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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: June 19, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Bishop
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This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The attached memorandum is being furnished to Assistant Attorney General Stephen J. Pollak of the Civil Rights Division with a copy to Assistant Attorney General Fred M. Vinson, Jr., of the Criminal Division.

The Department is being advised of the closing of the tavern operated by the subject's brother, John Larry Ray, after three carloads of Negroes were reported to be observing the tavern; that the news report of his brother receiving a telephone call from a friend in Canada is false; that his brother is not planning a trip to London, contrary to press reports; that sources in England state his brother would not be given permission to visit the subject if he did come to England; that Attorney Arthur J. Hanes, Sr., of Birmingham, Alabama, intends to apply for a passport for himself and his son for travel to England in connection with his reported representation of the subject; and that the subject appeared in London on 6-18-68, on the local charges and was given a remand until 6-27-68.

Legat, London has also received information in the strictest confidence that Ray wrote the Birmingham, Alabama, Bar Association requesting assistance and suggested his letter be forwarded through former Birmingham Mayor Hanes. This apparently refers to Arthur J. Hanes, Sr. London sources also advised that the subject refused to see two Scotland Yard officers on 6-14-68 and stated he would refuse to see FBI Agents if they asked to see him. Since the information has been furnished in confidence, it is not being given the Department.

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A telephone number written in Portuguese, which was among notes found in Ray's possession when he was arrested, has been determined to be the telephone number of the South African Embassy in Lisbon, Portugal. That Embassy has no

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knowledge of Ray. A check of banking institutions in Li[redacted]on relative to Ray has been unproductive to date.

ACTION:

For your information. In accordance with the Attorney General's request that Assistant Attorney General Pollak be kept advised of pertinent developments, there is attached a letter to Mr. Pollak. This case is continuing to receive high priority attention. A copy is being furnished Mr. Vinson in accordance with his request of June 15, 1968.