

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. McGowan
- 1 - Mr. Martindale
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. Gale

DATE: 6/3/68

TO : Mr. DeLoach

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Reference is made to Mr. Gale's conversation with Cliff Sessions today concerning the proposed meeting which the Attorney General plans to have with representatives of CBS this afternoon.

It was indicated that CBS was going to do a program on Martin Luther King and one of the comments would pertain to Rev. Ralph Abernathy's comment concerning the fact that the FBI was doing nothing to bring about the arrest of King's murderer.

ACTION RECOMMENDED

The Attorney General according to Cliff Sessions desired some statement which might be suggested which he could make or give to CBS representatives.

It is believed that any statement which we might give to the Attorney General should be brief and succinct and we, therefore, recommend for your consideration the brief comments which are attached. All of the information in the attached statement has previously been publicly released.

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ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The record of the FBI in connection with the investigation into the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr., is one of substantial achievement.

Starting with an unknown subject, the man known as Eric Galt was identified by the FBI as a prime suspect within five days. Within another week the FBI had obtained a photograph of the subject and the Attorney General considered sufficient evidence had been developed to warrant Federal process. Three days later, as a result of a project to check latent fingerprints against the fingerprints of more than 53,000 fugitives, James Earl Ray was determined to be identical with Galt.

The total facilities of the FBI have been fully committed to this case from the outset. Investigation has proceeded around-the-clock on a top priority basis throughout the United States and in various foreign countries. Thousands of interviews have been conducted and hundreds of suspects have been processed. A tremendous number of examinations have been conducted by the FBI Laboratory and the FBI Identification Division. Every logical investigative approach is being vigorously pursued and there will be no let up until Ray is apprehended.

John *R* *ADK* *TJB* ✓

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