

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: Mr. DeLoach

DATE: May 23, 1968

FROM: A. Rosen *RL*

SUBJECT: MURKIN

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. McGowan
- 1 - Mr. Long
- 1 - Mr. McDonough
- 1 - Mr. Martindale
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Gale
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Trotter

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This case involves the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

[redacted] was at Missouri State Penitentiary and has previously furnished background information regarding Ray. [redacted] has been reinterviewed and has advised as follows.

[redacted] Ray discussed a newspaper article concerning the escape of an Italian criminal from the United States to Italy through the use of a Canadian passport. Ray was aware that a Canadian passport may be readily obtained under a false identity. (This appears to be true and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police are checking all passports issued since Ray's escape from prison.)

Ray expressed more interest in hiding in Mexico than in Canada and did not seem impressed when [redacted] suggested it would be easier for an American to blend into the scene in Canada. Ray said he had once considered Australia as a place to hide and sometime prior to 1962 had written to Queensland inquiring about employment opportunities but had lost interest in Australia because it is sparsely populated and there are few tourists.

Ray spoke [redacted] about changing the color of his eyes by wearing colored contact lenses. He also said he had experimented on darkening his skin with a walnut dye that had to wear off.

[redacted] described Ray as too tight to play poker but said he loaned money to poker players and required repayment of \$3 for every \$2 loaned.

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