

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM : LEGAT, BONN (62-66) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 2/26/69

ReBuairtel to Bonn dated 2/18/69.

Representative bookstores in the Bonn area, including the larger ones specializing in foreign-language publications, have no listing in their records of JOACHIM JOESTEN as an author and have no listing of a book with the title, "The James Earl Ray Hoax."

JOESTEN shows his address in Munich as in care of [redacted]. There is no listing under this name in the Munich Telephone Directory. A telephone pretext is therefore not possible.

The 66th Military Intelligence Group is headquartered in Munich, and they have a subordinate unit whose specialty is procurement of publications. They regularly obtain a great variety of books, newspapers and periodicals of a wide range of subject matter from a variety of countries including those behind the Iron Curtain. They have so far been unable to find any trace of JOESTEN's book. From their discreet inquiries they have so far been unable to determine if the book is available without cost.

The CIA locally has also obtained no information about the book and has been unable to determine if it might be available at no cost.

We note that JOESTEN's previous books have been published in London, Zurich, and Paris, and it does not appear from JOESTEN's current offering that he has a publisher for the current book.

We have not yet received a final report from our sources and will report further developments.

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