

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: March 14, 1969

FROM : A. Rosen

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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

Bureau is in receipt of a letter from a person who identifies himself as [redacted] Chapala, Jalisco, Mexico, in which he states that he is 73 years of age, a member of Alcoholics Anonymous, and is living permanently in Mexico. He advises that he has served time in Milan, Michigan, and he tries to help the law whenever it is possible.

[redacted] states that shortly after Martin Luther King, Jr., was shot (April 4, 1968) James Earl Ray was in Mexico, met with some Canadians, and possibly received his Canadian passports while in Mexico. He further advised that he has the satisfaction of knowing he tried to help the law. [redacted] advised that he reported this matter to our Agent in Guadalajara.

It is noted that Martin Luther King, Jr., was assassinated on April 4, 1968, and James Earl Ray departed Memphis on April 4, 1968, and arrived in Atlanta on April 5, 1968.

Ray arrived in Toronto, Canada, on April 8, 1968, applied for a passport on April 16, and was issued this passport on April 24, 1968. (Documented by interviews.) Ray departed Toronto on May 6, 1968, arriving in London on May 7, 1968, and immediately left for Lisbon. Ray returned to London on May 17, 1968, and stayed there until he was arrested by New Scotland Yard on June 8, 1968. This would preclude the statement that Ray was in Mexico after the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Review of Bureau files indicate that Coull has been the subject of Bureau cases and has been incarcerated on Federal offenses.

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Rosen to DeLoach memorandum
RE: MURKIN

ACTION:

There appears that no useful purpose could be gained in making any further inquiry regarding this matter as [redacted] is an ex-convict and an admitted alcoholic. It is recommended that [redacted] letter not be acknowledged as no useful purpose could be served.

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Rosen

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Chapala, Jalisco
Mexico
(March 10, 1969)

- Mr. Tolson ✓
- Mr. DeLoach ✓
- Mr. Mohr ✓
- Mr. Casper ✓
- Mr. Callahan ✓
- Mr. Conrad ✓
- Mr. Felt ✓
- Mr. Gale ✓
- Mr. Rosen ✓
- Mr. Sullivan ✓
- Mr. Tavel ✓
- Mr. Trotter ✓
- Tele. Room
- Miss Holmes
- Miss Gandy

Handwritten signature

To Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
F. B. I.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am an American Citizen age 73 years old, active and healthy. I thank God and Alcoholics Anonymous for my good health. Am living permantely in Chapala Mexico My income is \$90.40 Social Security per month. A. A. meets in my home 3 nights per week, 2 meetings in Spanish for Mexicans and 1 meeting per week for Americans. I meet many Ex-Convicts like my self. I served time in Milan Michigan which ended in 1966. I try to help the law when ever it is possible.

Shortly after Martin Luther King was shot, Ray was here and met with some Canadians, possibly received his Canadian pasports while here, in Chapala, Mexico. I recognized Ray from his pictures in the papers and other information. Reported same to your Agent at Quadalajara. The next day a Mexican federal Agent called on me, said he looked this man over in a resturant where I had reported seeing him, said he did not think this was Ray as he looked old, his disguise fooled this man. Ray was not seen anymore in Chapala. He could easily have been captured here, before going to England. I feel that my report to your Agent was ignored, perhaps a few of your men need A. A. "But that is water under the bridge now" I do have the satisfaction of knowing, I tried to help the law.

I am Yours Respectfully and Sincerely,

[Redacted]

P. S. God Bless you and yours.

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