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PITTSBURGH AT WEINTON, WEST VA. WILL REVIEW ^{OF} ~~LA~~ BOOK OF AIRCRAFT BEARING REGISTRATION NUMBER N4434L, CURRENT OWNER RONALD N. KARAS, 120 PAIGE COURT, AND DETERMINE LOCATION OF PLANE 44/68, AND IF RECORDS REFLECT ANYTHING TO DO WITH BURGESS AUDIE WILSON.

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Title: MURKIN

Character: Civil Rights

Synopsis:

Records of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Aeronautical Center, on September 1, 1978, identified registration number N4434L as being assigned to a 1956 Model G-35 Beechcraft aircraft, serial number D-4600. History of aircraft ownership set forth with a current owner identified as RONALD N. KARAS, 120 Paige Court, Weinton, West Virginia.

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DETAILS:AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA.

On August 22, 1978, records of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Aeronautical Center, Will Rogers World Airport, identified FAA registration number 34L as a deregistered number as of 1962. The number was previously assigned to a Beech E-18-5 (twin engine), serial number BA-73. All records in storage at the Federal Record Center, Fort Worth, Texas, under accession number 63-H-496, location 200,340, box 1.

Records of the FAA, Aeronautical Center, Will Rogers World Airport, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, were again checked on September 1, 1978 with reference to FAA registration number N4434L. Those records identified the number as being assigned to a 1956 Model G-35 Beechcraft aircraft, serial number D-4600. That aircraft was initially sold by Beechcraft on April 20, 1956 to Gopher Aviation, Inc., Rochester, Minnesota who sold the aircraft on May 3, 1956 to Franklin Manufacturing Company, 65

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22nd Avenue, N. E., Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Franklin Manufacturing Company sold the aircraft on March 17, 1960 to Mid State Aviation Corp., Sky Harbor Airport, Northbrook, Illinois. That aviation corporation sold the aircraft on April 18, 1960 to CONNIE C. MILLER, 9618 Sagamore, Kansas City, Missouri.

MILLER sold the aircraft on May 27, 1968 to Fisher Sales and Service, Inc., Box 6516, Leawood, Kansas, and that sales and service company sold the aircraft on June 6, 1968 to BURGESS WILSON and LOU CREWS, 553 N. Scott, Belton, Missouri. On June 12, 1969, the aircraft was sold by WILSON and CREWS to GARY W. WILSON, 1302 N. Hocker, Independence, Missouri.

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MURKIN

RE: ALLEGATION BY BURGESS AUDIE WILSON

Copies of all reports from recipient offices have been received and have been forwarded to the Department.

Based on the extensive investigation conducted re this Burgess Audie Wilson allegation including the fact investigation determined he did not have access to the airplane in April of 1968, nor to a vehicle in Missouri as he claimed, the Department requested no further investigation re the Wilson allegation.

Promptly report any additional information to FBIHQ volunteered re the Wilson allegation; however, conduct no active investigation unless instructed by FBIHQ as directed by the Department.

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Title: MURKIN

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis: Inmate ROBERT E. HART, inmate number 23747, date of birth 4/26/32, was interviewed on 11/28/78, at his place of confinement, Bureau of Prisons, Federal Correctional Institution, El Reno, Oklahoma. Details with reference to that interview are set forth in report.

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U.S. Refuses to Atone For Harassment of King

WASHINGTON (AP)

The Carter administration has quietly shelved a request that the government atone for FBI harassment of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. by using public funds to carry on the work of the slain civil rights leader.

The proposal was presented to the Justice Department in October 1977 by former Attorney General Ramsey Clark and came to light last week in congressional testimony by King's widow, Coretta Scott King.

Both Clark and Mrs. King said in interviews that they believed the proposal was still under active consideration at the Justice Department.

However, former Attorney General Griffin Bell, who met with Clark on the subject in 1977, said the idea "never got off the ground." A department spokesman also said the proposal was no longer under consideration.

Clark, who was attorney general from 1967 to 1969, said he gave Bell a list of suggestions that called for the government to atone for the FBI's attempt to discredit King in the 1960s by establishing a program to "advance the cause of Dr. King."

Clark said the program could touch on issues that King was identified with, such as voting rights, peace, civil rights or fighting poverty. Or he said the government could establish a scholarship fund in King's name.

"When the government has wronged somebody, it ought to feel a keen responsibility to right that wrong," Clark said. "Here you have a historic abuse of government power di-

rected against a great moral leader.

King, a Nobel Peace Prize winner who was assassinated in 1968, was a target of a lengthy FBI harass-

ment campaign that included bugging his hotel rooms, wiretapping his telephones and disseminating disparaging information about him.

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FBI Ends Probe of Ray in Shooting

QUINCY, Ill. (AP) — The FBI has no plans to question the brother of James Earl Ray any further about the shooting of civil rights leader Vernon Jordan, a spokesman for the agency said Thursday.

FBI Agent Wayne G. Davis said that "at this juncture" there will be no further interviews with John Larry Ray, brother of James Earl Ray, who pleaded guilty to assassinating civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr.

"In the absence of any other information, we don't anticipate talking to him again," Davis said.

FBI agents on Wednesday interviewed Ray in a jail cell here to discuss "where his travels have taken him recently," Davis said. Ray is being held on \$200,000 bond for bank robbery that occurred on May 30.

Davis said that the FBI intends to talk again to Jordan, 44, the

president of the National Urban League, who is in a New York hospi-

tal recovering from wounds he suffered in a May 29 shooting.

