

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)      DATE: 11/5/68

FROM : SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) -P-

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Kansas City letter to the Bureau, dated 8/14/68.

On 8/27/68, MELVIN LEMONS, Secretary to the Director, Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, advised inmate [redacted] was transferred to the U. S. Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pa., 7/19/67. He has requested his file be returned here for review.

On 8/31/68, AXIE POWELL, Deputy U. S. Court Clerk, Springfield, Missouri, advised she recalled [redacted] did have a hearing in U. S. District Court before the Honorable ELMO B. HUNTER, but this would be on file in Kansas City, Missouri.

On 9/20/68, the file pertaining to [redacted] revealed the attorney to be [redacted] Springfield Missouri and the officer involved as [redacted]

On 10/2/68, [redacted] advised he recalled the hearing involving discrimination at the Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, and that he represented [redacted]. He did interview some of the witnesses for [redacted] but at no time was there ever any conversation about MARTIN LUTHER KING. The entire proceeding was limited exclusively to alleged discriminatory practices at the prison. He never asked [redacted] or any other witness if he had heard a guard say he was a member of a group which would pay to have MARTIN LUTHER KING killed. KING's name never came up during the entire proceedings.

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Several attempts were made to interview [REDACTED] with negative results. He has been working the Midnight to 8:00 AM shift at the prison.

On 10/28/68, [REDACTED] stated he has no information regarding any group that would pay to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING. He denied he ever made the statement, "I know how to take care of colored people". He has never shown any racial basis in his treatment of inmates and in fact, he was an admirer of KING. He never heard of the Cooley organization. He did appear in U. S. District Court, Springfield, Missouri some time ago to answer charges made by [REDACTED] that he was discriminating against Negro inmates. He denied all of the accusations made by [REDACTED]. He never heard the name of MARTIN LUTHER KING mentioned by anyone at this hearing since the testimony was limited to the alleged discriminatory practices at the prison.