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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P  
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Sheriff WILLIAM N. MORRIS, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, advised on 11-19-68 he was in receipt of information that might be of interest to the FBI. This information is as follows:

JAMES EARL RAY has advised WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE that he thought because of recent developments there might be a different approach to his trial, but that the final decision would be left up to PERCY FOREMAN, the new attorney. RAY also requested that any payments that might be due him for attorneys fees not be sent to anyone, including RAY's brother JERRY. RAY also reportedly told Mr. HUIE that he had read an article indicating that HANES is supposedly negotiating with "Life" magazine to sell the defense file which he was going to present at RAY's trial. RAY said that if this were so it would affect to a considerable degree the story being written by Mr. HUIE. RAY suggested to HUIE that in the event he wanted to correspond with RAY again he should do so through Mr. FOREMAN.

The foregoing information is furnished for the Bureau's information. Any other information received will also be furnished the Bureau.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-1067)

FROM : SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE

SUBJECT: BLACK ORGANIZING PROJECT, aka.  
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DATE: 12/6/68

On 11/12/68 Lt. E. H. ARKIN, Intelligence Bureau, Memphis Police Department, furnished to SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE a copy of Police Department memorandum dated 11/8/68 re "Activities of Agent 501 for 11/6/68." (501 is Police Department undercover agent, code name "DONALD DUCK.")

A Xerox copy of same is attached to each copy of this memorandum.

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**G. P. Tines, Inspector,  
Intelligence Bureau.**

**Lt. E. H. Arkin,  
Intelligence Bureau.**

**Activities Agent 501, for  
11/6/68.**

**November 8, 1968.**

**At 4PM November 7, 1968 agent 501 called this office and gave the following report.  
for November 6, 1968.**

**At 6:30PM November 6, 1968 the Striking Hospital Workers had a meeting at Clayborn Temple, and at that time there were approximately 500 of them. This number was increased to about 700 by 8PM. They were waiting for Union Officials Jesse Epps and William Lucy. JESSE EPPS and WM LUCY along with T. O. JONES and REV. H. RALPH JACKSON, did not arrive at Clayborn Temple until 11:15PM.**

**While waiting on EPPS et al. at 8PM a Male Negro, <sup>aka RAMON FULLER.</sup> RAYMOND FULLER, came into the temple at which time SWEET WILLY WINE aka LANCE WATSON asked this subject about a threat he allegedly made on SWEET WILLY'S life the night before. FULLER denied this and insisted that he did not make the threat. Another Male Negro WINSTON MIDDLETON entered the conversation and stated that FULLER did make the statement the night before. Again FULLER denied it and said as far as he was concerned this was a personal thing between he and MIDDLETON. SWEET WILLY told both of them at this time to just forget it, for he could see no reason why FULLER wanted to kill him. WINE further commented, "Let's just pile all this mess into the middle of the floor, and sweep it out the door."**

**At 10PM 11/6/68 SWEET WILLY WINE went into the Sanctuary of Clayborn Temple, by this time there being approx. 700 people in the Temple, and WINE addressed them, stating, "They were supposed to be here," referring to EPPS, LUCY, JONES and MIDDLEBROOK, and the reason they were supposed to be here is to clear up the truth as well as the lies about the threats that EPPS had told you about the INVADERS. (EPPS had put it out to the Hospital Strikers, that the Invaders were going to blow up Clayborn Temple, as well as attack some of the Hospital Strikers physically.) WINE stated then that all of this was a lie, because, "Our fight is not with you." WINE further stated, "We will find out who the rats are when they get here." "The fact is we have thrown some poison, and that poison being the truth, into the rat hole, and now all of the rats want to get out and save face at the same time." Then WINE stated, referring to EPPS et al., that they were already an hour and a half late, but that they had promised to be there.**

**At 11:15PM on November 6, 1968, JESSE EPPS, WILLIAM LUCY, T. O. JONES, and REV H. RALPH JACKSON arrived at Clayborn Temple. JESSE EPPS was the first to speak.**

**"We have been told some things about Mr. JONES, that may indicate a trick in the game. MR. JONES told us that MR. HORTON came to the Meeting at Dr. Price's House, with two City Policemen as bodyguards, and that the reason he had them is because someone had told him (MR. HORTON) that there was a plan to assassinate him. The fact is, this is not the truth. The only thing we want to do to MR. HORTON is to try to get him to talk to us.**

I have been offered a job at \$25,000.00 a year plus expenses. This offer came just last month. I turned it down because I realized I could best serve here. As you know I was in Baltimore when you first went out on Strike. And at first I refused to come to Memphis because I thought that I did not have any influence here. I told them if they wanted me to come to Memphis they should take a poll of the striking Hospital Workers and if the majority wanted me I would be here on the next flight. So I am here, and have sought a settlement that I thought would be fair to everyone involved. Now I want to give MR. JONES a chance to speak. Just prior to turning the meeting over to T. O. JONES, EPPS stated that MR JONES, time as president of the local Union has expired. He can either run for re-election or he will be given a position on the International Staff of AFSCM.

At this time T. O. JONES took over the meeting., and stated " MR. EPPS made a remarkable speech tonight. However, he did not tell the truth. There is nothing I hate worse than a polished lie. I told Mr. EPPS, that the reason that Mr. HORTON had the Police with him was that Mr. HOLLOMAN, had assigned them to him because he thought he should have them. Now these were the very words that I told EPPS, because this is how it had been explained to me. " Then T. O. Jones turned to JESSE EPPS and asked if he wished to comment on this, and EPPS said, "No. "

T. O. JONES then continued. " Now here are my credentials for your observation. If you feel that I am not the elected president of Local #1733. I am will be president of Local #1733 until December 31, 1969. I don't have to run for anything until then. I also have in my possession the ballot I was elected on, and my credentials were signed by JERRY WURF, president of AFSCME., the same man who signed JESSE EPPS credentials and those of WILLIAM LUCY. I did not have to do anything to help lead in this strike, but I did because I wanted to help out, especially after Mr. HORTON had stated the City would not talk. Now I was the man that got the City and Mr. HORTON to sit down and talk. " "If MR. EPPS would tell you the truth, he would tell you the same thing that I have said. I did not override or interfere with his position in any way. All I did was to accomplish what he was unable to accomplish. Now you don't have to believe me if you don't want to. (At this time the audience response was, "Don't Worry we' won't" ) Agent 501 elaborated on the audience response during this time stating, that JESSE EPPS had selected people possibly stewards in the Union in the audience with instructions on when to clap, and when to speak out pro or con. to any particular speaker.)

JESSE EPPS then got up as T. O. JONES left the podium and ordered all Non-Union people out of the Church. ( 501 states the reason this was done was to get SWEET WILLY WINE out of the auditorium, so he would not have a chance to confront JESSE EPPS in front of such a large audience with the allegation that EPPS had been putting it out that the Invaders were going to blow up Clayborn Temple and physically harm some of the strike workers.)

The Non-Union people were asked to leave the building at 12:30AM November 7, 1968. SWEET WILLY WINE et al. were outside while the Union was inside supposedly presenting to the strikers the nature of the settlement.

At this time SWEET WILLY WINE, T. O. JONES who walked out with the Invaders, MELVIN SMITH, JOHN SMITH, MAURICE KEYS, ROY TURNKES and FRANK MITCHELL, along with DONALD PIGFORD went to the rear of Clayborn Temple and went into the BUF offices.

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*Upon entering the BUF offices. T. O. JONES asked SWEET WILLY WINE if he believed that JONES had told the truth, and that EPPS was the man doing all of the lying and the dirty work. SWEET WILLY WINE Stated that he did believe JONES, and he already knew what EPPS was doing, and that was selling the people out. SWEET WILLY WINE then told JONES, in the future, not to deal with H. RALPH JACKSON and MIDDLEBROOK because MIDDLEBROOK is JACKSON'S right hand man and is actually playing two hands right down the middle. At this time JONES said, that the Hospital Strikers were going back to work, but that this was not important, but that you, pointing to the Invaders will know what is important over a period of time.*

*SWEET WILLY WINE, then stated, that ABERNATHY and the S. C. L. C. Staff would be in Memphis on Friday, November 8, 1968. He further stated they are going to organize the people to picket and boycott both the County Jail and the downtown area for the duration of the RAY TRIAL. WINE did not elaborate on where or how he got this information. , and it was not been verified.*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : FILE (44-1987)

FROM : SAC ROBERT G. JENSEN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 12-11-68

*Gerald Frank* ✓ *Sub-N-60p2*

This is to advise that GERALD FRANK, noted author, called at this office December 10, 1968. He advised that he is the author of several books, his latest being the "Boston Strangler." He said he had a contract with Doubleday to write a book concerning the JAMES EARL RAY case. He advised that his book will not be published until probably sometime in 1971. He indicated that the tenor of his book will be different from many others that will probably be written shortly after the trial. He explained that he was interested in many of the little quirks and various false leads and the work involved in handling this during the course of the investigation.

I, of course, told Mr. FRANK that I was not in a position to offer any assistance at this time because of the restrictions placed by Judge BATTLE and that, in addition, the FBI Headquarters in Washington would be the appropriate source for material. He said he understood this completely, that his sole purpose in coming to this office was to meet me and to familiarize himself to some degree regarding Memphis.

I telephonically contacted Inspector BISHOP at the Bureau and advised him of my contact with FRANK. Inspector BISHOP agreed it was correct for me to have told FRANK I could be of no assistance and that at some future time the Bureau might consider being of assistance.

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