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THE FOLLOWING DAY RAGSDALE REPORTED THAT CONGRESSMAN FORD KNEW THAT THERE WAS A COVER-UP IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEATH OF DR. KING. FORD RESPONDED THAT THIS WAS A POLITICAL STUNT ON PART OF RAGSDALE.

JONES' WIFE, ELIZABETH, HAS INFORMED JONES SHE HEARD A BROADCAST ON RADIO STATION WDIA, MEMPHIS, THAT THE STATION HAD RECEIVED A LETTER FROM LANE STATING HE WAS ACTING AS SOLOMON JONES' ATTORNEY AND THAT JONES' LIFE WOULD BE IN DANGER IF HE APPEARED BEFORE THE HSCA TO TESTIFY.

ACCORDING TO JONES, LANE IS NOT NOW, HAS NE ER BEEN, AND WILL NEVER BECOME HIS ATTORNEY. JONES IS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT LANE WOULD BE PLEASED IF HE APPEARED BEFORE THE COMMITTEE AND TESTIFIED THAT THE FBI WAS INVOLVED IN THE KILLING OF DR. KING BUT DOES NOT WANT HIM TO APPEAR AS A WITNESS OTHERWISE.

JONES WAS SUBPOENAED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA) IN JANUARY, 1978, BUT THE APPEARANCE WAS CANCELLED DUE TO THE DEATH OF SENATOR HUMPHREY. HE WAS INFORMED BY THE HSCA HIS APPEARANCE WOULD BE RESCHEDULED. NO DATE HAS BEEN SET.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

RE MEMPHIS TELEPHONE CALL TO BUREAU, NOV. 21, 1978. AN
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REFERENCE:

Oklahoma City teletype to the Bureau, et al, 11/28/78.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to: 1 - USA, Memphis

Report of: SA GEORGE R. ZEIGLER
Date: December 1, 1978

Office: Oklahoma City

Field Office File #: 44-686

Bureau File #: 44-38861

Title: MURKIN

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis: Inmate ROBERT E. HART, inmate number 23747, date of birth [redacted] was interviewed on 11/28/78, at his place of confinement, Bureau of Prisons, Federal Correctional Institution, El Reno, Oklahoma. Details with reference to that interview are set forth in report.

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Inmate **ROBERT R. HART**, inmate number 23747, date of birth [redacted] was interviewed at his request at the Bureau of Prisons Facility, the Federal Correctional Institution, El Reno, where he is confined. HART advised he is currently serving a two year sentence from St. Louis on a possession of firearms charge with anticipated release June, 1979. He stated he has information with reference to **JAMES EARL RAY** and that he has previously been approached by congressional committees and the Secret Service and that to date, he has refused to co-operate. He stated that he is soon due for release and it is his desire to now co-operate so that he will not be bothered following release from prison.

HART stated that **JAMES EARL RAY**, a former neighbor in a neighborhood in vicinity of Mississippi and Park Streets, St. Louis, Missouri, came to his, HART's, residence at 1921 Rutger (phonetic), shortly after midnight the day KING was assassinated, and that RAY remained at the residence until daybreak. HART stated that RAY asked that a note be delivered to his brother, **JERRY RAY**, who owned a bar on Broadway in St. Louis, and attempt was made to deliver that note, HART stated, but the bar was closed. The note stated that, "The black son-of-a-bitch won't be f----- any more white breads". Note was short and consisted of one handwritten page.

HART said that he has more information, but will not disclose that information until he has been given assurance of no prosecution by Missouri State authorities. He explained that at the time RAY came to his residence, he (HART) knew that RAY was an escapee from the Missouri State Penitentiary and that if he admitted that RAY visited his residence the night of the KING assassination, that he felt he could be prosecuted for harboring a state fugitive.

Interviewed on 11/28/78 at El Reno, Oklahoma File # Oklahoma City
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by SA GEORGE R. ZEIGLER:pr Date dictated 11/30/78

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HART said DAVID SELLERS was the manager of the apartment in which he resided on Rutger Street in St. Louis, Missouri. HART said that at the time of RAY's visit, he did not know that RAY assassinated KING and that he later realized what happened when RAY was arrested in England.

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INMATE ROBERT E. HART, INMATE NUMBER 23747, DATE OF BIRTH
[REDACTED], WAS INTERVIEWED ON NOVEMBER 28, 1978, AT HIS
REQUEST AT THE FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION (FCI), EL RENO,
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HART STATED THAT JAMES EARL RAY, A FORMER NEIGHBOR IN A NEIGHBORHOOD IN THE VICINITY OF MISSISSIPPI AND PARK STREETS, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, CAME TO HIS (HART'S) RESIDENCE AT 1921 RUTGER (PH) SHORTLY AFTER MIDNIGHT THE DAY KING WAS ASSASSINATED AND THAT RAY REMAINED AT THE RESIDENCE UNTIL DAYBREAK. HART STATED THAT RAY ASKED THAT A NOTE BE DELIVERED TO HIS BROTHER, JERRY RAY, WHO OWNED A BAR ON BROADWAY IN ST. LOUIS, AND ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO DELIVER THAT NOTE, HART STATED, BUT BAR WAS CLOSED. NOTE STATED THAT "THE BLACK SON OF A BITCH WON'T BE F----- ANY MORE WHITE BROADS." NOTE WAS SHORT AND CONSISTED OF ONE HANDWRITTEN PAGE.

HART SAID THAT HE HAS MORE INFORMATION BUT WILL NOT DISCLOSE THAT INFORMATION UNTIL HE HAS BEEN GIVEN ASSURANCE OF NO PROSECUTION BY MISSOURI STATE AUTHORITIES. HE EXPLAINED THAT AT THE TIME RAY CAME TO HIS RESIDENCE, HE (HART) KNEW THAT RAY WAS AN ESCAPEE FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, AND THAT IF HE ADMITTED THAT RAY VISITED HIS RESIDENCE THE NIGHT OF THE KING ASSASSINATION, THAT HE FELT HE COULD BE PROSECUTED FOR HARBORING A STATE FUGITIVE.

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HART SAID DAVID SELLERS WAS THE MANAGER OF THE APARTMENT IN WHICH HE RESIDED ON RUTGER STREET IN ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI. HART SAID THAT AT THE TIME OF RAY'S VISIT, HE DID NOT KNOW THAT RAY ASSASSINATED KING AND THAT HE LATER REALIZED WHAT HAPPENED WHEN RAY WAS ARRESTED IN ENGLAND.

ABOVE FURNISHED FOR INFORMATION. REPORT FOLLOWS FROM OKLAHOMA CITY.

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Date 11/27/78

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, JACKSON (62-544) (RUC)
 JAMES EARL RAY, aka;
 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -
 VICTIM
 CR - CONSPIRACY (B)
 OO: MEMPHIS

Re Jackson teletype to FBIHQ, dated 10/16/78.

Enclosed for the Bureau are three copies of one LHM captioned and dated as above. Two copies of the LHM being furnished to Memphis.

Since no further investigation remains in the Jackson Division, this matter is being RUC'd.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Post Office Box 1450
Jackson, Mississippi 39205
November 28, 1978

JAMES EARL RAY;
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -
VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY

On October 12, 1978, Edwin B. Coleman, Sheriff, Alcorn County, Corinth, Mississippi, telephonically contacted the Federal Bureau of Investigation advising that on that date, he received a letter from James Earl Ray, postmarked Petros, Tennessee, Zip Code 37845, requesting that the Alcorn County Sheriff's Department furnish any records they may have to indicate that a 1966 Mustang displaying Alabama License B8993, was observed in Alcorn County, Corinth, Mississippi, April 1, 1968. In his letter, Ray claims to have been registered at a Corinth motel on April 1, 1968.

As reflected in the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, extensive investigation concerning Eric S. Galt and a 1966 Mustang registered in the Galt name, was conducted subsequent to the killing of Dr. Martin Luther King in Memphis, Tennessee.

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JAMES EARL RAY;
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -
VICTIM

The entire scope of this investigation is a matter of record in the FBI investigative reports.

Since all logical investigation concerning this matter has been concluded, no additional investigative effort in response to Ray's letter is being pursued at this time.

A photocopy of the envelope, letter, and attached diagram is attached hereto.

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ALCORN COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT.

P. O. BOX 1573
CORINTH, MISSISSIPPI 38834

EDWIN B. COLEMAN, SHERIFF
TERRY W. DOLES, CHIEF DEPUTY

PHONE (601) 286-5521
286-5522
JAIL 286-3952

October 13, 1978

Donald Green
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Tupelo, Mississippi 38801

Ref: Enclosed letter

Dear Don,

On October 12, 1978, I recieved a letter from James Earl Ray requesting that this Department try to locate a motel that he stayed in on April 1, 1968. The motel is supposed to be on Highway 72 in Corinth. I checked with the Southern Motel and they have no record. I also checked with the Corona Plaza. They have no record but the ownership has changed hands several times since 1968 and the present owner is trying to locate the old records.

Enclosed you will find a copy of the letter and diagram of the location of the motel. Also enclosed is a message from the National Sheriff's Association addressed to Mr. Ray.

Do you think there is any reason why we should check any further into this matter since you checked all the motels in 1968?

If we can be of any assistance to you in the future, please feel free to call on us.

With kindness and best regards,



Edwin B. Coleman, Sheriff

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R Y, J-65477
C.M.P.
Petros, Mr. 37845.



Sheriff Edwin E. Coleman
Alcorn County Sheriff's Dept.
Corinth, Mississippi...37834.

Mr. Edwin B. Coleman
Sheriff, Alcorn County
Corinth, Mississippi. 38834.

10 October 1978

James E. Ray #65477
B.M.P.
Petros, TN.37845.

Dear Sheriff Coleman:

This letter pertains to the Dr. Martin Luther King jr homicide and related matter as follows:

On April 1, 1968, I checked into a Motel in Corinth, Mississippi, and departed the following morning. Until just recently I assumed the authorities knew this consequently I never asked anyone to check into the matter. Now I learn the authorities believe I was else where April 1st.

My reason(s) for this letter is to enquire if your office has a record, through perhaps a routine check of cars registered in Motels on the aforementioned date, of the automobile I was driving. It was a 1966 Mustang registered under the name of Eric S. Galt; Alabama tag no. B 8993.

Also, assuming Motels have to be licensed by the city or county in Mississippi, would either of those Governments require Motels to retain, or furnish them to retain, a list of the Motel Guests ? possibly for tax purposes.

Finally any other information about the above subject from your office would be very much appreciated, such as the 1968 Owner of the Motel I stayed in (see diagram attached), providing the Diagram can be matched with the Motel.

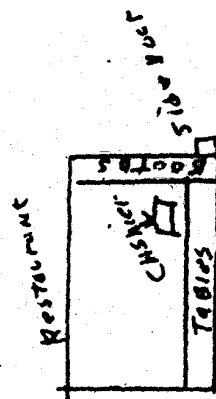
Sincerely:

James E. Ray

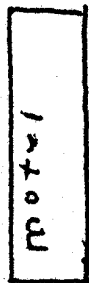
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2. Not sure about restaurant on just how far from Motel. Restaurant Even with motel I believe. I had breakfast there



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TO James E. Ray #65477
S.M.P.
Petros, Tennessee 37845

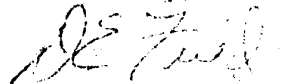
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DATE October 3, 1978

Per your recent request the following
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which you mentioned:

1. Sheriff Van Ward
Morgan County Sheriff's Dept.
Decatur, Alabama 35601
2. Sheriff J. L. Aldridge
Chilton County Sheriff's Dept.
Tomball, Alabama 35674
3. Sheriff Edwin B. Coleman
Alcorn County Sheriff's Dept.
Corinth, Mississippi 38834

Cordially,



BY

Form N-472U The Drawing Board, Inc., Box 505, Dallas, Texas 75221

Benjie H. Field, Sheriff

SIGNED

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Date **11/27/78**

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 ATTN: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987-SUB-M) (P)

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER
KING, JR., APRIL 4, 1968, MEMPHIS, TENN.
CR (A)

Re ME telephone call and ME teletype to Bureau,
 11/21/78.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and
 four copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above.

Since it does not appear a violation of
 Federal law is involved in connection with the contact
 of SOLOMON JONES, JR., by Attorneys MARK LANE and DUNCAN
 RAGSDALE, no further investigation will be conducted UACB.

Memphis file 44-1987-Sub M is maintained in
 a pending status for purpose of handling leads and
 inquiries re the MURKIN case.

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 KING, HENRY WESLEY, JR., 1909, HENRIETTA, ALABAMA.
 BIRTHDAY: FEBRUARY 15, 1909.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Memphis, Tennessee
November 27, 1978

In Reply, Please Refer to
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ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN
LUTHER KING, JR., APRIL 4, 1968,
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE;
CIVIL RIGHTS

On November 20, 1978, ~~SOLOMON JONES, JR.~~ who is confined at the Shelby County Jail (SCJ), Memphis, Tennessee, telephonically contacted the Memphis Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and requested that a Special Agent of the FBI be sent to interview him. On November 21 and 22, 1978, Special Agents Burl F. Johnson and James A. Davis interviewed Jones at the SCJ and obtained the following information: 825 FAXON ST, Memphis, TN

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SOLOMON JONES, JR., was interviewed at the Shelby County Jail (SCJ), Memphis, Tennessee. JONES furnished the following information:

JONES is serving a jail sentence at the SCJ following conviction on a charge of embezzlement. He is married to ELIZABETH JONES and they have six children, ranging in age from 4 to 18 years. His permanent address is 852 Faxon Street, Memphis, telephone 525-3447. Prior to his incarceration, he was employed by the Hughes Bonding Company, 95 North Second Street, Memphis, which is managed by NEILS JONES. JONES is represented by WAYNE EMMONS, Attorney, 100 North Main Street, Memphis, in all legal matters involving him.

In 1968, JONES served as chauffeur for Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING while Dr. KING was in Memphis. He was present at the Lorraine Motel, Memphis, on April 4, 1968, and was standing near Dr. KING when he was killed on that date. Immediately after Dr. KING was shot, JONES observed an individual dressed in something white moving behind the building across the street on the west side of the Lorraine Motel. This is the direction from which JONES heard a noise that was apparently the sound of a gun shot. He did not know the identity of this individual.

On November 22, 1978, SOLOMON JONES was again contacted at the Shelby County Jail. He furnished the following information:

On an unrecalled date, WAYNE EMMONS, JONES' attorney, informed JONES that ~~DUNCAN RAGSDALE~~ was attempting to locate him for ~~MARK LANE~~, an attorney. RAGSDALE was a candidate in the 1978 election campaign opposing Congressman HAROLD FORD for U.S. Representative in the congressional district in Memphis represented by Mr. FORD. RAGSDALE learned JONES was incarcerated at the SCJ.

On an unrecalled date, approximately 30 days ago, RAGSDALE and MARK LANE made an appearance at the SCJ and requested permission of SCJ officials to see JONES. RAGSDALE

Investigation on 11/21-22/78 at MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE File # ME 44-1987-SUB M

SAs BURL F. JOHNSON

by JAMES A. DAVIS/BFJ/mgv Date dictated 11/24/78

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told the SCJ officials JONES had invited him and LANE to visit him, which is not true. RAGSDALE later told JONES it was necessary for him to tell the jail officials this in order to obtain permission to see JONES. After JONES signed a memorandum prepared by SCJ officials indicating his willingness to see RAGSDALE and LANE, the jail officials allowed them to visit with him.

LANE opened the interview by asking, "Would you take \$1,000 to put some hot news on the front page?"

JONES asked, "What kind of news?". LANE said, "You know the FBI was harassing Dr. KING." JONES said, "No, I don't know. Dr. KING had personal business. I was Dr. KING's driver." LANE asked, "Don't you think the FBI set up the plot to kill Dr. KING?". JONES said, "I don't know who set up the plot and I don't know who killed him." LANE said, "I'm going to get you before the Committee and I want you to tell the Committee that WALTER FAUNTROY, representative from the District of Columbia, and Dr. KING had women living at the Lorraine Motel. Was that true?". JONES answered, "I don't know whether that was true." LANE stated, "The man you described running from the scene dressed in something white - don't you think it was the FBI?". JONES said, "I don't know who it was." LANE said, "The FBI put the woman in the crazy house to keep her from testifying she saw the FBI around the building before the shooting took place. Don't you think the FBI has gotten hold of FAUNTROY to keep him quiet and from bringing the FBI to testify before the Committee?".

JONES is of the impression that Mr. LANE wants him to testify before the House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) provided he testifies that the FBI helped kill Dr. KING and prefers JONES not testify otherwise.

Following the appearance of Mr. RAGSDALE and Mr. LANE at the SCJ, they proceeded to the Lorraine Motel where they held a press conference. At this conference Mr. LANE announced he had met with SOLOMON JONES, the chauffeur of the late Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., but that Mr. JONES would be unable to accompany him at that time.

The following day a news release attributed to LANE contained information to the effect that JONES is a key witness to the killing of Dr. KING and that the HSCA would not let him testify because his testimony would destroy the Committee.

Also on the following day, Mr. RAGSDALE reported that Congressman FORD knew there was a cover-up in connection with the death of Dr. KING. Congressman FORD responded that this was a political stunt on the part of RAGSDALE.

JONES' wife, ELIZABETH, and mother-in-law, MAGGIE MOORE, have heard a radio broadcast on Memphis radio station WDIA wherein it was reported that WDIA has received a letter from LANE stating he was acting as an attorney for JONES. The letter also stated that JONES would be in danger if he appeared as a witness before the HSCA.

LANE is not now, has never been and will never be retained as an attorney by JONES. JONES was subpoenaed by the HSCA and was scheduled to appear as a witness on January 17, 1978. This appearance was canceled due to the death of Senator HUMPHREY. JONES was informed by the Committee he would be subpoenaed at a later date but has not been subsequently subpoenaed.

On November 22, 1978, JONES furnished a written statement which is as follows:


Memphis, Tennessee
November 22, 1978

S. J.

I, Solomon Jones, Jr., make this free and voluntary statement to Burl F. Johnson and James A. Davis, who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). No threats or promises have been made to induce me to make a statement. I realize any statement I do make may be used in a court of law.

I am currently serving a jail sentence at the Shelby County Jail (SCJ), Memphis, Tennessee, following conviction on an embezzlement charge. My permanent residence is located at 852 Faxon Street, Memphis, telephone 525-3447. Prior to the incarceration I was employed by the Hughes Bonding Company, 95 North Second Street, Memphis, which is operated by Neils Jones.

In 1968 I served as chauffeur for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., while Dr. King was in Memphis. I was present at the Lorraine Motel, Memphis, on April 4, 1968, and was standing near Dr. King when he was killed on that date. Immediately after Dr. King was shot I observed an individual dressed in something white moving behind the building across the street on the west side of the Lorraine Motel. This is the direction from which I heard a noise that was apparently the sound of a gun shot. I do not know the identity of this individual. S. J.

 On an unrecalled date, Wayne Emmons, my attorney, who has an office at 100 North Main Street, Memphis, telephone number 523-7788, informed me that Duncan Ragsdale was attempting to locate me for Mark Lane, an attorney. Ragsdale was a candidate in the 1978 election campaign opposing Congressman Harold Ford for U.S. Representative in the congressional district in Memphis represented by Mr. Ford. Ragsdale learned I was incarcerated at the SCJ.

On an unrecalled date, approximately 30 days ago, Ragsdale and Mark Lane made an appearance at the SCJ and requested permission of SCJ officials to see me. Ragsdale told the SCJ officials I had invited him and Lane to visit me, which is not true. Ragsdale later told me it was necessary for him to tell the jail officials this in order to obtain permission to see me. After I signed a memorandum prepared by SCJ officials indicating I was willing to see Ragsdale and Lane, the jail officials allowed them to visit with me.

Lane opened the interview by asking, "Would you take \$1,000 to put some hot news on the front page?".

I asked, "What kind of news?". Lane said, "You know the FBI was harassing Dr. King." I said, "No, I don't know. Dr. King had personal business. I was Dr. King's driver." Lane asked, "Don't you think the FBI set up the plot to kill Dr. King?". I said, "I don't know who set up the plot and I don't know who killed him." Lane said,

S.J.
"I'm going to get you before the Committee and I want you to tell the Committee ^{S.J. WALTER} that Fauntroy and Dr. King had women living at the Lorraine Motel. Was that true?". I answered, "I don't know whether that was true." Lane stated, "The man you described running from the scene dressed in something white - don't you think it was the FBI?". I said, "I don't know who it was." Lane said, "The FBI put the woman in the crazy house to keep her from testifying she saw the FBI around the building before the shooting took place. Don't you think the FBI has gotten hold of Fauntroy to keep him quiet and from bringing the FBI to testify before the Committee?".

I understand the Committee referred to by Mr. Lane to be the House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) and that Mr. Fauntroy is the representative from the District of Columbia.

I am of the impression that Mr. Lane wants me to testify before the HSCA provided I testify that the FBI helped kill Dr. King and prefers I not testify otherwise.

Following the appearance of Mr. Ragsdale and Mr. Lane at the SCJ they proceeded to the Lorraine Motel where they held a press conference. At this conference Mr. Lane announced he had met with Solomon Jones, the chauffeur of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., but that Mr. Jones would be unable to accompany him at that time.

S.J.

S. J.
The following day a news release attributed to Lane contained information to the effect that I am a key witness to the killing of Dr. King and that the HSCA would not let me testify because my testimony would destroy the Committee.

My wife, Elizabeth, and mother-in-law, Maggie Moore, have heard a radio broadcast on Memphis radio station WDIA wherein it was reported that WDIA has received a letter from Lane stating he was acting as an attorney for me. The letter also stated that I would be in danger if I appeared as a witness before the HSCA.

Lane is not now, has never been and will never be retained as an attorney by me. I was subpoenaed by the HSCA and was scheduled to appear as a witness on January 17, 1978. This appearance was canceled due to the death of Senator Humphrey. I was informed by the Committee I would be subpoenaed at a later date but I have not been subsequently subpoenaed.

S. J.
REVEREND WALTER FAUNTROY WAS ON THE BOARD OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE IN 1968. REVEREND FAUNTROY WAS REGISTERED AT THE LORRAINE MOTEL THE DAY DR. KING WAS KILLED. *S. J.*
I have Read this Fairly Little S. J. Satante. and it Truth to Best of my Knowledge. Solomon Jones Jr.
WITNESSED BY: *Burl F. Johnson, Special Agent, FBI, Memphis, Tennessee, 11/22/78.*
James O. Davis, Special Agent, FBI, Memphis, Tennessee 11/22/78.
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On November 22, 1978, JONES orally advised that DUNCAN RAGSDALE confined his remarks to statement about Congressman HAROLD FORD having knowledge of a cover-up in connection with the death of Dr. KING.

Mr. JONES stated that the written statement represents an accurate report of the information he recalled on the occasion of his interview by Mr. LANE. He stated he is concerned about the safety and welfare of his family and wanted the FBI to know of his concerns.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date of transcription 11/27/78

ELIZABETH JONES, 852 Faxon Street, Memphis, Tennessee, was interviewed at the lobby of the Shelby County Jail, Memphis. She furnished the following information:

She is the wife of SOLOMON JONES, JR. On November 20, 1978, she heard a news broadcast on Memphis radio station WDIA wherein the newscaster reported that WDIA had received information from MARK LANE that he, LANE, was acting as an attorney for SOLOMON JONES, JR. According to this report, LANE had received a letter which indicated JONES would be in danger if he appeared as a witness before the Committee investigating the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. The origin of the letter LANE reported he had received was not mentioned on the broadcast.

Investigation on 11/22/78 at MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE File # ME 44-1987-Sub M
by SAs BURL F. JOHNSON
JAMES A. DAVIS/BFJ/mgv Date dictated 11/24/78

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**ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN
LUTHER KING, JR., APRIL 4, 1968,
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE**

The November 23, 1978, issue of the Memphis Commercial Appeal, a daily newspaper published in Memphis, Tennessee, contained an article on page 71 entitled, "Payoff not Accepted, King's Driver Claims". According to this article, on November 22, 1978, SOLOMON JONES, JR., chauffeur for the late Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., said that Attorney MARK LANE offered him \$1,000 to say the FBI had harassed KING and might even have set up the plot to kill him. JONES, who was one of the last persons to talk to KING before he fell dead of an assassin's bullet in 1968, said he told LANE he knew nothing of such allegations and refused the money.

LANE, the attorney for JAMES EARL RAY, convicted killer of Dr. KING, strongly denied the accusation on the night of November 22, 1978. He said he had met JONES in the jail in the presence of lawyer DUNCAN RAGSDALE and no such offer was made. LANE said, "Either the reporter (who talked to JONES) is a liar or Solomon Jones is a liar".

RAGSDALE, who ran unsuccessfully against U.S. Representative HAROLD FORD of Memphis in November, 1978, disputed the charge by JONES. He said, "That's not true at all. Nothing like that was said. There was never any discussion of money or of Mr. Lane serving as an attorney for Jones. I frankly cannot believe that Mr. Jones made those remarks. If he did, it was only because of tremendous pressures brought to bear on him by either the FBI, the local district attorney general's office or both."

RAGSDALE said he had not sought out JONES but was approached by JONES' attorneys about two months ago. The attorneys told him that he, RAGSDALE, should talk to JONES because he had an interesting story to tell. LANE and RAGSDALE went to the Shelby County Jail and were allowed to talk with JONES after some haggling. There was no discussion of money.

memorandum

DATE: 12/27/78

ATTN OF: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987-SUB M) (C)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

The Sub M section of this file has been maintained in a pending status by the Memphis Office since 1968 to handle leads and other matters arising in this case. At the present time there are no outstanding leads. Therefore, this case will be placed in a closed status. Should further inquiries be received the case will be promptly re-opened and the investigation expeditiously handled.

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ON DECEMBER 5, 1978, IRIS COOLEY STEWART, 3713 BERKLEY, ALTON, ILLINOIS, CONTACTED THE ALTON RESIDENT AGENCY OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI) CONCERNING THE ROBBERY OF THE BANK OF ALTON WHICH OCCURRED IN 1967. STEWART ADVISED "THE ALTON TELEGRAPH", ALTON, ILLINOIS, RAN AN ARTICLE ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1978, CONCERNING THE RAY BROTHERS' ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT IN THE 1967 ROBBERY OF THE BANK OF ALTON. MRS. STEWART ADVISED UPON OBSERVING THE TWO PHOTOGRAPHS OF JOHN RAY AND JERRY RAY THAT JOHN RAY IS THE INDIVIDUAL SHE OBSERVED ON THE DAY OF THE BANK ROBBERY CROSSING THE STREET NEXT TO THE BANK OF ALTON.

STEWART ADVISED THAT ON THE DAY OF THE ROBBERY OF THE BANK OF ALTON IN JULY, 1967, SHE WAS GOING HOME FROM WORK FOR LUNCH AT

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APPROXIMATELY 1:00 P.M. STEWART ADVISED SHE WAS HEADING EAST ON BROWN STREET APPROACHING THE INTERSECTION OF BROWN AND WASHINGTON STREET WHEN SHE OBSERVED TWO MEN CROSS BROWN STREET FROM THE DIRECTION OF THE BANK OF ALTON HEADING IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION TOWARD THE REAR OF THE CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH. STEWART ADVISED THERE WAS A HOLLOW BEHIND THE CHURCH THAT WAS WOODED.

STEWART STATED THAT ONE OF THE MEN STOPPED DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF HER CAR IN THE LANE OF TRAFFIC AND THE SECOND MAN WAS A FEW STEPS AHEAD OF THE INDIVIDUAL WHOM SHE IDENTIFIED AS JOHN RAY. STEWART ADVISED BOTH MEN WERE WEARING GRAY AND WHITE LOOSE COVER-ALLS AND THE INDIVIDUAL SHE IDENTIFIED AS JOHN RAY WAS WEARING A GRAY AND WHITE CAP DESCRIBED AS ONE WORN BY A RAILROAD ENGINEER. STEWART STATED WHEN JOHN RAY STOPPED IN FRONT OF HER CAR, HE WAS APPROXIMATELY 12 TO 15 FEET AWAY AND AS HE TURNED TO LOOK AT HER HE REMOVED HIS CAP AND SHE NOTICED HE WAS WEARING A RED WIG AND SHE STATED THAT JOHN RAY HAD GRAY HAIR SHOWING UNDER THE WIG. STEWART STATED HE WALKED OVER TO THE CURB IN THE SAME DIRECTION AS THE SECOND MAN. STEWART NOTED THAT THE SECOND MAN WAS NOT WEARING

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A CAP AND WAS HOLDING HIS RIGHT THIGH GIVING THE IMPRESSION HE WAS CARRYING SOMETHING.

STEWART FURTHER STATED THAT IF SHE COULD SEE A PROFILE OF JERRY RAY, SHE COULD POSSIBLY IDENTIFY HIM AS THE MALE INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS WITH JOHN RAY. STEWART STATED SHE DID NOT KNOW ABOUT THE BANK ROBBERY AT THE TIME AND DID NOT LEARN ABOUT THE BANK ROBBERY UNTIL LATER THAT DAY WHEN SHE NOTIFIED THE FBI AND FURNISHED INFORMATION CONCERNING HER OBSERVATIONS.

ACCORDING TO STEWART, SHE WAS SHOWN A PHOTOGRAPHIC LINEUP OF NUMEROUS INDIVIDUALS, HOWEVER, DOES NOT RECALL EVER SEEING A PICTURE OF ANY OF THE RAY BROTHERS. STEWART STATED THAT THE FIRST TIME SHE SAW A PHOTOGRAPH OF JOHN RAY WAS THE PHOTOGRAPH SHOWN IN THE DECEMBER 2, 1978, EDITION OF "THE ALTON TELEGRAPH". STEWART FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF THE TWO INDIVIDUALS SHE OBSERVED ON THE DAY OF THE BANK ROBBERY OF THE BANK OF ALTON: THE FIRST INDIVIDUAL WHOM SHE IDENTIFIED AS JOHN RAY WAS DESCRIBED AS A WHITE MALE, 5'9", 150 TO 160 POUNDS, GRAY HAIR STICKING OUT FROM UNDER A RED WIG, BLUE OR GRAY EYES, WEARING WORK SHOES

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PARTIALLY LACED, CLEAN SHAVEN, 35 TO 40 YEARS OF AGE WITH LONG FAIRLY WELL SHAPED HANDS. THE SECOND INDIVIDUAL WAS DESCRIBED AS A WHITE MALE, 5'10" TO 5'11", SLENDER BUILD, APPROXIMATELY 140 POUNDS, HAIR DARK, PARTED ON SIDE AND COMBED BACK, BROWN EYES, CLEAN SHAVEN, APPROXIMATELY 25 TO 28 YEARS OLD.

LEADS. SPRINGFIELD DIVISION. WILL RECONTACT IRIS COOLEY STEWART UN ORDER TO OBTAIN A SIGNED STATEMENT.

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Sir;

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I'm writing this letter to you to see if it at all possible for me to talk to some of your F.B.I agent about James Earl Ray, see the reason i won't to do this is on account that i won't to do something right for a charge. Now i was in Brushy Mt. Prison in Petros Tenn. and the main Prison in Nashville Tennessee and know James Earl Ray fairly well, and if i can be of some help to you all in this case i will be glad to. you can check my Record in Tennessee if you care to, my Prison number down there is 63208 i got that number in 1967. Sir if you do see me could you arrange it so it won't be free, i do believe i can help you with information and get some information for you, hoping for a response.

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James

Ricky Hilton K-3065

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1 - Mr. G.J. Foster

12/22/78

To: SAC, Philadelphia

PERSONAL ATTENTION

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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Enclosed are two copies of a letter to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) from Ricky Hilton, K-3065, Drawer R, Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, dated 11/27/78.

In enclosed letter Hilton offers information concerning James Earl Ray and claims previous prison association with Ray.

TN.
FBI Headquarters (FBIHQ) files disclosed that Ricky Wayne Hilton, born [redacted] was subject of Bufile 88-40223, UFAP-ROBBERY, OO: Knoxville in 1967. Files disclosed Hilton is serving a sentence of seven and one half years to twenty years for armed robbery. As an inmate of the State Correctional Institution, Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, Hilton wrote letters to the FBI on 3/23/77 and 5/9/77, offering his assistance. Both of these letters were furnished to Philadelphia, with instructions to interview him unless information was present making such contact inadvisable. FBIHQ files contain no information concerning results of Hilton's interviews, if conducted.

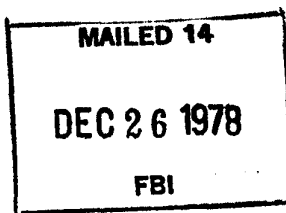
In view of the current interest of the House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA), in the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., you should promptly contact Hilton. His letter of 11/27/78 should be acknowledged and he should be

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NOTE: On 12/22/78, Mr. Robert L. Keuch, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, DOJ, was advised that Hilton had written the FBI requesting interview concerning Ray. Mr. Keuch stated he would furnish this information to the HSCA and advise that results of contact with Hilton will be forthcoming.

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PG 1365-C ADVISED HE IS IN POSSESSION OF VOLUMINOUS FILES

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