

Memorandum

TO : FILE (44-1987)

DATE: 5/3/68

FROM : SAC ROBERT G. JENSEN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At approximately 9 a.m. on 4/29/68, I discussed the evidence I had on hand with Director of Fire and Police FRANK C. HOLLOMAN, Memphis, Tennessee. HOLLOMAN stated that since he had not received the letter from the FBI Laboratory as yet he would appreciate the FBI holding the evidence until such time as the letter was received by the Memphis PD.

On the afternoon of 5/2/68, Inspector N. E. ZACHARY, Memphis Police Department, telephonically contacted me and advised that the Memphis Police Department had received the transmittal letter from the FBI Laboratory regarding the evidence in this case. I asked him if he would be interested in coming and picking up the evidence on that afternoon. He requested the evidence be held and stated he would be over to secure the evidence on the morning of Friday, 5/3/68.

As of 9 a.m., 5/3/68, the nine boxes, unopened, were delivered into the custody of Inspector ZACHARY. I told Inspector ZACHARY that there was a possibility that a request might be made later for additional examinations in connection with the evidence. Inspector ZACHARY said he was aware of this and as a result thereof he planned to deliver all evidence to the office of the State Attorney General and that the State Attorney General would assume custody of the evidence and place it under lock and key.

Inspector ZACHARY also stated it was at this time the intention of the State Attorney General to present the material to a Grand Jury on May 7, 1968. Inspector ZACHARY stated they anticipate requesting a first degree murder warrant for JAMES EARL RAY. He also said there is a possibility the State Attorney General's Office might want a representative of the FBI to testify in connection with this evidence.

The above information was furnished to Assistant Director ROSEN on 5/3/68.

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