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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) (P)  
FROM SAC, NEW YORK (44-1987) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
RE: NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU, FEBRUARY 23, 1976.  
ON FEBRUARY 23, 1976, THE NEW YORK OFFICE OF THE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION RECEIVED A  
TELEPHONE CALL FROM AN INDIVIDUAL WHO STATED  
THAT HE HAD INFORMATION CONCERNING THE MURDER OF  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. THE INDIVIDUAL STATED  
THAT HE HAD BEEN CONTACTED BY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO  
OFFERED HIM \$50,000 TO ASSIST IN THE MURDER OF  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. THE INDIVIDUAL STATED  
THAT HE HAD REFUSED THE OFFER AND WANTED TO REPORT  
THE MATTER TO THE FBI. THE NEW YORK OFFICE  
CONDUCTED AN INVESTIGATION AND DETERMINED THAT  
THE INDIVIDUAL WHO MADE THE CALL WAS A  
PERSON WHO HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE  
INDIVIDUAL WHO OFFERED HIM \$50,000 TO ASSIST  
IN THE MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. THE  
NEW YORK OFFICE IS CURRENTLY ATTEMPTING TO  
LOCATE THE INDIVIDUAL WHO OFFERED HIM \$50,000  
TO ASSIST IN THE MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
AND IS REQUESTING YOUR ASSISTANCE IN THIS  
MATTER.

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CARRIER FOR THAT ROUTE ADVISED HYATT HAS BEEN GONE FROM THAT ADDRESS FOR APPROXIMATELY THREE YEARS.

ATLANTA CITY DIRECTORY AND ATLANTA SUBURBAN DIRECTORY LISTS APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED AND FOUR EITHER RALPH OR INITIAL R. SMITHS. THE GREATER ATLANTA SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE DIRECTORY LISTS IN EXCESS OF ONE HUNDRED AND FOUR EITHER RALPH OR INITIAL R. SMITHS. NEITHER THE CITY DIRECTORY NOR THE TELEPHONE BOOK HAVE ANY LISTING FOR AN R. OR RALPH SETZER.

IT IS TO BE NOTED THAT DURING ORIGINAL INTERVIEW OF ARNOLD RAY GODFREY, AKA RAY GODFREY, HE STATED HE THOUGHT HE WAS IN NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE "SHACKED UP" ON THE DAY MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. WAS KILLED. GODFREY THOUGHT HE COULD VERIFY THIS THROUGH SOME PERSONAL RECORDS, HOWEVER, SINCE THAT TIME IT IS TO BE NOTED THAT HE HAS BECOME UNCOOPERATIVE.

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ATLANTA AT ATLANTA. (1) ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH TYPE OF VEHICLE GODFREY OWNED IN 1968. (2) ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH FURTHER BACKGROUND ON ARNOLD RAY GODFREY. (3) ATTEMPT TO ASCERTAIN IF GODFREY EVER IN MILITARY SERVICE.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

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FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

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RE ATLANTA TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, FEBRUARY 23, 1976;

BUREAU TELCALL TO MEMPHIS, FEBRUARY 24, 1976.

A REVIEW OF THE 1968 NASHVILLE TELEPHONE DIRECTORY REVEALED THAT THERE WERE FORTY MOTELS IN DOWNTOWN AREA AND 22 IN THE SUBURBAN AREA.

THE FOLLOWING SAMPLING WAS MADE OF SOME OF THE MOTELS:

ALAMO PLAZA HOTEL COURTS, 450 MURFREESBORO ROAD, REVEALED THAT THEY HAVE RECORDS DATING BACK TO SEVEN YEARS;

BILTMORE MOTEL, 2400 FRANKLIN ROAD, ONLY HAVING RECORDS DATING BACK TO 1970; ANY PREVIOUS RECORDS POSSIBLY EXIST AT PROVIDENT TRUST COMPANY IN NASHVILLE;

CONTINENTAL INNS OF AMERICA, 303 INTERSTATE DRIVE, HAVING RECORDS DATING BACK FIVE TO SEVEN YEARS;

CAPITAL PARK INN, 400 FIFTH AVENUE NORTH, HAVING RECORDS IN STORAGE ROOM BUT NOT FILED BY YEARS;

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MONTEREY MOTEL, 3301 DICKERSON ROAD, HAVING RECORDS DATING  
BACK APPROXIMATELY SIX YEARS;

HOLIDAY INN, 230 WEST TRINITY, ONE OF THE HOTELS LISTED  
AS OPENING IN MAY, 1968.

NO ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE TO LOCATE GUEST REGISTRATION CARD  
FOR GODFREY MENTIONED IN RE BUCALL UACB.  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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SAC, EL PASO (44-920)

SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

MURKIN

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE DATED FEBRUARY 23, 1976.

ON FEBRUARY 23, 1976, A COMPOSITE PHOTOGRAPH OF AN INDIVIDUAL AS RALPH (LAST NAME UNKNOWN) WAS SHOWN TO TOMMY GODFREY RESIDING ON SUGAR CREEK ROAD, FANNIN COUNTY, GEORGIA. TOMMY IS A BROTHER TO BOTH LEE CARROLL AND ARNOLD RAY GODFREY. TOMMY ADVISED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW THE INDIVIDUAL DEPICTED IN THE COMPOSITE AND FURTHER ANNOUNCED HE ACTUALLY DID NOT KNOW ANY ONE NAMED RALPH SMITH OR RALPH SETZER. HE MENTIONED THE NAME RALPH SETZER DURING A PRIOR INTERVIEW ONLY BECAUSE LEE GODFREY RELATED TO HIM ABOUT HIS CONTACT WITH THE FBI IN THEIR INTEREST IN RALPH. TOMMY THOUGHT HE SAID THE MAN'S NAME WAS RALPH SETZER.

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ON FEBRUARY 23, 1976, LEE CARROLL GODFREY, BOARD TOWN ROAD, GILMER COUNTY, GEORGIA, VIEWED THE ABOVE DESCRIBED COMPOSITE AND STATED IT WAS QUITE DISSIMILAR TO THE MAN HE REMEMBERED

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AT 44-2386

AS RALPH SMITH, A FORMER ASSOCIATE OF HIS AND HIS BROTHER'S ARNOLD RAY. WHEN HE LAST SAW RALPH THREE AND ONE HALF YEARS AGO RALPH HAD A DUCK TAIL HAIR CUT, FULL ON THE SIDES AND FLAT ON TOP. HE WAS APPROXIMATELY 45 YEARS OLD, MUCH OLDER THAN THE COMPOSITE. THE ONLY INDIVIDUAL LEE COULD REMEMBER WHO KNEW RALPH WAS A DIVORCEE NAMED LAVENE COOK (PHONETIC) WHO RESIDED IN MARIETTA, GEORGIA.

ON TODAY'S DATE, BARBARA WAGER, DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES FOR THE STATE OF GEORGIA, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, WAS CONTACTED AND REQUESTED THAT SHE REVIEW THE STATE OF GEORGIA'S RECORDS FOR AN AUTOMOBILE OWNED BY ARNOLD RAY GODFREY DURING THE YEAR 1967 AND 1968. MRS. WAGER ADVISED IT ~~W~~OULD BE QUITE EXTENSIVE TO REVIEW THESE FILES BUT WOULD ATTEMPT TO DO SO.

JOE WALLACE, SECURITY OFFICER, DELTA AIR LINES, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, ADVISED THAT THE AIR LINES DOES NOT KEEP THE ACTUAL NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS WHO FLIGHT ON THEIR AIR LINES. THE NAMES ARE KEPT ON A COMPUTER RUN WHICH IS ONLY MAINTAINED IN THEIR FILES FOR 30 DAYS. THE ACTUAL TICKETS ARE MAINTAINED BY THE

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AT 44-2386

AIR LINES FOR 90 DAYS ACCORDING TO THE REGULATIONS OF THE  
CAB.

ON TODAY'S DATE, BETTY H. NEELY, PERSONAL RECORDS, GEORGIA  
NATIONAL GUARD, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, ADVISED THAT ARNOLD RAY GODFREY,  
BORN ON [REDACTED], COPPER HILL, TENNESSEE, AND ENLISTED IN  
THE GUARD ON JANUARY 9, 1951. HE ENLISTED INTO THE MEDICAL  
COMPANY WITH THE 122 INFANTRY. THIS UNIT WAS LOCATED IN ATLANTA,  
GEORGIA. GODFREY WAS DISCHARGED 1954 AS A CORPORAL WITH AN HONORABLE  
DISCHARGE. HIS OCCUPATION DURING SERVICE WAS A LIGHT TRUCK  
DRIVER. RECORDS HAVE NO FURTHER INFORMATION.

NUMEROUS INDIVIDUALS WHO KNEW ARNOLD RAY GODFREY IN  
1968-69, INTERVIEWED AND ALL ACKNOWLEDGED GODFREY AS A "GOOD  
OLD COUNTRY BOY" WITH NO VIOLENT TENDENCIES. ONE INDIVIDUAL  
STATED GODFREY HAD NO USE FOR NEGROES BUT WOULD NOT HARM  
ANYONE.

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PAGE FOUR, AT 44-2386

DIANE BRADY ADVISED GODFREY STILL FREQUENTS THE "OFFICE"  
AND IS WELL KNOWN TO HER. GODFREY IS A VERY AMIABLE PERSON  
WITH NO VIOLENT TENDENCIES.

IT IS TO BE NOTED IN PREVIOUS TELETYPE, LEE CARROLL  
GODFREY WAS MENTIONED AS A COUSIN OF ARNOLD RAY GODFREY, WHEN  
IN FACT, HE IS BROTHER OF ARNOLD.

LEADS. ATLANTA AT ATLANTA. WILL RECONTACT BARBARA WAGER.

AT MARIETTA, GA. ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW LOVINE  
COOK.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM SAC, NEW YORK  
SUBJECT: [illegible]  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Rights Division

FROM : Director, FBI

DATE: February 25, 1976

ATTN: MR. ROBERT A. MURPHY  
ROOM 1038 TODD

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Reference is made to \_\_\_\_\_ memorandum dated \_\_\_\_\_  
(your file \_\_\_\_\_) my 2/24/76

There is enclosed one copy of the report of Special Agent \_\_\_\_\_  
dated \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_.

A. ☐ This covers the preliminary investigation and no further action concerning a full investigation will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

B. ☒ The investigation is continuing and you will be furnished copies of reports as they are received.

C. ☐ The investigation requested by you has now been completed. Unless advised to the contrary no further inquiries will be made by this Bureau.

D. ☐ Pursuant to instructions issued by the Department, no investigation will be conducted in this matter unless specifically directed by the Department.

E. ☐ Please advise whether you desire any further investigation.

F. ☐ This is submitted for your information and you will be advised of further developments.

G. ☐ This is submitted for your information and no further investigation will be conducted unless specifically requested by the Department.

H. ☐ This covers the receipt of a complaint and no further action will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

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NOTE: Attached are copies of a teletype from Atlanta dated 2/24/76 and a teletype from Memphis dated 2/24/76.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: G/K SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (RUC)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Atlanta teletype to the Bureau dated 1/7/76,  
and Charlotte teletypes to the Bureau dated 1/8/76, 1/9/76,  
and 1/14/76.

A review of Charlotte file reflects all  
investigation has been completed, and this matter is being  
considered RUC.

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in view of the fact that the subject is

and the subject is being referred to the present date 1/3/76, 1/10/76,  
and the subject is being referred to the present date 1/10/76,

SUBJECT: MURKIN

FROM: SAC, CHARTERED (44-1001) (PAC)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) **FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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SAC, EL PASO (44-920)  
SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

MURKIN.

RE AT TEL, FEB. 24, 1976.

ON THIS DATE, BARBARA WAGER, DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES, ATLANTA, GA., ADVISED THAT HER RECORDS REFLECT THAT IN 1968, A. R. GODFREY OF 569 GRESHAM ROAD, ATLANTA, GA., HAD LICENSED IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA A 1960 CHEVROLET IMPALA, GA. LICENSE 2J40393. MRS. WAGER ADVISED THAT THERE ARE NO OTHER CARS REGISTERED TO A. R. GODFREY, HOWEVER, THERE ARE OTHER CARS REGISTERED TO AN ARNOLD GODFREY.

FOR INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, IT IS TO BE NOTED THAT A. R. GODFREY IS THE SAME AS ARNOLD RAY GODFREY IN VIEW OF THE FACT THE ADDRESS, 569 GRESHAM, IS IDENTICAL WITH THE ADDRESS THAT ARNOLD RAY GODFREY GAVE TO THE CITY WHEN HE WAS EMPLOYED BY THEM.

A REVIEW OF THE ATLANTA FILE, 44-2386, REVEALED THAT THE DISTANCE FROM WHERE PETE'S BAR IS LOCATED TO WHERE JAMES EARL  
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RAY STAYED IS FIVE AND ONE HALF MILES AS THE CROW FLIES, THAT IS A DIRECT LINE DISTANCE, NOT TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE STREETS. IT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED THAT IT IS A THREE AND ONE HALF MILE DISTANCE FROM THE PETE'S BAR TO WHERE THE CAR WAS LOCATED.

ATLANTA WILL FORWARD THE MAP OF THE CITY SHOWING THESE LOCATIONS BY REGISTERED MAIL.

A REVIEW OF THE GREATER ATLANTA SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE DIRECTORY FAILED TO REFLECT ANY LISTING FOR A LAVERNE OR LAVENE COOK. A REVIEW OF THE COBB COUNTY AND CITY OF MARIETTA DIRECTORY ALSO FAILED TO REFLECT ANY LISTING FOR LAVERNE OR LAVENE COOK.

ATLANTA AT ATLANTA. WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEWS BILL LOWERYN LOWERY MUSIC COMPANY, AND ASCERTAIN IF HE HAS ANY KNOWLEDGE RE RALPH (LNU).

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To: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
From: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) COMMUNICATIONS SECTION  
Subject: MURKIN

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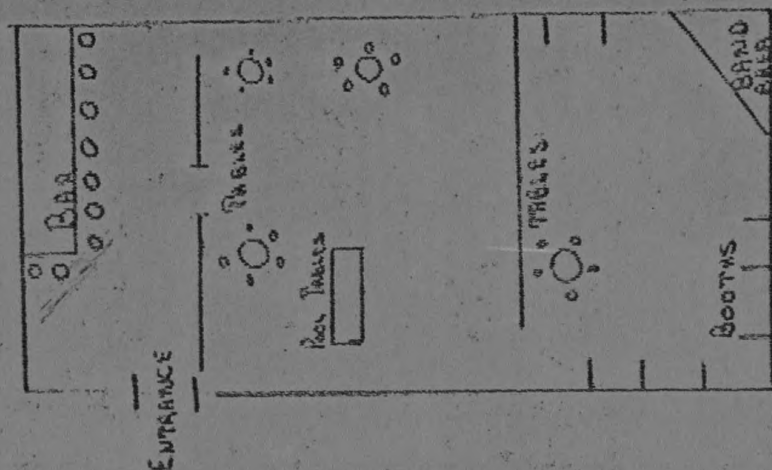
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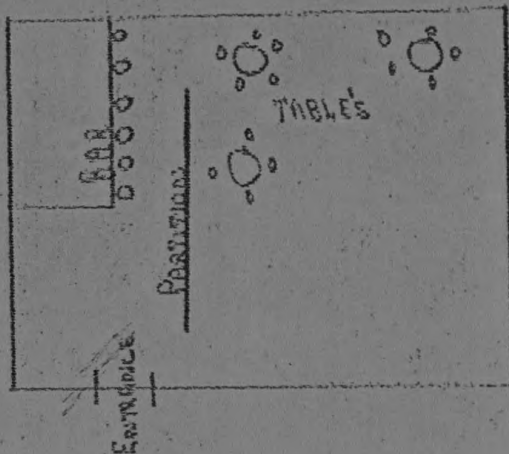
SKETCH OF BILL BAILEY'S LOUNGE AS DESCRIBED BY  
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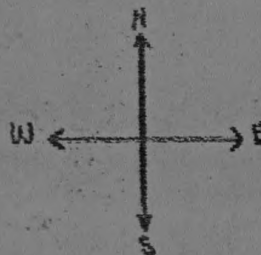
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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)

MEMPHIS (44-1987)

ATLANTA (44-2386)

FROM: EL PASO (44-920)

MURKINS.

RE ATLANTA NITEL TO EL PASO, FEBRUARY 17, 1976.

COMPOSITE PHOTOGRAPH OF RALPH (LNU) RECEIVED AT  
MIDLAND RESIDENT AGENCY, FEBRUARY 25, 1976.

ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OF RALPH (LNU) DISPLAYED IN  
SPREAD OF PHOTOGRAPHS TO CLAUDE POWELL, JR., FEBRUARY 26,  
1976. POWELL UNABLE TO IDENTIFY ANY OF PHOTOGRAPHS AS  
BEING INDIVIDUAL WHO APPROACHED HIM AND HIS BROTHER IN  
PETE'S BAR IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA, TO ASSASSINATE MARTIN  
LUTHER KING. POWELL AGAIN ~~STATED~~ HE WOULD NOT RECOGNIZE  
THE INDIVIDUAL IF HE WERE EVER TO MEET HIM AGAIN.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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TO : Assistant Attorney General  
**Civil Rights Division**

DATE: **February 27, 1976**  
**ATTN: MR. ROBERT A. MURPHY**

FROM : Director, FBI

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

Reference is made to my memorandum dated 2/25/76  
(your file \_\_\_\_\_).

There is enclosed one copy of the report of Special Agent \_\_\_\_\_  
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NR017 AT PLAIN

6:44 PM NITEL 2-26-76 HLF

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

SAC, ST. LOUIS

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

MURKIN.

RE AT NITEL, FEB. 25, 1976.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, DURING ORIGINAL INTERVIEW WITH LEON POWELL, POWELL ADVISED THAT WHEN HE FIRST MET RALPH (LNU), RALPH AND HE AND HIS BROTHER WENT TO BACK ROOM OF BAR AND SAT IN THE BOOTHS. HOWEVER, DURING SUBSEQUENT INTERVIEW, WHEN POWELL WAS SKETCHING DIAGRAM OF BAR, POWELL ADVISED THAT HE, HIS BROTHER AND RALPH WENT TO ONE OF THE TABLES LOCATED IN THE BACK PART OF THE BAR. POWELL ADVISED HE COULD NOT REMEMBER WHICH SPECIFIC TABLE, HOWEVER, ~~EX-110~~ REC-3 ~~44-38861-6089~~ HE THOUGHT IT WAS ONE RIGHT BEHIND THE PARTITION WHICH SEPARATED THIS ROOM FROM THE BAR.

ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW BILL LOWERY OF LOWERY MUSIC COMPANY ON TODAY'S DATE WAS NEGATIVE. LOWERY'S SECRETARY ADVISED THAT HE WOULD NOT RETURN TO OFFICE UNTIL A.M. F FEB. 27, 1976.

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FOR INFORMATION OF ST. LOUIS, ON JAN. 12, 1976, LEON POWELL TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED ATLANTA OFFICE OF THE FBI AND ADVISED THAT HE AND HIS BROTHER CLAUDE POWELL, JR., HAD BEEN APPROACHED BY AN INDIVIDUAL AND ASKED IF THEY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ASSASSINATING MARTIN LUTHER KING. THIS INDIVIDUAL THEN PUT THEM IN CONTACT WITH A THIRD INDIVIDUAL, KNOWN ONLY TO THE POWELLS AS RALPH (LNU), WHO OFFERED THE POWELLS APPROXIMATELY \$75,000 TO DO THIS ASSASSINATION. HHE POWELLS CLAIMED THEY NEVER TOOK THE CONTRACT AND DISMISSED THIS UNTIL THE RECENT DAN RATHER SPECIAL ON THE ASSASSINATION OF KING THE RELATIVES OF THE POWELLS HAVE BEEN CONTACTED AND ADVISED THAT THEY ARE NOT SURE THAT THIS INCIDENT AS RELATED BY THE POWELL BROTHERS ACTUALLY HAPPENED IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT BOTH LEON AND CLAUDE, JR., HAVE BEEN KNOWNDTO DRINK QUITE HEAVILY. HOWEVER, BOTH LEON AND CLAUDE, JR., AFFORDED POLYGRAPH EXAMINATIONS BY POLYGRAPH EXAMINERS OF THE FBI AND CLAUDE POWELL, KR.'S EXAMINATION INDICATED THAT HE WAS TELLING THE TRUTH. BUREAU HAS REQUESTED THAT THE MILITARY HISTORY ON BOTH CLAUDE AND LEON POWELL BE RESEARCHED TO NOTE WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS ANY INDICATIONS OF PSYCHOLOGICAL PROBLEMS OR ANY OTHER

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PSYCHOLOGICAL DETAILS ON EITHER LEON OR CLAUDE POWELL.

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS A BACKGROUND OF LEON OWEN  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. R. Wannall

FROM : J. G. Deegan *JGD*

SUBJECT: "NEWSDAY" ARTICLE ABOUT INVADERS  
AND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
DATED FEBRUARY 1, 1976

1 - Mr. N. P. Callahan  
1 - Mr. J. B. Adams  
1 - Mr. D. W. Moore, Jr.

DATE: 2/24/76

1 - Mr. W. R. Wannall  
1 - Mr. J. G. Deegan  
1 - Mr. J. D. Powell

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This is in response to a notation by the Director on a 2/1/76 "Newsday" article which alleges that the FBI and the Memphis, Tennessee, Police Department had active informants in a violence-prone Memphis black youth group, the Invaders, and thereb were instrumental in instigating a riot in Memphis 3/28/68. Allegedly this riot in turn led Dr. Martin Luther King to return to Memphis in April, 1968, where he was assassinated. The Director noted "What about this group and the reported action?"

In 1967 an umbrella black power group was formed in Memphis principally known as the Black Organizing Project (BOP). One of its cells was the Invaders, composed of young blacks. This group was particularly militant. Its leaders made statements to the effect that it would be desirable to burn the city and loot. On 2/12/68 the Memphis sanitation workers began a strike. A series of demonstrations and rallies were held in support thereof and this became a black cause.

A mass parade and rally was scheduled for 3/28/68 with King as the main attraction. The BOP actively urged all black students to skip school and participate in the march. BOP leaders urged the youngsters to use sticks from placards and not to be afraid of the police. The march developed into a looting rampage with hundreds of arrests, three youths shot, one fatally and dozens of injuries. King fled the scene when he became aware of the looting that was occurring at the rear of the march. The presence of a large number of uncontrolled school age youngsters was the primary cause of the rioting.

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Memorandum to Mr. W. R. Wannall  
Re: "Newsday" Article About Invaders  
and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Dated February 1, 1976  
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Memphis had five racial or extremist informants active in March, 1968. One became a member of the Invaders shortly after the above violence and he was an associate of the leaders prior thereto. He was present during the march and he reported thereon. He did not lead the violence or participate therein. Another source was well acquainted with the Invaders. He was also present during the riot, but did not participate in the violence although he did report on it. Our informants in no way instigated the violence associated with the Invaders.

The Memphis Police Department did have an undercover officer in the Invaders. He, through the Memphis Police Department, furnished information to the FBI. He has been publicly disclosed and he is no longer with the Memphis Police Department. There is no indication in our files that he instigated the violence.

ACTION:

For information. This information is being furnished to the Department.

*Jan*  
*W. R. Wannall*  
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Sunday, February 1, 1976

# FBI Tied To King's Return To Memphis

By Les Payne

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The FBI continues to turn up in unexplained circumstances surrounding the assassination of Martin Luther King.

Newsday has learned that FBI informants actively participated in the rioting in Memphis in 1968 which drew the Rev. Dr. King back to the city where he was killed.

Several FBI informants and at least one undercover agent for the Memphis police department were among the most active members of a young, violence-prone black group which openly opposed King's peaceful march supporting the city's sanitation workers.

According to some witnesses, the 100-member group called the Invaders led the March 28 riots which attempted to discredit King's efforts. Following the riot, in which one youth was killed, scores injured and 238 arrested, King vowed that he would return to prove that he still could lead a nonviolent demonstration.

"Dr. King would never have returned to Memphis if the violence had not happened," said the Rev. Jesse Jackson, who was one of King's aides in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. "We never intended to get bogged down in Memphis."

The Invaders created major disruptions among local blacks supporting King, according to his aides. They criticized King for his nonviolent approach and urged local blacks to "burn, baby, burn." On April 4, the day King was killed, the groups met with him and his staff and threatened renewed violence unless they were given \$750,000 to redevelop their community. "They just got louder and louder," one aide who was at the meeting recalled. "We told them we didn't have access to that kind of money. We had to put them out."

Two sources said FBI agents and Memphis policemen admitted that they had "penetrated" the Invaders with several informers. One of the informants reportedly planned a large portion of Police and FBI officials were regularly provided with detailed information about the group's plans, activities and of the group's violent confrontations, meetings. "They knew everything that went on at Invaders' meetings," one source said. "It was as if they had a tape recorder there." The undercover Memphis policeman who joined the Invaders was at the scene of the violence on the day of the riot, several sources said. He is reportedly still a member of the Memphis force.

"Weston [not the real name of the undercover police agent] was very focal, very active," said a former leader of the Invaders who has talked to the policeman since he was discovered to be a member of the force. "He had a 7.62 Russian automatic rifle and he was armed every time we were armed. He was always suggesting actions that we should take; I never saw him physically attack anyone. But he was one of the most provocative members of the Invaders."

The Invaders, who wore jackets with

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their names printed on the back, were organized in late 1967. The youths were led mainly by college students at nearby Memphis State and LeMoyné Colleges. The Invaders denounced the nonviolent strategy, but offered protection for King and his staff members. "They, like other blacks in the country, were naturally frustrated by the slow pace of change," said the Rev. Hoseah Williams, Atlanta SCLC director. "We usually put them to work as parade marshals or security guards. They would never have hurt Dr. King. But those who infiltrated our groups, and we could never identify them, tried to exploit the youngsters' frustrations and neglect and turn them against us."

The FBI and Memphis police verified recently that they had informants among the Invaders in 1968. However, Henry Lux, who was the assistant police chief in Memphis, downplayed the group's role in the March 28 violence. Robert G. Jensen, who was the FBI agent in charge at the time, said, "I wouldn't be surprised if we had informers in the group. I'm sure there was adequate coverage of the Invaders."

It is reliably reported that the bureau and Memphis police shared intelligence about the Invaders.

In addition to being involved with the March 28 violence, the Memphis police undercover agent was providing security for King at the Lorraine Motel on the day he was assassinated, according to knowledgeable sources. The officer was a member of the Invaders' four-man security force that had agreed to provide protection for King while he was in Memphis.

There have been a series of disclosures recently concerning covert FBI activities against King. This has led to a Department of Justice investigation. The inquiry started after the Senate Intelligence Committee discovered an FBI memorandum, dated March 28, 1969, which detailed a plan to portray King as a hypocrite for staying at a white-owned motel—the Rivermont Holiday Inn—where he fled after the violence erupted. The Justice Department investigated to see if the memo had anything to do with King's return to the black-owned Lorraine Motel, where he was killed. They found no evidence linking the FBI to a plot to have King return to the Lorraine motel. However, Newsday has learned that the Invaders heatedly discussed King's stay at the white motel among themselves—some threatening violence over the issue.

A source at the Justice Department told Newsday that the FBI memo was part of then FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover's Counter-Intelligence Program (Cointelpro) against "Black Nationalist-Hate Groups." The plan, outlined in an FBI Domestic Intelligence Division memo, was put into effect March 4, one month before King was killed. It was designed to "prevent the rise of a 'messiah' who could unify . . . the militant black nationalist movement." An overall goal of Hoover's plan was to "discredit" black leaders and their movement among both blacks and whites.

The violence at Memphis, perhaps more than anything else, began to erode King's credibility among moderate

blacks. King and his group were preparing to lead a nonviolent "Poor Peoples March" on Washington later that month. After the Memphis riots some national black leaders attacked King for the violence. On the day before he was killed, NAACP leader Roy Wilkins attacked King in a story printed in the Memphis Press-Scimitar. Wilkins said he doubted that King could keep the Washington march nonviolent: "If a maverick of the rear ranks of the march decides to throw a brick through a window, there's nothing Dr. King up front can do to stop it."

Jensen, who was in charge of the FBI in Memphis, said that the "ultimate decisions [for Cointelpro] were made in Washington D.C. and then they came to the field office." He denied that his office ever received the hotel memo. "I have no recollection of a memorandum dated March 28," he said. "If it was an intra-office memo I wouldn't have seen it anyway. It would have come to us as general instructions."

The Senate Intelligence Committee said that it uncovered no evidence that the FBI was implicated in King's murder or any cover-up. The committee chairman, Frank Church (D-Idaho), has reportedly called for a federal special prosecutor to investigate the assassination to resolve "many unanswered questions," including whether the bureau "vendetta" against King was related to his murder in Memphis.

Some of King's staff members over the years, have charged that the Invad-



ers were responsible for the riots which indirectly led, they say, to King's death in Memphis.

"The violence was definitely responsible for Martin's being in Memphis on April 4th," said Cong. Andrew Young (D-Ga.). "The Invaders themselves have taken responsibility for the violence. Now if the FBI was involved with the Invader, then it would bear looking into."

FBI officials deny any involvement in King's death. "The FBI did an excellent job in the investigation," Jensen said. "There are still a lot of theories, but no new evidence..."

However, former FBI agent Arthur Murtagh said that Hoover's relentless surveillance of King influenced the way individual agents approached the murder. For a time Murtagh directed the bureau's intelligence unit in Atlanta which tapped the civil rights leader's telephones and bugged his rooms. "The bureau under Hoover believed that King was a foreign Communist agent," he said. "He was the enemy. In this sort of atmosphere, the bureau's investigating King's murder was like the CIA investigating the assassination of a Russian premier."

Murtagh said that some agents were "ecstatic" after King was shot. "When King was shot, an agent I knew in Atlanta went on a 30-minute high. We were in the bureau's parking lot when the news came and this fellow kept saying, 'They got Zorro' [King's code name] they got Zorro. They finally got that son of a bitch."

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

MURKIN.

RE AT TEL, FEB. 26, 1976.

BILL LOWERY OF LOWERY MUSIC, INC., ATLANTA, GA., INTERVIEWED THIS DATE AND ADVISED HE DOES NOT KNOW ANY OF RAY GODFREY'S FRIENDS OR ASSOCIATES. HE DEALT MAINLY WITH RAY GODFREY ON A PROFESSIONAL BASIS. HIS OPINION WAS THAT GODFREY WAS JUST A "GOOD OLE COUNTRY BOY" AND THAT HE COULD NOT BE IN ANY SORT OF TROUBLE. LOWERY VIEWED A SPREAD OF PHOTOS, WHICH INCLUDED RALPH (LNU), AND WAS UNABLE TO IDENTIFY ANY OF THE INDIVIDUALS. WHEN SPECIFICALLY SHOWN THE PHOTO OF RALPH (LNU), LOWERY STATED HE HAD NEVER SEEN THAT INDIVIDUAL. LOWERY AGAIN STATED HE DID NOT KNOW ANY OF RAY GODFREY'S FRIENDS OR ASSOCIATES. GODFREY WOULD MERELY COME TO LOWERY MUSIC TO RECORD HIS MUSIC AND TO BE PAID.

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ANY INFORMATION REGARDING THE NAME, WHETHER IT BE RALPH SMITH  
OR RALPH SETZER, AND ANY OTHER BACKGROUND INFORMATION.

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# Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Rights Division

DATE: 3/1/76

FROM : Director, FBI

ATTENTION: MR. ROBERT A. MURPHY

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Reference is made to my memorandum dated 2/27/76  
(your file \_\_\_\_\_).

There is enclosed one copy of the report of Special Agent \_\_\_\_\_  
dated \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_.

A. ☐ This covers the preliminary investigation and no further action concerning a full investigation will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

B. ☒ The investigation is continuing and you will be furnished copies of reports as they are received.

C. ☐ The investigation requested by you has now been completed. Unless advised to the contrary no further inquiries will be made by this Bureau.

D. ☐ Pursuant to instructions issued by the Department, no investigation will be conducted in this matter unless specifically directed by the Department.

E. ☐ Please advise whether you desire any further investigation.

F. ☐ This is submitted for your information and you will be advised of further developments.

G. ☐ This is submitted for your information and no further investigation will be conducted unless specifically requested by the Department.

H. ☐ This covers the receipt of a complaint and no further action will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

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1 NOTE: Enclosed is a copy of a teletype dated 2/27/76 from our Atlanta Office.

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Gallagher

DATE: 3/1/76

FROM : J. S. Paslan

1 - Mr. Gallagher  
1 - Mr. O'Connell  
1 - Mr. Peelman  
1 - Mr. Helterhoff  
1 - Mr. Walsh

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
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Reference is made to the Mr. Walsh to Mr. Jenkins memorandum dated 12/12/75, which requested that cost data reports be submitted to the Budget and Accounting Section, Administrative Division, setting out manpower utilized and money expended relative to the Departmental review of the files of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The General Investigative Division (GID), in handling assignments relating to this Departmental review, has utilized the following manpower hours during February, 1976.

Manpower: Supervisor Hal N. Helterhoff, GS-14, Step 3, 8 hours  
Barbara Pitz, GS-6, Step 6, 1 hour.

There were no monetary expenditures during this reporting period.

ACTION: That the GID cost data report be forwarded to the Budget and Accounting Section, Administrative Division, for review.

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TO: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1987) FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-38861) (P)  
SUBJECT: [REDACTED] (NY 100-100000) (P)  
RE: [REDACTED] (NY 100-100000) (P)

On 2/25/76, [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] had been contacted by [REDACTED] who stated that [REDACTED] was currently in New York City and was being held in custody by the New York City Police Department. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] was being held in custody because of a violation of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) regulations regarding the handling of confidential informants. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] was being held in custody until such time as the FBI could determine the appropriate action to be taken regarding [REDACTED].

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COPIES OF THIS REPORT WILL BE FURNISHED TO THE NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE NEW YORK STATE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR INFORMATION AND ACTION.

1 - MR. [REDACTED]  
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9:45AM URGENT MARCH 1, 1976 SXF

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)

ATLANTA (44-2386)

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FROM: EL PASO (44-920) (P) ///1///

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RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ATLANTA, FEBRUARY 27, 1976.

ATTEMPTS TO LOCATE CLAUDE POWELL, JR., AT MIDLAND, TEXAS, DETERMINED HE IS CURRENTLY IN ATLANTA AND IS NOT EXPECTED TO RETURN TO MIDLAND UNTIL MARCH 4 OR 5, 1976.

ATLANTA IS REQUESTED TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW CLAUDE POWELL, JR., AND DETERMINE INFORMATION REQUESTED BY BUREAU IN REFERENCED TELETYPE.

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PROCESSING CENTER, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, WHEN MADE AVAILABLE AND FOR -

ST. LOUIS WILL REVIEW LEON POWELL'S VA CLAIM FILE AT VA RECORD

MILITARY SERVICE RECORD WAS NOT LOCATED FOR CLAUDE POWELL.

HOW (VA) CLAIM WITH VA DATED OCTOBER 14, 1963.

LEON POWELL UNDER SSAN 368-46-4181, AND VETERANS ADMINISTRATION -

SENTENCE SIX MONTH CONFINEMENT HARD LABOR AND FORTIETHURE \$234.00.

MARTIAL ON APRIL 1963, FOR TAVOL AUGUST 12, THROUGH 21, 1952.

LEON POWELL HAD LABOR AND FORTIETHURE \$23.00; AND BY SPECIAL COURT

COURT MARTIAL ON SEPTEMBER 14, 1954, FOR BREAKING RESTRICTION, SEN -

14, 1953, SENTENCED 45 DAYS HARD LABOR AND FORTIETHURE \$23.00; SPECIAL

1953, FOR ABSENCE WITHOUT OFFICIAL LEAVE (AWOL), JANUARY 2 THROUGH

LEON WAS TRIED AND CONVICTED BY SUMMARY COURT MARTIAL, JANUARY 23,

DISPOSITION."

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