

(1 - P.T. Blake) Review)
1 - Mr. A. J. Decker (Route Through For
(Attn: T. Bresson) Review)

August 2, 1976

1 - Mr. T. W. Leavitt
1 - Mr. J. G. Deegan

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

1 - Mr. P. E. Nugent
2 - Mr. S. F. Phillips

General Observations

In order to expedite the considerable effort required to implement the Attorney General's instructions, and because of the involved processing necessary in making excisions and duplicating the voluminous documents concerned, we are suggesting certain flexibilities be made available to us in processing the material. For example, some administrative markings on correspondence "may" be excised, as distinguished from "will" be excised. Further, to expedite this material, we will for the most part be duplicating by the Xeroxing process documents which themselves are Xeroxes. As a consequence, some of the material for the King estate will not be ideally legible. The Department's cover communication to the King estate should point out this matter and invite the King estate to request clearer copies of any specific documents they desire which, it is anticipated, will be few. We would then locate in our substantive files the originals of these documents and reprocess them for excision. Material to be furnished to the King estate will include only that delivered to the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Activities (SSC). It will not include material to which the SSC only had access for review purposes.

Identities of FBI Personnel

Names (as well as initials) of all FBI personnel below the rank of Section Chief to be excised. Section Chief level position chosen as line of demarcation as this is consistent with agreements between FBI/Justice Department and SSC for excisions in material made public by SSC, noting additionally that SSC has already made public identities of some higher ranking FBI personnel. In arriving at this agreement very serious recognition was taken of the danger inherent in publicizing names of FBI personnel who themselves, or their families, might thus become targets for physical or other abuse.

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Privacy

Names of individuals other than King will not be excised but any derogatory information about them will be excised. If the mere presence of the name in the context of the document as a whole could be considered derogatory to that individual, the name will excised.

Identities of Confidential Informants, etc.

Names as well as information which could lead to the determination of names of the following types of individuals will be excised:

Confidential informants, confidential sources, and persons with whom the FBI had an implied or expressed understanding of confidentiality. Included for excision would be permanent informant and source symbol numbers. Information which will also be excised is that identifying, or which could identify, third agencies, including foreign intelligence agencies as well as all law enforcement agencies.

Third Agency Information

Information originating with third agencies will be excised.

Peripheral Matters

It is recognized that the SSC, in its study of the FBI's investigation of King, was furnished by the FBI numerous materials of a peripheral nature. Examples would include materials relating to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Sanitation Workers Strike (Memphis, Tennessee), Poor People's Campaign, 1964 Democratic Party National Convention (Atlantic City, New Jersey), and Stanley David Levison. Therefore, all materials furnished to the SSC in respect to its overall inquiries into the King matter, should be included for delivery to the King estate.

Administrative and Other Similar Data

"Notes on yellow" not to be excised. Handwritten comments by officials, such as Mr. Hoover, not to be excised. Administrative data containing substantive information, not to be excised. Other administrative markings which may be excised include such as Director's routing block, file numbers, Records Management Division markings, autographic initials of approving officials, and copy designations.

Ongoing Investigations

Information which could compromise an ongoing investigation will be excised.

Electronic Surveillances

Where it is clear from any document being furnished that information therein derives from an electronic surveillance, such information will be excised. In following this procedure, it will be necessary for the Department, in furnishing material to the King estate, to voice an appropriate disclaimer; that is, a statement that, despite our reasonable and good faith efforts, some of the information being furnished may have originated with electronic surveillances. Communications relating to electronic surveillances which are administrative in nature, as contrasted with those containing the product of such surveillances, will be furnished. The administrative-type communications would include such items as requests for authority for an electronic surveillance, instructions to install, and the like.

Classification

As only nonclassified information may be furnished to the King estate, classified documents will require review for the purpose of excising those portions on which the classification was based so that the remaining portions of the documents may be furnished the King estate.

Delivery of Material

Two exact duplicates of each document will be furnished to the Department which will supply the King estate one set and retain the other set for Department files. Delivery of material to the Department for forwarding to the King estate will be on a partial proffer basis. Recognizing that completion of the entire project will take some time, we are planning on several partial deliveries. The communication from the Department to the King estate covering documents being furnished will spell out the types of information excised and it will not be necessary for each excision on each document to carry the precise reason although such was done for the SSC. Consequently, such reasons for excisions appearing on the documents from which we will be working may now be excised on those copies to be furnished to the King estate on the basis that such information is not a part of the original document, but rather an administrative message from the FBI to the SSC.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)
(Attention: Deputy Assistant Director INGRAM)

DATE: 8/9/76

FROM : SAC, INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)(RUC)

SUBJECT: *[Signature]*
MURKIN
BUDED: 8/9/76

Re Bureau nitel to Indianapolis, dated 7/30/76.

Enclosed for the Bureau are copies of all documents which have not been previously submitted to FBI Headquarters. Also enclosed is the first page of any document in Indianapolis MURKIN file which has previously been submitted to FBI Headquarters. Also enclosed for the Bureau is a copy of 1A-20 and 1A-21.

The following is a brief description of photographs, exhibits, and other items which could not be Xeroxed:

1. Photograph of T-shirt and shorts, bearing laundry marks.
2. Photographs of artist's conception description of subject from Birmingham.
3. Photographs of artist's conception of unknown subject from Memphis.
4. Composite of unknown subject, also known as ERIC STARVO GALT HARVEY LOWMYER, JOHN WILLARD.
5. Two negatives of Number 4.
6. Photograph of JAMES EARL RAY.
7. Photograph of WALTER T. RIFE.
8. Photograph of JAMES EARL RAY with negative.
9. Photograph of JAMES EARL RAY with negative taken 1960.

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10. Photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and WALTER T. RIFE.
11. Photograph of JAMES EARL RAY taken 1960.
12. Photograph of JAMES EARL RAY.
13. Photograph of JAMES EARL RAY.
14. Photograph of JACQUELINE "Jackie" KLINE, also known as JACQUALINE GOLDSTINE, KAYE RASENBERG.
15. Photograph of PAUL OSBORN BRIDGEMAN.
16. Photograph of FRANK WILLIAM BRICKLEY.
17. Photograph of laundry marks with name GALT with markings 20L-8, 20R-3, 20F-7, 02B-6.
18. Photograph and negative of JAMES EARL RAY taken late 1967.
19. Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, three different poses.

It should be noted that Serial 84 was skipped and does not exist.

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Date: 8/9/76

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Via AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

(Precedence)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
 ATTENTION: BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION
 FINANCE AND PERSONNEL DIVISION

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (100-16800) (RUC)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.;
 DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW;
 COST DATA

Re Bureau nitel, 8/6/76.

In response to referenced Bureau nitel, the following recapitulates the manpower spent on Departmental review of New Orleans FBI files regarding MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.:

SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER	GS-13, Step 8	42 Hours
SUPERVISOR CLIFFORD H. ANDERSON	GS 14, Step 1	3 Hours
SECRETARY PATRICIA A. DOUGLAS	GS 5, Step 6	3 Hours
CLERK WILLIAM A. MAC LANE	GS 3, Step 2	5 Hours
CLERK PETER H. JOHNSON	GS 5, Step 5	2 Hours

No unusual costs were incurred in this review by the New Orleans Office.

UACB, the above data will not be included in the New Orleans monthly submission in case entitled, "COST RESPONDING TO INQUIRIES FROM OTHER AGENCIES, CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES, AND REQUESTS UNDER THE FOIPA."

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4:45 PM NITEL AUGUST 9, 1976 RJB

TO: DIRECTOR

FROM: CLEVELAND (44-565)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW; COST DATA.

RE BUTEL, AUGUST 6, 1976.

REBUTEL REQUESTED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REGARDING
EMPLOYEES WHO WORKED ON CAPTIONED MATTER:

1) MANPOWER: SA STEPHEN P. WHITE, III, GS-13, STEP 2,
FIVE HOURS (REGULAR), NO HOURS OVERTIME; SC MARY ANN RUSTILE,
GS-7, STEP 7, FOUR HOURS (REGULAR), NO OVERTIME.

2) UNUSUAL COSTS: NONE INCURRED.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. T. W. Leavitt *TWL*

FROM : S. F. Phillips *SF*

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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- 2 - Mr. J. A. Mintz
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(Attn: T. H. Bresson)

DATE: 8/6/76

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- 2 - Mr. S. F. Phillips

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PURPOSE: To advise of "Departmental views" concerning information in our files regarding associates of King and how it is to affect our furnishing FBI documents to King estate.

SYNOPSIS: We are negotiating with Department guidelines to follow in preparing FBI documents for delivery to the King estate. Guidelines incorporated into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) furnished to Department for Attorney General (AG) concurrence. Tentatively, privacy issue as to third parties to be handled by excising from documents derogatory information but leaving names in. Discussion with Steve Blackhurst, Assistant Special Counsel for Intelligence Coordination, revealed that certain information which FBI has traditionally included in documents relating to subversive backgrounds of individuals because FBI considered such information as derogatory, in a security sense, is not considered by Blackhurst as derogatory. Blackhurst was advised that if we are to properly process the documents for the King estate it will be necessary for the Department to furnish a definition of "derogatory." Blackhurst agreed, intends to confer with other Department components and Bureau will be further advised.

ACTION: None. For information.

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Memorandum to Mr. T. W. Leavitt
Re: Martin Luther King, Jr.
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DETAILS: By way of background, we are presently negotiating with the Department guidelines for our implementation of an AG instruction to furnish to the estate of Martin Luther King, Jr., copies of all FBI documents previously given to the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Activities. A principal element in negotiations relates to what should and what should not be excised from the documents prior to delivery to the King estate (classified information, identities of informants, etc.). The attorneys on behalf of the King estate are Harry Wachtel and Stanley David Levison who were advisors to King and who are prominently mentioned in many of the documents involved. We have been working with Michael E. Shaheen, Jr., Special Counsel for Intelligence Coordination, and his assistant, Steve Blackhurst, in arriving at guidelines to be followed in this project which consists of our reviewing and processing for delivery about 2 to 2½ file cabinet drawers of materials.

On 8/5/76 S. F. Phillips, INTD, who is coordinating this matter, hand delivered to Blackhurst a Bureau letter to the AG and an accompanying MOU by which we intend to formalize our negotiations and obtain the AG's concurrence with the MOU. A critical item in the MOU relates to privacy and states that names of individuals other than King will not be excised but any derogatory information about them will be excised. Phillips took the occasion of the delivery of the MOU to raise with Blackhurst possible special considerations concerning Wachtel and Levison inasmuch as they are mentioned in documents and are also the King estate attorneys in this matter. Phillips inquired as to whether their names and information about them should be treated any differently in the processing of the King documents. Blackhurst did not think so and discussion ensued as to type of information concerning Wachtel and Levison appearing in the documents. Phillips commented that some of the documents will undoubtedly characterize Wachtel as having been a member of the National Lawyers Guild, an organization cited as a communist front by the former House Committee on Un-American Activities. Blackhurst replied that such information should not be considered as derogatory. Phillips then referred to the fact that Wachtel's wife had once been reported to be a member of the Communist

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Party and such might appear in the documents. Blackhurst said that he recalled that such information is in some of the documents but that, again, it should not be considered as derogatory.

At this point Phillips told Blackhurst that he did not intend to argue the merits of the position which we have traditionally taken over the years in our security reporting; namely, that such information as cited above is included because it is considered derogatory, in a security sense. Phillips pointed out that as there is such a wide variance in understanding as to the meaning of "derogatory," the views he just expressed versus Blackhurst's expression, it was believed best that the Department define "derogatory" as it is to be used in implementing the privacy aspects of the documents, Blackhurst agreed and said he desired to confer with Department experts in the Freedom of Information and Privacy Acts fields and others. It was then agreed that the Department, in responding to our letter to the AG asking for concurrence with the MOU, would also furnish the necessary definition of "derogatory" or other information to guide us in processing the documents.

Another matter discussed with Blackhurst and on which full agreement was reached concerned the fact that some of the documents will contain material completely extraneous to King. We will be excising such information from the documents we process.

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The following information resolving the problem discussed herein was telephonically furnished to SA Phillips by Mr. Blackhurst, 4:30 p.m., 8/6/76.

Blackhurst discussed the privacy issue problem and the matter of "derogatory" material with other Departmental officials and, on their advice, he telephoned Levison. Blackhurst told Levison that, normally, there would be excised from the documents information which is of a personal nature or derogatory, and that this would include information as to the personal life of an individual and also concerning their political associations. It would include information concerning a person belonging to a "far left" or "far right" type organization and Blackhurst used as an example the Ku Klux Klan. Blackhurst told Levison that some of the documents involved had information concerning him, as well as concerning Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wachtel, and that if information of a derogatory nature concerning these three individuals is to be left in the documents, it would first be necessary for Levison/Wachtel to furnish the Department a letter to that effect. Levison took the matter under advisement and then called Blackhurst back and told him that the Department would receive a letter consenting to have the derogatory information concerning Levison and the Wachtels left in the documents.

On the basis of the foregoing, Blackhurst advised Phillips that we could go ahead with our project and to leave the derogatory information concerning the three individuals in the documents unless it called for excision for such other reasons as classification or protection of sources. As to all other third parties, Blackhurst advised that the Bureau could operate on the basis of its traditional understanding of the term derogatory. The Bureau will be furnished a letter from the Department indicating the AG's concurrence with the MOU and advice concerning the written consent which the Department is to receive.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW
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REBUTEL JULY 29, 1976. IN ORDER THAT COSTS INCURRED

IN CONNECTION WITH THIS MATTER MAY BE COMPILED, YOU ARE

REQUESTED TO FURNISH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

1. MANPOWER: THE NAME, GRADE AND SALARY STEP, AND
HOURS SPENT, BOTH REGULAR AND OVERTIME, BY EACH EMPLOYEE
WHO WORKED ON THIS MATTER.

2. UNUSUAL COSTS: ANY UNUSUAL OR OUT-OF-THE-
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1 - Manual Desk, Training Division
(sent direct)

Note: Bureau teletype 12/12/75 requested cost data be submitted by all offices and headquarters Divisions in connection with the "Partial Review" conducted by the Civil Rights Division of the Department. That cost survey was discontinued by Bureau airtel to all offices dated 2/17/76. No manual change is required.

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THROUGH AUGUST 31, 1976, AND FOR EACH MONTH THEREAFTER
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-4685) (AUC)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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Re Atlanta nitel to FBIHQ and Birmingham, 8/3/76.

Enclosed for FBIHQ are five copies of an LHM plus one Xerox copy of 29 pages of material furnished by the Atlanta Police Department to the Atlanta FBI in April, 1968.

As pointed out in referenced Atlanta nitel, on the morning of 8/2/76, five members of the Task Force of the Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR), Department of Justice, arrived in the Atlanta FBI Office to review Atlanta's file on the MURKIN investigation. All the volumes of this file, namely Atlanta 44-2386, were made available to the Task Force members for their review. During this review, Task Force member JAMES WALKER, on 8/3/76, requested a Xerox copy of two serials in this file, namely 44-2386-1214 and 1215, which consisted of 29 pages of material furnished to the Atlanta FBI Office in April, 1968, relative to people who in the past had threatened the life of MARTIN LUTHER KING. A Xerox copy of this material was furnished to Mr. WALKER. Atlanta is enclosing one copy of this material for FBIHQ with this airtel.

In addition, as shown in referenced Atlanta airtel 8/3/76 the Task Force members also interviewed SA O. RICHARD HAMILTON on 8/3/76, as he was the case agent in the MURKIN

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case back in 1968. The results of this interview are set forth in the enclosed LHM.

The Task Force made no other requests and they departed the Atlanta FBI Office for Birmingham on the early afternoon of 8/3/76.



In Reply, Please Refer to
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Atlanta, Georgia

August 3, 1976

ASSASSINATION OF DOCTOR MARTIN
LUTHER KING, JR.

On August 3, 1976, Special Agent O. Richard Hamilton was interviewed in the Atlanta, Georgia, Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) by four attorneys from the U.S. Department of Justice. SA Hamilton was interviewed regarding the above-captioned matter inasmuch as the case had been assigned to him at one time.

The attorneys asked Hamilton at what point in the investigation the case was assigned to him. Hamilton advised he did not recall the date the case was assigned to him; however, it was after James Earl Ray had been identified and apprehended. They inquired of Hamilton as to how he could insure that all appropriate leads were covered and investigated regarding the assassination of King. Hamilton explained to the attorneys that this investigation was handled as a "Special" in Atlanta, that separate indices were maintained containing the names of all pertinent individuals and organizations which came to the attention of the Atlanta Office in connection with that investigation. He explained the use of lead cards which were maintained in duplicate, that a master lead card was retained with a copy attached to a particular serial containing a specific lead and this was assigned to a Special Agent to cover the lead set out in the serial. He advised the coverage of that lead by the agent to whom it was assigned was reflected through a written memorandum or other appropriate communication with reference made therein to the serial containing the lead. Hamilton advised the agent covering the lead then indicated the

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lead had been covered on his copy of the lead card. Hamilton explained that various agents were responsible for conducting neighborhood investigations, contacting or maintaining liaison with local police, and to conducting other pertinent phases of the investigation. He explained the captioned case was the priority investigation in the Atlanta Office at that time and that almost every agent was assigned to working on some phase of the investigation.

The attorneys inquired as to how the FBI developed information that Ray, then known as Eric Starvo Galt, was residing in a rooming house on 14th Street. Hamilton noted that this investigation occurred more than eight years ago, that he has not since reviewed the file and although he was not exactly sure, according to his best recollection the investigation reflected an individual in the apartment area where Ray parked a Mustang automobile saw Ray park it and get in a taxicab. According to Hamilton's best recollection, the ensuing investigation by the FBI through taxicab companies reflected Ray was taken to the 14th Street address. Hamilton assured them this may not be the way it occurred but these were the facts as he recalled them. One of the attorneys indicated that information is not reflected in the file.

The attorneys asked Hamilton what the FBI did with the Mustang which was used by Ray. Hamilton advised them the FBI in Atlanta turned the Mustang over to Memphis, Tennessee, Police officers, who returned it to Memphis. The attorneys asked whether the Memphis Police drove it back or took it in a van, to which Hamilton replied they drove it to Memphis. The attorneys raised a question that since it was not used in the trial of Ray, why the car was turned over to the Memphis Police. Hamilton replied that Ray was tried by the State of Tennessee, and that they requested the Mustang be released to them in the event it should be used as evidence, and this was done.

The attorneys asked Hamilton if it ever became a problem in his mind or a question to the FBI as to how Ray lived from day to day since he was an escaped prisoner.

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Hamilton advised he did not know how Ray lived or his source of income; however, pointed out that Ray has an extensive arrest and conviction record for robbery, burglary, and other crimes and that many fugitives finance their living through armed robberies and burglaries. One of the attorneys asked if Ray committed numerous robberies, would he not get caught, and then the attorney asked what the solution rate usually is regarding the offense of robbery. Hamilton advised him he understands the Atlanta Police Department has about a 50 percent solution rate on robberies and a lesser percent on burglaries and that this was probably about in line with the solution rate for these crimes in most cities. Hamilton also pointed out that Ray had resided in various other areas of the country while in his escaped status and that he was not personally aware of investigation conducted by other field offices regarding Ray's source of income.

In response to Hamilton's inquiry of them as to what they felt would be Ray's source of income, they replied that it was possible that Ray had been paid by someone to kill King in which case there would be a conspiracy, which would present a problem for the FBI. Hamilton advised them that investigation by the FBI in Atlanta was always alert for evidence of a conspiracy, that no such evidence was developed during the investigation in Atlanta, and that if such evidence had been developed, it would have been thoroughly investigated.

The interview was concluded at that point. The interview lasted from approximately 12:00 noon to approximately 12:20 PM on August 3, 1976.

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)
(Attention: Deputy Assistant Director INGRAM,
Intelligence Division)

FROM: SAC, MOBILE (100-1472)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
BUDED AUGUST 9, 1976

Re Bureau teletypes to all SACs, 7/29 and 30/76.

Submitted under separate cover by registered mail,
Attention: Deputy Assistant Director INGRAM, Intelligence
Division, is xeroxed copy of each serial in Mobile file captioned
"MURKIN." (MoFile 157-2627; BuFile 44-38861)

The file submitted consists of complete Mobile file
as follows:

- 1) 1-A file
- 2) Sub-file 1 captioned "MURKIN - STOLEN CARS"
- 3) Sub-file 2 captioned "MURKIN - COST DATA"
- 4) Volume I containing Serials 1 through 205

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- 9) Volume VI containing Serials 497 through 597
- 10) Volume VII containing Serials 598 through 649
- 11) Volume VIII containing Serials 650 through 664

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTENTION: DEPUTY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR INGRAM
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FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-1854) (RUC)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Re Bureau teletype to all SACs dated 7/30/76, and captioned MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Pursuant to instructions contained in retel, the Bureau is being furnished herewith one xerox copy each of each serial contained in the Miami Office file, captioned MURKIN, CIVIL RIGHTS (44-1854), as well as the Assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., Racial Matters file (157-2434), as indicated below:

44-1854	Volume I	Serial 1	- 149
"	II	"	150 - 299
"	III	"	300 - 499
"	IV	"	500 - 617
"	V	"	618 - 760
"	VI	"	761 - 773

157-2434 Volume I Serials 1 - 12

In addition, a review of the exhibits contained in the MURKIN file disclosed the following 1A exhibits:

- ②-Bureau (Enc. 27) (RM)
 - ①-100-106670)
- 2-Miami
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- 1A 1 Thermoseal tapes from Prather's Laundry, Naples, Fla., on 4/10/68....(Sent to Bureau 4/16/68).
- 2 Garber Co. Shipping slip #52360 (enclosed).
- 3 Artist conception photos of GALT.
- 4. Photos of T-shirt and shorts bearing laundry marks.
- 5 Anonymous letter received by Indianapolis Office (enclosed).
- 6 Xerox copies of "foreign trade vessels entering Miami" 4/4 - 10/68. (enclosed)
- 7 Xerox copies of list re foreign commerce vessels departing Miami 4/4 - 10/68 (enclosed).
- 8 Xerox copies of list of arriving pleasure craft at Miami, 4/4 - 10/68 (Enclosed).
- 9 Mimeograph copy of foreign destination flights (enclosed).
- 10 Photo of JAMES EARL RAY.
- 11 Photo of JAMES EARL RAY
- 12 Photo of WALTER T. RIFE
- 13 Photos of WALTER R. RIFE and JAMES EARL RAY
- 14 Photo of JAMES EARL RAY
- 15 Eight yellow laundry marking tapes, code 20 R-3 (sent to Lab, 4/23/68.)
- 16 Counter check of Liggetts Drug Store handled by man who resembles JAMES EARL RAY (enclosed).

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- 1A 17 Wanted Flyer (JAMES EARL RAY) (Enclosed).
- 18 Photo of JAMES EARL RAY.
- 19 Photos of JAMES EARL RAY in Mexico.
- 20 Photos of JAMES EARL RAY in Mexico.
- 21 Rental agreement between Crafts, Ltd. and
MICHEL ST. PIERRE (enclosed).
- 22 Rental agreement between Crafts, Ltd. and
MICHEL ST. PIERRE (enclosed).
- 23 Credit card invoices of MICHEL ST. PIERRE
on Gulf Credit Card #555,047 067 (enclosed).
- 24 Interview log, JAMES HARVEY WHITE (enclosed).
- 25 Unexecuted Warning and Waiver form for
JAMES HARVEY WHITE (enclosed).
- 26 Photos of JAMES EARL RAY.
- 27 Photos of JAMES EARL RAY.
- 28 Notes of phone conversation between DONALD
CARPENTER and HAZEL V. PEACOCK, 4/4/68 (enclosed).
- 29 Photos of laundry markings on bed linen for
JAMES EARL RAY in the Los Angeles area.
- 30 Photos of laundry markings on bed linen for
JAMES EARL RAY in the Los Angeles area.

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- 1A 31 Application for Florida Drivers License (blank)
(enclosed).
 - 32 Photo of JAMES EARL RAY (with beard).
 - 33 Photo of JAMES EARL RAY.
 - 34 Photos of JAMES EARL RAY.
 - 35 Photos of JAMES EARL RAY in sunglasses.
 - 36 Photo of JAMES EARL RAY.
 - 37 Copy of letter to Shelby County Sheriff,
Memphis (enclosed).
 - 38 Signed statement of DONALD LEE MITCHELL (enclosed).
 - 39 Waiver of rights form (DONALD LEE MITCHELL)
(enclosed).
 - 40 Palm prints of KATHRYN HOBSON (enclosed).
 - 41 Fingerprints of KATHRYN HOBSON (enclosed).
- Total of 20 Enclosures.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI ~~(100-106670)~~
FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-818) (C)
SUBJECT: "MURKIN"

DATE: 8/2/76

Re Bunitels, 7/29, 7/30/76.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are all serials contained in NH 157-181, main file on "MURKIN", and description of contents in Sub-A file. As per instruction in Bunitel 7/30/76, only page one of serials previously sent to Bureau are enclosed. New Haven Sub-A file contains photographs only. In view of poor production on xerox only description of contents of Sub-A file are being set forth.

The following discrepancies are noted. (1) Serial 287 is missing. A review of NH 100-18410 disclosed that serial 115 of that file captioned, "MARTIN LUTHER KING, SM-C, OO: AT", was previously designated for NH 157-818 but changed to 100-18410. It is not known if the second copy was designated for 157-818 or destroyed in consolidation program, which sought to maintain only one copy of a communication in each file. (2) Mis-serialization due to clerical error - It is noted that a large gap appears between serial 178 and 199 which at first glance would indicate these serials are missing. However, in view of the date sequence and the numerical writing over the block stamp of serial 178, it is obvious that a clerical error was made - the misconstruing of 178 to be 198, and the error consistently carried on to the completion of the file.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)
(ATTENTION: DEPUTY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR INGRAM
INTELLIGENCE DIVISION)

FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387)

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Re Bureau teletypes to all offices, 7/29 and 7/30/76,
both captioned "MARTIN LUTHER KING JR."

Enclosed herewith are xerox copies of all serials
(serial 1 through serial 429) of San Diego file 44-387 (MURKIN
File). Where a serial consists of a report or other items al-
ready known to be in the possession of the Bureau, only the
first page is being xeroxed and submitted. Above being submitted
via package copy.

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1 - San Diego

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)
ATLANTA
FROM: CHARLOTTE (100-10075) (P)
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

RE BUTELS JULY 29, 1976, AND CHARLOTTE TELETYPE TO
DIRECTOR, DECEMBER 12, 1975.

TASK FORCE MEMBER JAMES WALKER ARRIVED AT CHARLOTTE
OFFICE AT 10:00 AM, JULY 30, 1976. HE REVIEWED THE
FOLLOWING CHARLOTTE FILES:

MURKIN, CE 44-1365.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM - C, CE 100-10075.

COMINFIL SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC),
IS - C, CE 157-260.

COMINFIL SCLC, IS-C, CE 100-10173.

COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS (CIRM), IS - C,
CE 132-10028.

AT HIS REQUEST, HE WAS FURNISHED THREE DOCUMENTS FROM
"MURKIN" FILE, THREE DOCUMENTS FROM FILE CAPTIONED, "MARTIN LUTHER
KING, JR., SM-C," AND ONE DOCUMENT FROM FILE CAPTIONED,
"COMINFIL SCLC, IS - C."

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COPIES OF THE ABOVE DOCUMENTS FURNISHED MR. WALKER ARE
BEING FORWARDED TO BUREAU BY SEPARATE AIRTEL.

MR. WALKER MADE NO OTHER REQUESTS AND DEPARTED THE OFFICE
AT 6:45 PM, JULY 30, 1976. HE STATED HE WAS GOING TO REMAIN
IN CHARLOTTE OVER THE WEEKEND TO VISIT HIS SISTER BUT WOULD NOT
RETURN TO THIS OFFICE. HE WILL DEPART FOR ATLANTA ON MONDAY,
AUGUST 2, 1976.

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11:10PM NITEL JULY 31, 1

FBI

Date: 7/31/76

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)
 FROM: *EG* SAC, CHARLOTTE (100-10075) (C)
 SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Re Charlotte teletype to the Director and Atlanta
 dated 7/31/76.

Referenced Charlotte teletype disclosed that Task Force
 Member JAMES WALKER visited the Charlotte Office on 7/30/76 and
 reviewed the following Charlotte files:

MURKIN
 (CE 44-1365)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
 SM - C
 (CE 100-10075)

COMINFIL SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
 IS - C
 (CE 157-260)

COMINFIL SCLC
 IS - C
 (CE 100-10173)

COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS (CIRM)
 IS - C
 (CE 100-10028)

At his request he was furnished one Xerox ⁴⁶ of ¹⁰ the following-described serials, one copy of each being enclosed
 herewith for the Bureau:

② - Bureau (Encls. 7)
 1 - Charlotte

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 Special Agent in Charge

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(1) Charlotte airtel to Director dated 6/17/68
captioned, "MURKIN."

(2) Director airtel to Milwaukee dated 7/2/68
captioned, "MURKIN."

(3) Milwaukee airtel to Director dated 7/26/68
captioned, "MURKIN."

(4) Savannah airtel to Director dated 4/5/65
captioned, "MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM - C."

(5) Savannah LHM dated 4/5/65 captioned, "MARTIN
LUTHER KING, JR."

(6) Bureau letter to Albany dated 4/19/65 captioned,
"MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM - C."

(7) Charlotte LHM dated 4/16/68 captioned, "POOR
PEOPLES CAMPAIGN, RM."

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Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. T. W. Leavitt

FROM : J. G. Deegan *JCP*

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

1 - Mr. J. B. Adams
2 - Mr. J. A. Mintz
(1-P.T. Blake)
1 - Mr. A. J. Decker
(Attn: T.H. Bresson)
DATE: 7/30/76

1 - Mr. T. W. Leavitt
1 - Mr. J. G. Deegan
1 - Mr. G. T. Tunstall
1 - Mr. P. E. Nugent
2 - Mr. S. F. Phillips

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PURPOSE:

To secure approval for expediting the deliveries to the King estate of FBI communications by excising classified information from them rather than following full "classification review" procedures.

SYNOPSIS:

We are initiating project in fulfillment of Attorney General's (AG) instructions to furnish King estate all documents concerning King previously given to the Senate Select Committee (SSC). All classified information will be excised. Large volume of material involved. As the AG has instructed expeditious handling, we will work from material already segregated and maintained by SENSTUDY 75 Project. In connection with EO 11652 (Classification of National Security Information), processing of material for dissemination under Freedom of Information and Privacy Acts (FOI - PA) and other dissemination generally calls for a "classification review" whereby every original document in file is assessed for classification on a paragraph-by-paragraph basis and appropriately marked. Because of expedite nature and large volume of material in King estate request, we propose to merely excise classified information from our copies of the documents we gave to the SSC, rather than following full "classification review" procedures.

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Memorandum to Mr. T. W. Leavitt
Re: Martin Luther King, Jr.
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ACTION:

Upon approval, we will process the material for the King estate as proposed by excising all classified information rather than a full "classification review" of original documents.

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DETAILS:

As you are aware, we are initiating a project whereby, on instructions of the AG, we will be furnishing to the King estate copies of all communications in our files concerning King which we had previously furnished to the SSC. Procedures being worked out with the Department to implement those instructions include our excising, among other data, all information of a classified nature. An extremely large volume of material is involved as the SSC King inquiry was very broad and the Department desires us to include considerable peripheral material in responding to the King estate request. The AG has asked that this endeavor be expedited and that we make deliveries to the King estate (through the Department) as we complete processing of various segments of the whole.

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Memorandum to Mr. T. W. Leavitt
Re: Martin Luther King, Jr.
100-106670

In order to readily identify the material we furnished to the SSC concerning King, including the peripheral documents, we will be using as a working base the copies maintained by the SENSTUDY 75 Project. We will thus be able to bypass the very time-consuming step of locating the originals of these documents in our files. The Department is in agreement with our intention to follow this procedure.

In connection with Executive Order 11652, we generally follow the practice when making current dissemination (such as under the FOI - PA and other types of dissemination) of making a "classification review" of every document. This involves locating the original documents in our files and making a paragraph-by-paragraph assessment as to classification and then adding the appropriate markings to the documents in file. However, in order to expedite the processing of the voluminous material involved for the King estate, we are proposing that we merely excise the classified information from copies maintained of the documents given to the SSC, rather than following full "classification review" procedures involving original documents.

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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11:35 AM NITEL AUGUST 2, 1976 NRW

TO DIRECTOR (100-106670)

FROM COLUMBIA (100-106)

ATTENTION: INTD - DEPUTY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR INGRAM
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., BUDED - AUGUST 9, 1976.

RE BUREAU NITELS TO ALL OFFICES, 7/29/76 AND 7/30/76

AND CO NITEL TO BUREAU 12/11/75.

THE FOLLOWING RELATES TO COLUMBIA'S MURKIN FILE:

- I. TITLE AND CHARACTER - MURKIN; CR
- II. BUREAU FILE - 44-38861
- III. FIELD OFFICE FILE - CO 44-299

IV. OFFICE OF ORIGIN - MF 44-1987

UNDER BUREAU DESTRUCTION RULES, AS CONTAINED IN BUREAU
AIRTEL TO ALBANY, ET AL, DATED 4/27/76, AND ENTITLED "DESTRUCTION
OF FIELD FILES AND RECORDS", ALL SERIALS IN THIS FILE WERE

DESTROYED SINCE COLUMBIA WAS NOT OFFICE OF ORIGIN IN THIS MATTER.

THIS CASE WAS RUC'D TO MEMPHIS ON 4/27/74.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS, RELATING TO
DESTRUCTION OF AUXILIARY OFFICE FILES AND RECORDS, PERTINENT
SERIALS AND EVIDENTIARY MATERIAL INCLUDING MATERIAL CONTAINED
IN L-A EXHIBITS OF COLUMBIA'S MURKIN FILE WERE ALL FORWARDED TO
MEMPHIS.

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REFERENCED COLUMBIA NITEL TO BUREAU 12/11/75, SET FORTH FOLLOWING PERTAINING TO MURKIN FILE.

FILE CONTAINS INFORMATION RELATING TO ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., AND RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY COLUMBIA DIVISION TO IDENTIFY PERSON AND/OR PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR KING'S ASSASSINATION. FILE CONTAINS NO TAPES, ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE LOGS, AND/OR TRANSCRIPTS. FILE CONTAINS A 1-A ENVELOPE WITH 22 EXHIBITS INCLUDING PHOTOGRAPHS RELATING TO THIS INVESTIGATION. THIS FILE CONSISTED OF THREE VOLUMES CONTAINING 399 SERIALS.

AFOREMENTIONED COLUMBIA NITEL TO BUREAU 12/11/75, ON PAGE 2 SET FORTH FOLLOWING ALSO PERTAINING TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.:

- I. TITLE AND CASE OF FILE - MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM-C;
- II. BUREAU FILE - 100-106670;
- III. FIELD OFFICE FILE - CO 100-106

THIS FILE CONTAINS INFORMATION CONCERNING KING'S APPEARANCES IN S. C. AS PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC), NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS, VISITS TO PENN COMMUNITY CENTER, FROGMORE, S. C., AND CONTACTS OF KING DURING S. C. VISITS. FILE ALSO CONTAINS BUREAU COMMUNICATIONS RELATING TO ASSASSINATION

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OF KING AND RACIAL VIOLENCE FOLLOWING HIS ASSASSINATION. FILE CONTAINS NO TAPES, ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE LOGS AND/OR TRANSCRIPTS OR PHOTOGRAPHS. FILE CONTAINS 1-A ENVELOPE WITH ONLY ONE ITEM RELATING TO LICENSE TAGS OBSERVED ON VEHICLES AT PENN COMMUNITY CENTER, FROGMORE, S. C., NOVEMBER 28, 1967. THIS FILE CONSISTS OF ONE VOLUME AND 56 SERIALS.

IT IS TO BE NOTED THIS FILE ALSO CONTAINS TWO OFFICE MEMORANDUMS DATED APRIL 10, 1968, AND APRIL 11, 1968, PERTAINING TO THE MURKIN - CR INVESTIGATION. THESE MEMORANDUMS, COPIES OF WHICH WERE DESIGNATED FOR COLUMBIA'S MURKIN FILE, SETS FORTH INFORMATION PERTAINING TO ASSASSINATION OF KING AND INVESTIGATION TO BE CONDUCTED TO IDENTIFY PERSON OR PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR ASSASSINATION OF KING IN MEMPHIS, TENN. ON APRIL 4, 1968.

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GEG ACK FBIHQ

1 - Mr. B. Adams
1 - Records Management Division
1 - Legal Counsel Division
1 - Mr. T. W. Leavitt

Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

July 29, 1976

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. J. O. Ingram
1 - Mr. E. C. Peterson
1 - Mr. J. G. Deegan
1 - Mr. J. T. Aldhizer

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

As you are aware, pertinent aspects of this Bureau's investigation of Martin Luther King, Jr., are presently undergoing review by a Departmental Task Force from the Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR) led by Mr. Fred G. Folsom, Jr. This review is a continuation of a partial review of this matter undertaken under your supervision in December, 1975, and which included Deputy Assistant Attorney General James P. Turner and former Criminal Section Chief, Robert A. Murphy, who has since terminated his employment with the Department.

As you know, review of the King investigation, of necessity, must include certain related investigative files including that of Stanley David Levison who served as an advisor to Martin Luther King, Jr., during his tenure as President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). During your group's review of the King matter, access to the Levison case file was given to you, Mr. Turner and Mr. Murphy with the understanding it contained most sensitive information as it pertains to a most delicate and ongoing investigation involving a number of highly placed confidential Bureau informants.

Information concerning the sensitivity of this information and of the importance of the continued confidentiality of the informants involved was also made available, through oral briefings, by representatives of this Bureau, to Michael E. Shaheen, Jr., Counsel, Office of Professional Responsibility and his assistant Steven K. Blackhurst.

In recent discussion with current Task Force leader Mr. Folsom, he initially concurred with this Bureau's desire that the present Task Force review of the Levison case file be restricted solely to him. The Bureau's desire in this matter is a result of continuing concern for the sensitivity of information contained in that case file and the Bureau's desire to avoid additional proliferation of this highly sensitive information outside the FBI.

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Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

On July 22, 1976, Mr. Folsom indicated that in discussion of this matter with his colleagues on the Task Force they had decided the Bureau's request for restricted review of the Levison file was unacceptable. Mr. Folsom stated that in the event this Bureau continues in its desire to have this review restricted to him alone that a request should be made to the Attorney General in order to obtain a specific order to that effect.

It is this Bureau's keen desire to restrict access to the Levison case file to Mr. Folsom for reasons as set forth above and it is respectfully requested that a written concurrence from the Attorney General supporting this Bureau's position be furnished at the earliest possible time. It should be noted that review of the Levison case file by one person would not present an overburdensome workload inasmuch as that file consists of approximately 14 sections.

1 - The Deputy Attorney General

Attention: Michael E. Shaheen, Jr., Counsel
Office of Professional Responsibility

APPROVED: <i>[Signature]</i>	Ext. Affairs.....	Laboratory.....
Assoc. Dir.	Fin. & Pers.....	Legal Coun.....
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1 - Mr. R. W. Held
1 - Mr. J. B. Adams

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1 - Each Assistant Director

JULY 29, 1976

TO: ALL SACS

1 - Mr. J. O. Ingram

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

1 - Mr. J. G. Deegan

1 - Mr. J. T. Aldhizer

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BUDED AUGUST 9, 1976

FOR INFORMATION OF RECIPIENTS THE ATTORNEY GENERAL (AG) HAS ORDERED A REVIEW OF THE FBI'S INVESTIGATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING. ASSIGNED TO CONDUCT THIS REVIEW IS A TASK FORCE WORKING UNDER DIRECTION OF THE OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (OPR) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS INDICATED THE REVIEW IS TO RESOLVE THE FOLLOWING FOUR QUESTIONS: (1) WAS THE FBI INVESTIGATION OF KING'S ASSASSINATION THOROUGH AND HONEST? (2) IS THERE ANY EVIDENCE THE FBI WAS INVOLVED IN THE ASSASSINATION? (3) IS THERE ANY NEW EVIDENCE WHICH HAS COME TO THE ATTENTION OF THE DEPARTMENT CONCERNING THE ASSASSINATION? (4) DOES THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE BUREAU AND KING CALL FOR CRIMINAL PROSECUTIONS, DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS OR OTHER APPROPRIATE ACTION?

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THIS REVIEW IS A CONTINUATION OF A "PARTIAL REVIEW" RECENTLY CONDUCTED BY THE CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT UNDER DIRECTION OF ASSISTANT AG J. STANLEY POTTINGER. ALL PERSONNEL ON THE TASK FORCE ARE AUTHORIZED TOTAL ACCESS TO OUR FILES PERTAINING TO KING'S ASSASSINATION, OUR INTELLIGENCE INVESTIGATION OF KING AND ANY FILES RELATING TO BASIS FOR THESE INVESTIGATIONS. THIS WILL INCLUDE COVER PAGES OF COMMUNICATIONS CONTAINING IDENTITIES OF SOME FBI SOURCES AND INFORMANTS WHO WERE NOT AFFORDED SYMBOL NUMBERS AT THAT TIME AND INDIVIDUALS WHO EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED CONFIDENTIALITY.

TO DATE THE TASK FORCE HAS REVIEWED FBIHQ AND WFO FILES CONCERNING THE ASSASSINATION OF KING CAPTIONED "MURKIN," BUREAU FILE 44-33861. TASK FORCE MEMBERS HAVE TRAVELED TO MEMPHIS, MILWAUKEE, KANSAS CITY, OMAHA, SAN FRANCISCO AND LOS ANGELES AND REVIEWED MURKIN AND INTELLIGENCE INVESTIGATION FILES OF THOSE OFFICES. FUTURE TRAVEL BY THE TASK FORCE IS PLANNED FOR ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, CHARLOTTE, CHICAGO, NEW ORLEANS, NEW YORK, SPRINGFIELD AND ST. LOUIS.

AFTER ABOVE TRAVEL IS COMPLETED AND KING RELATED SECURITY FILES AT FBIHQ ARE REVIEWED, THE TASK FORCE WILL HAVE SEEN THE MAJORITY OF SERIALS IN OUR FILES RELATING TO THE KING INVESTIGATIONS. HOWEVER, SINCE IT IS THE GOAL OF THE TASK FORCE TO REVIEW KING RELATED FILES IN EVERY FIELD OFFICE, IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO FORWARD XEROX COPIES OF FILES FROM THE REMAINING OFFICES TO FBIHQ FOR REVIEW.

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THEREFORE, ALL RECIPIENTS WITH EXCEPTION OF THOSE OFFICES NAMED ABOVE, FURNISH FBIHQ ONE XEROX COPY OF EACH SERIAL CONTAINED IN YOUR KING ASSASSINATION FILE CAPTIONED "MURKIN." IT IS REQUESTED THIS MATERIAL BE PROCESSED AND MAILED TO REACH FBIHQ PRIOR TO AUGUST 9, 1976. THIS MATERIAL SHOULD BE SENT BY REGISTERED MAIL, ATTENTION DEPUTY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR INGRAM, INTELLIGENCE DIVISION.

IF MURKIN FILES CONTAIN ANY PHOTOGRAPHS, EXHIBITS OR OTHER ITEMS WHICH CANNOT BE XEROXED A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF EACH ITEM AND ITS LOCATION SHOULD BE SET FORTH IN YOUR COMMUNICATIONS TRANSMITTING THE DOCUMENTS TO FBIHQ.

SUBSEQUENT INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE ISSUED CONCERNING SUBMISSION OF COPIES OF OUR INTELLIGENCE INVESTIGATION OF KING AND RELATED SECURITY FILES. OFFICES TO BE VISITED IN THE FUTURE BY TASK FORCE PERSONNEL WILL ALSO BE FURNISHED APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTIONS BY SEPARATE COMMUNICATION.

NOTE:

Since the Department must see these files, it is in the best interest of the Government to handle as above rather than have Task Force personnel travel to remaining offices for file review. According to existing inventories of King related files, no office has more than 10 volumes in the Murkin case other than Jackson (17) and Mobile (11). The Department has requested Murkin files from the field be available at FBIHQ by 8/9/76. Submission of the security files will be dealt with at a later time.

The above procedure has been coordinated with Fred Folsom OPR Task Force leader, SA J. W. Awe, Records Management Division and SA H. N. Helterhoff, General Investigative Division.

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1 - Mr. R. J. Gallagher
TELETYPE NITEL
(Attn: J. S. Peelman)

JULY 29, 1976

TO: SACS ATLANTA
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1 - Mr. T. W. Leavitt
1 - Mr. J. O. Ingram
1 - Mr. J. G. Deegan
1 - Mr. J. T. Aldhizer

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

REBUTEL TO ALL OFFICES DATED JULY 28, 1976, WHICH SET FORTH BACKGROUND INFORMATION CONCERNING REVIEW OF OUR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., INVESTIGATIONS BY A TASK FORCE OF THE OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (OPR), DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

PURPOSE OF THIS TELETYPE IS TO ALERT RECIPIENTS REGARDING PLANS OF OPR TASK FORCE PERSONNEL TO VISIT THEIR OFFICES TO CONTINUE REVIEW OF OUR KING INVESTIGATIONS.

DURING AUGUST, 1976, TASK FORCE PERSONNEL FRED FOLSOM, LEADER; JAMES WALKER; JOSEPH GROSS; JAMES KIECKHEFER AND WILLIAM WHITE WILL ARRIVE AT THE FOLLOWING OFFICES ON DATES INDICATED: ATLANTA AUGUST 2-3, 1976; BIRMINGHAM AUGUST 4-5, 1976; AND NEW ORLEANS AUGUST 5-6, 1976. PRIOR TO JOINING THE

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GROUP IN ATLANTA, WALKER WILL ARRIVE AT THE CHARLOTTE OFFICE ON THE MORNING OF JULY 30, 1976. WITH EXCEPTION OF ATLANTA THE TASK FORCE DESIRES TO REVIEW KING ASSASSINATION FILES (MURKIN), THE INTELLIGENCE INVESTIGATION OF KING AND ALL KING RELATED SECURITY FILES. IN ATLANTA THE TASK FORCE IS ONLY INTERESTED IN REVIEWING MURKIN FILES AND PLANS A SECOND TRIP TO ATLANTA AT A LATER DATE TO REVIEW ALL SECURITY FILES.

DURING THE WEEK OF AUGUST 16-20, 1976, TRAVEL IS PLANNED TO CHICAGO, ST. LOUIS AND SPRINGFIELD, ALTHOUGH DURATION OF TIME IN EACH OFFICE IS UNKNOWN AT PRESENT. ALL KING RELATED FILES ARE TO BE REVIEWED IN ST. LOUIS AND SPRINGFIELD. IN CHICAGO THE TASK FORCE IS INTERESTED INITIALLY IN REVIEWING ONLY THE MURKIN FILE AND PLANS A LATER VISIT TO REVIEW THE KING INTELLIGENCE INVESTIGATION AND RELATED SECURITY FILES. ADDITIONAL DETAILS REGARDING TRAVEL OF THE TASK FORCE DURING THE PERIOD AUGUST 16-20, 1976, WILL BE PROVIDED. NO SPECIFIC DATES FOR TRAVEL TO NEW YORK HAVE BEEN SET OTHER THAN IT WILL BE AFTER AUGUST 20, 1976.

IT IS NOTED THAT ALL PERSONNEL ON THE TASK FORCE ARE AUTHORIZED TOTAL ACCESS TO PERTINENT FILES AND SUBFILES AT FBIHQ AND IN THE FIELD REGARDING INVESTIGATION OF KING, HIS FAMILY MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATES. THIS WILL INCLUDE COVER PAGES OF COMMUNICATIONS CONTAINING IDENTITIES OF SOME FBI SOURCES AND INFORMANTS WHO WERE NOT AFFORDED SYMBOL NUMBERS AT THAT TIME AND INDIVIDUALS WHO EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED CONFIDENTIALITY. INFORMANT FILES ARE NOT TO BE MADE AVAILABLE WITHOUT PRIOR FBIHQ AUTHORITY.

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BECAUSE OF SENSITIVITY INVOLVING OUR INVESTIGATION OF STANLEY DAVID LEVISON, IT HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED TO THE DEPARTMENT THAT HIS FILE AT FBIHQ AND IN THE FIELD BE RESTRICTED TO REVIEW BY FOLSOM ONLY. THE DEPARTMENT HAS NOT RENDERED A DECISION ON THIS RECOMMENDATION. THEREFORE, UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, RECIPIENTS ARE TO DENY ALL TASK FORCE PERSONNEL ACCESS TO LEVISON'S FILE.

RECIPIENTS ASSIGN COORDINATOR TO HANDLE LIAISON WITH TASK FORCE PERSONNEL AND PROVIDE OFFICE SPACE IN WHICH TO CONDUCT REVIEW. CONFIRM THEIR ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE BY TELETYPE AND KEEP FBIHQ ADVISED OF SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS.

NOTE:

The Attorney General has ordered a review of our King investigations. It is to be conducted by a Task Force of OPR and is a continuation of a previous review by the Civil Rights Division of the Department.

Recipients have been telephonically furnished contents of teletype. Task Force personnel have been advised addresses of offices and appropriate FBI personnel to contact. Recipients have been instructed to refer any questions concerning the review to Deputy Assistant Director J. O. Ingram, who is coordinating the review for the Intelligence Division or SA J. T. Aldhizer.

Folsom denied our request to restrict review of Levison file to himself only. By letter dated 7/29/76, we recommended to Assistant Attorney General Pottinger, Civil Rights Division that access to Levison's file be restricted and that the Attorney General support our position in writing.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Gallagher

DATE: 9/22/76

FROM : U. S. Peelman

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. Held
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PURPOSE: To advise that the Task Force Leader of the Office of Professional Responsibility, U. S. Department of Justice (USDJ), which office is presently reviewing the FBI investigation of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was advised on 9/22/76, of the location of information in Bufile 44-38861, relative to the reported basis for a new House investigation of the assassination of Dr. King. The Civil Rights Division (CRD), USDJ, was also advised on 9/22/76 of our previous investigative results.

SYNOPSIS: This case pertains to the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., on 4/4/68. James Earl Ray pled guilty to this murder and presently is in local confinement. As set forth in a J. S. Peelman to Mr. Gallagher memorandum, dated 9/21/76, the U. S. House of Representatives has created a select committee to investigate the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Reported basis for House investigation of Dr. King deals with the ordered removal of Edward Redditt, Memphis Police Officer, from King security on day of his death due to the reported attempt on life of Redditt's family. Order for his removal attributed to Memphis Fire and Police Director Frank Holloman (retired Special Agent of FBI). Reported basis also deals with "sudden transfer" of two black firemen, including Floyd Newsum, from fire house across the street from motel where King was shot. These allegations re removal of Redditt and the firemen previously investigated by FBI in 1968 and 1969 and the pertinent results were furnished to the USDJ. On 9/22/76, Mr. Fred G. Folsom, Jr., Task Force Leader of the

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Memorandum to Mr. Gallagher
RE MURKIN

Office of Professional Responsibility, USDJ, which office is presently reviewing the FBI investigation of Dr. King, was advised of the location of this information in Bufile 44-38861. Mr. Folsom advised the Task Force was already aware of these allegations and had already looked into this matter. The CRD, USDJ, was also advised on 9/22/76 of our previous investigative results.

RECOMMENDATION: For information.

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

As set forth in a J. S. Peelman to Mr. Gallagher memorandum, dated 9/21/76, an article in the "Washington Post," 9/18/76, reported that the U. S. House of Representatives has created a select committee to investigate the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The reported basis for the House investigation of Dr. King deals with the ordered removal of Edward Redditt, a Memphis Police Officer, from the King security on the day of his death due to a reported attempt on the life of the Redditt family. The order for his removal was attributed to the Memphis Fire and Police Director, Frank Holloman (retired Special Agent of the FBI). The reported basis also deals with the "sudden transfer" of two black firemen, including Floyd Newsum, from a fire house across the street from the motel where King was shot.

The allegations re the removal of Redditt and the firemen were previously investigated by the FBI in 1968 and 1969 and the pertinent results were furnished to the Department.

Memorandum to Mr. Gallagher
RE MURKIN

You were advised in the J. S. Peelman to Mr. Gallagher memorandum dated 9/21/76, that the CRD would be advised of our previous investigative results and that the Task Force Leader of the Office of Professional Responsibility, USDJ, which is presently reviewing the FBI investigation of Dr. King, would be advised of the location of this information in Bufile 44-38861, the FBI civil rights assassination file. The Task Force has complete access to 44-38861 in connection with its review.

On 9/22/76, Mr. Fred G. Folsom, Jr., Task Force Leader, was referred to serials 5197, 5387, 5531, 5533, and 5557, of 44-38861, which reflect the information and our investigative results re the Redditt - firemen allegations.

Mr. Folsom advised the Task Force was already aware of these allegations and had already looked into this matter.

The CRD, USDJ, was also advised on 9/22/76, of our previous investigative results.

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