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You should not honor the request of Huie as set forth im referenced communication, and under no circumstances should you "bargain" with him.

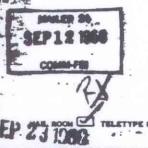
Keep the Bureau fully advised of any further contacts Huis may make with you.

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We have furnished information in the memorandum to the Department, and have advised them we will furnish the the information to Memphis authorities unless they nevice to the contrary. We are of course following this with the Department.



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DATE: September 10, 1968

1 - Mr. DeLoach

1 - Mr. Rosen

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1 - Mr. Bishop

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther

On September 1, 1968, William Bradford Ruie, author, whose books included "Three Lives for Mississippi," dealing with the murder of three Civil Rights workers in June of 1964, was . contacted by our Birmingham Agents at his home in Hartselle, Alabams, upon his request. Ruis requested that the interview be kept in confidence for reasons depicted in the information furnished.

Ruie stated that while James Earl Ray was incarcerated in London, England, he (Huie) entered into a contract with Ray to write the true account of Ray's activities and background concerning the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. This contract is also of interest to Ray's attorney, Arthur Hanes, inasmuch as the cost of the trial, including attorney fees, is dependent upon the commercial success of the contract. Huie has advised that to date he has invested approximately \$20,000 in this venture. Rule further relates he is in constant contact with subject Ray through Attorney Hanes in the form of written questions and answers by Ray, which includes names of cities, states, places, maps and individuals contacted by Ray, as well as activities from the date of his escape from prison to his apprehension in England.

Rule stated that to date he has been refused personal contact with Ray by Judge W. Preston Battle, the judge who will handle the trial, state of Tennessee. He stated that he is highly desirous is obtaining current non-publicized photographs of may which would be the character type rather than the mig shots REC 46

Baie stated he would be most willing to divulge all information he has received to date to the Bureau on a confidenthat basis, as well as all information he may receive in the ature on a current besis, provided the requests could be met

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Rosen to DeLoach memorandum

Mr. Huie advised that the Bureau is not attempting to influence, interfere, or suggest action taken by state officials or courts.

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We are running out information in Rule's possession developed through sources, regarding previously unknown activities of Ray between the time of his escape in April, 1967, and his apprehension on June 8, 1968. The Department has been alerted to Hule's contemplated "Look" story on Ray and has under consideration the question of obtaining a search warrant or subpoens duces tecum for his notes and/or calling Rule before a Federal Grand Jury. If Department declines to take any action on this information, we will furnish the information to the appropriate local authorities. This is being followed closely with the Department.

ACTION:

honored, and that Birmingham be instructed that under no circumetances should they "bargain" with him. It is further recommended
that this new information be provided to the Department and
authority be requested to furnish this information to
appropriate local authorities. Attached for approval is a letter
to the Department incorporating therein the results of contact
with Rule as set forth in this memorandum, and requesting Departments decision on a matter previously discussed with them.

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