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FROM: Fred G. Folsom, Director
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SUBJECT: Status Report

To date we have completed a preliminary review of fifty of the eighty-seven sections regarding the Martin Luther King, Jr., assassination file (MURKIN, #44-38861). Each "serial" or document has been read by a member of the Task Force. We expect to complete this review of the Headquarter's file by June 4, 1976.

The following week will be used to reconstruct the crime and subsequent events, analyze the background of James Earl Ray prior to April 4, 1968, and also to determine any leads to a possible conspiracy re Dr. King's death. At the same time, we shall begin an outline for our report to the Attorney General, determine what other headquarters files need to be examined at this time and also our approach for the main MURKIN file located at the Memphis Field Office.

We then anticipate going to the Memphis Field Office on June 14, 1976, for a review of the King assassination file. Working on a seven day/week schedule, it is estimated that we will complete our review of the file (120 sections) in two and one-half to three weeks. We will return to Washington and review the Task Force's work to consider what further review of other field office files, in this matter is necessary at this time, and to determine what persons are to be interviewed by the Task Force.



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In order to adhere to our proposed schedule and in order for us to be able to properly review and compare the Memphis file with the Headquarters file, it is imperative that our reports on each section be typed by June 14, 1976. Thus, our need for secretarial assistance is immediate.