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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)

REURTEL 9/22/76, ABOVE CAPTION.

NO CONTACT HAS AS YET BEEN MADE WITH FBIHQ BY THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE LOOKING INTO THE KING ASSASSINATION. ANY REQUESTS OR PERTINENT INFORMATION RECEIVED BY FBIHQ INVOLVING THE MEMPHIS OFFICE, WILL BE PROMPTLY FURNISHED TO YOU.

SHOULD ANY REQUESTS BE RECEIVED BY MEMPHIS FROM CAPTIONED COMMITTEE, SUCH REQUESTS SHOULD BE RESPONDED TO BY INFORMING THE COMMITTEE TO CONTACT THE OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL AFFAIRS, LEGAL COUNSEL DIVISION, FBIHQ. YOU SHOULD ALSO PROMPTLY NOTIFY FBIHQ OF ANY SUCH REQUESTS.

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NOTE:

Memphis teletype 9/22/76 advised of news media stories indicating the recently created House Select Committee to investigate the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. intends to hold hearings immediately after the forthcoming presidential election. Memphis anticipates hearings will be held by the committee in Memphis and committee staff members will contact the Memphis office. Memphis requested to be furnished specific instructions as to what action should be taken in the event FBI personnel are subpoenaed, attempts are made to review FBI files or efforts are made to interview FBI personnel. Above response coordinated with Unit Chief Paul V. Daly, Office of Congressional Affairs.

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ATTN: CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)

THE BUREAU WILL NOTE THAT MEMPHIS HAS OPENED A NEW CASE, CAPTIONED AS ABOVE, IN WHICH TO HANDLE ALL CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS.

STORIES APPEARING IN THE NEWS MEDIA INDICATE THIS COMMITTEE INTENDS TO HOLD HEARINGS IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IN NOVEMBER, 1976. IT IS ANTICIPATED HEARINGS WILL BE HELD BY THE COMMITTEE AT MEMPHIS. SINCE IT WILL BE EXPECTED THAT STAFF MEMBERS FROM THE COMMITTEE WILL CONTACT THE MEMPHIS OFFICE FOR INFO RE OUR INVESTIGATION OF THE KING MURDER, IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE BUREAU FURNISH

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MEMPHIS OFFICE WITH SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS AS TO WHAT ACTION TO BE TAKEN IN THE EVENT FBI PERSONNEL ARE SUBPOENAED, IN THE EVENT ATTEMPTS ARE MADE TO REVIEW FBI FILES, IN THE EVENT EFFORTS ARE MADE TO INTERVIEW FBI PERSONNEL, OR OTHERWISE ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN INFO AVAILABLE TO THE MEMPHIS OFFICE,

THIS CASE WAS DIRECTED DURING THE FIRST FEW DAYS BY NOW RETIRED INSPECTOR JOE SULLIVAN. ON THE DAY RAY'S CAR WAS LOCATED AT ATLANTA, INSPECTOR SULLIVAN LEFT MEMPHIS AND WENT TO THE ATLANTA OFFICE WHERE HE REMAINED UNTIL HE WAS GIVEN A NEW ASSIGNMENT. THE SAC AT MEMPHIS, ROBERT JENSEN, NOW RETIRED BUT STILL RESIDING IN MEMPHIS, TOOK CHARGE OF THE INVESTIGATION AT MEMPHIS. THE CASE AGENT, SA JOE C. HESTER, IS STILL IN THE MEMPHIS OFFICE, AND MAY WELL BE CONSIDERED BY THE COMMITTEE FOR A SUPDOENA.

DUE TO THE PASSAGE OF EIGHT YEARS SINCE THE KING MURDER AND DUE TO THE MANY DIFFERENT PHASES OF THE INVESTIGATION IT WOULD BE NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR ANY ONE INDIVIDUAL TO TESTIFY KNOWLEDGEABLY RE THIS INVESTIGATION. IN THE EVENT THE DEPARTMENT INSTRUCTS THAT FBI PERSONNEL ARE TO SUBMIT

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TO INTERVIEWS BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE STAFF, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHOULD REQUIRE THE SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS WELL ENOUGH IN ADVANCE TO ALLOW TIME FOR RESEARCH BEFORE ANY ATTEMPT IS MADE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.

IN THE EVENT THE MEMPHIS OFFICE IS CONTACTED BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE OR BY STAFF MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, NO INFO WILL BE FURNISHED TO THEM WITHOUT THE SPECIFIC PERMISSION OF THE BUREAU AND THE CONTACTING INDIVIDUAL WILL BE SO ADVISED.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

*Memorandum*TO : Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights DivisionDATE: **9/22/76**

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: **ASSASSINATION OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE **2-27-87** BY **SP4 JRM/K**
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(your file _____).There is enclosed one copy of the report of Special Agent _____
dated _____ at _____.A. ☐ This covers the preliminary investigation and no further action concerning
a full investigation will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.B. ☐ The investigation is continuing and you will be furnished copies of
reports as they are received.C. ☐ The investigation requested by you has now been completed. Unless
advised to the contrary no further inquiries will be made by this Bureau.D. ☐ Pursuant to instructions issued by the Department, no investigation will
be conducted in this matter unless specifically directed by the Department.E. ☐ Please advise whether you desire any further investigation.F. ☐ This is submitted for your information and you will be advised of further
developments.G. ☒ This is submitted for your information and no further investigation will
be conducted unless specifically requested by the Department.H. ☐ This covers the receipt of a complaint and no further action will be
taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

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NOTE: Reference is made to my memorandum dated 2/17/76, which enclosed a United Press International article and my memorandum dated 3/2/76, containing a newspaper article from "Newsday" both of which pertain to Memphis Detective Edward Redditt.

Enclosed is a copy of a "Washington Post" article dated 9/18/76, captioned "House Votes 280-65 to Probe Kennedy, King Assassinations."

The following material is enclosed relative to Redditt and the firemen mentioned in the "Washington Post" article: A copy of a memorandum from Stephen J. Pollak, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, to the Director, FBI, dated 9/23/68; a copy of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) from the Memphis Office of the FBI dated 11/21/68, which was previously furnished to the CRD on 11/27/68. A copy of an LHM from the Atlanta Office of the FBI dated 1/31/69, which was previously furnished to the CRD on 2/3/69.

Also, for your information, our files reflect that on 1/31/69, Lt. E. H. Arkin, Intelligence Unit, Memphis Police Department (PD), advised that the Memphis PD does not maintain any officers on a "walking beat" other than on special occasion and that from a review of the Memphis PD records, he ascertained that there were no Memphis police officers assigned to a "walking beat" in Memphis on the day Dr. King was killed.

Also enclosed for your information is a copy of an interview of Rev. James M. Lawson, Jr., on 2/11/69, at Memphis, Tennessee.

The above information has been furnished to Office of Professional Responsibility Task Force, U. S. Department of Justice, which office is presently reviewing the FBI investigation of Dr. King.

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