

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC B/HAM (137-2089)(1)

DATE: 12-10-75

FROM : SA Donald D. Grogan

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Dates of Contact	12-1-75
File #s on which contacted (Use Titles if File #s not available or when CI provides positive information)	44-1740 Murkin

Purpose and results of contact

NEGATIVE
 POSITIVE
 STATISTIC

PC I advised that he has info re Martin Luther King assassination. He advised that he does not know if this information is reliable but he first heard this several weeks before King was killed from an individual named Prosch (ph). PC I stated that Prosch showed him a rifle Prosch hid in the trunk of his car and told him the gun was to be used in a "big killing." Prosch told him the rifle had come from Sacramento in B/HAM. PC I advised that after the assassination, when Prosch was drinking, Prosch told him that King's

POSITIVE ASSIGNMENT GIVEN

Has informant shown any indication of emotional instability, unreliability or furnishing false information? Ac

Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact, including information concerning narcotics.

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PERSONAL DATA

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assassination had been set up by King's associates, namely Dr. Abernathy, and that Prosch's job was to obtain the weapon to be used in the murder. Prosch advised PCI that James Earl Ray was only a decoy in the murder. Prosch advised PCI that the man responsible for lining up the killers of King was Frank LaBerto, an underworld figure in New Orleans and a friend of Prosch. LaBerto allegedly received \$265,000 for arranging King's murder, and was in Detroit the day King was killed. PCI advised that LaBerto runs a truck stop in New Orleans named the Lake Penetration restaurant. PCI advised that Dr. Prosch used to spend a lot of time at Gulas restaurant on 78 East and that after James Ray's picture was published in the paper, PCI stated that he recognized Ray as an individual who used to meet Prosch at Gulas restaurant a couple of weeks before King was murdered. PCI advised that Prosch was a "gun nut," and that he had been federally convicted on a firearms violation.

PCI advised that he had not told anyone about this before because he didn't think any law enforcement agency would touch it.

TO: CHIEF CLERK

Date: 12/10/75

Subject: Martin Luther King Jr.

Aliases: _____

Address: _____ Birth Date: _____ Birthplace: _____ Race: _____ Sex: Male Female

Exact Spelling Main Criminal Case Files Only Restrict to Locality of _____

All References Criminal References Only

Main Subversive Case Files Only Main Subversive (If no Main, list all Subversive References)

Subversive References Only Main Criminal (If no Main, list all Criminal References)

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147-518	File destroyed 10/10/71		
75-600*			
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TO: CHIEF CLERK

Date 12/10/75

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Social Security Account #

Aliases Matt-13

Address Birth Date Birthplace Race Sex
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 Female

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Date 12/10/75

TO: CHIEF CLERK

Subject Martin Luther King Jr.

Social Security Account #

Aliases

Address Birth Date Birthplace Race Sex
 Male
 Female

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Date 12-10-75

Officer: CHIEF CLERK

Social Security Account #

Subject *Murkin*

Aliases

Address

Birth Date

Birthplace

Race

Sex

Male

Female

Exact Spelling

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