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Memorandum

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This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King.

SAC Jensen called to advise he had talked to District Attorney Phil Canale concerning the possibility of interviewing James Earl Ray. Canale indicated he had no objection to such an interview and saw no reasons why there would be any objections raised.

The Houston Office advised SAC Jensen at Memphis that Attorney Percy Foreman had no objection to our interviewing Ray. He said he talked to him for about 50 hours but did not go into the facts of the case. Foreman was of the opinion that Ray was a racist and he did not think that he would be very cooperative.

The Commissioner of Corrections for the State of Tennessee who has charge of the prison at Nashville in which Ray is confined has consented to an interview.

SAC Jensen plans to be in Nashville tomorrow and be able to make contact with the prison official sometime in the early afternoon in order to make the first contact with Ray. He will then be able to size up Ray's attitude and follow up with an interview the following day and until such time as all possibility of getting information from Ray is exhausted.

It is recalled Deputy Assistant Attorney General Owen of the Civil Rights Division asked to be advised when we plan to interview Ray. He indicated he had no objection to such an interview but wanted to be advised. If approved, we will let him know at such time as the interview is under way.

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