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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 10/11/68

FROM RHJ EHD SAC, Memphis (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed are two Xerox copies of a letter and envelope addressed by subject JAMES EARL RAY to Mr. ARTHUR HANES, SR., Attorney, 617 Frank Nelson Bldg., Birmingham, Ala. This letter was written by RAY, 10/3/68, while incarcerated in Shelby County Jail, Memphis, Tenn.

Copies of this letter are furnished to the Bureau for information only.

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J. RAY
COUNTY JAIL
MEMPHIS, TENN.

To Mr. Arthur Hanes Sr. attorney.
617 - Frank Nelson Bldg,
Birmingham, Alabama
35203

10-3-68

Dear Mr. Hanes;

I'll just write a short letter to let you know everything is allright, am still gaining weight and sleeping 8 1/2 hrs a day. Jerry is coming down shortly but am going to have him wait until I see you again. since I want to give him them papers also if you have one of them black power of attorney I want him to have one of them. I will close for now.

Sincerely
Lonnie

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TO : Director, FBI (44-38861) DATE: 10/14/68

FROM : SAC, Memphis (44-1982) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Submitted herewith for the Bureau's information are two copies of an Order issued by Judge W. PRESTON BATTLE, Memphis, Tenn., relative to seating accommodations in the courtroom in anticipation of forthcoming trial.

Also submitted are two copies of an "Order on Scire Facias," issued by Judge BATTLE.

In addition to the above Orders issued by Judge BATTLE, there are enclosed two copies each of the following:

Letter prepared by subject JAMES EARL RAY to his brother JERRY, dated October 14, 1968.

Letter dated October 9, 1968, addressed to subject by his brother, JERRY RAY, St. Louis, Mo.

Letter dated October 14, 1968 from subject to Attorney ARTHUR HANES.

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J. RAY
MEMPHIS, TENN.
COUNTY JAIL.

To. Mr. Arthur Hones
Att. at Law.
Birmingham, Alabama
35203

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DATE 3/13/80 BY [illegible]

Oct-14-68

Dear Mr. Hones;

I will just write a short note, everything is about the same, the papers have been writing about 2 articles everyday about the case, the last article took up the whole front page of the 2nd. section. I guess they had a late briefing from the states attorney office as they came up with a couple new theory's, also bring me up a set of beads as am suppose to be a hippie according to the last article, the main reason I am writing this letter is to say

Oct-14-68

To you on att. Gen Clark from England.
I read in the paper a couple of days ago where
the federal courts are using this tactic to
get convictions.
well I suppose that's all for now

Sincerely
James E. Ray.
Memphis County Jail

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Date: 10-24-68

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Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
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Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN

Foreign Gov't Agency and info

Submitted herewith for the information and assistance of the Bureau are three items of correspondence. The first is [redacted] The second letter was prepared by JAMES EARL RAY and forwarded to Honorable W. PRESTON BATTLE, Criminal Courts Building, Memphis, Tennessee. The third is from subject RAY to his attorney, ARTHUR HANES.

Of significance, RAY in his letter to HANES requests that Mr. HUIE not go to any of the addresses in Miami until after the trial. In this connection, RAY also states "that part of the story just covers a few days anyhow and is not too important."

The above material is being furnished for the Bureau's information.

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J. RAY
COUNTY JAIL
MEMPHIS, TENN

To. Mr. Arthur Hanes, atty.
617 - Frank Nelson Bldg.
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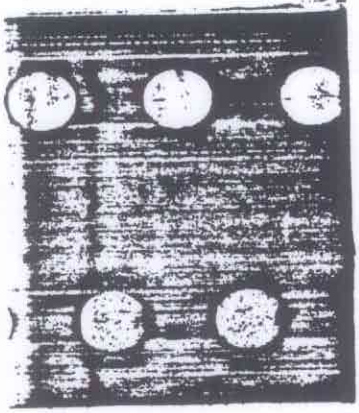
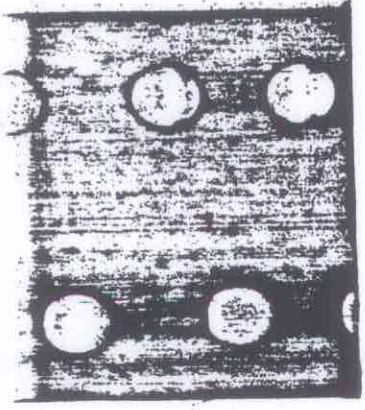
35203





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Dear Mr. Hanes;

I was thinking about that long list of witnesses yesterday. It seems most of them resulted from Mr. Huie going to Chicago. Therefore ask him not to go to any of the addresses in Miami until after the trial starts, That way if Clark send a couple division down there it will be to late to put them on the witness list. That part of the story just covers a few days anyhow and is not to important, also if you didn't destroy these papers just send all of them to Jerry.

That all for now.

Sincerely, J. Ray

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1 - Mr. Long

To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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MURKIN

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In your teletype of 9/30/68, you advised that in the motion filed by Arthur J. Hanes, Ray's attorney, in Shelby County Criminal Court, Memphis, Tennessee, pertaining to Ray's corresponding with his attorney, Judge W. Preston Battle, ruled that written notes exchanged between Ray and his attorney are privileged; however, the Shelby County Sheriff or his designated agent has the authority to peruse these notes to determine if there is any attempt to breach security of the jail. These notes should not be perused for the purpose of ascertaining the full contents of the messages.

In view of the above order of W. Preston Battle, you should not accept any written communication from the [redacted] regarding correspondence between Ray and other individuals. If it is not in violation of the court order you may accept information from the [redacted] if he volunteers this information and it is on an oral basis only.

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This communication is advising Memphis not to accept any written communication from [redacted] regarding Ray's correspondence therein, they may accept information on an oral basis from [redacted] Memphis also being instructed to insure that the acceptance of this oral information is not in violation of the court order.

Prior information indicates that Ray has been in contact with J. B. Stoner with a view towards engaging him as counsel, although Hanes continues to be Ray's attorney of record.

FBI

Date: 10/31/68

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