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Enclosed are the original Memphis files sent to FBIHQ for duplication and FOIPA processing.

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# Memorandum



To : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (C) Date 11/6/89

From : SA

Subject: MURKIN;

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OO: MEMPHIS

For information of the file, the writer contacted SA CIVIL RIGHTS UNIT, FBIHQ, regarding the retention of several items of evidence stored in the Evidence Control Room, Memphis Division. SA Control Room, advised SA Control Room, items of evidence had been forwarded to FBIHQ, while other items remained in storage in Memphis.



On November 6, 1989, contacted and related the following information: He had conferred with TOM BUDNEY, CHIEF, RECORDS MANAGEMENT, DIVISION 4, who has responsibility for the Bureau Bulky Room and determined all evidence maintained in Memphis, is to remain in the field office bulky room until the items are called into the archives system.

When the items are called into archives, all field offices then forward evidence to be permanently maintained at the Bureau.

The items referenced in this matter are 44-1987, IB 5,7,9,10,12,13,14,16, and 17.

Memphis Division Evidence Control Clerk, was advised of the above information on November 6, 1989.

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# Memorandum



To SSA Date 4/29/91

From :

ASAC

Subject:

BULKY EXHIBIT DESTRUCTION PROGRAM

OFFICE DEADLINE: 5/24/91

Attached are a number of copies of green sheets representing items that have been in our possession for quite sometime. During the last semi-annual inventory you evidently certified that these items should be retained.

Please again review these individual items in an attempt to dispose of same. Prepare a memorandum for the individual case file and send to me by COB 5/24/91 detailing your efforts to dispose of same or justification for continued retention.

## Enclosures

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1 - 29-3577 (1B2)

1 - 29B-3939 (1B1, 1B2, 1B3, 1B4, 1B5, 1B6)

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1 - 194-6 (1B4)

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To

SAC, MEMPHIS

Date 5/3/91

From:

SSA

Subject:

BULKY EXHIBIT DESTRUCTION PROGRAM

OFFICE DEADLINE: 5/24/91

Reference memo of ASAC

4/29/91.

On 5/17/91, evidence contained in bulky exhibits 1B5, 1B7, 1B9, 1B10, 1B12, 1B13, 1B14, 1B16, and 1B17, were disposed of by destruction.

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One (1) roll of serial photographic negatives

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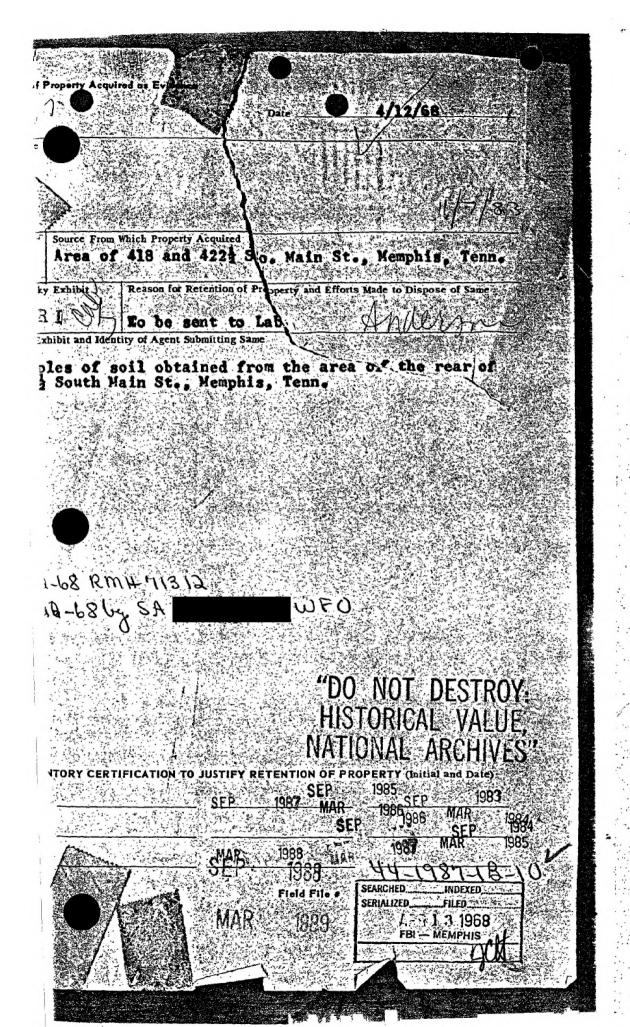
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Original set and one copy of the set of documents provided to us by the British Authorities in regards to the extradition proceedings of JAMES BARL RAY:

- 1. Fingerprint comparison charts used in the testimony by our Latent Fingerprint Examiner
- 2. Fingerprints of RAY as taken on 6-8-68, by British Authorities;
- 3. Two separate orders issued by the Bow Street Magistrates! Court dated 8-13-68, pursuant to "The Extradition Act, 1870," relative to this matter (one order relates to the murder charge in Tennessee and the other to the escape charge in Missouri.);
- Medical Officer's Certificate dated 7-18-68, issued by the authorities of Vandsworth Prison;
- 5. An order dated 7-18-68, Commanding RAY to be delivered to officials of the United States Government; and
- 6. Court testimony of mer several individuals.

Original set of documents turned over to Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., District Attorney General, 15th Judicial District, Memphis, Tennessee, 8-13-68 by

SEMIANNUAL INVENTORY CERTIFICATION TO JUSTIFY RETENTION OF PROPERTY (Initial and Date) MAR 1984 Bulky Exhibit - Inventory of Prop FD-192 (Rev. 10-6-65) 12-3-68 Title and Character of Case DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING. Date Property Acquired Source From Which Property Acquired: New Orleans Field Office Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same Bulky Room Shelf Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same 1. Complete telephone bills, 3 pages of which have been xeroxed in New Orleans report dated 12/19/67. 2. Nine work sheets. 3. 142 registration cards "DO NOT DESTROY. HISTORICAL VALUE, NATIONAL ARCHIVES' CHAUTOW FILED Z \* 19od

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### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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FALLON advised that he is the President of FALLON RESEARCH ASSOCIATES, a business that conducts industrial market research for mineral and chemical companies. FALLON started the business in 1979.

FALLON stated that he contacted the office of the FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI), Newark, New Jersey, after watching the television show, UNSOLVED MYSTERIES, on September 8, 1993. FALLON said that one segment of the show suggested that more than one (1) individual was responsible for the shooting death of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., in 1968.

FALLON advised that from May, 1965 until 1979, he was employed by the ENGELHARD CORPORATION, formerly known as MINERALS AND CHEMICALS PHILIPP (MCP) in Menlo Park, New Jersey. MCP mined, processed and sold industrial minerals throughout the United States. In the Spring of 1966, FALLON held the position of distributor sales manager for a large territory in the Midwest. One of the MCP distributors under his supervision was the GEORGE BRANDT COMPANY in Kansas City, Missouri.

FALLON stated that he travelled to Kansas City in the Spring of 1966, to meet with a salesman for the GEORGE BRANDT COMPANY named LEE HANSEN. FALLON and HANSEN worked together for several weeks meeting with MCP customers in the Kansas City area. In the course of these business and social meetings, HANSEN asked FALLON, "Do you want to make \$10,000.00?" HANSEN then told FALLON that there was a \$10,000.00 reward to be paid to the person that killed MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HANSEN did not tell FALLON who was going to pay the reward, but HANSEN seemed to know where the money was coming from. HANSEN was very serious about this proposal, and stated that, "Somebody should get that guy and kill him."

Investigation on	10/4/93	at Mendh	am, New Jersey	File #	94-HQ-70698	
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Continuation of FD-302 of JAMES J. FALLON

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FALLON said that HANSEN and he met with the representatives of several companies who were MCP customers during this business trip. FALLON stated that HANSEN repeated the information regarding a \$10,000.00 payment to the killer of KING to two (2) other individuals in his presence. HANSEN discussed this payment with TERRILL JOHNSON, the technical director for a paint company, name unknown, in Kansas City, and the technical director for another paint company, name unknown, in Kansas City, RICHARD RADFORD. HANSEN said that RADFORD left Kansas City to join the BRUNNING COMPANY, Baltimore, Maryland, shortly after that time. Both JOHNSON and RADFORD agreed that KING should be killed, but neither JOHNSON or RADFORD indicated their willingness to get involved in the actual murder.

FALLON advised that he was promoted a short time later and did not return to Kansas City so he did not meet with HANSEN again.

When KING was killed in 1968, FALLON said that it never occurred to him that his conversations with HANSEN had any significance because all information regarding the murder indicated that JAMES EARL RAY was solely responsible for the shooting. However, after viewing the UNSOLVED MYSTERIES segment regarding a possible conspiracy, FALLON recalled the remarks made by HANSEN.

FALLON described HANSEN as a white male, about 5'8" in height, heavy build, blond hair, blue eyes, who would be 67-70 years old at this time. HANSEN is a World War II NAVY Veteran, who was married and originally from the Minneapolis, Minnesota area.

TRANSMIT VIA: AIRTEL

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLAS DATE: 12/13/93

FROM: Director, FBI

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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

Reference Newark Airtel and FD-302, dated 10/14/93, entitled "Unsolved Mysteries, NBC Television; 00: HQ."

Enclosed for the information of Memphis is one copy of an FD-302 interview of James J. Fallon, of Mendham, New Jersey, regarding the death of Martin Luther King, Jr., and a one A envelope containing the original notes regarding the interview of James J. Fallon.

Based on the information contained in the enclosed FD-302, Memphis is requested to conduct any and all logical investigation and report any results to FBIHQ, attention: Civil Rights Unit.

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MÉMPHIS, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1993

THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL

# Pierotti might inquire into King 'plot' claims

By Marc Perrusquia
The Commercial Appeal

State prosecutors may look into new allegations that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was killed as part of a plot involving two Memphis businessmen and others, Dist. Atty. Gen. John Pierotti said Wednesday.

Pierotti said he still believes the new allegations are a hoax, but said he cannot avoid the groundswell of media attention since a British newspaper on Sunday reported details of a possible conspiracy.

Pierotti said his staff may interview witnesses after considering new information, including an interview expected to air tonight on national television with a retired businessman and one-time Memphis policeman who claims to know about a plot behind King's death here in

In 1968, Loyd Jowers owned a restaurant below the second-story boarding house from which

convicted assassin James Earl Ray is said to have fired the shot that killed King.

In an interview with reporter Sam Donaldson on the ABC news program PrimeTime Live, Jowers, 67, will give a different account of King's death.

In the interview, to air locally at 9 p.m. on WHBQ Channel 13, Jowers will say "he was part of a conspiracy to murder Dr. King and that he hired someone to do the killing," ABC announced Wednesday.

Jowers claims he hired a triggerman, and it was not Ray. The claim, which has stirred new controversy in the 25-year-old case, appears to add new details to a conspiracy allegation checked out but dismissed by the FBI in 1968.

Pierotti has said the new allegations appear to be manufactured to fit known facts in the case, but Jowers' attorney Lewis Garrison has said his client only wants the truth to come out.

Pierotti, who was interviewed by Donaldson Wednesday, said he will be watching the Jowers interview closely.

Garrison approached Pierotti several weeks ago seeking immunity for his client and four others in return for naming a gunman and at least one other businessman supposedly involved in a conspiracy.

Ray, who is serving a 99-year sentence for King's death, did not commit the murder, according to Jowers' account.

Pierotti originally dismissed the new claim as a "sham and fraud." But the prosecutor said he's eager to listen to what Jowers has to say. Yet, if he finds there is any truth in his account, there won't be any deals for the former restaurant owner, Pierotti said.

"If someone actually is guilty of capital murder and I give him immunity just to clear the books on this, I ought to be run out of town," Pierotti said.

Pierotti said his staff may interview other witnesses after listening to Jowers. Pierotti stressed he is not "reopening the King case," but said investigators likely Jowers would check in 1963 for possible corroborating information to Jowers statement.

Several efforts to reach Jowers at his rural Martin, Tenn., home have been unsuccessful.

In the ABC interview, Jowers details a conspiracy involving himself and another former Memphis businessman, according to excerpts released by the network:

DONALDSON: Was (James Earl Ray) part of the conspiracy?

JOWERS: He was part of it, but I don't believe he knew he was part of it. But he was part of it, yes, he was there.

DONALDSON: Tell me about Frank Laberto (sic). Who was he and what was your relationship with him?

JOWERS: Well, he was in the produce business. I met Frank

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By Quintin Robins
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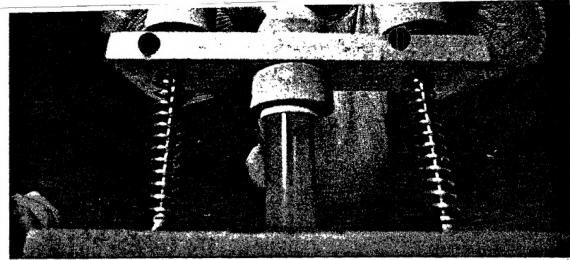
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By Michael McMullan

# Capping the semester

Students in Christian Brothers University's Introduction to Engineering Design classes were asked to invent devices to open childproof bottle caps — for adults who have limited hand strength. Toli Savvaides tests his team's entry as the judges make the rounds. The CBU Engineering Department collaborated with the University of Tennessee Rehabilitation Engineering Center.

From Page B1

# King

Laberto (sic) when I was a policeman, city policeman in 1947. We've become pretty good friends, not real real close friends, you might say business friends. Laberto (sic) has done me several large favors, so I owed him a favor or at least I thought I did.

Jowers goes on to say he was asked "to handle some money transaction, hire someone to assassinate Dr. Martin Luther King," the ABC excerpts show.

Two weeks after King's assassination, authorities questioned Frank Camilla Liberto, then living at 3271 Powers St. in Memphis's Raleigh area, according to FBI reports.

Liberto, then president of the LL & L Produce Co., 814 Scott, allegedly was overheard talking about King's murder on the telephone the day of the assassination, April 4, 1968.

John McFerren of Somerville, Tenn., told investigators he was in Memphis shopping for grocers at the Farmers Market when he overheard a conversation by a man who weighed "approximately 300 pounds," according to an April, 11, 1968, FBI

report.
"McFerren stated that the heavyset man did not see him at that time. He stated he heard the heavyset man say, 'Kill the S.O.B. on the balcony and get the job done. You will get your \$5,000,"

King was shot on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel about 6:01 p.m. that day. But when agents questioned Liberto, then 51 years old and weighing 285 pounds, he "emphatically denied having any knowledge" of King's murder, according to an April 23, 1968, FBI report.

"He advised he may have made statements to the effect that King should be killed, although he does not recall any specific statements made by him to this effect." the FBI report said.

The report went on to say: "Liberto advised he frequently taunts various individuals regarding racial matters and may have made disparaging remarks to some of his customers..."

Liberto explained to agents that he frequently purchases produce over the telephone and his discussions involve large sums of money. The FBI checked out the tip as one of many.

Liberto, who would be 76 now, is believed to be living in New Orleans, said Frank H. Liberto, no relation, a former Memphis car dealer who said he was often confused with the other Liberto. Efforts to reach Frank Camilla Liberto on Wednesday were unsuccessful.

Pierotti said he heard from sources Wednesday afternoon that the new conspiracy theory would implicate a man named Liberto. The new theory was fueled by a story Sunday in a London daily, The Observor, which maintained the plot ultimately was tied to mobsters in New Orleans.

"This is wild," Pierotti said.
"Why in the name of God are
they going to use Jowers to pick
a hit man? If they are in the Mafia, they know hit men."

In 1968, Jowers owned Jim's Grill, 418 S. Main. He and several patrons were interviewed by police shortly after the murder, but did not discuss details of a plot. Jowers moved to Martin recently where he operates a convenience store and is said to own several small houses.

Garrison, Jowers' attorney, previously had declined to name his client, referring to him only as a mystery businessman who was seeking immunity from prosecution. It was unclear Wednesday why Jowers had decided to go public. Efforts to reach Garrison at his home and office were unsuccessful.

Pierotti said new claims about the King assassination get stranger by the day. The prosecutor said he's heard through good sources that Memphis private detectives are out looking for Jowers's gunman.

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"The last I heard they were looking for the real shooter and he was picking strawberries in Florida," he said.



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## INFORMATION COMMUNICATION

Date: 01/13/94

FROM:

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CONTACT:

TO:

DIRECTOR, FBI

ATTN: SSA CIVIL RIGHTS UNIT

TITLE:

RAY, JAMES, EARL;

KING, MARTIN, LUTHER, JR. - VICTIM;

CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;

OO: ME

RE:

Bureau airtel dated 12/13/93.

To outline investigative efforts by Memphis PURPOSE(S): Division.

DETAILS: On 12/16/93, indices checks were conducted on JAMES J. FALLON, FALLON RESEARCH ASSOCIATES, ENGELHARD CORPORATION, MINERALS AND CHEMICALS PHILIPP, BRUNNING COMPANY, TERRILL JOHNSON, RICHARD RADFORD, and LEE HANSEN/HANSON with negative results.

On 12/17/93, liaison was established with District Attorney General JOHN PIEROTTI, Shelby County Attorney General's Office, Memphis, Tennessee, and the information contained in an FD-302, dated 10/4/93, concerning JAMES J. FALLON was disseminated to him. PIEROTTI advised MARK K. GLANKLER, Criminal Investigative Division, Shelby County Attorney General's Office, and JOHN SIMMONS, Special Agent, TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, would be handling an investigation that would be specifically looking into allegations expressed by LLOYD JOWERS on a recent episode of the television program "Primetime Live," during which JOWERS indicated JAMES EARL RAY was not the person who killed Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

To date, PIEROTTI's investigative team has been unable to locate FRANK HOLT, JOWERS' alleged "shooter" of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., for interview; the Memphis Division is presently assisting in locating HOLT through HOLT's social

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security number. The Orlando, Florida Resident Agency has been apprised of JOWERS' allegations since FRANK HOLT most recently resided at a Rescue Mission in Orlando, Florida. In addition, the Memphis Division is also assisting in providing copies of specific FD-302's concerning interviews of specific individuals who were in the vicinity of the shooting of Dr. KING on the date of the incident.

PIEROTTI's investigative team is also currently attempting to locate and interview some 11 or 12 people who had been frequenting a restaurant situated near the scene of Dr. KING's assassination on that same date.

Memphis is not re-opening this investigation at this time since there has been no evidence uncovered to indicate anyone other than JAMES EARL RAY was responsible for Dr. KING's death. Close liaison will be maintained with Attorney General PIEROTTI's office to ensure Memphis is aware of any pertinent developments. FBIHQ will be advised every sixty days on status of the investigative efforts of the Attorney General's Office.

# RECORD OF INFORMATION FURNISHED OTHER AGENCIES

Orally Written Communication 4/19/68  (date) (date)  Information concerning: (Include DRUG MATTERS here.)  DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING CONSPIRACY
Information furnished from File, Serial, and Page Number: 44-1987
☑ On1/25/94 a continuing disclosure was initiated with
<u>District Attorney General's Offi</u> ced will be maintained until the (agency) conclusion of the investigation.
Information furnished to: MARK K. GLANKLER, CID
Remarks: Information contained in an FD-302, concerning interview of Frank Liberto, 3271 Powers Street, Raleigh, TN.

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The caller further states she believes the fireman's first or last name begins with the letter "V".

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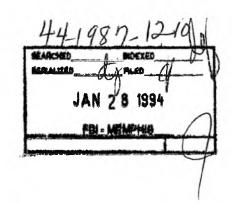
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Dear Sir, Enclosed is a hand written copy of a letter that i sent to Channel 4 in Albuquerque N. M., and to various other people, which i thought may interest you.

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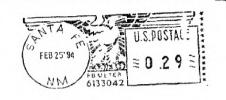
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Page #5 I also wrote to Judge Glenn Carter of the Pottawatomie County Court House at 325 N. Broadway, Shaunee Okla. 74801, Phone # (405) 275-1296, telling him that i knew about the conspiracy, and asked him to forward my letter to David Walters the Governor of Oklahoma. I later received a reply from him stating that he did send my letter to Governor David Walters. But the Governor never responded to my letter. He was having changes brought against him for money related crimes, so i guess he didn't care to answer my letter, or either didn't care about Martin Auther King. I was transferred to this state out of Oklahoma on Oct. 23, 1993, because i nasan eigenetness to a murder that happened at the Okla. State Penitentiany on Aug. 17, 1993, and the Internal Affairs interviewed me there on Aug 24, 1993. I told them how 2, Guard's allowed 2 inmate's out of their cell's to kill a man who lived in the cell next, to mine. The same cell that Tom Pugh had moved out of earlier. my character and credibility. I am a Christian and i believe in truth & justice, and doing what is right in the sight of God. TurnOver

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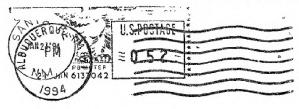
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