

Memorandum to MR. TROTTER  
RE: MURKIN

the press he encountered at police headquarters, he advised them of the school in the event they desired to publicize same. He specifically recalled talking to Ollie Thompson, News Director of local television station KTVH, and reporter Bernie Ward of the "Beacon." He was to have met Ward on 9/10/68 to introduce him to Bonebrake but Ward did not show up. He, therefore, instructed Lieutenant [redacted] to handle Ward when he showed up the next day. [redacted] had no further contact with the press and when he read the article in the "Beacon" on 9/12/68 quoting Bonebrake, he was shocked and expressed displeasure to Ward. Ward's only comment was "well that's news."

Lieutenant [redacted] acknowledged he introduced a member of the press, name unrecalled, to Bonebrake, who talked to him for a short period of time during a break in the class. At no time did he hear Bonebrake discuss anything concerning the Ray case with Ward or any other members of the news media.

Other members of the class interviewed and stated in substance that no members of the press attended class, and at no time did they hear Bonebrake discuss Ray case with any member of press. They said Bonebrake very briefly discussed case when questioned by members of class. He told them he had testified in England and that his testimony was that he compared latent evidence with known fingerprints of Ray and they were identical. They recall that Bonebrake cautioned them that this was a pending case and they were not to discuss it outside the class. The Ray case came up in connection with instructions on locating and lifting latent prints and was one of many illustrations used for demonstration purposes.

RECOMMENDATION:

*It should never have been used by Bonebrake as an illustration.*

That the attached memorandum to Assistant Attorney General Vinson enclosing two copies of Kansas City investigative report be approved.

*[Handwritten signatures: J. P. ...]*

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