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**TO :** Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Attention: S. J. Papich

**FROM :** Deputy Director for Plans

**SUBJECT:** Assassination of Martin Luther King

1. On 3 May 1968, an official Italian Intelligence Service provided this Agency's representative in Rome with the following information on one James RAY:

A James RAY, born in Los Angeles on 8 March 1928 (father's name Oliver), arrived at San Gimignano, Siena, in March 1955 and registered as a student at Perugia. In 1955, RAY was confined at San Gimignano Hospital and in 1957, he was in Sant'Antonio de Fiasole Hospital. These confinements were for "osteomyelitic condition causing bone depression in the cranium, on right parietal temple region." RAY returned permanently to the United States in December 1957.

2. The Italian National Police and the Italian Intelligence Service have turned up no other information thus far. All Italian entry posts have RAY and his aliases on their watchlist.

3. The Federal Bureau of Investigation representative in Rome was advised of the information in paragraphs 1 and 2 above.

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