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RE CHARLOTTE TELETYPE DATED JANUARY 28, 1977.

FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU AND ALL OFFICES RECEIVING
THIS COMMUNICATION, OTIS MOORE REFERRED TO IN REFERENCED
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WAS SET FORTH REGARDING OTIS HUMPHREY MOORE:

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ON MAY 14, 1976, A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SECRET SERVICE FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING:

ON MAY 12, 1976, HE INTERVIEWED OTIS HUMPHREY, CALLE 9 NUMBER L-12, ROYALTOWN, BAYAMON, PUERTO RICO: DATE OF BIRTH ; PALCE OF BIRTH, ELAINE, ARKANSAS: RACE -WHITE; SEX - MALE; COMPLEXION - RUDDY; HAIR - BROWN; EYES -GREEN; HEIGHT - 5'3"; WEIGHT - 146 POUNDS; SOCIAL SECURITY MILITARY SERIAL NUMBER ACCOUNT NUMBER SMALL SCAR ON BRIDGE OF NOSE. THE SECRET SERVICE REPRESEN-TATIVE ADVISED THAT MOORE SAID THAT IN 1965, WHILE DRINKING IN A BAR IN TEMPLE, TEXAS, TWO UNKNOWN MALES ENGAGED HIM IN CONVERSATION TO THE EFFECT THAT MOORE WAS OFFERED \$50,000 TO ASSASSINATE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MOORE BELIEVES HE IS IN POSSESSION OF SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION, WHEN, COUPLED WITH THE INFORMATION IN POSSESSION OF JAMES EARL RAY AND SENATOR EDWARD KENNEDY, WILL BE ABLE TO "PUT IT ALL TOGETHER" AND RESOLVE THE MATTER OF KING'S ASSASSINATION ONCE AND FOR ALL.

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AN INTERVIEW WITH MOORE'S WIFE, LYDIA M. MOORE, NEE TORRES, REVEALED THAT MOORE HAD BEEN PLANNING TO TAKE THIS TRIP FOR SOME TIME BUT THAT SHE HAD BEEN ABLE TO TALK HIM OUT OF IT. AT THE TIME SHE ADVISED THAT UNTIL RECENTLY HER HUSBAND HAD BEEN UNDER CARE OF A DR. GARCIA FOR A NERVOUS DISORDER AND WAS TO HAVE BEEN HOSPITALIZED FOR TREATMENT. SHE STATED THAT THE NIGHT IN 1965 HER HUSBAND CAME HOME WITH THE ASSASSINATION STORY HE WAS EXTREMELY DRUNK AND DID CALL THE FBI.

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MOORE ADVISED THAT HE DOES NOT BELIEVE IN VIOLENCE, THAT HE HAS NO WEAPONS AND DOES NOT HAVE ACCESS TO ANY WEAPONS.

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IT WAS THE OPINION OF THE INTERVIEWING AGENTS THAT MOORE WAS IN AN EMOTIONALLY UNSTABLE STATE OF MIND AND SEEMED TO BE DETERMINED TO ACCOMPLISH HIS MISSION. PHOTOGRAPHS OF MOORE AVAILABLE IF NEEDED.

A REVIEW OF MEMPHIS INDICES AND FILES REVEALED NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE WITH MOORE.

NO FURTHER ACTION CONTEMPLATED BY THE MEMPHIS OFFICE.

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

On January 27, 1977, ALLEN RAY HALL, an inmate of North Carolina Central Prison, wrote a letter to Mr. DAN RINZEL, United States Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, making certain allegations regarding the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. On February 4, 1977, ALLEN RAY HALL was interviewed at the New Hanover County Jail, Wilmington, North Carolina, by Special Agents of the FBI and furnished the following information:

During a period of racial unrest in Wilmington, North Carolina, in 1971, ALLEN RAY HALL testified as a state witness against a group of defendants known as the "Wilmington Ten" in which the subjects were convicted and sentenced to varying prison terms. HALL has now recanted his testimony in that trial in 1972 and has been reinterviewed on several occasions by Special Agents of the FBI in which he has given conflicting stories as to his participation in the racial unrest in Wilmington, North Carolina, as well as allegations against law enforcement officers who interviewed him at the time of the "Wilmington Ten" trial.

During the interview on February 4, 1977, HALL stated that during the period of racial unrest in Wilmington, North Carolina, in 1971, he had been interviewed by Special Agent BILL WALDEN, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. He stated that at the time of his conversation with WALDEN, they also discussed the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING and WALDEN drew him a map indicating how Dr. KING was killed and where everyone was standing at the time of Dr. KING's assassination.

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JAMES EARL RAY HALL stated that he was later confined at Central Prison, Raleigh, North Carolina, awaiting trial at Wilmington, North Carolina. He stated that while at Central Prison, he was interviewed on several occasions by North Carolina Central Prison Superintendent of Transportation, STEPHEN ALBERT BERRY, and HALL alleged that BERRY apparently found out about the sketch which had been given to him by Special Agent BILL WALDEN of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Division, and that BERRY came to his cell at Central Prison and requested that HALL give him the sketch. HALL stated he told BERRY he did not have the sketch and then BERRY searched his cell and found it. According to HALL, BERRY then stated that JAMES EARL RAY had been gotten out of the country, and the same method could be used to get him (HALL) out of the country. From this statement, HALL alleged that he assumed BERRY had some knowledge of the KING murder, and believed that BERRY might be somehow involved in the murder. HALL further stated that during an interview on was a member of the Ku Klux Klan and they, BERRY and other prison officials, would help him the same way "they" helped JAMES EARL RAY when he killed MARTIN LUTHER KING. stated his job at Central Prison is to review all grievances

February 9, 1977, that North Carolina Central Prison Superintendent of Transportation, STEPHEN ALBERT BERRY, told him that he, BERRY,

STEPHEN ALBERT BERRY on interview on February 8, 1977, filed by the inmates at Central Prison. BERRY stated that HALL's most recent incarceration at Central Prison was on December 7, 1976. BERRY stated that he estimates HALL has filed between ten and fifteen grievances since the above date which referred to alleged threats or mistreatment against him, and these grievances have been investigated and have failed to substantiate that HALL was ever threatened or mistreated. BERRY stated HALL has accused him of being a member of the Ku Klux Klan and also alleged that BERRY said that when Dr. KING was killed, they did not get the right man and that it would be the same way with him; they would have him killed and put the blame on a white immate at Central Prison.

HALL's most recent allegation at North Central Prison is that attempts are being made on his life by putting razor blades in his prison food.

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HALL agreed to be interviewed without his attorney being present, but declined to give a written statement. Thereafter he furnished the following information:

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Charlotte, North Carolina March 22, 1977

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

On January 28, 1977, Dr. EUGENE V. GRACE, Eye
Surgeon, 911 North Broad Street, Durham, North Carolina, who
also operates Moore Publishing Company, 907 North Broad
Street, reported receipt of a telephone contact on January 27,
1977, from OTIS MOORE, Lomas Verdes Number 40, San Juan,
Puerto Rico, telephone number 780-4533, offering GRACE an
opportunity to publish a book by MOORE. MOORE identified
himself as a retired United States Army Master Sergeant.
He stated in his book, he identified the assassin of MARTIN
LUTHER KING and implied this assassin had first sought to hire
MOORE for the assassination. MOORE, during his telephone
call, claimed to have previously reported this information to
the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and said KELLEY had
assigned him a file number. MOORE stated he was in contact
with other prospective publishers. He also claimed correspondence
with United States Senators FRANK CHURCH and EDWARD KENNEDY.
During his call, MOORE said he felt his life was in danger.

GRACE indicated there was a possibility he would be back in contact with OTIS MOORE about January 30, 1977, concerning publication of the book referred to by MOORE.

On March 17, 1977, Dr. GRACE advised he had not had any contact with OTIS MOORE during the latter part of January or early February, as previously proposed. However, since GRACE had returned to Durham, North Carolina, in mid-February, 1977, MOORE had contacted GRACE's residence at Durham, North Carolina, on two occasions. During one of these calls during the latter part of February, 1977, MOORE told GRACE's wife he was staying in Alexandria, Virginia, and was trying to arrange for an appearance before the United States House Committee conducting investigation into the death of

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MARTIN LUTHER KING. He indicated his intention to stay in the Washington area until someone heard his story. He left a telephone number for GRACE to reach him in Alexandria, but later when GRACE called this number, he determined that the number was to a pay telephone and that MOORE was not available there. During the other telephone contact at about the same time, MOORE stated that he was currently preparing the manuscript for his book. GRACE indicated a desire to see this manuscript when it was completed. Since that call, GRACE has written to MOORE in Puerto Rico to indicate again an interest in seeing the completed manuscript. MOORE, in his conversations, again indicated he had corresponded with Senator FRANK CHURCH and Senator EDWARD KENNEDY. GRACE stated since that time he has had no additional contact with MOORE, and noted that he had never had any personal contact with MOORE, nor had MOORE indicated any intention of visiting GRACE in Durham, North Carolina.

Dr. GRACE did not know if MOORE appeared before the House Committee in 1977.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

By teletype to the Bureau, dated 1/28/77, Memphis a dvised the OTIS MOORE referred to appears to be identical with OTIS HUMPHREY MOORE, born 12/23/27, at Elaine, Arkansas, a white male, Army serial number RA SSAN who on 5/15/76, in part related that in 1965, while drinking in a bar in Temple, Texas, MOORE was engaged in conversation by two unknown males who offered MOORE \$50,000.00 to assassinate MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. One of those present was identified by MOORE as 'a multi-millionaire lawyer from Dallas".

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