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By ME  
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

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Sworn signed statement dated  
4/28/70 by Robert D. Jensen  
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Memphis, Tennessee

April 28, 1970

I, ROBERT G. JENSEN, Special Agent in Charge of the Memphis Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, being duly sworn, do hereby make the following free and voluntary statement to CLIFTON O. HALTER, Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the Memphis Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, regarding allegations made by JERRY RAY in an affidavit filed April 13, 1970, in the Criminal Court of Shelby County, Tennessee, which affidavit is part of a Petition For Post Conviction Relief filed April 13, 1970, styled, "JAMES EARL RAY, Petitioner, vs. State of Tennessee and LEWIS TOLLETT, Warden of State Penitentiary at Petros, Tennessee, Defendants."

JERRY RAY has alleged in his affidavit that during the period that PERCY FOREMAN was the attorney representing the Petitioner JAMES EARL RAY that "the Prosecution and/or the F.B.I. was bribing witnesses, specifically a man by the name of STEVENS who the prosecution was bribing by offering him a large sum of money as a reward."

As the Special Agent in Charge of the Memphis Office during the period of the investigation of the murder

of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and as the person directly responsible for the overall supervision of this investigation, I am fully qualified to and do state that at no time did the Federal Bureau of Investigation or any of its Special Agents or other employees offer a bribe or a reward to any witness in this investigation.

It is presumed that the witness STEVENS mentioned in JERRY RAY's affidavit is CHARLES QUITMAN STEPHENS, who was a tenant in the rooming house at 422½ South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee, on the date that Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., was murdered. As stated above, no person representing the Federal Bureau of Investigation has ever offered any bribe or reward to obtain testimony from CHARLES QUITMAN STEPHENS.

*Robert G. Jensen*  
15/ ROBERT G. JENSEN  
Special Agent in Charge  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Memphis, Tennessee

Sworn to and subscribed before me on April 23, 1970,  
at Memphis, Tennessee.

*Clifton O. Halter*  
15/ CLIFTON O. HALTER  
Assistant Special Agent in Charge  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Memphis, Tennessee

WITNESS:

*Orville V. Johnson*  
ORVILLE V. JOHNSON  
Special Agent, FBI