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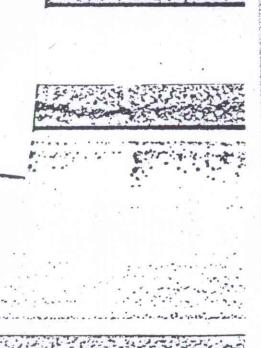
This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

William Bradford Huie contacted our Birmingham Office and offered to make available manuscript of his book on the King murder for review.

Huie is the author of three articles which appeared in "Look" magazine relative to the Martin Luther King, Jr., murder case. Huie's articles were based on his interviews with James Earl Ray and inquiries Huie conducted. We reviewed all of these articles and ran out all information not previously developed in our investigation and the results were furnished to the Department and Tennessee State authorities with Department approval. None of the information in Huie's articles materially affected our investigation. In his last article in "Look" magazine on the King murder case which appeared in the 4/15/69, issue of "Look," Huie concludes that Ray alone was the murderer of King and he had resolved all of his questions as a result of his investigation. There was nothing unfavorable to the FBI in the articles.

This may be an effort on Huie's part to later claim FBI approval of his book. It is, therefore, recommended that we not accept his offer.

If approved Birmingham and Memphis will be instructed in line with the above.



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REFERENCE BIRMINGHAM AIRTEL SEPTEMBER TWO, SIXTYEIGHT, CONCERNING PEQUEST BY AUTHOR WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE, HARTSELLE, ALABAMA, FOR NONPUBLICIZED PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY, IN EXCHANGE FOR WHICH HE OFFERED TO FURNISH CONFIDENTIALLY ALL INFORMATION IN HIS POSSESSION RE RAY. BUAIRTEL SEPTEMBER ELEVEN, SIXTYEIGHT, INSTRUCTED THAT REQUEST WAS NOT TO BE HONORED, THAT WE SHOULD NOT BARGAIN WITH HIM UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, AND THAT BUREAU SHOULD BE KEPT ADVISED OF FURTHER CONTACTS BY HUIE.

HUIE CONTACTED RESIDENT AGENT DECATUR. ALABAMA, LATE YESTERDAY. HE STATED HE HAS KON COMPLETED HIS BOOK ON THE JAMES EARL RAY STORY AND CONTEMPLATES SENDING THE MANUSCRIPT TO PRESS IN THEMTY DAYS. HE ASKED IF THE BUREC'SEROULD 1969 BE INTERESTED IN REVIEWING HIS MANUSCRIPT PRICE TO PUBLICATION FOR PURPOSE OF DETERMINING IF THERE WERE ANY DATA THEREIM OF PARTICULOR END PACE CHE

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PUBLICATION. HE INDICATED THERE WERE NO "STRINGS" ATTACHED TO THIS OFFER AND HE MAKES IT AS A MATTER OF COURTESY. HE SAID IF THE ANSWER IS IN THE NEGATIVE, THERE WOULD BE NO NEED TO RECONTACT HIM.

BIRMINGHAM RECOMMENDS AGAINST REVIEWING THE MANUSCRIPT,

CALLING ATTENTION TO THE POSSIBILITY THAT IF WE DO SO, HUIE COULD

LATER CLAIM THAT THE DATA THEREIM HAD BEEN CHECKED BY THE FSI.

MEMPHIS IS REQUESTED TO SUBMIT ITS RECOMMENDATIONS TO BUREAU.

- BUREAU REQUESTED TO ADVISE BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS IF OFFER OF HUIE SHOULD BE ACCEPTED.

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