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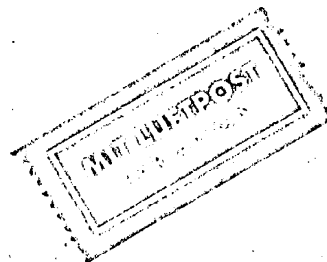
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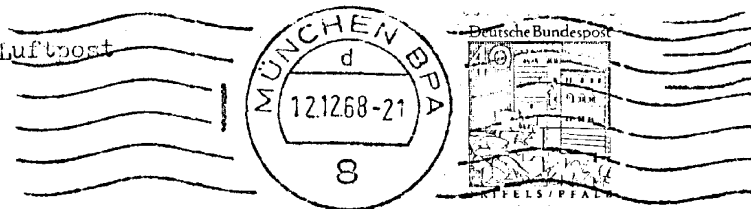


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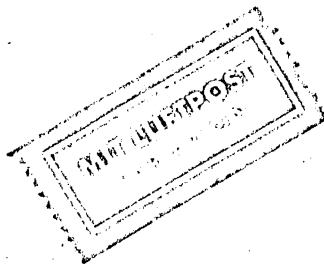
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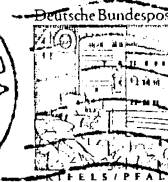
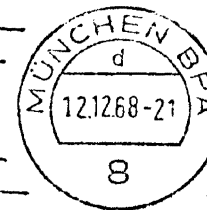


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This brochure was received in the mail of Warden HAROLD B. SWENSON, Missouri State Penitentiary, who in turn forwarded it to SA RAYMOND B. HOWE.

The brochure is reportedly a synopsis of a book written by JOACHIM JOESTEN and is critical of the Bureau. This brochure also lists additional books written by JOESTEN regarding the assassination of President KENNEDY. The original brochure and envelope are being maintained in the Kansas City Office. Copies of brochure are typed inasmuch as the brochure is in light blue mimeograph printing and therefore was not satisfactory for Xeroxing. The envelope was typed in black ink, thus it could be Xeroxed. The envelope was apparently mailed in Germany and the return address listed on the back of the envelope was, "J. Joesten, Munchen 13, Griegstr. 13, b. Rahim".

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let out with the consent of the Warden who went so far as to circulate to police authorities a false set of fingerprints designed to foil any chance recapture of the "fugitive."

5 - Ray was never considered for the sniper's part. After more than 15 years spent in prison, he would have been totally incapable of killing a man, at a distance of 205 feet, with a single well-placed rifle shot. Rather, his role was to be that of a decoy with instructions to plant false evidence, scatter about misleading clues and lay a false trail of flight in order to throw off potential pursuers of the real sniper. Unbeknown to him, of course, Ray had also been picked by the plotters as an ideal fall guy - for there is no more defenseless human being than an escaped convict - after he had given his performance as a decoy. It was the old Oswald story all over again, with slight variations.

6 - A key element of the stratagem was to create a fictitious double personality shared by Ray and his accomplice, the real sniper. They were non of similar appearance who studiously enhanced their likeness in looks, dress, speech and behavior and carefully coordinated their activities. They drove exactly the same make and model of cars, used the same driver's license (one the original, the other a duplicate) and, in the final stage of their adventure, traveled abroad on two copies of the same false passport.

7 - Dr. King was not shot from Mrs. Bessie Brower's flophouse window; instead, the fatal shot came from a Memphis replica of the famous grassy knoll of Dallas.

8 - After the shooting, Ray and his confederate; the real assassin, took off almost simultaneously in identical white Mustangs, but in different directions. While Ray drove to Atlanta, for his final performance as a decoy, the assassin headed for Milwaukee, for a reunion with his girl friend.

9 - The two men met again, shortly later, in Toronto where they shed their previous joint personality (Eric Starvo Galt) and adopted a new one (Ramon George Sneyd). With the help of the CIA, which had previously used the good services of Eric S. Galt (the real killer, not Ray) one passport in that name was obtained in Toronto and another shortly later in Lisbon.

10 - Early in the game, the FBI found out that there were two Eric Starvo Galts and that one of them was the escaped convict James Earl Ray. But when they learned the identity of the other - a veteran CIA operative who had also participated in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy - they were appalled. This man was taken; he enjoyed protection at the highest level. He could not be arrested, much less brought to trial, lest the truth about the Kennedy Murder Fraud come out into the open.

active help of the FBI, which gave chase only to Ray while aiding

his alter ego, the real assassin, to hide abroad. Fantastic? Maybe, but also the truth!

12 - The crowning glory of it all, however, was the almost simultaneous arrest of both Sneyds at London Airport on June 8, 1968, the first at 6:30 a.m. by design and the second 11:15 a.m. by accident, one arriving by plane from Lisbon and the other attempting to leave London on a Brussels-bound plane.

13 - Now Scotland Yard was in a real quandary, for the last thing the FBI wanted was to have two Sneyds delivered into its hands. So the two police agencies connived to hush up the truth about the double arrest and pretend that only one man - Ray - had been caught.

The Writings of Joachim Joesten

About the assassination of President John F. Kennedy

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January 9, 1969

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To: Legat, Bonn
From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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Enclosed are two true copies of an announcement made by one Joachim Joesten concerning his publication on James Earl Ray and the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The announcement indicates that the publication is available at a cost of \$1.00 and the orders should be addressed to Joachim Joesten, Munich 13, Grisestr, 13, c/o Rabin, Germany. You should discreetly determine if this publication is available on a no cost basis, and if it is, you should obtain two copies of same for transmittal to the Bureau.

Bureau files indicate that Joesten was born in Germany in 1907, and naturalized as an American citizen in 1948. At hearing for his naturalization in 1947, Joesten reportedly identified himself as a "left-wing liberal" and a free-lance writer. He has written numerous books regarding the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. In his books and other writings he has attacked President Lyndon B. Johnson, accusing Mr. Johnson of being involved in the President John F. Kennedy assassination. He has also bitterly attacked the FBI and the CIA. He currently resides in Germany and has been hospitalized in the past for mental illness.

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January 27, 1969

O P E N L E T T E R

To Judge W. Preston Battle, Criminal Court, Memphis, Tenn.
concerning the J A M E S E A R L R A Y H O A X
by JOACHIM JOESTEN

Your Honor:

James Earl Ray did not kill Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
He was a paid decoy and as such deserves to be punished for his part in the conspiracy. But he did not fire the shot that killed Dr. King and, for all his criminal past, he, too, is entitled to justice.

Ray has been charged with murder by the State of Tennessee on the basis of a deliberately false and fraudulent FBI Report. The FBI knows, and so does the State, that Ray did not commit the murder of which he has been accused. The felony of this false accusation is compounded by the hidden intent to shield, through the sacrifice of a scapegoat, the real assassin of Dr. King, whose identity is well known to the FBI.

I am making these charges on the basis of a careful and detailed study of the case. My findings and conclusions are laid down in a 45,000-word documentation, of which a copy is being airmailed to you under separate cover today. Copies are also being sent to the Rev. Ralph Abernathy, Head, Southern Christian Leadership Conference; to the American Civil Liberties Union; and to a select group of newspapers.

This documentation is not just a layman's brief for the defense of a man wrongfully accused. It is also a public indictment of his accusers, in particular J. Edgar Hoover, who personally supervised this frame-up.

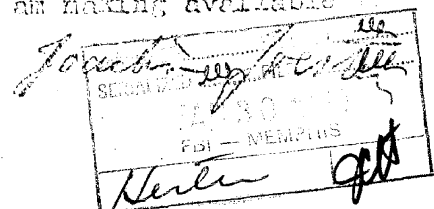
I hereby declare and affirm that J. Edgar Hoover wilfully, knowingly and with malice aforethought conspired with other felonious "law-enforcement officials" to bring about the judicial murder of James Earl Ray through trumped-up charges and doctored evidence.

Because Hoover knows that his false and fraudulent case will not stand up in court, extreme pressure is now being brought on Ray, a man virtually defenseless because of his long criminal record and his involvement in the conspiracy to kill King, falsely to plead guilty in return for a promise of leniency. Ray has been informed unambiguously that, if he defends himself against the murder charge, he will be convicted, sentenced to death and executed. On the other hand, he has been promised a recommendation of mercy, a comparatively light sentence and an early pardon if he accepts the role of a lone assassin.

That would obviate the inconvenience, for J. Edgar Hoover and the State authorities, of having to prove their false and untenable charges in court, but it would hardly serve the cause of justice in America.

I trust that you, the judge, will not tolerate this travesty of justice. The documentation which I am making available to Your Honor, will help you establish the truth.

Respectfully yours,



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As the Moment of Truth Dawns in New Orleans...

At long last, the historic process of establishing the truth about the assassination of President John F. Kennedy is under way. The trial of Clay Shaw in New Orleans is only a first step in that direction; others will follow soon. In the end, the process inexorably will lead to the unmasking of Lyndon B. Johnson as the power behind what was in effect the first coup d'état in American history (Nov. 22, 1963).

The time has come for thoughtful Americans to start thinking the

U N T H I N K A B L E -- because it is true.

As the truth gradually emerges in the courts, in the press and in public debate or private discussions, a careful compilation of all the available literature on the assassination and the Warren Report becomes an urgent task for historians, political scientists and librarians, for at least two reasons:

One, each and every book that has been published on the subject makes a contribution to the search for the truth - some large, some small, but none is negligible.

And Two, some day students of history, pondering the era of breathtaking disclosures that is now ahead will ask in amazement: How did all this get started?

The Crime of Dallas was almost the perfect crime. Every precaution had been taken by its organizers to make sure that the truth would never come out. And then the Warren Report, this "gigantic fraud" (Garrison), all but sealed off the last avenues of truth-seeking.

Officialdom and the news media not only did nothing to help bring out the true facts, but they actively, and in concert, exerted every possible effort to obfuscate the truth and obstruct independent investigation.

BOOKS, and books alone, were the weapons of truth. District Attorney Jim Garrison himself has publicly acknowledged that it was through his reading of the published critiques of the Warren Report that he felt impelled to open an official investigation into the assassination of President Kennedy.

Now, it is a matter of record, easily to be verified, that the first book published in the United States which attacked the official version of the assassination as an unmitigated fraud was JOACHIM JOESTEN's Oswald: Assassin or Fall Guy? (New York, June 1964). The same book, in its second edition (January 1965) contained the first critique of the Warren Report to come out between book covers.

Since then, JOACHIM JOESTEN has published seven more books about the assassination of President Kennedy which are not, however, generally available in the United States. They are "books-in-exile," published in England, Switzerland and France, because their outspokenness made them too "hot" for American publishers to handle.

However, these books - Oswald: The Truth; Marina Oswald; The Garrison Enquiry; How Kennedy Was Killed; Die Wahrheit über den Kennedy-Mord (Zurich); La vérité sur le cas de Jack Ruby; (Paris); and now The Dark Side of Lyndon B. Johnson are available at a fast increasing number of public and college libraries in America. They can be obtained by writing directly to the author: Joachim Joesten, 87-70 173rd Street, Jamaica 11432, New York City; or to his present address in Europe: Joachim Joesten, Munich 13, Griegstrasse 13, c/o Rahim, Germany.

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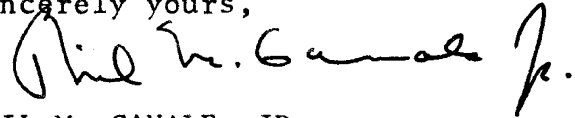
January 29, 1969

Mr. Robert Jensen, Special
Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Federal Building
Memphis, Tennessee 38103

Dear Mr. Jensen:

I am enclosing herewith for your information an "Open Letter" received this date by both Judge Battle and myself from Joachim Joesten.

Sincerely yours,



PHIL M. CANALE, JR.
District Attorney General

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TO: DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: DETROIT (44-989)

MURKON, OO: MEMPHIS

ON THIS DATE, EARL DOWDY, DETROIT NEWS CITY DESK ADVISED THAT TODAY HE RECEIVED AN ANNONYMOUS TELEPHONE CALL FROM A FEMALE, WHO SAID THAT JAMES EARL RAY DID NOT MURDER DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, BUT THAT ONE CLIFFORD GREEVES, WHO BEARS A VERY STRONG RESEMBLANCE TO RAY IS THE PERSON WHO KILLED DR. KING. GREEVES LIVES AT ONE ONE ZERO FIVE SEVEN MARGATE HALL DRIVE, BRIDGETON, MISSOURI, AND WORKS FOR PEPSI COLA IN ST. LOUIS. DOWDY SAID THAT CALLER SOUNDED RATIONAL BUT WOULD NOT DISCLOSE HER IDENTITY. DETROIT INDICES NEGATIVE RE GREEVES. ABOVE FURNISHED FOR INFORMATION.

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January 28, 1969

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TO: SAC, St. Louis (44-775)

FROM: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Sub-E-1098

Re Detroit teletype to the Bureau dated 1/25/69.

Earl Dowdy "Detroit News" city desk advised he received anonymous telephone call from a female who stated that James Earl Ray did not murder Martin Luther King, Jr., but that one Clifford Greeves is the person who killed Martin Luther King, Jr. According to the anonymous caller, Greeves bears a very strong resemblance to Ray and Greeves resides at 11057 Margate Hall Drive, Bridgeton, Missouri, and is employed by the Pepsi Cola Company at St. Louis, Missouri. Dowdy stated the caller sounded rational and she refused to disclose her identity.

St. Louis locate and interview Greeves and conduct all necessary investigation to thoroughly resolve this matter as well as any information stemming from interview of Greeves. You should determine whereabouts of Greeves during period of assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. (4/4/68). You should keep the Bureau fully informed.

Based on available data, Clifford Greeves not identifiable in Bureau files.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775) RUC

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REBUAIRTEL, 1-28-69.

RE: CLIFFORD GREEVES - SUSPECT
11057 Margate Hall
Bridgeton, Missouri

Re airtel referenced Detroit TT to the Bureau, 1-25-69, and advised EARL DONDY, "DETROIT NEWS", received an anonymous telephone call from a female who said CLIFFORD GREEVES, 11057 Margate Hall, Bridgeton, Mo., employed by PEPSI COLA CO., SLMO, bears a strong resemblance to RAY and was the person who killed KING.

This matter was resolved early in MURKIN.

On 4-21-68, MRS. MARGIE COOKSEY, Box 300A, Route 2, Imperial, Mo., advised SA DONALD S. DE FONCE, SL, her daughter, whose name she declined to divulge, had observed a photo of RAY in a local newspaper, and had identified her landlord, CLIFFORD GREEVES, 11057 Margate Hall, Bridgeton, Mo., a driver for the PEPSI COLA BOTTLING CO., SLMO, as being identical to RAY.

She described GREEVES as: White male, 30-31 years, 5'11-6' tall, medium build, long light brown hair with $\frac{1}{2}$ " scar on right side of forehead. GREEVES purchased the residence where MRS. COOKSEY's daughter lived, 6452 Alamo, Clayton, St. Louis Co., Mo., approximately one month prior to the date of interview.

On the same date MR. THOMAS KILCELLIN, Assistant Sales Manager, PEPSI COLA BOTTLING CO., SLMO, advised SA DE FONCE, CLIFFORD GREEVES, residence - 11057 Margate Hall, Bridgeton, Mo., had been employed as a driver by the Co. since 4-10-59. His route area covers University City, Mo. Co. records, confirmed by GREEVES' supervisor, showed GREEVES was on duty 3-28 and 29, and 4-3, 4, 5-68. KILCELLIN described GREEVES as: White male, 32 years of age, 5'9", 160 #, with light brown hair. KILCELLIN observed a photo of RAY and stated GREEVES bore no resemblance to him.

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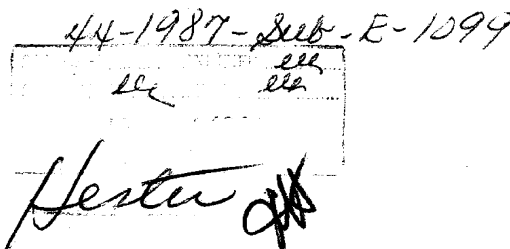
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TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
MURKIN

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU DATED
JANUARY 21, LAST.

YOU SHOULD NOT INTERVIEW MARJORIE LARGENT, NOR
SHOULD YOU CONDUCT ANY FURTHER INVESTIGATION UNLESS BUREAU
SPECIFICALLY ADVISES.

① - MEMPHIS (44-1987) (airmail)



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-1258)

DATE: 2/26/69

FROM : SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE

SUBJECT: LANCE "SWEET WILLIE WINE" WATSON
RM

On 1/21/69 KAY PITTMAN BLACK (RI) (Prob-Ghetto), reporter, Memphis Press Scimitar newspaper, advised the writer that she had talked to LANCE "SWEET WILLIE WINE" WATSON, self-admitted chairman of the Invaders, who is currently incarcerated in Shelby County Jail under a peace bond, that WINE tried to look faint, claims he is in the 8th day of a 21 day fast, seeking martyrdom to protest his incarceration. He bragged that he has been contacting prominent Negroes such as movie actors SYDNEY POITIER, ROBERT CULP, and also JESSE JACKSON, Director of Operation Bread Basket, one of the branches of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), trying to get help. He called them his good friends and indicated that he had met them at Resurrection City in Washington, D. C., in the spring of 1968 which was sponsored by SCLC.

He indicated that he would try to form an alliance when he gets out of jail with the Black Panthers of San Francisco, Calif., and would form a coalition with them. He bragged but did not give any specifics that the Invaders have 7 chapters in the United States. He stated that the Black

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Panthers have set up a community patrol in the San Francisco area to supplement the Police Department which he referred to as corrupt and to check on the Police Department and that he would like to do something like this in Memphis, Tenn.

He stated that he had been offered a high paying job by SCLC in Washington, D. C. but did not take it as he felt that his presence was needed in Memphis. He pointed out that he does have several children by prior marriages but that none of the children are being left uncared for. He stated that LANCE WATSON, JR., a small son, is living with his grandmother on South Parkway and that 2 of his children are living with their mother in Milwaukee, Wis. He did not elaborate. He bragged that his grandfather was quite wealthy, that he donated considerable property in Memphis, Tenn., in the vicinity of Parkway and South Florida, which was used for a park and that he also donated land which was used to build the Melrose High School football stadium on Park Ave.

WINE denied that he is making any money out of the Invaders. He indicated that the Invaders would hold marches in support of him at the end of his 21 day fast which was ostensibly in the 8th day as of 1/21/69. He stated that he wants to set up day-care centers and nursing homes during the summer of 1969 for welfare mothers.

With regard to guns, he stated that some people came through Memphis with 5 shotguns, he did not elaborate. He stated that he and the Invaders allowed these people to keep these guns in Clayborn Temple temporarily when the Invaders had their headquarters there but made them move them. He claimed that he would like to form a coalition with the Black Panthers and also with Indians and other minority groups in this country. He claimed that he is actually better off in jail as his presence in jail is serving as a "rallying point." He wants to stay in jail at least one other month. He stated that he had dropped out of school in the 10th grade. He claimed that he is a self-educated minister, has no formal education.

He stated that his group was to march in support of JAMES EARL RAY. They felt that he was being persecuted in connection with the up and coming murder trial concerning the

murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., in Memphis 4/4/68. He did not elaborate. He stated that ROY LEE TURKS is in charge of the Invaders in his absence.

KAY PITTMAN BLACK told WINE that she had interviewed EDDIE MORRIS, JR., aka Eddie Tate, of the Invaders office recently and that this was one of the bases for her newspaper story concerning the Invaders. WINE replied that EDDIE MORRIS is "cracked in the head and that nothing which he says should be believed." Mrs. BLACK added that Detective E. E. REDDITT of the Community Relations Office, Memphis PD, 1310 South Florida St., stated that he had gotten CHARLES S. BALLARD a job with ABE SCHARF of the Model-Kraus Cleaners, that SCHARF wants to train BALLARD as a management trainee and ultimately set him up in his own business. REDDITT stated he could do nothing to influence OREE MC KENZIE, another former Invader, to get a job.

REDDITT stated that he was somewhat "teed off" and that he does not tell the Intelligence Bureau of the Memphis PD anything because he is not in the Intelligence Bureau and he has his own job to do in connection with community relations.

Later on 1/21/69 Mrs. BLACK furnished to the writer a photostat copy of a letter which she had received addressed to her as Miss KAY PITTMAN BLACK, 495 Union Ave., Memphis, Tenn. 38101, postmarked Memphis, Tenn., 1/14/69, bearing return address Mr. LANCE (SWEET WILLIE) WATSON, 150 Washington Ave., 4-A, Memphis, Tenn. (This would be the Shelby County Jail.) This letter reads:

"Dear Kay Pittman, First I like to take this opportunity to say to you that I don't have any personal animosity concerning you, but I know you are working for the new media, which is part of the system that oppress black people. And your job is get a story so the paper will sell, and also shape the thinking of those that read it.

"This is a dare, Miss Pittman, I don't believe you will print the words of a black man.

"Why I am fasting.

"I am in jail, the victim of a plot against me because I am a lion in the jungle and not the lion you find in the circus. The lion in the circus is trained to jump

when the trainer say jump, he must or he won't receive his meal. The lion in the jungle is educated. He is the auther of his own existence, he adapts to surroundings, but yet mantin his dignity and respect of those around him.

"He is feared because he chose death rather than defeat. There has been many black people who has said they are innocent of a crime and thre cry is unheard. I know I am innocent, the members of the organization know I am innocent, the people, which was only two, know I am innocent, the Police Department know I am innocent and most all my kids know I am innocent. They know their father was framed and will never forget it. How much longer do this society black people will sit around and watch black people go to jail and prison for crimes they didn't commit. Black people are tired of their sons, their daughters going to jail just because they are black.

"Ninety percent of the black people in the Nashville prison are from Memphis, there are 9 men on death row, 9 are black and 9 are from Memphis---???

"Each time their is a write up in the papers concerning me my prison record is also printed. What you fail to ralize that a prison record is nothing, in Washington we almost fought to go to jail. When a black person is sent to jail and prison, they are only taken from a large prison to a small one, you see while you see the large prison is the ghetto. When my record is printed, you say that the tax money that the black people pay for rehabilitation is another scheme to beat black people.

"The grass roots know I am innocent and by arresting me the movement increase, because when I returned to this city from Washington, D. C. I told people there and on nationwide TV that I would be framed and the people here also knew this. This will also come out in Life magazine, which will be released doing James Earl Ray trial. And also a leading black magazine. S. what has the police done, just what I said they would do, they have proved to the world there is a war against black people. They are guilty of conspiracy to imprison. I exchanged places with the person who were at Jump and Grab so I could be the lamb going to the slaughter.

ME 157-1258

I am not going on trial, every black person in Memphis is going on trial. I will prove there is no justice for a black man in the white man's courts.

"I was told there was plots against me by members of the Police Department who also suffer oppression. If we have people in every office in Washington, D. C., it was very, very easy to place our members in the offices here in Memphis. I know this was coming and I was ready for it, so the next step is the grade 1. Am ready for it also, a man who has nothing to live for is dead already. This is why we had planned a merger with the Black Panthers months ago. Each time you tried to stop a black leader you only make more.

"If black men can die in a war that costs \$295 a second that we pay for, and still suffer poverty and injustice, I can go to jail and even to the grave like Dr. King fighting against poverty and injustice. Brother Malcolm X was an ex-con now he is a prophet. I was asked why I was fasting well I am going to dramatize the hunger black people are suffering, and the police brutality and harassment, and my innocence. I will fast 7 days and then until it is detrimental to my health which will be 14-21 day. I will not eat anything and drink one glass of water a day.

(signed) UHURU (Freedom)
Liberation or Liquidation."

A copy of this is retained in the 1-A section of WINE's file, 157-1258.

517 S. Forest Ave.
Adel, Ga.
February 26, 1969

Dear Sirs,

If you would could you give
me some information on Martin
Luther King's assassination and
the trial of James Earl Ray. I
am doing a report on the assassination
of King in school and need all
the information I could have.
I would greatly appreciate the
information you could give me.

Thank you,

Johnny Elliott ✓

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March 10, 1969

Johnny Elliott
517 Forest Avenue
Adel, Georgia

Dear Johnny:

I have received your letter of February 26, 1969, requesting certain information about a case investigated by the FBI.

In reply to your inquiry, information in our files is confidential and cannot be disseminated. This is in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret, therefore, that I cannot furnish you any information in this matter.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT G. JENSEN
Special Agent in Charge

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