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DATE: 12-11-68

FROM

SAC ROBERT G. JENSEN

SUBJECT:

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This is to advise that GERALD FRANK, noted author, called at this office December 10, 1968. He advised that he is the author of several books, his latest being the "Boston Strangler." He said he had a contract with Doubleday to write a book concerning the JAMES EARL RAY case. He advised that his book will not be published until probably sometime in 1971. He indicated that the tenor of his book will be different from many others that will probably be written shortly after the trial. He explained that he was interested in many of the little quirks and various false leads and the work involved in handling this during the course of the investigation.

I, of course, told Mr. FRANK that I was not in a position to offer any assistance at this time because of the restrictions placed by Judge BATTLE and that, in addition, the FBI Headquarters in Washington would be the appropriate source for material. He said he understood this completely, that his sole purpose in coming to this office was to meet me and to familiarize himself to some degree regarding Memphis.

I telephonically contacted Inspector BISHOP at the Bureau and advised him of my contact with FRANK. Inspector BISHOP agreed it was correct for me to have told FRANK I could be of no assistance and that at some future time the Bureau might consider being of assistance.

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