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Memorandum

TO: Mr. DeLoach

FROM: A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: March 13, 1969

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

Reference is made to previous memoranda concerning Jensen's plan to interview subject Ray in the above-entitled matter at the Tennessee State Penitentiary, Nashville, Tennessee.

I had previously advised that Jensen had entered the maximum security building of the institution at 3:44 p.m. This information was furnished to the Director's Office immediately thereafter.

It is also pointed out that the steps outlined and the Director's comments concerning the need to make no public statement as the press and TV would descend on the penitentiary en masse were brought to the attention of Assistant Attorney General Leonard of the Civil Rights Division after Jensen had started his interview with Ray today. Mr. Leonard indicated he fully agreed that any publicity at this time would be most undesirable.

Mr. Leonard asked to be informed of developments which might have a bearing on this matter as it will be necessary to decide, in the event Ray is not cooperative and there is no possibility of further getting any cooperation from him, as to whether he should be brought before a Federal Grand Jury and be questioned under oath concerning the existence of coconspirators.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN: In accordance with the Director's instructions, the results of the interview of subject Ray by SAC Jensen will be furnished to the Director before any further action is taken to disseminate such information to the Department. It is noted that Leonard indicated he was in close touch with the Attorney General in this matter and is anxious to know of developments. The information will therefore not be furnished to Mr. Leonard until it receives the Director's approval.

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