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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: June 24, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This case involves the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

PURPOSE:

To request the Liaison Section of the Bureau to discuss with the State Department the feasibility of determining if subject, James Earl Ray, had an account at a bank in Switzerland.

BACKGROUND:

We have been, during the entire course of the investigation, endeavoring to account for the source of subject's funds. It has been estimated that since his escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary on April 23, 1967, up to his apprehension in London, England, on June 8, 1968, he has spent approximately \$12,000. We have not been able to locate any gainful employment of the subject. Unverified rumors from newspaper accounts in London mentioned the fact that subject possibly had a bank account in Switzerland; however, New Scotland Yard has not been able to locate any information whatsoever which would indicate a bank account in Switzerland.

It is virtually impossible to determine if an individual has a bank account in Switzerland as the Swiss Government very jealously guards this information. It is also known that accounts in these banks are numbered and cannot be identified under any names. In view of the magnitude of this case, the State Department may have had similar situations in the past in which an official request was made by them to the Government of Switzerland regarding information from the banks.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Liaison Section of the Bureau discuss with the State Department in line with the above in order to determine if an inquiry by the State Department with the Government of Switzerland could be made.

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