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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: March 26, 1969

FROM : A. Rosen

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. McGowan
- 1 - Mr. Long
- 1 - Mr. Bishop

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Senator James O. Eastland (Democrat-- Mississippi) furnished a copy of a letter dated March 14, 1969, that he received from James Earl Ray.

Included in Ray's letter is a statement that Ray was shown photographs by Mr. Percy Foreman (Ray's former attorney) of two or three individuals followed by two or three Dallas, Texas, police officers during an arrest at the time President Kennedy was assassinated (November, 1963). According to Ray, Mr. Foreman wanted Ray to identify one of the individuals in these photographs as the person Ray was involved with; however, Ray could not identify any individuals, although one of the individuals did look similar to the person he was involved with according to Ray.

Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, previously provided us with photographs as given to him by William Bradford Huie, who has written articles for "Look" magazine concerning the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. The photographs, according to Mr. Huie, were made by a news photographer at Dallas, Texas, on the day that President John F. Kennedy was assassinated. The Dallas Office has advised that the persons appearing on these photographs have been identified as among the many persons rounded up by the Dallas authorities following the assassination of President Kennedy. The arresting officers advised that the individuals in the photographs were found in a boxcar about a mile from the assassination scene, and there was no reason to place them under arrest, therefore, no record of their identity was made. These same photographs, which had been obtained by us early in the King investigation, have been displayed by our Agents to various witnesses and no identification whatsoever has been effected.

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It appears that William Bradford Huie and Percy Foreman displayed the photographs to Ray for purpose of fabricating a story for publication purposes. It is further noted that Ray could not identify the individuals in these photographs, and the photograph of one of the individuals appearing in this same photograph was displayed in "Ramparts" magazine, along with the artist's conception of the subject of the King assassination. This comparison appeared in "Ramparts" magazine citing that these two individuals were the same. It is obvious that the individuals involved in the publication of these photographs are endeavoring to link the assassinations together.

ACTION:

For information.

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