

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Inspector J. A. SULLIVAN

FROM : ASAC C. O. HALTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/11/68

Asst. Director AL ROSEN telephonically communicated with me at approximately 1:35 PM, 4/11/68, at which time he requested that the following information be obtained:

- (1) Was an autopsy performed on Dr. KING? If so, obtain copy of any written report. *Requested by letter -*
- (2) Did doctors who attended Dr. KING at St. Joseph Hospital make a written report concerning cause of death? If so, obtain copy of report.
- (3) From which place in Dr. KING's body was bullet removed? Did bullet actually sever spinal cord?

If written reports have not been prepared and will not be prepared in future, obtain oral statement from responsible authorities as to official cause of death. *Done*

Answers to above should be furnished by teletype and followed with transmittal of written reports by mail.

Memphis teletype to the Director, 4/5/68 (Ser. 20) in this case contained the following statements:

"Drs. J. N. BARRASSO and FREDERICK GOIA, St. Joseph Hospital, informed that KING was pronounced officially dead at 7:05 PM, April 4 last. They state death caused by bullet tearing major neck vessels and severing spinal cord at the root of the neck."

SA's ROBERT F. BOYLE and HOWARD D. TETEN have been requested to obtain answers to above immediately.

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