

22. Offense History

See attached rap sheets.

ADJUSTMENT SINCE RECEPTION: Mr. Hilton has been in EW Receiving since his arrival here. He has been no problem in this area but has not had free mobility due to the Escape detainer and his lengthy sentence. He is seen as a risk for an institution like SCI-Rockview.

23. Current Offense

OFFICIAL ACCOUNT: Mr. Hilton robbed Lester Shirk at knife point of \$220.00. He committed a similar robbery of Chester O. Grissinger and Joseph McLain. All were threatendd at knife point in separate incidents.

ACCOMPLICES AND DISPOSITION: None.

OFFENDER ACCOUNT: "I was using drugs (heroin) and have no knowledge of the crimes." Escape Detainer: "I had made parole in Tennessee. I went out on a three day furlough in Tennessee. Other inmates wanted em to being drugs in. After being with my family I changed my mind. The people I was to pick up the drugs from started pressuring me. So I took off."

24. Psychological Report

See attached report.

25. Counselor Evaluation

STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES: Mr. Hilton is confused by the escape detainer. He states it will be dropped according to his attorney. Tennessee on the other hand has lodged a detainer against him to be activated upon completion of this sentence. Overall, Rich has had a poor history within institutions. Indications from Tennessee are that he was less than a model prisoner. Therefore, recommendation for transfer to a more secure institution appears warranted.

While incarcerated, Mr. Hilton should become involved in Narcotics Anonymous and other drug programming. This will help to alleviate his involvement in the drug subculture. It is also seen as advantageous for him to expand his present educational and vocational bases. In addition he should become involved in group therapy to explore his prior behavior patterns.

COMMUNITY SENSITIVITY: Rich is originally from Tennessee. He has a detainer for escape from Tennessee. Indications are that release would include eventual transfer to Tennessee parole plan.

Richard J. Taranto,  
Correctional Counselor II

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Approved by

*Dale C. Sherman*  
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Class. & Treatment Supv. I

PSYCHOLOGICAL REPORT

Mr. Hilton was interviewed and was administered a series of tests to assist in the initial classification process. He was cooperative, readily completing all tasks and answering all questions. He did not seem very sincere in his presentation; the information he provided is, therefore, suspect. His affect was appropriate; his memory was good for both recent and remote recall. He was well oriented in all spheres; there were no indications of hallucinations, delusions, or loosening of associations.

Mr. Hilton relates that his father's death hit him hard; since that time (age sixteen) he has been getting into trouble. After a series of burglaries he was sent to reform school. He later committed an armed robbery that resulted in his being sentenced to serve ten years in a state prison in Tennessee. He relates that he robbed a cab driver but does not remember any of the details due to excessive drinking. His current account differs drastically from an earlier account in the records available from Tennessee. He insists that he did very well in prison (achieving trustee status) except that he became very involved in the use of drugs. He asserts that he had been granted parole, but was to have a temporary furlough prior to his release on parole. He was supposed to bring drugs back into the institution following his furlough but he changed his mind. The people who were to supply him with the drugs threatened him with a gun, so he avoided them and did not return to prison. Traveling in Pennsylvania he apparently robbed three people at knife point. He denies any knowledge of these robberies stating that he was too involved with drugs at the time to know what he was doing. While he states that he wants to do whatever was necessary to change and to stay out of trouble, he carefully avoids an honest self-appraisal. He externalizes the responsibility for his actions, placing the blame on alcohol and drugs.

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Mr. Hilton is currently pleasant, cooperative and expressing his motivations to achieve a good institutional adjustment. However, his motivation and his ability are suspect. It is suggested that he be transferred to a more secure institution and that he be placed on program status II to monitor his initial adjustment in population. He has expressed interest in being transferred back to Tennessee to complete this sentence; if that could be arranged it would be advisable. The staff there would be more familiar with him and better able to deal with him. In addition it would avoid the disruption in any programming that a later transfer (upon completion of this sentence) might entail. The prognosis appears guarded for any real change, but he could participate in school programs to earn his G.E.D. in Alcoholic Anonymous and/or a drug therapy program. It is anticipated that he would be unresponsive to individual or group counseling, but it may be worthwhile to allow him to participate for several sessions to more fully evaluate whether or not he is amenable to such interventions.

Steve Wheeler  
Psychological Services  
Associate III

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DATE: 12/22/78

To: SAC, Philadelphia

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✓ From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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DAVID LEE POWELL; JAMES EARL RAY; DOUGLAS SHELTON -

FUGITIVE; CONSPIRACY TO VIOLATE UFAC - ESCAPE. OO:

KNOXVILLE.

TITLE CHANGED TO DELETE FUGITIVE FROM SUBJECTS  
CAYLOR, HILL AND RAY.

RE KNOXVILLE TELETYPE JUNE 12, 1977.

THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED  
JUNE 13, 1977. JAMES EARL RAY WAS APPREHENDED BY CORRECTION  
AUTHORITIES AT APPROXIMATELY 2:15 AM, JUNE 13, 1977, IN  
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INVESTIGATION BY BUREAU AGENTS AND ANDERSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE, DEPUTY SHERIFFS DETERMINED THAT INDIVIDUAL FITTING CAYLOR'S DESCRIPTION HAD POSSIBLY STOLEN A PICKUP TRUCK FROM A VILLAGE NEAR THE PRISON. A BROADCAST WAS PUT OUT ON THIS TRUCK AND IT WAS LATER WRECKED AT A ROADBLOCK NEAR OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE, WITH THE DRIVER ESCAPING.

BUREAU AGENT TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE, TO APPRISE THEM OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION, AND DONALD RAY CAYLOR WAS APPREHENDED BY OAK RIDGE, TENN., P.D. AS RESULT OF THIS INFORMATION.

PRISON AUTHORITIES STATE SUBJECT SHELTON ONLY REMAINING FUGITIVE IS IN A MOUNTAIN APPROXIMATELY TEN MILES FROM THE PRISON, AND THAT THEY ARE RESTING THEIR DOGS AND HAVE THE MOUNTAIN SURROUNDED. PRISON AUTHORITIES STATE THEIR FORCES PLAN TO ATTEMPT TO APPREHEND SHELTON PM, JUNE 13, 1977.

SAC RELEASED ALL SPECIAL AGENTS ASSIGNED FROM OTHER DIVISIONS.

KNOXVILLE SPECIAL AGENTS DEPARTED PRISON PREMISES.



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ATTENTION: MOVEMENT SECTION

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JAMES EARL RAY, AKA - FUGITIVE; TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES;

UFAC - ESCAPE: CONSPIRACY. OO: KNOXVILLE.

RE KNOXVILLE TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR AND PHILADELPHIA  
JUNE 12, 1977.

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# Who Killed Martin Luther King?

## Ray on the Run

### — From 'Raoul'

Was James Earl Ray the lone gunman who killed Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. nine years ago?

The state of Tennessee, the FBI and the Justice Department all say yes — even though Ray has consistently maintained that he was a pawn in a wide-ranging conspiracy to kill King. Now, in an explosive new book, "Code Name Zorro," writers Mark Lane and Dick Gregory find evidence to support Ray's claims. In this, the third part of our excerpts from the book, Lane recounts an exclusive prison interview in which Ray reveals, for the first time, where he was when King was killed...

By MARK LANE

My conversation with James Earl Ray took place in the library of the Brushy Mountain Penitentiary. I was the first visitor to see him after the United States Supreme Court had denied his application for a trial.

He said, "I was sent out of the rooming house (from which the shot that killed King was supposedly fired) eight or ten times that day. I was almost never in there. As to the bathroom (the sniper's nest used by the gunman) I'm not sure I was ever in there at all. It had no special meaning for me at the time. But I was in and out of the room I had rented all day — mostly out of it."

I asked why his fingerprints had not been found in the room. "Well," he said, "the doors did not have door knobs for one thing. They had a hole to stick a finger through and a leather strap to pull."

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**RAY RETURNED** to the narrative. "I was sent to the drugstore, to the gun shop, twice to the place that sold binoculars, to taverns. Late afternoon I was sent to a gas station to check out the car, to get air in the spare tire. I did that and drove back toward the rooming house on South Main. The place was filled with police, blocking off the street. Something had happened and I knew I had to get out of there. I was a fugitive and I could not afford to get stopped by the police. I turned down a street before the rooming house and started to drive away. I was later told that a police officer waved me on through but I don't remember that happening."

I asked Ray where he went. He said, "I began to drive toward New Orleans. I had the car radio on and the announcement came that King had been shot. It was dark by then. Maybe about seven o'clock when I heard that news. But even then I wasn't sure about what had happened. I didn't even know that the Lorraine Motel was behind the rooming house. I didn't know King was staying there. I didn't even know that King was in town."

I asked Ray when he determined for the first that he had some involvement with the events that led to Dr. King's death. "Well, I kept on driving and then the news report came over the radio about King being shot and the suspect, a white man, had escaped from the area in a white Mustang. I was driving a white Mustang. I had just left the area. It wasn't hard at that time for me to put two and two together and decide

that I was it."

**RAY SAID**, "Then I just wanted to get far away from Memphis. I had good reasons to leave. I wanted to get away from the police. A convict, a fugitive wanted for killing King. I didn't think I had a chance. Anyway, even if I did I still owed time to Missouri and there would be the additional time for escaping. I had to get away before I was caught by the police or anyone else."

According to Arthur Hanes, Jr., (Ray's first defense lawyer) Ray was fleeing for his life. "He knew all of a sudden that he was in deep trouble. I think it was not just the authorities Ray feared. He was afraid that Raoul (the man Ray says recruited him to participate — unwittingly — in the killing) or Raoul's friends might kill him. He knew by then, of course, that he'd been set up and he feared that as an important link to the killers he imposed a real threat. He was afraid that they would kill him."

**CERTAIN ELEMENTS** of Ray's explanation of the events are subject to

independent verification.

I have been able to establish that Ray had been at the motels and restaurants that he spoke of and that he was there during the time frame that he gave. Yet those facts do not establish the validity of his essential claim that another was involved and directed him. Ray could have woven his fabric of his conspiracy story around the framework of a real set of facts.

There are, I suggest, three areas of inquiry which might tend to confirm or challenge the essence of his story.

- If Raoul was not a source of substantial funding for Ray during his months as a fugitive, what was the source?

- Why was the package containing evidence (the rifle and a number of Ray's personal effects) that would inexorably lead to Ray left on the sidewalk rather than placed in the Mustang?

- Did he exchange rifles at the

Aeromarine Supply Company after conferring with another person as he claimed?

THERE HAS BEEN speculation about how Ray's trips around the country and his trips to Europe were financed. The FBI conducted a relatively thorough investigation and was unable to establish any proof that Ray had been financed from the time of his escape from the prison at Jefferson City, Missouri, until the time of his arrest in London in any fashion other than Raoul, as Ray claimed. If Ray did receive substantial funds from other sources, those sources have escaped detection.

The troubling presence of the package containing evidence tending to link Ray to the crime creates a serious logical problem. If he was going to carry the rifle, binoculars, radio, clothing, and other articles from the bathroom (from which the fatal shot was supposedly fired), taking precious time to wrap them up, why did he leave them on the



sidewalk? Why did he not just throw them in the Mustang parked a few feet away? The gratuitous placement by Ray of evidence that would, without doubt, lead to him is inexplicable. Ray's narrative of the events has the virtue of offering a rational explanation.

If Ray had discussed the characteristics of the rifle that he had purchased from the Aeromarine Supply Company with another who considered it to be unsuitable for the intended use, and then Ray exchanged the rifle for a more accurate or more powerful weapon, his narrative takes on an added authority.

**DOES IT NOT SEEM** likely that had Ray purchased the rifle with the intent of using it to murder Dr. King, would he have not sought to complete that task expeditiously so that the salesperson might be less likely to identify him later? Yet Ray, for some reason, did return to exchange the weapon for a much more powerful and accurate one.

Ray has told us of his view of the transaction with the Aeromarine Supply Company in Birmingham. Robert Wood and Donald Wood were proprietors of the company on March 29, 1968. Wood fully corroborates Ray's narrative and provides, as well, details which tend to confirm essential elements in the narrative.

**WOOD SAID** that Ray looked over a number of rifles, seemed confused by the array of rifles available, and appeared to know even less about deer hunting. Ray selected a Remington Gamemaster.

During the afternoon, Wood received a telephone call from Ray who said that he required a "heavier gun" and that he wanted to exchange the weapon he had just purchased for a more powerful one. Wood agreed. He was, however, puzzled since the weapon he'd sold earlier in the day was more than adequate for deer hunting.

Wood said that Ray returned the following morning and chose a more powerful weapon, a Remington 30.06 rifle.

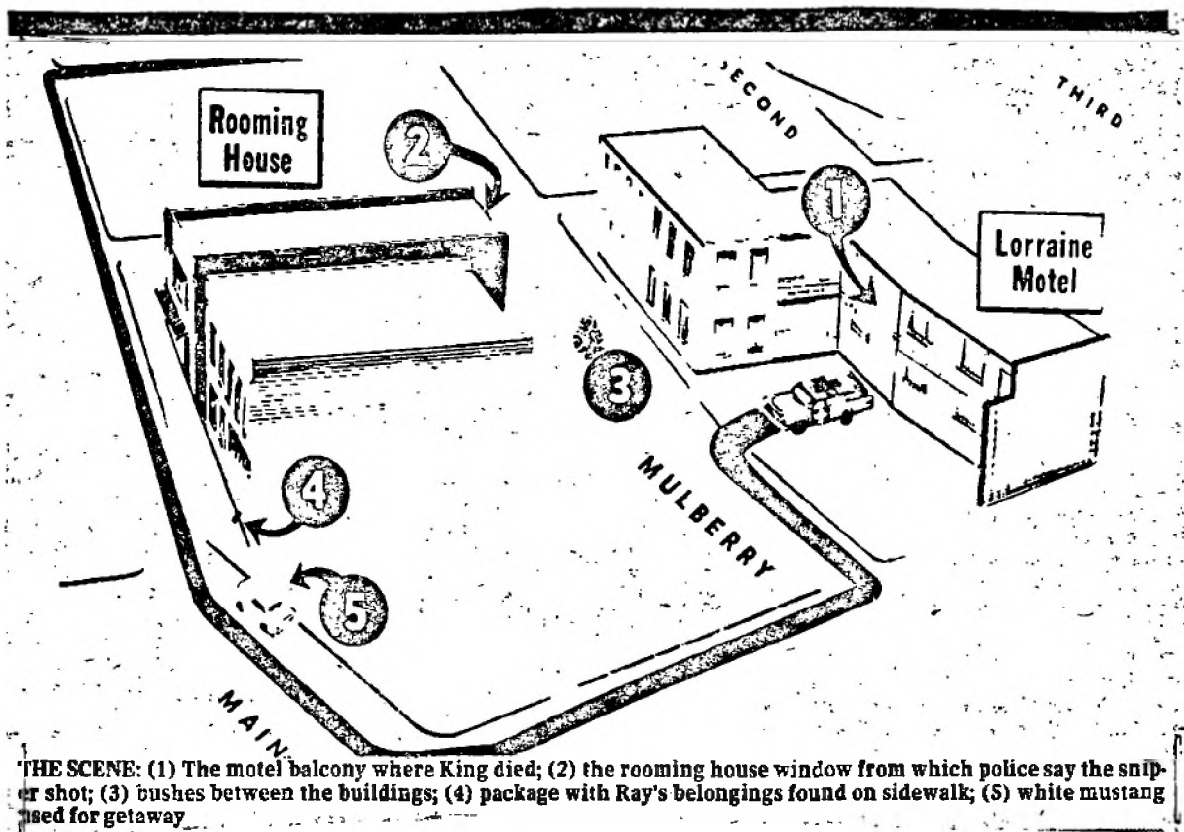
**RAY'S ACCOUNT** of the transaction at Aeromarine was confirmed both by Donald Wood and his father Robert Wood. Only the mysterious Raoul can corroborate or challenge Ray's account of why he exchanged weapons and risked a second visit to the location of his first overt act in the murder of Dr. King. We are left to ponder this question — Why did Ray exchange rifles unless someone advised him to do so after he had made the initial purchase?

Ray's explanation, whether truthful or not, claims the virtue of being reasonable. It also enjoys another distinction. During the nine years that have passed since that day it remains the only explanation of the prolonged transaction.

**Tomorrow: two eyewitnesses who may have seen the real assassin.**

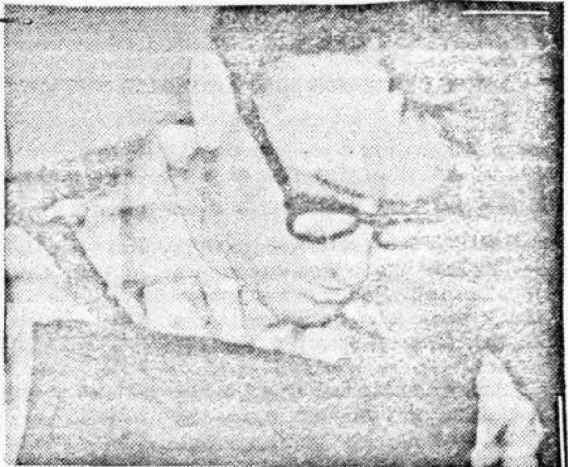
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**THE VICTIM: Martin Luther King, Jr.**



**THE KILLER? Ray in custody**

12/21/76

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (44-1368) (ASAC1) (RUC)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to Philadelphia, 12/9/76.

The files of the Philadelphia Division fail to reflect any information identifiable with SARAH B. EBERLY.

The Lancaster Telephone Directory fails to contain any listing for SARAH B. EBERLY.

The Lancaster Suburban Directory sets forth a listing for one SARAH B. EBERLY at 460 Hawthorne Drive, Lancaster, Pa. Before the agent could ring the bell, the door was opened by a white female, approximately sixty years of age. SA HINDES identified himself and displayed his credentials and was immediately invited into the residence.

The above individual acknowledged that she was Mrs. SARAH EBERLY and she was asked if she had recently sent a letter to the Director. She replied, "Didn't you check my fingerprints?" In response to an inquiry as to why it would be necessary to check her fingerprints, she stated, "I don't believe that you are an FBI Agent". SA HINDES then permitted Mrs. EBERLY to re-examine his credentials.

Mrs. EBERLY then inquired as to the reason for SA HINDES being at her residence. She was advised that the Director desired to acknowledge the receipt of her letter and obtain any information she might have concerning the

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captioned matter. Mrs. EBERLY then inquired if the FBI maintained files. She was advised that this was correct in certain matters. She then indicated that she was an informant.

Mrs. EBERLY then stated that she had been contacted in 1968, on two different occasions, once by a single agent and once by two agents. She then mentioned the fact that SA HINDES was not present at either of those contacts. Mrs. EBERLY was advised that it is not unusual for Bureau personnel to be transferred on occasion and that SA HINDES was not assigned to the area in 1968. In addition, Mrs. EBERLY was unable to recall the names of the agents who allegedly contacted her.

Mrs. EBERLY further commented that after she was previously contacted by the FBI, she underwent psychiatric and shock treatments.

Mrs. EBERLY then proceeded to berate SA HINDES for his lack of knowledge of the previous contacts with her and stated that she mentioned in her letter that she would not speak with anyone without being certain as to his identity. She then stated "I don't believe that you're an agent". With this comment, she then picked up a newspaper and proceeded to read it, indicating that she desired to terminate the interview.

It would appear that Mrs. EBERLY suffers from some type of a mental disorder and has acknowledged that she has received treatment for this condition. It is quite possible that she may direct additional correspondence to the Director.

In view of the foregoing information, the Philadelphia Division does not contemplate any further contacts with Mrs. EBERLY, UACB.

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DATE: 12/9/76

To: SAC, Philadelphia

From: Director, FBI

MURKIN

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Enclosed are two copies of a letter and envelope from Mrs. Sarah B. Eberly dated 12/4/76, postmarked Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Upon receipt, attempt to locate Mrs. Sarah B. Eberly, acknowledge receipt of her letter, and interview her for full details regarding any information she desires to furnish regarding captioned matter. Advise whether any information contained in your indices and files re Mrs. Eberly. Promptly advise results.

Bufiles contain no information identifiable with Mrs. Eberly.

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



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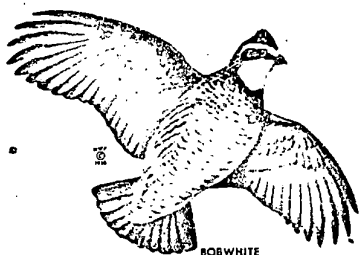
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I am writing about this investigation of Dr. King's murder. James Earl Ray is guilty you people know it, he knows it. He pleaded guilty to save his life, if he would have been tried by a jury at that time he would have gotten the death penalty & he knew it.

If it would clear things as much as I don't want to, I will come forward & tell my story. I would have to know who I am talking to. I still don't want to be smeared all over the news papers. but if I can be of any help I will cooperate.

Sincerely

Mrs. Sarah B. Eberly



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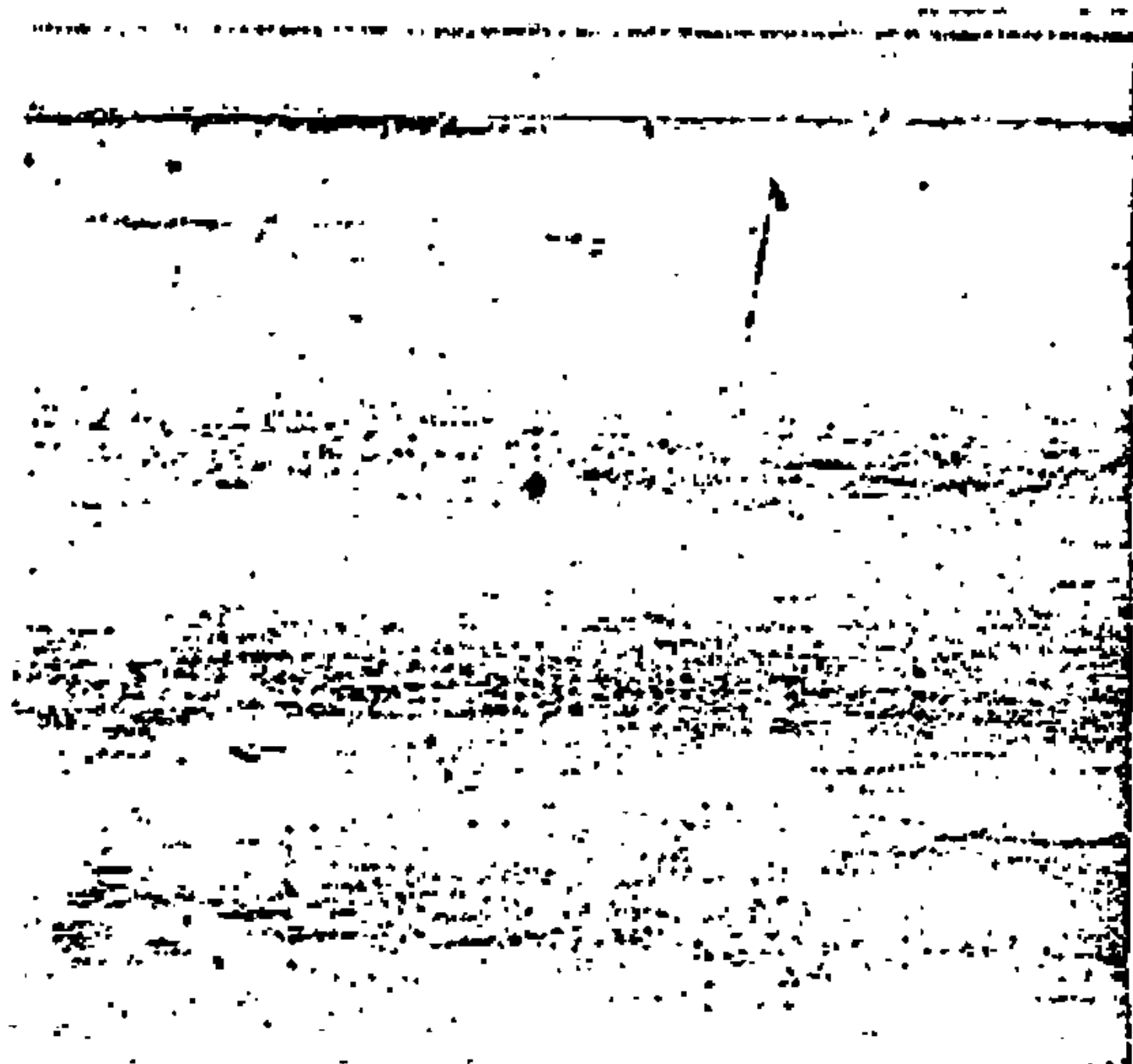
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If it would clear things as much as I don't want to, I will come forward & tell my story. I would have to know who I am talking to. I still don't want to be smeared all over the news papers. but if I can be of any help I will cooperate.

Sincerely

Mrs. Sarah B. Eberly







DIRECTOR, FBI

10/6/76

SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-56121)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW; COST DATA

Re Bureau teletype, 8/6/76, and Philadelphia  
letter, 9/1/76.

No costs were incurred in September 1976.

2 - Bureau (RM)  
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8:10PM NITEL 08-06-76 SRS

TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW; COST DATA

REBUTEL JULY 29, 1976. IN ORDER THAT COSTS INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH THIS MATTER MAY BE COMPILED, YOU ARE REQUESTED TO FURNISH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

1. MANPOWER: THE NAME, GRADE AND SALARY STEP, AND HOURS SPENT, BOTH REGULAR AND OVERTIME, BY EACH EMPLOYEE WHO WORKED ON THIS MATTER.

2. UNUSUAL COSTS: ANY UNUSUAL OR OUT-OF-THE-ORDINARY COSTS. THESE COSTS SHOULD BE ITEMIZED AND THE COST OF EACH ITEM SHOWN SEPARATELY.

ALL REPORTS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE BUREAU, ATTENTION BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION, FINANCE AND PERSONNEL DIVISION. THE FIRST REPORT FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH AUGUST 31, 1976, AND FOR EACH MONTH THEREAFTER SHOULD REACH THE BUREAU BY THE FIFTH WORKDAY OF EACH MONTH.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (44-1368) (SQ11) (C)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW  
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BUDED 9/5/76

Re Bureau nitel to all SACs, 8/6/76.

The following is provided per request in referenced nitel:

1. Manpower

SA MICHAEL E. MACYS, GS 11-4, 12 hours (regular).  
Office Machine Operator DAVID E. ENGLAND, GS 3-1,  
three hours (regular).

2. Unusual Costs

The expense incurred in xeroxing requested files appears to fall into this category; however, Philadelphia responded to the xeroxing request prior to the receipt of referenced nitel and no accounting was kept of the total number of xerox pages forwarded to the Bureau.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)  
(ATTN: DEPUTY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR  
INGRAM, INTELLIGENCE DIVISION)

FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (44-1368) (SQ11) (RUC)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,  
BUDED 8/9/76

Re Bureau teletypes to All SACs dated 7/30/76,  
captioned as above.

Enclosed for the Bureau under separate cover  
is the following xeroxed material:

Nine volumes containing serials currently  
appearing in PH44-1368

One volume containing those 1A and 1B exhibits  
which could be xeroxed

Those 1A and 1B serials which could not be xeroxed  
are listed and described on a sheet of paper appearing in the  
volume pertaining to these serials.

Philadelphia notes that Volume six, serial 427,  
does not appear in the file and is not accounted for by an  
FD 5 (charge out).

In view of the fact that no additional administra-  
tive action is necessary at this time, this file is being  
returned to an RUC status.

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TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR (100-106670)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BUDED AUGUST 9, 1976

FOR INFORMATION OF RECIPIENTS THE ATTORNEY GENERAL (AG)  
HAS ORDERED A REVIEW OF THE FBI'S INVESTIGATION OF MARTIN  
LUTHER KING. ASSIGNED TO CONDUCT THIS REVIEW IS A TASK FORCE  
WORKING UNDER DIRECTION OF THE OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL  
RESPONSIBILITY (OPR) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. THE  
ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS INDICATED THE REVIEW IS TO RESOLVE THE  
FOLLOWING FOUR QUESTIONS: (1) WAS THE FBI INVESTIGATION OF  
KING'S ASSASSINATION THOROUGH AND HONEST? (2) IS THERE ANY  
EVIDENCE THE FBI WAS INVOLVED IN THE ASSASSINATION? (3) IS  
THERE ANY NEW EVIDENCE WHICH HAS COME TO THE ATTENTION OF THE  
DEPARTMENT CONCERNING THE ASSASSINATION? (4) DOES THE  
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE BUREAU AND KING CALL FOR CRIMINAL  
PROSECUTIONS, DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS OR OTHER APPROPRIATE  
ACTION?

THIS REVIEW IS A CONTINUATION OF A "PARTIAL REVIEW" RECENTLY

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CONDUCTED BY THE CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT UNDER DIRECTION OF ASSISTANT AG J. STANLEY POTTINGER. ALL PERSONNEL ON THE TASK FORCE ARE AUTHORIZED TOTAL ACCESS TO OUR FILES PERTAINING TO KING'S ASSASSINATION, OUR INTELLIGENCE INVESTIGATION OF KING AND ANY FILES RELATING TO BASIS FOR THESE INVESTIGATIONS. THIS WILL INCLUDE COVER PAGES OF COMMUNICATIONS CONTAINING IDENTITIES OF SOME FBI SOURCES AND INFORMANTS WHO WERE NOT AFFORDED SYMBOL NUMBERS AT THAT TIME AND INDIVIDUALS WHO EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED CONFIDENTIALITY.

TO DATE THE TASK FORCE HAS REVIEWED FBIHQ AND WFO FILES CONCERNING THE ASSASSINATION OF KING CAPTIONED "MURKIN, BUREAU FILE 44-33861. TASK FORCE MEMBERS HAVE TRAVELED TO MEMPHIS, MILWAUKEE, KANSAS CITY, OMAHA, SAN FRANCISCO AND LOS ANGELES AND REVIEWED MURKIN AND INTELLIGENCE INVESTIGATION FILES OF THOSE OFFICES. FUTURE TRAVEL BY THE TASK FORCE IS PLANNED FOR ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, CHARLOTTE, CHICAGO, NEW ORLEANS, NEW YORK, SPRINGFIELD AND ST. LOUIS.

AFTER ABOVE TRAVEL IS COMPLETED AND KING RELATED SECURITY FILES AT FBIHQ ARE REVIEWED, THE TASK FORCE WILL HAVE SEEN THE MAJORITY OF SERIALS IN OUR FILES RELATING TO THE KING INVESTIGATIONS. HOWEVER, SINCE IT IS THE GOAL OF THE TASK FORCE TO REVIEW KING RELATED FILES IN EVERY FIELD OFFICE, IT WILL BE

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NECESSARY TO FORWARD XEROX COPIES OF FILES FROM THE REMAINING OFFICES TO FBIHQ FOR REVIEW.

THEREFORE, ALL RECIPIENTS WITH EXCEPTION OF THOSE OFFICES NAMED ABOVE, FURNISH FBIHQ ONE XEROX COPY OF EACH SERIAL CONTAINED IN YOUR KING ASSASSINATION FILE CAPTIONED "MURKIN." IT IS REQUESTED THIS MATERIAL BE PROCESSED AND MAILED TO REACH FBIHQ PRIOR TO AUGUST 9, 1976. THIS MATERIAL SHOULD BE SENT BY REGISTERED MAIL, ATTENTION DEPUTY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR INGRAM, INTELLIGENCE DIVISION.

IF MURKIN FILES CONTAIN ANY PHOTOGRAPHS, EXHIBITS OR OTHER ITEMS WHICH CANNOT BE XEROXED A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF EACH ITEM AND ITS LOCATION SHOULD BE SET FORTH IN YOUR COMMUNICATIONS TRANSMITTING THE DOCUMENTS TO FBIHQ.

SUBSEQUENT INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE ISSUED CONCERNING SUBMISSION OF COPIES OF OUR INTELLIGENCE INVESTIGATION OF KING AND RELATED SECURITY FILES. OFFICES TO BE VISITED IN THE FUTURE BY TASK FORCE PERSONNEL WILL ALSO BE FURNISHED APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTIONS BY SEPARATE COMMUNICATION.

END

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7:40PM NITEL 7-30-76 CMB

TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR (100-106670)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; BUDED AUGUST 9, 1976.

REBUTEL TO ALL SACS JULY 28, 1976.

FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TASK FORCE HAS RESULTED IN THE FOLLOWING CHANGE REGARDING REPRODUCTION OF FIELD OFFICE SERIALS IN THE MURKIN INVESTIGATION, AS OUTLINED IN REFERENCED TELETYPE.

IT WILL BE NECESSARY ONLY TO XEROX THE FIRST PAGE OF ANY DOCUMENT IN YOUR MURKIN FILE IF A COPY OF THAT DOCUMENT HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO FBIHQ. THIS WILL INCLUDE BOTH DOCUMENTS ORIGINATING IN YOUR OFFICE AND THOSE RECEIVED FROM OTHER FIELD DIVISIONS. ANY DOCUMENTS IN YOUR MURKIN FILE, COPIES OF WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN SUBMITTED TO FBIHQ MUST BE REPRODUCED IN THEIR ENTIRETY AND FORWARDED TO FBIHQ.

IT IS NOTED THAT THIS FIRST PAGE SHOULD CONTAIN THE FIELD OFFICE SERIAL NUMBER IN ORDER THAT THE DEPARTMENT CAN MAKE A COMPLETE CHRONOLOGICAL ACCOUNTING OF EACH FIELD OFFICE SERIAL.

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Source advised he was present at a press conference called by SCLC at 42nd and Wallace Streets, a church which is currently used as headquarters for SCLC. MEZZEL RANDOLPH who is currently acting as director of SCLC in Philadelphia, was the main speaker and stated he received information from a Mr. GELLER of the "Philadelphia Tribune" who notified RANDOLPH that Sley Garage had a car with \$1,500 storage fee. The car was a white Mustang with Georgia plates and it had been in the garage since the latter part of 1968. RANDOLPH told the informant that SCLC wanted to obtain publicity so that the Federal Government would look into the fact that many people had white Mustangs and attempted to make the KING killing look like a conspiracy which is unsolved rather than the work of one man.

RANDOLPH attempted to give the papers the impression that SCLC was interested in helping youths and that SCLC had their headquarters at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, 42nd and Wallace Streets, where Rev. MARSHAL SHEPPARD is the minister.

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### Mustang a Link to King Murder?

A Philadelphia civil rights leader said Friday he believes a 1965 white Mustang abandoned for two years in a downtown parking garage here was "somehow involved" in the assassination of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Merceel Randolph, board chairman of the Philadelphia chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference said he believes the car either was driven by the man who killed Dr. King or was used as a decoy to lead police away from the murderer.

Speaking at a press conference at the Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, 42d and Wallace sts., Randolph said a white, 1965 Mustang with Georgia tags has been parked at a garage at 18th and Chestnut sts. since September 1968, almost four months after Dr. King's death.

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# FBI Says Mustang Left Here 2 Years Ago Not Linked To Martin Luther King Murder Car Looks Like One Implicated In Assassination

By LAURENCE H. GELLER  
(Of The Tribune Staff)

A Georgia-licensed white Mustang abandoned almost two years ago in a center-city garage, and similar to the one implicated in the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is not linked to the murder, an FBI spokesman in Philadelphia told the Tribune yesterday.

However, the local branch of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, officially asked the FBI yesterday, for a "thorough investigation of the 1965 model car and the owner." Her whereabouts are unknown.

## ON PROBATION

The FBI has already reported to the Tribune that the owner of the car is a probation violator (narcotics charge), missing since December 1969.

Her name is Lois Jane Floyd, 36, white. Ironically, likewise, she sometimes uses the alias of Lois King. She was born November 1933.

The car arrived in Philadelphia on September 13, 1968, five months after the assassination.

An FBI spokesman told the

Tribune that "we have the Mustang owned by James Earl Ray. As of now, we see no connection between the abandoned Mustang bearing Georgia license plates and the King assassination.

## SCLC PRESIDENT

Dr. King was the president of SCLC at the time of his death on April 4, 1968.

The relation of a white Mustang to the assassination is as follows:

—The accused killer of Dr. King, James Earl Ray, is alleged by the FBI to have purchased a white '66 Mustang sometime in 1967 and traveled extensively in it to Los Angeles, New Orleans, Birmingham, Mexico, Memphis and Atlanta.

—Memphis policemen were drawn to the northside of the city about a half-hour after Dr. King was killed by a false report that a white Mustang, believed to be the getaway car, was speeding through the city streets.

—A white Mustang, allegedly belonging to Ray, and bearing Alabama license plates, was

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## FBI Says Mustang

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found in Atlanta, Ga., one week after the assassination. It has been and remains in Federal custody.

### STORY DOUBTED

It goes without saying that the car in the center-city garage may have no connection whatsoever with Dr. King's assassination. But many persons throughout the country have never completely believed that the whole story of the assassination is known.

—James Earl Ray has indicated that there is more to the case than the public knows.

—It has never been proven that the rifle found was the weapon used to kill Dr. King.

—Dr. King's associate, James Bevel, SCLC education director, believes Ray is innocent of the assassination.

—The source of the police radio reports that a white Mustang was speeding through Memphis,

have never been uncovered. **DUST-COVERED**

Sitting in the center-city garage, the white Mustang, now thickly covered with dust, looks black at first glance.

It was first reported to the Tribune several weeks ago via a phone caller who said he had worked part-time at the garage, and that the mysterious car had become a conversation piece amongst the employees there.

The information given to the Tribune was then turned over to the FBI; but it turned out that the license number was not carefully given. The Tribune went to the garage, obtained the license number and then called in local SCLC.

The most that can be hoped from whatever investigation is held is another clue to that is unknown about Dr. King's assassination.

The least that would result from such an investigation is that the missing Lois Jane Floyd, alias Lois King, will be retrieved from the depths of society in which she has submerged herself, to reveal why she drove a 1965 white Mustang, bearing Georgia license plates, to Philadelphia almost two years ago and left it there to gather dust.

— Feed The Poor —



MARZELL RANDOLPH, SCLC board chairman in Philadelphia, is shown talking with the FBI, asking for a thorough investigation of the abandoned Mustang and its owner, whose whereabouts are unknown.



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ABANDONED FIVE MONTHS AFTER DR. KING'S assassination, this 1965 Georgia-licensed Mustang has been sitting in a center-city Philadelphia garage ever since. The FBI denies it is in any way connected with the murder. That's Marzell Randolph, board chairman of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (Philadelphia branch) examining the car. (Tribune Photos by Laurence H. Oeller)



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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND  
ATLANTA (26-48376)  
FROM PHILADELPHIA (26-40535) (P)

MURKIN; UNSUB; SIXTYFIVE WHITE MUSTANG, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT  
GEORGIA LICENSE ONE D SIX THREE SIX FOUR SIX; POSSIBLE  
ITSMV. OO PHILA.

ON JUNE TWENTYFOUR LAST, LAWRENCE GELLER, CITY EDITOR,  
PHILADELPHIA TRIBUNE (PHILA NEGRO NEWSPAPER), ADVISED  
CAPTIONED VEHICLE APPARENTLY IN ABANDONED STATE IN PHILA  
AREA FOR PAST SEVERAL MONTHS AND REQUESTED FBI ASSISTANCE  
TO DETERMINE IF VEHICLE WAS STOLEN. GELLER REFUSED TO  
GIVE LOCATION OF VEHICLE AT THAT POINT STATING HE DID NOT  
WISH TO DIVULGE SOURCE UNTIL IT WAS DETERMINED THAT A CRIME  
HAD BEEN COMMITTED. NCIC AND PHILA INDICES WERE NEGATIVE  
RE CAPTIONED VEHICLE.

ON JULY SIX LAST GELLER AGAIN CONTACTED BY PHILA AGENT

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IN ATTEMPT TO LOCATE VEHICLE AND EXAMINE IT FOR VIN TO ASSIST IN DETERMINING IF VEHICLE STOLEN AND ITSMV VIOLATION EXISTED. GELLER ADVISED VEHICLE WAS STORED IN A GARAGE IN PHILA WHERE IT HAD BEEN ABANDONED SINCE NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT. GELLER AGAIN REFUSED TO REVEAL EXACT LOCATION OF THE VEHICLE STATING THAT HE BELIEVED THERE MIGHT BE SOME CONNECTION OF THIS VEHICLE AND THE ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. GELLER REFUSED TO GIVE ANY DETAILS IN THIS REGARD OR TO STATE WHY HE THOUGHT THIS VEHICLE MIGHT BE INVOLVED IN THE KING MURDER.

BY AIRTEL JULY TEN LAST ATLANTA ADVISED CAPTIONED VEHICLE REGISTERED TO LOIS J. FLOYD, FIVE SEVEN TWO - C CASANOVA ST., SOUTHEAST ATLANTA, GA., ON SIXTYFIVE FORD MUSTANG, VIN FIVE F ZERO SEVEN F ONE ZERO EIGHT FOUR SIX FIVE. ATLANTA ALSO DETERMINED OWNER TO BE LOIS JANE FLOYD, AKA LOIS J. KING, WHITE FEMALE, DOB [REDACTED] [REDACTED] PROBATION VIOLATOR, GEORGIA PROBATION SYSTEM, WHOSE

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WHEREABOUTS WERE UNKNOWN SINCE DECEMBER SIXTYNINE. HOWEVER, NO FUGITIVE WARRANT OUTSTANDING.

ON JULY TWENTY THREE LAST, A WHITE NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE FORD MUSTANG, TWO-DOOR HARDTOP, BEARING NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT GEORGIA LICENSE ONE DASH D DASH SIX THREE SIX FOUR SIX AND VIN FIVE F ZERO SEVEN F ONE ZERO EIGHT FOUR SIX FIVE, WAS EXAMINED BY BUAGENT. VEHICLE LOCATED IN FOURTH FLOOR, SLAY SYSTEM GARAGE, PHILA., PA. VEHICLE EXAMINED FOR PURPOSES OF DETERMINING IF IN VIOLATION OF ITSMV AS ABANDONED ABOVE GARAGE SINCE SEPTEMBER THIRTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT BY UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL.

AT REQUEST OF MERCELL RANDOLPH, CHAIRMAN, PHILA CHAPTER SCIC, BUAGENT MET WITH HIM AND GELLER WHO SHOWED BUAGENT WHERE VEHICLE LOCATED. RANDOLPH STATED BELIEVED VEHICLE POSSIBLY CONNECTED WITH MURKIN CASE AND DESIRED FBI CONDUCT INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF VEHICLE CONNECTED.

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RANDOLPH WAS ADVISED FBI ATLANTA HAD RECOVERED MUSTANG VEHICLE IN MURKIN CASE AND INSTANT VEHICLE BEING EXAMINED FOR SOLE PURPOSE OF RESOLVING WHETHER VEHICLE STOLEN AND TRANSPORTED INTERSTATE, UNLESS HE HAD INFO CONNECTING VEHICLE TO MURKIN MATTER. NOTHING DETERMINED TO BE ALTERED ON VEHICLE AND NO RECORD NCIC RE VEHICLE OR FLOYD.

RANDOLPH SUBSEQUENTLY CALLED PHILADELPHIA FBI OFFICE AND ASKED IF FBI PLANS TO CONDUCT INQUIRY RE POSSIBLE CONNECTION WITH MURKIN CASE, HOWEVER, HE FURNISHED NO CONCRETE REASON WHY FBI SHOULD DO SO, OTHER THAN FACT ABOVE VEHICLE MEETS DESCRIPTION OF ONE USED IN SLAYING, IS FROM ATLANTA, GA., AND ABANDONED FOR ALMOST TWO YEARS. RANDOLPH WAS ADVISED KING SLAYING OCCURRED APRIL SIXTYEIGHT AND INSTANT VEHICLE ABANDONED PHILA SEPTEMBER SIXTYEIGHT, AND NO CONNECTION BELIEVED TO EXIST.

EARLY MORNING HOURS JULY TWENTYFOUR INSTANT, SAC NEWSPAPER CONTACT ADVISED RANDOLPH AND GELLER INTEND TO HOLD

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PRESS CONFERENCE MORNING OF THIS DATE AND BELIEVES INTENDS TO CREATE ISSUE RE ABOVE VEHICLE.

IT APPEARS LIKELY THAT LOCAL SCIC INTENDS TO USE VEHICLE AS MEANS FOR OBTAINING LOCAL PUBLICITY ALTHOUGH IT HAS NO FACTUAL INFO TO OFFER RE MURKIN MATTER.

PHILA WILL FURNISH BY SEPARATE CORRESPONDENCE TO ATLANTA RESULTS OF VEHICLE EXAMINATION SO THAT APPROPRIATE GEORGIA AUTHORITIES MAY BE ADVISED IN VIEW OF POSSIBLE WANTED STATUS OF VEHICLE OWNER.

PHILA POLICE DEPARTMENT NOTIFIED OF ABANDONED STATE OF VEHICLE SO THAT APPROPRIATE ACTION MIGHT BE TAKEN RE ITS RECOVERY.

PHILA WILL KEEP BUREAU ADVISED OF ANY PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

MAIL COPY MEMPHIS.

2/5/70

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)  
FROM: Director, FBI (44-38861)  
MURKIN

RePHairtel 1/15/70 and BuLab report 2/2/70.

Reference is made in Philadelphia airtel 1/15/70 to a Memphis letter dated 1/5/70.

Bufiles do not indicate copy of such letter was directed to Bureau. If not furnished Bureau previously, do so now or submit appropriate communication for dissemination if information involved indicates such action would be advisable.

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: FBI, Philadelphia (44-1368)

Date: February 2, 1970

Re: **MURKIN**

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**  
Lab. No. **D-700116085 LF**

Examination requested by: **Philadelphia**

Reference: **Airtel 1/15/70**

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**REPORT  
of the****FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: FBI, Philadelphia (44-1368)

Date: February 2, 1970

Re: MURKIN

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-700116085 LF

Specimens received 1/16/70

K490 One envelope and accompanying greeting card, one sheet of blue ruled paper, one photocopy of a portion of an envelope, one photocopy of articles regarding Victoria Craig, and two pages of news letter, all bearing known handwriting of VICTORIA CRAIG

**Result of examination:**

It was concluded that the questioned writing on previously submitted Q413 through Q417 was prepared by the writer of specimen K490.

The submitted material was returned herewith. Photographs have been made.

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SAC, NEW YORK

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SAC, PHILADELPHIA (44-1368)

MURKIN

On 1/16/70, Mr. REUBEN R. GORDON, 2675 Ocean Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y., telephone #SH 3-2175, appeared at this office and furnished the following information:

GORDON advised the purpose of his visit concerned JAMES EARL RAY and that fact that RAY although he had pled guilty to the killing of Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, now desired to change his plea.

GORDON said RAY has applied to the State Supreme Court but his application was denied. However, GORDON expects that RAY's attorney will bring the matter to the attention of the U.S. Supreme Court but GORDON fully expects that the motion will also be denied by the U.S. Supreme Court.

GORDON stated his basis for this belief is that the Stalinist and Marxist factions of Communism have infiltrated all Intelligence Agencies and the Department of Justice in America and these agencies will bring force not to have RAY have his say in court.

GORDON then drew inference between the killing of Doctor King by using the killing of President JOHN F. KENNEDY and Senator ROBERT KENNEDY. He also likened this to spy cases involving the Krogens, aka Cohens; BELLA DODD; BEICHERS; BUTENKO and ABLE and COWENS.

GORDON stated he has been openly critical of the Department of Justice in the past and feels that all Intelligence Agencies, including the FBI and CIA should have their say in court to ~~protect themselves and their good~~ name.

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He advised that when Mr. VINSON from the Department of Justice went to England to seek the extradition of RAY, he, GORDON, wrote a letter to VINSON in care of Scotland Yard drawing the parallel stated above. However, he never received a reply from VINSON or Scotland Yard, but he did receive a reply from the U.S. Embassy advising him that his information had been furnished to Mr. VINSON.

GORDON was questioned as to whether he had ever visited the FBI Office in New York and he stated he had. However, he said he did not believe he was very well accepted because he believes some of the agents in that office, along with agents in other Government agencies, are controlled by the Mafia.

GORDON stated he is a former school teacher from New York City, presently retired, and that he had been expelled from the Teachers Union because he failed to submit to a physical examination. He later changed his mind and submitted to the examination with the result that the Psychiatrist's report indicated he was paranoid, which he described as his being crazy without his knowing it.

In conclusion, GORDON advised his main purpose in visiting this office was to request that the Director be furnished with the above information in the hope the Director would confer directly with President Nixon and request a Special Commission similar to the Warren Commission he appointed to completely check into the killing of Doctor MARTIN LUTHER KING.

GORDON is described as follows:

Height	5'5"
Weight	165 lbs.
Race	White
Age	About 68
Hair	Black, graying

Philadelphia indices prove negative on GORDON.

The above information is being furnished to your office for information purposes.