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TO : Mr. DeLoach

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: October 4, 1968

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Bishop

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

Judge W. Preston Battle, Criminal Court, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, who is handling the state trial of James Earl Ray, furnished us a letter sent to him by Ray. The judge provided us this letter for our information.

The letter which is dated September 12, 1968, states Ray is calling attention to three articles written about him, namely: a "Readers Digest" article by Jeremiah O'Leary; a photograph and article appearing in a tabloid called "The Inquirer," and a story written by William Bradford Huie appearing in "The Commercial Appeal," - a Memphis newspaper. Ray states that he intends to file libel suits.

Ray expresses displeasure with Huie's article in that it depicts Ray as being only interested in money and in exposing some persons or organization. Ray states "for the record, both public and private, I don't know anyone to expose and I want to disassociate myself from this article."

Ray concludes his letter by stating he is going to sendthese stories to the Ethical Committee of the American Bar Association.

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ACTION:

For information. The Department is being advised.

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