Assistant Attorney General Civil Rights Division

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Director, FBI

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Enclosed is a copy of a two-page statement allegedly dictated by James Earl Ray to his brother Jerry Ray while at the Tennessee State Prison, Nashville, Tennessee. The second page of the statement bears the signature of James Earl Ray but, according to the individual who furnished copies of the statement, this signature was actually written by Jerry Ray.

This statement was read by Jerry Ray in a taped interview and after editing it, KMOX-TV, St. Louis, Missouri, broadcast the statement twice during the evening of August 14, 1969.

This is furnished for your information and no inquiries will be conducted on the contents of this statement. unless specifically requested by the Department.

Enclosure

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NOTE:

See Rosen to DeLoach Memorandum 8-29-69, EJM: jld, captioned, "MURKIN."

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