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T. E. Bishop

CLAY D. BLAIR, JR.
AUTHOR, BANTAM BOOKS;
BOOK ON JAMES EARL RAY

Previous memoranda have been submitted by me reflecting contacts made by above individual concerning his intentions to write a book on James Earl Ray and the King assassination for Bantam Books which was to be published within several days after the conclusion of the trial of Ray. We have not cooperated with him in connection with the preparation of the book but he did furnish us his rough manuscript for us to look over, at which time several major discrepancies regarding the FBI were pointed out to him. The manuscript was hastily and crudely written and based on various newspaper articles on the case and some minor personal research by Blair. It is obvious that the purpose of this book is to "make a quick buck" by having it published as soon as possible after the completion of the trial.

Blair called Bishop on the afternoon of 3/10/69 from Memphis and asked if the Bureau now would cooperate with him in allowing him to interview SAC Jensen of the Memphis Office and other Agents who worked on the Ray case. He stated this would have to be done within the next day or so, so he could revise his book. He was advised that it would not be possible for the Bureau to cooperate in the manner he desired.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.

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- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Jones

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