

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM: TAMPA (157-3231)

MURKIN

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RE TAMPA AIRTEL WITH ENCLOSED LHM JULY 2, 1974.

RE TAMPA AIRTEL WITH ENCLOSED LHM DTS FORIN THE

RESULTS OF AN INTERVIEW ON JULY 1, 1974, OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], A STAFF SERGEANT, USAF, AT MACDILL AFB, FLA.

DURING THE COURSE OF THE INTERVIEW, WERHINI INDICATED THAT

HIS FATHER WHO DIED IN AUGUST, 1970, HAD BEEN [REDACTED] AT THE

FULTON COUNTY JAIL, ATLANTA, GA., FOR 6 YEARS. ACCORDING TO

[REDACTED] HIS FATHER HAD OBTAINED THREE SIGNED STATEMENTS FROM

"HARD CORE" CONVICTS IN THE FULTON COUNTY JAIL AND EACH

STATEMENT STATED THAT THESE CONVICTS HAD BEEN APPROACHED BY

VERY INFLUENTIAL BUSINESSMAN TO KILL DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING,

JR., FOR \$100,000.

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EX 103

ON DECEMBER 12, 1975, [REDACTED]

TELEPHONICALLY

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CONTACTED THE TAMPA OFFICE AND ADVISED THAT [REDACTED]

A REPORTER FOR THE "ST. PETERSBURG TIMES" HAD CONTACTED [REDACTED]

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ON DECEMBER 12, 1975, AND REQUESTED THAT [REDACTED] TELEPHONE  
COLLECT TO [REDACTED] A REPORTER FOR THE "NEW YORK TIMES"  
AT TELEPHONE NUMBER 202 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT HE  
SUBSEQUENTLY CONTACTED [REDACTED] WHO INDICATED THAT HE DESIRED  
TO COME TO TAMPA, FLORIDA, TO INTERVIEW [REDACTED] CONCERNING  
INFORMATION THAT [REDACTED] HAD PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED TO THE FBI.  
[REDACTED] STATED THAT FROM HIS CONVERSATION WITH [REDACTED] IT  
WAS OBVIOUS TO HIM THAT [REDACTED] HAD THE RESULTS OF THE  
INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED] BY A TAMPA FBI AGENT ON JULY 1, 1974.  
[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT HE DID NOT GIVE A DEFINITE ANSWER TO  
[REDACTED] BUT INDICATED THAT HE WOULD CONTACT [REDACTED] AND  
FURNISH A DEFINITE ANSWER TO HIM AS TO WHETHER HE DESIRED TO  
BE INTERVIEWED.

[REDACTED] DESIRED TO KNOW HOW A REPORTER FROM THE "NEW YORK  
TIMES" OBTAINED THE RESULTS OF HIS INTERVIEW ON JULY 1, 1974.  
[REDACTED] WAS ADVISED THAT THE TAMPA OFFICE WAS NOT AWARE AS TO  
THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH [REDACTED] COULD OBTAIN THE RESULTS  
OF THE INTERVIEW CONDUCTED OF [REDACTED] BY TAMPA AGENT. [REDACTED]  
SUBSEQUENTLY ADVISED THAT HE PLANS TO CONTACT [REDACTED] AND HAVE  
[REDACTED]

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ADVISE [REDACTED] THAT HE DOES NOT DESIRE TO BE INTERVIEWED  
BY [REDACTED] INASMUCH AS [REDACTED] APPARENTLY HAS ALL OF THE  
INFORMATION THAT HE PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED TO THE FBI. IN  
ADDITION [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT HE WILL ADVISE [REDACTED] HE IS  
FEARFUL OF HIS LIFE IF IT BECOMES PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE THAT HE  
FURNISHED INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FACT THAT VERY INFLUENTIAL  
BUSINESSMEN PLOTTED TO KILL DR. KING.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO ADVISE TAMPA CONCERNING [REDACTED] OBTAINING  
RESULTS OF TAMPA INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED]

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To: SAC, Tampa (157-3231).  
From: Director, FBI (44-38861) *6009*<sup>1</sup> - Mr. Lawn  
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ReTPtel 12/12/75. *EX 103*

For your information, a copy of Tampa LHM dated 7/2/74 was forwarded to the Civil Rights Division, U. S. Department of Justice, when received. No additional dissemination was made by FBIHQ.

Unless TP files indicate that further dissemination was made by your Division, advise *[redacted]* along these lines if he makes any further inquiries on this aspect.

SuLHM setting out information contained in referenced communication.

JCL:bap (4)

NOTE: By teletype dated 12/12/75, TP advised that *[redacted]* who had furnished information relative to the MURKIN investigation, was recently contacted by a representative of the news media and questioned about the information furnished to the FBI.

TP requested that FBIHQ advise whether any dissemination made which initiated this press inquiry.

(LHM dated 7/2/74 was furnished to CRD on 7/5/74.)

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