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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: April 21, 1969

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
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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 apprehended 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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Seal plaque being prepared in Exhibits Sect. 4/25/69

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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.

Seal to SA Levy
Wed 6. 5/15/69

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LEGAT, London (88-72) 5-6-69

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Director, FBI

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

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Thanks for the letter, now if you call the Police on me I will kill you to

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Fuck you Bitch

Go blow!

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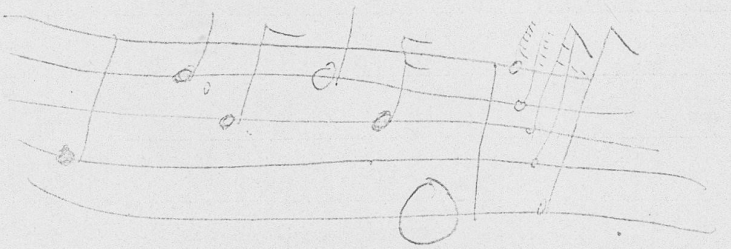

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involved in the letter now & you the murder of dr. martin the police on letter me

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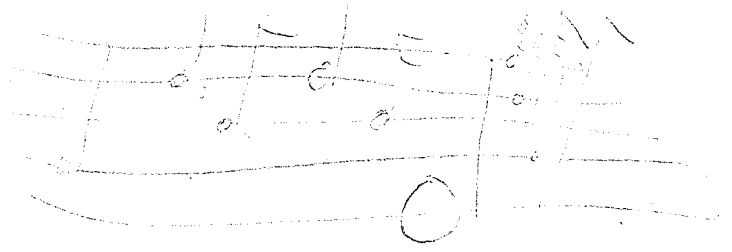

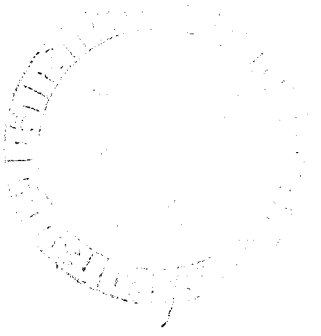

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ENCLOSURES TO THE BUREAU: Two copies of possible threatening letter.

TITLE:

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

DENVER FILE: 9-1826

44-38861-5743

Obscene

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SAC, New York (44-1609) 5-14-69

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

44-38861-5743

MURKIN REC-100

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.

1 - Memphis (Info) (Enclosure)

NOTE:

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.

New York being instructed to locate and interview Pinaud for full details regarding the alleged involvement in the Martin Luther King murder.

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FD-36 (Rev. 5-22-64)

FBI

Date: May 8, 1969

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, DENVER (9-1826) (P)

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

Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies of a letterhead memorandum and two copies of a letter addressed to the National Radio Institute. Enclosed for New York City are two copies of the letter addressed to the National Radio Institute. Enclosed for WFO is one copy of the letter addressed to the National Radio Institute.

On 5/6/69, the Denver Office of the FBI received a letter from Mr. E. S. WINDBIGLER, Postal Inspector in Charge, U. S. Post Office, Denver, Colorado, in which he forwarded as a possible threatening letter a letter addressed to the National Radio Institute, 3939 Wisconsin Avenue, Washington D. C. and the envelope bore the return address of EDWARD PINAUD, 902 Broadway, New York, New York. The envelope was postmarked April 21, 1969 at Denver, Colorado.

Mr. WINDBIGLER stated that this letter had been turned over to his office by the Postmaster, New York City, New York.

44-38861-5743

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2 - Bureau (Enc. - 6)
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Special Agent in Charge

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DN 9-1826

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.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Denver, Colorado
May 8, 1969

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

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"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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Date: 5/14/69

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

COPIES MADE. DATE 5-14-78 BY SEE/SS. RE MKING FOR REVIEW AT ... AND/OR DELIVERY TO HSCA RE REQUEST DATED 5-3-78 (SEE BUFILE 62-117290)

Re Savannah airtel to the Bureau, 5/7/69, which advised that according to SV 524-R, Attorney J. B. STONER and the subject's brother, JERRY RAY, might be located somewhere in Tennessee.

Savannah is requested to maintain contact with SV 524-R, and when more definite information is obtained as to JERRY RAY's location, Savannah is requested to set out leads to have JERRY RAY interviewed regarding statements made by him that he believes JAMES EARL RAY was part of a conspiracy to murder Dr. MARTIN 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 KING. He has not furnished any specific details regarding this conspiracy, and it is desired that he 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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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1087) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
Attention: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
Attention: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1087) (P)

SUBJECT: AUGUST

Mr. TOM OWEN, an attorney at Memphis, Tennessee, who has served as an advisor to the Criminal Court in the matter concerning JAMES EARL RAY advised Judge Earl Hooker Fingerprint Examiner GEORGE MORRISSEY will not have to appear in Shelby County Criminal Court, Memphis, on 8/22/66 as previously scheduled. Mr. OWEN said it cannot be said officially at this time but he anticipates that the contempt citation against ALBERTA WEST will be dropped and then it will not be necessary for MORRISSEY 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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Date: 6/2/69

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Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA

SUBJECT: JAMES BEVEL
RM - BN
BUfile 100-445914
PHfile 157-2979

MURKIN
BUfile 44-38861
PHfile 44-1368 (C)

Re Bureau airtel, 5/15/69.

Enclosed herewith are 11 copies of an LHM entitled JAMES LUTHER BEVEL. Enclosed for Memphis is one copy and for Atlanta and New York three copies of this LHM. Copies are being forwarded to NISO, OSI, MI, Secret Service.

First source is PH 897-R. Second source is Captain TOMMIE FRYE, Commissioner's Office, Philadelphia PD, who requested his identity be kept confidential if given outside the Bureau.

Captain FRYE and his squad escort Rev. ABERNATHY whenever ABERNATHY is in town. ABERNATHY did not say where BEVEL was staying but made the statement mentioned in LHM.

UACB, Philadelphia will conduct no further investigation to locate BEVEL for interview.

New York is requested to determine location of BEVEL.

4 - Bureau (Enc. 11)
2 - 100-445914 (JAMES BEVEL)
2 - 44-38861 (MURKIN)
3 - Atlanta (Enc. 3)
1 - 100-5718 (COMINFIL SCLC)
1 - (JAMES BEVEL)
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3 - New York (Enc. 3)
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

June 2, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

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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