

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: June 23, 1968

FROM : *John* McGowan

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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Assistant Attorney General Fred M. Vinson, Jr., Criminal Division, telephonically contacted [redacted] at 6:30 p. m., 6-22-68, regarding the extradition proceedings involved in this case. Mr. Vinson said that it is desirable to show the English lawyers that this crime is not one of a political nature; accordingly, he would appreciate having furnished to him as soon as possible the news articles in the first two newspaper coverages at Memphis, Tennessee, immediately following the murder of King.

Mr. Vinson said he needed these clippings to take to England when he returns there the first part of the week of 6-23-68. He also requested that he be called at this office Monday morning, 6-24-68, as to availability of such clippings.

**ACTION:** SAC Jensen, Memphis Office, was instructed to make every effort to obtain the clippings desired by Mr. Vinson. It was suggested to SAC Jensen that obtaining copies of the complete newspapers published immediately after the murder might be advisable so that the articles would be identified as to publication and date. He was also advised to dispatch the papers by airplane captain as soon as possible.

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On 6-23-68, SAC Jensen advised [REDACTED] that he had obtained two copies of the morning paper and two copies of the afternoon paper for 4-5-68, which set forth detailed information concerning the King assassination. The morning paper is the "Commercial Appeal" and the afternoon paper is the "Press Scimitar." He advised that no information concerning this shooting appeared in Memphis papers on 4-4-68, as they had been printed and distributed prior to the assassination. He advised arrangements would be made to have this material flown to the Bureau.

Subsequently, on 6-23-68, [REDACTED] Memphis, advised the material would be put on board Flight #132, American Airlines, leaving Memphis at 6:45 p. m., arriving Washington National Airport at 9:34 p. m. [REDACTED] advised that efforts to put this material on earlier flight were unsuccessful as the crew for the earlier flight changed at Nashville and did not desire to take the responsibility of transferring the package to another crew. Flight #132 is nonstop from Memphis to Washington. [REDACTED] Washington Field Office, was contacted and instructed to make arrangements to have the material picked up and delivered to Room 5710, Justice Building.

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