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Civil Rights Div

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DJ 144-72-1991

Criminal Section P.O. Box 66018 Washington, DC 20035-6018

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Washington, D.C. 20535

DOJ Review of Federal Bureau of Investigations
10th & Pennsylvania Avenue Investigation

Dear Agent

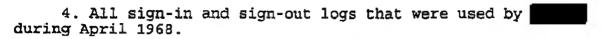
The Attorney General has instructed the Civil Rights Division, with the assistance of the Criminal Division, to conduct an investigation into allegations raised by former FBI agent and former Memphis bar owner Lloyd Jowers, suggesting that there may have been an assassination conspiracy targeting Martin Luther King, Jr. broader than just James Earl Ray. She has further instructed that the evidence gathered during the inquiry should be followed by us wherever it may lead.

To assist our investigation we will need access to all documents and evidence in the custody of the FBI that was developed during prior investigations of the King assassination. I understand that Color of Law Unit Chief already collecting those materials for our inspection.

Because we intend to begin our investigation with an attempt to gain the cooperation of Mr. , we initially need the following specific documents.

- entire personnel file, including all documents related to his application, the selection process and the background check.
 - leave records, both annual and sick leave.
- All documents related to administrative action, if any, , including all documents related to any involving polygraph examinations, if any.

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5. All 3-cards prepared by during April 1968.

We hope to meet with Mr. soon after Labor Day.
Consequently, we need the specific information requested as soon as possible. I will contact Agent after Labor Day to coordinate our inspection of the other documents being collected.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Acting Section Chief Criminal Section Civil Rights Division

By:

Special Litigation Counsel Criminal Section



COLOR OF LAW UNIT

935 PENNSYLVANIA AVE., ROOM 3043 WASHINGTON, DC 20535

FAX: 202-324-3155

To:

Date: Spptember 3, 1998

Fax #: 324~1039

Pages: 3

From: SSA

Subject: Letter dated 8/28/98.

Date: September 17, 1998

To: Barry F. Kowalski

Special Counsel

Civil Rights Division Department of Justice

From:

Inspector-Deputy General Counsel Federal Bureau of Investigation

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE REVIEW OF THE MARTIN Subject:

LUTHER KING INVESTIGATION

Reference is made to your letter dated August 28, 1998 requesting documents responsive to above captioned matter.

In the referenced communication, your office requested access to specific documents regarding former Special Agent . The documents were as follows:

entire personnel file.

This file was processed by the Civil Discovery Review Unit (CDRU), Office of the General Counsel (OGC). On September 15, 1998, one redacted copy of Wilson's personnel file (HQ 67-635652) was hand-delivered to your office. 62FHO-1263

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On 8/28/98, Barry Kowalski, Special Counsel, DOJ, Civil Rights Division sent a letter to Section Chief

Corruption/Civil Rights Section, FBI, requesting specific . This letter documents regarding former SA personnel file and

transmits a redacted copy of Mr.

Intell. other information to the Department of Justice. Leb. Legal Courl. Rec. Mgnt. -

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Memorandum from Inspector - Deputy General Counsel, to Deputy Attorney General 2) All of leave records (Annual and Sick) These records have been destroyed. At the time of employment, FBI policy allowed for the destruction of Annual Leave and Sick leave records after a retention period of three years. 3) Any documents related to administrative action. Included in personnel file is information regarding a letter of censure received by August 4, 1976, for failure to conduct logical investigation in a fugitive case. This information is located in serial 78 of HO 67-635652. A thorough search of FBI indices failed to locate any other documents related to any administrative action involving Mr. 4) All sign-in and sign-out logs that were used by during April, 1968. These records have been destroyed. At the time of employment, FBI policy allowed for the destruction of sign-in and sign-out logs after a retention period of three years. 5) All 3-cards prepared by during April, 1968. These records have been destroyed. At the time of employment, FBI policy allowed for the destruction of 3-cards after a retention period of three years. If you have any questions regarding the redacted material, please contact Paralegal Specialist Joyce C. Parker,

CDRU, OGC, 202 324-3599.

Date:

September 17, 1998

To:

Barry F. Kowalski Special Counsel

Civil Rights Division Department of Justice

From:

Inspector-Deputy General Counsel Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject:

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE REVIEW OF THE MARTIN

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NOTE: On 8/28/98, Barry Kowalski, Special Counsel, DOJ, Civil Rights Division sent a letter to Section Chief Corruption/Civil Rights Section, FBI, requesting specific documents regarding former SA This letter transmits a redacted copy of Mr. personnel file and other information to the Department of Justice.

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(01/26/1998)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 07/12/1999

To: Memphis

Attn: SAC

CDC SSA

From: OGC

Civil Discovery Review Unit

Contact: Ext. 3599

Approved By:

Drafted By:

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Case ID #: 62F-HQ-1263150 ~ H

Title: DOJ REVIEW OF THE MARTIN LUTHER KING

INVESTIGATION

Synopsis: To advise that Department of Justice Trial Attorney, Jerry Massie will be in the Memphis office on July 15, 1999 and July 16, 1999, to review the Memphis Martin Luther King assassination investigative file (44-1987).

Details: The Attorney General has instructed the Department of Justice (DOJ) Civil Rights Division, with the assistance of the DOJ Criminal Division, to form a task force to conduct an investigation into allegations raised suggesting that there may have been an assassination conspiracy targeting Martin Luther King, Jr., broader than just James Earl Ray.

The DOJ task force has requested access to all documents and evidence in the custody of the FBI that were developed during the prior investigation of the King assassination. Members of the DOJ task force have previously reviewed the Headquarters and Atlanta files for this investigation. To insure that all documents have been viewed by the task force it will be necessary for the Memphis file to be reviewed.

Per discussions between the FBI and DOJ task force certain restrictions were put into place. Mr. Massie should flag any documents that he feels are necessary to the task force's investigation. One copy should be made of these documents. He should also leave any handwritten notes made during his review of the file. These documents should be sent by next day delivery to the Civil Discovery Review Unit, Office of the General Counsel,

To: Memphis From OGC

Re: 62F-HQ-1263150, 07/12/1999

PLS _____, Rm. 5442, Ext. 3599, to be reviewed before being released to the task force.

If any other files or information are requested by Mr. Massie, please contact PLS so that the appropriate approval can be obtained. Also if you have any questions regarding this matter please contact PLS.

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Subject:

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Investigation

Date:

JUN 3 0 1999

To:

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Attn:

Office of Legal Counsel

Bill Lann Lee, Acting Assistant Attorney General Civil Rights Division

Reference is made to a telephone conversation between Barry Kowalski of DOJ and of your Office of Legal Counsel of June 30, 1999.

It is requested that an information search be conducted to determine whether the following field offices have any record to indicate that the following individuals were criminally associated with the "Mafia" during the time period 1960 through 1970. We are providing all the biographical information we have about each individual.

Memphis and New Orleans:

Frank Camilla Liberto, Liberto, Liberto and Latch Produce, Memphis DOB:

Gene Lucchese, Delta Wholesale Liquor, Memphis

Salvadore A. Liberto brother of Frank allegedly connected to Carlos Marcellos Buck Kreihs Machine Co., New Orleans DOB:

New York City and Houston:

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Raul Ramos Coelho SS#: DOB:

73 Alta Avenue, Yonkers, NY

Please note a response is required no later than July 16, 1999. Thank you for your assistance.

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Date:

August 5, 1999

To:

Barry F. Kowalski Special Counsel

Civil Rights Division Department of Justice

From:

Inspector-Deputy General Counsel Eederal Bureau of Investigation

Subject:

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE REVIEW OF THE MARTIN

LUTHER KING INVESTIGATION

Reference is made to your letter dated July 30, 1999, requesting information on interviews of witnesses conducted on April 11, 1968, in the Atlanta housing project where James Earl Ray's white mustang was discovered.

In the abovementioned communication you stated that during your review of the FBI files related to the Martin Luther King assassination you did not locate any documentation of interview of any of these witnesses. You asked that the FBI attempt to determine if this is correct.

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The Civil Discovery Review Unit (CDRU), Office of the General Counsel (OGC), determined that the Atlanta file contained the results of interviews of individuals in the Atlanta housing project. CDRU located several documents that reported the witnesses, but did not conduct a complete file review for all documents that may pertain to these interviews.

Per your conversation with SSA on 8/4/99, Ms. Reviewed the Atlanta file and requested the attached documents.

Also attached is a second copy of an aerial photograph of the Lorraine Motel per telephone call from Ms. to SSA on 8/4/99.

If you have any questions regarding the material delivered to you, please contact Paralegal Specialist CDRU, OGC, 202 324-3599.

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Date:

July 21, 1999

To:

Barry F. Kowalski Special Counsel

Civil Rights Division Department of Justice

From:

Inspector-Deputy General Counsel Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject:

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE REVIEW OF THE MARTIN

LUTHER KING INVESTIGATION

Reference is made to the visit by Mr. Jerry Massie, DOJ Trial Attorney, to the Civil Discovery Review Unit (CDRU), Office of the General Counsel, on July 8, 1999.

During the referenced visit Mr. Massie reviewed the clean copies of documents that had been previously released to the task force in redacted form. Mr. Massie flagged several documents from 157-HQ-9146 and 44-HQ-38861, that he felt were necessary to the task force's investigation.

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Clean copies of the aforementioned documents are attached. These documents contain sensitive informant and foreign government information and should be protected. The foreign government has requested that their information and relationship with the FBI not be disclosed. These documents are being provided for the task force's information only and none of the information should be used in any draft or final report without prior FBI approval.

In your June 30, 1999, letter you requested that a search be conducted to determine whether the following field offices have any records to indicate the following individuals were criminally associated with the "Mafia" during the time period 1960 through 1970.

Memphis and New Orleans:

Frank Camilla Liberto Gene Lucchese Salvatore A. Liberto

Memphis conducted the requested search with negative results for the above time frame. They found a reference to Gene Lucchese dated 8/80. The volume containing the listed reference is missing and is the subject of a special search in the Memphis Division. When located, the file will be forwarded to CDRU.

The New Orleans field office is in the process of moving to a new location. Their manual indices and closed files have been sent to the Butte Information Technology Center. A search was requested in Butte for the above names. Butte has found one reference dated 10/79 for Salvadore Liberto. This file is also a subject of a special search and will be forwarded to CDRU when it is located.

New York and Houston:

Raul Ramos Coelho

New York and Houston conducted the requested search with negative results.

CDRU also conducted a Headquarters search on the above names. Mr. Massie reviewed the responsive Headquarters files during his July 8th visit to CDRU.

The FBI is still attempting to locate former Special Agent , per your request.

If you have any questions concerning the documents or above information please call PLS on 202 324-3599.

Date:

July 22, 1999

To:

Barry F. Kowalski Special Counsel

Civil Rights Division Department of Justice

From:

Inspector-Deputy General Counsel Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject:

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE REVIEW OF THE MARTIN

LUTHER KING INVESTIGATION

Reference is made to your request of March 13, 1999 and to the visit by Mr. Jerry Massie, DOJ Trial Attorney, to the Memphis Field Office on July 15, 1999 and July 16, 1999.

During the referenced visit, Mr. Massie reviewed Memphis file 44-1987. He flagged several documents that he felt were necessary to the task force's investigation. These documents were copied in Memphis and sent along with his handwritten notes to the Civil Discovery Review Unit (CDRU), Office of the General Counsel for review. These documents and handwritten notes are attached.

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In addition, CDRU conducted a search of the FBI's manual indices for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and Martin Luther King, both at Headquarters and in Memphis. Headquarters searches were negative for any references located in informant files. Memphis located three references in informant files. Two of these references were destroyed on February 6, 1978, per Bureau destruction policies. The other reference is a newspaper article and is attached.

Mr. Massie previously reviewed, at FBI Headquarters, Headquarters file 157-9146, captioned Sanitation Workers Strike, Memphis, Tennessee. Documents identified by Mr. Massie as necessary to the task force's investigation were forwarded on July 21, 1999.

If you have any questions concerning the documents please call PLS on 202 324-3599.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: IMMEDIATE

Date: 08/11/1999

To: Laboratory Division

Attn: SC

From: Office of the General Counsel

Investigative Law Unit Room 7879

Contact: SSA

ext. 5444

Approved By:

Drafted By:

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Case ID #: 62F-HQ-1263150 - 9

Title: DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE REVIEW OF

THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., INVESTIGATION

Synopsis: The Department of Justice (DOJ) task force reviewing the Martin Luther King, Jr., investigation is requesting that the FBI search its AFIS database to attempt the identification of any of the enclosed latent fingerprints. The deadline for this search is August 31, 1999.

Administrative: Reference telephone call between Deputy General Counsel (DGC) and Section Chief (SC) on July 30, 1999.

Enclosures: 1) Letter dated July 29, 1999, from DOJ to the FBI requesting a search of the FBI AFIS database; 2) Letter dated July 16, 1999, from the United States Secret Service (USSS) to DOJ; 3) 165 photographs bearing 194 latent fingerprints, 40 latent palm prints and 2 latent impressions.

Details: The Attorney General has instructed the DOJ Civil Rights Division, with the assistance of the DOJ Criminal Division, to form a task force to conduct an investigation into allegations raised suggesting that there may have been an assassination conspiracy targeting Martin Luther King, Jr., broader than just James Earl Ray.

The DOJ task force has been given access to all documents and evidence in the custody of the FBI that were developed during the prior investigation of the King assassination. Part of the evidence are 165 photographs bearing 194 latent fingerprints, 40 latent palm prints and 2 latent impressions. The DOJ task force decided to run these prints through the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) based upon the fact that such a sophisticated system did not exist at the time of King's assassination and it would be

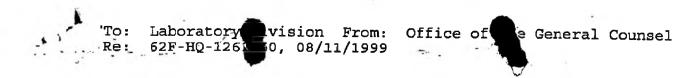
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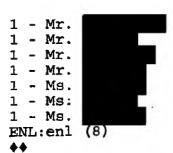
beneficial to the investigation to conduct this search because it may result in identification of fingerprints that law enforcement may not have been able to identify in 1968. Therefore, the DOJ task force requested the USSS to run these prints through their AFIS to determine if there were any matches.

USSS completed their examination and in a letter dated July 16, 1999, (a copy is enclosed), advised the DOJ task force that 135 latent fingerprints were determined to meet the AFIS criteria. USSS was unable to run the fingerprints through the databases of North Carolina, Tennessee, Delaware, Iowa and Kentucky because the software was incompatible. Searches of other databases revealed no identification. DOJ forwarded the 135 latent fingerprints to the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI), requesting that they conduct a similar search. The search was completed and OGC received the latent fingerprints on August 10, 1999.

The DOJ task force contacted the Office of the General Counsel (OGC) to determine if the FBI could assist in this matter. In conversations with Unit Chief Five, Latent Fingerprint Section, OGC was advised that the FBI was experiencing the same problems as the USSS but that our system was being upgraded and would be operational by the end of July. In addition, UC Meagher advised that in our own fingerprint database the FBI maintains fingerprints sent to the FBI by the states as required by law and, because the FBI uses a different search algorithm than a particular state may use, the FBI may conduct a search and make an identification while the particular state may not.

Based upon the above, in a letter dated July 29, 1999, the DOJ task force requested that the FBI conduct a search of its AFIS database to attempt identification of any usable latent fingerprints from those attached to this EC. This includes the 30 fingerprints the USSS determined did not meet the AFIS criteria and the 135 latent fingerprints that were searched by both the USSS and the TBI. The DOJ task force requested that the search be completed by August 31, 1999.

The Laboratory Division's assistance in this matter is creatly appreciated. Any question may be directed to SSA at telephone number (202) 324-5444.



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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 09/07/1999

To: New Orleans

Butte ITC

Attn: CDC W J Stutzenbecker Attn: Archives Supervisor

From: OGC

Civil Discovery Review Unit

Contact: Ext. 3599

Approved By:

mbe/llr

Drafted By:

Case ID #: 62F-HQ-1263150 - 1

Title: DOJ REVIEW OF THE MARTIN LUTHER KING

INVESTIGATION

Synopsis: Confirming request for file number 195B-9.

Details: The Attorney General has instructed the Department of Justice (DOJ), Civil Rights Division, with the assistance of the DOJ Criminal Division, to form a task force to conduct an investigation into allegations raised suggesting that there may have been an assassination conspiracy targeting Martin Luther King, Jr., broader than just James Earl Ray.

This is to confirm telephone calls to CDC Stutzenbecker and Archives Supervisor requesting the abovementioned file be forwarded to the Civil Discovery Review Unit, PLS Rm 5442, Ext. 3599.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

Date: September 13, 1999

To: Office of the General Counsel Investigative Law Unit, Room 7879

Case ID #: 62F-HQ-1263150

Lab No. 990817004 DC

Reference: Communication dated August 11, 1999

Your No.

Title: DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE REVIEW OF THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., INVESTIGATION

Specimens received:

August 17, 1999

Specimens:

Q1-Q165 Photographs of latent prints and an inked fingerprint

This report confirms and supplements information furnished telephonically on August 31, 1999.

The result of the latent print examination to date is included in this report. An additional examination is being conducted and you will be subsequently advised concerning the result and the disposition of Q1 through Q165.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

Report of Examination

Examiner Name:

Date: September 13, 1999

Unit:

Latent Print

Phone No.: (202) 324-2198

Case ID #:

62F-HO-1263150

Lab No.: 990817004 DC

Results of Examinations:

Two hundred latent fingerprints, one inked fingerprint, thirty-eight latent palm prints and three latent impressions (fingerprints or palm prints) appear in Q1 through Q165, photographs of latent prints and an inked fingerprint.

One latent fingerprint appearing in Q29, a photograph, designated #44, of two latent fingerprints previously developed on Q168, a piece of lined paper, submitted by the Atlanta Division, in connection with Case ID #44-38861, our Latent Case #91075, has been identified with the other latent fingerprint appearing in Q29.

One latent fingerprint appearing in Q39, a photograph, designated #54, of two latent fingerprints previously developed on Q173, a change of address order, dated 4/25/68, bearing the name ERIC S. GALT, submitted by the Los Angeles Division, in connection with Case ID #44-38861, our Latent Case #91075, has been identified with the other latent fingerprint appearing in Q39.

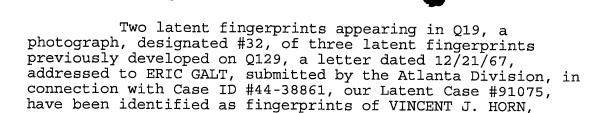
Two latent fingerprints appearing in Q73, a photograph, designated #97, have been identified with two latent fingerprints appearing in Q74, a photograph, designated #98, both photographs of latent fingerprints previously developed on a rearview mirror, submitted by the Louisville Division, in connection with Case ID #44-38861, our Latent Case #91075.

Two latent fingerprints and the latent impressions do not meet the necessary criteria for an IAFIS search. Palm print searches of IAFIS are not possible.

Automated fingerprint searches were conducted on the remaining 194 latent fingerprints and one inked fingerprint using the Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System (IAFIS).

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One inked fingerprint appearing in Q62, a photograph, designated #84, of an inked fingerprint on driver's license bearing the name GARY LEE SMITH, submitted by the Jackson Division, in connection with Case ID #44-38361, our Latent Case #91075, has been identified as a fingerprint of MARLYN INGEBRITSON, FBI #821676C.

Three latent fingerprints appearing in Q73, a photograph, designated #97, of three latent fingerprints previously developed on a rearview mirror, and two latent fingerprints appearing in Q74, a photograph, designated #98, of two latent fingerprints previously developed on a rearview mirror, both submitted by the Louisville Division, in connection with Case ID #44-38861, our Latent Case #91075, have been identified as fingerprints of JOHN EDWARD THOMAS, FBI #169536E.

One latent fingerprint appearing in Q79, a photograph, designated #103, of a latent fingerprint previously developed on Q286, a piece of a cardboard box bearing the hand printed word "Canada," and one latent fingerprint appearing in Q81, a photograph, designated #105, of a latent fingerprint previously developed on Q287, a Texaco road map of California, both submitted by the Seattle Division, in connection with Case ID #44-38861, our Latent Case #91075, have been identified as fingerprints of ROBERT EUGENE RICHARDSON, FBI #832341C.

One latent fingerprint appearing in Q106, a photograph, designated #134, of a latent fingerprint, and one latent fingerprint appearing in Q107, a photograph, designated #135, of two latent fingerprints, both previously developed on Q334, a one-page letter, submitted by the Washington Field Division, in connection with Case ID #44-38861, our Latent Case #91075, have been identified as fingerprints of JOHN PATRICK ACORD, FBI #359436L3.

One latent fingerprint appearing in Q120, a photograph, designated #148, of a latent fingerprint previously developed on Q357, a National car rental agreement, #7044348, submitted by the Atlanta Division, in connection with Case ID #44-38861, our Latent Case #91075, has been identified as a fingerprint of HASKELL DAVID ROGERS, FBI #71232R9.

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One latent fingerprint appearing in Q159, a photograph, designated Env 28, of two latent fingerprints present on one lift, indicated as being from the right side of a coin box by the handle, submitted by the Chief of Police, Danville, Illinois, in connection with Case ID #32-19965, our Latent Case #92329, has been identified as a fingerprint of WILLIAM F. COOK, FBI #224187FA9.

One latent fingerprint appearing in Q165, a photograph, designated Env 30, of a latent fingerprint appearing in a negative, submitted by the Chief of Police, Danville, Illinois, in connection with Case ID #32-19965, our Latent Case #92328, has been identified as a fingerprint of JOSEPH BENTON, JR., FBI #69245E.

The remaining searches did not result in any additional identifications.

Reviewer

9/13/95 Date _

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Laboratory Work Sheet

Date: 8/23/99

To:

Office of the General Counsel Investigative Law Unit, Room 7879

> Case ID #: 62F-HQ-1263150 -"

Lab No.

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Reference:

Communication dated August 11, 1999

Your No.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE REVIEW OF

THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., INVESTIGATION

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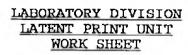
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Date:

May 25, 1999

To:

Barry F. Kowalski Special Counsel

Civil Rights Division Department of Justice

From:

Inspector-Deputy General Counsel Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject:

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE REVIEW OF THE MARTIN

LUTHER KING INVESTIGATION

Reference is made to your letters dated March 24, 1999, April 26, 1999, May 4, 1999 and May 20, 1999 requesting documents responsive to the above captioned matter.

In the referenced communications, requests were made for the following information:

1 - 62F-HO-1263150 Rm. 7142 1 - Mr. Rm. 7427 1 - Mr. Rm. 7116 1 - Mr. Rm. 7116 1 - Mr. 1 - Mr. m. 3043 Rm. 3043 1 - Mr. Rm. 7326 1 - Ms. Rm. 5442

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NOTE: On 3/24/99, 4/26/99, 5/4/99 and 5/20/99, Barry Kowalski, Special Counsel, DOJ, Civil Rights Division sent letters to SSA Egan Dezilhan, Color of Law Unit, FBI, requesting specific -documents pertaining to the FBI's investigation of the Martin Luther King assassination.

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Document Request dated 3/24/99

1. Green evidence sheets showing chain of custody on any evidence recovered in Atlanta, specifically the rooming house and the Mustang.

The Civil Discovery Review Unit (CDRU) conducted extensive searches for the green evidence sheets. One green sheet was located for the rooming house in Atlanta. After further clarification of this request, CDRU has located several documents that list the items that were found in the rooming house and in the Mustang. These documents are attached.

2. Inspector Sullivan's and Assistant Director (AD) Sullivan's dates in Atlanta via travel vouchers, GTR records or receipts for airline tickets.

Documents concerning travel vouchers are retained by the FBI for two years. The documents are then transferred to a Federal Record Keeping Facility. The vouchers are retained for a total of six and one half years before being destroyed. A copy of the FBI's destruction policy is attached.

The personnel files of Inspector Sullivan and AD Sullivan have been reviewed. There is no information in these files reflecting that either Sullivan had been in Atlanta during the relevant time period.

Per your verbal request for information on AD Sullivan's accidental death in the late 70's, a copy of a FBI teletype is attached. This teletype contains relevant information regarding AD Sullivan's hunting accident.

Items three and four of this request are still being addressed at this time.

Document Request dated 4/26/99

1. A copy of the MIOG regulations pertaining to the handling of evidence at a crime scene that were in effect in 1967 and 1968.

A copy of these regulations is attached.

2. Were "3-cards" in use in the Memphis field office in April 1968?

CDRU is researching to determine when 3-cards were first used. This information will be forwarded to you as soon as possible.

3. If "3-cards" were in use and have been retained, please forward copies for Donald Wilson from April 1968.

If "3-cards" were in use in April, 1968 these records have been destroyed. At the time of Mr. employment, FBI policy allowed for the destruction of these type records after a retention period of three years.

Document Request dated 5/4/99

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2. A copy of the working papers and notes prepared by in connection with his April, 1968 ballistic examination.

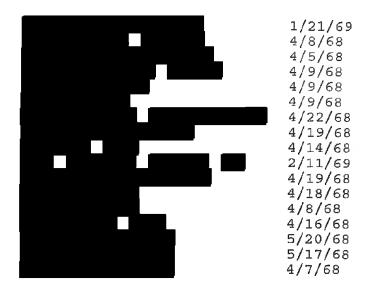
In response to Items 1 and 2 of this document request, you were invited to review all laboratory documents in the FBI Headquarters file on the assasination of Martin Luther King (MURKIN). On May 18, 1999 and on May 21,1999, you reviewed the laboratory documents and flagged numerous items. The following have been reproduced and are attached: a) Copies of photographs taken at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, b) Sketches of the businesses and area surrounding the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, and c) Numerous laboratory documents.

Reproduction of an aerial view of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis and a photograph of a bullet have not been completed by the FBI Photo Unit. They will be forwarded as soon as possible.

3. List of names of witnesses connected to the MURKIN investigations and 302s of interviews of those witnesses. Please search records to determine if any 302s were prepared on the individuals other than those already in DOJ's possession.

A review of the Memphis file has been completed and the following 302s have been located:

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These documents are attached.

CDRU will continue to search for any additional FD-302's on other individuals identified in the request.

Document Request dated 5/20/99

1. Documentation establishing (a) whether or not there was a black agent in the new agents class of Donald Wilson, (b) who that agent was, (c) did he die in the line of duty or while serving the FBI, and (d) did Director Hoover attend the funeral.

SA Edwin R. Woodriffe was the first African-American FBI agent killed in the line of duty. He was killed in Washington, D. C. on January 8, 1969. A review of SA personnel file indicates he was in the same New FBI Agent's Class (May 22, 1967) as Director Hoover did not attend SA funeral which was held in Brooklyn, New York.

Item two of this request is being addressed at this time.

Reference telephone call from Yvonne Bonner to SSA requesting photographs:

1. Copies of photographs of the White Mustang are attached.

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If you have any questions regarding the material delivered to you, please contact Paralegal Specialist CDRU, OGC, 202 324-3599.

Date: June 21, 1999

To: Barry F. Kowalski Special Counsel

Civil Rights Division Department of Justice

From:

Inspector-Deputy General Counsel Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Subject: DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE REVIEW OF THE

MARTIN LUTHER KING INVESTIGATION

In your letter dated March 24, 1999, you requested to review any Memphis files that pertained to the Black Panthers (BP), Invaders, Black Organizational Party (BOP), Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and Marrell McCullough. In subsequent conversation, you narrowed the time frame for the information you seek pertaining to the four organizations to the Spring of 1968.

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In prior discussion with you and your staff, we raised concerns we have about the risk to the safety of the informants providing information on the organizations and individual listed above and the integrity of the FBI's informant program if the informant identities and/or the information they provided were to be publicly disclosed. Some of the information provided by these informants is so singular in nature that its disclosure could reveal the identify of the informants providing that information. As we discussed, we propose the following mechanism for handling this sensitive information:

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- 1) Access to the information be limited to yourself and one other member of your staff. We ask that you provide us with the name of the individual who will have access to the information. We also request that in the event you need to disclose this information to other individuals on your staff that you provide us with their names before dissemination is made to them.
- 2) The information be reviewed only at our offices. If you wish to obtain copies of any documents, we will review and process them according to our policies and procedures.
- 3) Prior to use of any information in any draft or final report, we would ask that we be notified in advance so that we may have an opportunity to raise the appropriate objections.

We believe that these reasonable safeguards will address our concerns while not infringing upon your office's legitimate investigative interests. If you have any questions or wish to discuss these proposals further, please contact Supervisory Special Agent Elaine Lammert at telephone number (202)324-5444.

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Date:

June 25, 1999

To:

Barry F. Kowalski Special Counsel

Civil Rights Division Department of Justice

From:

Inspector-Deputy General Counsel Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject:

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE REVIEW OF THE MARTIN

LUTHER KING INVESTIGATION

Reference is made to your visits to the Civil Discovery Review Unit (CDRU), Office of the General Counsel (OGC) dated May 21, June 8, June 15, June 16 and June 17, 1999.

During the referenced visits you reviewed the Atlanta (44-2386) and Headquarters (44-HQ-38861) files regarding the investigation of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King. While reviewing these files you flagged numerous documents that were of interest to your investigation. These documents have been processed by CDRU and are attached.

If you have any questions concerning the documents please call PLS on 202 324-3599.

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FEDERA BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 11/01/2000

To: New Orleans

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Attn: CDC W J Stutzenbecker

Archives Supervisor

From: OGC

Civil Discovery Review Unit

Contact:

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Approved By:

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Title: DOJ REVIEW OF THE MARTIN LUTHER KING

INVESTIGATION

Synopsis: To return original New Orleans file number 195B-9

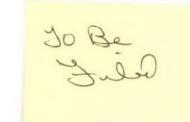
to Butte ITC for re-filing.

Administrative: Re 9/1/99 telephone call and 9/7/99 EC to CDC Stutzenbecker and Archives Supervisor Terri Bagley requesting New Orleans file number 195B-9.

Details: Enclosed is the original New Orleans file 195B-9 which was previously forwarded to FBIHQ in connection with the above captioned matter.

CDRU expresses its appreciation to New Orleans and Butte ITC for their assistance in this matter.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 11/02/2000

To: Memphis

Attn: CDC George W. Bolds

From: OGC

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Contact:

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Approved By:

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Case ID #: 62F-HQ-1263150 - \

Title: DOJ REVIEW OF THE MARTIN LUTHER

KING INVESTIGATION

Synopsis: To return original Memphis files.

Details: Enclosed are the below listed original Memphis files which were previously forwarded to FBIHQ in connection with the above captioned case:

157-1205 - one volume

157-1067 - three volumes

157-166 - four volumes

157-1613 - two volumes

CDRU expresses its appreciation to Memphis for their assistance in this matter.

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