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TO: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)
FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) -5282
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RE BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE TO BUREAU OCTOBER TWO TWO LAST.
YOU SHOULD ADVISE ARTHUR J. HANES, ATTORNEY FOR JAMES
EARL RAY, IN WRITING THAT IF HE HAS ANY INFORMATION WHICH
HE BELIEVES WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO THE FBI, HE SHOULD FEEL
FREE TO FURNISH IT TO THE BIRMINGHAM OFFICE. SULHM.

MEMPHIS (AIRMAIL)

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NOTE: This is in reference to request of Hanes, Attorney for James Earl Ray, that we exchange information with him on activities of black militants which can be utilized by Hanes during Ray's local trial.

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

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

The attached relates to a telephone call received by the SAC, Birmingham from Arthur J. Hanes, attorney for James Earl Ray. Hanes wants to exchange information with us as to activities of black militants and wants to use any data furnished by Bureau during trial, which is scheduled for state court in Memphis on November 12, 1968. We obviously are declining this request.

Hanes previously advised he wanted to talk to the Director in relation to some "concerns" of his. Hanes was advised that he should furnish any information that he has to the SAC at Birmingham.

Birmingham is being instructed that Hanes should be advised in writing to the effect that if he has any information which he believes would be of interest to the FBI, he should feel free to furnish it to the Birmingham Office.

Department being advised of Hanes contact with us and our reply to him.

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Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Sullivan	
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Trotter	
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Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

FBI BIRMGHAM

10:07AM 10-22-68 URGENT AMB

TO DIRECTOR, (44-38861)

FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

JAMES EARL RAY, AKA; DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., VICTIM;
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY.

ON THIS DATE ARTHUR J. HANES, SR., BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA,
DEFENSE ATTORNEY IN THIS CASE, TELEPHONED BIRMINGHAM SAC RALPH
J. MILES, STATING QUOTE THIS IS A GENUINE CONCERN CALL UNQUOTE.
AFTER STATING HIS GREAT ADMIRATION FOR THE FBI AND HIS INTEREST
IN THE WELL BEING OF HIS COUNTRY, HANES SAID THE FORTHCOMING
TRIAL OF RAY WOULD PROVIDE QUOTE A GREAT FORUM FOR EXPOSING
SOME THINGS WHICH NEED EXPOSING UNQUOTE. ENSUING CONVERSATION
DEVELOPED THAT HANES CONCERN WAS QUOTE WITH THE BLACK MILITANT
GROUPS AT WORK IN THIS COUNTRY WHOSE ACTIVITIES SHOULD BE
EXPOSED UNQUOTE.

HANES REQUESTED THAT HE BE ALLOWED TO MEET WITH A BUREAU
OFFICIAL IN BIRMINGHAM, WASHINGTON, OR ANY OTHER SUTIABLE
LOCATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXCHANGING INFORMATION AS TO
ACTIVITIES OF BLACK MILITANTS WITH A VIEW TOWARD USING ANY DATA

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MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

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FURNISHED BY THE BUREAU DURING THE RAY TRIAL. SAC ADVISED HANES THAT HE WOULD BE GLAD TO RECEIVE FROM HANES ANY INFORMATION PERTINENT TO THE SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES BUT, AS HANES WELL KNEW, THE INFORMATION POSSESSED BY THE FBI COULD NOT BE DISCLOSED TO HIM UNDER REGULATIONS OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL. HANES NONETHELESS ASKED THAT HIS REQUEST BE CONVEYED TO THE BUREAU AND THAT HE BE CONTACTED TODAY OR TOMORROW AS TO THE BUREAU'S POSITION.

SAC BIRMINGHAM RECOMMENDS THAT HANES AGAIN BE INFORMED THAT THE BUREAU WOULD BE RECEPTIVE TO ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION HE POSSESSES BUT CANNOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES FURNISH HIM WITH ANY INFORMATION ALONG THE LINES REQUESTED. IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED THAT HANES BE ADVISED THAT IF HE WISHES TO PURSUE THE MATTER FURTHER HE SHOULD DIRECT A WRITTEN REQUEST TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

BIRMINGHAM WILL AWAIT BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE RETURNING HANES CALL.

AIR MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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