

Unlike Beckwith's this is a truly random selection. It is an extra copy I found in a folder I'd taken to Washington last week. The worksheets were altered to eliminate any reference to the Rosen to DeLoach memo. Instead, after that was obliterated, in the next column there is only "TO MEM FR DIR 3/12/69. There are a total of 5 pp. 4 were released. For the total withholding of an entire page and for the excisions in the memo (7)(C)(D) are claimed only. I doubt very much that either the obliteration or the withholding of the entire page mean that if the exemptions were justified there was nothing reasonably segregable. This was after the guilty pleas. And over Ray's objections Jensen did insist on seeing with him and remaining with him after Ray said he did not want to talk to the FBI. (That he did not was not unknown to the FBI.)

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: March 11, 1969

FROM : A. Rosen

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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

Assistant Attorney General Jerris Leonard, Civil Rights Division, met with Messrs. Rosen and Martindale in his office, together with his Deputy Robert Owen and Attorney David Norman. He was interested in two matters:

Item 1 re James Earl Ray (Murder of Martin Luther King)

The first matter concerned the disposition of the Federal conspiracy warrant presently outstanding concerning James Earl Ray, who was sentenced to 99 years in Tennessee.

Leonard stated the President would be going to take the position in a future press conference that the Federal Government was continuing to give intensive interest to the possibility of the existence of a conspiracy. Because of this, Leonard felt the Department ought to decide on the action which should be taken at this time and possible future procedure.

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After discussing such possibilities as the dismissal of the warrant, filing the Federal warrant as a detainer against the state process, interviewing Ray immediately or postponing such an interview, and the possibility of calling him before a Federal grand jury, the following decision was reached by Leonard.

He felt that, insofar as the timing was concerned, the most desirable procedure at this time without making any commitments by the Federal Government beyond what the President would say was to try to interview Ray at the earliest possible time. In this connection, he asked that we contact the SAC at Memphis (Jensen) and have him get in touch with Canale, the District Attorney, to determine whether the circumstances are such as to allow an interview with Ray at this time to determine whether he will give any information concerning possible conspirators.

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
Re: MURKIN

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

If approved, we will instruct the Memphis Office to immediately take the necessary steps to determine whether Ray can be interviewed. This will involve the possibility of clearance from Attorney Percy Foreman.

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1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long

TO SAC MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861) - 5612

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION THE CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION DESIRES IMMEDIATE ATTENTION BE GIVEN TO ANY INFORMATION BEARING ON POSSIBILITY OF THE EXISTENCE OF A CONSPIRACY IN THIS MATTER. DEPARTMENT DESIRES THAT INTERVIEW BE CONDUCTED WITH JAMES EARL RAY AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME IN AN EFFORT TO ELICIT ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING SUCH CONSPIRACY.

YOU SHOULD CONTACT DISTRICT ATTORNEY PHIL CANALE TO DETERMINE WHETHER CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD PERMIT INTERVIEW WITH JAMES EARL RAY AT THIS TIME. ALSO CONTACT SHOULD BE MADE WITH PERCY FOREMAN, THE ATTORNEY WHO REPRESENTED RAY, TO INSURE THAT THERE IS NO OBJECTION TO RAY'S BEING CONTACTED BY FBI TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT RAY WILL

FURNISH ANY POSSIBLE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ALLEGED CONSPIRACY.

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TELETYPE SAC MEMPHIS
RE: MURKIN

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TO CONDUCT INTERVIEW WITHOUT SPECIFIC BUREAU AUTHORITY.
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