in my opinion it was a most unfortunate feud. But when he repeated the second time that in his opinion Dr. King was the most notorious liar in the world, I asked him to recant that and he did. I did fail in the women's press conference that I testified about previously.

Chairman STOKES. I know you did. That was the occasion when you sent him three notes asking him to refrain from such an accusation. He finally even said to the women present that Mr. DeLoach has advised me on three separate occasions not to make this statement, but I am going to make it anyway. Isn't that true?

Mr. DELOACH. That is basically correct, sir.

Chairman STOKES. So to go back to my original question to you, your answer, then, would be yes, that with the knowledge that even if you stood up to him, when he made the final decision, and that the rest of you would react out of fear for the loss of your jobs if you did anything different?

Mr. DELOACH. Mr. Chairman, he was the Director and we had to follow his orders or else we would not stay in our positions.

Chairman STOKES. Thank you, Mr. DeLoach. I have nothing further.

Mr. DELOACH. Thank you.

Chairman STOKES. The gentleman from North Carolina, Mr. Preyer.

Mr. PREYER. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. DeLoach, I gather that your theory on assassination is that James Earl Ray was the lone assassin and that his motive was racism. It would have to be pretty hard racism to cause him to track Dr. King across the country at a time when he was an escapee and had a long prison sentence hanging over him should he be picked up at any moment.

Certainly there is considerable evidence in the record of James Earl Ray's racist attitudes, but it has been somewhat troublesome that there is evidence which I think the FBI was aware of that seems to cut the other way. It would seem to show that he was not such an intense racist, that is, the motive could have been something else, for example, money.

For example, I believe the FBI was aware that he had frequented a bar in Los Angeles for some period of time when he was there and that that bar was about a one-third Black clientele. Apparently he visited there regularly without expressing any racial feelings.

There is evidence of a liaison with Miss Morales in Mexico, possibly with Miss Marie Martin in Los Angeles, both of whom appear to be women of color.

My question is: Did these incidents raise any questions in the minds of the FBI concerning racism as a motive? Do you consider those consistent with racism as a motive for the killing?

Mr. DELOACH. Mr. Preyer, I don't remember those specific incidents. I do remember that Dr. King, while in prison, according to the investigation to the best of my recollection—I am sorry, sir, when James Earl Ray was in prison, to the best of my knowledge, he refused to go on work orders out on the prison farm with blacks because of his dislike of blacks.

I think, also, that to the best of my knowledge that on one occasion he told an inmate in prison that he was going to get Dr.

King. He did have a ge
being bigoted, anti-Black.

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Mr. PREYER. I would c
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But I gather from you
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You knew of no evide
intense racist?

Mr. DELOACH. As of
particular incidents, Mr.
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not to tell you the truth

Mr. PREYER. Just one

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Chairman STOKES. Th
the witness may respond

Mr. DELOACH. Thank

Mr. Preyer, I recall t
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