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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
(ATTN: FOIPA SECTION;  
RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION (SA THOMAS WISEMAN)

FROM: ADIC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

SUBJECT: MURKIN;  
HAROLD WEISBERG VIA U.S.  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
U.S.D.C., D.C., CIVIL  
ACTION NO. 75-1996

On 4/21/76, Mr. RICHARD M. SEAMON, Director of Editorial Services, Time Inc., 1271 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York, 10020, Telephone Number 212-556-4857, advised the NYO that he has no objections to said 107 photographs of the assassination scene of MARTIN LUTHER KING taken by Photographer JOSEPH LOUW, and made available to the FBI on 4/18/68, being viewed on request under the FOIA, but would object to having them removed from FBI files or copies being made.

Mr. SEAMON said that any request for copies of the photos and/or request to have them taken from FBI files, should be directed to him personally at the above address.

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Special Agent in Charge

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6. *Conclusions*

Figure 1. The effect of the concentration of the *Agrobacterium* suspension on the transformation efficiency of *Agrobacterium* strains.

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1. *Chlorophyll a* and *Chlorophyll b* were determined by the method of Arar and Collins (1971). The *Chlorophyll a* and *Chlorophyll b* contents were expressed as  $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$  of dry weight.

• **Prevalence** is the proportion of a population that has a disease at a particular point in time. It is a snapshot of the disease in a population at a particular time. It is calculated as the number of people with the disease divided by the total number of people in the population.

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1. *Chlorophyll a* (Chl *a*)

Figure 1. The effect of the concentration of the *Agrobacterium* suspension on the transformation efficiency of *Agrobacterium* strains. The number of transformed cells was determined by the number of colonies growing on the selective medium. The results are the mean of three independent experiments. Error bars represent standard deviation.

1. The first of these is the fact that the United States has a large and growing population of people who are of Mexican descent. This population is concentrated in the southwestern United States, particularly in California, Arizona, and New Mexico. It is estimated that there are over 10 million people of Mexican descent in the United States, and this number is expected to increase significantly in the future.

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To: SAC, Kansas City (Encs. 2)

1 - Mr. Helterhoff

From: Director, FBI

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Enclosed are two copies of a letter dated 4/13/76, from the State of Missouri, Department of Social Services, Jefferson City, Missouri.

Kansas City, promptly contact George M. Camp, Deputy Director, and/or Lawrence L. Graham, Director, State of Missouri, Department of Social Services, acknowledge receipt of this letter, and interview them for full details regarding any information they may desire to furnish re captioned matter. Review the material referred to in this letter to determine if it is pertinent to captioned matter. Advise them all of the information they furnish will be furnished to the CRD, USDJ, for its consideration as to whether any additional Federal action is warranted. If they have any further questions, they may consider communicating directly with the CRD, USDJ, Washington, D. C. 20530.

Promptly submit results. Conduct no additional investigation at this time.

1 - SAC, Memphis (44-1987) (Info) (Enclosure) (Enclosed is a copy of incoming.)

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NOTE: This pertains to the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., on 4/4/68. James Earl Ray pled guilty to this murder and is presently in state confinement in Tennessee.

The attached letter requests the FBI to initiate an investigation into the activities of Ray while an inmate at the Missouri State Penitentiary. The attached letter also states the Department of Social Services has material in its possession for review.

We previously conducted certain investigation at the Missouri Penitentiary re Ray's confinement during the Murkin case and while he was in an UFAC-robbery status.

This requests KC to conduct interviews for full details, and the results will be furnished to the CRD. No pertinent information in Bufiles on Camp or Graham.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

FILE  
COPY

TO : Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Rights Division

DATE: April 26, 1976  
ATTN: ROBERT A. MURPHY

FROM : Director, FBI

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

Reference is made to \_\_\_\_\_ memorandum dated \_\_\_\_\_  
(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.

Enc. 1

**NOTE: Attached is a copy of a letter from the State of Missouri, Department of Social Services, Jefferson City, Missouri, dated 4/13/76. Our Kansas City Office is interviewing Camp and/or Graham for full details and will review the material referred to in this letter to determine if it is pertinent with the King case. You will be advised of the results.**

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STATE OF MISSOURI  
 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES  
 JEFFERSON CITY

GEORGE M. CAMP  
 DEPUTY DIRECTOR

April 13, 1976

Mr. Clarence M. Kelley, Director  
 Federal Bureau of Investigation  
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kelley:

It is our understanding that the Attorney General has under consideration a review of the events that led up to the death of the late Dr. Martin Luther King. Either as part of that review, or as an independent review, we request that you initiate an investigation into the activities of James Earl Ray while he was an inmate at the Missouri State Penitentiary in the early and mid-1960's, including his escape from that institution in 1967.

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Recently we reviewed the facts available to us and concluded that James Earl Ray's escape did not involve the complicity of Missouri prison officials and that he was not a "merchant" within the Penitentiary. However, the State of Missouri has neither the resources nor the legal authority to conduct an investigation that could lead to a review of facts and interviews outside the State of Missouri. As part of your investigation, we ask that you review the material in our possession. We, of course, do not have access to the material and information that your agency and the U. S. Attorney's Office developed in the course of the investigation and the prosecution of James Earl Ray, and therefore think that your office is in the best position to be absolutely sure that no stone has been left unturned.

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We stand ready to assist and cooperate with you and look forward to hearing from you as soon as you have made a decision on the course of action you wish to take.

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GMC:mac

Very truly yours,

cc: Governor Christopher S. Bond  
 Attorney General Edward H. Levi  
 Bill D. Williams, Regional  
 Director, FBI, Kansas City, Mo.  
 Reverend Emanuel Cleaver  
 Attorney General John Danforth

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Rights Division

DATE: April 27, 1976  
ATTN: MR. STEPHEN A. HORN

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: **ASSASSINATION OF  
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Reference is made to my memorandum dated 4/13/76  
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ENCLOSURE

**NOTE: Enclosed is a 17-page copy of a summary of the investigation conducted re the allegation of Leon Owen Powell and Claude Powell, Jr. compiled from teletypes, copies of which were previously furnished to the Civil Rights Division.**

**Copies of the first five pages of this summary listing the "differences in the accounts of meeting at bar of Leon Owen Powell and Claude Powell, Jr.,"**

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**Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Rights Division**

**were provided to Assistant Attorney General J. Stanley Pottinger of the Civil Rights Division during the conference re the Powell allegation on 4/2/76.**

**On 4/19/76, a copy of this complete summary (17 pages) was furnished Departmental Attorney Stephen A. Horn of the Civil Rights Division.**



DIFFERENCES IN THE ACCOUNTS OF MEETING AT BAR OF LEON OWEN POWELL AND CLAUDE POWELL, JR.

Leon Owen Powell  
(Source - AT Teletype 1/5/76)

Claude Powell, Jr.  
(Source - EP Teletype 1/9/76)

1. Meeting occurred late October-early November, 1967, in late afternoon.
2. Approached by mutual friend, Ray Godfrey.
3. Godfrey asked if they would be interested in making \$50,000. Godfrey would put them in contact with an individual who would pay them to murder King. Powell brothers expressed interest in the contract to murder King and conversation terminated with Godfrey.
4. Approximately one week later, Powell brothers approached in bar by Ralph (LNU), WM, heavy set, 6'1"-2", no accent, well-groomed, late 40's, well-spoken, "lawyer type".
5. Ralph said, "I guess you know why I am here." Powell brothers nodded in assent, Ralph opened briefcase displaying what he said was \$25,000 and then said, "If you decide to take the job, there's \$50,000 more when it's completed."
6. Claude replied to Ralph they need time to think it over at which time Ralph stated if mind not made up, he could not do business. Ralph never actually said money being offered to them was to kill King.
7. Leon furnished artist's conception of the unsub.
8. Sketch of interior of Pete's bar differs from Claude's (AT facsimile
1. Meeting occurred three or four weeks prior to actual assassination of King on 4/4/68.
2. Approached by a friend of Leon's, Ray Godfrey.
3. Claude paid no particular attention to what Leon and Godfrey were talking about.
4. Godfrey left booth in bar and in approximately 10 to 15 minutes (same date), unsub (does not remember a name) came to their booth described as WM, 5'8", medium build, 150 pounds, early 30's, well-dressed, calm and cold in manner and very clean cut, professional type such as a lawyer.
5. Unsub told them he wanted them to kill King and would pay \$25,000 now and \$25,000 when job done. Unsub opened briefcase which was full of wrapped currency, some of which were in 100 denominations.
6. He thought it was some sort of joke, and after offer, he ignored unsub and unsub closed briefcase and departed.
7. Claude unable to provide artist's conception, as could not sufficiently recall unsub.
8. Sketch of interior of Pete's Bar differs from Leon's. (EP teletype 1/9/76)

ENCLOSURE

DIFFERENCES IN THE ACCOUNTS OF MEETING AT BAR OF LEON OWEN  
AND CLAUDE POWELL, JR.

Leon Owen Powell  
(Source - AT Teletype 1/30/76)  
(Polygraph)

1. Meeting occurred in fall of 1967.
3. Godfrey never mentioned amount of money to be paid but indicated he stated he was looking for someone who was interested in making "big money." Godfrey indicated "big money" would be paid for killing King. Someone in bar stated King should be killed, and Claude made statement he would kill him for right amount of money.
4. A couple of days later, Ralph approached them while in Pete's Bar.
5. Ralph indicated exact amount only he had "25". Ralph also made statement there would be "50" more when King was buried.

DIFFERENCES IN THE ACCOUNTS OF MEETING AT BAR OF LEON OWEN POWELL AND  
CLAUDE POWELL, JR.

Leon Owen Powell  
(Source - AT Teletype 2/11/76)

Claude Powell, Jr.  
(Source - EP Teletype 2/6/76)

1. Meeting definitely occurred in November of 1967. Name of bar not Pete's (as originally stated.) Bar was Bill Bailey's. Cannot recall who was in the bar at time of the incident. (Originally said Pete Davis, the bar owner, actually observed Ralph enter and exit.)
  2. Ray Godfrey is a friend of both Claude and Leon, but probably more Claude's friend.
  3. Leon did not have any contact with Godfrey re assassination when Claude not present.
  4. Meeting with Ralph occurred a few days after meeting with Godfrey - maybe not a full week.
2. Ray Godfrey a friend he had known for years, but a better friend of Leon.
  3. He later learned Godfrey made an initial contact with Leon approximately one week prior to Unsub's proposition to murder King, but he did not know anything about the meeting at Pete's Bar until Unsub made offer, nor did he have any prior knowledge of what transpired between Godfrey and Leon.

DIFFERENCES IN THE ACCOUNTS OF MEETING AT BAR OF LEON OWEN  
POWELL AND CLAUDE POWELL, JR.

Leon Owen Powell

4. When he first met Ralph (LNU), Ralph, Leon, and Claude went to back of room of bar and sat in booths. (AT Teletype 2/26/76)
8. While sketching diagram of bar, Leon advised he, Claude, and Ralph went to one of tables in back part of bar. (AT Teletype 2/26/76)

Claude Powell, Jr.

4. The Unsub joined them in their booth. (EP Teletype 1/9/76)
3. Claude's sketch shows booth (not table) where Unsub joined them in a different area of bar. (EP Airtel 2/10/76)

DIFFERENCES IN THE ACCOUNTS OF MEETING AT BAR OF LEON OWEN POWELL  
AND CLAUDE POWELL, JR.

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Leon Owen Powell

4. Pete Davis observed  
Ralph (LNU) enter and exit  
bar.  
(AT Teletype 1/5/76)

(Our investigation showed Pete Davis did not own bar at time of  
incident.)

Claude Powell, Jr.

3. Leon told him about initial  
contact between Leon and  
Ray Godfrey in reference to  
actual contact about  
assassination of King. He  
learned of this initial  
contact from Leon shortly  
after time Ralph came and  
approached both Claude  
and Leon.
4. Claude thinks Davis was  
present and owned bar at  
time of meeting.  
(AT Teletype 3/8/76)

ALLEGATION OF LEON OWEN POWELL AND CLAUDE POWELL, JR.

INITIAL INTERVIEW AND POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION OF

LEON OWEN POWELL: On 1/4/76, Leon Owen Powell advised he recently observed a documentary on television which disturbed his conscience, and felt he had to furnish the following information to the FBI:

Leon Owen Powell claims he and his brother, Claude Powell, Jr., while in Pete's Bar in Atlanta, in late October - early November, 1967, were approached by a mutual friend, Ray Godfrey, who asked the Powells if they were interested in making \$50,000. Godfrey stated he would put them in contact with an individual who would pay them to murder King. The Powell brothers expressed interest in the contract to murder King and the conversation was terminated with Godfrey.

Approximately 1 week later, while at the same bar, the Powells were approached by an individual named Ralph (last name unknown) who Leon described as a white male, heavy set, 6'1" to 2", no accent, well-groomed, late 40s, well-spoken, and described as a "lawyer type." Ralph approached the Powell brothers, put his briefcase on the table and said, "I guess you know why I'm here." The Powell brothers nodded in assent and Ralph opened his briefcase displaying what he said was \$25,000 and then said, "If you decide to take the job, there's \$50,000 more when it's completed." Claude replied to Ralph that they needed time to think it over at which time Ralph stated, "If your mind is not made up now, I can't do business with you." Leon stated that Ralph never actually said the money being offered to them was to kill King. Leon stated neither he nor his brother were involved in the murder of King.

Leon Owen Powell also stated that the only other individuals aware of this meeting with Ralph (LNU) were his former wife, Annie Lois Compos and Pete Davis, owner of the bar. He stated Compos had no first-hand knowledge, and she is aware of the facts as he described them to her. Davis observed Ralph (LNU) enter and exit the bar but had not entered into the conversation. The reason he believes he and his brother were contacted by Godfrey is because his brother, Claude, served 5 years for armed robbery and had a reputation for being an expert with a shotgun.

Leon Owen Powell furnished information for the preparation of an artist's conception of Ralph (LNU).

Leon Owen Powell was afforded a polygraph examination on 1/29/76. During pre-polygraph interview, Leon Owen Powell stated the meeting occurred in the fall of 1967. He said after the initial meet with Godfrey, Ralph (LNU) approached them in the bar a couple days later. Godfrey never mentioned the amount of money to be paid other than "big money." He advised while at the bar, someone stated King should be killed, and Claude made statement to the effect he would kill him for the right amount of money. When questioned during the polygraph about Ralph (LNU) saying he had \$25,000 in the briefcase, Powell stated Ralph had only said "25," and there would be "50" when King was buried.

During the polygraph Powell appeared to have difficulty in breathing, and stated he was very nervous concerning the whole matter. The polygraph examination was determined to be "inconclusive."

INITIAL INTERVIEW AND POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION OF

CLAUDE POWELL, JR.: Claude Powell, Jr., was interviewed on 1/8/76 and although he also claims a payment offer was made to kill King, his account differs somewhat from that of Leon Owen Powell. Claude Powell, Jr., stated that three or four weeks prior to the murder of King, he and his brother, Leon, were seated in a booth in Pete's Bar in Atlanta. Ray Godfrey, a friend of Leon's, joined them in their booth and engaged in conversation with Leon. Claude paid no particular attention to what they were talking about.

Godfrey then left the booth and approximately ten to fifteen minutes later, an unknown subject (unsub), a white male, joined them in their booth. Claude described the unsub (does not remember a name) as a white male, "5'8", medium build, 150 pounds, early 30s, well-dressed, calm and cold in manner and very clean cut, a professional type, such as a lawyer, having no accent. The unsub placed an expensive-looking briefcase on the table. The unsub told them he wanted them to kill King and would pay \$25,000 now and \$25,000 when the job was done. The unsub then opened his briefcase, which was full of wrapped currency, some of which were in \$100 denominations. Claude stated he was shocked, assumed it was some sort of a joke and he ignored the unsub. The unsub then closed his briefcase and departed. Claude Powell, Jr., stated he would not recognize the unsub and was unable to furnish information for an artist's conception.

On 1/19/76, Claude Powell, Jr., was afforded a Bureau polygraph examination at Midland, Texas. The polygraph examiner concluded that Claude Powell's response to certain questions indicated he is "truth-telling" in stating someone did, in fact, offer him and his brother \$50,000 to kill Dr. King. Claude Powell's response to another question and his reactions following the answer indicate he has possible knowledge regarding the unidentified person who made the payment offer.



REINTERVIEWS OF THE POWELLS RE DISCREPANCIES: On 2/5/76, Claude Powell, Jr., and on 2/10/76, Leon Owen Powell, were reinterviewed re discrepancies in their versions of this alleged incident. Leon now says meeting was definitely in November, 1967. (Claude initially stated meeting was three or four weeks prior to actual King assassination which would put this meeting about March of 1968.) Leon stated he did not have any contact with Godfrey re assassination when Claude not present. (Claude said he later learned Godfrey made an initial contact with Leon approximately one week prior to the unsubs' proposition to murder King, but he did not know anything about the meeting at Pete's Bar until the unsub made the offer, nor did he have any prior knowledge of what transpired between Godfrey and Leon.) Leon states that Godfrey is more Claude's friend than his. (Claude says Godfrey better friend of Leon's.)

Leon initially stated Pete Davis (since deceased), the bar owner, observed Ralph (LNU) enter and exit the bar. Our investigation showed Pete Davis did not own the bar at the time of the alleged meeting. Leon now states he recalls the name of bar was Bill Bailey's, although it is still called Pete's by the oldtimers. He now cannot recall who was in the bar at the time of alleged incident. Their sketches of the interior of Pete's Bar are also different.

On 3/8/76, Claude Powell, Jr. advised he thinks Pete Davis was present and also thinks that Davis owned the bar during the time of the alleged meeting. Claude further advised that his brother, Leon, told him about the initial contact between Leon and Ray Godfrey in reference to the actual contact about the assassination of King. He learned of this initial contact from Leon shortly after the time that Ralph came and approached both he and Leon.

#### INTERVIEWS OF RELATIVES OF LEON OWEN POWELL AND

CLAUDE POWELL, JR.: Annie Lois Compos, former wife of Leon Owen Powell, after some prompting, remembered an incident wherein Leon told her an individual had contacted his brother and him regarding the murder of King. Leon told her that the man had a suitcase full of money and wanted them to murder King. She stated Leon was very intoxicated when relating the story to her after the King assassination. She stated that numerous times while Leon was drunk, he would talk about various killings and killers.

Jackie Powell, wife of Claude, advised the only time she heard about an incident involving an offer of money to assassinate King was when her husband mentioned it to her after King had been assassinated. Claude told her he had been offered

a sum of money to assassinate King but refused the contract. She stated she has been married to Claude for 20 years, and the whole story, in her mind, is a fabrication by her husband, Claude, and his alcoholic brother, Leon. She stated she felt the Government was wasting its time, and she was sure the whole story is a fabrication.

Wendell Sutton Powell, a brother, stated he had not heard of anyone contacting his brothers re offering them money to assassinate King. He advised if Claude had seen \$25,000 in one lump sum, Claude would have told others about it. He advised that Claude used to drink a lot and talk glibly when in a drunken condition. He did not believe Claude and Leon had the capacity to assassinate King.

Hubert Powell, a brother, advised he was contacted by Leon after the FBI interview of Wendell Powell. Leon related to him at that time about the incident, and he was of the opinion Leon was drunk during this phone call. Hubert had no knowledge of this incident before the phone call.

Floyce Powell Bryson, a sister of the Powells, stated that although they are morally good men, both Leon and Claude have a drinking problem. They never mentioned to her the alleged offer to kill King, and she quite frankly does not believe the event ever occurred. She also stated that neither of the Powells possess the capacity to kill King.

#### INTERVIEWS AND POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION OF ARNOLD RAY GODFREY:

Ray Godfrey has been fully identified as Arnold Ray Godfrey and was interviewed on 1/13/76. He advised that he did not talk with either of the Powells re the assassination of King nor did he introduce anyone to them re the assassination of King. He denied all knowledge of any assassination plot re King.

When Godfrey was interviewed on 1/13/76, he agreed to submit a polygraph. When he was contacted re the polygraph on 1/16/76, however, Godfrey stated "I am innocent" and then advised he did not wish to take any polygraph examination and did not wish to talk to the FBI any further. He stated if the FBI needs any further information, they should contact his attorney.

ARREST RECORDS: Leon Owen Powell is a white male, DOB [redacted] He has an arrest record PII  
for a military violation in 1955, for wife beating in 1962, and  
for child abandonment in 1962 and 1975.

[redacted] Claude Powell, Jr., is a white male, DOB [redacted] PII  
He has a local arrest record for armed robbery  
in 1949, robbery in 1949, allowing intoxicants to person to  
drive in 1965, indecent exposure and drunk in 1973, and driving  
under the influence in 1975.

Arnold Ray Godfrey is a white male, DOB [redacted]  
He has an arrest for drunk, cursing, driving on the wrong  
side of the road, and suspicion of possible dangerous  
drugs in 1964.

EMPLOYMENT AND WHEREABOUTS OF ARNOLD RAY GODFREY: Godfrey is  
employed  
as a Sewer Service foreman in Atlanta. His employment records  
reflect for the pay-period 4/3 - 4/17/68, Godfrey was  
charged with 3 vacation days. (King was assassinated on 4/4/68).  
The records do not show the exact days he was on vacation.  
All of these type records are purged every 3 years. The CRD  
requested, if possible, an attempt be made to determine Godfrey's  
whereabouts during these 3 vacation days in 1968.

During the initial interview of Godfrey, he stated he  
thought he was in Nashville, Tennessee "shacked up" on the  
day King was killed. Godfrey thought he could verify this  
through some personal records; however, since that time,  
Godfrey has not talked any further with the FBI.

A review of the 1968 Nashville directory revealed  
there were 40 motels in the downtown area and 22 in the  
suburban area. A sampling of logical motels reflects  
registration records for 1968 have either been destroyed  
or are in storage. No logical method was developed, at  
this point, to review any of these records in storage noting  
that even if Godfrey did go to Nashville, he did not  
definitely state he stayed in a motel nor is there any  
assurance he used his right name. His mode of transportation  
to Nashville is also unknown; however, a logical airline  
servicing Atlanta to Nashville flights, disclosed records for  
1968 no longer available.

A review of Department of Motor Vehicle records, Atlanta  
reflected in 1968 Godfrey had licensed a 1960 Chevrolet (not a  
white mustang as utilized by James Earl Ray.)

PETE'S BAR; Leon stated the meeting occurred at Pete's Bar in late October - early November of 1967, then stated the meeting occurred in the Fall of 1967 and finally stated the meeting definitely occurred at Pete's Bar in November of 1967.

Claude stated the meeting occurred at Pete's Bar 3 or 4 weeks prior to the actual assassination of King on 4/4/68, which would put the meeting about March of 1968.

Leon stated that Pete Davis, owner of the bar, observed Ralph (LNU) enter and exit the bar but had not entered into the conversation.

Our investigation determined that Pete Davis died of cancer in May of 1975 and was not associated with Pete's Bar at any of the times the alleged meeting occurred.

Lewis W. Clark advised he managed Bill Bailey's Lounge (formerly Pete's Bar) from September, 1966, through 1973. He recalled Ray Godfrey and Claude Powell being persons who frequented the bar. He stated Claude is a very quiet individual and never knew him to be in any trouble. Godfrey was an extremely extroverted individual who always wanted to play the guitar in the bar. June Hall, another bartender, recalled Claude Powell and Godfrey as persons who frequented the bar. He stated Claude was a very quiet individual when sober; however, could be very unruly when drinking. She stated Godfrey was a very likeable individual and she did not think he could be in any sort of trouble. Neither Clark nor Hall could identify the artist's conception of Ralph (LNU).

As previously set forth, Leon, during reinterview, now recalls the name of the bar as Bill Bailey's and now cannot recall who was in the bar at the time of the alleged incident.

#### BACKGROUND OF ARNOLD RAY GODFREY

Numerous individuals who knew Godfrey in 1968-1969 were 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. Diane Brady advised Godfrey still frequents the "Office" Bar, is well known to her, and is a very amiable person with no violent tendencies. Relatives of Godfrey's interviewed and none could believe Godfrey would be in any sort of trouble.

#### MILITARY RECORD OF ARNOLD RAY GODFREY

Personnel records of the Georgia National Guard reflects Godfrey enlisted in the Guard on 1/9/51. He enlisted into the medical company with the 122 infantry and this unit was located in Atlanta. He was discharged in 1954 as a Corporal with an honorable discharge. His occupation during service was a light truck driver. This record contains no further information.

#### POSSIBLE ASSOCIATE OF ARNOLD RAY GODFREY

Lee Carroll Godfrey, a brother, stated that he, Arnold Ray and another individual had played in a band at the Office Bar in Atlanta. The other individuals first name was Ralph and he thinks his last name was Smith. He described this Ralph as a white male, 45 years of age, 5'11", 165 pounds, a carpenter by trade.

Tommy Godfrey, a brother, stated Arnold Ray, and Lee Carroll played in a band with an individual named Ralph Setzer (phonetic), at the Office Bar.

The present employees of the Office Bar could not identify anyone named Ralph, who had played in a band at that bar.

Tommy Godfrey was recontacted and shown a artist's conception of Ralph (LNU) as furnished by Leon Powell. Tommy Godfrey could not identify this artist's conception and then announced he actually did not know anyone named Ralph Smith or Ralph Setzer. He stated he mentioned the name Ralph Setzer during a prior interview only because Lee Godfrey had told him this.

Lee Carroll Godfrey was also recontacted and shown an artist's conception of Ralph (LNU) as provided by Leon Godfrey, and he stated the artist's conception was quite dissimilar to the man he remembered as Ralph Smith. He last saw Ralph three and a half years ago, and Ralph had a duck tail haircut, full on the sides and flat on top. He was approximately 45 years old, much older than the artist's conception. He stated the only other person he could remember who knew Ralph was a divorcee, Lavene Cook (phonetic) who resided in Marietta, Georgia. Subsequent investigation disclosed no current listing for a Lavene Cook in Marietta.

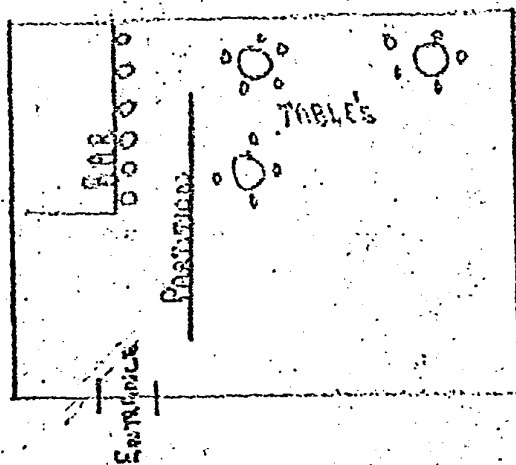
Lee Carroll Godfrey was again recontacted and advised he did not know a Ralph Setzer or a Ralph Seltzer and did not mention either name to his brother, Tom Godfrey. Lee Godfrey stated he traveled to Atlanta on the weekend of 2/28/76 and talked to his brother, Arnold Ray Godfrey. Arnold Ray Godfrey related that he did not know a Ralph Smith, and when Lee described the individual he knew as Ralph Smith, Arnold said he thought the man's name was Jim Smith.

Bill Lowrey of Lowrey Music, Inc., Atlanta, was unable to identify a Ralph (LNU).

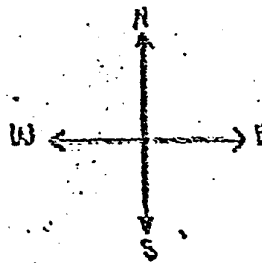
The Atlanta city directory and the Atlanta suburban directory lists approximately 104 either Ralph or initial R. Smiths. The current Atlanta telephone directory lists an excess of 104 either Ralph or initial R. Smiths. Neither directory has any listing for a Ralph Setzer.

#### PROXIMITY OF PETE'S BAR TO WHERE JAMES EARL RAY STAYED IN ATLANTA

The distance from where Pete's Bar is located to where James Earl Ray stayed is approximately five and a half miles. (This is a direct line distance, not taking into account the streets). There is a three and a half mile distance from Pete's Bar to where the car was located.

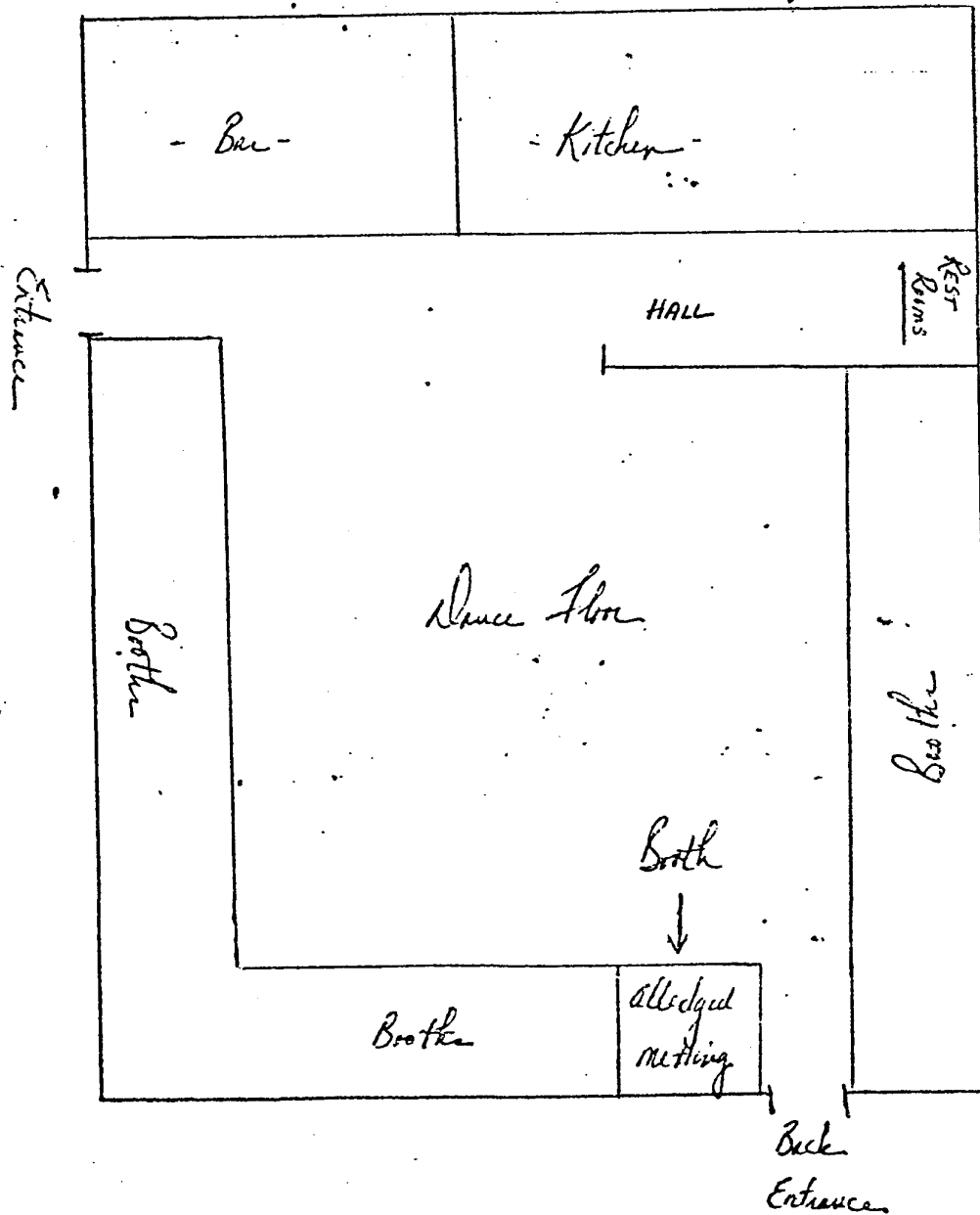


SKETCH OF PRATE'S PLACE AS DESCRIBED BY  
LEON POWELL.



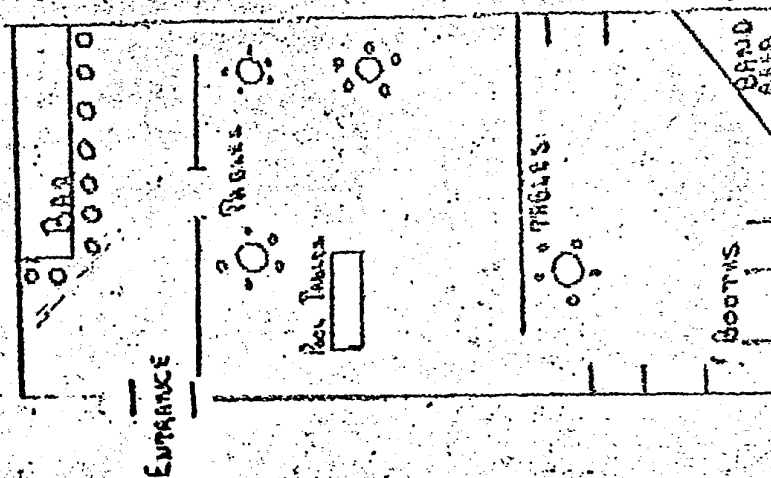
Sketch of Peter Bar - Atlanta, Georgia

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Special Agent  
FBI - Midland, Texas

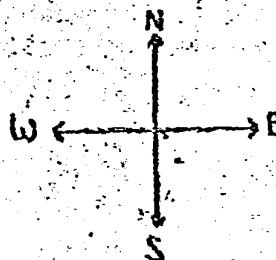


BY CLYDE POWELL





SKETCH OF BILL BAILEY'S LOUNGE AS DESCRIBED BY  
 L.W. CLARK. (NOTE - THIRD AREA OF BAR CONSTRUCTED BY L.W. CLARK  
 IN 1969 - AREA WITH BANDSTAND)



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