

SAC, KNOXVILLE (44-696)

6/20/69

SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

MURKIN

Re Knoxville letter to Bureau, 6/10/69.

JERRY RAY has been located and interviewed and has been uncooperative. Knoxville should discontinue efforts to interview JERRY RAY. ✓

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1 - Memphis

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SAC, ATLANTA

6/20/69

SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

MURKIN

Offices receiving this communication should  
discontinue efforts to locate Rev. JAMES L. BEVEL for  
interview in connection with this case.

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- 2 - Atlanta
- 1 - Charlotte
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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

DATE: 6/19/69

FROM : SAC, INDIANAPOLIS (44-563) (RUC)

*J. M. [unclear]*  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Jackson airtel to Memphis, 5/7/69 and Memphis airtel to the Bureau, 5/4/69.

In absence of instruction to conduct investigation set forth in referenced airtel dated 5/7/69, Indianapolis Division is conducting no further investigation in this matter and is considering it RUC.

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1 - Indianapolis  
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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, BIRMINGHAM  
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed for Birmingham are the original and one copy of U. S. Government bill of lading # D5015544, which covers a shipment by Railway Express of a rifle and 10 boxes of ammunition belonging to Aeromarine Supply of Birmingham.

Memphis has given a receipt for these items to the District Attorney General at Memphis, Tenn., and Birmingham should obtain a receipt from Aeromarine Supply.

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Aeromarine Supply (Rifle)*

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# King Wiretap *Verd* Called RFK's Idea Hoover Asserts Memo to FBI Cited Concern Over Marxism

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By JEREMIAH O'LEARY  
Star Staff Writer

Wiretapping of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s telephone was proposed to the FBI by then Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy in June, 1963, and authorized by him in writing later that year, FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover told The Star today.

Hoover revealed the contents of two memorandums in one of which Kennedy expressed concern about possible infiltration of the race issue by Marxists and spoke of allegations that the Negro leader was closely associated with Marxist ideas and followers.

That memorandum to Hoover, dated June, 1963, was written by Courtney Evans, then assistant director of the FBI and liaison man with the Justice Department. It reported the substance of a conversation Evans had just had with Kennedy in which the Attorney General asked about the feasibility of installing electronic devices on King's telephones. King headed the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

#### Concerned About Allegations

Kennedy, according to the Evans memo, was concerned about reports that King was a student of Marxism, that he was associating with a New York attorney with known Communist connections, but that he did not openly espouse Marxism because of his religious beliefs. The Evans memorandum indicated Kennedy wanted to know if it was technically feasible to use electronic devices to prove or disprove these allegations.

The Evans memo said Evans replied to Kennedy that King was a man who traveled almost constantly and that it was extremely difficult to use wiretaps effectively in such cases.

Hoover told The Star that FBI officials also informed Kennedy at that time that they doubted the advisability of undertaking electronic surveillance of Dr. King because of possible political repercussions.

However, the second memorandum cited by Hoover shows that on October 7, 1963, the FBI chief reported to Kennedy that it was then technically feasible to apply wiretaps to King's telephones at two places, one of them at an unnamed location in New York.

That memorandum constituted the FBI's request for authority

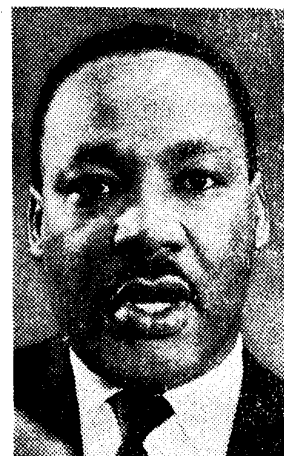
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J. EDGAR HOOVER



ROBERT F. KENNEDY



MARTIN LUTHER KING

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## WIRETAP

# King Wiretap RFK's Idea, Hoover Says

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to proceed with the wiretap proposed by Kennedy four months before. The document bears in the lower left-hand corner the signature, "Robert F. Kennedy," and under the name the date "10-10-63."

Hoover did not indicate to The Star when the surveillance was started but said the taps were discontinued on April 30, 1965. At that time Nicholas Katzenbach was serving as Attorney General.

Asked about the results of the electronic surveillance today, Hoover declined comment.

The FBI director told The Star: "I have never authorized installation of technical electronic devices without written authority of the Attorney General."

Today's disclosures climaxed a long smoldering controversy over the role of the FBI, a subordinate bureau of the Justice Department, in using wiretaps or other electronic devices in investigative matters. The matter came to a head Sunday when Carl Rowan, a columnist for The Star, charged that the FBI had no authority to wiretap Dr. King's conversations. He quoted former Attorney General Ramsey Clark, who succeeded Katzenbach, as saying "the implication that people thought Dr. King was a security threat is outrageous."

The Rowan charges prompted Associate FBI Director Clyde A. Tolson to write to Rowan early this week defending legality of the King wiretaps.

"For your information," Tolson said in his letter, "the wiretap on Martin Luther King Jr. was specifically approved in advance in writing by the late attorney general of the United States, Mr. Robert F. Kennedy."

Tolson added that the monitoring device was "strictly in the field of internal security and therefore was within the provision laid down by the President of the United States."

Evans, now a Washington lawyer, was en route to Puerto Rico today and could not be reached for comment. However, Tuesday night Evans said he had no recollection of whether a wiretap authorization directed at King had ever been involved in his discussion with Kennedy.

Aides to Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., said today he would have no comment on Hoover's disclosure.

Friends of Robert Kennedy had suggested in recent days that, during 1964, in the period after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, the attorney general's interest in some of his official affairs had flagged. However, the assassination came nearly six weeks after Robert Kennedy signed the authorization for the King wiretap.

Hoover and Kennedy, after the latter became a New York senator, accused each other of being responsible for use of hidden microphones in investigations.

Evans figured in that controversy when Kennedy made public a February, 1966, letter to him from Evans which made the point that the use of hidden microphones was not Kennedy's responsibility but suggested he may have directly approved the use of wiretaps on phones. That letter said the FBI sent national security wiretap requests to Kennedy for approval.

It is reliably reported that Kennedy was reminded by the FBI that it still had in its files the authorizations signed by him as Attorney General for telephonic wiretaps. However, Hoover did not disclose at that time any names of persons under wiretap surveillance with Kennedy's approval.

At that stage, Kennedy and Hoover broke off the public exchange of charges as if by mutual consent. This was regarded partly as due to Kennedy's realization that his signed authorizations were still in FBI files, partly to the FBI's desire not to have special attention drawn to its investigative techniques nor to engage in a battle with the Kennedy forces that could have political overtones.

The Justice Department on Tuesday declined a direct an-

swer when asked for documentation of Tolson's contention in his letter to Rowan. But earlier this month, a Justice Department spokesman said Hoover was "accurate in every respect" in his repeated statements that all wiretaps were being authorized in advance and in writing by the Attorney General during the time-span of the controversy.

A Justice department spokesman, asked today if Attorney General John N. Mitchell had given Hoover permission to discuss the contents of secret documents of the King wiretapping, replied simply, "no comment."

However, the spokesman recalled that the attorney general had declined to authorize disclosures in court of the basic authority for the wiretapping. Such disclosures had been demanded by defense lawyers in the Houston draft evasion hearing for former boxing champion Cassius Clay. It was during that hearing that the King wiretapping was officially revealed for the first time.

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Date **6-19-69**

RE:

☐ For information    ☐ Retention optional    ☐ For appropriate action    ☐ Surep, by \_\_\_\_\_

☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.

☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA \_\_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks: **For your information and guidance.**

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

DATE: 6/20/69

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114) (RUC)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Memphis airtel to Director dated 5/14/69.

Referenced airtel sets out information why it is not of any particular importance to establish whether or not JAMES EARL RAY stayed over night at Corinth, Mississippi, on April 2, 1968, and advised all offices to disregard leads set out in Jackson airtel dated May 7, 1969 unless specifically advised by the Bureau to cover same.

Inasmuch as no information has been received from Bureau regarding coverage of leads set out by Jackson, no further investigation is being conducted by Chicago and this case is being RUCed to the Office of Origin.

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM : SAC, BUTTE (173-2) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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OO: Memphis

ReBuairtel to Butte, 4/23/69, and myairtel,  
5/2/69.

Investigation has been conducted by the Butte Division to locate MORRIS R. McCARVER in the Idaho Falls, Idaho, area for the purpose of getting written permission from him to review his hospital records at Topeka State Hospital, Topeka, Kansas.

It was recently learned McCARVER is residing at the ROBERTS HOTEL, Roberts, Idaho. On 6/19/69, McCARVER was contacted and it was pointed out to him the Bureau desired to have his written consent to check his record at Topeka State Hospital. He stated at the time he would like to think this matter over and stated he could be contacted the following day. At the time of contact on 6/19/69, he was concerned as to whether or not the information he had furnished had been handled on a confidential basis and indicated he was still of the opinion if his identity was divulged his life might be in danger.

He seemed somewhat suspicious and unsure.

On 6/20/69, efforts were made to again contact

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McCARVER for his written permission to check his record at the Topeka State Hospital; however, McCARVER did not show for this contact.

The Butte Division will continue to endeavor to get written consent from McCARVER to check the Topeka State Hospital records, Topeka, Kansas. If obtained, this written consent will be immediately sent to the Kansas City Division.

3/25/69

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

MURKING  
(OO:ME)

LEONARD E. DOYLE, R-(PROB) (protect), who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on 3/24/69, that Mrs. MARJORIE ULEN, an employee of UPO, Washington, D.C., telephone 659-1100, extension 345 and a resident of 1515 Ogden St., N.W., WDC, (Cromwell Apartments), telephone 291-6320, telephonically contacted the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), WDC Office on 3/24/69. She reported that she had read in the paper in an article by JACK ANDERSON about the FBI investigation of the assassination of Doctor MARTIN LUTHER KING, and that she "has a leak" concerning same. She told SCLC that she worked for Representative GRIDER, Ninth Congressional District of Tennessee and that numerous amounts of mail had arrived at the Congressional Office while employed there. One particular post card she explained caught her attention and it was signed by a J. R. WILLARD, 3454 Chelsea Ave., Memphis, Tennessee. She related that she recalled each week WILLARD would send a card to representative GRIDER's office. The contents would always be along the same theme, that is that "Negroes and Jews" were running the country, that LBJ was giving the country to the Communist, and that "we will be waiting for your next election". ULEN continued that when first receiving these cards, routing answers were sent in reply and then later cards received were thrown in the

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wastebasket. She stated that the card always had a sticker on front stating "Communism killed KENNEDY". ULEN related to SCLC that she is from Memphis, Tennessee, and said that she checked the 1966 Memphis telephone directory and located a Willard Division Electrical Storage Battery Company and Memphis Automotive Plant listed for 3454 Chelsea Ave., Memphis, Tennessee. She continued that on the day after the KING assassination a WDC newspaper revealed a JOHN WILLARD had signed in a register book in a rooming house where JAMES EARL RAY was staying and from where the fatal shot of KING was fired. Subsequently and during the trial of RAY she stated that she never again heard the name WILLARD mentioned. She continued that on or about 4/6/68, she telephonically contacted the FBI and related the above and that she was informed that the Attorney General RAMSEY CLARK would be notified. A day or two later she contacted the United States Attorney General's office telephonically and was told no information of that nature had been forwarded to the Attorney General. She told the SCLC that she had related the above matter to a Mr. BENTON, Director of UPO and BENTON intimated there was no love lost between Doctor KING and the FBI. She implied that she thought that the FBI was covering the WILLARD aspect of the case for this reason. She said that she was going to contact JACK ANDERSON of the DREW PEARSON's staff and give the information to him. The SCLC office informed her not to give the information to anyone at this time and if the SCLC pursued the matter it would not want the newspapers involved in the matter before SCLC could check it out. She agreed to this and SCLC told her it would contact her later. She advised that she would cooperate in any way possible and that she felt it was time she told SCLC about it. She continued that two weeks ago former representative GRIDER, now Legal Counsel, Carborendum Corporation, Niagara Falls, New York, was in WDC, and she had lunch with him. They discussed the matter of WILLARD again including the FBI's involvement and GRIDER stated something was "very funny" about the whole thing.

Indices of WFO contain no record of Mrs. MARJORIE ULEN or J. K. R. WILLARD mentioned above.

WFO 44-703

Memphis requested to advise of any information regarding the above in order to facilitate handling by WFO and in maintaining contact with source.

For information, DOYLE is a paid staff member of the WDC SCLC office and was the recipient of the telephone call from Mrs. ULEN. He does not contemplate telling other SCLC officials about the matter.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

DATE: 6/30/69

FROM : SAC, WFO (44-703)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
(OO:ME)

Re WFO letter to the Bureau 3/25/69, WFO letter to the Bureau, 5/23/69, and Memphis letter to WFO 6/12/69.

Enclosed to Memphis is two copies of referenced WFO letter to the Bureau 3/25/69.

Memphis advise if any additional action should be taken by WFO.

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1- WFO

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*Copy of no consequence.  
WFO told to disregard.*

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The following investigation was conducted by SA CLARENCE A. GROOMS, JR. on May 22, 1969:

The Criss Cross Telephone Directory for Aiken, South Carolina, dated August, 1968, lists JOE N. BECKWITH residing at 34 Clemson Drive, College Park Sub Division, Aiken, South Carolina.

Records of the Aiken Credit Bureau, Aiken, South Carolina, checked by WILLIAM C. BURESS, owner, disclosed JOE N. BECKWITH and wife MAXINE have been carried in file since 1957. His employment is shown as Patrol Captain, E. I. DuPont de Nemours Company (DuPont), Savannah River Plant (SRP), Aiken, South Carolina. He has an excellent credit rating and no further pertinent information is noted.

Records of the Aiken, South Carolina, Police Department and the Aiken County Sheriff's Office, both Aiken, South Carolina, checked by Mrs. RUBY DUFFIE, secretary, and Deputy Sheriff HENRY C. NIKES, respectively, disclosed no information identifiable with JOE N. BECKWITH or MAXINE BECKWITH.

ARTHUR N. TURNER, Chief, Personnel Security Branch, Atomic Energy Commission, SRP, made available records showing JOE NELSON BECKWITH, with present residence at 34 Clemson Drive, Aiken, South Carolina, has been employed by DuPont at the SRP since June 12, 1951, and is presently a Captain in the Patrol Division. No pertinent information is noted in the above record concerning BECKWITH.

On May 26, 1969, Mr. TURNER was recontacted and caused a search to be made of leave records for JOE N. BECKWITH maintained by E. I. DuPont de Nemours Company, SRP, and these records disclosed BECKWITH was working at the SRP during the period March 29, 1968, through April 3, 1968.

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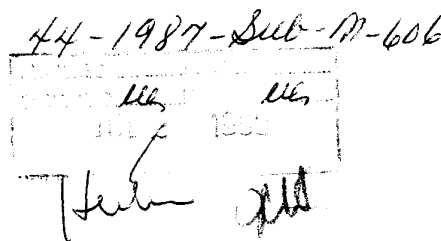
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RE: Mr. and Mrs. T. REDYKE  
206 Vine Street  
Gaffney, South Carolina

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA JOHN F. MCCORMACK:

AT GAFFNEY, SOUTH CAROLINA

On June 5, 1969, Sheriff JULIAN WRIGHT, Cherokee County Sheriff's Office, advised that FRED REDYKE, who resides at 206 Vine Street, Gaffney, with his wife, HILDA, is retired. He related that he is a very respected citizen of the community and is the father-in-law of South Carolina Circuit Judge WADE WEATHERFORD who also resides in Gaffney, South Carolina.





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RE: SAM MITCHELL  
Box 893  
Charleston, South Carolina

On May 22, 1969, FRANCIS OLIVER, Credit Bureau of Greater Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina, advised SA WARDLAW E. SKINNER that he was unable to identify SAM MITCHELL, described above, from information in his files.

Additional investigation is being conducted to identify MITCHELL from his South Carolina license number and through his address, Post Office Box 893, Charleston, South Carolina.

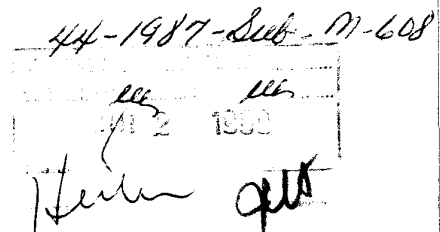
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The following individuals advised SA PAUL C. TIGUE, JR., that a check of their records failed to reveal any identifiable information with an EVERETT MARSDEN:

Sheriff L. W. WALLACE  
Beaufort County Sheriff's Office  
Beaufort, South Carolina

JOHN LYNCH, Clerk,  
Police Department  
Beaufort, South Carolina.

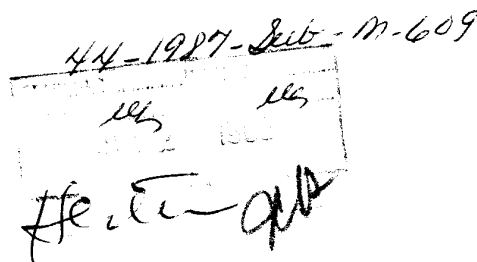


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ADMINISTRATIVE:

RE: KARL G. KING  
Route 3, Box 296  
Sumter, South Carolina

On 6-9-69 REID JORDAN (protect identity), U. S. Post Office, Sumter, S. C., advised SA ROBERT D. GEIGER that KARL G. KING formerly rented a house in the Stateburg Section of Sumter County. He said KING has been overseas for approximately six months and he does not know whether KING is expected to return to Sumter.



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RE: Mrs. E. H. YEAGER  
2627 South Winston  
Tulsa, Oklahoma  
South Carolina License Number #52279  
Impala Chevrolet

On June 24, 1969, Mrs. MAE YOUNG, Car Registration Section, South Carolina Highway Department, Columbia, South Carolina, advised SA MULBROW E. MILLS that 1968 South Carolina License #52279 was issued on February 16, 1968, to E. H. YEAGER, 702 Edwards Road, Greenville, South Carolina, for a 1965 Chevrolet, two door.

It is to be noted that captioned address indicated above person resided in Tulsa, Oklahoma in April, 1969; therefore no investigation is being conducted at Greenville, South Carolina.

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RE: KARL G. KING  
Route 3, Box 296  
Sumter, South Carolina

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA ROBERT D. GEIGER:

On June 2, 1969, the following persons advised their records did not contain any information identifiable with KARL G. KING:

DON KALAS, Clerk, Sumter County Sheriff's Office  
Patrolman RAY ISGETT, Police Department.

On June 2, 1969, Mrs. LOUISE HENRY, Clerk, Sumter Credit Bureau, furnished the following information concerning KARL G. KING:

A report dated December 4, 1967, shows KING as a captain in the Air Force, attached to the Ninth Air Rescue Squadron, residing with his wife, ANNE, at Route 3, Box 297-A, Sumter. His occupation was listed as pilot and his age at that time was 31. He had spent twelve years in the Air Force. His permanent address was listed as care of General Delivery, Niangua, Missouri.

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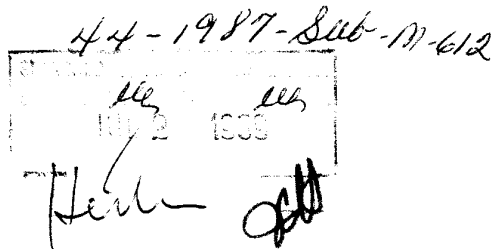
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RE: L. E. PRICE  
Route 2  
Greenville, South Carolina  
Ohio License Number 177190

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA JACK C. WARD, at Greenville, South Carolina, on June 24,  
1969:

A check of the Current City and Telephone Directories  
for Greenville disclosed no information regarding above-named  
individual.

WILLIAM W. TAYLOR, JR., Manager, Credit Bureau of  
Greenville, and Mrs. CANILLA GROSSI, Clerical Employee,  
Greenville County Sheriff's Office, advised that they have no  
record regarding above-named individual.



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ADMINISTRATIVE:

RE: L. E. PRICE  
Route 2  
Greenville, South Carolina

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA JACK C. WARD, at Greenville, S. C.:

On 6-24-69 Mrs. SYBIL WILSON, Secretary to the  
Superintendent of Mails, Greenville, after reviewing her  
route books, advised she had no information concerning  
above-named individual.

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corrected 7/14/69 (un)  
per R/S fr. Co 7/3/69

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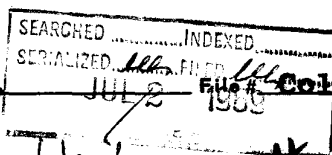
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Mr. FRED REDYKE, 206 Vine Street, advised that sometime around March, 1968, he and his wife traveled through the state of Mississippi en route on vacation to Las Vegas, Nevada. He related that he recalled vaguely stopping off overnight at a motel in some small city in Mississippi.

He commented that in view of the fact that the trip was a vacation and since he is retired, he and his wife took their time crossing the country and, therefore, he is vague as to where they stopped during the nights.

On 6/5/69 at Gaffney, S. C.

by SA JOHN F. McCORMACK/bmk



Columbia 44-299

6/5/69

Date dictated *opt*

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 6/3/69

JOE NELSON BECKWITH was interviewed at his residence, 34 Clemson Drive, Aiken, South Carolina. BECKWITH's wife, MAXINE BECKWITH, was present during the interview.

BECKWITH advised his wife's parents reside at Chelsa, Oklahoma, and that his parents reside at Nowata, Oklahoma, and that he, his wife and two sons in the past have stayed at the Southern Motel, Highway 72 West, Corinth, Mississippi, during their travel from Aiken, South Carolina, to the above noted cities.

Mr. BECKWITH, with the concurrence of his wife, stated he is positive he nor his family were traveling to Oklahoma during the period March 29, 1968, through April 3, 1968, and therefore could not have been registered at the Southern Motel during this period of time. He noted his children would have been in school and he would recall traveling with them at this period of time or leaving them at home.

Mr. BECKWITH further stated there are no members of his family having the same first and middle names as he does who may have utilized his address, and that he had no loss of any credit cards or other identification which some other individual may be utilizing.

In conclusion, Mr. BECKWITH pointed out that neither he nor his family has ever stayed at the Southern Motel for more than one night, and that the only time he can recall staying at this motel during 1968 was during the Christmas holidays.

On 5/26/69 at Aiken, S. C.

File # Columbia 44-299

by SA CLARENCE A. GROOMS, JR.:nms

Date dictated 5/28/69

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1Date 6-3-69

Mrs. STANLEY BOND, Beaufort Credit Bureau, advised that her records indicate EVERETT MARSDEN, Post Office Box 555, Port Royal, South Carolina, is retired from the United States Navy and presently employed at the Ribaut Pharmacy. She said his credit has been excellent and she believes he worked for Sears Roebuck in Beaufort previously. Mrs. BOND also advised that he has a daughter (name unknown) who is a nurse at the United States Naval Hospital, Beaufort.

On 5-27-69 at Beaufort, S. C. File # Columbia 44-299  
by SA PAUL C. TIGUE, JR.:mhm:cej Memphis 44-1987-Sub-M-616  
5-27-69 Date dictated 5-27-69

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, COLUMBIA (44-299) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReMEairtel to Bureau, 5-14-69.

Enclosed are items as follows:

(1) Nine copies of an insert showing investigation conducted by SA CLARENCE A. GROOMS, JR., on 5-22-69.

(2) Nine copies of FD-302 showing interview with JOE BECKWITH, 5-26-69, at Aiken, S. C.

(3) Nine copies of FD-302 re investigation 5-27-69 at Beaufort, S. C., by SA PAUL C. TIGUE, JR., concerning EVERETT MARSDEN of Port Royal, S. C.

(3a) Nine copies of insert re arrest check on EVERETT MARSDEN.

(4) Nine copies of an insert showing investigation at Charleston, S. C., concerning SAM MITCHELL, Box 893, Charleston, S. C.

(5) Nine copies of an insert concerning investigation at Gaffney, S. C., concerning Mr. and Mrs. T. REDYHE.

(6) Nine copies of an FD-302 reflecting interview on 6-5-69 at Gaffney, S. C., with Mr. FRED REDYKE, 206 Vine Street.

② - Memphis (Enc. 108) <sup>107 44</sup>

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(7) Nine copies of an insert reflecting investigation at Greenville, S. C., re L. E. PRICE, Route 2.

(8) Nine copies of insert containing administrative data re L. E. PRICE, Route 2.

(9) Nine copies of insert re investigation at Columbia re Mrs. E. H. YEAGER, Tulsa, Oklahoma, S. C. License #E52279.

(10) Nine copies of insert reflecting investigation at Sumter, S. C., re KARL G. KING.

(11) Nine copies of an administrative insert re KARL G. KING, Sumter, S. C.

For the information of Memphis, Page 22, of FD-302, 4-14-69 by SA JOHN S. CASTLES at Corinth, Miss, with DON M. STRICKLAND, Manager, Holiday Inn, last name on page is Mrs. E. H. YEAGER of Tulsa, Oklahoma; S. C. License E52279. It is noted 1969 S. C. license, as reflected in enclosures, is now listed to HERBERT W. POWELL, Route 2, Belton, S. C.; however, no investigation is being conducted concerning this individual.

For information of Memphis, FD-302, 4-15-69, at Corinth, Miss., of FRANCIS C. HONAN, Page 3, lists SAM MITCHELL, Box 893, Charleston, S. C., S. C. License 40868.

For information of Memphis, all South Carolina vehicle license numbers have an alphabetical prefix without which it is impossible to determine to whom it was issued.

LEADS: For the information of Memphis, indices of the Columbia Office contain no information re motel registrants with S. C. addresses or S. C. license tags.

CO 44-299

LEADS:

COLUMBIA:

AT COLUMBIA, S. C.

Will contact MVD re License #40868 for 1968 with various alphabetical prefixes and attempt to obtain home address for SAM MITCHELL, Box 893, Charleston, S. C.

AT CHARLESTON, S. C.

Will, through Post Office, attempt to obtain address of SAM MITCHELL, P. O. Box 893, and attempt to identify this individual hoping to establish whether he may have accompanied or been in contact with JAMES EARL RAY during March or April, 1968, making absolutely no indication that this investigation has any connection with the case involving JAMES EARL RAY or the assassination of Dr. KING.

SAC, Butte (173-2)

7-2-69

Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

ReBTairtels 5-2-69 and 6-24-69.

SuLHM setting forth pertinent information in both airtels appropriately covering identity of McGarver and make no further efforts to obtain his permission to review his hospital records other than insuring that he is on notice that your office will await his decision if he desires to contact your office at a later date.

Butte close your case.

1 - Memphis (Info) (44-1987)

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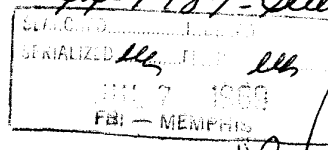
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ADMINISTRATIVE:

RE: SAM MITCHELL  
Box 893  
Charleston, S. C.

On June 24, 1969, HAROLD LAWRIMORE, General Delivery Window, United States Post Office, Charleston, South Carolina (protect identity), advised SA WARDLAW E. SKINNER that Post Office Box 893 is listed to Sellers Transfer Company, 6 Hasell Street, Charleston, South Carolina.



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RE: SAM MITCHELL  
Box 893  
Charleston, S. C.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA WARDLAW E. SKINNER:

FRANCIS OLIVER, Credit Bureau of Greater Charleston, South Carolina, advised on June 24, 1969, that his records indicate that SAMUEL A. MITCHELL and his wife, ROBERTA, Route 3, Box 289, Johns Island, South Carolina, has been listed in the files of his bureau since 1939.

The records indicate that MITCHELL has been employed by SELLERS Transfer Company, Charleston, South Carolina, as an over the road household goods truck driver since 1957. He was previously employed by McAlister Transfer Company, Charleston, South Carolina. He has a satisfactory credit rating and no unfavorable information concerning him appears in the record.

Since MITCHELL is employed as a truck driver of household goods and would have ample reason to travel extensively, no additional investigation is being conducted regarding him.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

DATE: 7/3/69

FROM : SAC, COLUMBIA (44-299) RUC

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re CO airtel to Memphis, 6/30/69.

Enclosed for Memphis are nine copies each of an insert re investigation to identify SAM MITCHELL P. O. Box 893, Charleston, S. C. and an administrative insert re this individual.

For the information of Memphis, an insert re MITCHELL was previously submitted with reairtel but his identity had not been established at that time.

Memphis will note that no further investigation is being conducted concerning S. C. license number 40868, which was reportedly on the vehicle which was being driven by SAM MITCHELL who stayed at Phillips Motel, Corinth, Miss., during March - April, 1968 since Mitchell has been identified.

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AIRMAIL

Via \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Reurairtel, 6/20/69.

The .243 caliber Remington Rifle and ten boxes of ammunition were on 7/3/69 delivered to Messrs. DONALD F. WOOD and ROBERT E. WOOD, Aeromarine, Eastwood Mall, Birmingham, and receipt obtained. Request made by them that the original and yellow copy of the invoice covering sale of the rifle to subject as HARVEY LOWMEYER be obtained and returned to them. In view of their past cooperation, it is requested that the District Attorney General at Memphis be contacted.

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Special Agent in Charge

SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

7/9/69

SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

MURKIN

Re Birmingham airtel 7/5/69, regarding request made by owners of Aeromarine, Birmingham, that we return to them copies of the invoice reflecting the sale of a .243 caliber Remington rifle to the subject as HARVEY LOWMEYER.

On 7/9/69, this was discussed with Mr. JOHN CARLYLE of the District Attorney's Office. He stated that Attorney J. CLYDE MASON, who is now handling this case, is presently out of town, and this matter will be discussed with Mr. MASON when he returns. Mr. CARLYLE said he feels certain that Mr. MASON will not wish to give up possession of this invoice until such time as JAMES EARL RAY has exhausted all his rights of appeal. In the event Mr. MASON is willing to return this invoice, he will be requested to return it directly to Aeromarine at Birmingham.

2 - Birmingham  
② - Memphis

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7/10/69

AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-78861)  
FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau Airtel to Memphis, 7/9/69.

On 7/10/69, Executive Assistant District Attorney General LLOYD A. RHODES, Memphis, Tenn., advised that the matter presently pending before the Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals is a Writ of Certiorari. If the ruling on this Writ is favorable to the subject, RAY, it means simply that the Court of Criminal Appeals will look into this case, following which they may or may not grant him a trial. If they do not rule favorably to RAY, it is expected that RAY will file a Writ of Habeas Corpus seeking consideration under the Post-Conviction Act. It would then be possible under this Act for RAY to receive a trial in the Shelby County Criminal Court.

If RAY is denied relief under the Post-Conviction Act, it is anticipated that he will then file a Writ of Habeas Corpus in the U. S. District Court, presumably for the Western District of Tennessee, in which he would undoubtedly allege he had been denied due process. It is within the power of the U. S. District Court to order that RAY be granted a trial in Shelby County Criminal Court. If the District Court does not so order, RAY would then have the right of appeal to the U. S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit and thereafter to the U. S. Supreme Court.

Mr. RHODES stated he does not see an end to the possible appeals of JAMES EARL RAY within the next several years.

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MURKIN

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Re WFO letter to Director 3-25-69, reporting a conversation between Mrs. MARJORIE ULEN, an employee of UPO, Washington, D. C., and LEONARD E. DOYLE, R (PROB), who, in addition to being an informant, is also a paid staff member of the Washington SCLC Office. Mrs. ULEN felt there was some connection between one J. R. WILLARD of Memphis, Tennessee, who was a frequent correspondent of former U. S. Representative GEORGE GRIDER, 9th Congressional District of Tennessee, and the fact that the subject RAY used the name WILLARD when he registered in a rooming house at Memphis, Tennessee, on the day he murdered KING.

Investigation has not disclosed any reason for the subject's using the name WILLARD, nor is he known to have used it except in this one instance.

There is no reason to believe that Mrs. ULEN's information is of any consequence or that it deserves any further action. Accordingly, it is suggested that WFO take no further action concerning this information.

2 Bureau  
1 WFO  
① Memphis

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Date: **July 9, 1969**Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via **AIRTEL** \_\_\_\_\_

(Priority)

**TO: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)****✓ FROM: Director, FBI (44-78861)****PERSONAL ATTENTION****MURKIN**

It is noted that on 3-10-69, James Earl Ray entered a plea of guilty to charges of murder in state court, Memphis, Tennessee, and received a sentence of 99 years. Attorneys for Ray then filed a motion for a new trial and on 5-26-69, the state court judge denied this motion.

Recent news accounts state that Chief Judge Mark A. Walker of the Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals, Covington, Tennessee, granted a petition submitted to him on 6-25-69, by Ray's attorneys to have the court review the trial record of Ray's conviction and the Appeals Court will rule on 7-15-69, in Knoxville, whether it should consider an appeal by Ray for a new trial.

You are requested to immediately ascertain through your appropriate state sources the current status of state prosecutive action on this matter. This should include information as to what the nature of proceedings will be if appeal granted or if denied what further legal recourse Ray will have and any other details of pertinence. You should ascertain from the prosecuting attorney what his evaluation or observations are relative to current or subsequent legal actions on the part of Ray and/or his attorneys.

Handle and submit reply promptly.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date July 9, 1969

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DOUGLAS RALPH McEWEN, also known as TOM McEWEN, Inmate, Wayne County Jail, Richmond, Indiana, at his request was interviewed at Richmond, Indiana. McEWEN was furnished with a Warning and Waiver Form which he refused to execute, but stated that he desired to volunteer the following information:

He stated that he had been incarcerated at the Sheriff's Office Jail, Oxford, Mississippi, for sixteen months having been fighting an order of extradition since he did not desire to be returned to Richmond, Indiana, to face charges of armed robbery pending against him at Richmond, Indiana.

He stated that while incarcerated at Oxford, Mississippi, for a period of sixteen months he had become acquainted with one HUGH POLK of Vance, Mississippi, who is now at Atlanta, Georgia, in the Federal Prison doing fifteen years for either bank or post office burglary.

McEWEN stated that POLK had informed him that the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING was not what it appeared to be. He advised McEWEN that on one occasion he had been approached to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING but had refused to do so. The individuals that had approached POLK were known only to McEWEN as a group of businessmen.

McEWEN stated that KING was also supposed to have been shot in the State of Mississippi. He advised further that JAMES EARL RAY did not actually kill MARTIN LUTHER KING, but the individual who did presently resides in Mississippi.

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On 7/1/69 at Richmond, Indiana File # IP 88-7718

by SA Donald H. Kidd/lkz

Date dictated 7/2/69

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McEWEN also advised that POLK informed him that on one occasion he had burglarized a bank in Mississippi and obtained \$9,000. The bank which allegedly is located in a small Mississippi town was entered by breaking through a window.

McEWEN also stated that POLK had informed him that he knew how to utilize a burning bar.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS

DATE: 7/9/69

FROM : SAC, INDIANAPOLIS (88-7718) (P)

SUBJECT: DOUGLAS RALPH McEWEN; aka;  
UFAP - ARMED ROBBERY

OO: INDIANAPOLIS

Re Jackson letter to Indianapolis, dated 3/24/69.

Enclosed for Memphis and Jackson for information purposes only is one copy of an FD 302 reflecting an interview with DOUGLAS RALPH McEWEN.

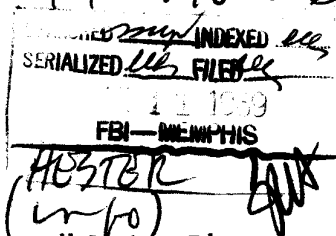
The foregoing FD 302 is being furnished to the Jackson Division because of the information dealing with possible information re a bank burglary in the Jackson Division.

- ① - Memphis (Encl. 1)
- 1 - Jackson (Encl. 1) (26-4348)
- 1 - Indianapolis

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7-15-69 URGENT BPW

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM KNOXVILLE (44-696)

MURKIN.

A PETITION FOR CERTIORARI IN CASE OF STATE OF TENN.  
VS. JAMES EARL RAY FILED IN COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS AT  
KNOXVILLE, TENN., JULY NINE LAST. PETITION HEARD BEFORE  
COURT AT KNOXVILLE TODAY AND PETITION FOR CERTIORARI DENIED  
AS NOT WELL TAKEN. COPIES OF PETITIONS ALD ORDER BEING  
FORWARDED.

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Date: 7-17-69

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(Priority)

✓ To: SAC, Memphis

✓ From: Director, FBI

MURKIN

Reurlet 6-19-69, sending check to Bureau covering the three twenty dollar bills retained as evidence which bills were to be deposited in Memphis Confidential fund since according to your letter they are no longer of evidentiary value.

You should furnish specific basis for such determination and take no action regarding these bills unless specifically instructed to do so by the Bureau.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

5/27/69

SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

MURKIN

Re Dallas airtel to Bureau, 3/19/69.

Enclosed herewith for Mobile is one copy of LHM dated 3/11/69, at Atlanta; one copy of LHM dated 3/19/69, at Dallas, both captioned "Anonymous Accusation Alleging Participation of Raymond Polacco in Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr."; and one copy of Dallas airtel to Bureau, 3/19/69.

Numerous efforts have been made to contact Mr. or Mrs. ALFRED CALALAY, 4550 Ridgecrest Drive, Forest Park, Georgia. Mrs. CALALAY was located at that address 5/14/69, and advised that Mr. and Mrs. RAYMOND POLACCO formerly lived diagonally across the street from him. They moved about 2 months ago and left a forwarding address of 1004 21st Street, Phenix City, Ala. He said that is the residence of Mrs. POLACCO's parents, Mr. and Mrs. (FNU) JENKINS.

The current Atlanta telephone directory reflects telephone number 404-361-7297, is listed to ALFRED CALALAY, 4550 Ridgecrest Drive, Forest Park, Ga.

Mr. CALALAY advised POLACCO was a continuous nuisance to them and frequently used their telephone. He believed he recalled POLACCO one time called or talked with a Mr. GRIFFIN in Texas.

LEADS

MOBILE

AT PHENIX CITY, ALABAMA

Contact RAYMOND POLACCO, 1004 21st St., to determine if he has any knowledge of the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and resolve the allegations made in the anonymous letter apparently written by JOHNNIE ERNEST GRIFFIN.

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7/24/69

AIRTEL

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

Re Bureau airtel 7/17/69, concerning the three (3) twenty dollar bills which were obtained from Mrs. BESSIE BREWER, the operator of the rooming house where JAMES EARL RAY rented a room at Memphis, Tenn., on the day of the killing.

It was Mrs. BREWER's recollection that RAY paid for his room with a \$20.00 bill. When BREWER was interviewed several hours after the murder, she had three such bills in her possession. She believed that one of these had been given her by RAY, but she had absolutely no way of knowing which bill he had given her.

The three (3) twenty dollar bills obtained from Mrs. BREWER were submitted to the FBI Identification Division where an examination disclosed no latent fingerprints identifiable with RAY. It cannot be said with any certainty that RAY was ever in possession of any one of these bills. It is entirely possible that BREWER was wrong in her recollection of the manner in which RAY paid for the room, and it is also possible that in the hours between the time she rented the room and her interview with the FBI Agents, she may have disposed of the bill given to her by RAY.

Airtel Teletype  
This case was prepared for trial by Executive Assistant District Attorney ROBERT DWYER, now a Judge on the Tennessee Court of Appeals, who has advised that since he could not prove any link between RAY and these bills, these bills fail to have any evidentiary value. District Attorney General PHIL CANALE and I concur with Mr. DWYER. Attorney General CANALE has

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indicated that he has no further use for these bills, and I recommend that they be disposed of in accordance with my previous suggestion.

The Bureau's attention is called to the fact that other, better evidence is available to connect RAY with the scene of this crime.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

DATE: 7/24/69

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (RUC)

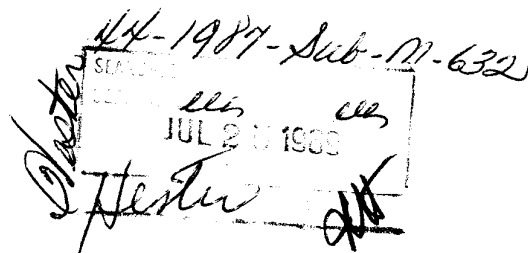
SUBJECT: MURKIN

In view of the fact there is no investigation outstanding regarding this matter in the Springfield Division, Springfield file is being RUC'd.

② Memphis (44-1987)  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Butte, Montana  
July 24, 1968

MURDER OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING

On April 14, 1968, Mr. VIRGIL CROW, Chief of Medical Records, Topeka State Hospital, Topeka, Kansas, advised that his records reflect that MORRIS R. McCARVER was voluntarily committed as a patient on April 8, 1968. Mr. McCARVER listed his residence at Harvey County, Kansas. McCARVER went AWOL from that hospital and was discharged from the hospital as AWOL on June 1, 1968. Mr. CROW stated that the hospital regulations prohibited giving out further information without written consent of the patient.

On June 19, 1968, MORRIS R. McCARVER was contacted in Roberts, Idaho, and request was made for his written consent to check his record at Topeka State Hospital, Topeka, Kansas. He stated he would like to think this matter over and never did furnish written consent to make this check.

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, BUTTE (173-2) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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OO: Memphis

ReBulet, 7/2/69.

Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies of LHM, which is self-explanatory.

Enclosed for Memphis are two copies of this LHM.

MORRIS R. McCARVER was determined to be residing at the present time in Mud Lake, Idaho, and he will be contacted in the immediate future and advised that the FBI will await his decision to review his hospital records at Topeka State Hospital, Topeka, Kansas, and that if he decides to give his consent to have the Bureau check these records, he should contact the FBI Office at Idaho Falls, Idaho. As soon as he is contacted and advised of this fact, the Butte Division will close its case administratively.

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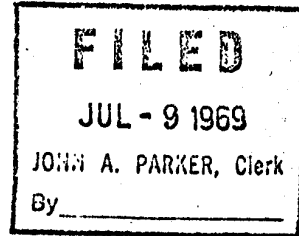
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TO THE JUSTICES OF THE  
TENNESSEE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS  
HOLDING COURT AT KNOXVILLE

JAMES EARL RAY

VS.

STATE OF TENNESSEE



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PETITION FOR CERTIORARI

The merits of this appeal involve matters which have previously been addressed to the Honorable Arthur C. Faquin, Judge by interchange of the Criminal Court of Shelby County Tennessee, Division III.

Your petitioner urges that Justice Faquin was in error in refusing to either grant or even acknowledge the existence of a motion for a new trial when asked for and for denying your petitioner all rights of appeal from his findings.

More specifically, your petitioner would point out to the Court that the petitioner, James Earl Ray, was charged with the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King, said murder being in the first degree. The trial on this matter was had upon March 10, 1969, in which a jury was empaneled; and the jury apparently approved a 99 year sentence (which, it is claimed, was agreed upon). However, on March 31, 1969, Judge Battle died.

On March 13 and March 26, the petitioner James Earl Ray, wrote Judge Battle requesting an appeal. Upon May 26, a hearing was had upon a motion for a new trial and the State's Motion To Strike. The State urged that petitioner's motion should be entitled "Motion For a New Trial" for, as the State claims, there was never a trial in the first place; and without a trial, there could be no motion for a new one, or an appeal from one. The Court obviously accepted this logic and stated that it was hearing the State's motion upon two theories. That there is no