

Mr. Stephen J. Pollak  
Assistant Attorney General

August 22, 1968

Director, FBI

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1 - Mr. Long  
1 - Mr. Kelly

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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Reference is made to your letter dated August 16, 1968, requesting that copies of all investigative reports and results of interviews prepared in this case be furnished you and referring to alleged delay on the part of this Bureau in furnishing the Department copies of reports dated May 15, 1968, and June 14, 1968, prepared by our Kansas City Office.

For your information, investigative reports prepared in this case fall into two categories: 1) those containing information of evidentiary value pertinent to the prosecution of the Federal violation involved; and 2) those containing the results of the extensive fugitive investigation conducted to locate and apprehend the subject, James Earl Ray.

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All investigative reports pertinent to the prosecution of the Federal violation involved have been furnished to the Department promptly and on a timely basis.

The remaining reports prepared in this case pertain solely to the extensive fugitive investigation conducted to locate the subject. Such reports are not normally furnished to the Department since they contain only information relative to the fugitive aspect of the case and do not contain information of evidentiary value or of pertinence to the prosecution of the Federal violation involved.

The reports prepared by our Kansas City Office and referred to in your letter fall into this category. An additional twenty such reports have been prepared by our various field divisions, and in accordance with your specific request, copies of all these reports will be furnished under separate cover to the Attorney General, to you and to the Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Criminal Division.

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Rm. \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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**Mr. Stephen J. Pollak**

For your information, Assistant Attorney General Fred M. Vinson, Jr., by letter dated July 12, 1968, which was received in this Bureau July 15, 1968, requested that the records of the Missouri State Penitentiary be reviewed pertaining to Ray and references to Ray's family background; education; physical, medical and psychiatric examinations and disciplinary proceedings be summarized. Such records had previously been reviewed in the initial phase of the fugitive aspect of this investigation, and the results of the review had been set forth in the pertinent reports prepared by our Kansas City Office and referred to in your letter. Since they contained the desired information requested by Assistant Attorney General Vinson, copies of these reports were furnished to Mr. Vinson on July 19, 1968, with a copy for you, even though they did not appear to contain information relevant to the prosecutive aspects of this case, but rather to the fugitive investigation.

We will continue to furnish to the Department, on a timely basis, copies of investigative reports and the results of interviews prepared in this case.

**NOTE:** See memo Rosen to DeLoach, dated 8/21/68, captioned, "MURKIN," JGK:cs.

August 20, 1968

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

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

Attached is a request from Department to obtain results of all investigation conducted by us. We have furnished Department results of all investigation pertinent to the prosecution of the case.

Department by letter of 7-12-68, requested Ray's background data, relatives and associates. Kansas City reports of 5-15-68, and 6-14-68, containing requested information furnished to the Department. There has been absolutely no delay in furnishing pertinent information to the Department.

Additional pertinent highlights of fugitive investigation were furnished the Department by memorandum although detailed reports were not furnished as they were not pertinent to prosecution of the case.

The reports containing efforts to locate Ray will be furnished to the Department in accordance with their request.

*Department will be advised -*

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# Memorandum

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

TO : Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: AUG 16

FROM : Stephen J. Pollak  
Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Rights Division

SJP:efw

DJ 144-72-662  
DJ 95-100-473  
#41-157-147

SUBJECT: James Earl Ray - Subject;  
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. - Victim  
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY

This Division is making an analysis of the facts in this case. To assure that no facts are overlooked, it is important that we have in our possession copies of all reports and interviews which your Bureau has conducted. In this connection, I note that on July 17, 1968, the Civil Rights Division and the Criminal Division received certain reports in connection with this matter transmitted by your Bureau on July 16, 1968. Two of the reports were dated June 14, 1968 from your Kansas City office, the third was dated May 15, 1968.

In order to insure that the Division file contains copies of all reports and interviews which your Bureau has conducted, I attach herewith the following lists of materials which we have received from your Bureau to date in reference to this matter:

- Attachment A: Reports of Special Agents
- Attachment B: Other Reports and Enclosures
- Attachment C: Memoranda to the Attorney General
- Attachment D: Memoranda to the Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division
- Attachment E: Letterhead Memoranda

Please review these lists and transmit to this Division, to the Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Criminal Division and to the Attorney General copies of any reports or interviews which you have in your possession and which are not noted on the attached lists.

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Please continue to furnish copies of all reports and interviews which your Bureau conducts as soon as they are received by your headquarters. I would request that delays such as that noted in the first paragraph of this memorandum be avoided if at all possible.

There does appear delay on getting Dept reports dated

ATTACHMENT A

Reports of Special Agents

<u>Special Agent</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>File No.</u>
1. Joe C. Hester	Memphis, Tenn.	4/17/68	44-1987
2. [REDACTED]	Birmingham, Ala.	4/17/68	44-1740
3. [REDACTED]	Los Angeles, Calif.	4/18/68	44-1574
4. [REDACTED]	Atlanta, Ga.	4/18/68	44-2386
5. [REDACTED]	New Orleans, La.	4/29/68	157-10673
6. Joe C. Hester	Memphis, Tenn.	4/30/68	44-1987
7. [REDACTED]	Jackson, Miss.	5/2/68	157-9586
8. [REDACTED]	Newark, N.J.	5/13/68	44-854
9. Joe C. Hester*	Memphis, Tenn.	6/10/68	44-1987
10. [REDACTED]	Kansas City, Mo.	5/15/68	44-760
11. [REDACTED]	Kansas City, Mo.	6/14/68	44-760

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ATTACHMENT B

Other Reports and Enclosures

<u>Description of Report and Enclosures</u>	<u>Date of Transmittal Memorandum</u>
1. Memorandum dated 4/8/68 - 5/6/68 at Buffalo, N.Y.; Field Office File No. 44-374; Caption: James Earl Ray, aka Paul Bridgeman, Paul Bridgman, Paul Edward Bridgeman, Paul E. Bridgeman, Ramon George Sneyd; Toronto, Ontario, Canada.	6/13/68
2. Correspondence forwarded by "Ebony" magazine; report of interview with [REDACTED] <i>RAYMOND CORTES</i>	7/8/68
3. Report of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police dated 6/14/68 at Montreal; Caption: Dr. Martin Luther King - Murder of (Assistance to FBI.)	7/8/68
4. Identification Record of James Earl Ray; copy of telegram from the American Embassy, London, to the Department of State, dated 7/3/68.	7/16/68
5. Copies of correspondence of subject while in H. M. Prison in London; copies of reports of prison officials.	7/26/68

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ATTACHMENT C

Memoranda to the Attorney General on the following dates:

1. April 20, 1968
2. May 2, 1968
3. May 9, 1968
4. May 23, 1968
5. May 27, 1968
6. May 29, 1968
7. June 20, 1968
8. June 21, 1968\*
9. July 1, 1968
10. July 19, 1968
11. July 22, 1968
12. July 23, 1968

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\* Encloses 17 items made available by New Scotland Yard, London, England.

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ATTACHMENT D

Memoranda to Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights  
Division, on the following dates:

1. June 10, 1968
2. June 13, 1968
3. June 14, 1968
4. June 15, 1968
5. June 17, 1968
6. June 18, 1968
7. June 19, 1968
8. July 3, 1968

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ATTACHMENT E

Letterhead Memoranda

<u>Caption</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Date</u>
1. Murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.	Washington, D.C.	4/10/68
2. Murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.	Washington, D.C.	4/12/68
3. Murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.	Washington, D.C.	4/18/68
4. James Earl Ray, aka Eric Starvo Galt	Buffalo, N.Y.	6/5/68
5. James Earl Ray, aka Eric Starvo Galt	Buffalo, N.Y.	6/7/68
6. Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.	Atlanta, Ga.	6/11/68
7. James Earl Ray	Washington, D.C.	6/13/68
8. James Earl Ray	Washington, D.C.	6/24/68
9. Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.	Washington, D.C.	6/25/68
10. James Earl Ray	Washington, D.C.	7/1/68
11. James Earl Ray; Martin Luther King, Jr. - Victim Civil Rights	Atlanta, Ga.	7/5/68
12. James Earl Ray; Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. - Victim	New Orleans, La.	7/25/68

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