

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: May 14, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. McGowan
- 1 - Mr. Long
- 1 - Mr. McDonough
- 1 - Mr. Martindale
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Gale
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Trotter

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This case involves the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

It has previously been reported [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] in Missouri State Penitentiary. [REDACTED] alleged he was told [REDACTED] that Ray has called [REDACTED] twice since King was killed, once from New Orleans and once from North Carolina. [REDACTED] steadfastly denies any contact with Ray since Ray's escape from prison.

The warden at Missouri State Penitentiary has advised [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has no integrity whatsoever, is completely unreliable, and only tells the truth when it serves his purpose to do so.

Records of Futura Books, Incorporated, Torrance, California, show three books were shipped to Eric S. Galt, 2584 Notre Dame, Est, Montreal, Canada, on 7/26/67. The books were "Unusual Female Sex Practices," "Sexual Anatomy" and "Sex Feeling in Men and Women." The order was received on a coupon from "Mens Real Adventure" magazine. It has previously been established that the subject lived at the above Montreal address in July and August, 1967.

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[REDACTED] previously alleged Ray was involved in a \$50,000 Southern bank robbery which was reported in the Chicago "Tribune" on about 6/23-24/67. The Chicago "Tribune" and the Bureau's bank robbery files have been reviewed without finding any reference to a robbery such as [REDACTED] described.

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[REDACTED] former inmate at Missouri State Penitentiary, has advised that Ray was well known to him in the Penitentiary. It is noted that Ray escaped 4/23/67 and [REDACTED] was paroled [REDACTED] between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] Ray [REDACTED] on South 11th Street in St. Louis. [REDACTED] in the general area of [REDACTED] Ray was poorly dressed, was wearing a mustache [REDACTED]

An anonymous male in separate calls to three officers of the Memphis Police Department, previously alleged that the man who planned King's murder and paid Ray has arranged for Ray's body to be discovered between 5/15/68 and 5/18/68 at a point fifty miles south of a place in Mexico which we believe to be Caborca.

Caborca is in the State of Sonora. It appears to be roughly fifty miles below the United States border and about eighty miles from Nogales. The area fifty miles south of Caborca is desert-like with inhabitants on only a few scattered ranches. [REDACTED] has searched approximately one hundred square miles in this area and has contacted each ranch with negative results.

It is noted that on 4/5/68 a Cessna Super Sky Master airplane was burned about sixty miles southwest of Caborca and about four kilometers from the ranch of Rafael Bland, an American national. Sergio Bland, son of Rafael, saw the plane burn from a distance but did not observe anyone in the vicinity of the plane. The wreckage is near a road which is practically impassable. [REDACTED] noted two sets of airplane tracks indicating that another plane may have landed. He found no bodies and no evidence of any recent grave.

The above plane was stolen from Miro Field, Rialto, California, on the night of 3/18-19/68. Later the same night this plane was serviced at Blythe, California. It was being piloted by a man described as twenty-six years of age who appeared to be an experienced pilot and who said he was en route to Dallas. The plane was repainted and its registry

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→ | number was changed after it was stolen and before it was burned. This
→ | plane, which is the subject of a separate investigation, does not at this
| time appear to be involved with Ray.

||| It has been determined by fingerprint comparison that the
→ | body found buried on the beach at Acapulco, 5/10/68, is not identical with
| Ray.

ACTION:

This case is continuing to receive top priority attention.

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