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TORONTO TO MPSIC /

ATTN GD HENRY

RE: ESCAPEES FROM TENN.

THE INFO RE DESC. IS AT FBI LAISON OFFICE - KNOXVILLE TENN. BEING
COMPILED BY A MR. KELLY. WE WILL BE GETTING A RELAY FROM US BORDER PTL
IN BLAINE WASH FOR THE INFO. I STRONGLY STRESSED THAT THERE WAS ONLY
A SLIGHT POSS. THAT RAY WOULD COME HERE.

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TO RCMP OTTAWA
TO RCMP "D" DIVISION TORONTO
FR G HANN FOR S/SUPT A J WART DIRECTOR CRCB OPP GHQ TORONTO
REQUEST RECORD + DISP'S BY CPIC AND LATEST PHOTO BY FAX FPS
288627A JAMES EARL RAY DOB 10 03 28

JFW...

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ATTN: OPP GHQ TORONTO. G. HANN. INFO: D DIV. REUR 097. FILE
ON JAMES EARL RAY, FPS #288627A HAS BEEN CLOSED AND WITHDRAWN 06 SEP 68.
INFORMATION NO LONGER AVAILABLE.

GD HENRY

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FURTHER TO OUR MSG. 030 REGARDING RAY ET AL. THERE IS NO INFORMATION
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AND DANGEROUS:

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- (3) EARL HILL JR., WHITE MALE, DOB: 19 OCT 42.
- (4) DAVID LEE POWELL, NEGRO MALE, DOB:: 18 JUL 49.
- (5) DOUGLAS SHELTON, WHITE MALE, DOB: 06 DEC 44.
- (6) DONALD RAY CAYLOR, WHITE MALE, DOB: 30 SEP 52.

POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT AT LEAST RAY WILL ATTEMPT TO ENTER CANADA.
FEDERAL WARRANTS WERE ISSUED IN USA FOR THESE SUBJECTS FOR FLIGHT TO
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REOTTAIRTEL MARCH 16, 1977.

FOR INFORMATION OF FBIHQ, THE FOLLOWING IS NOTED:

ON JULY 21, 1977, RCMP, OTTAWA, ADVISED THAT SUBSEQUENT TO THEIR DENIAL OF A REQUEST IN MARCH, 1977 BY THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS FOR PRODUCTION OF ALL RCMP RECORDS IN CAPTIONED MATTER, A REQUEST WAS RECEIVED AT CANADIAN EMBASSY, WASHINGTON, D.C., CONCERNING THE REFUSAL. AFTER SEVERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH THEIR CANADIAN EXTERNAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, THE RCMP STATED THEY WOULD CONSIDER ANSWERING SPECIFIC QUESTIONS IF DRAFTED BY THE COMMITTEE.

RCMP, OTTAWA, ADVISED THAT A LIST OF QUESTIONS ^{had} ~~HAS~~ BEEN RECEIVED IN WASHINGTON, D.C., AND FROM A CURSORY STUDY THEY BELIEVE ^{was} ~~THE~~ HOUSE COMMITTEE ^{was} ~~(IS)~~ IN POSSESSION OF MANY ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS FURNISHED BY RCMP DURING THAT PERIOD OF TIME. A DETAILED STUDY ^{was} ~~(WILL)~~ BE UNDERTAKEN AS SOON AS THE DOCUMENTS ARRIVE ^d ~~IN~~ OTTAWA.

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RCMP HEADQUARTERS IS FULLY AWARE THAT THE REPORTS AND DOCUMENTS PRECEDED THE PRESENT SITUATION INVOLVING CONFIDENTIALITY AND CAPTIONED MATTER WAS IN FACT A CRIMINAL MATTER AS CONTRASTED TO SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS AND MOST OF THESE DOCUMENTS WOULD HAVE BEEN DISSEMINATED AT THE TIME TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN TENNESSEE.

RCMP WILL MOST PROBABLY REQUEST FBIHQ TO TRACE THE DISSEMINATION OF REPORTS AFTER THEIR STUDY IS COMPLETED.

ABOVE INFORMATION IS FOR FBIHQ ONLY AND A SPECIFIC PROMISE OF CONFIDENTIALITY WAS GIVEN.

BT 7/29/77 Jon altizer, FBIHQ, telephonically advised that copies of RCMP reports had been disseminated to U.A.'s office, Shelby County, Tenn. - in 7/25/68 + that these reports had never been reviewed by House Select Com on assassinations and had been turned over to the committee of the Tenn. authorities
A for.

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The Ambassador

July 29, 1977

Robert L. Moore
Legal Attache

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
REPORTS IN POSSESSION OF THE
HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS

The House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) has been conducting extensive investigation into the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., and has made several requests of FBIHQ for various documents relating to the FBI investigation into the murder. It has been the position of the FBI that information received from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) reporting its investigation in this matter was on a confidential basis and all reference to the RCMP investigation has been deleted from any responses by FBIHQ to the Committee.

On July 21, 1977, RCMP Ottawa advised that subsequent to their denial of a request in March 1977 by the HSCA for production of all RCMP records in this matter, a request was received at the Canadian Embassy, Washington, D.C., concerning the refusal. After several discussions with their Canadian External Affairs Department, the RCMP stated they would consider answering specific questions if drafted by the Committee.

RCMP Ottawa advised that a list of questions had been received in Washington, D.C., and from a cursory study they believed the House Committee was in possession of many original documents furnished by RCMP during that period of time. A detailed study would be undertaken as soon as the documents arrived in Ottawa.

On July 29, 1977, FBIHQ advised Legal Attache that pursuant to a review of this matter at FBIHQ, it appears that on July 12, 1968, Legal Attache Ottawa was advised that in view of the apprehension of James Earl Ray on June 8, 1968, and his prosecution to be undertaken by Tennessee authorities, it would be necessary to furnish information to the Tennessee authorities that had been obtained from the RCMP and other foreign law enforcement agencies. On July 18, 1968, former Legal Attache advised FBIHQ that Assistant Commissioner H. S. Cooper, Director of

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Criminal Investigations, RCMP, had advised that there was no objection to furnishing Tennessee authorities with any information developed as a result of RCMP investigation. On July 29, 1968, the former Legal Attache furnished FBIHQ with a two-page list of RCMP reports relating to this matter and advised that all or any portion of the documents could be made available to Tennessee authorities. It is not clear at this time at what time the documents were furnished to the Tennessee authorities or the quantity of these documents.

The Memphis Office of the FBI has determined from the District Attorney's Office, Shelby County, Tennessee, that in response to a subpoena from the HSCA all records relating to this matter have been furnished to the Committee, including the copies of the RCMP reports.

On this date, RCMP advised Legal Attache that the Canadian Ministry of External Affairs is fully aware of this situation and RCMP is working closely with the Ministry in preparing responses to the Committee. RCMP advise that it is the position of the RCMP, and, presumably, the Canadian government, that it wishes to cooperate fully with the Committee investigation; however, there may be various questions which, for one reason or another, may be unanswerable.

To date, there has been no publicity given to this situation by either the Canadian or American press and the RCMP has requested that the request of the HSCA be considered confidential at this time.

Legal Attache will follow this matter and keep you advised.

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RE: House Select Committee on Assassinations
(HSCA)

☒ 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 information of Legat, Ottawa,
Memphis Office has advised that 110 pages of RCMP
reports were furnished District Attorney's
Office, Shelby County, Tennessee, on 7/25/68.
The HSCA earlier this year subpoenaed all
records of DA's Office pertaining to King
assassination. Attached documents concern
RCMP authorization for dissemination of
information to local authorities.

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1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long

TO: LEGATS, OTTAWA
PARIS

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

IN VIEW OF PROSECUTION OF SUBJECT BY TENNESSEE AUTHORITIES, IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO DISSEMINATE TO THEM THE RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE AND PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES. YOU SHOULD THEREFORE, FURNISH BUREAU A COMPLETE LISTING OF ITEMS SUBMITTED BY YOU AND ADVISE WHAT ITEMS CAN BE DISSEMINATED TO TENNESSEE AUTHORITIES. MEMPHIS ADVISED BY MAIL.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM LEGAT, OTTAWA (44-4) 1P

MURKIN.

REBUTEL JULY TWELVE LAST.

REQUEST CONTAINED IN REBUTEL JULY TWELVE LAST WAS DISCUSSED WITH ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER H. S. COOPER, DIRECTOR OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION, RCMP HEADQUARTERS, ON JULY SEVENTEEN LAST AND HE SAID NO OBJECTION TO FURNISHING TENNESSEE AUTHORITIES ANY OF INFO DEVELOPED AS RESULT RCMP'S INVESTIGATION.

IN VIEW ABOVE, ADVISE IF STILL NECESSARY TO SUBMIT COMPLETE LISTING.

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REC 22 TO LEGAT OTTAWA (44-4)
FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861) 4908
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REURCAB JULY EIGHTEEN LAST.

YOU SHOULD FURNISH COMPLETE LISTING OF ITEMS
SUBMITTED BY YOU UNDER MURKIN CAPTION.

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1 SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (Enc.) (H2W)

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To: Director, FBI (44-38861)

From: Legat, Ottawa (44-4) (P)

Subject: MURKIN

ReBUcab 7-24-68.

There is set forth below a list of reports received from the RCMP in this investigation, all or any portion of which may be made available to Tennessee authorities. The items are listed in the order by date they were forwarded to the Bureau.

<u>Description</u>	<u>Date of Report</u>	<u>Date Sent Bureau</u>
Report RCMP "C" Division, Montreal	4-18-68	4-22-68
Report RCMP "C" Division, Montreal	4-19-68	4-24-68
Report RCMP Sub-Division, London, Ontario	4-18-68	4-26-68
Report of RCMP "C" Division, Montreal	4-22-68	5-6-68
Report RCMP "C" Division, Montreal	4-26-68	5-6-68
Report RCMP "C" Division, Montreal	5-2-68	5-17-68
Report of RCMP "C" Division, Montreal	5-3-68	5-17-68
Report of RCMP "C" Division, Montreal	5-7-68	5-17-68
Report of RCMP "C" Division, Montreal	5-13-68	5-17-68
Report of RCMP Sub-Division, Quebec City	5-9-68	5-22-68

Bureau (1 cc - Liaison Direct)

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Approved: _____ Sent: _____ M Per: _____

51 AUG 22 1968 Special Agent in Charge

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Report of RCMP London, Ontario, Sub-Division	5-14-68	5-24-68
Report of RCMP "C" Division, Montreal	5-16-68	5-24-68
Report of RCMP Detachment, Windsor, Ontario	5-27-68	6-4-68
RCMP "A" Division report, Ottawa, Ontario	6-1-68	My telex 6-4-68
Report of RCMP "C" Division, Montreal	5-27-68	6-7-68
Report of RCMP "C" Division, Montreal	5-28-68	6-7-68
Report of RCMP "A" Division, Ottawa	6-5-68	6-7-68
Report of RCMP Sub-Division, London, Ontario	5-30-68	6-11-68
RCMP Headquarters Criminal Investigation Branch letter	6-13-68	6-13-68
RCMP "C" Division report, Montreal	6-7-68	6-17-68
Report of RCMP "C" Division, Montreal	6-7-68	6-17-68
Report of RCMP Detachment, Hamilton, Ontario	6-6-68	6-18-68
Report of RCMP "O" Division, Toronto, Ontario	6-13-68	6-18-68
Report of RCMP "C" Division, Montreal	6-13-68	6-20-68
Report of RCMP Sub-Division, London, Ontario	6-17-68	6-21-68
Report of RCMP "C" Division, Montreal	6-14-68	6-24-68
Report of RCMP "C" Division, Montreal	6-17-68	7-8-68
Report of RCMP "C" Division, Montreal	7-4-68	7-15-68
Report of RCMP "C" Division, Montreal	6-28-68	7-16-68
Letter from RCMP, Toronto, Ontario, to Ontario Provincial Police	7-16-68	7-19-68
RCMP report from "O" Division, Toronto	7-12-68	7-23-68
Report of RCMP "C" Division, Montreal	7-9-68	7-25-68

It should be noted that enclosures to my airtel 6-3-68, may also be utilized. These were (a) Kennedy Travel Bureau letter to Passport Office 4-17-68; (b) application for passport executed by Sneyd 4-16-68; (c) Statutory Declaration in Lieu of Guarantor

executed by Sneyd 4-16-68; (d) Passport photograph attached
to application by Sneyd.

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SUB/SW JAMES EARL RAY.

CONSULTATIONS WITH RCMP ON RESPONSE TO MAKE TO HOUSE CTTEE QUESTIONS AND REQUEST TO INTERVIEW CDNS NOW COMPLETED. ANSWERS CONTAINED IN FOLLOWING TEL ATTEMPT TO DEAL DIRECTLY WITH CTTEES QUESTIONS, BASED ON INVESTIGATIVE INFO STILL AVAILABLE ON RCMP RECORDS.

2. IN REPLYING TO ROUSE LETTER YOU SHOULD MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS FOR TRANSMISSION TO CTTEE AS EVIDENCE OF DESIRE TO BE OF ASSISTANCE TO CTTEE IN SITUATION WHERE INFO FOR MOST PART NO/NO LONGER AVAILABLE.

(A) RCMP OBSERVE STRICT DESTRUCTION POLICY, AND INVESTIGATORY INFO COMPILED ON BEHALF OF AN ALLIED AGENCY, IN THIS CASE FBI, WHICH AT TIME REQUESTED RCMP ASSISTANCE, IS RETAINED ONLY FOR SHORT PERIOD. DESTRUCTION OF ALL DOCUMENTATION AT FIELD OFFICES INVOLVED IN INVESTIGATION OCCURRED DURING NORMAL DESTRUCTION CYCLE FOLLOWING CONVICTION OF RAY. HEADQUARTERS DO NOT

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(COMMUNICATIONS DIV)

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CONTAIN SAME DETAILED DOCUMENTATION, AND IT IS THEREFORE DIFFICULT TO RESPOND TO CTTEE ENQUIRIES.

(B) AVAILABLE RCMP HEADQUARTERS RECORDS HAVE BEEN CAREFULLY REVIEWED WITH CTTEES INTERESTS IN MIND AND CTTEES QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN ANSWERED AS FULLY AS POSSIBLE BASED ON INFO STILL ON FILE. IT WILL BE APPARENT HOWEVER THAT AS A RESULT OF RCMP DESTRUCTION POLICY, LITTLE OF RCMP INVESTIGATION/^{RECORD}~~RECORD~~ REMAINS ON FILE. THE CTTEE, MOREOVER, WILL BE AWARE THAT ALL RESULTS OF RCMP INVESTIGATIONS CONDUCTED AT FBI REQUEST WERE TURNED OVER AT THE TIME. IN CIRCUMSTANCES, WE HOPE CTTEE WILL APPRECIATE THAT THERE IS LITTLE, IF ANY, ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE RCMP WOULD BE IN POSITION TO EXTEND.

(C) INSOFAR AS CTTEES REQUEST TO INTERVIEW CDN RESIDENTS IS CONCERNED, CONSIDERATION WOULD BE GIVEN TO FORWARDING REQUESTS IN THIS RESPECT TO INDIVIDUALS, ON UNDERSTANDING CTTEE WOULD SUBMIT ANY SUCH REQUESTS TO CDN AUTHORITIES THROUGH STATE DEPT. THE CTTEE WOULD BE EXPECTED TO OBSERVE THIS PROCEDURE IN CONNECTION WITH REQUESTS EITHER TO INVITE AN INDIVIDUAL TO APPEAR BEFORE CTTEE IN WSHDC OR TO REQUEST AN INTERVIEW IN CDA. CTTEE SHOULD NOT/NOT ATTEMPT TO CONTACT CDN RESIDENTS THROUGH OTHER CHANNELS. IN FAIRNESS CTTEE SHOULD BE INFORMED THAT WE CAN GIVE NO/NO ASSURANCES REGARDING WILLINGNESS OF INDIVIDUALS ALREADY INTERVIEWED IN A CASE TERMINATED LONG AGO, TO UNDERGO FURTHER INTERVIEWS, IF IN FACT THEY COULD STILL BE LOCATED. SHOULD AN INDIVIDUAL AGREE TO AN INTERVIEW, APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS WOULD BE CONSIDERED AT THE TIME.

3. IN THE EVENT CTTEE IS NOT/NOT AWARE OF CDN POLICY REGARDING

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JM'S DIV)

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TESTIFYING IN FOREIGN JURISDICTIONS, YOU MAY WISH TO NOTE
IN YOUR LETTER THAT [REDACTED] AS MATTER OF PRINCIPLE CDN [REDACTED]
MINISTERS AND OFFICIALS ARE NOT/NOT PERMITTED TO DO SO.

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INFO

RCMPOTT/DCI (MARSHALL)

REF

SUB/SUJ JAMES EARL RAY--ANSWERS TO HOUSE CTTEE QUESTIONS

PREPARED

FOLLOWING ARE RCMP ANSWERS/IN CONSULTATION WITH DEPT:

(1) (A) A COPY OF THE MAP OF MONTREAL IN QUESTION WAS PROVIDED TO MONTREAL CIS ON JUN17/68 IN RESPONSE TO ITS REQUEST OF JUN13/68. NUMEROUS MONTREAL AREA ENQUIRIES WERE CONDUCTED; HOWEVER, REPORTS FROM MONTREAL CIS ON HDQTRS FILE DO NOT/NOT REFER SPECIFICALLY TO SITES CIRCLED ON MAP. RESULTS OF INVESTIGATIONS CONDUCTED IN MONTREAL PROVED NEGATIVE.

(1) (B) MRS SUN FUNG LOO MADE STATEMENT CITED IN REPORT. MRS LOO DID NOT/NOT WISH TO SIGN A STATEMENT BUT AGREED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS IN CHINESE ON UNDERSTANDING THE PRIVACY OF HER COMMENTS WOULD BE PROTECTED. WE CAN CONFIRM HOWEVER THAT INFORMATION PROVIDED BY MRS LOO CONTRIBUTED NOTHING TO INVESTIGATION.

(1) (C) BEYOND STATEMENT BY RAYS TORONTO LANDLADY, .../2

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INVESTIGATORY RECORDS DO NOT/NOT CONTAIN ANY INFO WHICH WOULD EITHER SUBSTANTIATE OR REFUTE RAYS ALLEGED STATEMENT THAT HE HAD BEEN IN MONTREAL ON OR ABOUT APR26/68. CHECK OF A REPORT THAT HE MAY HAVE STAYED IN TORONTO MOTEL THAT NIGHT PROVED NEGATIVE.

(1) (D) NO COPY OF MAP RECOVERED AT RAYS TORONTO ROOMING HOUSE IS ON HEADQUARTERS RECORDS. IT SERVED AS FIELD OFFICE INVESTIGATIVE AID AT TIME, AND WAS DESTROYED ALONG WITH OTHER FILES FOLLOWING TERMINATION OF INVESTIGATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH DESTRUCTION POLICY.

(2) YES, THIS THEORY WAS INVESTIGATED, ALTHOUGH NO/NO SPECIFIC TIME FRAME IS INDICATED IN REPORT CONCERNING DATES OF NEWSPAPERS CONSULTED. THIS, MOREOVER, WAS ONLY ONE OF A NUMBER OF POSSIBILITIES EXAMINED WHICH PROVIDED NOTHING IN SUPPORT OF INVESTIGATION.

(3) THERE ARE NO/NO NOTATIONS ON RECORD TO INDICATE THAT RAY MIGHT HAVE PURCHASED ANY EIGHT MM MOVIE FILMS IN CDA.

(4) MRS LOO DID NOT/NOT MAKE WRITTEN STATEMENT. AS INDICATED IN ANSWER TO QUESTION (1) (B), SHE COOPERATED ON UNDERSTANDING THAT HER REMARKS WOULD BE PART OF CONFIDENTIAL RECORD. WE CAN HOWEVER CONFIRM THAT NOTHING MRS LOO SAID CONTRIBUTED TO INVESTIGATION.

(5) WHILE RCMP HAS NO/NO RECORD OF PCR REPORT OF MAY30/68 FROM LONDON SUBDIVISION, REPORT DATED MAY27/68 FROM THAT OFFICE INDICATED THAT A PHOTOGRAPH OF MYRIAL TOMASO, AN ALIAS FOR MARIE MARTIN, WAS SHOWN TO THE QUINTALS. THEY SAID THAT THE GIRLS WHO VISITED RAY WERE OLDER. AS PHOTOS WERE POSSIBLES

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ONLY, AND AS THEY WERE NOT/NOT IDENTIFIED, NO ENQUIRIES WERE PURSUED.

(6) YES; BETWEEN JUL30/68 AND NOV14/68 RCMP REPORTS IN RAY CASE WERE BASED ENTIRELY ON INTERVIEWS WITH CDN CITIZENS TO SEE IF THEY WOULD BE PREPARED TO APPEAR IN RAYS TRIAL AT MEMPHIS. THERE WERE NO/NO INVESTIGATORY REPORTS FOR THIS PERIOD. AFTER JAN24/69 RCMP RECORDS IN RAY CASE DEAL ONLY WITH ADMINISTRATIVE NON-OPERATIONAL MATTERS.

(7) THE NAME OF GIRL IN THIS CASE IS PART OF CONFIDENTIAL INVESTIGATORY RECORD AND CANNOT BE RELEASED. AS MENTIONED IN INSPECTOR PERRYS LETTER (REFERRED TO IN COMMITTEES QUESTION) GIRL CONCERNED QUOTE HAD NO INFO OF VALUE TO OFFER UNQUOTE. WE CAN CONFIRM THIS TO BE THE CASE. IN SUMMARY, THE GIRLS STATEMENT SIMPLY CONFIRMED REMARKS MADE BY MISS KEATING.

(8) THERE IS NO REPORT ON RECORD THAT REFERS TO NIGHT OF JUL16/67. ONLY REPORT IN THIS RESPECT REFERS TO A NEGATIVE HOTEL CHECK ON APR24/68 IN TORONTO (SEE ANSWER TO QUESTION (1) (C)).

(9) IN ONLY INTERVIEW WE HAVE WITH BRIDGEMAN ON RECORD, HE MADE NO REFERENCE TO TELEPHONE CALLS FROM RAY. NOR IS THERE ANYTHING IN THIS INTERVIEW OF ASSISTANCE TO INVESTIGATION.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : FILE (44-4)

DATE: 3/9/78

FROM: *RLM* ROBERT L. MOORE
LEGAL ATTACHE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The attached copy of Canadian External Affairs Ministry message to Canadian Embassy, Washington, D.C., dated 11/8/77, was furnished on a personal basis from a source who requested the fullest protection of confidentiality.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: LEGAT, OTTAWA (62-539)
SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE
ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

Congressman ROBERT EDGAR (D-Pa.), HSCA member, travelled to Ottawa, Ontario, with three staff members and on 4/14/78 met with Deputy Solicitor General P.A. BISSONNETTE and later met with RCMP officers, including the Officer in Charge of Federal Policing Branch.

The purpose of Congressman EDGAR's trip was, according to sources, to obtain a promise of cooperation from the Canadian Government in the HSCA investigation relating to JAMES EARL RAY while he was in Canada. Congressman EDGAR advised Mr. BISSONNETTE that some investigative activity would be directed toward determining if there had been any connection between RAY and J.B. STONER and others of the National States Rights Party.

Congressman EDGAR was received cordially by Mr. BISSONNETTE but no definite commitments were made by the latter beyond the desire of the Canadian Government to cooperate with the U.S. Government whenever it is possible to do so.

Congressman EDGAR got off to a bad start at RCMP Headquarters with an initial remark that one of the purposes of HSCA investigation was "to inquire into the adequacy of the

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(prior) investigation." He was informed that the RCMP considered the prior investigation to be adequate in every degree and Congressman EDGAR made repeated efforts to explain away the remark.

RCMP agreed to assist the HSCA by making available any of its members for interview; attempting to locate persons previously interviewed by RCMP and determine if the person was agreeable to interview by HSCA investigators, in the presence of RCMP; and doing name checks on any new names surfaced in the HSCA investigation. RCMP did not agree to allowing HSCA to review its files, to conduct any new investigation for the HSCA or to allow the committee to conduct any investigation in Canada. Congressman EDGAR was told that any requests for investigation in Canada must be presented to the RCMP through the FBI or through diplomatic channels.

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May 4, 1978

MEMORANDUM TO: The Ambassador
THRU: DCM - Robert W. Duemling
FROM: POL - John G. Day
SUBJECT: *C* Committee on Assassinations

According to John Rouse, several staff members of the Committee on Assassinations will arrive this Sunday evening for talks on Monday with RCMP officials regarding the Martin Luther King case. (The name of the head of the group is Mel Krydman.) They reportedly wish to make arrangements to interview Canadian citizens who may have knowledge about James Earl Ray's activities when he was in Canada.

John indicated that they have asked for no assistance from the Department or the Embassy and that they are dealing directly with the RCMP.

cc; LEGATT - Mr. Moore

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI ATTN: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY
FROM: LEGAT, OTTAWA (62-539) UNIT - RECORDS
SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE MANAGEMENT DIVISION
ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

ReOTTairtel 4/20/78.

Four staff members of HSCA recently completed interviewing a number of RCMP personnel at RCMP Headquarters who had been associated with the James Earl Ray investigation in Canada. According to RCMP sources, nothing unusual was discussed and the members were not asked any questions that would indicate that any new material had been uncovered by the staff members, who were very amiable and courteous throughout the contacts.

The RCMP is now in the process of contacting approximately 50 residents of Canada, who were interviewed by the RCMP during the course of the investigation, to determine if they would be willing to be interviewed in Canada by HSCA staff members.

The Canadian Government has taken the position that no federal employee, with exception of RCMP personnel, can be made available for interview and, therefore, people such as the person(s) who accepted application for and issued Canadian passport cannot be interviewed.

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NEW YORK (AP) - A ST. LOUIS MAN CLAIMS THAT HE WAS OFFERED \$50,000 BY TWO MISSOURI BUSINESSMEN TO ARRANGE THE MURDER OF CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. MORE THAN A YEAR BEFORE HE WAS ASSASSINATED; THE NEW YORK TIMES REPORTED TODAY.

THE MAN, IDENTIFIED AS RUSSELL G. BYERS, 46, A FORMER AUTO PARTS DEALER, TOLD THE TIMES HE TURNED DOWN THE OFFER AND LATER INFORMED THE FBI.

THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS, WHICH IS PROBING THE KING DEATH, IS INVESTIGATING THE ALLEGATION BECAUSE OF "CIRCUMSTANTIAL CONNECTIONS" LEADING FROM BYERS TO THE PRISON WHERE JAMES EARL RAY WAS INCARCERATED AT THE TIME, THE NEWSPAPER SAID.

"AT THE PRISON, IT WAS WIDELY RUMORED IN 1966 AND 1967 THAT A CONSERVATIVE BUSINESS GROUP WAS WILLING TO PAY A LARGE SUM OF MONEY TO ANYONE WHO WOULD MURDER DR. KING," THE TIMES SAID.

KING WAS ASSASSINATED IN MEMPHIS ON APRIL 4, 1968. RAY, WHO IS SERVING A 99-YEAR SENTENCE IN TENNESSEE FOR THE MURDER, INITIALLY PLEADED GUILTY BUT IN RECENT YEARS HAS SOUGHT A NEW TRIAL.

ACCORDING TO THE TIMES, BYERS SAID THE OFFER WAS MADE TO HIM "IN LATE 1966 OR EARLY 1967" BY JOHN R. KAUFFMANN AND PATENT LAWYER JOHN H. SUTHERLAND, WHO SHARED OWNERSHIP IN A SMALL WATER COMPANY IN IMPERIAL, MO. WIDOWS OF BOTH MEN DENIED THAT THEIR HUSBANDS WOULD HAVE PARTICIPATED IN SUCH A SCHEME.

THE TIMES SAID BYERS AND THE BUSINESSMEN ARE LINKED BY SEVERAL FACTORS TO THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY IN JEFFERSON CITY, WHERE RAY HAD BEEN SERVING TIME PRIOR TO AN ESCAPE IN APRIL, 1967.

BYERS' BROTHER-IN-LAW, JOHN SPICA, WAS SERVING A TERM FOR MURDER AT THE PRISON DURING THE TIME RAY WAS THERE, AND THE TIMES SAID IT WAS BELIEVED THAT AT ONE POINT THE MEN WERE SIX CELLS APART. BYERS DENIES MENTIONING THE OFFER TO SPICA, WHO WAS PAROLLED IN 1973 AND WOULD NOT COMMENT.

THE TIMES SAID BYERS REPORTEDLY TOLD THE FBI ABOUT THE INCIDENT FIVE YEARS AGO. A SPOKESMAN FOR THE FBI, WHO DID NOT WANT HIS NAME USED, WAS QUOTED BY THE NEWSPAPER AS SAYING THAT THE INFORMATION WAS NOT FILED UNDER KING'S NAME IN ST. LOUIS AND SURFACED ONLY DURING A CHECK OF OTHER FILES.

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1. ON JULY 12, 1978, CONOFF MAISH APPEARED WITH PERMISSION OF THE COURT TO AUDIT THE TESTIMONY OF MARIA MANUELA DA GRACA NUNES TEXEIRA LOPES, A PORTUGUESE EMPLOYEE OF THE CANADIAN EMBASSY IN LISBON WHO WAS INVOLVED IN THE ISSUANCE OF A CANADIAN PASSPORT TO RAMON GEORGE SNEYD ALSO KNOWN AS JAMES EARL RAY. WHEN CONOFF APPEARED SHE WAS INFORMED BY THE CLERK OF COURT THAT BECAUSE OF OBJECTIONS BY THE CANADIAN EMBASSY, SHE WOULD BE UNABLE TO ATTEND HEARINGS AS SHE HAD DONE PREVIOUSLY (REFTEL).

2. CONOFF O'NEILL CALLED ON CANADIAN CHARGE, RAY EDWARD CALDWELL, JULY 13 WHO ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE HAD OBJECTED TO PRESENCE OF ANYONE, INCLUDING US OFFICIALS, DURING LOPES'S TESTIMONY SINCE HE HAD BEEN DENIED PERMISSION TO ATTEND. HE ALSO CONFIRMED THAT ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM OTTAWA, MRS. LOPES HAD REFUSED TO HONOR TWO PREVIOUS SUMMONS TO APPEAR AND TESTIFY UNTIL FINED AND THREATENED WITH ARREST. THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT HAD PREVIOUSLY CLAIMED LIMITED DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY FOR MRS. LOPES WITH REGARD TO ALL HER ACTIONS WHILE WORKING FOR THE CANADIAN EMBASSY AND REQUESTED THAT THE SUBPOENA BE WITHDRAWN. THE CANADIAN EMBASSY HAD HOPED THAT THE COURT WOULD UPHOLD SUCH CLAIMS.

3. ON JULY 12, MRS. LOPES ANSWERED ONLY THOSE QUESTIONS WHICH REFERRED TO HER NAME, DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH, AND OCCUPATION. ON INSTRUCTIONS, SHE REFERRED ALL OTHER QUESTIONS TO THE CANADIAN EMBASSY. CALDWELL SAID IT WAS UNFAIR TO ASK SOMEONE TO COMMENT ON SOMETHING THAT HAPPENED TEN YEARS AGO WHICH COULD ONLY BE A BLUR IN HER MEMORY AND THAT IF REQUIRED TO DO SO WOULD REQUIRE REFERENCE TO OFFICIAL CANADIAN FILES WHICH HE EMPHASIZED WERE "CLOAKED BY DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY."

4. IN RESPONSE TO CONOFF O'NEILL'S QUESTION, CALDWELL SAID THAT HE WOULD FORWARD TO OTTAWA ANY REQUEST, CONVEYED BY DIPLOMATIC NOTE, FOR TESTIMONY FROM MRS. LOPES IN THE CANADIAN EMBASSY IN THE PRESENCE OF CANADIAN EMBASSY PERSONNEL. CALDWELL NOTED THAT THERE WERE US/CANADIAN DIPLOMATIC AND POLICE CHANNELS THROUGH WHICH THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA IF APPROACHED WOULD BE AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE. CALDWELL EMPHASIZED THAT THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT DID NOT WANT TO DRAW PUBLIC ATTENTION AGAIN, HOWEVER SLIGHT, TO THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN THE JAMES EARLY RAY MATTER AND THE LAX WAY IN WHICH CANADIAN PASSPORTS USED TO BE ISSUED.

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5. CALDWELL ALSO STRESSED THAT IF THE COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS WANTED TO TAKE TESTIMONY FROM MRS. LOPES, THE CANADIAN EMBASSY WOULD REQUIRE, IN ADVANCE:

- LIST OF INTERROGATORIES;
- NAME OF INTERVIEWER, AND;
- AN INDICATION OF WHETHER MRS. LOPES COULD BE PLACED UNDER OATH.

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Ray says he was framed by 'Montreal connection'

Gazette News Services

WASHINGTON — A nervous James Earl Ray swore to a congressional committee yesterday that he "did not shoot Martin Luther King," and hinted that the mysterious "Raoul" he supposedly met in Montreal pulled the trigger.

Ray, who is now 50, claimed he was nine blocks away getting a tire fixed when the black civil rights leader was assassinated in Memphis on April 4, 1968.

Ray, who pleaded guilty to killing King and later recanted, was brought to Washington under tight security from the Tennessee prison where he is serving a 99-year sentence for the murder to testify before the U.S. House of Representatives Assassinations Committee.

For nearly a decade now Ray has been talking about Raoul. It all started when they met, Ray claims, in the Neptune Tavern in Montreal in the summer of 1967. Expo 67 was in full swing, attracting not just tourists, but fast-buck operators and crooks as well.

Both Ray and Raoul fitted into the latter category — Ray was an escapee from Missouri State Prison — and Ray says they embarked on a partnership in crime.



**JAMES EARL RAY
Blames 'Raoul'**

Raoul provided the leadership and money for their criminal activities, Ray says, and that was all he needed to know.

"I usually don't like to know too much information about someone else's business, because that's an easy way to get killed," he said yesterday.

Then he described how he and Raoul pulled off capers together off-and-on for nine months in 10 cities and three countries, including smuggling contraband across the U.S. borders with Canada

and Mexico and buying rifles for illegal resale.

Ray said he and Raoul last saw each other in a Memphis bar hours before King was shot. The meeting was for the purpose of handing over a high-powered rifle Ray had bought. It was later shown to be the murder weapon — and it bore Ray's fingerprints.

Ray was apparently suggesting Raoul himself was the assassin and had carefully planned to frame Ray.

He also said it was at Raoul's direction that he rented a room in the flop house from which King is believed to have been shot — although Ray claimed he was not there when the killing occurred.

In addition, Ray said, he bought some binoculars at his partner's instructions and handed those over too.

As he has in the past, Ray suggested that he may have been set up by the FBI and the Memphis police. He said recently uncovered FBI documents show that one of the first people to reach King after he was shot turned out to be an undercover agent for the FBI and the local police.

That man was quoted in FBI field investigations as

saying the fatal shot was fired from the boarding house, and Ray seemed to suggest the man was lying.

"It was not I who sent (King) the note that he should kill himself; it was the FBI," Ray said in a disjointed part of his statement yesterday.

This apparently referred to disclosures in 1975 by a Senate committee investigating intelligence community abuses which included memos showing that the late FBI chief, J. Edgar Hoover, had King's room bugged by while King was in a Washington hotel with a woman.

Tapes resulting from the bugging were mailed anonymously to King's wife and an anonymous note was sent to King suggesting he should commit suicide.

Ray testified for close to two and a half hours under heavy security. Fearing a slaying attempt such as the one which ended the life of Lee Harvey Oswald, the committee kept him surrounded by federal marshals and warned the few spectators allowed in the committee room (admittance was by ticket only) to "remain seated and stationary" as Ray entered and left the room.

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CIVIL ACTION 75-1996, U.S. DISTRICT COURT, DISTRICT OF
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CAPTIONED LAWSUIT WAS FILED UNDER FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
ACT (FOIA). SUIT RESULTED FROM PLAINTIFF'S REQUEST FOR
DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER
KING, JR. DURING THE COURSE OF THE REVIEW AND PROCESSING
OF THE MURKIN FILE AT FBIHQ, DOCUMENTS WERE LOCATED WHICH
ORIGINATED WITH RCMP AND NEW SCOTLAND YARD. COPIES OF
THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS WERE FURNISHED TO THE BUREAU THROUGH
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UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552 (B)(7)(D)). THEY ARE NOT CLASSIFIED AND PRIMARILY CONCERN THE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION OF JAMES EARL RAY. THE WITHHOLDING OF THESE DOCUMENTS HAS BEEN CONSISTENT WITH THE EXPRESSED POLICY DESIRE OF BOTH RCMP AND NEW SCOTLAND YARD THAT DOCUMENTS ORIGINATING WITH THEIR AGENCIES AND PROVIDED AS AN ASSISTANCE TO THE FBI NOT BE RELEASED UNDER THE FOIA AND PRIVACY ACTS.

IN VIEW OF THE HISTORICAL INTEREST IN THE ASSASSINATION OF DR. KING, THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE HAS REQUESTED A CONTACT WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF RCMP AND NEW SCOTLAND YARD RELATING TO COPIES OF THEIR DOCUMENTS CURRENTLY IN THE FBIHQ MURKIN FILE. IT IS TO BE DETERMINED WHETHER A SPECIFIC EXCEPTION CAN BE MADE WHICH PERMITS THE RELEASE OF THEIR DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO THE ASSASSINATION OF DR. KING.

COPIES OF THE DOCUMENTS CAN BE PROVIDED OTTAWA AND LONDON BY FBIHQ IF NEEDED. MURKIN FILE NUMBERS ARE: HQ 44-38861, LONDON 88-7, OTTAWA 44-4.

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SHOULD BE ATTENTION: FOIPA BRANCH. THIS TELETYPE, YOUR
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Mr. Robert L. Moore
c/o United States Embassy
100 Wellington Street
Ottawa, Ontario

Dear Mr. Moore:

Re: Harold Weisberg v. U.S. Department
of Justice - Civil Action

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of telex from the
Director F.B.I. which you transmitted to me on 78-11-02.

Please be advised that consistent with our current
policy, it is the wish of the R.C.M. Police not to release
the requested documents, under the F.O.I.A. and Privacy Acts.

Yours truly,

D. Chiarot, Inspector
Acting Officer in Charge
Federal Policing Branch

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-709) ATTN: SA HORACE BECKWITH
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FROM: LEGAT, OTTAWA (44-4) (C) RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION

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Attached are original and one copy of RCMP letter
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1979-01-19

Mr. Robert L. Moore
c/o United States Embassy
100 Wellington Street
Ottawa, Ontario

Dear Mr. Moore:

Re: James Earl RAY
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
- Victim
Civil Rights - Conspiracy

Further to our letter of June 23, 1975, regarding disposition of exhibits being held by our Force, and your Memphis office reply of July 22, 1975.

It would be appreciated if we could once again cause enquiries to be conducted through the Assistant District Attorney in Memphis to determine if we can now dispose of the exhibits in this case.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,

D. Chiarot, Inspector
Acting Officer in Charge
Federal Policing Branch

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: LEGAT, OTTAWA (44-4)(P)

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Enclosed for Bureau are two copies of RCMP letter dated 1/19/79, which is self-explanatory.

RCMP letter of 6/23/75 referred to in enclosure was forwarded to the Bureau by Ottawa letter 7/9/75.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Memphis, Tennessee
February 22, 1979

RE: JAMES EARL RAY;
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.-VICTIM;
CIVIL RIGHTS-CONSPIRACY

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On February 16, 1979, Leland M. McNabb, Assistant District Attorney, District Attorney's Office, 167 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee, was contacted by a Special Agent of the FBI regarding exhibits which pertain to the captioned matter.

Mr. McNabb advised he is currently the Assistant District Attorney assigned to this matter and has just filed an answer to a motion for a new trial on behalf of James Earl Ray. Mr. McNabb advised exhibits which pertain to this matter, should be retained in view of the motion for a new trial for James Earl Ray, and in view of the continuing legal questions which are being raised on behalf of Ray as to his original guilty plea in this matter. *end*

An inquiry should also be made with the United States Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., relative to the disposition of exhibits in this matter.

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Federal Policing Branch, RCMP
Attn: Inspector Dino Chiarot

9 March 1979

Robert L. Moore
FBI Liaison Officer

JAMES EARL RAY;
Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -
VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY

Your file: 68HQ 791-Q-60
Our file: 44-4

Reference is made to your letter of January 19, 1979.

The Memphis FBI Office has advised that on February 16, 1979, Leland M. McNabb, Assistant District Attorney, Memphis, Tennessee, was contacted by a Special Agent of the FBI regarding exhibits which pertain to the captioned matter.

Mr. McNabb advised he is currently the Assistant District Attorney assigned to this matter and that he has just filed an answer to a motion for a new trial on behalf of James Earl Ray. Mr. McNabb advised exhibits which pertain to this matter should be retained in view of the motion for a new trial for James Earl Ray, and in view of the continuing legal questions which are being raised on behalf of Ray as to his original guilty plea in this matter.

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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (44-38861) DATE: 3/9/79

FROM : Legal Attache, OTTAWA (44-4) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Reference: Memphis LHM, 2/22/79, submitted by Bureau
Routing Slip, 2/28/79.

Dissemination, as outlined below, was made on dates indicated
to foreign agencies listed.

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☒ Pertinent information from referenced Memphis LHM, 2/22/79.

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Our file Notre référence
68HQ-791-Q-60

Mr. Robert L. Moore
Legal Attache
c/o United States Embassy
100 Wellington Street
Ottawa, Ontario
K1P 5T1

Re: James Earl RAY
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. - Victim
Civil Rights - Conspiracy

This is further to our letter of January 19, 1979 regarding disposition of exhibits being held by our Force, and your reply of March 9, 1979.

It would be appreciated if we could once again cause enquiries to be conducted through the Assistant District Attorney in Memphis to determine if we can now dispose of the exhibits in this case.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

G. Timko, Inspector
Officer in Charge
Federal Policing Branch

1200 Alta Vista Drive
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Enclosed for FBIHQ and Memphis is one copy each of a Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) letter dated 9/10/80, which is self-explanatory.

RCMP letter of 1/19/79 referred to in the above enclosure was forwarded to FBIHQ by Ottawa letter 1/24/79.

Please note information furnished by RCMP may not be reclassified or further disseminated without prior RCMP authority.

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ReOTTlet, 9/15/80, enclosing Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) letter, 9/10/80.

MEMPHIS is requested to respond to request made by RCMP concerning disposal of exhibits in this matter, as set forth in RCMP letter of 9/10/80.

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

Reference Bureau airtel to Memphis, dated 10/8/80 enclosing Legat, Ottawa letter, dated 9/15/80; Memphis airtel and LHM, dated 12/11/80; Bureau routing slip to Memphis, dated 1/6/81 with attached Legat, Ottawa letter to the Bureau, dated 12/18/80.

Investigation requested by the referenced Legat, Ottawa letter, dated 9/15/80, was furnished to the Bureau by the referenced Memphis airtel and LHM.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: LEGAT, OTTAWA (44A-4)(P)
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Re Memphis airtel 1/14/81.

Reairtel indicated Memphis had forwarded airtel and LHM 12/11/80 responding to request in Ottawa letter 9/15/80. To date Ottawa has not been furnished copies of Memphis airtel and LHM 12/11/80. It is requested Ottawa be furnished copies of same.

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Re: James Earl Ray
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., -Victim
Civil Rights - Conspiracy

This is further to my memorandum dated 80-09-10 regarding the disposition of exhibits being held by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

May we please be advised of the current status of this matter so that a determination can be made with regard to the disposition of exhibits?

I look forward to receiving your reply.

G. Timko, Inspector
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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Memphis, Tennessee
December 11, 1980

RE: JAMES EARL RAY;
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -
VICTIM;
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY

On November 21, 1980, Jewitt Miller, Executive Administrative Assistant to Hugh Stanton, District Attorney General, Memphis, Tennessee, was contacted by a Special Agent of the FBI regarding exhibits which pertain to the captioned matter.

Mr. Miller advised by court order, Hugh Stanton has been removed from legal proceedings in this case since he was with the Public Defender's Office during the defense of James Earl Ray and at the time the Public Defender's Office was the court appointed co-counsel for Ray. The court decided it would be a conflict of interest for Stanton to be involved in this matter, and it is the opinion of Stanton the order extends to the assistant district attorneys of his office. The last motion for a new trial by Ray was handled by the State Attorney General's Office, Nashville, Tennessee, and responsibility for the case now rest with the State Attorney General, Nashville, Tennessee.

On December 5, 1980, Joe Haynes, Trial Attorney, State Attorney General's Office, Nashville, Tennessee, informed a Special Agent of the FBI all evidence in the captioned matter should be retained for an indefinite period of time. Haynes advised James Earl Ray has filed at least four petitions for post conviction relief and one of the petitions is now pending in the State Criminal Court of Shelby County. While Haynes believes these petitions to be wholly without merit, he is also of the opinion it will take a considerable length of time for all of the petitions to clear the full appellate process in Tennessee. It is also believed Ray may continue to file motions, in which case the evidence would be required to be available.

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RE: JAMES EARL RAY;
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An inquiry should also be made with the U. S.
Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., relative to the
disposition of exhibits in this matter.

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