

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: June 24, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. McGowan
- 1 - Mr. Long
- 1 - Mr. Trotter

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Attached is a letterhead memorandum summarizing information furnished Memphis by [redacted] of the Bureau of Prisons concerning his suggestions to state and local officials of Tennessee in connection with the safe-keeping of the subject when he is returned to Shelby County, Tennessee.

[redacted] indicated it might be advisable for personnel-type investigations of deputies who will be responsible for Ray when he is returned and inquired if the FBI would conduct such investigations. He was advised we would not.

Attached to the memorandum is a copy of a letterhead memorandum from Washington Field regarding details of Arthur J. Hanes and his son obtaining passports for travel to England in connection with representing the subject. Also attached to the memorandum is a copy of a telegram from the American Embassy, London, to the Department of State dated 6-18-68, elaborating upon the subject's hearing on that date and a copy of the charges against the subject as read in court in London on that date together with an extract of a decision handed down by the Queen's Bench Division of British Court System pertaining to a writ of habeas corpus hearing in an extradition matter.

ACTION:

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The attached letterhead memorandum should be forwarded to the Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General, and Assistant Attorneys General Pollak and Vinson.

Enclosures *sent*

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- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. McGowan

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ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The following additional pertinent information is being furnished relative to the captioned case. The material set forth herein is based on preliminary information and complete details will be incorporated in reports of results of investigation.

[redacted] of the Bureau of Prisons has advised our Memphis Office that Lieutenant [redacted] of the Bureau of Prisons, who is assigned at the Federal Prison, Marion, Illinois, will be acting in a liaison capacity and furnishing assistance to the Shelby County, Tennessee, Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff's Office will have the responsibility for the safekeeping of James Earl Ray, the subject of this case, when he is returned to Shelby County, Tennessee. [redacted] stated he has had meetings with representatives of the Sheriff's Office, the State Attorney General and interested local judges in connection with the handling of the prisoner. [redacted] said he has submitted various recommendations based upon standards of the Bureau of Prisons in connection with the handling of notorious prisoners. He said he discussed the handling of the volume of mail usually received by such prisoners and restrictions of visitors to the prisoner. [redacted] said he also made certain suggestions for improving security of the jail at Shelby County, Tennessee.

[redacted] also advised that evaluation of personnel at the Shelby County Sheriff's Office has indicated it might be advisable for personnel-type investigations to be conducted concerning deputies who will be responsible for the care and protection of the prisoner. He made tentative inquiry as to the possibility of this Bureau conducting special investigations of that type and was advised that such investigations would not be conducted by the FBI.

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NOTE: See memorandum A. Rosen to Mr. DeLoach dated 6-24-68, captioned "Murkin." Copies furnished the Attorney General,

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. DeLoach _____
- Mr. Mohr _____
- Mr. Bishop _____
- Mr. Casper _____
- Mr. Callahan _____
- Mr. Conrad _____
- Mr. Felt _____
- Mr. Gale _____
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Fingerprint Examiner George J. Bonebrake departed for London on June 23, 1968, and was scheduled to arrive there the morning of June 24, 1968. Mr. Bonebrake will confer with attorneys prior to the extradition hearing scheduled for James Earl Ray.

The following items are enclosed with this memorandum:

A memorandum dated June 19, 1968, at Washington, D. C., captioned "Arthur Jackson Hanes; Arthur Jackson Hanes, Jr."

Copy of a telegram from the American Embassy, London, to the Department of State dated June 18, 1968, which elaborates upon the subject's hearing on that date.

Copy of the charges against the subject as read in court on June 18, 1968, together with an extract of a decision handed down by the Queen's Bench Division of the British Court System which pertains to a writ of habeas corpus hearing in an extradition matter.

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Enclosures (3)

NOTE CONTINUED:

General
the Deputy Attorney General, Assistant Attorney/Stephen J.
Pollak, Civil Rights Division, and Assistant Attorney General
Fred M. Vinson, Jr., Criminal Division by routing slip.