

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : FILE (44-2386)

FROM : SAC JAMES J. DUNN, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 6/24/77

On 6/23/77, I received a telephone call from Supervisor JOHN HARDING of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Section, FBIHQ, Ext. 3572. He referred to our airtel and LHM of 9/8/75 (Serials 2332 and 2333 of captioned file.) This LHM incorporates a lengthy Atlanta PD report regarding subject matter. He noted that the KING assassination file is being reviewed at the Bureau in connection with a number of FOIA requests. He asked that Commissioner EAVES, Public Safety Commissioner, City of Atlanta, be contacted as to whether or not the PD report can be released under the FOIA or whether EAVES desired that an exemption be exercised to preclude this report being turned over to FOIA requesters.

On the afternoon of 6/23/77, I was in telephonic contact with Commissioner EAVES, and he indicated that he had no objection to the report being released. He indicated that he assumed that any names in the report would be excised. I suggested that he have someone from his Department review the report to make the decision as to which names should be excised and he indicated he would have JUDY WILLIAMSON contact me and that she would handle the review of the report for the necessary excising. It is to be noted that the report indicated WILLIAMSON had some input into the preparation of same.

I subsequently relayed the above data to Mr. HARDING at FBIHQ and he subsequently called me back and advised that a Research Analyst had reviewed this report at the Bureau and suggested that all names be excised from the report, with the exception of Commissioner EAVES and ROBERT BYRON WATSON. This matter will be pursued with JUDY WILLIAMSON when she contacts me.

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On 7/6/77, JUDY WILLIAMSON (telephone number 355-9380) advised that she had been in touch with Commissioner EAVES regarding this matter and he requested that the Police Department report not be released. WILLIAMSON noted that the report contained information received on a confidential basis from prison records and, also, that some of the people interviewed had requested that their identities be maintained in the strictest confidence.

Data received from WILLIAMSON was furnished to Supervisor JOHN HARDING at FBIHQ on 7/6/77.