

Memorandum

TO : FILE (44-1987)

FROM : SAC ROBERT G. JENSEN

DATE: 6-28-68

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: CHARLES QUITMAN STEPHENS

In view of the expressed interest of the Attorney General's Office in the well being and welfare of CHARLES Q. STEPHENS, a principal witness in this case, I made efforts on two occasions on the morning of 6/28/68 to contact FRANK C. HOLLOMAN and Chief LUX of the Memphis PD, with information about CHARLES Q. STEPHENS. I had subsequently received information indicating that STEPHENS was returning to Memphis this date and had promised to contact me on this return. I was unable to reach either HOLLOMAN or LUX because of previous commitments on their part.

At approximately 4:30 p.m., June 28, HOLLOMAN called me and advised that the PD had located STEPHENS in a bar on South Main Street. I told HOLLOMAN at that time that I was aware of the fact that STEPHENS was back in town and this was my reason for trying to reach him earlier in the day. I told him I wanted to inform him of STEPHENS' contemplated return to town. HOLLOMAN raised the question as to whether or not there was anything the FBI could do to insure the safety of STEPHENS. I told HOLLOMAN that of course he knew we could not take STEPHENS into protective custody inasmuch as he was a state witness. HOLLOMAN said that he was worried about the safety of STEPHENS and was afraid that in the event something happened to him because of his known propensity for drinking a principal witness in a murder case might be missing. I agreed with HOLLOMAN, but again said I did not think there was anything the FBI could do and it was not our responsibility to protect CHARLIE STEPHENS. I suggested to HOLLOMAN it was quite possible that there might be a public spirited citizen he knew who was in a position to furnish a place for STEPHENS to stay. HOLLOMAN said he would look into the matter and would advise me later.

During my discussion with HOLLOMAN, Chief LUX was overheard in the background and HOLLOMAN told me they had called Attorney General CANALE's Office and advised his office of the fact that STEPHENS was back in town and that the responsibility for insuring the safety of STEPHENS rested with Attorney General CANALE's Office.

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