murder case.

Appropriate personnel of this Bureau have advised that they have no information that FBI reports have been made available to these individuals by this Bureau. In order to resolve this matter, efforts have been made to interview Mr. McMillan concerning the statement in his letter.

On April 27, 1974, Special Agents of our Boston Office contacted Mr. McMillan and he advised he did not wish to be interviewed. He stated that Mr. Fensterwald habitually makes wild accusations and Mr. McMillan does not feel any response to these is warranted. He added that another reason for not wishing to be interviewed is that correspondence between himself and John Larry Ray concerns a suit in Federal Court by Mr. McMillan to gain access to John Larry Ray, who is an inmate at the Federal Penitentiary, Marion, Illinois.

On April 29, 1974, Mr. McMillan recontacted our Boston Office and advised he was willing to be interviewed

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STAFF ATTORNEY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

on May 2, 1974, in the presence of and in the office of his Attorney, John T. Williams of Hausserman, Davison and Shattuck, 15 State Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

On April 30, 1974, Mr. McMillan contacted the Boston Office and cancelled the appointment. He stated he was willing to have Attorney Williams interviewed in his behalf but did not wish to be present himself. He advised he was leaving the Boston area immediately to spend three or four days in Tennessee and volunteered he had not reviewed any FBI files and had only hearsay knowledge of such review by other authors.

On April 30, 1974, John T. Williams stated he had last talked with Mr. McMillan a few hours earlier and at that time Mr. McMillan was willing to be interviewed personally. Mr. Williams stated he knows only that Mr. McMillan did not review any FBI file.

No further efforts are being made to interview Mr. McMillan; however, any information he may desire to furnish our Boston Office will be accepted.

In addition to the above, you are referred to a letter to this Bureau from then Assistant Attorney General of the Civil Rights Division, Jerris Leonard, dated January 15, 1971, entitled "Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr."; your file JL:MG:pg; 144-72-66, enclosing a letter from the Civil Rights Division to Mr. George McMillan in which Mr. McMillan, in essence, was advised that Department of Justice files pertaining to James Earl Ray are confidential and his request for further information based on the FBI's investigation could not be complied with. Mr. McMillan was advised by the Department that documents and exhibits which were filed on behalf of Tennessee and Missouri in the Ray extradition proceedings in the British Court do not come within this rule and would be available for inspection at the Civil Rights Division in Washington, D. C.

NOTE: This is to advise the CRD of results of our inquiries into this matter. If McMillan and/or his attorney contact our Boston Office, any pertinent information will be obtained and if appropriate, will be forwarded to the CRD.

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To: SACs Boston (Enclosures 3)
Columbia (Enclosures 3)

4/26/74

From: Director, FBI (44-38861) - 5942 1 - Mr. McDonough

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Enclosed are communications from the Department.

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Re: MURKIN
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Bureau files indicate that McMillan in December, 1973, was in Coffin Point, Frogmore, South Carolina, although the letterhead on his letter of 9/14/73 sets forth a Cambridge, Massachusetts, address.

The Boston and Columbia Offices should immediately attempt to ascertain whereabouts of McMillan in order that he can be interviewed to resolve any possible allegation that he, Frank or Huie have received Bureau reports in this matter. Handle immediately and keep Bureau advised of developments. Sutel summary of results of interview of McMillan and follow with LHM. This is to be vigorously pursued until resolved.

NOTE: See General Investigative Division informative note dated 4/26/74, EJM/bap.

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TO: DIRECTOR 44-38861

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FROM: BOSTON 157-644

O
MURKIN.

RE BOSTON NITEL MAY 1, 1974.

ATTORNEY JOHN T. WILLIAMS TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED
DURING AM OF THIS DATE THAT HIS CLIENT GEORGE MCMILLAN WILL BE IN
BOSTON, FRIDAY, MAY 10, 1974, AND AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW IN WILLIAMS'
OFFICE 3:15 PM THAT DATE.

BOSTON DIVISION ARRANGED TO INTERVIEW MCMILLAN AT THAT
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If not already done, the Memphis Office should contact appropriate current and former Tennessee State authorities to ascertain if they have any information that FBI files previously in possession of state authorities were made available to Frank and Huie or anyone else by state or county personnel.

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RE BOSTON NITEL TO BUREAU, 5/8/74.

GEORGE MC MILLAN INTERVIEWED THIS DATE IN
OFFICE OF HIS ATTORNEY, JOHN T. WILLIAMS, OF FIRM
HAUSSERMAN, DAVIDSON AND SHATTUCK, 1 BOSTON PLACE,
BOSTON, IN PRESENCE OF WILLIAMS.

MC MILLAN ADVISED HE HAS NEVER SEEN OR HAD
ACCESS TO ANY FBI FILES OR PORTIONS THEREOF. CONCERNING
THE JAMES EARL RAY CASE OR ANY OTHER CASE. ALSO
STATED THAT NO FBI PERSONNEL ANYWHERE EVER INDICATED THEY
WOULD MAKE SUCH AVAILABLE TO HIM.

MC MILLAN FURTHER ADVISED THAT THE TENNESSEE
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OR COUNTY PERSONNEL. AS A RESULT OF THESE RUMORS,
MC MILLAN FELT THE FILE WOULD ALSO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO HIM.
WHEN ASKED IF ANY TENNESSEE STATE OR LOCAL OFFICIAL
OR PERSONNEL EVER OFFERED TO MAKE THE FBI FILES
AVAILABLE TO HIM, MC MILLAN REPLIED BY SAYING HE REFUSES
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Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of an LHM concerning interview of author GEORGE MC MILLAN in connection with captioned matter. Two copies are enclosed for Memphis Division.

The representative of the FBI with whom MC MILLAN and his attorney were in telephonic contact on 4/27, 29, and 30/4 is SA ROGER J. CORKE.

Inasmuch as there are no further leads outstanding in the Boston Division, this matter is hereby being RUC'd.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
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Boston, Massachusetts

May 15, 1974

JAMES EARL RAY;
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., - VICTIM
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George McMillan, 12 Hilliard Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts, telephonically advised a representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Boston, Massachusetts, on April 27, 1974, that he is an author of material on James Earl Ray; however, he declined to be interviewed. He said that James Earl Ray's attorney, Bernard Fensterwald, Jr., habitually makes wild accusations and he, McMillan, did not feel any response was warranted. McMillan noted he has written letters to "Jack," described by him as being John Larry Ray, brother of James Earl Ray. McMillan said he had a second reason for not wishing to be interviewed, stating that correspondence between himself and John Larry Ray concerned a suit in Federal Court by McMillan to gain access to John Larry Ray, currently an inmate at Federal Prison, Marion, Illinois. This suit is presently on appeal to the United States Supreme Court, according to McMillan.

Two hours later on the same date, April 27, 1974, McMillan telephonically requested he be contacted on April 29, 1974, to arrange for interview.

On April 29, 1974, McMillan was telephonically contacted by a representative of the FBI. McMillan stated he had decided to consult with an attorney prior to interview and desired to have an attorney present if interviewed. He said he would contact the Boston Division of the FBI in several days.

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On April 29, 1974, McMillan telephonically advised he was willing to be interviewed May 2, 1974, in the presence and in the office of his attorney, John T. Williams, of the Boston law firm of Hausserman, Davison and Shattuck.

On April 30, 1970, McMillan telephonically cancelled his appointment. He stated he was willing to have Attorney Williams interviewed in his behalf, but he did not wish to be present himself. He said he was leaving the Boston area immediately to spend three or four days in Tennessee. He volunteered that he had not reviewed any FBI files and had only hearsay knowledge of any such review by other authors.

On April 30, 1974, Attorney John T. Williams telephonically advised he had talked with McMillan several hours earlier, at which time McMillan was willing to be interviewed personally. Williams stated he knows only that McMillan did not review FBI files. He added he would contact the Boston Division of the FBI concerning possible interview, after conferring with McMillan upon McMillan's return from Tennessee.

On May 8, 1974, Attorney Williams telephonically advised that his client, George McMillan, would be in Boston on May 10, 1974, and available for interview in Williams' office on that date.

On May 10, 1974, George McMillan was interviewed by Special Agents Kenneth L. Hansen and John N. Ouellette in the office of his attorney, John T. Williams, of the firm Hausserman, Davison and Shattuck, 1 Boston Place, Boston, in the presence of Williams.

McMillan advised he has never seen or had access to any FBI files, or portions thereof, concerning the James Earl Ray case or any other case. He said no FBI personnel, anywhere, ever indicated they would make such material available to him. He recalled he once visited the office of former FBI Assistant Director Tom Bishop at FBI Headquarters, Washington, D.C., to request material for his book on James Earl Ray; however, Mr. Bishop, who was then handling press relations, told McMillan he could not give him anything regarding that case.

McMillan further advised that the Tennessee State Attorney-General's Office in Memphis was in possession of what was commonly referred to as "FBI files" in order to

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conduct its prosecution of James Earl Ray. McMillan said he heard rumors from sources in Memphis, whose identity he does not recall, that those files were made available to authors Gerold Frank and William Huie by either state or county officials or personnel. McMillan added these were merely rumors of unknown origin and he possessed no specific information as to whether either Frank or Huie had access to the files.

McMillan stated the aforementioned rumors led him to believe he could have the FBI files made available to him. McMillan was asked if any state or local official or personnel in Tennessee ever offered to make the FBI files available to him. McMillan replied by saying that he refuses to answer that question.

McMillan went on to relate he has been attempting to compile material regarding James Earl Ray in order to determine a personal motive for the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., so as to disprove theories that a conspiracy may have been involved. He said he was previously retained by the Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) and Time Magazine, Inc., to conduct a study of Lee Harvey Oswald in connection with the assassination of former United States President John F. Kennedy and that study led him to the conclusion Oswald acted on his own and there was no conspiracy involved.

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On 5/13/74, Mr. JOHN CARLISLE, Chief Investigator, Shelby County Attorney General's Office, Memphis, Tennessee, advised SA JOE C. HESTER that all of the documents turned over to that office by the FBI continue to be locked up with the evidence in that case. He said that access to this material is extremely limited and that no one has made anything available to any of the various authors who have written books about this case.

Mr. CARLISLE noted that the various pleadings in this case contain a great deal of information concerning the evidence, and he feels certain that many outsiders have reviewed these court records which are public records.

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