

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

DATE: 2/3/76

FROM : Director, FBI

ATTENTION: ROBERT A. MURPHY

SUBJECT: *Murkin*
ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Reference is made to _____ memorandum dated _____
(your file _____) *ry* 2/2/76

There is enclosed one copy of the report of Special Agent _____
dated _____ at _____

A. This covers the preliminary investigation and no further action concerning a full investigation will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

B. The investigation is continuing and you will be furnished copies of reports as they are received.

C. The investigation requested by you has now been completed. Unless advised to the contrary no further inquiries will be made by this Bureau.

D. Pursuant to instructions issued by the Department, no investigation will be conducted in this matter unless specifically directed by the Department.

E. Please advise whether you desire any further investigation.

F. This is submitted for your information and you will be advised of further developments.

G. This is submitted for your information and no further investigation will be conducted unless specifically requested by the Department.

H. This covers the receipt of a complaint and no further action will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

Enc.

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NOTE: Reference is made to a conversation between Departmental Attorney Robert A. Murphy and SA H. N. Helderhoff on 2/2/76 wherein Mr. Murphy requested the following investigation:

Atlanta and El Paso should thoroughly review the interviews of the [REDACTED] noting the differences in each of their versions and reinterview the [REDACTED] to further resolve all details of this alleged meeting in the bar. Determine when and how many times they talked with each other about this alleged meeting since its occurrence. Determine from them how it can be verified that they were in Atlanta at the time of the alleged meeting and conduct any independent investigation to verify they were actually in Atlanta at the time of the meeting. Have each of the [REDACTED] prepare a diagram of the interior of [REDACTED] including the booth where each participant of the alleged meeting was seated. Determine from each if the unsub (Ralph LNU) had any type of an accent. El Paso question [REDACTED] specifically re polygraph indicating he has possible knowledge regarding the unidentified person.

El Paso should show the artist's conception of Ralph (LNU) (the final, as prepared by [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] in a spread of photographs. El Paso should also interview co-workers of [REDACTED], to determine if he has talked about this alleged meeting. El Paso will re-check records of [REDACTED] for record of any outgoing calls made by [REDACTED]

Atlanta should ascertain if any records are in existence to establish identity of all former employees of [REDACTED] and interview them for any knowledge of this incident and attempt to identify Ralph (LNU).

Atlanta should also identify and interview all known former customers of [REDACTED] noting that [REDACTED] who operates [REDACTED] stated a lot of the customers are still around and frequent her bar, [REDACTED]. Make further attempts to identify and interview [REDACTED]. Atlanta should make further efforts to locate and interview [REDACTED] a former employee of [REDACTED]. If necessary, if it can be arranged, have [REDACTED] observe [REDACTED] to determine if she is identical with the [REDACTED] formerly employed at [REDACTED] since [REDACTED] denied she ever worked there.

Atlanta should conduct investigation into the background of [REDACTED] to attempt to resolve the allegation by the [REDACTED] that he introduced the unsub to them in the bar. Identify and interview his relatives, associates, including any [REDACTED] associates. Particularly determine if [REDACTED] ever known to associate with a Ralph and attempt to identify and interview Ralph. Verify [REDACTED] presence in Atlanta at time of alleged meeting. Mr. Murphy stated [REDACTED] attorney should not be contacted at this time.

Atlanta interview [REDACTED] Decatur, Georgia, wife of [REDACTED] for any knowledge of this incident, including whether [REDACTED], ever told her about this alleged payment offer.

Atlanta and El Paso should show the artist's conception of Ralph (LNU) in a spread to all pertinent witnesses.

Atlanta reinterview [REDACTED] re remembering whether her husband ever told her of anyone coming into bar with large amount of money, or if she has any knowledge of this incident; show on an Atlanta city map location of [REDACTED] in comparison to where James Earl Ray had stayed in Atlanta.

Mr. Murphy stated he is advising the USAs at Atlanta and Memphis of the institution of the investigation re the [REDACTED] allegation.

Mr. Murphy also stated that no information should be disseminated to the USAs. Mr. Murphy stated that the FBI should not comment to any inquiries from the news media concerning this investigation and any such inquiries should be referred to the CRD.