

VIA TELETYPE
JUL 29 1968
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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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1226PM URGENT 7/29/68 PGF

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS(44-1987) *PLAINTEXT*

~~MEMPHIS VIA WASHINGTON~~

FROM NEWARK (44-854)

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ON JULY TWENTY NINE INSTANT, [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] ADVISED [REDACTED] THAT [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] AG, MAILED A REGISTERED
 LETTER, NUMBER [REDACTED] ON JULY [REDACTED] LAST
 BETWEEN TWO THIRTY PM AND THREE PM TO JAMES EARL RAY,
 SHELBY CO. JAIL, MEMPHIS, TENN. THE SOURCE ADVISED THERE
 APPEARED TO BE A CHECK INSIDE THE REGISTERED LETTER AND
 THE LETTER SHOULD ARRIVE SHELBY CO. JAIL THIS AM. THE
 SOURCE DESCRIBED [REDACTED] AS A WM, FORTY THREE YEARS OF AGE,
 SIX FEET THREE, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY LBS., CREW CUT, MIXED
 GRAY HAIR. NK INDICES AND ACPD NEGATIVE ON [REDACTED] CREDIT
 BUREAU REFLECTS [REDACTED] WAS A SGT. IN US ARMY IN FORTY FIVE
 AND RECEIVED A PURPLE HEART FOR WOUNDS RECIEVED ON ANZIO
 BEACH. OCCUPATION REFLECTED AS BARTENDER FOR [REDACTED]

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*No Record in
Bureau Indices
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[Signature]

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AND [REDACTED] BAR, AC, WHICH NO LONGER EXISTS. VOTER
REGISTRATION RECORDS REFLECT [REDACTED] REGISTERED VOTER AND
FORMERLY RESIDED [REDACTED], AC, AND
OCCUPATION LISTED AS BARTENDER.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
THIS INFORMATION BEING FURNISHED MEMPHIS IN VIEW OF
POSSIBLE CONTACT BY SHELBY CO. OFFICIALS.

WACS, NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED BY BK.
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To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861) - 5000

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ReNKtel 7/29/68.

Unless circumstances dictate to the contrary, you should, through your established sources at Shelby County Sheriff's Office, attempt to ascertain the contents of the letter addressed to Ray from [redacted] as described in referenced communication. This should be effected without any possible embarrassment to the Bureau.

Newark (44-854)

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NOTE: Newark advises that [redacted] has stated that [redacted] mailed registered letter on 7/26/68, to James Earl Ray, Shelby County, Memphis, Tenn. Source advised there appeared to be a check inside the registered letter. [redacted] is described as a white male, age 43, 6'3" tall, 170 pounds. Bureau indices, Newark indices and Atlantic City Police Department files negative on [redacted]. Credit Bureau, Atlantic City indicates [redacted] served in U. S. Army in 1945. His occupation is listed as a bartender.

No investigation is being conducted in this, however, Memphis is being advised that unless circumstances dictate to contrary they should, through established sources at Sheriff's Office, attempt to ascertain contents of letter. This is to be done without any possible embarrassment to the Bureau.

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NOTE CONTINUED:

We have been advised that AUSA in Memphis in a nonrelated case completely researched the matter of the Sheriff of Shelby County, Tennessee, having the right to censor incoming and outgoing mail of prisoners. He found the Sheriff has the legal right to do so.