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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

DEPARTMENT

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Brennan, C.D.	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Dalbey	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	<i>[initials]</i>
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Walters	_____
Mr. Soyars	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

TO : Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation

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FROM : Jerris Leonard
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

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SUBJECT: Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.
CIVIL RIGHTS

Reference is made to your memorandum dated March 16, 1971 at Atlanta and to previous communications in the captioned matter.

It appears that Robert Byron Watson (Byron Watson) may have information pertinent to the captioned matter. Please interview Byron Watson fully with respect to all details of this matter and with respect to his background, education, employment, criminal record if any, and any other matters which may cast light on the creditability of his statements in connection with the captioned matter.

If the statement furnished by Byron Watson is substantially similar to that attributed to him and his mother by your source (pp. 3-5 of your memorandum of 3/16) or to the statement attributed to him by Ken Smith (my memorandum of 2/1/71, pp. 5-8 of attachment), please provide full background information on Byron Watson and his parents, and, in addition, please conduct the investigation requested in paragraph III (4.) of my memorandum of February 1, 1971.

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To: SAC, Atlanta (44-3388)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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Enclosed for Atlanta are two copies of a Departmental memorandum dated March 25, 1971. Two copies of the Departmental memorandum are enclosed for the information of Memphis.

Atlanta will immediately locate and interview [redacted] in accordance with Departmental memorandum. In addition, Atlanta will interview [redacted] mother of [redacted] for any additional information she may possess. These interviews must be in depth and resolve all aspects of issues involved.

As stated in the Departmental memorandum, if the statements furnished by [redacted] during the interview are substantially similar to that attributed to him by prior memorandum, you should conduct the investigation as requested by the Departmental memorandum of February 1, 1971, paragraph III, Item 4. This memorandum was enclosed to Bureau airtel of February 5, 1971.

Conduct the requested investigation and submit LHM to the Bureau within seven days of receipt of this communication.

Enclosures (2)

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NOTE:

Department in a memorandum dated 2/1/71, requested that we conduct considerable and extensive investigation concerning aspects of a possible conspiracy existing in the King assassination. The request was discussed with Mr. James Turner of the Department on 2/5/71, and as a result thereof, the Departmental request was considerably limited. The results of investigation were transmitted to the Department and the Department in their current memorandum is requesting that we interview an individual concerning the conversation which he overheard regarding the King assassination. Atlanta being instructed to conduct the requested investigation.