

**The Persecution And Assassination Of Martin Luther King**

# "OPERATION ZORRO"

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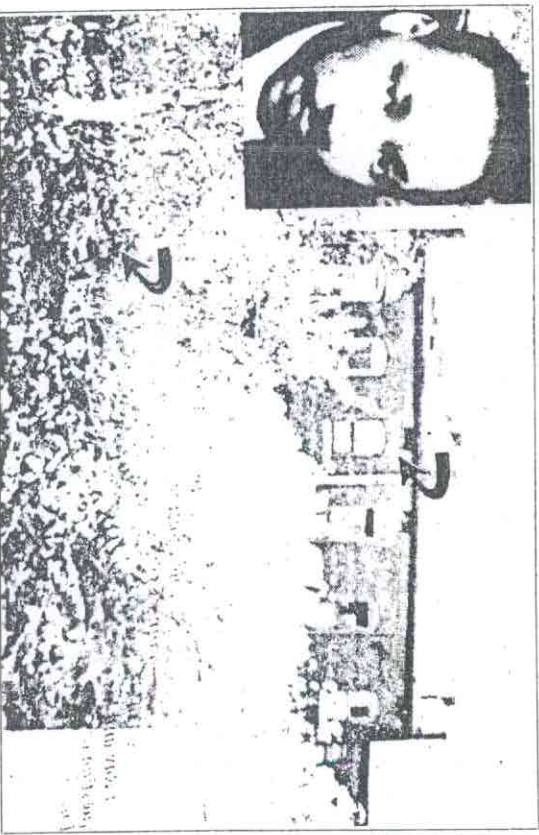
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### PART 3

The FBI's priorities are unchanged since the Palmer raids when Bureau agents ignited dynamite, themselves, so that "foreign agitators" could be blamed and then deported — that is to say, before they could electrify the union movement.

As versus the lone fanatic concept, a professional "hit" requires elaborate planning. Study a murder plotted by the Central Intelligence Agency — of a Black freedom fighter abroad — and compare the CIA cable language with the FBI's wording in the King affair.

A. "The combination of [Lumumba's] powers as demagogue, his able use of goon squads and propaganda and spirit of defeat with [government] coalition which would increase rapidly under such conditions would almost certainly insure [Lumumba] victory in parliament. Refusal to take drastic steps at this time will lead to defeat of [United States] policy in Congo." (CIA



*Top arrow in photo points to the spot from which James Earl Ray was alleged to have shot Martin Luther King while bottom arrow points to hiding place of King's real assassin.*

direct, discredit, or otherwise neutralize the activities of Black nationalist, hate-type organizations...spokesmen, membership, and supporters." (Directive from Hoover to field offices, 8/6/7).

C. "If case officer sent, recommend Hqs pouch soonest high-powered foreign make rifle with telescopic scope and silencer. Hunting good here when lights right. However, as hunting rifles now forbidden, would keep rifle in office pending opening of

"To withhold our true, specific requirements...." Think of Members.

An intelligence agency like the CIA (or FBI) works through a "cut-out" unit like QJ/WIN's organized vice connection (or a racist Klan or States Rights Party): a low-level and expendable loner is detached from the group, like QJ/WIN (or a "Raoul") and the chain is broken.

The man at the bottom has no

that the "compartmentalization" of the plot may have begun to come apart after the murder. Before Memphis, money flowed, then came the killing and James Earl Ray found himself on the run with short cash. Why, at one time or another, did Ray, and his brother Jerry, and J.B. Stoner, and most Southern right-wing circles blame the death of a man they despised, King, on the FBI? There is a sense of betrayal here, of people who have been used.

In QJ/WIN's case, the CIA extricated him from a European criminal trial. On January 2, 1976, the *New York Times* stated that,

...No one can explain why the "wanted" flyer issued routinely after his absence (Ray's prison escape) was discovered containing examples of fingerprints that were not his. (Italics added).

Today, one man can be certain of killing a world figure if, and only if, that figure's security is stripped away. To strip Dr. King of even of his minimal protection required far more power than any White hate group ever dreamed of. The disruption of the strike march and the subsequent setup of the Nobel Prize winner, together with the arrival of the pseudo Secret Service agent, and the interruption of the Memphis police protection plan for Dr. King, are all glaring signals of a major plot in which the lowly trigger man is an irrelevancy.

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A1. "Prevent the coalition of militant Black nationalist groups...An effective coalition...might be the first step toward a real 'Mau Mau' in America, the beginning of a true Black revolution."

"Prevent the rise of a 'messiah' who could unify, and electrify, the militant Black nationalist movement. [Malcolm X] might have been such a 'messiah'; he is the martyr of the movement today...[Elijah Muhammad] is less of a threat because of his age. [King] could be a very real contender for this position should he abandon his supposed 'obedience' to 'White liberal doctrines' (nonviolence) and embrace Black nationalism. [Stokely Carmichael] has the necessary charisma to be a real threat in this way." (Directive from Hoover to FBI field offices, 3/4/68).

B. "Lumumba's removal must be an urgent and prime objective, a high priority of the covert action. You can act on your own authority where time does not permit referral here." (CIA cable, Dulles to Station Officer, 8/26/60).

B1. "...expose, disrupt, mis-

telescopic 'scope' and 'sniffer'. Hunting good here when lights right. However, as hunting rifles now forbidden, would keep rifle in office pending opening of hunting season." (CIA cable 10/17/60).

C1. "Shootings, beatings, and a high degree of unrest continues to prevail in the ghetto area of southeast San Diego...It is felt that a substantial amount of unrest is directly attributable to this program (COINTELPRO).

## **F.B.I. SWEAR CAMPAIGN AGAINST WIDOW UNCOVERED** **Justice Department Whitewashes Probe Of King Murder**

(Washington, D.C.) - In a blatant whitewash, the U.S. Justice Department last week concluded that the FBI's investigation into the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was "thoroughly, honestly and successfully" conducted and that convicted King assassin James Earl Ray acted alone.

The eight-month probe of the King assassination, summarized in a 201-page report, has already come under severe attack because the FBI is part of the Justice Department, and, therefore, the Justice Department was merely investigating itself.

The report described the Bureau's six-year surveillance of Dr. King as unwarranted and the result of the "determination" of the FBI, under the leadership of

able loners is detached from the group, like QJ/WIN (or a "Raoul") and the chain is broken.

The man at the bottom has no idea who his mentors really are. Fear or love or money or death will prevent his talking, but even if he does, only part of the chain will be visible, because the chain of command is "compartmentalized," and the money "washed" through blind conduits.

In the King case there are clues

the late J. Edgar Hoover, "to discredit Dr. King."

One new revelation disclosed in the Justice Department inquiry is that after the famed civil rights leader was murdered on April 4, 1968, on the balcony of a Memphis, Tennessee, motel, the Bureau ordered its agents to attempt to uncover derogatory information about Mrs. Coretta Scott King, widow of Dr. King, and his two closest aides, Rev. Ralph Abernathy and Andrew Young, recently appointed as the first Black U.S. ambassador to the United Nations.

### **DEEP RACIST HATRED**

FBI czar Hoover ordered the surveillance on Dr. King because of his deep, racist hatred of the civil rights movement and Dr. King. Hoover contended that the

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At the news of Lumumba's murder the CIA crowded obscurely, by cable, "THANKS FOR PATRICE. IF WE HAD KNOWN HE WAS COMING WE WOULD HAVE BAKED A SNAKE." The FBI's response to the slaying of Dr. King was shouts of "They finally got Zorro!"

### **TO BE CONTINUED**

slain Nobel Peace Prize winner was under "communist" influence, but, the Justice Department report said, "We concluded that Dr. King was no threat to domestic security."

The Justice Department inquiry, based on the review of 200,000 documents and interviews of 40 witnesses, is highly contradictory concerning James Earl Ray. On the one hand, the report maintains that "...the sum of all of the evidence of Ray's guilt points to him so exclusively that it most effectively makes the point that no one else was involved." On the other hand, the report concedes, "Of course, someone could conceivably have provided him with logistics, or even paid him to commit the crime..."