

FBI MEMPHIS

FBI CHICAGO

935AM URGENT 5/6/68 JSM

TO MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND JACKSON (157-9586)
FROM CHICAGO 44-1114

MURKIN THREATS TO MARTIN LUTHER KING.

MR. OAKLEY BROWNLOW TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THAT ABOUT ONE WEEK BEFORE KING WAS KILLED IN MEMPHIS HE WAS IN THAT CITY VISITING BROTHER WHO WAS PATIENT AT HOSPITAL. WHILE THERE, HE HEARD RUMOR SUPPOSEDLY PREVALENT IN MEMPHIS AT THAT TIME BECAUSE OF RIOTING AFTER DR. KING'S MARCH THERE. RUMOR TO EFFECT THAT GRADY CARROLL, FORMER CONSTABLE, GRENADA COUNTY, MISS., WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE STATED THAT IF KING CAME BACK TO MEMPHIS AFTER RIOTS WERE OVER, HE, CARROLL, WAS GOING TO HAVE HIM KILLED. BROWNLOW COULD FURNISH NO POSITIVE INFO ONLY THE FOREGOING RUMOR.

CHICAGO NOT AWARE IF ANY INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED RE GRADY CARROLL. MEMPHIS HANDLE. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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