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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division
(Attn: Robert L. Keuch)
FROM : Director, FBI

DATE: 6/3/77

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SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Reference is made to _____ memorandum dated _____
(your file _____).

There is enclosed one copy of the report of Special Agent _____ a teletype
dated 5/31/77 at Birmingham, Alabama

- A. This covers the preliminary investigation and no further action concerning a full investigation will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.
- B. The investigation is continuing and you will be furnished copies of reports as they are received.
- C. The investigation requested by you has now been completed. Unless advised to the contrary no further inquiries will be made by this Bureau.
- D. Pursuant to instructions issued by the Department, no investigation will be conducted in this matter unless specifically directed by the Department.
- E. Please advise whether you desire any further investigation.
- F. This is submitted for your information and you will be advised of further developments.
- G. This is submitted for your information and no further investigation will be conducted unless specifically requested by the Department.
- H. This covers the receipt of a complaint and no further action will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

Enc. (1)

- Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division (Enclosure 1)

1 - Office of Professional Responsibility, USDJ
(Enclosure 1)

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SEE NOTE PAGE TWO . . .

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NOTE: The House Select Committee On Assassinations has requested all information previously furnished by [REDACTED] which is being handled by separate communication. For your information, [REDACTED] previously furnished information on a confidential basis and the previous information he provided was furnished to the Department relating to the Liberto matter by my memoranda dated 12/17/75, 12/21/76, and 1/25/77.

Also for your information regarding the attached, previous investigation disclosed that James Earl Ray was in Atlanta, Georgia, on 3/31/68 and on 4/1/68. On 4/3/68 he registered at the Rebel Motor Hotel, 3466 Lamar Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-33861) PRIORITY

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RECUCAL TO BIRMINGHAM MAY 13, 1977, REQUESTING CONTACT WITH [REDACTED] TO DETERMINE IF HE CAN BE IDENTIFIED TO THE HOUSE ASSASSINATION COMMITTEE (HAC) AS THE SOURCE OF INFORMATION REGARDING LIBERTO, ET AL. [REDACTED] WAS UNAVAILABLE FOR CONTACT MAY 13-30, 1977. ON MAY 31, 1977, HE ADVISED SA PATRICK J. MOYNIHAN THAT HE CAN BE IDENTIFIED TO THE HAC AS THE SOURCE OF THE INFORMATION HE FURNISHED. HE FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION GRATUITOUSLY: HE IS DISENCHANTED WITH THE HAC AND BELIEVES IT IS TOO POLITICAL. HE HAS NOT TALKED TO THEM (MR. EDDIE EVANS) IN ABOUT THREE WEEKS. EVANS DESIRES [REDACTED] TO BE IN TOUCH TELEPHONICALLY AT LEAST TWICE A WEEK BUT IS NEVER AVAILABLE WHEN [REDACTED] PUTS HIMSELF OUT TO MAKE THESE CONTACTS.

DISAPPROVES OF ALL THE TV PUBLICITY THE HAC RECEIVED IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, AND MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, A FEW WEEKS AGO, AND AGAIN BELIEVES THEY ARE "TOO POLITICAL."

THROUGH THE HAC, HE HAS MET MARK LANE. HAS NO USE FOR LANE AND ARGUED WITH HIM ON THE OCCASION WHEN THEY MET.

HAS CONDUCTED INVESTIGATION HIMSELF IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, RECENTLY. JAMES EARL RAY LEFT BIRMINGHAM MARCH 30, 1968, AND WENT DIRECTLY TO MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, ON MARCH 30, 1968. HE STAYED AT MRS. DEATON'S ROOMINGHOUSE ON PEABODY STREET IN MEMPHIS, AND INTERVIEWED HER APPROXIMATELY THREE WEEKS AGO.

DEVELOPED A "LIBERTO MAN" WHO SHOWED THE ABOVE ROOMING HOUSE. HAS NOT FURNISHED THIS INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEATON ROOMINGHOUSE TO HAC SINCE THEY HAVE NOT BEEN IN RECENT CONTACT WITH HIM.