

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Memorandum

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TO : Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: APR 12 1974

FROM : J. Stanley Pottinger
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DJ 144-72-662

SUBJECT: The Assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King

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Reference is made to Bureau File #44-38861, the investigation of the Assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King. Recently, the allegations listed below have come to our attention, and we examined the investigative reports which were previously furnished to us, and found no reference in them which bore on the accuracy of these allegations.

It is, therefore, requested that your agents cause a search of any files you might have to determine whether there is any reference to:

(1) A Reverend Xavier Von Koss, a hypnotist who James Earl Ray allegedly visited in Los Angeles on January 4, 1968;

(2) Dr. Russell C. Hadley, a plastic surgeon located in Hollywood, California, who allegedly performed cosmetic surgery on Ray's nose on March 5, 1968; and,

(3) An alleged decision to change Dr. King's Memphis accommodations from the Holiday Inn to the Lorraine Motel just prior to the assassination, as well as an alleged change in his room accommodations at the Lorraine Motel.

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This request is only for a search of your files, and no field investigation is requested or desired.

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Spec. TED A' HEARNS, LA, will furnish copies of interviews of Koss and HADLEY.

SAC GUNDERSON, KC, will furnish LHM re details of King.

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