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RE: MATERIAL PROVIDED TO THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

Reference is made to Numbered Memo 651, dated 3/9/82 concerning the above.

The above reference memo advised, not to release any material relating to the HSCA. The litigation is continuing, however, Judge June Green has stated that some of this material is not exempt from the FOIA. Judge Green has ordered that the material not exempt be processed for release.

Any questions as to whether a document is releasable should be referred to Willis Newton, extension 5767.

James K. Hall
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RE: FILE 62-117290 PERTAINING TO THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE
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Pursuant to letters from Congressman Louis Stokes and the Clerk of the House of Representatives, any material relating to the work of the HSCA should not be released.

The FBI is currently in litigation with a requester for all material provided to the HSCA concerning its investigation into the assassination of President Kennedy. The House of Representatives is joining the litigation in an attempt to claim Congressional privilege for all of the material connected to the HSCA investigation. This includes all correspondence between the FBI and the HSCA, as well as internal FBI communications. The HSCA's position is that these materials, as well as materials concerning its investigation of the assassination of Martin Luther King, are congressional documents and not agency records and therefore, are excludable from release pursuant to Title 5, United States Code, Section 552 (1)(A), 1976. (It is noted that the HSCA investigation of the assassination of Martin Luther King is not in litigation.)

* Therefore, any material contained in Bufile 62-117290, or duplicative documents which may be unrecorded in other Bufiles should be denied. Should you have any questions concerning this, please contact Willis Newton on extension 5767.

J. K. Hall
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ST. LOUIS (62-0)

FROM : *EDH/Ram* SAC, SPRINGFIELD (62-0)

DATE: 12/13/78

SUBJECT: ⁶
PRESS MATTER
INQUIRY OF INVESTIGATIVE REPORTER
BILL FREYVOGEL

On 11/9/78 captioned individual telephonically contacted the Springfield Division. FREYVOGEL, who represented himself as a reporter for St. Louis Post Dispatch, St. Louis, Missouri, phone 314-621-1111, extension 696, advised he was contacting FBI, Springfield, regarding an article which he has allegedly been requested to write by the Governor of the State of Missouri. According to FREYVOGEL, he is doing research concerning ERNEST TURLEY, convicted of bank robbery in 1970, regarding an alleged bank robbery - *91-5121 destroyed* at Laddonia, Missouri. According to FREYVOGEL, TURLEY is to be pardoned soon, possibly by the Governor of the State of Missouri.

FREYVOGEL advised that he obtained information from JAMES ROGERS and CLARENCE HAYNES, who purport to be associates of JOHN LARRY RAY, brother to JAMES EARL RAY. FREYVOGEL contends that information from ROGERS and HAYNES indicates that TURLEY did not commit the Laddonia, Missouri bank robbery. FREYVOGEL further indicated that he had information that ROGERS, HAYNES and RAY were involved in the Meredosia and Liberty bank robberies in 1969 or 1970, but that no prosecution was ever instituted.

For information of St. Louis, SI file 91-4774 (destroyed) regarding the Farmers and Traders State Bank of Meredosia, Illinois, was closed as a solved case. Further, Springfield matter 91-4653 (destroyed), the Farmers State Bank at Liberty, Illinois, was closed as a solved matter. Both bank robberies occurred in 1969.

FREYVOGEL wanted information as to whether or not ERNEST TURLEY was or was not an associate of ROGERS, HAYNES and RAY. Springfield indices indicate CLARENCE EDGAR HAYNES, apparently identical to individual mentioned by FREYVOGEL. Springfield file 76-3675 (closed) reviewed and no information

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obtained regarding an association of HAYNES with TURLEY, ROGERS or RAY. Numerous indices indicate references to JAMES ROGERS. References reviewed with negative results regarding association with JOHN LARRY RAY, CLARENCE EDGAR HAYNES or TURLEY.

This information being furnished to St. Louis Division for informational purposes, should FREYVOGEL contact St. Louis Division regarding this matter.

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ATTENTION CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION.

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS

AT 11:50 P.M. NOVEMBER 27, 1978 OFFICER WILLIUS HAGER, 6TH DISTRICT, ST. LOUIS METROPOLITAN PD, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THE ST. LOUIS FBI OFFICE AS FOLLOWS:

AT 8:30 P.M. NOVEMBER 27, 1978 JOHN L. RAY, BROTHER OF JAMES EARL RAY, WAS ARRESTED BY OFFICERS OF THE ST. LOUIS METROPOLITAN PD FOR ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO KILL AND BURGLARY. HE IS PRESENTLY IN JAIL UNDER ARREST NUMBER 3-4736, POLICE DEPARTMENT COMPLAINT NUMBER 181051.

OFFICER HAGER FURTHER ADVISED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM AN UNNAMED INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFYING HIMSELF AS JOHN L. RAY'S ATTORNEY, CALLING FROM WASHINGTON, D.C. THIS PERSON ADVISED

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OFFICER HAGER THAT RAY WAS SUPPOSED TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE SENATE
COMMITTEE ON NOVEMBER 28, 1978.

THE ABOVE IS FOR INFORMATION.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ST. LOUIS (62-)

DATE: 11/27/78

FROM : CLERK W.R. FARHAT

SUBJECT: *SS*
JOHN L. RAY, AKA
JACK; INFORMATION
CONCERNING

Instant date, at 11:50 PM, this office was contacted by Officer Willius Hager, DSN 8175, 6TH District SLPD.

Officer Hager advised that at approximately 8:30 PM, subject John L. Ray, brother of James Earl Ray, was arrested for assault with intent to kill and burglary.

Subject described as John L. Ray, W/M, age 45, DOB 021433, 5'9", 215 lbs., grey hair, and residing at 3541 Haliday, SIMO. Arrest number 3-4736. SLPD Complaint # 181051.

Officer Hager advised that he had received a telephone call from Ray's lawyer, believed to be calling from Washington, D.C.. Ray's lawyer stated that Ray was suppose to testify before the Senate Committee tomorrow.

Officer Hager lastly stated that there were numerous press inquiries re Ray.

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Editorials

The Role Of The FBI

It is not exactly a clean bill of health that the House Assassinations Committee gives the Federal Bureau of Investigations in the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., but so far there is no evidence otherwise. Under J. Edgar Hoover, the FBI did, it now admits, harass Dr. King with an idea of discrediting him as a civil rights leader. This is beyond the role of any police organization and should have been unworthy of contemplation by the FBI. The many things that have been revealed by the bureau that it did against Dr. King have also been done against others in the civil rights movement. Some St. Louisians were harassed. The House Committee says now that it has no evidence that an FBI assassinations squad murdered the civil rights leader April 4, 1968. But it says there is some evidence that the harassment of Dr. King may have been the underlying reason he was in Memphis at all.

The committee did investigate the allegations made by Lawyer Mark Lane, who turned up in the middle of the tragedy in Guyana this week. According to Lane's story, Dr. King had spent a night at white-owned Holiday Inn in Memphis. The FBI, Lane said, tried to plant a false news story that Dr. King was thus avoiding the black-owned Lorraine Motel. It has not been substantiated whether or not alleged FBI plant was ever printed or if it existed in fact. Dr. King's followers say that he regularly stayed at the Lorraine so that his presence there was not out of the ordinary.

There were two other stories that the committee has investigated. One was that FBI agents tried to engage a Louisville Ky., man to kill Dr. King. The other story is that a Miami man overheard a conversation about an FBI plot to kill Dr. King. Chief Counsel G. Robert Blakey said

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"The committee found no evidence of direct FBI involvement" in Dr. King's murder. We would be more comfortable with that statement if the word "direct" were not there. We noticed the other day that the black detective that had been Dr. King's body guard while he was in Memphis, testified that there was nothing sinister in his last-minute transfer to other duties only a short while before Dr. King's murder.

Although the committee has not found any evidence of the FBI's direct involvement in Dr. King's death, the committee is going to pursue the Bureau's indirect involvement. This includes trying to determine whether or not the FBI's admitted campaign to harass and discredit Dr. King as a civil rights leader didn't result in his presence at that time.

The biggest tragedy being revealed by this and other investigative efforts is the lack of concrete evidence to prove what the FBI did one way or another. This is a fear we should all have whenever any one man undertakes to operate a government department or bureau out of his hip pocket. We are glad to see that the present director, Judge William H. Webster, has decentralized the authority from Washington. This means that responsible decisions can be made in the field. Written reports will have to be filed to substantiate the field-directed actions. This will provide Congressional oversight committees and other investigative bodies with some records to search. There have been too many instances in the past where FBI files have "disappeared" or been inadvertently destroyed." We hope that Judge Webster's agents are content to be policemen and not sociologists or whatever. When its next civil rights test presents itself, we hope the FBI will not repeat its past performances.

ST. LOUIS ARGUS

Panel Finds No Link Between FBI, King Death

By Karl Evanzz
ARGUS Washington
Correspondent

Washington - After a surprise visit to the House Assassinations Committee hearings by UN Ambassador Andrew Young, the committee, which has been conducting an investigation into the murders of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and President John F. Kennedy, last week concluded that there is no direct evidence that the Federal Bureau of Investigation was involved in the murder of the civil rights leader.

A former Atlanta FBI agent, however, did testify that the bureau conducted "a 10-year vendetta" against Dr. King and then botched its investigation of his assassination by ignoring the possibility of a conspiracy.

The panel's findings came only days after the New York Times received information that the committee had already come to the conclusion that James Earl Ray killed Dr. King for monetary gain. Specifically, the panel is expected to find that Ray killed Dr. King for a \$50,000 bounty offered by a right-wing St. Louis businessman who wanted

him dead, although he never received it.

Arthur Murtaugh, now a college professor, testified that the FBI considered the King investigation a routine one as soon as Ray was captured because its smear campaign against King made it improper for the FBI to conduct any further investigation.

He also testified that the FBI's electronic eavesdropping on Dr. King was so intense that it produced 40 to 50 cabinets of files on King's telephone conversations.

In an opening statement, one committeeman bitterly denounced Ray's lawyer, Mark Lane, as a spiteful "consummate pitchman" and denied Lane's allegation that the panel had evidence that Dr. King was murdered by an FBI assassination squad.

UN Ambassador Young was called before the panel as a surprise witness to testify that Delegate Walter Fauntroy did not tell him of an alleged FBI assassination squad, as Lane had charged.

Committee officials refused to comment on the New York Times story, although it admitted that it had been investigating allegations that a former St. Louis auto parts

dealer, Russell G. Beyers, was told by a business man (now dead) that \$50,000 was being offered "for the head of Dr. King."

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Panel May Conclude Ray Murdered Dr. King Expecting To Get \$50,000 From St. Louisan

By WENDELL RAWLS JR.

*1978, New York Times News Service

WASHINGTON — After all the witnesses have been heard and all the evidence analyzed and digested, the House Select Committee on Assassinations is expected to conclude that James Earl Ray killed the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King for money — \$50,000 that he never collected from a right-wing St. Louis businessman who wanted the civil rights leader slain.

And the committee is expected to decide that the Federal Bureau of Investigation botched the case, apparently ignoring the possibility of conspiracy in the assassination and concentrating on the identification and apprehension of a fugitive. In the process, valuable time and evidence was lost, important figures never were interviewed and information was disregarded, if not hidden.

Even though the committee is conducting hearings to build the public record, its investigation is virtually completed allowing it to arrive at several conclusions.

That picture can be drawn on the basis of interviews with committee members, witnesses and congressional staff officials.

According to the committee's investigation and a separate investigation by The New York Times, the presence of a standing \$50,000 offer was well known in the St. Louis area in 1967 and 1968 and probably had been reported to federal authorities prior to King's murder.

The two investigations have produced the following scenario as the most likely way the lives of two men collided in the cross-hairs of political assassination.

On July 13, 1967, about three months after Ray escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary, he and perhaps his two brothers robbed a bank in Alton, Ill., and took \$27,000.

Ray's split of the proceeds, and the money he accumulated through odd jobs and other robberies he has publicly acknowledged, would have been sufficient to finance his adventures and expenditures from the time he left prison until he was captured at London's Heathrow Airport on June 8, 1968.

From the prison escape on April 23, 1967, until the bank robbery on July 13, Ray adhered pretty much to his familiar lifestyle of rooming-house beds and beanery bowls. There were stints as a dishwasher and food server.

But the day after the bank robbery, July 14, he turned up in Montreal, signed a six-month lease on an apartment, bought \$250 worth of new clothes and vacationed at a fashionable Canadian ski resort.

He later traveled to Mexico and California, reverting to his old pattern by spending an average of \$3 a day for food and \$4 a day for lodging.

While Ray was on the run, a prominent patent attorney in St. Louis was looking for someone to assassinate King.

A former St. Louis auto parts dealer named Russell G. Byers has said that he was approached sometime in late 1966 or early 1967 by a business associate, John R. Kauffmann, who invited him to a meeting with the patent attorney, John H. Sutherland.

Sutherland, a member of the conservative Southern States Industrial Council and a leader of the White Citizens' Council of St. Louis, told Byers that a group of businessmen would pay \$50,000 for the murder of King, according to Byers.

Byers said that he declined the offer. The other two men are now dead.

Both Kauffmann and Sutherland were members of the American Independent Party and were active supporters of Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace whose campaign office in St. Louis in 1968 was located in a house across the street from a tavern operated by Ray's brother John. The license was held by Ray's sister.

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ter, Carole Pepper, from November 1967 to December 1968.

The Ray Brothers were avid Wallace supporters and the tavern became virtually a Wallace headquarters annex, filled with buttons, bumper stickers, posters and pictures.

The tavern, named the Grapevine in reference to the prison underground, had sleeping rooms upstairs. Men with criminal records joined Wallace campaign workers from across the street in bellying up to the bar to talk about politics and crimes. Kauffmann was often there, and the \$50,000 offer for the murder of King was almost as much a fixture as the picture of Clydesdale horses representing the Anheuser-Busch brewery a few blocks away. A patron down on his luck might be told, mostly in jest, that he should see John Kauffmann and make a deal.

The upstairs roomers and the campaign workers were not enough to make the tavern a financial success. In early 1968, the commission believes, money gained in the Alton bank robbery began to run low for all involved, and there was some casting about for a new source of funds.

James Earl Ray had said that he was in California when he received a letter in March 1968, from the man he has identified as the "blond Latin, Raoul," instructing him to go to New Orleans. Ray says he called Raoul from Los Angeles and discussed where he should go and what he should do.

The committee investigators believe that the telephone conversation was with someone in St. Louis instead of Raoul in New Orleans. But telephone records of toll calls between Ray and any members of his family, from any numbers associated with their homes, the tavern or Wallace headquarters across the street, were maintained only for a few years, and the FBI never

sought them until too late.

The committee also believes that, from the time he received the letter or telephone call in California, he was in pursuit of King, stalking him to Selma, Ala., Atlanta, and finally to Memphis, Tenn.

After the murder, he fled to Canada, then to London, Portugal and back to London. By the time he was arrested, he was so short of funds, the committee has determined, that he risked robbing a bank in London for \$144. The committee cites the act as being an indication that Ray did not receive the assassination bounty.

There is no evidence that anyone else collected, either.

When it became known that the FBI had a counterintelligence program to harass the enemies of the late director, J. Edgar Hoover, many black leaders and bureau critics suspected that the FBI had been involved in a conspiracy to assassinate King.

The committee is expected to report that the bureau's role in the assassination was limited to its poorly handled investigation into the death and to the way Hoover's feelings about King and the civil rights movement generally influenced the attitudes of such groups as the Southern States Industrial Council and the White Citizen's Council.

These groups quoted liberally and published widely the FBI director's derogatory opinions and remarks.

It is conjecture that Hoover's remarks could have led men like Sutherland and Kauffmann to view their \$50,000 offer as being patriotic. But the FBI did know of the offer and could have taken steps to investigate it.

Sources familiar with the history of the bounty offer contend that the bureau knew of its existence shortly after it had been made to Byers, and that it was too commonly known among the convicts who frequented the Grapevine Tavern for the FBI not to have heard about in 1967 and 1968.

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Panel Rejects Claim FBI Killed Dr. King

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House Assassinations Committee reported today that it had found no evidence to support a charge that a squad of off-duty FBI agents assassinated the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King.

And Walter Fauntroy, the delegate in the House from the District of Columbia, and a member of the committee, denounced lawyer Mark Lane as a spiteful "consummate pitchman."

Fauntroy denied Lane's allegation that Fauntroy had said the panel had evidence that King had been murdered by an FBI assassination squad. U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young was called before the committee as a surprise witness to testify that Fauntroy had not told him of an alleged FBI assassination squad as Lane charges.

However, a former FBI agent testified today that the bureau had conducted "a 10-year vendetta" against King and then botched its investigation of his assassination by ignoring the possibility of conspiracy.

Arthur Murtaugh, a former agent in Atlanta and now a college professor, testified that before King was assassinated the Atlanta FBI had 15 agents assigned to electronic surveillance of the civil rights leader. After the murder, Murtaugh said, the investigation was assigned to the Intelligence Division, the same agency that had had King under surveillance, and not the Criminal Division.

He also said the investigation was made routine as soon as James Earl Ray was identified as the assassin and as a fugitive to be caught.

As the panel today began a four-day public inquiry on allegations against the FBI, chief counsel G. Robert Blakey said, "The committee found no evidence of direct FBI involvement" in King's murder.

But Blakey said the hearings would deal with questions of "possible indirect involvement." He said these included questions of whether the FBI's admitted campaign to harass and discredit King as a civil rights leader resulted in King's presence in Memphis, where he was assassinated on April 4, 1968.

Fauntroy in his remarks denounced Lane as "a man who thrives on publicity — good or bad."

"Mr. Lane's repeated attempts to spitefully use the death of Dr. King and to spitefully use those who were associated with him in life for his own purposes require that I remain silent no more," Fauntroy said.

Lane has written books on the murders of both Dr. King and President John F. Kennedy.

Fauntroy said Lane had turned over to the committee an affidavit by Daniel Ellsberg, the man who made the Pentagon Papers public, quoting an aide to Ambassador Young as saying Fauntroy had told the ambassador of the FBI assassination squad. The committee then called Young, who denied the report.

The committee called also Brady Tyson, the aide to Young, and Tyson testified that he had told Ellsberg only that the FBI assassination squad was his own "pet theory."

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The House committee has investigated at least three allegations that the FBI itself was involved in conspiracies to assassinate King. One that Lane included in his book "Code Name Zorro" is that the FBI maneuvered King into the Lorraine Motel so he could be assassinated there.

Lane's theory rests on the FBI's admission that it tried to plant a false news story accusing King of staying in the white-owned Holiday Inn in Memphis and avoiding the black-owned Lorraine Motel.

However, there is no proof the false news story was published, and former associates of King say he always stayed at the Lorraine Motel when he was in Memphis, so he could not have been maneuvered there by any such report.

The committee has investigated also allegations by a Louisville, Ky., man that FBI agents tried to hire him to kill King and by a Miami man that he overheard a conversation about an FBI plot to kill King.

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Experts Unable To Link Bullet To Ray's Rifle

By Karl Evanzz
ARGUS Staff Writer

After 10 years, of examination and reexamination by ballistics experts and medical experts, no one has been able to establish with any degree of certainty whether the rifle found across the street from the Lorraine Motel with James Earl Ray's fingerprints on it is the same one which fired the bullet that took the life of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Even more disturbing, since a man believed to be Ray was spotted as he peered through an open curtain in the window on the second floor of the rooming house adjacent to the Lorraine, is the fact that no one is able to determine from the medical evidence that the shot was fired from the second-floor bathroom window or from the shrubbery below the window.

The most that the FBI and now, the House Assassination's Committee which resumed hearings on the deaths of King and President John F. Kennedy last week, is that the fatal shot was probably fired from the direction of the rooming house.

These startling revelations came last Friday as a panel of ballistics

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Each of the specialists conducted their own tests with Ray's Remington rifle, and each found that they could neither match the test bullets with one another nor with the shattered remains of the slug that killed King on April 4, 1968.

The panel of experts said they could not even make scientific matches of the bullets fired from Ray's rifle in a series of tests because there is always a variation in the markings on hard-jacketed bullets.

The committee in continuing its investigation into the truth of Ray's denial of assassinating the civil rights leader.

While Ray and his attorney insist Ray is innocent, most of the witnesses who have testified have said that the convicted Missourian is the actual killer.

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Ray has been scheduled to testify before the committee for a second time Thursday. Ray confessed to killing Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. but later recanted the confession. He is serving a 99-year sentence for murdering the civil rights leader in April 1968.

MICHAEL Eberhardt, the committee's assistant chief deputy counsel, said he resigned Friday, one day after the committee decided not to recall Ray. The committee, on a split vote, decided Ray could not provide enough new evidence to justify the expense of bringing him back to Washington.

Eberhardt refused to comment on his resignation or the committee's decision except to say he was dissatisfied.

"I am constrained by the circumstances and by an agreement I signed when I joined the staff not to discuss the substance of the hearings," Eberhardt said in a telephone interview.

ROBERT Blakey, the committee's chief counsel, refused even to confirm that Eberhardt had resigned.

In Memphis, Tenn., Ray's attorney Mark Lane charged Saturday that undercover and off-duty FBI agents reporting directly to the late FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover "planned and carried out" the King assassination.

Lane made similar charges in a copyright story in Saturday editions of the Knoxville News Sentinel, and said he did not know how many people were involved in the alleged plot or if anyone above Hoover was involved.

Lane said he may ask as early as next week that a Tennessee court grant his client a full trial.

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Panel's Evidence May Clear Convict

By WILLIAM FREIVOGEL
Of the Post-Dispatch Staff

For seven years, Ernest Turley doggedly maintained from his Missouri prison cell that he had not robbed the State Bank of Laddonia in 1970. But while his family disintegrated, Turley saw his court appeals and parole applications fail again and again.

Now, as Turley finally is being paroled, the House Assassinations Com-

mittee has found new evidence strongly suggesting that he is innocent.

In a July 19 letter to Gov. Joseph P. Teasdale, the committee said that two men "have attested to the fact that they were actually the two individuals who entered and robbed the Laddonia bank."

Turley had not been involved, the two men said in statements obtained by the committee, which was investigating the robbery because John Larry Ray was a suspect. Ray is the brother of James Earl Ray, the convicted assassin of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

One of the men, Clarence Haynes, told committee investigators that because of a grudge, he lied when testifying against Turley in a trial eight years ago. Haynes, who is in prison for another crime, said his accomplice was James Rogers. Rogers, in jail for another bank robbery, confirmed that he and not Turley was the robber.

Turley, who is in the Magdala halfway house here awaiting parole later this month, says he should be pardoned, not paroled.

The American Civil Liberties Union says he deserves a pardon and is critical of Teasdale for not acting more promptly in considering the case. Executive Director Joyce Armstrong of the ACLU says she also wonders why Turley was kept in the state penitentiary for two months after state officials got the committee's letter saying Turley was innocent.

A Teasdale spokesman said a governor's aide has investigated the case. But consideration of a pardon must await a formal application, he said. Turley's attorney still is filling out the extensive paper work.

Turley's case has some bizarre twists. A jury found him innocent of the bank robbery charge in federal court here in 1970. But as he was walking down the courthouse steps with his wife and children, he was told that he was needed in the U.S. marshal's office for

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The ACLU argued that that was double jeopardy. But the U.S. Supreme Court said "dual sovereignty" permits state and federal authorities to independently prosecute the same man for the same crime in the same way.

After eight years in prison, the world Turley left no longer exists. His wife divorced him, became an alcoholic and remarried. His stepdaughter, who says she depended on his guidance, left home at 14 and became pregnant at 15. His stepson turned to drugs and repeatedly was arrested.

While in prison, Turley contracted rheumatoid arthritis, which weakened his joints and makes manual labor difficult. He also lost about 20 pounds from his already gaunt frame.

But Turley insists he is not bitter. He still loves his ex-wife and wants to remarry her. Also, friends have offered free cars, jobs and other aid. However, Turley's letters from prison are filled with frustration. "If crying would help, I could fill my room," he wrote to Mrs. Armstrong.

Early in his prison term, Turley escaped. "He was just frustrated that he had been found innocent and then had been jailed," his attorney, Richard D. Baron, said. "He said he had an opportunity to escape and make a life for himself. The waiting and the lack of quick action on his court appeals had him frustrated."

The evidence against Turley seemed impressive. Four employees of the bank positively identified him, even though the robbers had women's stockings over their faces, distorting their features.

In addition, two Laddonia residents said they saw Turley in Laddonia, in Audrain County in central Missouri, the day before the \$13,000 holdup.

But Turley's attorney in the state case, Latney Barnes of Mexico, Mo., brought out at the trial that six persons

who later made identifications were uncertain about identifying a picture of Turley right after the incident.

The witnesses were shown eight photographs and asked if the robbers were among them. Three of the witnesses did not pick out Turley's picture. The other three said the photo of Turley was "similar" to one of the robbers.

"What I think happened is that they kept seeing Turley's picture and kept seeing him at these trials until they really thought they could remember him there in the bank," Barnes said in an interview.

Several of the witnesses, when told of the Assassinations Committee letter, stuck by their testimony.

Thomas I. Osborne, the former Audrain County prosecutor who tried Turley, also said he still was unconvinced of Turley's innocence. He questioned the credibility of Haynes, who now says he lied at Turley's trial.

Osborne said he prosecuted Turley after his acquittal in federal court because the county sheriff then, Harold Sulgrove, and the FBI agent on the case, William Duncan, were convinced of Turley's guilt. Osborne believes that Turley won acquittal in the first trial because Haynes' testimony hurt the prosecution. Haynes said there were three men involved in the crime, but bank employees said there were two.

Haynes originally was supposed to be tried with Turley in federal court. But shortly after the trial began, Haynes changed his plea to guilty and testified against Turley. Haynes did not testify in the state case.

Turley's innocence was challenged on another point by one knowledgeable investigator who asked not to be named. Haynes may have lied to the committee in saying he never had been involved with Turley in a bank robbery, the investigator said. Prior to the Laddonia robbery, Turley, Ray and Haynes were suspected of robbing two Illinois banks, he said. But an Assassinations Committee source said other evidence had ruled Turley out of those bank robberies.

Osborne said what hurt Turley most

at the state trial was testimony by a St. Louis police detective, which undermined the credibility of Turley's wife, Pauline, a key defense witness. The detective said he overheard Turley's wife say after the first trial that "she had lied the last time she had testified for her husband, and that the next time that she wasn't going to lie for him any more."

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During his prison term, Turley frequently wrote to Mrs. Armstrong at the ACLU.

"For 19 years I have really worked hard and never stole anything," he wrote in 1975. (Turley served prison sentences in the 1940s and 1950s for larceny and robbery, but had a clean record after that.)

"Then I get in all this trouble and haven't did nothing. My mother was a Christian lady and I'll swear on her grave I am innocent of this charge. This is enough to drive a man nuts. I don't think a lot of people could take as much as I have."

A few days later, he wrote: "I suppose I talk too much. I guess it's because I haven't had a real visit in such a long time. No one comes up to see me.... It really seems that 50 percent of the (prison) population is animals."

Three months later, he wrote: "This is really killing me ... I just can't stand much more ... I just can't stand another year here."

In 1976, he joined a church in Moberly.

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good in my life," he wrote. "It has been a miserable wreck ~~in~~ until now and really still is because I'm in here. I'm still praying you will be able to do something for me on that pardon ... For the latest news from here it's hell, a stabbing or killing every week. Had one yesterday got hurt and three today. It's so overcrowded ..."

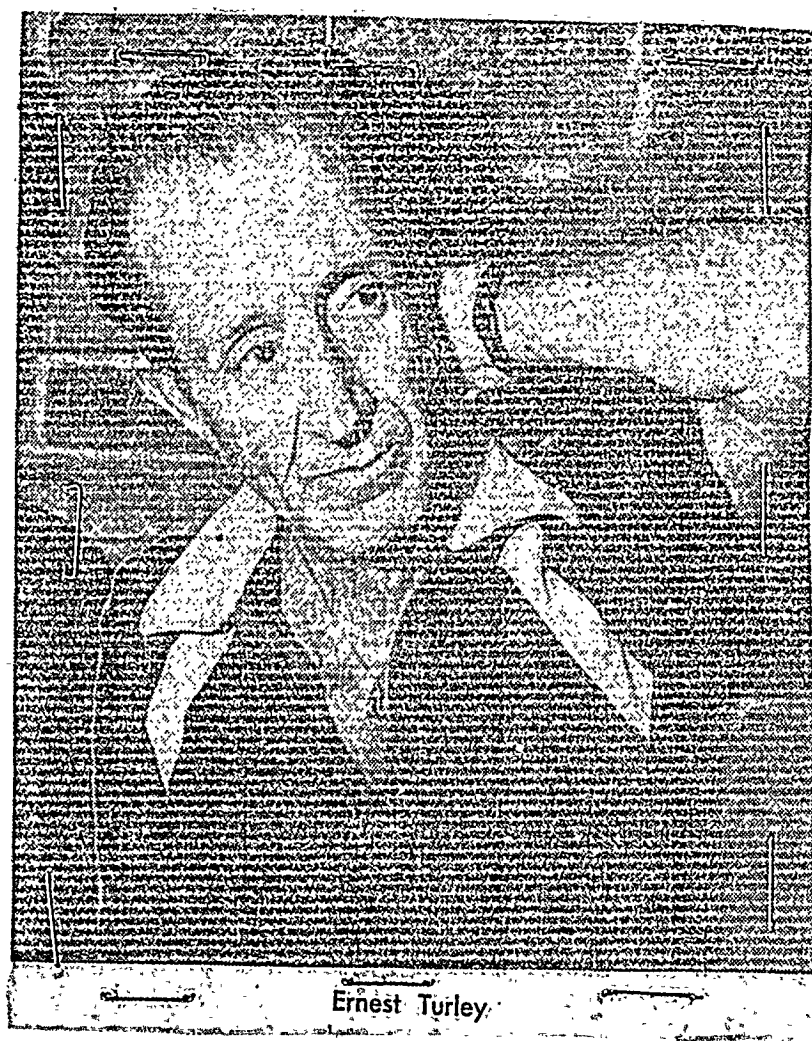
Those who knew Turley while he was in prison said he showed no bitterness, but never stopped trying to convince others, including penitentiary warden Donald Wyrick, that he was innocent. "It seemed like it was very important to him that I believe him," said Wyrick, who knew him well.

Turley's stepdaughter, Deana Aguilar, described in an interview the devastating impact Turley's confinement had on his family.

"Ernie had raised us since we were little. We loved him more than our real father," said Mrs. Aguilar, now 21 and living in Houston. "My mother always drank a little. But after he was put in jail, she stayed drunk all the time. She just gave up."

"We didn't have school clothes any more. I left home at 14 and was pregnant at 15 and again at 16. I missed school. My brother, who was a year younger, ran away from home and started sniffing (drugs). He started getting arrested. We only made it through because he and I stuck together."

Turley's release from prison was delayed by another irony, says one of his attorneys, Charles Werner. At one point it was held up several days only because all the halfway houses in this area were full. John Larry Ray, whose suspected involvement in the robbery led the Assassinations Committee to the new evidence in Turley's case, had taken the last halfway house place.



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Information Concerning, JAMES COOPER GREEN, JR." (SL file 62-0-19478). The Bureau will note that attached to this memo are xerox copies of indices cards concerning JAMES COOPER GREEN, JR. The following observations are furnished concerning those indices cards:

SL file 44-700 was destroyed on 3/30/78. SL file 152-8 was destroyed on 2/18/78. SL file 26-31372 was destroyed approximately 5 to 8 years ago.

- B) Enclosed herewith are copies of the following communications concerning DALLAS BARR, aka JERRY MILLER:

Letter dated 10/4/77 from H. EBERHARDT to FBI, St. Louis, and Treasury Department, Criminal Enforcement Division, St. Louis, Missouri;

Letter to H. EBERHARDT dated 10/11/77 from the SAC, St. Louis.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. This form may be submitted in legible hand printing.
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3. Make effort to furnish FBI identification number, law enforcement identification number, or military service number.
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To: DIRECTOR, FBI

Attention: Identification Division

Date

10/29/74

Re: JOE DEE ROSE,

ETAL. TFIS 00:SL

Field File No. SL 15-17227

Furnish The Known Identification Record of the Following:

Name

JAMES COOPER GREEN

FBI No.

43233PF

Other No.

Aliases

Sex

Race

Birth Date

Birthplace

Residence

Height

Weight

Build

Hair

Eyes

Complexion

Age

Fingerprint Classification

Scars, marks and tattoos

Also Furnish:

- ☒ Photo
☐ Fingerprints
☐ Handwriting Specimens

Identification Division's Reply

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☐ On basis of information furnished, unable to identify:

- ☐ Criminal Files ☐ Civil Files ☐ All Files
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20537

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The following FBI record, NUMBER 452 338 F

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Army	James Cooper ⁴⁴⁻⁷⁰⁰ Green Jr. #RA17 725 195	7-30-65		disch 2-18-66
St Hwy Pat Kirkwood Mo	James Cooper Green Jr #C-11256	11-12-65	auto theft	rel to Oregon County Auth
Sheriff's Office Alton Mo	James Cooper Green Jr #G-2756-B	11-12-65	car theft	
Dept of Corr Jefferson City Mo	James Cooper Green Jr #11267	11-29-65	PG GT	3 yrs comm of sent
USM Memphis Tenn	James Cooper Green Jr #2509	12-23-67	Dyer Act Title 18 Section 2312	Indet sent custody, at FBI 7-12-68
PD Memphis Tenn	James Cooper Green Jr #103201	12-22-67	inv(larc auto)	ref to Gov't of chg of Dyer Act 12-23-67 rel USM Memphis
Medical Center for Fed Prs Springfield Mo	James Cooper Green Jr. #HO-60-B	2-15-68	MVTA	
St Hwy Patrol	James Cooper ⁴⁴⁻⁷⁰⁰ Green ¹¹⁻¹⁷⁻⁶⁸ #Y 34307 SW	7-23-68	I/S Transp stln veh	indet 5010 B 1/6/70 Par.
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St Hwy Patrol Poplar Bluff MO	James Cooper Green 6457.	12-19-73	burg II	

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Notations indicated by * are NOT based on fingerprints in FBI files but are listed only as investigative leads and are possibly identical with subject of this record.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM

DATE: 3/30/78

FROM : SAC, ST. LOUIS (87-24046) (RUC)

SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka James C. Green, 87-24046-56
 Waymond Gibbs, Linda Jackson, 87-1-45
 Lee Bankhead, Shirley Jackson, 87-1-45
 Et Al, Rick Donaldson, 87-1-45
 Junior Brown, James D. Farrow, 87-1-45

CONSUMER MONEY ORDER # 49-977841-899

ITSP

OO: BIRMINGHAM

Re: MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE OF CONSUMER MONEY ORDER(S)
 RAISED CONSUMER MONEY ORDER(S)
 COUNTERFEIT MONEY ORDER(S)
 XX THEFT OF CONSUMER MONEY ORDER(S)

Enclosures were furnished on 3/27/78, by Charles Voellinger
 Treasurer, Consumer Money Order Co., St. Louis, Mo., who
 advised the following:

Initial notification XX Follow-up
 Printed in the amount of \$
 XX Taken in armed robbery, XX burglary, sneak
 theft or mysteriously disappeared from Nelson Brothers,
 324 17th St., North, Birmingham, Alabama
 XX There is a potential loss of \$11,600.00
 Purchased in a small amount and raised to a
 larger amount.
 Checkwriter, serial #, was also stolen.
 Insure checkwriter is entered into NCIC when applicable.
 This incident was reported to the police.

The money order(s) XXX/were negotiated and submitted
 through normal banking channels to the Bank of Wentzville,
 Wentzville, Mo., for payment and returned as XXXXX/raised to
 place of negotiation, as shown on enclosed copies of negotiated
 money orders.

Any investigation and/or submission of original
 specimen to FBI Laboratory is being left to the discretion of
 Office of Origin. St. Louis should not be furnished information
 copies of any report generated as a result of this investigation.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, ST. LOUIS (62-0)

DATE: 11/8/78

FROM : SA MARSHALL P. GORHAM

SUBJECT: MISCELLANEOUS
INFORMATION CONCERNING
JAMES COOPER GREEN, JR.

For information of SAC, GREEN is a Caucasian male, DOB 1/7/47, FBI #432 338 F, and from 1/6/70, until 7/11/74, was under parole supervision of the U.S. Probation and Parole Office, Cape Girardeau, Mo. GREEN had been convicted of ITSMV violation in USDC, Memphis, Tennessee.

On 11/7/78, SA TOM TEYSSIER, BATF, Cape Girardeau, advised SA GORHAM that TEYSSIER had a conversation with GREEN on this date. GREEN related to TEYSSIER that he (GREEN) was to appear before a Congressional committee in the fall of 1979, which committee was investigating Federal investigative agencies. GREEN also stated that he would reveal that SA GORHAM had requested him to break into a judge's house in Pemiscot County, Mo. TEYSSIER obtained no additional information; however, related GREEN indicated that he would receive a Presidential pardon.

BATF, Cape Girardeau, is familiar with GREEN as GREEN was utilized as an informant in Pemiscot County in years 1973 or 1974 to make gun buys. GREEN subsequently worked for BATF under undercover Sting operation in Memphis, Tennessee.

On 11/8/78, SA DICK HERBERT, BATF, Cape Girardeau, Mo., advised that GREEN on 11/8/78, displayed a subpoena to testify in Washington, D.C., 11/10/78, at 2:00 p.m. before Congressional committee investigating assassinations and other matters. GREEN stated that SA GORHAM asked GREEN to break into Judge RAGLAND's house at Caruthersville and this break-in concerned a piano. GREEN alleged that he had a witness regarding this matter. WILLIAM L. RAGLAND is a Circuit Judge for New Madrid and Pemiscot Counties, Mo.

SA GORHAM can recollect only three contacts with GREEN. The first contact was in the year 1973 or 1974, when GREEN appeared at the Cape Girardeau RA, while he (GREEN) 62-5097-

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was in Cape Girardeau visiting with U.S. Probation and Parole Officer CHARLES MATHEWS. GREEN stated that he was capable of getting information regarding criminal activities in Pemiscot County and appeared to be wanting to be an informant. No attempt was made to develop GREEN as an informant inasmuch as he was on Federal parole. It is possible, however SA GORHAM has no recollection, that the matter of pianos was discussed inasmuch as SA DOUGLAS ROSENBERGER (retired) had a 15 case in 1971 or 1972 in which three Caruthersville men, HAROLD HINCHEY, CLYDE MANLEY, and EMMETT LEE, were convicted for the theft of a shipment of pianos. All the pianos in this matter were not recovered.

On one other occasion, possibly in 1974, GREEN again appeared at the RA and all that can be recalled from this contact was GREEN advising that he was working for the U.S. Attorney's Office in Memphis and was seeking a pardon.

SA GORHAM believes that he observed GREEN several years ago outside or possibly inside the sheriff's office at Caruthersville, Mo., and only greetings were exchanged.

BATF, Cape Girardeau, and U.S. Probation and Parole Officer CHARLES MATHEWS consider GREEN as "unstable."

Any accusations GREEN makes against SA GORHAM or the St. Louis Division of the FBI regarding any illegal activities are false.

See attached for references to JAMES COOPER GREEN from St. Louis indices.

GREEN, JAMES COOPER, JR.

44-700*

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GREEN, JAMES C.

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Iako Louise, Mo. 63070
Oct. 4, 1977

Federal Bureau of Investigation
1520 Market St.
St. Louis, Mo. 63177
and
Treasury Dept.
Criminal Enforcement Div.
1114 Market St.
St. Louis, Mo. 63177

Gentlemen:

I wonder if either of your agencies could help me find an individual by the name of Dallas Barr, alias Jerry Miller, plus any other aliases he has.

Under the name Dallas Barr he spent a couple of years in the Federal prison in Terre Haute Ind. for passing bogus money.

The last time I heard about him he was using the name Jerry Miller and testified at the trial of a man for murdering some woman whose body was found in Babler Park.

I checked with the St. Louis County sheriffs dept. but drew a blank.

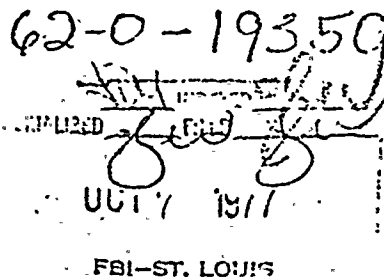
This is not a vendetta. I am Dallas Barrs ex-father-in-law. I have no love for him, but it just happens he could do one of his younger children a big service if I can talk him into it. At least I would like to try if I can find him.

I will deeply appreciate any help either of your agencies can give

me.

Sincerely yours,

H. Eberhardt
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Post Office Box 7251, Main Station
St. Louis, Missouri 63177

October 11, 1977

Mr. H. Eberhardt
Lake Louise,
Missouri 63070

Dear Mr. Eberhardt:

This will acknowledge receipt of your communication dated October 4, 1977.

While I would like to be of assistance to you in this matter, current regulations prohibit the Federal Bureau of Investigation from conducting any investigation in matters which are not a Federal violation. Unfortunately the problems you have experienced do not constitute a matter within Federal jurisdiction.

Very truly yours,

HARLAN C. PHILLIPS
Special Agent in Charge

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FBI SPRINGFIELD (IMMEDIATE)

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

BUDED NOVEMBER 13, 1978.

HSCA; BY LETTER DATED NOVEMBER 6, 1978, REQUESTED THAT ALL
FBIHQ AND FIELD OFFICE FILES BE PROVIDED ON THE FOLLOWING

SUBJECTS:

555
A) JAMES COOPER GREEN, AKA JIM GENOVESE

DOB: JANUARY 7, 1947

ADDRESS: ROUTE 2, CARUTHERSVILLE, MISSOURI

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B) DALLAS BARR, AKA JERRY MILLER

DOB: FEBRUARY 1, 1928 OR JANUARY 1, 1929

FBI NUMBER 5 041 866

ON NOVEMBER 8, 1978, MICHAEL EBERHARDT, HSCA, ADVISED THAT THE COMMITTEE WANTED THE FIELD OFFICES IN CHICAGO, KANSAS CITY, SPRINGFIELD AND ST. LOUIS, CHECKED FOR MATERIAL ON BARR. EBERHARDT REQUESTED THAT THE FIELD OFFICES IN MEMPHIS, NEW ORLEANS AND ST. LOUIS BE CHECKED FOR MATERIAL ON GREEN.

ABOVE-NAMED OFFICES SHOULD REVIEW INDICES AND ANY MATERIAL FOUND IDENTIFIABLE WITH JAMES COOPER GREEN OR DALLAS BARR, IN THE APPROPRIATE FIELD OFFICE, SHOULD BE DUPLICATED AND ONE COPY FURNISHED BY COVER AIRTEL TO CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION, FBIHQ, BY NOVEMBER 13, 1978. ANY POTENTIAL PROBLEMS IN COMPLYING WITH DEADLINE SHOULD BE TELEPHONICALLY RESOLVED WITH CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT.

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MILLER, JERRY

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137-7675*

Aka of Henri William Maillard
W. M. B. 6-11-41, Seattle, Wash.
FBI # 241 451 C

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MILLER, JERRY

91-3927*

aka David Lynn Johnson
wm, b. 7-9-40; 9-28-38, Portland, Oregon;
Anaconda, Montana
FBI# 332 201 D
IO 3 4204

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MILLER, JERRY

91-3736*

aka of Jerry Lynn Young
dob 10-2-42, Russellville, Ala.
FBI # 909 609D
WF # 410
IO # 4089

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MILLER, JERRY

MAY 67

88-7153*

aka of GERALD FLOYD MILEER
w, m, b. 5-31-24, Danville, Ill.

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MILLER, JERRY

SEP 59

47-3580*

Aka of Harold Loyd Joyce
W. M. B. 7-2-24, Hammond, Ind.
FBI # 2 345 174
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MILLER, JERRY

42-8821*

aka of Jerry Lee Miller, Jr.
wm; dob 1-23-43, Muskogee, Okla.
MSN 197 5969

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11/7/78

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-117290)
(ATTN: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT,
RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION)

FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (62-5097)

SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS
BUDED: 11/9/78

Re Bureau teletype to St. Louis, 11/7/78.

Enclosed herewith is one copy each of Serials 14 - 150 inclusive and one copy of Serial 1A-1, all from SL file 100-17801 captioned "MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; SM - C".

A review of the enclosed serials will reveal that several permanent charge-outs are in this file revealing the fact that certain serials have been previously furnished to FBIHQ and are no longer available, nor are copies of those serials available, to the St. Louis Office.

The following additional comments are offered for the benefit of the Bureau:

Serial 33 is a newspaper clipping dated 3/21-22/64. Serial 35 is SL airtel to the Bureau dated 3/25/64 captioned "COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, NEGRO QUESTION, COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS, INTERNAL SECURITY - C". Between these two serials is a form captioned "Metropolitan Police Department, City of St. Louis, Vehicular Accident Report". This accident report is Serial 34; however, the blockstamp and serialization information appears on the reverse of page 1 of this report and is not reproduced in the enclosure.

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Serial 52 is missing. St. Louis cannot determine at this time whether Serial 52 was inadvertently skipped in the serializing process or was permanently charged out and sent to the Bureau without a permanent charge-out being submitted to the file.

Between Serials 55 and 57 is a photograph over which the following headline appears "MARTIN LUTHER KING ... AT COMMUNIST TRAINING SCHOOL". This is Serial 56 which was blockstamped and serialized on the reverse side and is not reproduced herein.

Between Serials 125 and 126 is an unserialized memorandum dated 6/23/66 from SA RICHARD BOYD SMITH to the SAC captioned "A Citizen's White Paper; Info Concerning". This memorandum was apparently inadvertently skipped in serializing.

Serial 131 is Chicago airtel to the Bureau dated 3/28/67 enclosing an LHM. That LHM is dated 3/28/67 at Chicago, Illinois and bears the following dual captions: "MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., RACIAL MATTER; DEMONSTRATIONS, CHICAGO FREEDOM MOVEMENT (CFM) - SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC), CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, RACIAL MATTER". That LHM is Serial 130; however, is blockstamped and serialized on the reverse of page 1 and is not reproduced herewith.

Serial 134 is St. Louis airtel to the Bureau dated 7/18/67 captioned "CP - USA, POLITICAL ACTIVITY, IS - C, CINAL". That airtel enclosed an LHM dated 7/18/67 at St. Louis, Missouri captioned "NEW POLITICS". The LHM was not serialized separately in this file as it should have been and, therefore, bears no serial number.

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FM DIRECTOR FBI (62-117297)

TO FBI ST. LOUIS (100-17801) PRIORITY

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA).

RU000 NOVEMBER 9, 1978.

BY LETTER OCTOBER 31, 1978, THE HSCA, WHICH IS CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION INTO THE ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., REQUESTED DELIVERY OF "ANY ST. LOUIS FIELD OFFICE FILES IDENTIFIED AS KING SECURITY, FOR THE PERIOD COVERING JANUARY, 1953, THROUGH DECEMBER, 1963." ACCORDING TO A PREVIOUS INVENTORY OF KING FILES BY FBI HEADQUARTERS (FBIHQ), S. LOUIS FILES 100-17801 PERTAINS TO THE SECURITY INVESTIGATION OF KING.

ST. LOUIS PROMPTLY REPRODUCE ONE LEGIBLE COPY OF EACH SERIAL CONTAINED IN FILE 100-17801 FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 1953, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1963. FORWARD MATERIAL TO SEARCH FBIHQ, ATTENTION CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, RECORDS MANAGEMENT

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DIVISION, BY NOVEMBER 6, 1978. THIS ITEM CONTAINED IN FILE
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FM ST. LOUIS (62-5097)

TO DIRECTOR (62-117290) ROUTINE ATTN: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT,
 RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

RE BUTEL TO SL 10/31/78.

RUSSELL BYERS, 9329 FREDERIC COURT, ROCK HILL, MO., WAS INTERVIEWED AT HIS RESIDENCE 11/6/78. BYERS SAID HE HAS BEEN INTERVIEWED BY HSCA RE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.. BYERS STATED THAT THE HSCA COMMITTEE DID NOT QUESTION HIM ABOUT PROVIDING CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION TO THE FBI UNTIL 10/16/78 WHEN (FNU) EBERHARDT (PHONETIC), HSCA ATTORNEY, CAME TO ST. LOUIS AND MET WITH BYERS AND BYER'S ATTORNEY. EBERHARDT ASKED BYERS IF BYERS HAD EVER BEEN CONVICTED AND WHAT SENTENCE HE RECEIVED. BYERS TOLD EBERHARDT THAT BYERS HAD A CONVICTION IN 1967 AND RECEIVED PROBATION. EBERHARDT ASKED BYERS WHY BYERS WOULD RECEIVE PROBATION AND ASKED BYERS IF IT WASN'T TRUE THAT BYERS HAD RECEIVED PROBATION IN RETURN FOR BYERS PROVIDING INFORMATION TO THE FBI CONCERNING THE KING ASSASSINATION. BYERS TOLD EBERHARDT THAT THAT WAS NOT TRUE. EBERHARDT ASKED IF BYERS HAD PROVIDED INFORMATION TO THE FBI AND BYERS TOLD EBERHARDT THAT HE HAD BEEN INTERVIEWED BY THE

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FBI MANY TIMES. BYERS EXPLAINED TO INTERVIEWING SA THAT BYERS HAD NEVER ACCEPTED ANY MONEY FROM THE FBI ALTHOUGH IT WAS OFFERED AND NEVER CONSIDERED HIMSELF A "SNITCH" OR "INFORMANT." EBERHARDT ASKED BYERS TO SIGN A "FORM 59" SO THAT EBERHARDT COULD OBTAIN BYER'S FBI FILES. BYERS REFUSED TO SIGN THE FORM AND GAVE EBERHARDT NO INFORMATION REGARDING CONTACTS BY THE FBI. BYERS TOLD EBERHARDT HE WOULD CONSIDER SIGNING THE FORM IF EBERHARDT WOULD GUARANTEE BYERS WOULD NOT HAVE TO REAPPEAR IN WASHINGTON, WHICH EBERHARDT WOULD NOT GUARANTEE. BYERS SAID HE DID NOT READ THE FORM AND ASKED INTERVIEWING SA WHAT FORM 59 WAS AND IT WAS REQUESTED BYERS REFER THAT QUESTION TO EBERHARDT. BYERS INDICATED THAT HE DID NOT WANT TO SIGN ANY FORM WHICH MAY CAUSE HIM TO BE INVOLVED IN FURTHER TESTIMONY IN THIS MATTER. BYERS VOLUNTEERED THAT HE HAD RECENTLY BEEN SUBPOENAED TO REAPPEAR BEFORE THE HSCA IN LATE NOVEMBER.

BYERS SAID HE HAS RESIDED AT 9329 FREDRIC COURT SINCE APPROXIMATELY 1967 AND AT 9832 MADISON (1 MILE FROM CURRENT RESIDENCE) FOR ABOUT 4 YEARS BEFORE THAT.

INDICIES AND FILE REVIEW AT SL FAILS TO DISCLOSE BYERS FURNISHED ANY INFORMATION TO FBI EXCEPT AS NOTED IN SL 137-16541 (FBIHQ HAS COPY) AND INTERVIEW OF BYERS ON 9/29/75 IN SL 92-2104. THE 9/29/75 INTER-

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VIEW CONCERNED BYERS KNOWLEDGE OF RAYMOND L SCHARF, BYERS FORMER
EMPLOYER WHO WAS CONVICTED IN 1976. IT IS NOTED THAT BYERS CO-OPER-
ATION DURING THIS INTERVIEW WAS BASIS OF OPENING 137-FILE.

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Lane Says FBI Agents Involved In King Slaying

By Karl Evanzz
ARGUS Washington
Corresponding

Washington - As he promised at the recent wedding of James Earl Ray, Jr., the man accused and convicted of the assassination of slain civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Mark Lane has reportedly told House investigators that former and off-duty agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation actually assassinated King.

Lane, Ray's attorney and co-author (along with activist Dick Gregory) of "Code Zorro: The Assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.," refused to go into detail about the evidence. He promised to release it if the House panel doesn't in the near future.

King confidant Ralph D. Abernathy and Rep. Louis Stokes (D-Ohio) accompanied Lane to the meeting. Stokes, who is a member of the House Assassinations subcommittee investigating John F. Kennedy's and King's assassination, would not comment.

Abernathy, however, told reporters that the "information that Mr. Lane revealed is that it was former FBI agents and off-duty FBI agents

who took the life of Dr. King."

The veteran civil rights leader said that although he was not sold on the idea of Ray's innocence, he felt "there was a conspiracy which may have involved Ray, but certainly there were other persons involved."

Rep. Walter Fauntroy (D-D.C.), chairman of the House subcommittee, said he was not overly impressed with Lane's

evidence. He added, however, that his investigators are pursuing one lead provided by Lane.

The House subcommittee, which began public hearings on the Kennedy and King slayings earlier this fall, is set to resume the hearings in a few weeks, at which time James Earl Ray will appear before the committee for the second and presumably the last time.

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TO FBI ST. LOUIS ROUTINE

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

HSCA, BY LETTER DATED OCTOBER 20, 1978, HAS REQUESTED THAT ST. LOUIS AND HEADQUARTERS INFORMANT FILES FOR RUSSELL GEORGE BYERS^{SSS} BE PROVIDED. REASON FOR HSCA INTEREST LIES IN RECENT DISCOVERY BY ST. LOUIS OFFICE OF MEMORANDUM IN FILE OF SL 3167-C WHICH REPORTED MEETING BETWEEN INFORMANT AND BYERS DURING WHICH BYERS TOLD INFORMANT OF OFFER MADE TO HIM TO KILL DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HSCA ALLEGEDLY HAS INTERVIEWED BYERS ON OCTOBER 16, 1978, CONCERNING THIS MATTER AND REFERENCED LETTER STATES BYERS "ADVISED THAT HE HAD PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED INFORMATION TO THE FBI ON A CONFIDENTIAL BASIS", HOWEVER, HE WOULD NOT PROVIDE COMMITTEE WITH WAIVER FOR RELEASE OF HIS INFORMANT FILES.

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HSCA ALLEGES FURTHER THAT DESPITE ABSENCE OF BYERS' AUTHORIZATION, THAT HIS ADMISSION OF HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FBI ELIMINATES NEED TO PROTECT THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF THE INFORMATION FURNISHED. ADDITIONALLY, HSCA STATES BYERS' INFORMANT STATUS "RAISES SOME SERIOUS QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE INVOLVEMENT OF AT LEAST AN FBI INFORMANT IN A CONSPIRACY TO KILL DR. KING."

FBI HEADQUARTERS (FBIHQ) IS IN POSSESSION OF A COPY OF BYERS' ST. LOUIS INFORMANT FILE (SL 137-16541) WHICH REFLECTS BYERS BEING OPENED OCTOBER 3, 1975, AND CLOSED BY LETTER TO FBIHQ, NOVEMBER, 22, 1976, HAVING FURNISHED INFORMATION ONLY ON GENERAL CRIMINAL MATTERS. AS SUCH, HSCA'S REQUEST FOR THIS FILE IS CONSIDERED OUTSIDE SCOPE OF THEIR INQUIRY; HOWEVER, THIS POSITION CANNOT BE PROMULGATED UNTIL ST. LOUIS OFFICE PROVIDES ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING BYERS AND HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FBI.

ST. LOUIS OFFICE IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT RUSSELL GEORGE BYERS AND ASCERTAIN FROM HIM THE FOLLOWING:

- (1) HAS HE BEEN INTERVIEWED BY THE HSCA?
- (2) DID HE REVEAL HIS PAST CONFIDENTIAL RELATIONSHIP

WITH THE FBI?

(3) IF HE DID REVEAL HIS CONFIDENTIAL RELATIONSHIP, SPECIFICALLY WHAT INFORMATION DID HE TELL HSCA HE FURNISHED THE FBI?

(4) THE REASONS FOR REFUSING AUTHORIZATION FOR HSCA TO REVIEW HIS INFORMANT FILES.

(5) PLACES HE HAS RESIDED DURING PERIOD OF 1967 TO THE PRESENT.

BYERS SHOULD NOT BE APPRISED OF COMMITTEE'S REQUEST TO REVIEW HIS INFORMANT FILES, NOR SHOULD HE BE ASKED ANY OTHER QUESTIONS THAN THOSE LISTED ABOVE.

IN ORDER TO FURTHER REBUT HSCA ALLEGATION, ST. LOUIS IS REQUESTED TO ASCERTAIN THROUGH APPROPRIATE INDICES SEARCH, FILE REVIEW, AND OTHER APPROPRIATE MEANS, WHETHER BYERS, PRIOR TO BEING FORMALLY OPENED AS SL 3567-PC, FURNISHED ANY INFORMATION TO THE FBI. SUTEL RESULTS OF CONTACT WITH BYERS AND ST. LOUIS FILE REVIEW TO FBIHQ, ATTENTION: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION.

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Ray's lawyer says off-duty, former FBI agents killed King

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mark Lane, lawyer for James Earl Ray, gave House investigators Friday what was described as information that former and off-duty FBI agents assassinated the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Lane refused to disclose publicly whatever evidence he might have. He said he would do so if the House committee did not.

Delegate Walter Fauntroy of the District of Columbia, chairman of the House assassinations subcommittee investigating Dr. King's murder, said he was disappointed. "My conclusion is that there was no new evidence," Fauntroy said.

The Rev. Ralph David Abernathy accompanied Lane to a meeting with Fauntroy and Rep. Louis Stokes, D-Ohio, chairman of the House assassinations committee.

Afterward, the Rev. Mr. Abernathy said, "The information that Mr. Lane revealed is that it was former FBI agents and off-duty FBI agents who took the life of Dr. King."

The Rev. Mr. Abernathy, who was Dr. King's successor as head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, said Lane contends that the evidence shows Ray is innocent. But, he said, "that is not my position."

"My position," he said, "is that there was a conspiracy which may have involved James Earl Ray but certainly there were other persons involved in the conspiracy."

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-117290)
(ATTN: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT,
RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION)

FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (62-5097)

SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS
(HSCA)
BUDED: 10/31/78

Re Bureau teletype to Albany, Kansas City,
Seattle, and St. Louis dated 10/23/78.

St. Louis indices contain two references concerning
GEORGE BEN EDMONDSON, aka ALEX BORMANN.

The first reference is on page 5 of Memphis
teletype to Bureau and other offices dated 6/11/77 in case
captioned "JAMES EARL RAY, aka Eric Stavro Galt, John Willard,
Harvey Lowneyear, Harvey Lownyer - FUGITIVE; CONSPIRACY TO
COMMIT UFAC - ESCAPE", OO: Knoxville, SL file 88-10663. One
copy of that teletype is enclosed herewith.

The second reference in St. Louis indices is an
index card in the name of ALEXANDER GEORGE BEN EDMONDSON,
SL 137-4674, one copy of which is also enclosed herewith.
A review of that indices card by experienced support personnel
leads to the following conclusion:

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At the time EDMONDSON became an IO fugitive in May, 1966, an "88" indices card was prepared indicating that ALEXANDER GEORGE BEN EDMONDSON was an alias of GEORGE BEN EDMONDSON whose date of birth was 8/3/37, Springfield, Missouri, and who was assigned FBI #990 987 B and who was the subject of IO #4011 and wanted flyer #398. At the time of filing this indices card, a prior reference to EDMONDSON (SL 137-4674) was consolidated thereon. It is assumed that sometime during the period that EDMONDSON was an informant for the Kansas City Division, the St. Louis Division received a lead to check the National Personnel Records Center concerning EDMONDSON and, this being prior to the current method of not opening up full cases for record checks, a "137" case was opened for the purpose of checking those records. At the time the "137" reference was added to the "88" indices card, the date of the "137" being opened should have been added also but this was not done.

Following normal destruction procedures, when EDMONDSON's "88" file was destroyed, that number was inked out on the indices card leaving only the reference to 137-4674. Under the old file destruction program (approximately five years ago), SL file 137-4674 was destroyed and the indices card should have been purged; however, the indices card was inadvertently not destroyed.

The above described indices card has been purged from the St. Louis indices and is being maintained as an exhibit in captioned file.

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RE KNOXVILLE TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, JUNE 11, 1977.

FOR INFO RECEIVING OFFICES, ON JUNE 11, 1977, COMPLAINT AUTHORIZED BY USAG GRIFFIN BELL THROUGH SPECIAL ASSISTANT FREDERICK BARRON AND PREPARED BY AUSA EDWARD WILSON AT KNOXVILLE, TENN. COMPLAINT FILED BY SA RONALD L. JOHNSON BEFORE USDJ FRANK A. KAUFMAN AT KNOXVILLE CHARGING RAY AND OTHERS IN VIOLATION OF TITLE 18, USC, SECTION 371, IN UNLAWFULLY, ETC., CONSPIRING TO VIOLATE TITLE 18, USC, SECTION 1073. RAY AND COMPANIONS SHOULD BE HELD WITHOUT BOND.

AT APPROXIMATELY 7:20 P.M., JUNE 10, 1977, RAY, IN THE

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COMPANY OF LARRY EDWARD HACKER, EARL HILL, JR., DAVID LEE POWELL, DOUGLAS SHELTON, AND DONALD RAY CAYLOR, ESCAPED BRUSHY MOUNTAIN STATE PRISON (BMS), PETROS, TENN., USING A LADDER ON THE OUTSIDE WALL FOLLOWING A DISTRACTION OF THE GUARDS BY OTHER PRISONERS.

BMS RECORDS REFLECT JAMES EARL RAY AS W/M, DOB, MAR. 10, 1928, 5'10", 175 LBS., BLACK & GRAY HAIR, BLUE EYES, FAIR COMPLEX.

RECEIVING OFFICES REVIEW RESPECTIVE MURKIN FILES AND SET FORTH ADDITIONAL LOGICAL LEADS.

REVIEW OF FILES OF SUBJECT RAY (YEAR 1968) AT MEMPHIS HAS CREATED THE FOLLOWING LEADS SET FORTH TO DETERMINE LATEST KNOWN CONTACTS WITH RAY AND MOST RECENT INFORMATION OF HIS ACTIVITIES:

ATLANTA AT DALTON, GA. RAYMOND LOUIS CURTIS, WHITFIELD COUNTY JAIL, ON APPEAL FOR MURDER AND FORMER MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY (MSP) ASSOCIATE.

AT MARIETTA, GA. LEWIE RAYMOND DOWDA, COBB CO. JAIL, MSP.

AT ATLANTA, GA. JIMMIE DELTON GARNER, FORMER LANDLORD, 107-14TH STREET N.E.

BIRMINGHAM AT REFORM, ALA. JAMES W. BROWN, FBI 504 9773.

AT BIRMINGHAM, ALA. FORMER ATTORNEY ARTHUR HANES.

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IF FEASIBLE, AUTHOR WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE.

CHICAGO AT JOLIET, ILL. AT ILLINOIS STATE PRISON, INMATE
MILTON DEAN "BUCKY" BATCHEDER, FBI 548 312 B, EX MSP.

JOSEPH ADAMS, EX MSP.

AT LAKE ZURICH, ILL. JERRY RAY, BROTHER, BOX 145.

AT CHICAGO, ILL. MRS. SUSAN (MICHAEL) DONIAN, SISTER,
3414 BRYN MAHR.

MSP ASSOCIATES LEE MILLER, 6538 N. TALMAN, OR 3542 SOUTH
PORT; EDWARD PAUL RIVERA, 515 WEST 63RD STREET; GUS MARZAHN,
1620 WEST NELSON STREET.

CLEVELAND AT CLEVELAND, OHIO. JAMES T. BOND, INMATE,
CUYHOGA COUNTY JAIL.

DALLAS AT SEAGOVILLE, TEXAS. BILLY BROWN AEBY, STARK ROAD,
EX MSP.

HOUSTON AT HOUSTON, TEXAS. NEAL EDGAR AEBY, EX MSP, RAMSEY
UNIT, TEXAS STATE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS.

JACKSONVILLE AT RAIFORD, FLA. LEO BARNETT, FLORIDA STATE
PRISON.

KANSAS CITY AT JEFFERSON CITY, MO. BEN GOODMAN, SALESMAN,

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SCHANTZMEYER FORD COMPANY, EX MSP.

AT LEAVENWORTH FEDERAL PENITENTIARY. JULIUS MAURICE BLOCK,
EX MSP.

AT MOBERLY, MO., MEN'S TRAINING CENTER. EX MSP INMATES
JOHN EDWARD JOHNSON, 00876; DONALD DEAN RIGGER, 03959; JAMES C.
FLETCHER, 72071; MILTON ZAVALCOFSKI, 01658.

AT WARSAW, MO. JACK FOX LAMPHIRE, EX MSP.

AT MISSOURI STATE PRISON. INMATES RUSSELL LEE MARTIN, 08014;
FRANK JOSEPH GUINAN, 09297; BILLY EDWARD MILES, 02185; HOWARD
NUNN, 6889; RAY PRUETT, 2195; ORLAN EUGENE ROSE, 72723; JAMES D.
WALLACE, 75682; JERRY WAYNE WHITE, 10743, TO BE RELEASED ON
FEDERAL DETAINER, 1968; JOHN KENNETH HURTT, 75502; JIMMY Z.
BRADLEY AND/OR JAMES HARVEY BRADLEY, 71844, WHO PEDDLED
AMPHETAMINES; JEROME CARPENTER, 0304 (HIS MOTHER RAN AWAY WITH
JERRY RAY AT ONE TIME); ERNEST BAGBY, 31013; THOMAS BRITTON;
THOMAS BEECHER CREWS, 71845; GEORGE BEN EDMONDSON; MELVIN OLIVER
GRIDLEY; CECIL CLAYTON LILLIBRIDGE, 67755, CLOSE ASSOCIATE.

AT KANSAS CITY, MO. STERLING JUNIOR HILL, EX MSP, 9104
WALNUT.

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LOS ANGELES AT HOLLYWOOD, CALIF. MARIE MARTIN, AKA MARIE DENING, 11075 OXNARD STREET, WHO WENT TO NEW ORLEANS WITH RAY AND COUSINS NAMED STEIN.

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIF. CHARLES AND RITA STEIN, SUPRA, 5666 FRANKLIN.

CHARLES CALVIN BOOKMAN, FBI 892 355 ROOM 201, BELMONT APARTMENTS, 948 SOUTH FIGUEROA, CONTACTED BY RAY FOR MONEY AFTER KING ASSASSINATION.

BARTENDERS JAMES E. MORRISON, 1911 GRACE AVENUE; BO DELMONTE, 1229 NORTH BRONSON; DONALD MURPHY, 1729 HUNTLEY DRIVE; RICHARD GONZALES, 1404 N. MANZANITA.

ALAN O. AND FLORENCE THOMPSON, GAYLE DRUM, ALL ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, 5533 HOLLYWOOD BLVD.

FREDERICK J. SCHWARTZ, 2754 WOODSHIRE DRIVE, RAY'S COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY IN LONDON.

MIAMI AT PALM SPRINGS, FLA. PAUL ALVIN LAIL, EX MSP, 34 BARBADOS.

MINNEAPOLIS AT MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. PAUL OSBORN BRIDGEMAN, EX MSP, APARTMENT 303, 2814 PORTLAND DRIVE, WHO GAVE RAY MONEY

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AFTER HIS ESCAPE.

NEWARK AT NEWARK, N.J. LILLIAN DICKINSON AND MARJORIE LOUISE FETTERS, FORMER PCI'S AND ASSOCIATES OF JERRY RAY.

NEW ORLEANS AT GRETN, LA. MARIE LEE, 2001 CLAIRE AVENUE, SAW RAY IN NEW ORLEANS.

OKLAHOMA CITY AT FOLSOM STATE PENITENTIARY. HAROLD DEAN KLEMP, EX MSP.

ST. LOUIS AT CENTER, MO. JERRY RAYNES, ROUTE 2, FATHER.

AT MAPLEWOOD, MO. MRS. CAROL (ALBERT) PEPPER, 2025 OR 4025 BELLEVUE STREET.

AT ST. LOUIS, MO. JOHN LARRY RAY, 1982 ARSENAL, BROTHER. EX MSP ASSOCIATES CARL BENTON DRAKE, 2634 ST. VINCENT, TWICE CALLED BY RAY AFTER KING KILLING.

JAMES EDWARD "TED" RICHARDSON AND JOHN EUGENE GAWRON, 1807 SOUTH 11TH STREET.

JOHN PAUL VELANTI (VALANTI), SOUTH 18TH STREET.

JAMES LAOMA OWENS, 3904 FOLSON AVENUE, OR RURAL ROUTE 3, *Murphy*
SUNRISE LAKE, DESOTO, MO.

ORVIL ERNEST GANN, DISMAS HOUSE. BY

EDMONDSON, ALEXANDER GEORGE BEN

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

BUREAU DEADLINE OCTOBER 31, 1978.

FOR INFORMATION OF RECEIVING OFFICES, GEORGE BEN
EDMONDSON ^{88-10663-6 + 137-4674 (destroyed)} ALSO KNOWN AS ALEX BORMANN, WHITE MALE, BORN
AUGUST 3, 1937, WAS OPERATED AS AN INFORMANT FOR THE KANSAS CITY
DIVISION DURING 1958-1959 AND WAS REOPENED FOR A BRIEF PERIOD IN
1968, (BUREAU FILE 137-7738). EDMONDSON WAS ALSO A BUREAU TOP-
TEN-FUGITIVE FROM JUNE 20, 1966, TO JUNE 28, 1967, WHEN HE WAS
APPREHENDED IN QUEBEC CANADA (RETURNED TO UNITED STATES THROUGH
ALBANY DIVISION). WHILE IN PRISON AT THE MISSOURI STATE

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PENITENTIARY, HE FURNISHED INFORMATION REGARDING VARIOUS MEANS THAT ONE COULD UTILIZE IN GAINING ENTRY INTO CANADA, PROCURING PASSPORTS, AND METHODS OF GOING BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA WHEN IN A FUGITIVE STATUS.

IN CONNECTION WITH ITS INVESTIGATION INTO THE ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., THE HSCA HAS BEEN INTERESTED IN THE ACTIVITIES OF EDMONDSON, WHO WAS A FELLOW INMATE OF JAMES EARL RAY PRIOR TO RAY'S ESCAPE IN 1967. THE HSCA RECENTLY LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED EDMONDSON AT ROUTE 2, WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON. EDMONDSON FURNISHED THE COMMITTEE A SIGNED WAIVER AUTHORIZING HSCA ACCESS TO ALL MATERIAL UNDER CONTROL OF THE FBI CONCERNING HIM, INCLUDING INFORMANT OR CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE FILES.

CURRENTLY, BUREAU POLICY INVOLVING A SIGNED HSCA WAIVER OF THIS TYPE IS TO OBTAIN OUR OWN WAIVER IN ORDER TO PROTECT AGAINST CIVIL SUITS. SEATTLE SHOULD PROMPTLY INTERVIEW EDMONDSON (NOW USING THE NAME ALEX BORMANN), INFORM HIM OF RECEIPT OF THE HSCA WAIVER AND OBTAIN ANOTHER SIGNED WAIVER. THIS WAIVER SHOULD BE WORDED TO AUTHORIZE THE FBI TO RELEASE ALL INFORMATION IN ITS POSSESSION CONCERNING HIM INCLUDING THOSE RECORDS PERTAINING TO HIS CONFIDENTIAL RELATIONSHIP. THIS

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WAIVER SHOULD ALSO STATE THAT EDMONDSON UNDERSTANDS THESE FILES WILL DISCLOSE TO THE HSCA ANY CONFIDENTIAL RELATIONSHIP HE MAY HAVE HAD WITH THE FBI. SEATTLE SUBMIT TELETYPE REGARDING RESULTS OF CONTACT WITH EDMONDSON AND FORWARD WAIVER, IF OBTAINED, TO FBI HEADQUARTERS (FBIHQ) BY COVER AIRTEL.

ALL RECIPIENTS CONDUCT FILE REVIEW FOR ALL RETRIEVABLE INFORMATION CONCERNING EDMONDSON FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 1957, TO PRESENT. FURNISH FBIHQ ONE LEGIBLE COPY OF EACH FILE AND SERIAL RETRIEVED. FORWARD MATERIAL BY COVER AIRTEL TO FBIHQ, ATTENTION: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION. IF YOUR REVIEW DETERMINES FILES CONCERNING EDMONDSON HAVE BEEN DESTROYED, FURNISH THE DATE AND BASIS OF DESTRUCTION. IN VIEW OF HSCA PUBLIC HEARINGS WHICH ARE SCHEDULED FOR EARLY NOVEMBER, 1978, THIS MATERIAL SHOULD REACH FBIHQ BY OCTOBER 31, 1978.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (~~62-117290~~)
(ATTN: FOI-PA BRANCH, RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION)

FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (62-5097)

SUBJECT: FOIA REQUEST CONCERNING RUSSELL G. BEYERS

Re Bureau telcall to St. Louis, 10/12/78.

Enclosed herewith are one copy each of the following:

Memorandum (1 page) from Supervisor JAMES T. HAGGERTY to SAC, St. Louis, dated 7/27/78 captioned "House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA)"

and

Memorandum (1 page) from SA MARTIN JOHN WEBER to the SAC, St. Louis, dated 8/10/78 captioned "Former SL 3549-PCI".

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-117290)
FROM: SAC, LOUISVILLE (66-2612)
SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE
ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Re St. Louis teletype to the Bureau and Louisville,
dated 10/3/78.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau is the original and
two (2) copies of self-explanatory sworn affidavit secured from
SA JOHN P. JOYCE as requested by referenced communication.

Enclosed herewith for St. Louis is one copy of above
described affidavit for informational purposes inasmuch as SA
JOYCE, who is assigned to the St. Louis Division, is currently
on special assignment within the Louisville Division.

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I, John P. Joyce, being duly sworn, execute the following affidavit:

I am a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI); St. Louis Division, St. Louis, Missouri. On August 2, 1978, along with Special Agent Dennis D. Mattes, FBI, St. Louis Division, St. Louis, Missouri, I interviewed Oliver Patterson, Jr. at his residence, 12350 Old Halls Ferry Road, Black Jack, Missouri.

I have never had any contact with any media representatives concerning the interview with Oliver Patterson, Jr., nor did I reveal to Patterson that the House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) may be the source of any information concerning the interview.

During the interview with Patterson, I did ask him if he was familiar with, or have any knowledge of, a man by the name of Clarence Haynes. This question was directed to Patterson in order to ascertain Haynes' whereabouts in order to inform Haynes and local law enforcement agency, as expeditiously as possible, that retaliatory action may be taken against Haynes.

I did not inform Patterson directly that Haynes may be the victim of a retaliatory act, however, due to the line of questioning, I believe Patterson came to this conclusion.

John P. Joyce
John P. Joyce

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3rd day of October, 1978, at Louisville, Kentucky

Benjamin H. Cooke
Benjamin H. Cooke, Special Agent in Charge, FBI, Louisville, Kentucky

Witness: Edmund V. Armento 10/3/78
Edmund V. Armento
Special Agent, FBI,
Louisville, Kentucky

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (62-5097)

SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE
ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA),
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Re Bureau teletype to SL, SI, and KC dated 9/29/78.

All Special Agents who had access to information furnished in Bureau teletypes described in referenced teletype advised they had no media contacts regarding that information.

OLIVER PATTERSON, JR. was interviewed by Special Agents DENNIS D. MATTES and JOHN P. JOYCE, both St. Louis Division. Enclosed herewith is original affidavit of SA MATTES.

SA JOYCE is currently on Special assignment in the Louisville Division. By teletype dated 10/3/78 to FBIHQ and Louisville, SAC, Louisville, was requested to secure affidavit from SA JOYCE.

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I, Dennis D. Mattes, being duly sworn, execute the following affidavit:

I am a Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, St. Louis Division, St. Louis, Missouri.

On August 2, 1978, along with Special Agent John P. Joyce, Federal Bureau of Investigation, St. Louis Division, St. Louis, Missouri, I interviewed Oliver Patterson, Jr. at his residence, 12350 Old Halls Ferry Road, Black Jack, Missouri.

I had no contacts with media representatives about the above interview.

During this interview with Patterson, I did not identify the House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) as the source of any information.

During this interview with Patterson, I asked him if he knew one Clarence Edgar Haynes. Patterson replied in the negative. Patterson was asked if he knew Haynes to determine possible St. Louis, Missouri employment of Haynes in order that appropriate St. Louis, Missouri law enforcement authorities could be advised of possible retaliation attempts against Haynes. I did not mention Haynes' name as being in danger of retaliation to Patterson.

Affiant Dennis D. Mattes

Sworn to and subscribed before me this
7th day of October, 1978 at St. Louis, Missouri.

John F. Shanley
Assistant Special Agent in Charge

Witness: James J. Flannery, Special Agent, St. Louis, Mo, 10/2/78

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA), U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

BY TELETYPE DATED SEPTEMBER 29, 1978, THE BUREAU ADVISED AS FOLLOWS: "REBUTEL TO ST. LOUIS AND SPRINGFIELD DATED AUGUST 4, 1978, ENTITLED "JERRY RAY; POSSIBLE OOJ."

"ALSO REBUTEL TO ST. LOUIS, SPRINGFIELD AND KANSAS CITY DATED AUGUST 4, 1978, ENTITLED "JERRY RAY; NELSON STONEY, AKA; UNSUB, AKA; BANK ROBBERY SUSPECTS."

"ON SEPTEMBER 27, 1978, THE DIRECTOR RECEIVED A LETTER FROM G. ROBERT BLAKEY, CHIEF COUNSEL AND DIRECTOR OF CAPTIONED COMMITTEE ALLEGING THAT THE BUREAU IN HANDLING INFORMATION FURNISHED BY THE COMMITTEE ENDANGERED THE SOURCE WHO FURNISHED THIS INFORMATION TO THE

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COMMITTEE.

"THE NECESSARY BACKGROUND INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS MATTER WILL BE FOUND IN THE REFERENCED TELETYPES.

"SACS ST. LOUIS, SPRINGFIELD AND KANSAS CITY ARE REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW ANY SPECIAL AGENTS WHO HAD ACCESS TO THE INFORMATION FURNISHED IN REFERENCED TELETYPES AS TO ANY MEDIA CONTACTS REGARDING THIS INFORMATION. ANY EMPLOYEE HAVING SUCH CONTACT WITH THE MEDIA CONCERNING THIS INFORMATION IS TO FURNISH AN AFFIDAVIT AS TO THE DETAILS OF THE CONTACT.

"SACS ST. LOUIS AND SPRINGFIELD ARE REQUESTED TO HAVE AFFIDAVITS SUBMITTED BY THE SPECIAL AGENTS WHO CONTACTED OLIVER PATTERSON AND CLARENCE HAYES REGARDING ANY CONTACT WITH MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES. THESE AFFIDAVITS SHOULD ALSO COVER WHETHER DURING THE INTERVIEW WITH PATTERSON AND HAYNES THE COMMITTEE WAS IDENTIFIED AS THE SOURCE OF THIS INFORMATION. THE INTERVIEWING AGENTS ARE ALSO REQUESTED TO COMMENT ON WHETHER PATTERSON'S NAME WAS MENTIONED AS ALSO BEING IN DANGER DURING THE INTERVIEW WITH HAYNES AND DURING THE INTERVIEW OF PATTERSON WHETHER HAYNES' NAME WAS MENTIONED. IF SO, REASON FOR DOING SHOULD BE FURNISHED.

"IT IS TO BE NOTED THAT THE COMITTEE ADVISED PATTERSON THAT

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THE BUREAU WOULD CONTACT HIM, PRIOR TO HIS CONTACT BY THE INTERVIEWING SPECIAL AGENTS. THESE INTERVIEWS ARE TO BE GIVEN EXPEDITIOUS HANDLING.

"ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS MATTER ARE TO BE HANDLED TELEPHONICALLY WITH SA GEORGE KEENAN, CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION, EXTENSION 4195."

OLIVER PATTERSON WAS INTERVIEWED BY SPECIAL AGENTS DENNIS D. MATTES AND JOHN P. JOYCE ON AUGUST 2, 1978, AT BLACK JACK, MO. AFFIDAVIT HAS BEEN SECURED FROM SA MATTES AND WILL BE SUBMITTED TO FBIHQ VIA AIRTEL. SA JOYCE CURRENTLY ON SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT AT LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY.

SAC LOUISVILLE REQUESTED TO SECURE AFFIDAVIT FROM SA JOYCE AND SUBMIT SAME TO FBIHQ.

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