

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach *JD*

DATE: March 7, 1969

FROM : A. Rosen *AR*

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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

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 DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
 Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
 Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
 Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
 Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
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*Reddy*

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

Judge W. Preston Battle, Criminal Court, Memphis, Tennessee, has advised that Percy Foreman, attorney for James Earl Ray, requested permission to have Ray in court Memphis, Tennessee, at 9:30 a.m. Monday, March 10, 1969. Judge Battle expressed the opinion that Mr. Foreman desires to enter a guilty plea (state charge of murder) on Ray's behalf at that time, although, the Judge professed not to have specific information on this point. Judge Battle requested that this matter be given no publicity whatsoever.

ACTION:

This is for information. SAC, Jensen, is closely following this matter and will keep the Bureau advised.

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FBI-James Earl Ray, #9-48408, Serials 1-4; #62-587, Serial 1221; # 62 -115530, Serials 5548, 5548(sic); #72-1840, Serial 92; #91-23709; #91 -27494; #91-29446; ~~100-351938~~; 100-440423; 105-66233 Serial 2750; 157 -17256, Serial 38; 157-19284

72-1840-92 is of 10/7/58. NO on alleged threats to influence testimony of Edward Grady Partin, meaning Hoffa case. One page of a tape transcript is attached. Could be between Garrison and Jack Martin.

This files is an odd collection of flotsam and jetsam. Why it was collected is not apparent. I has some of the extraneous, like a non-account of Jerry showing the Nazi he caught stealing Stoner's files and a threat against a Stoner meeting.

FBI-Jim Lesar - 15 pp. Personal files, first threat from Robert Clayton Cole, Hamilton, O.

W. Preston Battle, Extortion, 9-48367, Serials 1-17, 92 pp. Cards written him, Hanes and Sheriff Morris demanding he decide the case the KKK way.

Second file on Battle 44-28131, 8 Serials. Civil rights complaint of Harold Ward Yates.

Third, 44-30948, 12 pp., civil rights complaint of Douglas Lanier. This one shows no disposition.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P  
MURKIN

Captain J. C. RAY, Memphis Police Department, in charge of security of subject RAY, has confidentially advised that Judge W. PRESTON BATTLE, Shelby County Criminal Court, Memphis, has received a letter from MARYA and LARSA VAN DOORNEN, 17010 Carpintero Avenue, Bellflower, California, dated 8-3-68, requesting the address of subject's attorney, ARTHUR J. HARES. This letter states in part, "to have a number of things we would like to tell the defense."

Los Angeles should discreetly determine identity of the VAN DOORNENS and, if possible, determine what, if any, connection they might have had with subject RAY.

UACB, no attempt should be made to interview these persons except possibly under a suitable pretext, as we do not desire to invite charges of interfering with the subject's defense.

- 3 BUREAU
- 2 LOS ANGELES (AM)
- 1 MEMPHIS

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*Tommy - Bureau  
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that no action  
other than credit  
should be taken  
on this information  
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