

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
 FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
 RECORDS DISCLOSURE COVER SHEET
 FOI/PA BRANCH
 RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION

July 27, 1977

Mr. Harold Weisberg
 Route 12 - Old River Road
 Frederick, Maryland 21701

Subject of Request: **Assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**
 1 - Mr. Long
 Attn: Mr. Groover
 1 - Mr. Grimsley
 CIPU
 1 - Mr. Mintz
 Attn: Mr. Matthews

Dear Requester:

Enclosed are copies of documents from our files. Excisions have been made from these documents and/or entire documents withheld in order to protect materials which are exempted from disclosure by the following subsections of Title 5, United States Code, Section 552 and Section 552a. The exemption number(s) indicated by a mark appearing in the block to the left of the subsection cited constitutes the authority for withholding the deleted material. (See below and reverse side of this sheet for an explanation of these exemptions.)

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The decision to withhold exempt portions of our records is the responsibility of Clarence M. Kelley, Director of the FBI.

If you believe your name may also have been recorded by the FBI incident to the investigation of other persons or some organization, please advise us of the details describing the specific incident or occurrence and time frame. Thereafter, further effort will be made to locate, retrieve and process any such records.

Your request for information concerning yourself has been considered in light of the provisions of both the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (Title 5, United States Code, Section 552) and the Privacy Act of 1974 (Title 5, United States Code, Section 552a). It has been determined by the Attorney General that requests by individuals seeking information about themselves are governed by the Privacy Act. In addition, as a matter of administrative discretion, any documents which were found to be exempt from disclosure under the Privacy Act were also processed under the provisions of the FOIA. Through these procedures, you have received the greatest degree of access authorized by both laws.

You have thirty days from receipt of this letter to appeal to the Deputy Attorney General from any denial contained herein. Appeals should be directed in writing to the Deputy Attorney General (Attention: Office of Privacy and Information Appeals), Washington, D. C. 20530. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal" or "Information Appeal."

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See additional information on continuation page.

James M. Powers
 James M. Powers, Chief
 Freedom of Information-Privacy Acts Branch
 Records Management Division

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Mr. Harold Weisberg

This release is comprised of documents from Sections 86 through 91 of the Headquarters' Murkin file; bulky enclosure 5586 which consists of Exhibits Section material; lab reports pertaining to ballistics, spectrography and the examination of cigarette butts; serials 3509 and 3764 which were previously denied but are now being released pursuant to the department appeal review; and one black and white photograph showing an aerial view of the Lorraine Motel and the surrounding area.

Included in this material are duplicated copies of various photographs. Please advise us of the specific photographs which you desire photographic copies of and these will be provided to you.

Pursuant to a decision made by the Department of Justice, you are to be afforded a 40 percent reduction of fees for all documents which are released in response to your December 23, 1975, Freedom of Information Act request for Murkin material. This fee reduction applies to any charges for material to be released in the future and also to any charges assessed against you for Murkin material which has previously been furnished. Our records indicate that we have collected a total amount of \$1,984.80 in fees for payment of Murkin material which has been released to you. Application of the 40 percent fee reduction standard to that amount determines that we now owe you a refund of \$793.92. A request has been submitted to our Finance and Personnel Division for a check in that amount to be made payable to Harold Weisberg. The check should be soon forthcoming and will be immediately forwarded to you. Hereafter, all charges assessed against you for Murkin material will be at the rate of \$.06 per page.

Documents currently being released consist of 1,639 pages. Additionally, 612 pages of documents pertaining to latent fingerprint examinations were provided to you on June 30, 1977. Pursuant to the \$.06 per page duplication fee as established by the Department of Justice, the amount due for this material is \$133.06.

Mr. Harold Weisberg

Also, one 8 x 10 black and white photograph is being released at the cost of \$1.80, which again reflects the 10 percent reduction standard. Please remit a check in the amount of \$136.86, made payable to the Federal Bureau of Investigation in payment of all those fees currently due for Murkin material which has been released to you.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation in this matter.

- 1 - James H. Lesar, Esq.
1231 Fourth Street, S.W.
Washington, D. C. 20004

- 1 - Mr. John Dugan
United States Attorney's Office
United States Courthouse
3rd and Constitution, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20001

- 1 - The Deputy Attorney General
Attention: Mr. Doug Mitchell

NOTE: This release was comprised of 1,639 pages from Sections 86 - 91 and serials 3509, 3769, 5920 and 5586. Mr. Weisberg is being notified of payment due of \$136.86. This amount includes charges for this 1,639 pages, 612 pages which were released on 6/30/77, and a charge of \$1.80 for an 8 x 10 black and white photograph which is being provided. This concludes the processing of Murkin files at Headquarters. We are continuing to process other Headquarters files which are responsive to Mr. Weisberg's December 23, 1975, FOIA request.

4-15-69

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1 - Mr. Long

To: Legat, Ottawa (44-4)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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Re Legat Ottawa teletype to the Bureau dated 4-11-69.

Bureau files contain no information to the effect that lists were received by National States Rights Party at Birmingham or any other location as allegedly transmitted by John William Beattie or David Stanley of the Canadian National Socialist Party.

For the information of Legat Ottawa, Jesse B. Stoner is vice-chairman of the National States Rights Party whose offices are currently based in Savannah, Georgia.

Keep the Bureau advised of pertinent developments.

1 - Memphis (44-1987)

1 - Foreign Liaison (Cleared through SA *[Signature]* Gray)

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NOTE:

Legat Ottawa advised us that John William Beattie, leader of Canadian National Socialist Party, was in contact with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) and said that David Stanley, who at one time was a member of the Canadian National Socialist Party, had forwarded names of Toronto residents to the National States Rights Party (NSRP) in Birmingham in order that the publication "Thunderbolt" could be forwarded to them. Stanley allegedly forwarded lists of 200 to 300 names on several occasions in 1965 and feels that the names of Sneyd, Bridgeman, and Galt (aliases of James Earl Ray) were among the names forwarded. The RCMP places little value on any of this information as Beattie is continually seeking any recognition through press and news media.

William Bradford Huie, author, stated the names Sneyd, Bridgeman, and Galt were obtained by Ray through old editions of newspapers.

Beattie is an American Nazi Party advocate and there is no indication he ever associated with the NSRP. We have no knowledge of Stanley or Beattie forwarding such lists to NSRP in Birmingham or any other location according to Racial Intelligence Section, Domestic Intelligence Division.

Legat Ottawa requested to be advised concerning these lists and this communication is advising him of such.

April 12, 1969

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

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

The attached is information furnished by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) regarding Jesse B. Stoner, (Ray's present attorney). Stoner is official of the National States Rights Party (NSRP), headquarters Savannah, Georgia, which publishes the "Thunderbolt".

Bureau files reflect that Beattie is an American Nazi Party advocate and no indication he ever associated with the NSRP.

We have no knowledge of Stanley forwarding a list to the NSRP, Birmingham, Alabama.

According to William Bradford Huie, author who has been writing articles concerning Ray, the names of Sneyd, Bridgeman and Galt were obtained through old editions of newspapers.

We will furnish RCMP through Legat, Ottawa the information requested.

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VIA TELETYPE
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 TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)
 FROM LEGAT, OTTAWA (44-4) SP

MURKIN.

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
 RCMP, TORONTO, HAVE ADVISED JOHN WILLIAM BEATTIE, LEADER
 CANADIAN NATIONAL SOCIALIST PARTY, WHOSE PHILOSOPHY AND
 POLITICAL IDEOLOGIES ARE EXTREMELY RIGHT WING AND WHO
 HAS WRITTEN SEVERAL ARTICLES AND GIVEN NUMEROUS SPEECHES ON ANTI-
 SEMITISM AND ANTI-NEGRO EVENTS, WAS RECENTLY IN CONTACT WITH
 THE TORONTO RCMP OFFICE. AT THAT TIME, BEATTIE SAID DAVID
 STANLEY, WHO AT THAT TIME WAS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE CANADIAN
 NATIONAL SOCIALIST PARTY, HAD FORWARDED NAMES OF TORONTO RESIDENTS
 TO THE NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, IN ORDER THAT
 THE PUBLICATION "THUNDERBOLT" COULD BE FORWARDED TO THEM. ACCORDING
 TO BEATTIE, STANLEY CHOSE THESE NAMES FROM THE TORONTO CITY DIRECTORY
 AND FORWARDED LISTS OF TWO TO THREE HUNDRED NAMES ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS.
 THIS INCIDENT REPORTEDLY OCCURRED IN SIXTYFIVE AND SHORTLY THEREAFTER,

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ACCORDING TO BEATTIE, STANLEY WENT TO THE SOUTHERN STATES AND WENT ON A SPEAKING TOUR WITH J. B. STONER, WHO, ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, IS NOW THE DEFENSE COUNSEL FOR JAMES EARL RAY.

BEATTIE SAYS HE FEELS THE NAMES RAYMOND SNEYD, PAUL BRIDGEMAN, AND ERIC VINCENT GALT WERE AMONG THOSE FORWARDED TO STONER AND THE NAMES AND IDENTITIES OF THE ABOVE INDIVIDUALS WERE EVENTUALLY UTILIZED BY RAY. HE SAID HE FEELS THERE IS A CONSPIRACY BETWEEN STONER AND RAY AND OTHERS IN THE MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, BUT ADMITS THIS IS ONLY A PRESUMPTION ON HIS PART.

RCMP, TORONTO, INDICATE THEY PLACE LITTLE VALUE ON ANY INFO RECEIVED FROM BEATTIE AS HE IS CONTINUALLY SEEKING ANY RECOGNITION THROUGH PRESS AND NEWS MEDIA. ACCORDING TO RCMP, IT WAS LEARNED HE HAD ORIGINALLY OFFERED THE ABOVE INFO TO THE PRESS AND WHEN NOTHING APPEARED IN THE PRESS, HE THEN WENT TO THE RCMP.

RCMP, TORONTO, HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW STANLEY IN AN EFFORT TO CONFIRM ABOVE INFO AND, FURTHER, TO INTERVIEW SNEYD, BRIDGEMAN AND GALT IN EFFORT TO DETERMINE IF THEY EVER RECEIVED PUBLICATION "THUNDERBOLT" OR OTHER MATERIAL WHICH COULD HAVE ORIGINATED WITH THE NATIONAL STATES

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RIGHTS PARTY IN BIRMINGHAM.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO ADVISE OF ANY INFO RECEIVED THROUGH ITS
SOURCES TO INDICATE ANY SUCH LISTS RECEIVED FROM CANADIAN NATIONAL
SOCIALIST PARTY.

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LRC FBI WASH DC

SERD CC: MR: BRENNAN

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June 24, 1977

1 - Mr. Long
Attn: Mr. Groover

1 - Mr. Grimsley
CIPU

1 - Mr. Mintz
Attn: Mr. Matthews

Mr. Harold Weisberg
Route 12
Frederick, Maryland 21701

Dear Mr. Weisberg:

This will confirm the furnishing to your attorney, Mr. James Lesar, on June 17, 1977, by a representative of the FBI, 954 pages of documents pertaining to your request concerning the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This release resulted from Special Agent John A. Hartingh's telephone call to Mr. Lesar on June 16, 1977, to advise him the 954 pages were available for your acquisition. Receipt of Mr. Lesar's check in the amount of \$95.40, in payment of these documents is acknowledged.

The 954 pages of information furnished to you were releasable under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), Title 5, United States Code, Section 552. The deletions made in this material and documents exempted in their entirety are based on one or more of the following subsections of Section 552:

- (b) (2) materials related solely to the internal rules and practices of the FBI;
- (b) (5) inter-agency or intra-agency documents which are not available through discovery proceedings during litigation; or documents whose disclosure would have an inhibitive effect upon the development of policy and administrative directions; or which represent the work product of an attorney-client relationship;

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- (b) (7) Investigatory records compiled for law enforcement purposes, the disclosure of which would:
- (C) constitute an unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of another person;
 - (D) reveal the identity of an individual who has furnished information to the FBI under confidential circumstances or reveal information furnished only by such a person and not apparently known to the public or otherwise accessible to the FBI by overt means.

The worksheets which were provided to you along with this release will indicate which exemptions have been invoked for each serial.

We are currently reviewing other records concerning your FOIA request and this material will be made available as soon as possible.

Your patience and cooperation are appreciated.

Sincerely yours,
M. Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

1 - James H. Lesar, Esq.
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Washington, D. C. 20004

1 - Mr. John Dugan
United States Attorney's Office
United States Courthouse,
3rd and Constitution, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20001

1 - The Deputy Attorney General
Attention: Mr. Doug Mitchell

Mr. Harold Weisberg

NOTE: This release was comprised of 954 pages of documents from Sections 78, 79, 80, 81 and 82 of the Murkin file (44-38861). On June 16, 1977, Jim Lesar, Weisberg's attorney, was called by SA John A. Hartingh and advised that 954 pages were available for release. Mr. Lesar came in on June 17, 1977, on behalf of his client, Mr. Harold Weisberg, and the documents were furnished to him by SA John A. Hartingh. Receipt, which is attached, was obtained from Mr. Lesar as well as his personal check in the amount of \$95.40. Mr. Weisberg was advised of his appeal rights and the appeal process in our letter dated December 9, 1976, acknowledging our first release of Murkin material in response to his December 23, 1975, FOIA request.

* SERIAL 5708 CONTAINED IN SECTION 79.

Memorandum

- 1 - DeLoach
- 1 - Rosen
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TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: July 2, 1968

FROM : C. D. DeLOACH

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 BY BR/ISSRE RE McL. King, Jr.
 FOR REVIEW AT FBIHQ AND/OR DELIVERY
 TO HSCA RE REQUEST DATED 5/31/78
 (SEE BUFILE 62-117290)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Mr. Rosen, very properly, advised me this afternoon that SAC, Jensen, Memphis, had called the Civil Rights Section, General Investigative Division, relative to a call he, Jensen, had received from Shelby County Prosecutor Canale, as well as a later call received from Assistant Attorney General Stephen Pollak.

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Prosecutor Canale called Jensen to say there appeared to be somewhat of a problem involving Stephens, the important witness who saw James Earl Ray leaving the flophouse, 420 South Main Street, immediately following the assassination of King. Stephens is a drunk, is disreputable, and of course there can be no assurance as to his whereabouts unless he is closely followed. Canale called Jensen to indicate a desire that the FBI take Stephens into protective custody and hold him until the trial of James Earl Ray. Jensen, very properly, told Canale that the FBI could not do this. Canale replied that if Jensen didn't mind he would call Assistant Attorney General Pollak about the matter. Jensen told Canale that it was entirely up to him as to whether or not he called Pollak.

Apparently Canale did call Pollak and immediately thereafter Pollak placed a long distance call to our SAC, Jensen in Memphis. Jensen called FBI Headquarters before answering Pollak's call.

I told Rosen to call SAC Jensen back and tell him that he should answer Assistant Attorney General Pollak's call but to flatly inform Pollak that he should deal with FBI Headquarters rather than attempting to deal directly with our SACs in the field.

In the meantime, I attempted to call Pollak. In his absence, I talked with Bob Owen, Pollak's first assistant. I told Owen that Pollak nor any other Assistant Attorney General should attempt to deal directly with our SACs inasmuch as such attempts merely lead to confusion and inefficiency. I stated also that our SACs, of necessity, would clear with FBI Headquarters prior to putting into effect any instructions issued by the Department of Justice. Owen replied that he agreed and he did not know why

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MEMO TO: MR. TOLSON
RE: MURKIN

Pollak had called Jensen directly. He stated that Pollak probably desired to discuss the Canale call. I interrupted Owen and told him I was well aware of Canale's request that the FBI had no intentions whatsoever of acting as a "baby sitter" for the Shelby County Prosecutor's Office. I stated this is a problem strictly for the Prosecutor and not one for the FBI. Owen stated that he also agreed with this statement and that in his opinion Canale should attempt to get a capable detective to "sit with" Stephens until the James Earl Ray trial took place.

Assistant Attorney General Pollak returned my call at 5:35 p.m. He told me he regretted getting in wrong channels and that perhaps he should have called Rosen or me prior to attempting to reach SAC Jensen. I told him this was absolutely right and that he should realize better efficiency would be accomplished by going through proper channels. He stated he would be guided accordingly in the future.

We then thoroughly discussed the Canale request and Pollak told me Canale had made no such request of him. He said Canale apparently told our SAC one thing and then when he called Pollak he merely asked advice. I told Pollak nevertheless Canale should realize that the FBI would not be his "baby sitter." Pollak agreed. He stated he had made a record of Canale's call to him and that while he had refused to offer Canale any advice, he had ventured the thought that protective custody of Stephens might ruin him as a witness. He stated that the proposition had been discussed that some detective might take Stephens fishing until the James Earl Ray case took place. I told him this, of course, was entirely up to the Shelby County Prosecutor's Office and not the FBI.

ACTION:

For record purposes.

Very properly handled.

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