

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1987)

DATE: 9/24/75

FROM : SA JAMES P. DONLAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

In your absence I spoke with Bureau Supervisor MAURICE STACK, Firearms Identification Unit of the Laboratory, Extension 4416, on 9/24/75.

Mr. STACK stated that Shelby County Assistant Attorney General JEWITT MILES notified the Bureau today that the Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) had filed a petition in state court today regarding the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. According to Mr. MILES, the petition requested that the firearms evidence involved in the KING assassination be re-examined by their expert, one LOWELL W. BRADFORD. This petition was to be heard in open court in Memphis on Friday, 9/26/75.

Mr. STACK advised that the examination originally conducted by the Bureau in this case had been handled by former SA BOB FRAZIER who is now retired. He recalled that BRADFORD was formerly employed by a California crime laboratory and had been a recognized firearms expert.

Mr. STACK requested that a Bureau Agent be present during the hearing on the above petition on 9/26/75 to protect the Bureau's interest. At the conclusion of the hearing he requested that Memphis notify him, or in his absence Mr. PAUL STOMBACH, Extension 4420, of the results. Any comments during the hearing that would prove embarrassing to the Bureau or otherwise be of interest should be furnished the Bureau by telephone followed by a teletype.

In conclusion Mr. STACK stated that a detailed teletype would follow regarding his telephone call.

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