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From: Director, FBI (44-38861) - 5031  
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The Bureau is contemplating comparing the latent fingerprints developed on the William Len Hotel registration cards concerning [redacted] and [redacted] in an effort to identify these individuals. You should, therefore, obtain elimination prints from hotel employees, law enforcement officers who may have handled these registration cards and any other individuals from your determination who may have handled these cards.

Submit these prints to the Bureau promptly.

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NOTE:

See memo Rosen to DeLoach, dated 8/5/68, same caption, REL:cs, with addendum of General Investigative Division.

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: August 5, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
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- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. McGowan
- 1 - Mr. Long
- 1 - Mr. Daunt
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SUBJECT: MURKIN

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr. This memorandum is in specific reference to the investigation conducted at William Len Hotel in Memphis, Tennessee, regarding suspects [redacted] and [redacted]

As a result of checking various hotels and motels in Memphis, Tennessee, regarding suspects in this matter, it was determined that an individual by the name of [redacted] and another by the name of [redacted] registered at the William Len Hotel in Memphis on April 4, 1968. \* On April 5, 1968, they made a hasty departure from the hotel taking a taxicab to the Memphis Airport. Investigation strongly indicates that these two individuals departed Memphis by Delta Airlines Flight No. 157, nonstop to Houston, Texas, on April 5, 1968, using the names of [redacted] and [redacted]

*\* THESE MEN USED NON-EXISTENT ADDRESSES WHEN REGISTERING ON THE DAY OF THE ASSASSINATION.*

This matter has been thoroughly checked with negative results in order to determine the true identity of these individuals. It appears that these two individuals may have been in Memphis for the possibility of committing some illegal activity or there as possible fugitives "cooling off" and departed immediately because of the pressure of law enforcement on the King assassination.

Memphis Division submitted the hotel registration cards concerning [redacted] and [redacted] and six unidentified latent fingerprints were developed from the card of [redacted] and five unidentified latent fingerprints were developed from the card of [redacted]

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Memo Rosen to DeLoach  
RE: MURKIN

RECOMMENDATION:

Since all other logical investigation has been conducted in an effort to identify these individuals without success, and in view of the possibility they may have been implicated as co-conspirators in the King slaying, it is recommended, if feasible, that the latent fingerprints developed on the hotel registration cards be compared with those of white Bureau fugitives between the ages of 20 and 35. It is noted that the best available information indicates that [redacted] and [redacted] are described as white males between the ages of 20 and 35.

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Memo Rosen to DeLoach  
Re: MURKIN

ADDENDUM OF THE IDENTIFICATION DIVISION: *N. E. McDaniel* /hs 8-6-68

The foregoing recommendation is premature. Of the eleven latent fingerprints developed on the hotel registration cards concerning [redacted] and [redacted] only two on one of the [redacted] cards are possibly susceptible to a comparison of the type recommended. The Identification Division has no information to indicate that the latent fingerprints are those of [redacted] or [redacted]. Prior to considering the recommendation of the General Investigative Division, the Memphis Office should submit elimination prints of the hotel employees and law enforcement officers who may have had occasion to handle the evidence. Upon receipt of such elimination prints the Identification Division will make comparisons with the latents developed on the hotel registration cards. This examination might very well eliminate the two latent prints on the one [redacted] card which do appear to be possibly susceptible to the recommended comparison.

If the General Investigative Division feels that on the basis of the information available to them that the costly, time-consuming examination which they have recommended is warranted, then it is suggested that the elimination prints be obtained before proceeding further in this matter.

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ADDENDUM OF GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION:

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In view of the important phase of eliminating [redacted] and [redacted] as possible conspirators in this case, we are instructing our Memphis Office to submit elimination prints. Upon receipt of these elimination prints, it will be recommended that the Identification Division compare the pertinent latents with those of white Bureau fugitives between the ages of 20 and 35. *vi*

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