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To: SACs, Memphis (44-1937) (Enclosure)
Savannah (44-1768) (Enclosure)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Enclosed for each office is a copy of a letter from the Internal Security Division of the Department dated 10-15-69.

For your information Bureau files show that one Harold Weisberg who is probably identical with the Weisberg mentioned in the attached letter, has been most critical of the Bureau in the past. He is the author of several books including one entitled, "Whitewash - The Report of the Warren Report" and has been critical of the FBI, Secret Service, police agencies and other branches of Government. He was one of ten employees fired by the State Department during 1947 because of his loyalty being suspected. He was later allowed to resign. Weisberg by letter in April, 1969, requested information on the King murder case for a forthcoming book. It was approved that his letter not be acknowledged.

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J. B. Stoner, one of the present attorneys for James Earl Ray who has petitioned the Supreme Court of Tennessee for a Writ of Certiorari in connection with his motion for a new trial, is a notorious segregationist who continually attacks the Bureau and the Director. On the basis of the information furnished the two alleged former informants referred to cannot be identified in Bureau files.

In view of the nature of the information in the attached letter and the background on Weisberg and Stoner they are not being interviewed regarding this matter.

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RE: MURKIN

The Savannah Office which is the office of origin in the case covering activities of the National States Rights Party and Stoner and the Memphis Office which is following the court action in the James Earl Ray case should be alert for any additional information along these lines from any source including future court proceedings and immediately advise the Bureau of such information.

The Memphis Office should advise appropriate responsible Tennessee state officials handling the King murder case of the information from the Department and that there is no basis to the allegation that the FBI offered anyone any money to frame Ray for the assassination of King. Information furnished Tennessee state authorities is to be confirmed in writing.

NOTE:

See Memorandum Rosen to DeLoach dated 10-20-69, captioned, "MURKIN," EJM:jmv.