

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

HAROLD WEISBERG

Plaintiff,

v.

CIVIL ACTION NO.  
75-1996

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Defendant.

AFFIDAVIT

I, WILLIAM L. DEATON, 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 Chicago Field Office of the FBI at Chicago, Illinois.

(2) Pursuant to the request of FBI Headquarters (FBIHQ) received on August 10, 1977, I caused a search to be made of the general indices of the Chicago Field Office, on August 18, 1977, for all records and exhibits pertaining to the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and filed under the FBI designated title for that investigation, "MURKIN." The method of search conducted was the same as that utilized to retrieve records necessary to fulfill the FBI's investigative responsibilities.

(3) Thereafter, I supervised the review of those records and exhibits located pursuant to the search described in Paragraph (2) above for documents and exhibits relating to

the following individuals: John Ray, Jerry Ray, James Earl Ray, Carol Pepper and Albert Pepper. All documents and exhibits containing documents located within the "MURKIN" file pertaining to the above listed individuals were copied and forwarded to FBIHQ on August 31, 1977, with the exception of those records previously directed to or received from FBIHQ or the Memphis Field Office of the FBI which did not contain a substantive notation thereon. Those exhibits pertaining to the above individuals and relating to the "MURKIN" investigation which contained items other than documents were not copied or forwarded to FBIHQ, however, are listed below:

- a. Photos of Jerry Ray
- b. Photos of Jerry Ray
- c. Photos of Jerry Ray
- d. Exhibit envelope containing two photos of James Earl Ray
- e. Stand-up photos of James Earl Ray
- f. Photos of James Earl Ray
- g. Two photos of James Earl Ray
- h. Two photos of James Earl Ray
- i. Two photos of Jerry Ray
- j. One cigarette filter
- k. Photos of James Earl Ray
- l. Photos of James Earl Ray

- m. Envelope containing laundry marks on shirt and bed linen for James Earl Ray while using the name Galt in the Los Angeles area
- n. One photographic negative of James Earl Ray
- o. One photo and negative of James Earl Ray
- p. Photos of James Earl Ray
- q. Tape recording of television interview with Jerry Ray

Further, affiant sayeth not.

*William L. Deaton*  
 WILLIAM L. DEATON  
 Special Agent  
 Federal Bureau of Investigation  
 Chicago, Illinois

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1978.

*William M. Heimerling*  
 Notary Public

My commission expires 2/15/81