

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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Tele. Room	_____
Holmes	_____
Gandy	_____

TO : Mr. DeLoach *D*

DATE: May 17, 1968 *JH*

FROM : A. Rosen *ARM*

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. McGowan
- 1 - Mr. Long
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - Miss Gandy
- 1 - Miss Holmes

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr. *D*

The Director's Office advised General Investigative Division Duty Agent at 6:30 p. m., 5-16-68, that [redacted] Northwest, Apartment [redacted] telephone number [redacted] had called and asked for the Director. [redacted] stated that he was a personal friend of the Director and Mr. Tolson. He was advised of the Director's absence, at which time he furnished the following information.

do not know
[redacted] stated that while in the Town & Country Lounge of the Mayflower Hotel about five or six months ago a man sat next to him with his back to a post. [redacted] began talking to this person who identified himself as [redacted] (phonetic). They had a couple of drinks and during the course of their conversation, [redacted] told him that he had just been released from prison. [redacted] then asked [redacted] how much money he had and [redacted] replied - \$20.00. [redacted] then asked why [redacted] was spending \$1.00 per drink if he only had \$20.00. [redacted] stated that he wanted to know how bartenders mixed drinks in high-class bars.

[redacted] continued, stating that he felt [redacted] had paid his debt to society and offered to buy him a meal and [redacted] accepted. After leaving the hotel, they stopped at a cafe on 16th and M Streets, bought two cups of coffee and for no reason at all, [redacted] said to [redacted] "you're a copper" and said that he [redacted] had a gun in his pocket and if he [redacted] followed him, [redacted] would shoot him. [redacted] did not report the incident to the Metropolitan Police Department. [redacted] stated that he was thankful that he was not shot and has hesitated to tell anyone about this, thinking no one would believe him.

[redacted] stated that the purpose of the call was to advise the Director that he believes [redacted] is identical to the photographs of James Earl Ray and feels that Ray may possibly come back to Washington.

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

[REDACTED] Bureau files contain no identifiable information regarding

The above information was furnished to the Washington Field Office (WFO) who immediately contacted [REDACTED]. He stated he preferred to be interviewed on the morning of 5-17-68. WFO has advised that he will be thoroughly interviewed and shown Bureau photographs of Ray to determine if Ray is identical with the man he met.

ACTION:

WFO will immediately advise the Bureau results of their interview of [REDACTED] on 5-17-68, and you will be advised.

RJM

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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- MR. TOLSON ✓
- MR. DEWOLFE ✓
- MR. MOHR ✓
- MR. BISHOP ✓
- MR. CASPER
- MR. CALLAHAN
- MR. CONRAD
- MR. FELT
- MR. GALE ✓
- MR. JONES ✓
- MR. LOLLIVAN
- MR. TAVEL
- MR. TROTTER
- MR. JONES
- TELE. ROOM
- MISS HOLMES
- MISS METCALF
- MISS SANDY

[redacted] N. J., telephoned locally and asked to speak to the Director.

He was advised of the Director's absence from the office and was asked if he desired to leave a message.

He stated that he was a personal friend of the Director and Mr. Tolson, and he would like to relate to the Bureau an incident which he had been involved in about 5 or 6 months ago, which follows:

do not know him
[redacted] stated that while in the Town & Country room of the Mayflower Hotel, a guy sat next to him with his back to a port. [redacted] began to talk with this person who identified himself to [redacted] as [redacted] (phonetic). He said they had a couple of drinks and during the course of their conversation, [redacted] told him that he had just been released from prison. [redacted] then asked [redacted] how much money he had and [redacted] replied - \$20.00. [redacted] then asked why [redacted] was spending \$1.00 per drink if he only had \$20.00. [redacted] stated that he wanted to know how bartenders mixed drinks in high class bars.

[redacted] continued, stating that he felt [redacted] had paid his debt to society and offered to buy him something to eat -- [redacted] accepted. He said they stopped at a place on 16th & F Streets, bought two cups of coffee and for no reason at all, [redacted] said to [redacted] "you're a copper" and said that he had a gun in his pocket and if he [redacted] red him, [redacted] would shoot him.

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When asked if he reported the incident to the police department, ██████████ stated that he was thankful that he wasn't shot and has hesitated to tell anyone about this, thinking no one would believe him.

██████████ further stated that ██████████ is identical to the photographs of James Earl Ray, and feels that ██████████ (Ray) may possibly come back to Washington.

██████████ resides at Apartment # ██████████ at the above mentioned address and his telephone number is ██████████

SA ██████████ General Investigative Division, has been advised of this call and is following on it.

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