

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach *DL*

DATE: December 2, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen *RY*

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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SYNOPSIS:

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

William Bradford Huie, author, has written two articles which appeared in "Look" magazine concerning James Earl Ray. These articles are based upon notes furnished to Huie by Ray.

Huie, in these articles, infers that a conspiracy exists; however, he did not set forth details to substantiate this. Huie states in these articles that an individual by the name of "Raoul" and Ray entered into a "joint activity" (not further described) and "Raoul" provided Ray with funds. The possibility exists that "Raoul" and Ray engaged in transporting contraband such as narcotics between Canada and the United States and the United States and Mexico as it is noted that Ray attempted to purchase marijuana in Mexico. Investigation by us, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and Mexican authorities has failed thus far to identify "Raoul" or to verify his existence. We have no information to date to indicate that Ray was involved in a conspiracy.

Huie, in these articles, sets forth motels that Ray was registered in as a guest that we were not previously aware of. We have checked this out, found it to be true; however, nothing of significance developed. Huie also, in his articles, furnished an account of Ray's employment at Winnetka, Illinois, which we previously were aware of; however, nothing of significance developed.

ACTION:

This is for information. At our request the Royal Canadian Mounted Police is continuing to run out Huie's statements regarding "Raoul" and we are continuing to remain alert to and will run out any allegations of a possible conspiracy, or any other information of pertinence.

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

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

William Bradford Huie, author, previously advised us that he entered into a contract with James Earl Ray to write the true account of Ray's activities and background concerning the assassination of King. Huie has been provided with notes from Ray by Arthur B. Hanes, Ray's former attorney, and based upon these notes, Huie has written two articles which appeared in "Look" Magazine.

Huie, in these articles, inferred that a conspiracy took place as early as August, 1967, and continued up to the day King was assassinated; however, no specific detail was provided to bear this out. Huie also inferred that Ray was involved unknowingly, but again he provided nothing to substantiate this. Huie, in these articles, furnished an account of an individual by the name of "Raoul" and Ray entering into a "joint activity" for which "Raoul" would pay Ray \$12,000. The specific nature of the "joint activity" was not fully described or identified, but Ray was to transport packages (not further described) between the United States and Canada.

Huie further stated that "Raoul" met Ray at various motels in the United States, provided Ray with funds and Ray and "Raoul" met at the Mexican Border and an exchange of tires took place.

Extensive investigation by us, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and Mexican authorities has failed thus far to identify "Raoul" or to verify his existence. We have no information to date to indicate that Ray was involved in a conspiracy. It is quite possible that "Raoul" and Ray were engaged in some type of smuggling activity as the packages they were allegedly transporting and the tires they were allegedly exchanging could have contained contraband such as narcotics. It is noted that during October and November, 1967, when Ray was in Mexico, he made inquiry as to where he could purchase marijuana.

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