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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

December 29, 1978

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

The following information was furnished from  
the Newark Office of the FBI:

On 12/1/78, DANIEL MC MAHON, 84 Sanford Avenue,  
Belleville, N. J., home telephone number 759-0244, occupation  
unemployed-disabled, furnished the following information  
to the Newark Division:

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employed as a room clerk at the Sheraton-Mc Alpin Hotel,  
34th Street and Broadway, Manhattan, New York. During  
that period, the following individuals registered at the  
hotel:

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These individuals were frequently guests at  
the hotel and when in New York, were usually involved  
in Southern Christian Leadership Conferences (SCLC) activities.  
On this occasion, during their visit to New York, MC MAHON  
took care of the SCLC group personally by registering  
them in suitable rooms and handling all of their needs.

A day or two after the SCLC party registered,  
a JOHN RAY registered at the front desk and a review  
of the reservation list reflected that he had made a reservation  
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MC MAHON that he was connected somehow with the ABERNETHY  
party. MC MAHON described RAY as a white male American,  
around 30-40 years of age, large frame, round features,  
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Later that winter, MC MAHON took a leave of absence from the hotel and returned around the Summer of 1965, at which time, he discovered POLICASTRO had been drafted in the U. S. Army. MC MAHON advised that based on his brief encounter with JOHN RAY, coupled with the remark of POLICASTRO that there was something strange about RAY, MC MAHON became fearful for his life and around the Autumn of 1965, in Milwaukee, MC MAHON contacted SA JOHN MORAN of the Milwaukee Division, and told MORAN that he was disturbed because he "thought something might happen to him." MC MAHON acknowledged that he had no concrete basis for his apprehension, and during his contact with the Newark Division, was unable to be more specific on the basis for his apparent fear. MC MAHON, at that time, was undergoing some type of emotional turmoil and the only disturbing incident that he could recall was this brief encounter with JOHN RAY.

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property, ALFRED HYDE, Spencertown, New York, who reportedly is a Municipal Judge in the area.

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X Newark contemplates no action in this matter, but in view of the House Assassination Committee Hearings, above is being furnished for information of Bureau.

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Date: 12/6/78

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RE PITTSBURGH TELETYPE TO FBIHQ DECEMBER 19, 1978.

ON DECEMBER 28, 1978, MR ROBERT L. KEUCH, DEPUTY ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, CRIMINAL DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, WAS CONTACTED REGARDING CONTENTS OF REFERENCED TELETYPE. IT WAS MR. KEUCH'S OPINION THAT THE FBI SHOULD NOT ACCEPT FILES IN POSSESSION OF INFORMANT BECAUSE TO DO SO WOULD VIOLATE THE SIXTH AMENDMENT RIGHTS OF JAMES EARL RAY, WITH RESPECT TO THE ATTORNEY-CLIENT RELATIONSHIP WHICH EXISTED BETWEEN RAY AND FORMER ATTORNEY HILL. MR. KEUCH STATED THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA) SHOULD BE NOTIFIED THAT THESE FILES WERE AVAILABLE TO THE FBI AND HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT HSCA OFFICIALS TO THAT EFFECT.

SEE NOTE PAGE 3

- 1 - MR. INGRAM
- 1 - MR. MINTZ
- 1 - MR. BASSETT
- 1 - MR. FOSTER

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MR. KEUCH SUBSEQUENTLY ADVISED ON DECEMBER 28, 1978, THAT HE HAD CONTACTED HSCA COUNSEL JAMES WOLFE, WHO STATED THE HSCA HAS NO INTEREST IN THE MATERIAL.

PITTSBURGH SHOULD THEREFORE NOT ACCEPT FROM [PG 1365-C](c) FILES OR ANY INFORMATION PERTAINING TO SAME.

NO SPECIFIC INFORMATION WHICH COULD POSSIBLY IDENTIFY (c) [PG 1365-C] WAS FURNISHED MR. KEUCH OR THE HSCA.

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TELETYPE TO PITTSBURGH  
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NOTE: REFERENCED TELETYPE ADVISED THAT [PG 1365-C] AN INFORMANT (C) SINCE 1973, WAS GIVEN FILES OF ROBERT W. HILL, JR., ABOUT 10 YEARS AGO. HILL WAS A TENNESSEE ATTORNEY WHO WORKED ON RAY'S DEFENSE. INFORMANT HAS KEPT FILES IN SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX AND IS INTERESTED IN TURNING THEM OVER TO THE FBI IF HE CAN BE GUARANTEED CONFIDENTIALITY. ON DECEMBER 19, 1978, SAC NEHRBASS TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED MR. BASSETT THAT PG 1365-C HAS STATED HE WOULD NOT DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH THE HSCA.

MR. KEUCH ADVISED THAT ON JANUARY 2, 1979, HE WOULD FORWARD TO THE HSCA AND FBI A LETTER CONFIRMING DETAILS OUTLINED ABOVE REGARDING HIS OPINION AND CONTACT WITH THE HSCA.

THIS MATTER HAS BEEN COORDINATED WITH DEPUTY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR JAMES O. INGRAM, CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION AND DANNY O. COULSON, LEGAL LIAISON AND CONGRESSIONAL AFFAIRS OFFICE, LEGAL COUNSEL DIVISION.

TELETYPE BEING UTILIZED TO PROTECT [PG 1365-C] (C)

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Date 1/15/79

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: *ENG SEC* PHILADELPHIA (44-1368) (RA) (RUC)SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to Philadelphia dated 4/4/77, entitled, "RICKY WAYNE HILTON; Information concerning possible Criminal Informant Matter", Bureau letter to Philadelphia dated 5/13/77, (Bufile 88-40223), and Bureau airtel to Philadelphia dated 12/22/78, (Bufile 44-38861).

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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ROBERT WAYNE HILTON

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Sir;

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 change. 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 here, i do believe i can help you with information and get some information for you, hoping for a reply soon.

Yours

Ricky Hilton K-3065

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RICHARD WAYNE HILTON, Inmate number K-3065, State Correctional Institution, Huntingdon, Pa., was advised that ERNEST C. NEIL, II and THOMAS J. DOLAN were Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

Receipt of his letter to the FBI, dated November 27, 1978, was acknowledged and he was requested to furnish any information in his possession regarding JAMES EARL RAY.

HILTON advised he also used the name "Ricky" and noted that he had signed the above described letter, "Ricky Hilton".

HILTON advised he was confined in the Brushy Mountain Prison, Petros, Tennessee and at the main prison in Nashville, Tennessee, from early 1967 through February, 1976. He said he was a barber and often cut JAMES EARL RAY's hair. He said he was also housed in a cell next to RAY for a considerable length of time. He said he was "fairly" well acquainted with RAY and they were "fairly" close friends.

He said RAY never discussed the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., directly with him, however, on one occasion (date not recalled) he overheard RAY remark to another inmate, JAKE MORELOCK that he "did not do it alone" and "that if JAKE would help him escape, he would make it well worth his efforts."

HILTON advised the above remarks are the only remarks he could recall RAY making regarding the KING assassination.

HILTON advised he had heard that JAKE MORELOCK had since been released from prison on either parole or probation and had returned to the area of Kingsport, Tennessee.

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Investigation on 1/8/79 at Huntingdon, Pa. File # Philadelphia 44-1368  
by SA ERNEST C. NEIL, II  
SA THOMAS J. DOLAN ECN:dls Date dictated 1/9/79

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He could furnish no further information regarding MORELOCK.

HILTON further advised that DOUG SHELTON, another inmate at Brushy Mountain Prison was also a very close friend of RAY and he had heard that SHELTON was with RAY when they attempted to escape from Brushy Mountain Prison.

HILTON advised he could furnish no further information regarding RAY or his associates and only wrote that he could be of some assistance in the matter.

The following description of HILTON was obtained through interview and observation:

Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Height:	5'11"
Weight:	190 pounds
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Hazel
Date of Birth:	[redacted] at Kingsport, Tennessee
Home address:	R.D.#1, Millerstown, Pa.
Social Security Number:	[redacted]
FBI number:	139-348 F

The interview was terminated at this point and HILTON was advised his information would be furnished to the proper authorities.

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CURTIS CARSON, Record Officer, State Correctional Institution, Huntingdon, Pa., furnished the following Initial Classification Summary, dated 6/25/76, for RICHARD WAYNE HILTON, Inmate number K-3065:

CARSON advised that he could furnish no further information than that which appears on the above summary.

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1. PERSONAL DATA

ALIASES (TN) Ricky Wayne Hilton (TN)				RACE CA4	SEX Male
DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH Kingsport, Tennessee	RELIGION Prot.	MARITAL STATUS Divorced	HEIGHT 71 1/2"	WEIGHT 204
LEGAL ADDRESS RD#1, Box 272, Millerstown, Pa. 17062			ARREST ADDRESS SAME		
OCCUPATIONAL TITLE Laborer	INTELLIGENCE RATING BETA & WRAT NOT ADMINISTERED DUE TO SECURITY ASPECTS.	EDUC. ACHIEVEMENT GRADE 10 (NV)	MEDICAL PROFILE P U L M E S		
MILITARY SERVICE	SERIAL NUMBER	DATES OF SERVICE	TYPE OF DISCHARGE		
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	USINS NUMBER	SELECTIVE SERVICE NUMBER	FBI NUMBER 139 348 F	BCI NUMBER 1 19 42 49 1	
PAST OR PRESENT PROBLEM AREAS					
<input type="checkbox"/> ALCOHOL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NARCOTICS	<input type="checkbox"/> SEXUAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PSYCHIATRIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ASSAULT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ESCAPE

2. PREDOMINANT SENTENCE DATA

DATE OF SENTENCE	COUNTY	NUMBER, TERM COURT, INDICTMENT	TYPE SENT	MINIMUM M	MAXIMUM Y M	JUDGE	OFFENSE
6-17-76	Dauphin	CP#834,835,836, 916		6	20	W.W. Lipsitt	Robbery (3)
CONFIDENTIAL							
CONTINUED FROM BC #	PLEA Guilty	TOTAL SENTENCE	7	6	20	COMMITMENT CREDIT	ESCAPE TIME
DATE OF RECEPTION	EFFECTIVE DATE	MINIMUM DATE	MAXIMUM DATE	PV EFFECTIVE DATE	DELINQUENT TIME	BACKTIME	NEW MAXI
6-25-76	3-21-76	9-21-83	3-21-96				
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3. DETAINERS

DATED	FROM (INCL. ADDRESS)	CHARGING	INDICT-WARRANT NOS.	REMARKS
4-23-76	Det. Barbush, Dauphin Co.	Fugitive from Tennessee		

4. REMARKS

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NAME	RELATIONSHIP	BORN	MARRIED	EDUCATION	OCCUPATION	ADDRESS
John Shutt	St. Father		Yes		Labor	215 Malcolm St., Savannah, Tennessee
Roy Marie Shutt	Mother		Yes		Housewife	Same as above
James Hilton	Brother		Yes	12th	Business man	Box 210 Brookside Dr., Middletown, Penna.
Betty Blauch	Sister		Yes		Housewife	Box 272, R.D.#1, Millertown, Penna.
Charles Hilton	Brother		No		Truck Driver	1016 Main St., Hbg. Kingsport, Tenn.
Richard Hilton	Inmate	1947	No	10th	Barber	Box 272 R.D.#1, Millertown, Penna.
Gary Hilton	Brother	1945	No	12th	Salesman	2019 Parker Dr., Kingsport, Tennessee
Helen Morelock	Sister	1943	Yes		Grocery Store	2019 Parker Dr., Kingsport, Tenn.
Vickie Pepper	Sister	1950	No	12th	Hospital	Box 272, R.D.#1, Millertown, Penna.
Charlotte Snodgrass Hilton	ex-wife	1950	Yes			Kingsport, Tenn.

#### 6. RESIDENCES

FROM	TO	ADDRESS	WITH WHOM
1947	1963	2212 Ashwood Drive, Kingsport, Tennessee	Mother and Father
1963	1965	Camp Hill, Pennsylvania	Sister
1965	1966	West Fairview, Harrisburg, Penna.	Brother
1966	1967	Kingsport, Tennessee	Ex-wife
1967	1976	Station A West, Nashville, Tennessee	Self

#### 7. EMPLOYMENT RECORD

FROM	TO	EMPLOYER AND ADDRESS	TYPE OF WORK	WAGES	REASON LEFT	REEMPLOYED
1974	1974	Drew Loan Company, Memphis, Tenn.	Laborer	\$2.25/hr + Comm.	got drunk	
		Twin & Three Cables Service	Laborer	1.80/hr	moved back to Tenn.	
		Station Barber-Kingsport, Tenn.		70%	can't remember	

#### 8. SCHOOLS

FROM	TO	SCHOOL	ADDRESS	LAST GRADE COMPLETED	REASON LEFT
		East Pennsboro Jointure	Enol, Pennsylvania	10th	went to Tenn.
		Ross Robinson Jr. High	Kingsport, Tennessee	7th	went to Pa.
		Thomas Jefferson Elementary	Kingsport, Tenn.	6th	went to Jr

ATTORNEY OF RECORD

Daniel McGarry

INFORMATION SOURCES

FBI and State Police Dossiers, Personal Interview, Letter from Tennessee with Class. Material.

# TEST DATA SUMMARY

BETWA WRAT NOT ADMINISTERED DUE TO SECURITY ASPECTS.

## 11. INTELLIGENCE

Abbreviated WAIS

Subject - SS

Date

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WAIS PIQ

WAIS PSIQ

Abb. WAIS IQ

PRQ

## 12. ACHIEVEMENT

WRAT: Date

CA

Reading Score:

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Spelling Score:

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SS

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Arithmetic Score:

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## 13. APTITUDE

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Date:

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Occupational Patterns Met

Grade - M

Grade - M

## 14. PERSONALITY

MMPI

Date: 8-3-76

(K corrected where applicable)

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Comment:

## 15. MEDICAL (Hearing and vision tests not done due to inmate being confined in East Wing Administrative Segregation awaiting transfer).

Hearing Test: Pass Fail Date

Vision Test: Pass Fail Date

H.T. Failure: Frequency 125 250 500 1000 2000 4000 8000  
Decibels

V.T. Failure: Far - DP CP Near - H N  
Far Acuity - B L R; Near Acuity - B L R

Medical Limitation(s) effecting Institutional and/or post release vocational placement

Drugs: Smack, Demerol. Stab wound in stomach in 1972. Pterygium left eye.

J. Kormanic

Administrative Officer

## 16. BIRTH INFORMATION

Parental Status at birth: Single ( ) Separated ( ) Married ☒ Divorced ( )  
 Deceased: M ( ) F ☒ Parental Status Change No ( ) Yes  
 Birth Order: 4 of 7 siblings (Mother remarried)  
 Prenatal Status: Full term ☒ Premature ( ) Birth injured ( )  
 Birth Condition: Normal ☒ Breech ( ) Instrument ( ) Caesarian ( ) Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 17. CHILDHOOD AND ADOLESCENCE

Critical Incidents: No. ☒ Yes ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

## 18. FAMILY AND HOME CONDITIONS

Socioeconomic Level: Assistance Poverty Average Above Average  
 Developmental Years ( ) ( ) ☒ ( )  
 Current ( ) ( ) ☒ ( )  
 Home Condition: Substandard Normal Neighborhood: Urban Rural High Crime  
 Developmental Years ( ) (X) ☒ ( ) ( )  
 Current ( ) (X) ☒ ( ) ( )  
 Raised by: Parents ( ) Other ☒ Sister in Pennsylvania  
 Discipline: Strict ( ) Lax ☒ Inconsistent ( ) Normal ( )  
 Disciplined by: Both parents ( ) Mother ( ) Father ( ) Other ☒ Everyone.  
 Parental Marital Relationship: Good.  
 Resident Marital Status S ( ) M ( ) D ☒ W ☒ Sep. ( ) CL ( ) No. Ch. 0  
 Marital Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

## 19. EDUCATION

(NV)  
 Last Full Grade Attended: K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 16+  
 Graded Reported: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Age: First admission \_\_\_\_\_ withdrawal \_\_\_\_\_ withdrawal date \_\_\_\_\_  
 School Placement: Elem-RC ( ) MR ( ) ED ( ) PH ( ) BD ( ) Discip. ( ) CD ( ) LD  
 Blind ( ) PS ( ) Deaf ( ) Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sec.: Elem. Placement continued ( ) RE ( ) VS ( ) Other ( )  
 Problem areas: Truancy ( ) Discipline ( ) Underachievement ( ) NO INFORMATION.  
 Educational Objective: \_\_\_\_\_

## 20. VOCATIONAL

Union Membership: Apprentice \_\_\_\_\_ Journeyman \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other Certification \_\_\_\_\_ Driver's License Yes ( ) No ☒  
 Training other than apprentice: Type \_\_\_\_\_ Hours \_\_\_\_\_ (Tennessee)  
 School Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vocational-Technical Licensed barber in Tennessee.

Correspondence None.

Other

Vocational objective: Air conditioning and Refrigeration or Television repair.

## 21. LEGAL HISTORY PRIOR TO PRESENT CONFINEMENT AND OFFENSE PATTERN

Juvenile	Age First	Total No.	Number of Offenses		
Arrests	<u>16</u>	<u>2</u>	Property <u>1</u>	Person <u>0</u>	Alcohol <u>0</u>
Adjudications	<u>17</u>	<u>1</u>	Drug Related <u>0</u>	Drug Offenses <u>0</u>	
Incarcerations	<u>17</u>	<u>1</u>	Sales <u>0</u>	Use <u>0</u>	Possession <u>0</u>
Adult					
Arrests	<u>19</u>	<u>3</u>	Property <u>0</u>	Person <u>1</u>	Alcohol <u>0</u>
Convictions	<u>20</u>	<u>1</u>	Drug Related <u>0</u>	Drug Offenses <u>0</u>	
Incarcerations	<u>20</u>	<u>1</u>	Sales <u>0</u>	Use <u>0</u>	Possession <u>0</u>

22. Offense History

See attached rap sheets.

ADJUSTMENT SINCE RECEPTION: Mr. Hilton has been in EW Receiving since his arrival here. He has been no problem in this area but has not had free mobility due to the Escape detainee and his lengthy sentence. He is seen as a risk for an institution like SCI-Rockview.

23. Current Offense

OFFICIAL ACCOUNT: Mr. Hilton robbed Lester Shirk at knife point of \$222.00. He committed a similar robbery of Chester O. Grissinger and Joseph McLain. All were threatened at knife point in separate incidents.

ACCOMPLICES AND DISPOSITION: None.

OFFENDER ACCOUNT: "I was using drugs (heroin) and have no knowledge of the crimes." Escape Detainer: "I had made parole in Tennessee. I went out on a three day furlough in Tennessee. Other inmates wanted me to bring drugs in. After being with my family I changed my mind. The people I was to pick up the drugs from started pressuring me. So I took off."

24. Psychological Report

See attached report.

25. Counselor Evaluation

STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES: Mr. Hilton is confused by the escape detainer. He states it will be dropped according to his attorney. Tennessee on the other hand has lodged a detainer against him to be activated upon completion of this sentence. Overall, Rich has had a poor history within institutions. Indications from Tennessee are that he was less than a model prisoner. Therefore, recommendation for transfer to a more secure institution appears warranted.

While incarcerated, Mr. Hilton should become involved in Narcotics Anonymous and other drug programming. This will help to alleviate his involvement in the drug subculture. It is also seen as advantageous for him to expand his present educational and vocational bases. In addition he should become involved in group therapy to explore his prior behavior patterns.

COMMUNITY SENSITIVITY: Rich is originally from Tennessee. He has a detainer for escape from Tennessee. Indications are that release would include eventual transfer to Tennessee parole plan.

Richard J. Taranto  
Correctional Counselor II

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Approved by

Dale C. Sherman  
Class. & Treatment Supv. I

8/4/76

PSYCHOLOGICAL REPORT

Mr. Hilton was interviewed and was administered a series of tests to assist in the initial classification process. He was cooperative, readily completing all tasks and answering all questions. He did not seem very sincere in his presentation; the information he provided is, therefore, suspect. His affect was appropriate; his memory was good for both recent and remote recall. He was well oriented in all spheres; there were no indications of hallucinations, delusions, or loosening of associations.

Mr. Hilton relates that his father's death hit him hard; since that time (age sixteen) he has been getting into trouble. After a series of burglaries he was sent to reform school. He later committed an armed robbery that resulted in his being sentenced to ten years in a state prison in Tennessee. He relates that he robbed a cab driver but not remember any of the details due to excessive drinking. His current account differs drastically from an earlier account in the records available from Tennessee. He insists that he did very well in prison (achieving trustee status), except that he became very involved in the use of drugs. He asserts that he had been granted parole, but was to have a temporary furlough prior to his release on parole. He was supposed to bring drugs into the institution following his furlough, but he changed his mind. The people who were to supply him with the drugs threatened him with a gun, so he avoided them and did not return to prison. Traveling in Pennsylvania he apparently robbed three people at knife point. He denies any knowledge of these robberies, stating that he was too involved with drugs at the time to know what he was doing. While he states that he wants to do whatever was necessary to change and to stay out of trouble, he carefully avoids an honest self-appraisal. He externalizes the responsibility for his actions, placing the blame on alcohol and

The results of the Bender-Gestalt, the House-Tree-Person, and the Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory (8-3-76) represent valid self reports, but suggest that he might have exaggerated negative aspects of himself. The results reflect a great deal of impulsiveness and tension. Interpersonal relationships are poorly understood and are kept at a cold, detached impersonal level. He feels very alienated and isolated from other people. He tends to be evasive and non-disclosing in interpersonal situations. He seems to be unsure of his own heterosexual role. This is part of a much larger uncertainty about himself and about his own capacities. While he appears outgoing and friendly at times, he seems to be rather schizoid, withdrawing into private daydreaming or idiosyncratic ruminations.

Mr. Hilton is currently pleasant, cooperative and expressing his motivations to achieve good institutional adjustment. However, his motivation and his ability are suspect. It is suggested that he be transferred to a more secure institution and that he be placed on program status II to monitor his initial adjustment in population. He has expressed interest in being transferred back to Tennessee to complete this sentence; if that could be arranged it would be advisable. The staff there would be more familiar with him and able to deal with him. In addition it would avoid the disruption in any programming that a later transfer (upon completion of this sentence) might entail. The prognosis is guarded for any real change, but he could participate in school programs to earn his credit in Alcoholic Anonymous and/or a drug therapy program. It is anticipated that he would be unresponsive to individual or group counseling, but it may be worthwhile to allow him to participate for several sessions to more fully evaluate whether or not he is amenable to such interventions.

Steve Wheeler  
Psychological Services  
Associate III

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) (ROUTINE)

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ON 2/5/79 GEORGE M. GOLDMAN, VICE PRESIDENT, HAAS AND  
DODD REALTY COMPANY, 65 POPLAR STREET, NORTHWEST, ATLANTA,  
GEORGIA, ADVISED THAT IN RECENTLY CLEARING SOME ITEMS FROM  
HIS DESK, HE CAME ACROSS AN ARTICLE FROM THE AUGUST 3, 1978  
EDITION OF THE ATLANTA JOURNAL WHICH CONTAINED AN ARTISTS  
CONCEPTION OF A "RALPH" THAT THE HOUSE ASSASSINATIONS  
COMMITTEE HAD BEEN TRYING TO IDENTIFY. GOLDMAN STATED HE  
HAD NOT GIVEN THE MATTER MUCH CONSIDERATION BUT UPON SEEING  
THE ARTICLE AGAIN BROUGHT TO MIND "A MAN I HAVE BEEN  
WALKING UP THE STREET WITH FOR 10 YEARS " WHOM HE BELIEVES  
BEARS A STRIKING RESEMBLANCE TO "RALPH." HE STATED THIS

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Date 2/1/79

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (C)

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
 (MURKIN)  
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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are five copies  
 of an LHM dated and captioned as above.

One copy of same is being designated for Memphis  
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Dallas, Texas

February 1, 1979

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
CIVIL RIGHTS

On January 30, 1979, an anonymous woman caller telephonically furnished the following information to Special Agent Udo H. Specht, FBI, Dallas, Texas:

She stated that an individual by the name of C. H. Wilson, residing at Boyd, Texas, in a brick house on the road between Boyd and Azle, Texas, might have been responsible or somehow involved in the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. She described Wilson as a white male, 6', 180 pounds, 51 years of age, and a pipe welder by trade. Wilson was involved in Ku Klux Klan activities and lived in Greenville, Mississippi in 1968 and prior to that. Prior to the assassination of King, Wilson allegedly stated that he would kill or was going to kill Martin Luther King. Wilson and another man, whom she would not identify, were in Memphis the day King was assassinated. At that time, Wilson owned a relatively new white Ford Mustang bearing Mississippi license plates. After Wilson returned to Greenville, Mississippi, from Memphis, Tennessee, he hid the white Mustang for approximately one month.

The caller stated that Wilson is an alcoholic and was during that time. He was drinking two and three quarts a day. The caller stated that Wilson is mean and capable of murder, especially if he has been drinking.

The caller would not identify the other man who was in Memphis with Wilson until she found out somehow that someone is investigating what she is saying.

On January 30, 1979, a telephone company information operator advised that a C. H. Wilson is listed as residing in Boyd, Texas, telephone number (817)433-5105.

The Dallas, Texas FBI indices to investigatory records did not reflect any information identifiable with C. H. Wilson.

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Date 1/24/79

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: *JM* LEGAT, OTTAWA (44-4)(P)

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Enclosed for Bureau are two copies of RCMP letter dated 1/19/79, which is self-explanatory.

RCMP letter of 6/23/75 referred to in enclosure was forwarded to the Bureau by Ottawa letter 7/9/75.

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1979-01-19

Mr. Robert L. Moore  
c/o United States Embassy  
100 Wellington Street  
Ottawa, Ontario

Dear Mr. Moore:

Re: James Earl RAY  
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.  
- Victim  
Civil Rights - Conspiracy

Further to our letter of June 23, 1975, regarding disposition of exhibits being held by our Force, and your Memphis office reply of July 22, 1975.

It would be appreciated if we could once again cause enquiries to be conducted through the Assistant District Attorney in Memphis to determine if we can now dispose of the exhibits in this case.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,

D. Chiarot, Inspector  
Acting Officer in Charge  
Federal Policing Branch

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☐ Immediate  
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Date 2/22/79

*8/1* TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987-SUB M)  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN *2-11-79*

Re Bureau routing slip to Memphis, dated 2/5/79, enclosing Legat, Ottawa airtel to the Bureau, dated 1/24/79.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of an LHM captioned "JAMES EARL RAY; DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM; CIVIL RIGHTS-CONSPIRACY"

For the information of the Bureau, the Memphis letter and LHM, dated 7/22/75, mentioned in the referenced Bureau routing slip is not available to the Memphis Office since the entire MURKIN file was transferred from Memphis to the Bureau.

Contact with the District Attorney's Office, Memphis, Tenn., was by SA JAMES R. FLAKE. *(JF)*

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU

Inquiry with the Department of Justice, Washington, D. C. should be made relative to the disposition of exhibits being held by Canadian authorities in this matter.

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 Note: This inquiry was made based upon a request from the RCMP as to the disposition of exhibits in this matter.*

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2/22/79

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987-200 M)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau routing slip to Memphis, dated 2/22/79, enclosing letter, covers airtel to the Bureau, dated 1/24/79.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of an LHM captioned "JAMES EARL RAY; DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM; CIVIL RIGHTS-COMMUNISM".

For the information of the Bureau, the Memphis letter and LHM, dated 2/22/79, mentioned in the referenced Bureau routing slip is not available to the Memphis Office since the entire MURKIN file was transferred from Memphis to the Bureau.

Contact with the District Attorney's Office, Memphis, Tenn., was by SA JAMES R. WALKER.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU

Inquiry with the Department of Justice, Washington, D. C. should be made relative to the disposition of exhibits being held by Canadian authorities in this matter.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Memphis, Tennessee  
February 22, 1979

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

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On February 16, 1979, Leland M. McNabb, Assistant District Attorney, District Attorney's Office, 167 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee, was contacted by a Special Agent of the FBI regarding exhibits which pertain to the captioned matter.

Mr. McNabb advised he is currently the Assistant District Attorney assigned to this matter and has just filed an answer to a motion for a new trial on behalf of James Earl Ray. Mr. McNabb advised exhibits which pertain to this matter, should be retained in view of the motion for a new trial for James Earl Ray, and in view of the continuing legal questions which are being raised on behalf of Ray as to his original guilty plea in this matter.

An inquiry should also be made with the United States Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., relative to the disposition of exhibits in this matter.

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☐ SAC, New Rochelle (MRA) ☐ ASAC, Rapid City ("Mini") **2/5/79**

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RE: **MURKIN**

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Memphis, Tennessee

April 27, 1979

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER  
KING, JR. (MURKIN)  
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On April 4, 1979, Captain Barry Linville, Homicide Division, Memphis Police Department, Memphis, Tennessee, telephonically informed the Memphis Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that an individual identifying herself as Patricia Hays Wismiller, 1170 Dyer Place, telephone 323-3443, Memphis, Tennessee, had telephonically contacted the Memphis Police Department and informed them of a scheme whereby her uncle, Renfro Hays, would admit to the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., and then a movie would be made based on this confession with Hays receiving advance funds from the anticipated profits of this movie.

On April 4, 1979, Patricia Hays Wismiller was interviewed by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the following is a result of that interview:

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PATRICIA HAYS WISMILLER, 1170 Dyer Place, telephone 323-3443, was informed of the identities of the interviewing Agents and the fact she was being contacted in regard to information she had furnished on April 4, 1979, to the Memphis City Police Department regarding the activities of RENFRO TURNER HAYS. WISMILLER furnished the following information:

RENFRO TURNER HAYS is the brother of WISMILLER's father and has been residing at her home with her and her minor son until the evening of April 3, 1979. Due to a fear on her part of HAYS which has developed, she had his belongings removed from her residence with the assistance of a friend, BOB MENENDEZ, employed with the Federal Aviation Administration, telephone 327-3387.

She advised HAYS is employed as a private detective and currently works from the office of BOB GILDER, an attorney, in Southaven, Mississippi. Since approximately the middle of February, 1979, until approximately four nights ago, she has overheard conversations between HAYS, GILDER, SKIP FALLER, ARNO (last name unknown), and MARK (last name unknown) involving a plan whereby HAYS will confess to the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. In furtherance of this scheme, HAYS will travel to Mexico where he will sign a confession and FALLER, who is from California and produces movies, will make a movie based on the assassination of Dr. KING by HAYS. The confession by HAYS will be needed to establish the truthfulness of the movie. She described this confession as one which is non-binding on HAYS and would not establish legal liability for others involved in the movie for conspiracy.

Once HAYS has signed the confession in Mexico and the movie has been completed, HAYS will then travel to Argentina where he will reside. HAYS has indicated he would reside in Argentina based on his knowledge of the German language which is spoken by many people who live in Argentina and since following his confession, many individuals might seek revenge against him if he remained in the United States. HAYS, for his confession to the murder, would receive an advance payment of money based on anticipated profits from the movie.

Investigation on 4/4/79 at MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE File # ME 44-1987 Sub  
by SAs JAMES R. FLAKE  
HAROLD L. HAYS/JRF/mgv Date dictated 4/5/79

SKIP FALLER, who resides in California, is currently staying with his father, LOUIS A. FALLER, III, 5073 Whitworth Road, Memphis, and is accompanied by MARK (last name unknown) who has arrived in Memphis from Chicago. She stated the other individual involved in the project is ARNO (last name unknown) who has a Memphis telephone number of 396-1493. She advised her mother, BERTA HAYS, 3360 Rosamond, BOB MENENDEZ, and her minor son have also heard portions of the conversations between GILDER, HAYS, ARNO, FALLER and MARK regarding the proposed movie. She informed HAYS and the others she was going to the police with the information regarding the proposed movie and has been warned by HAYS not to do so and was warned indirectly through her mother that it would not be to her best interest to inform the police of their plans. Based on these warnings, WISMILLER advised she is fearful for her life which is additionally based on beliefs of her own of violence in the background of HAYS including three murders which she believes he committed. She stated two of his former roommates have died and were ruled as suicides; however, she believes HAYS was involved in their deaths. She also advised approximately seven years ago when HAYS was a patient at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Memphis, a female patient died due to suffocation by placing a plastic bag over her head. WISMILLER stated HAYS has described on numerous occasions his discovery of this patient and having pulled the plastic bag from her head; however, WISMILLER believes HAYS was involved in the death of this patient.

HAYS was involved in the investigation of the murder of DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING and often laughs and jokes about his having been in the downtown area where the murder occurred. He was additionally driving a white Mustang at the time which had been given to him by WALTER BUFORD, a local Memphis attorney. HAYS has told WISMILLER he confessed to killing Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING to a local reporter. She advised she thinks HAYS was capable of the murder of KING; however, she does not believe that he did, in fact, kill KING.