

memorandum

DATE: 6/16/77

REPLY TO
ATTN OF:

SAC MINNEAPOLIS (157-450) (RUC)

SUBJECT:

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TO:

SAC MEMPHIS (44-1987)

On the evening of 6/14/77 a call was received by the Minneapolis night supervisor from an individual who initially indicated a desire to remain anonymous. Subsequently, during the telephone conversation he identified himself as DOUG STORLIE, telephone number 729-2111, 2900 12th Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota. STORLIE provided the following information:

He stated he had been hearing the various news media reports concerning the escape of JAMES EARL RAY and that many of these commentaries concerning RAY referred to the fact that RAY had initially provided an alibi indicating that he had not killed MARTIN LUTHER KING, but believed the murder had been committed by a RAUOL (phonetic). STORLIE said that on hearing this information he desired to provide the FBI with information concerning this matter because of the repeated references to "RAUOL".

STORLIE said that during the fall of 1965 he had been incarcerated in the Kansas City, Missouri, Jail, and while in custody he had become acquainted with an individual he identified as being named HOWARD ROWELL. STORLIE described ROWELL as a Black male, approximately 25 years old, who was in the Kansas City Jail on some narcotics charge. He further described ROWELL as being a religious fanatic of the Black Muslim variety and that on several occasions ROWELL had personally told him, STORLIE, that he intended to "cut MARTIN LUTHER KING's head off".

STORLIE indicated that he would be available for further interview concerning this matter if we desired to hold such an interview in person.

The above is provided for the information of Memphis. No additional investigation being conducted by Minneapolis unless advised to the contrary by Memphis.

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