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The FBI clipped and filed newspaper stories extensively. On the "ing assassination, ^{alone} on Ray and on what was reported about the official investigation of the crime I have four volumes totalling 612 pages from FBIHQ file #44-38861. These clippings, in accord with practise, ^{in FOIA} are separate from regular Serials in the same extensive file, which also includes clippings. They are designated "Sub A."

Among the reasons for sending clippings to headquarters was public relations. SACs regularly asked that a commendatory letter go out over Hoover's signature each time there was favorable comment about the FBI or its work, especially when the papers wrote flatteringly about Hoover.

Those Memphis Field Office clippings relevant to the ~~Murkin~~ ^{Murkin case} case are Sub C in # ~~five Sections or volumes of~~ ^{are mounted} 44-1987. ~~They total 117 1167 pages,~~ ^{a separate} all on the special form the FBI uses for clippings. There is ~~one more~~ Section of clippings on the sanitation strike, MFO # 157-1092.

Interpretations of relevance are broad, so broad that they are part of the FBI's domestic-intelligence operations. An example is the indexing of the names of middle-class white women who complained ^{to} that Mayor Loeb ^{that he} was needlessly tearing Memphis apart with his anti-black policies.

Despite ~~the~~ misuse for blacklisting and similar purposes, for the kind of domestic spying that to now has escaped exposure, the FBI's clippings are a valuable historical record. Because I was able to obtain copies by the FOIA suit C.A.75-1996, they will now be available to all as part of the much larger and formerly secret FBI files on or relating to the assassination and ~~surrounding circumstances~~ related events.