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WHILE ASSIGNED AS INVESTIGATIVE REPORTED WITH WMPS RADIO, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, AND ALSO WHILE WORKING ON THE YABLONSKI MURDER CASES IN KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE. LAMONICA PRESENTLY RESIDES 31022 - 48TH AVENUE SW, FEDERAL WAY, WASHINGTON.

LAMONICA INDICATED HE HAS BEEN WORKING ON CAPTIONED CASE AND ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT PREVIOUS BELIEVE OF THE EXISTENCE OF "RAOUL" THEORY AS POSED BY JAMES EARL RAY, HE NOW HAS DEVELOPED INFORMATION INDICATING THAT "RAOUL" IS ACTUALLY (X) RAOUL SANTIAGO ESTEJO MARTINEZ (X), AND THAT WITH THE COOPERATION OF RAY'S ATTORNEY, JACK KERSHAW, HE, LAMONICA, IS TO MEET WITH MARTINEZ THROUGH AN INTERMEDIARY (X) CLIFF ANDREWS (X), WHO SUPPOSEDLY SERVED PRISON TIME WITH RAY.

LAMONICA FURTHER INDICATED THAT WHEN THIS INFORMATION BREAKS IT WILL CAUSE CONSIDERABLE PUBLICITY AND HE HAS ALREADY BEEN CONTACTED BY THREE MAJOR NETWORKS AND LEAVES THURSDAY MORNING TO BE INTERVIEWED BY THE NATIONAL ENQUIRER AT LANTANA, FLORIDA, FROM WHERE HE WILL RETURN TO SEATTLE POSSIBLY ON FRIDAY. HE SAID APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKENDS AGO HE WAS INTERVIEWED BY TWO INVESTIGATORS NAMES MORIARTY (PH), AND GILBERT FROM THE HOUSE SELECT

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COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS WHO INDICATED THEY WOULD BE SUBPOENAING LAMONICA IN THE NEAR FUTURE. AT THE TIME OF THIS INTERVIEW LAMONICA DID NOT HAVE THE AFOREMENTIONED INFORMATION ON RAOUL MARTINEZ. MARTINEZ REPORTEDLY INDICATED HE WILL TESTIFY ABOUT CAPTIONED CASE IF HE CAN BE GRANTED IMMUNITY FROM PROSECUTION.

LAMONICA'S PURPOSE IN CONTACTING SEATTLE FBI WAS TO EXPRESS CONCERN FOR THE SAFETY OF HIS TWO DAUGHTERS, DEBORAH ANGELA AGE 7, AND DANA EDNA AGE 6, WHO RESIDE WITH HIS PARENTS AT 4817 W. RICHARDSON, PASCO, WASHINGTON, TEL. 547-7935. REASON FOR HIS CONCERN IS THAT HE HAD HEARD INDIRECTLY THAT A NEW ORLEANS "HITMAN" RAFAEL MARTINEZ (NO RELATION TO RAOUL MARTINEZ) WOULD CAUSE HIM OR HIS FAMILY A LOT OF TROUBLE IF THE STORY BREAKS. HE SAID HIS NEW SOURCE TOLD HIM OF A CONFIDENTIAL MEMO BELIEVED FROM DALLAS, TEXAS, PD OR SO TO NEW ORLEANS IN WHICH MARTINEZ WAS DESCRIBED AS A VERY EXPERIENCED HITMAN.

LAMONICA ADVISED BY SAC OF THE WITNESS PROTECTION PROGRAM AND THAT HE SHOULD PROBABLY NOTIFY INVESTIGATORS FOR SELECT COMMITTEE OF HIS FEARS BUT TO CHECK WITH THIS OFFICE UPON HIS RETURN THIS COMING FRIDAY.

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RE TEL RECEIVED AFTER KEITH ERNES LAMONICA TELEPHONICALLY
CONTACTED SAC SEATTLE EVENING OF JUNE 2, 1977. FROM CHICAGO.
ILLINOIS, WHERE HE WAS BETWEEN PLANES EN ROUTE TO FLORIDA.
LAMONICA WILL BE STAYING AT PALM BEACH HAWAII HOTEL, PALM
BEACH, FLORIDA, FOR NEXT SEVERAL DAYS OR CAN BE REACHED
THROUGH NATIONAL ENQUIRER AT LANTANA, FLORIDA, TELEPHONE
385-586-1111.

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FACSIMILE WITH REQUEST FOR MIAMI TO CONTACT LAMONICA FRIDAY,
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REBUTEL TO SEATTLE, JUNE 3, 1977.

ON JUNE 3, 1977, KEITH ERNEST LAMONICA LOCATED PALM BEACH HAWAIIAN MOTEL, PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, AND AT THIS TIME MADE AWARE OF SPECIFIC PROVISIONS OF DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE REGULATIONS CONCERNING WITNESS PROTECTION. THIS INFO INCLUDED WHOM HE SHOULD CONTACT IN EVENT HE DESIRES OR IS ELIGIBLE FOR PROTECTION AND THE THREE CONDITIONS NECESSARY

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TO QUALIFY.

LAMONICA ADVISED THAT WHILE HE HAS SOME CONCERN FOR PROTECTION, HIS MAIN INTEREST IS TO DETERMINE IF RAFAEL MARTINEZ, AN ALLEGED "HIT MAN" IN NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, DOES ACTUALLY POSE A THREAT TO HIM. LAMONICA WAS ADVISED THAT NO SUCH DETERMINATION COULD BE MADE AND HE STATED HE IS PROBABLY GOING TO NEW ORLEANS IN THE NEXT SEVERAL DAYS AND WILL PURSUE THIS LOCALLY; HOWEVER, CLAIMED HE WOULD PROBABLY CONTACT FBI AT NEW ORLEANS WHILE THERE. LAMONICA CONTENDED HIS INVESTIGATION INTO CAPTIONED MATTER HAS PRODUCED NEWSWORTHY INFORMATION AND THAT HE INTENDS TO PURSUE HIS INVESTIGATION INTO THE ASSASSINATION.

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New JFK, King assassination probe appears to be a flop

WASHINGTON — The House Select Committee on Assassinations, in operation for eight months, has come up with virtually no new information or evidence on the deaths of President John F. Kennedy or the Martin Luther King Jr., a well-placed committee source claims.

And the committee has discovered that much of the "new information" on which Congress based its decision to reopen the investigations is in error, according to the source.

An examination by The New York Times has determined that Mark Lane, author and lecturer, provided most of the "new leads" on the basis of his published works.

Moreover, according to several officials familiar with the genesis and scope of the committee's investigation — and Lane himself — Lane was the primary force behind forming the committee and was the architect of the direction the investigation should take.

Lane, a former New York state legislator, failed for two years in his attempts to get Congress to reopen an investigation into Kennedy's death.

But early last year he began looking into King's death and persuaded the civil rights leader's widow Coretta to solicit support from the Congressional Black Caucus for a reinvestigation of both assassinations.

Shortly after such an investigating committee had been formed, Lane and comedian Dick Gregory began work on a book about King and his assassination.

The book, "Code Name Zorro," was published recently — at about the time the committee, according to minutes of one of its executive sessions, was seeking favorable public and congressional reaction to its request for funds.

From the committee's inception, staff members acknowledge, Lane's books, theories and private investigations have provided the "working manuals" and the "working hypotheses" for the investigation.

Internal problems that resulted in the resignations of committee chairman Rep. Henry Gonzalez (D-Tex.) and chief counsel Richard Sprague had delayed the active investigation phase of the committee's work until the "past two or three weeks," the committee source said.

This was true, the source said, even though the committee issued a report March 28 saying it was pursuing "new leads" and had processed "new information."

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Medal of Freedom to Be Given Dr. Salk, Martin Luther King

PRESIDENT CARTER Monday announced he is awarding the presidential Medal of Freedom to Martin Luther King Jr., "the conscience of his generation," and to Dr. Jonas E. Salk, whose vaccine wiped out polio epidemics.

The announcement of the medals, the government's highest civil award for meritorious contributions to the nation, was timed for Independence Day. The actual medals will be presented to Salk and posthumously to King at a future White House ceremony.

The King citation read in part:

"Martin Luther King Jr. was the conscience of his generation. A Southerner, a black man, he gazed upon the great wall of segregation and saw that the power of love could bring it down.

"From the pain and exhaustion of his fight to free all people from the bondage of separation and injustice, he wrung his eloquent statement of his dream of what America could be . . .

"His life informed us, his dreams sustain us yet."

The citation to Salk read:

"Because of Dr. Jonas E. Salk, our country is free from the cruel epidemics of poliomyelitis that once struck almost yearly. Because of his tireless work, untold hundreds of thousands who might have been crippled are sound in body today.

"These are Doctor Salk's true honors, and there is no way to add to them. This Medal of Freedom can only express our gratitude, and our deepest thanks."

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King, Salk honored**Salk**

President Carter will award the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian award, to the late Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and Dr. Jonas Salk. The citation said King, the civil rights leader who was murdered in Memphis, Tenn., in 1968, "was the conscience of his generation . . . a southerner, a black man, he gazed upon the great wall of segregation and saw that the power of love could bring it down." The award to Salk reads: "Because of Dr. Jonas E. Salk, our country is free from the cruel epidemics of poliomyelitis that once struck almost yearly."

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Polygraph Tests Indicate Ray Killed King, Magazine Says

From Herald Wire Service

CHICAGO — A lie detector test indicates James Earl Ray killed Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and acted alone, Playboy Magazine interviewers said Monday in a story prepared for the magazine's September issue.

The polygraph test was the first Ray has taken since he was arrested June 8, 1968, Playboy said. It said the questioning was done at Brushy Mountain Penitentiary in Tennessee June 22.

The key sequence is:

Did you kill Martin Luther King Jr.?

Ray: No.

Do you know for sure who killed Martin Luther King Jr.?

Ray: No.

Officials of John E. Reid and Associates, the polygraph firm that handled the test, said Ray's involuntary responses indicated he lied.



RAY



KING

Playboy reported.

"It is the opinion of the examiner, based on the subject's polygraph records, that he is not telling the truth . . ." they were quoted.

The next sequence is:

Did anyone ask you to kill Martin Luther King Jr.?

Ray: No.

Did you arrange with anyone to

kill Martin Luther King Jr.?

Ray: No.

Did anyone give you any money to kill Martin Luther King Jr.?

Ray: No.

The experts said that on the basis of the polygraph reading, "He is telling the truth on the above listed questions."

Playboy's authors, summarizing the findings, said "the polygraph tests indicate that Ray did, in fact, kill Martin Luther King Jr. and that he did so alone."

Ray, informed of the results of the examination, was quoted as saying he does not believe lie-detector tests are accurate.

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FROM: SAC, MIAMI (62-6603) (C)
SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE
ON ASSASSINATIONS;
BUREAU DEADLINE 9/23/77

Re Bureau teletype to Miami dated 8/18/77; Miami airtel to the Bureau dated 8/3/76.

Pursuant to instructions in referenced teletype, the Bureau is being furnished herewith two xerox copies each of pages of serials with notations not previously forwarded to the Bureau in the Miami office file captioned, "MURKIN, Civil Rights (44-1854)," as well as the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., Racial Matters, file 157-2434 as indicated below:

For ease of identification the first page of the appropriate serial is also included.

These are as follows:

Miami 44-1854 Volume 2, Serials 152 page 3, 175 page 2, 251 page 3, 264 page 2, 299 page 2, Volume 3, Serial 489 page 2, Volume 5, Serial 647 page 2.

In addition, the following first pages of serials not previously sent to the Bureau by Miami Division are enclosed for the Bureau which communications are in Bureau files:

Miami 44-1854, Volume 6, Serials 774, 775, 776, 782, 786, 787, 788, 789, 791 pages 1 and 2, 792, 803, 804, 813, 815, 816. Miami file 157-2434 serials 13, 14, 15, 16.

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A review of the exhibits contained in the aforementioned files did not disclose any notations.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-117290)
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Re Miami telephone conversation with the Bureau
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FBI Planned to Spy On Assassin's Family

By JACK ANDERSON
United Feature Syndicate

THE FBI, which used electronic sordidness in an effort to discredit Martin Luther King Jr., tried to employ similar illegal tactics to catch his murderer.

Long-buried FBI documents reveal that then-director J. Edgar Hoover personally approved a break-in and illegal electronic bugging aimed at innocent relatives of James Earl Ray, who was later convicted of killing King.



Anderson

For years, Hoover had conducted a vicious smear campaign against King. The FBI peddled malicious anti-King stories to the press and had sent doctored tapes concerning King's personal life to his wife. When King was slain in 1968, whispers about possible FBI involvement put Hoover under great pressure to find the assassin.

While FBI agents were hot on Ray's trail, a May 10, 1968 memo, prepared for top Hoover aide J. P. Mohr, outlined elaborate illegal plans to catch the murderer.

AS PART of the overall investigation, code-named MURKIN — an acronym for murder and King — a memo was written which declared: "Consideration is given to microphone installations on certain properties of Albert and Carol Pepper," the brother-in-law and sister of James Earl Ray.

"The proposal," cautioned the memo, "raises a question concerning the legality of any action taken against the subject of this case on the basis of information obtained from the microphones." If Ray called the Peppers and the bugged conversations were used to arrest him, the memo said, Ray "then could claim that the surveillance vi-

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olated his right of privacy." This could prejudice the court case against him.

But if certain precautions were taken, the memo continued, "the worst that could happen" is that the arrest would be declared illegal. Using tortured logic, the document insisted that Ray could still be convicted despite the FBI lawbreaking.

The FBI plotters bluntly admitted that the whole scheme was unconstitutional and a "technical violation" of the law. "Be aware," the memo warned, "that since this search and seizure is unconstitutional as to the Peppers, they have at least a theoretical cause of action for damages against those who installed the (bugging) devices by trespass." "Trespass" is FBI lingo for a break-in.

IF the Peppers sued the FBI and won, the memo insisted, the taxpayers would bail them out. "The government of the United States should surely be willing to pick up the tab for any judgment against those who installed the microphones," the memo concluded. At the bottom, Hoover scrawled "OK," and added his characteristic "H." Six other FBI officials also initialed their approval.

We have been unable to determine whether the FBI actually bugged or burglarized the Peppers' home. Indeed, assassinations expert Harold Weisberg has developed evidence indicating the Justice Department vetoed the plan. But inside sources insist the FBI did use dubious and possible illegal means to capture Ray, who later pleaded guilty to murdering King and was sentenced to 99 years in prison.

Footnote: The FBI has acknowl-

edged that abuses occurred in the past. Since 1973, however, the present director, Clarence Kelley, has halted most of these practices. We were unable to reach the Peppers.

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Congressional Staff Interrogates Ray

PETROS, Tenn. — The staff of the House Select Committee on Assassinations met with James Earl Ray for seven hours Monday and agreed to arrange a lie detector test for the convicted killer of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.

The meeting was the sixth held with Ray since March 22 at Brushy Mountain State Prison, where he is serving 99 years for pleading guilty to the 1968 slaying.

Robert Lehner, spokesman for the four committee staffers who met with Ray, said the lie detector test will be given Ray after the current series of interviews. Another interview will be held Dec. 2.

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