Harold Weisberg,

Plaintiff,

V.

Civil Action Number 75-1996

U. S. Department of Justice,

Defendants.

THIRD AFFIDAVIT OF JOHN N. PHILLIPS

I, John N. Phillips, being duly sworn, depose and say as follows:

(1) I am a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), assigned in a supervisory capacity to the Freedom of Information-Privacy Acts (FOIPA) Branch, Records Management Division, FBI Headquarters (FBIHQ), Washington, D. C.

Due to the nature of my official duties, I am familiar with the procedures followed in processing Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests received at FBIHQ. Although I was not initially involved with plaintiff's FOIA request, I am, however, familiar with all aspects of this request as it relates to the FBI. The information set forth herein is based upon my review of the records and correspondence with plaintiff as it relates to this litigation, and upon information provided to me in my official capacity.

- (2) In compliance with the order of United States District Court Judge June L. Green, I am submitting three separate envelopes for In Camera review as follows:
 - A. MURKIN Headquarters serials 3374, 3400, 3509, 3763, 3764 and the first unrecorded serial after serial
 - B. Laboratory "ticklers" of three documents concerning Kidnapping; Interstate Transportation in Aid of Racketeering (ITAR), Conspiracy; and Bombing Matters.
 - C. MURKIN Headquarters serials 58, 1196, 1470, 1500, 1549, 2126, 2161, 3400, 3763, 4438, 4692, 4694, 4986, 5708, 6010, 413, 1427, 3503, 4761, 4919, 5212, 5338, 5487, 5663, 5719 and 5819.

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These materials are contained in three separate packages (labeled Envelopes A, B, and C) with notations that they are to be opened only by United States District Court Judge June L. Green and will be submitted to United States District Judge June L. Green contemporaneously with the filing of this affidavit.

- during <u>In Camera</u> inspection, each item has been assigned an identifying number, which appears circled in the lower left corner of the first page of each document. This identifier is a composite of the envelope letter and the document number. For example, the first document in Envelope A has been assigned number A-1.
- in yellow ink. Where deletions have been made the appropriate exemption is cited to the right of the deleted material. Entire documents or individual pages which have been released or denied in their entirety contain a notation across the bottom of each page explaining the action taken.
- (5) For the information of the Court, four of the documents ordered for In Camera inspection as having been denied in their entirety were, in fact, released in full to Mr. Weisberg over four years ago. These documents, along with copies of the disclosure letters providing them to plaintiff are attached hereto as exhibits. Following is a list of the released serials, their assigned document numbers, their exhibit numbers as attached, and the dates of release to plaintiff:

Serial	<u>Number</u>	Exhibit Number	Date of Release
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(6) In addition to the above, one of the documents ordered for In Camera inspection because no exemptions were cited of the provided to Mr. Weighorg in its options.

was previously released to Mr. Weisberg in its entirety, over four years ago, therefore, no exemptions were claimed. This document, along with a copy of the original inventory sheet is attacked

hereto as an exhibit. Following the chart above, information concerning this document is set forth below:

Serial 4761	<u>Number</u>	<u>Exhibit</u> <u>Number</u>	Date of Release
	C-19	5	6/2/77

(7) Serial 1549, document number C-5 was referred to the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) on March 17, 1977, for direct response to plaintiff. By letter dated January 26, 1981, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 6, the CIA released this document to plaintiff with deletions made pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b) (3) and (b) (6). On the copy of this document submitted for <u>In Camera</u> inspection, those portions withheld by the CIA are bracketed in red ink. The exemptions claimed by that agency are listed to the right of the deleted material, also in red ink.

	Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington, D. C.
Subscribed and sworn to before, 1981.	me this day of
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My Commission expires	

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RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION

July 27, 1977



Section 552

Mr. Harold Weisberg Route 12 - Old Point Frank Frederick, Maryland 21701

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Subject of Request:

Assassination of Dr. Martin Luther

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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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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; lat reports pertaining to ballistics, spectrography and the examination of cigarette butts; serials 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. 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 \$.86 per page duplication fee as established by the Department of Justice, the amount due for this material is \$135.06.

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 60 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.

ED STATES GOVERNMENT 1emorandum May 10, 1968 Mr. Mohr DATE: J. J. Casper MURKIN As shown in attached memorandum of May 9, 1968, from Mr. Rosen to Mr. DeLoach, consideration is given to microphone installations on certain properties of Albert and Carol Pepper. The proposal raises a question concerning the legality of any action taken against the subject of this case on the basis of information obtained from the microphones. We believe these microphones can be installed and used without prejudicing the case against the subject. In a very recent decision of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, a listening device was installed on the premises of one Levine. Later, a subject named Granello, an associate of Levine, came up for trial and claimed that the listening device installed on Levin's premises, which was installed by trespass, was illegal as to him, Granello. It was not contended that any information obtained from the Levine microphone was used as evidence against Granello at trial either directly or as a lead. The court held that since Granello had no interest in the Levine premises, the monitor was not illegal as to him and he could not obtain a new trial or dismissal of the indictment. U.S. v. Granello, 280 F. Supp. 482 (1968). Applied to instant case, this rule of law could work out in different ways. Assuming that the subject of this case is not on the premises to be surveilled by the means suggested, and has no possessory or other right in those premises, any information disclosed by the surveillance in some way, such as conversation among the Peppers, could be used to learn the whereabouts of the subject for purposes of arrest. The problem becomes somewhat more complicated, however, if the subject of this case made a telephone call to those premises and that telephone call were recorded and used as the basis for his apprehension. He then could claim that the surveillance violated his right of privacy in the telephone communication he hade to that place, citing the Katz decision in the Supreme Court. , REC 11 44 -32 Enclosure ac-31 MAY 22 1968 OVER"

Memorandum J. J. Casper to Mr. Mohr RE: MARKIN

The worst that could happen in either of the above circumstances, however, - assuming that we follow the precautionary measures listed below - is that we illegally learn where the subject is located and thus are able to arrest him on that knowledge. The rule that comes into play here, established in the last century by the Supreme Court in Ker v. Illinois, 30 U.S. 347 (1886), is that an illegal arrest is no bar to prosecution. Wong Sun v. U.S., 371 U.S. 471 (1963); U.S. v. Hoffman, 385 F2d 501 (1967); Keegan v. U.S., 385 F2d 260 (1967). A person may be arrested unlawfully and actually kidnapped into the court having jurisdiction of the criminal case, yet the court still retains jurisdiction to try the person for the offense. The court would not allow the prosecution to use as evidence any information obtained through the illegal surveillance but the illegal surveillance would not taint the use of any other evidence obtained either before or after and which was gotten in a legal manner. Nor, to repeat, would the illegality of the arrest alone, resulting from whereabouts disclosed by unlawful surveillance, prevent the court from trying the subject for the offense.

If the action being considered is taken, we strongly suggest three precautionary measures, as follows:

- (1) That all recordings be preserved intact. It may be necessary to disclose some of them to the court or even to the defense.
- (2) That no use be made of any information obtained against anyone whatsoever or in any way whatsoever except for the single purpose of locating the subject in this case. As we well know by this time, evidence of the offense obtained in this manner is not admissible. It would not be admissible against the subject and it would not be admissible against the Peppers on a charge of harboring.
- (3) Be aware that since this search and seizure is unconstitutional as to the Peppers, they have at least a theoretical cause of action for damages against those who installed the devices by trespass. Here again, however, if nothing learned by this surveillance is used against the Peppers in any way, their cause of action is diminished to the lowest possible degree, becoming that for a technical violation only rather than one of substantial harm to them. Moreover, in any such case the government of the United States should surely be willing to pick up the tab for any judgment had against those who installed the microphones.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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PLEASE SEE ATTACHED

OCT 26 1977 1 - Nr. Long Attn: Mr. Groover

REGISTERED Subject of Request:

Assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Nr. Barold Weisberg Route 12 - Old Receiver Road Frederick, Maryland 21701

1 - Mr. Grimsley

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This release is comprised of documents from the Chicago, St. Louis and Washington Field Office Murkin files. This completes the processing of all Chicago, St. Louis and Washington Field Office files pertinent to your request.

Also included in this release are documents which have been approved for release by other agencies from which they originated, and serial (3763) and photographs of various individuals which the Department of Justice has directed to be released pursuant to the appeal review.

Documents currently being released consist of 1,932 pages. Pursuant to the 6 cents per page duplication fee as established by the Department of Justice, the amount due for this material is \$115.92. Please remit a check in the amount of \$115.92, made payable to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, in payment of these fees.

The documents included in this release bave been reviewed on appeal by Department of Justice Attorney Doug Mitchell.

This release completes the processing of all Headquarters and field office files pertinent to your request. Releases will continue to be made as we receive documents which were forwarded to other agencies for their review. Also, any documents which are declassified by the Departmental Review Committee will likewise be released to you.

In reference to your letter dated October 18, 1977, concerning your Privacy Act request for information contained in the Baltimore, Dallas, New Orleans, and Memphis Pield Offices, the following is provided for your assistance. Should you desire a check of our Field Office files, you are advised that a listing of them as separate indices has been published in the Federal Register, Volume 40, Number 167 - Wednesday, August 27, 1975. It would be incumbent upon you to so designate your requests directly to them.

Your patience and ecoperation are appreciated.

 $oldsymbol{M} emorandum$ Callaha JUNE . Mr. DeLoach DATE: May 9, 1968 1 - Mr. DeLoach Tele, Rece FROM 1 - Mr. Rosen 1 - Mr. Malley 1 - Mr. McGowan 1 - Mr. Long 1 - Mr. Conrad - Mr. Gale PURPOSE: To recommend the installation of a technical surveillance (TESUR) on the telephones of Albert and Carol Pepper, St. Louis, Missouri, and the telephone listed to the Grapevine Tavern in St. Louis, Missouri, owned by Carol Pepper, subject's sister, and operated by John Larry Ray, subject's brother, and the installation of a microphone surveillance at the residences of Carol Pepper, and John Larry Ray, and at the Grapevine Tavern. These installations could assist in the early apprehension of the subject, which could possibly be instrumental in reducing the stresses and tension placed on our national security subsequent to the death of Martin Luther King, Jr. BACKGROUND: We are presently conducting exhaustive and extensive investigation to determine the present whereabouts of the subject James Earl Ray, who is one of the TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES. Although many hundreds of interviews have been conducted and leads run out, we have not been able to locate the subject nor have we located any person who can furnish us any information as to the subject's present whereabouts. It has been determined that Carol Pepper, the sister of the subject, and John Larry Ray, the brother of the subject, are the closest relatives to him. Carol is married to Albert Pepper and they reside at 2025 Belleview, St. Louis, Missouri, telephone number 645-2948. John Larry Ray resides at 1900 A Cherokee, St. Louis, Missouri, no telephone listed. Carol presently owns the Grapevine Tavern, 1982 Arsenal, St. Louis, Missouri, telephone number PR 6-9417. This tavern is operated by John Larry Ray. John Larry Ray has expressed a cooperative attitude; however, Ait is felt that he is not giving us complete and accurate information. Carol Pepper refuses to submit to interview and is not cooperative. It is felt that If the subject telephones or personally contacts any of the relatives, it will most likely be Carol Pepper or brother John Larry Rage 11 MAY 22 1968

. Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach RE: MURKIN

RECOMMENDATION: That a technical surveillance be installed on the telephones of Albert and Carol Pepper and the Grapevine Tavern and a microphone surveillance be installed at the residences of Albert and Carol Pepper and John Larry Ray and at the Grapevine Tavern.

Attached for approval is a memorandum to the Attorney General

requesting authority for this coverage.