

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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Mr. DeLoach *P*

DATE: March 11, 1969

FROM : A. Rosen *R*

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN

In connection with the Director's inquiry as to when Ray will be eligible for parole, the following is set forth:

On March 10, 1969, in State Court, Memphis, Tennessee, James Earl Ray entered a plea of guilty to murder in the first degree in connection with the slaying of Martin Luther King, Jr. He was sentenced to a term of imprisonment for 99 years.

According to Memphis authorities, Tennessee State Law provides that Ray will be eligible for release on parole with good time and honor time added in 33 years. It is noted that in 1960, Ray was sentenced to imprisonment at St. Louis, Missouri, for a term of 20 years on charges of armed robbery, and he escaped on April 23, 1967. It would appear that based on this record he owes a minimum of 13 years to the State of Missouri on the armed robbery charge.

ACTION: For information.

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