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Memorandum

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: May 9, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
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PURPOSE: To recommend the installation of a technical surveillance (TESUR) on the telephones of Albert and Carol Pepper, St. Louis, Missouri, and the telephone listed to the Grapevine Tavern in St. Louis, Missouri, owned by Carol Pepper, subject's sister, and operated by John Larry Ray, subject's brother, and the installation of a microphone surveillance at the residences of Carol Pepper, and John Larry Ray, and at the Grapevine Tavern. These installations could assist in the early apprehension of the subject, which could possibly be instrumental in reducing the stresses and tension placed on our national security subsequent to the death of Martin Luther King, Jr.

BACKGROUND: We are presently conducting exhaustive and extensive investigation to determine the present whereabouts of the subject James Earl Ray, who is one of the TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES. Although many hundreds of interviews have been conducted and leads run out, we have not been able to locate the subject nor have we located any person who can furnish us any information as to the subject's present whereabouts. It has been determined that Carol Pepper, the sister of the subject, and John Larry Ray, the brother of the subject, are the closest relatives to him. Carol is married to Albert Pepper and they reside at 2025 Belleview, St. Louis, Missouri, telephone number 645-2948. John Larry Ray resides at 1900 A Cherokee, St. Louis, Missouri, no telephone listed. Carol presently owns the Grapevine Tavern, 1982 Arsenal, St. Louis, Missouri, telephone number PR 6-9417. This tavern is operated by John Larry Ray.

John Larry Ray has expressed a cooperative attitude; however, it is felt that he is not giving us complete and accurate information. Carol Pepper refuses to submit to interview and is not cooperative. It is felt that if the subject telephones or personally contacts any of the relatives, it will most likely be Carol Pepper or brother John Larry Ray.

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RECOMMENDATION: That a technical surveillance be installed on the telephones of Albert and Carol Pepper and the Grapevi[illegible] Tavern and a microphone surveillance be installed at the residences [illegible] Albert and Carol Pepper and John Larry Ray and at the Grapevi[illegible] Tavern.

Attached for approval is a memorandum to the Attorney General requesting authority for this coverage. It is doubtful that A.G. will approve. These could be of great assistance.

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ROUTE IN ENVELOPE

The Attorney General

JUNE

May 13, 1968

Director, FBI

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

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

James Earl Ray has been identified as the subject in the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Extensive investigation has been conducted, and no information has been developed indicating his present whereabouts. In order to possibly assist in locating and apprehending the subject, it would be of extreme value to know if the subject has made any contact, either personal or by telephone, with his sister, Carol Pepper, as well as his brother, John Larry Ray.

In view of the above, it is requested that you authorize installation of a technical surveillance at the residence of Carol Pepper and at the Grapevine Tavern, owned by Carol Pepper and operated by John Larry Ray. It is also requested that you authorize installation of microphone surveillances on the residences of Carol Pepper, and John Larry Ray, as well as the Grapevine Tavern.

These installations could assist in the early apprehension of the subject, which could possibly be instrumental in reducing the stresses and tension placed on our national security subsequent to the death of Martin Luther King, Jr.

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NOTE: See memorandum A. Rosen to Mr. DeLoach dated 5-9-68, caption "MURKIN," RE: org.

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