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Memorandum

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Mr. DeLoach

FROM

A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: April 21, 1969

1 - Mr. DeLoach

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This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

PURPOSE:

To recommend that the Administrative Division forward an appropriate seal and letter to Legat, London, for presentation to Chief Superintendent Fred Gerrard New Scotland Yard (NSY) for display in the Murder Squad Information Room.

BACKGROUND:

Chief Superintendent Fred Gerrard, NSY commands the famous Murder Squad of NSY and they have a squad information room in which visiting officers throughout the world view the Coat of Arms or insignia of various police forces they have assisted or worked with on murder cases.

This Murder Squad afforded our Agents splendid cooperation in the James Earl Ray case, conducted all requested investigation in a most expeditious manner. The Director sent a letter to Sir John Waldron, Commissioner, New Scotland Yard on June 10, 1968, commending the responsible officers in the identification and apprehension of James Earl Ray (Ray apprehendeds on June 8, 1968, in London).

Legat, London, advises that Chief Superintendent Gerrard has stated that the close working relationship of the Murder Squad and the FBI is well known and respected throughout the world and they would be extremely proud to display something representative of the FBI in the information room. Legat, London, recommends that an appropriate seal and letter from the Director be sent for presentation to Chief Superintendent Gerrard

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Rosen to DeLoach Memo RE: MURKIN

ACTION:

It is recommended that a small desk size walnut seal replica or somewhat similar seal 6" to 10" in diameter, and suitable for hanging on a wall, together with a letter from the Director to Gerrard be sent to Legat, London, for presentation to Gerrard.

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LEGAT, London (88-72) MURKIN Reurlet 4-9-69. Enclosed is a letter addressed to Chief Superintendent Fred Gerrard, New Scotland Yard, expressing appreciation to him and his staff and advising that you will present a replica of the FBI Seal to him. Also enclosed is a copy of this letter for your files. The Seal will be forwarded to you under separate cover. Enclosures (2) 1 - Foreign Liaison Unit AWT:eaf (6) MAILED 9 **25** JUN 6 1969 MAY 7 1969 COMM-FBI 图图[45]

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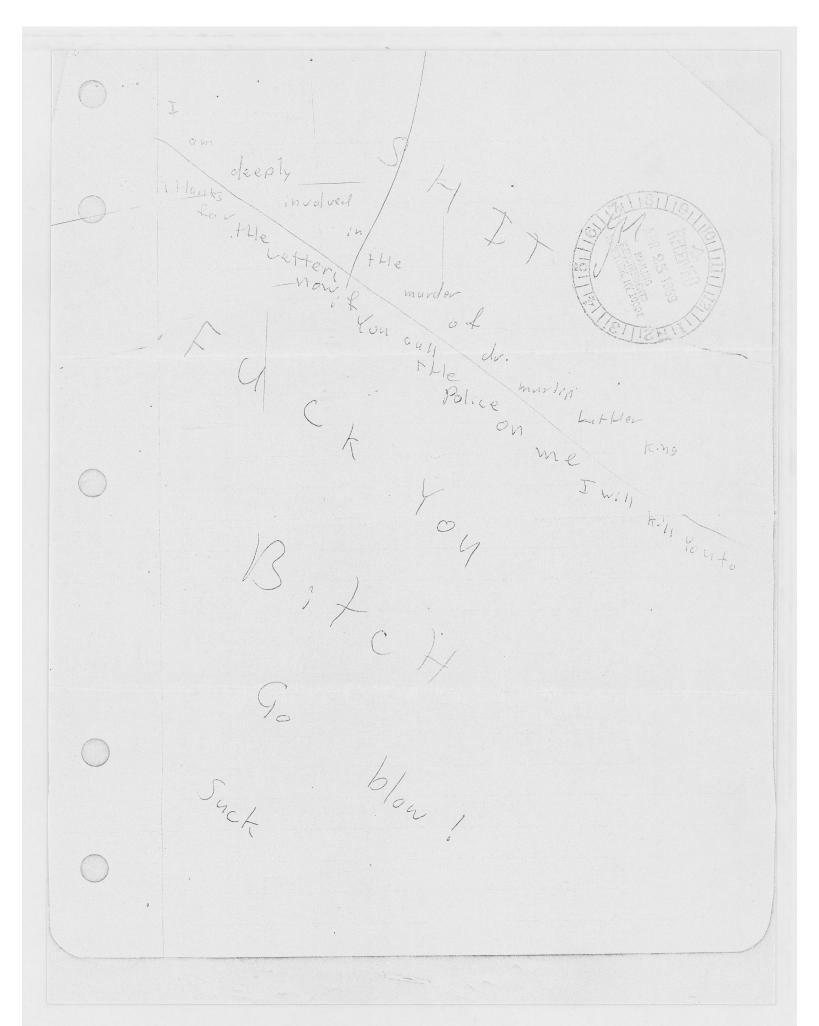
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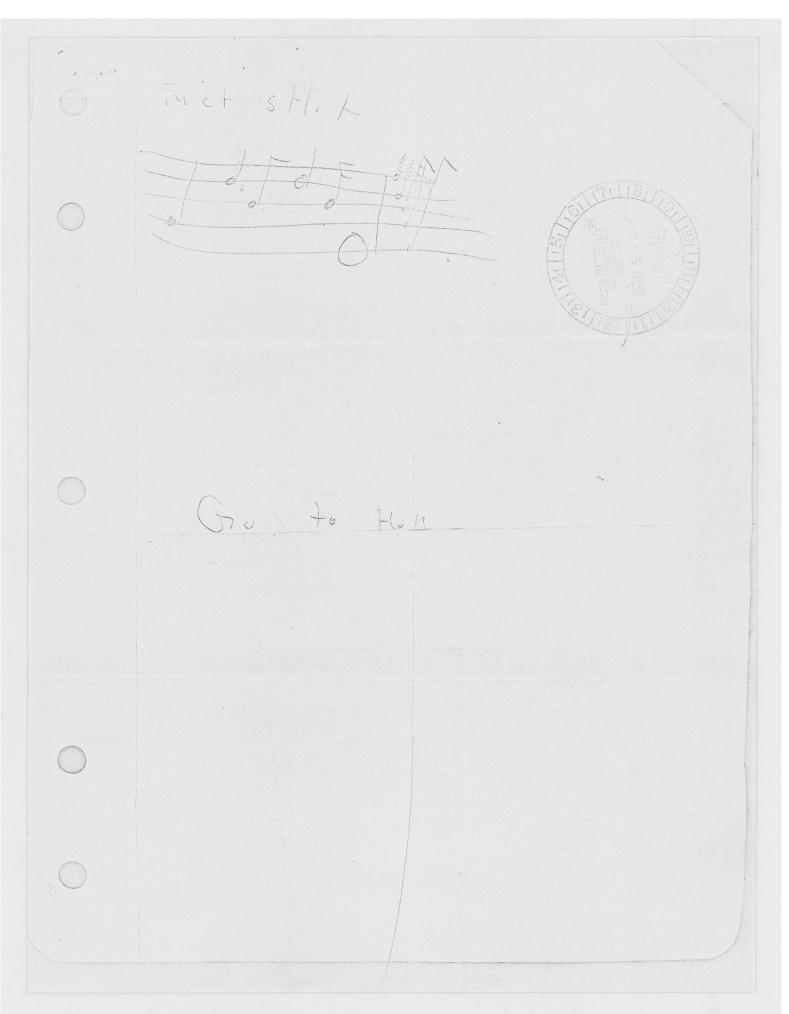


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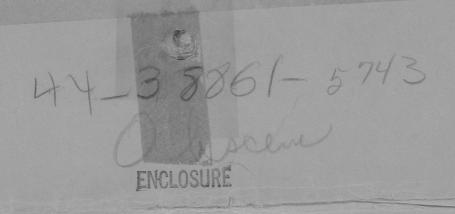
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ENCLOSURES TO THE BUREAU: Two copies of possible threatening letter.

TITLE:

EDWARD PINAUD
NATIONAL RADIO INSTITUTE
WASHINGTON, D. C. - VICTIM
EXTORTION

DENVER FILE: 9-1826



SAC, New York (44-1609)

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Director, FBI (44-78861) 1 - Mr. Long

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ReDNairtel to the Bureau dated 5-8-69, captioned, "Edward Pinaud, National Radio Institute, Washington, D. C., - Victim, Extortion."

New York immediately locate and interview Edward Pinaud, 902 Broadway, New York, New York, concerning the letter which in part reads "I am deeply involved in the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King." This interview must be complete and set forth any leads necessary to thoroughly resolve this matter.

Enclosed for the information of Memphis is a copy of referenced communication.

Based upon available data Edward Pinaud not identifiable in Bureau indices.

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Felt ____ Gale ___ Rosen __ Sullivan . Tavel __ Postal Inspector, Denver, Colorado, furnished our Denver Office with a letter addressed to the National Radio Institute, Washington, D. C., and the envelope bore the return address of Edward Pinaud, 902 Broadway, New York, New York. A message in the envelope in part stated "I am deeply involved in the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King," and "Thanks for the letter, now if you call the police on me I'll kill you too." The letter also contained obscenities, written at random. In view of the fact the envelope was postmarked April 21, 1969, at Denver an extortion substantive violation was presented to the Assistant U. S. Attorney who declined prosecution.

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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau is a letterhead memorandum for dissemination, if appropriate.

It is to be noted that the letter in question is hand printed in ink on lined notebook paper and reads as follows:

"I am deeply involved in the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King" and "Thanks for the letter, now if you call the police on me I'll kill you too." This letter also contains obscenities written at random on the letter.

On May 7, 1969, these facts were discussed with Assistant United States Attorney MILTON C. BRANCH, Denver, Colorado, who declined prosecution as there is no real victim.

In view of the contents of this letter it has been disseminated to Secret Service, Denver, Colorado. It is also being furnished for the information of WFO inasmuch as the letter was originally mailed to the National Radio Institute in Washington, D. C.

A letter confirming the opinion of the AUSA, Denver is being forwarded.

LEAD:

NEW YORK DIVISION:

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK:

Will advise Secret Service regarding this matter.





In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Denver, Colorado May 8, 1969

EDWARD PINAUD
NATIONAL RADIO INSTITUTE
WASHINGTON, D. C. - VICTIM
EXTORTION

On May 6, 1969, the Denver Office of the FBI received a letter from Mr. E. S. Windbigler, Postal Inspector in Charge, United States Post Office, Denver, Colorado. He enclosed with his letter another possible threatening letter which was addressed to the National Radio Institute, 3939 Wisconsin Avenue, Washington, D. C. and bore the return address of Mr. Edward Pinaud, 902 Broadway, New York, New York, which was postmarked April 21, 1969 at Denver, Colorado. This note was hand written in ink on lined notebook paper and contained the following statements:

"I am deeply involved in the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King" and "Thanks for the letter, now if you call the police on me I'll kill you too."

It is further noted that this letter is comprised of two pages and on it were obscenities, written at random.

On May 7, 1969, the facts of this case were discussed with Assistant United States Attorney Milton C. Branch, Denver, Colorado, who advised he was declining prosecution as there is no real victim.

On May 8, 1969, Mr. Paul S. Rundle, Special Agent in Charge, United States Secret Service, Denver, Colorado, was advised regarding this investigation.

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Re Savannah airtel to the Bureau, 5/7/65, which advised that according to SV 524-E, Attorney J. B. STONER and the subject's brother, JERRY RAY, might be located somewhere in Tennessee.

Savanuah is requested to maintain contact with SV 524-R, and when more definiteinformation is obtained as to JERRY RAY's location, Savannah is requested to set out leads to have JEARY RAY interviewed regarding statements made by him that he believes JAMES FARL RAY was part of a conspiracy to murder Dr. WARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. For Savannah's information, JERRY RAY has been quoted in various news media as having stated that his brother conspired with other individuals to murder WING. He has not furnished any specific details regarding this conspiracy, and it is desired that no be interviewed to determine if he has any knowledge of a conspiracy. The interview with JERRY RAY should be recorded in an LHM suitable for dissemination.

In the event Knoxville has any indication that STONER and JERRY RAY are located within that division, appropriate action should be taken to interview JERRY RAY, as set out above.

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Mr. DON OWENS, an attorney at Memphis, Tennessee, who has served as an adviser to the Criminal Court in the matter concerning JAMES EARL RAY advised today that Senior Pingerprint Examiner GEORGE BOMEBRAKE will not have to appear in Shelby County Criminal Court, Memphis, on 5/23/69 as previously scheduled. Mr. OWENS said it cannot be said officially at this time but he anticipates that the contempt citation against BONEBRAGE will be dropped and that it will not be necessary for BONEBRAKE to appear in the future.

This matter will be closely followed and should there be any change the Bureau will be promptly notified.

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JAMES LUTHER BEVEL

The New York Times on March 18, 1969, carried a story concerning an interview of JAMES BEVEL in which BEVEL stated a letter was turned over to the Memphis Police on approximately April 3, 1968, which contained information that Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., was to be assassinated while in Memphis.

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past and who is familiar with Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) activities in the Philadelphia area, advised in April 1969 that BEVEL was in a mental hospital in New York.

On May 18, 1969, a track meet was held at Villanova University, Villanova, Pa., and the proceeds from the track meet were sent to SCLC.

A second source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised he was present with Rev. RALPH ABERNATHY, Director, SCLC, at the track meet. This source advised while with ABERNATHY he met BEVEL at the track meet. Source stated BEVEL was extremely quiet and did not act in his usual manner. Source stated he mentioned this to Rev. ABERNATHY who stated, "BEVEL is in another world." Nothing further was said.

On May 20, 1969, the first source contacted people active in SCLC in Philadelphia and was told BEVEL is no longer in Philadelphia. One person stated "BEVEL is in New York,"

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