

Although the political assassinations of the 1960s turned the country around and changed the world for worse, there is no proof that ~~they were~~ these terrible crimes were executed by the same assassins or that any of the assassins worked for the Government.

That these crimes of great evil served similar ends does not mean that they were by the same evil men.

J. Edgar Hoover, Founding Father as well as the Godfather of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, <sup>that</sup> did not order Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. be assassinated - and no matter how wrong, how wrong-headed he was about the black messiah he called the biggest liar in the country, no matter how evil and how unprecedented the monstrous crimes for which he is responsible.

Despite a series of investigations by both Houses of the Congress and a number of internal investigations by the Department of Justice, the full and unprecedented magnitude of Hoover's years-long campaign to <sup>ruin</sup> ruin Dr. King, to get him to kill himself, and to replace him with a black leader of the FBI's choosing, was not disclosed until I forced the FBI to disgorge those records ~~in~~ during the fifth year of litigation in my Freedom of Information (FOIA) lawsuit against the Department of Justice, of which the FBI is part. (Civil Action n. C.A. 75-1986 in Federal District court for the District of Columbia)

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~~XXXXXX~~ The mere inventories of the files compiled by the 59 field office of the FBI in Hoover's campaign against King, the incomplete lists of those files alone, are <sup>reflecting</sup> more than 400 pages long, ~~and~~ ~~an~~ ~~incredible~~ ~~amount~~ of records compiled at government expense. They also represent an extraordinary series of operations by government agents, all paid for by the tax-payers, ~~whose~~ ~~money~~ ~~Hoover~~ ~~spent~~ ~~as~~ ~~though~~ ~~it~~ ~~were~~ his own and ~~was~~ for all the world as though he were Heinrich Hitler reincarnated.

Nonetheless, he did not order King killed.

Rather did he control the investigation of that horrible crime, the most costly in our history, control being the name of the FBI's game. By <sup>seizing</sup> seizing control immediately - before the corpse could stiffen - in the first minutes after King fell,

slaughtered by a single, hunting-type .30-06 rifle bullet - Hoover ~~assisted~~ controlled what could and would be known. As the FBI was later to state in its internal records, when it was under criticism for the deficiencies of the King assassination investigation, it never investigated the crime itself. It merely conducted "a fugitive-type investigation." Its vaunted investigation, in which it compiled detailed accountings of all costs and boasted of them as though the amount of money it wasted were an accurate evaluation of the meaning of its effort, was no more than a manhunt, ~~for~~ the largest in its history until then, in which it never really got close to the man Hoover assumed was the lone assassin, James Earl Ray. (44-38861- )

In my lawsuit for its until-then suppressed records of its King investigation, FBI ~~anonym~~ <sup>MURKIN,</sup> the FBI was not able to produce any record of the Attorney General's authorization for its investigation. It did produce a record of a phone call from the then assistant attorney general in charge of the <sup>D</sup>epartment's Civil Rights Division, but that was not until long after Hoover had ordered his Memphis, Tennessee field office to move in and take over. (44-38861- )

In this lawsuit the FBI was and is, as it was and is in all suits against it, immune from the consequences of any offense. Perjury is commonplace in it. The judge banished one supervisory special agent of the FBI when I caught him providing <sup>phoney</sup> false records and swearing to a false affidavit but neither she nor the FBI punished him in any way. In fact he was an unindicted co-conspirator in an FBI conspiracy to violate the rights of many people in another political case and was suspended. But after this false swearing he was restored to full duty so he could serve the few years remaining until he could retire on a full FBI pension.

Nonetheless, if the FBI could have produced any authorization from the Attorney General for it to take over the investigation of the King assassination, the FBI would have produced it. rather than permit the inescapable conclusion that it moved in to control the case without his authorization.

Because of its immediate seizure of control the FBI was able to avoid all the ~~many~~ <sup>zzzzz</sup>

abundant proofs of conspiracy while devoting great effort in pursuing all the inherently incredible allegations of conspiracy. It is was solid, the FBI was indifferent. If it ~~were~~ was unlikely or impossible, the FBI bulldogged those reports.

Among prisoners seeking special favors there was an immediate cottage industry ~~of~~ for producing stories the FBI could be expected to like. Knowing this and that the stroyes were made up, the FBI was diligent in tracing them and recording the disproof of all of them.

However, when it came uppn pfoof that the crime was not committed as Hoover saw it in his instant vision, the FBI avoided that proof. When it could not avoid proof of Ray's association with others just before the crime as well as just after he escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary (MoPen) <sup>a</sup> ~~the~~ year before the assassination, the FBI, from its own records, avoided any investigation at all.

No wonder with James C. Hardin, who phoned Ray and left numbers at which he could in Atlanta and New Orleans be reached/and then went out to Los Angeles to meet with <sup>R</sup>ay only days before King was assassinated. James C. Hardin is the name of an FBI symbol informant. And when <sup>R</sup>ay left Los Angeles he drove to Atlanta, by way of New Orleans.

(To the FBI a symbol informant is one carried on its books with a symbol instead of his name, as a means of protecting the name even from others in the FBI. Usually a symbol informant is paid. He is distinguished from a soufce of information. The FBI has Provisional Informants, for a testing period. These are identified by the letter "P" before CI, for criminal informant, SO SI for "security" informant, and RI for "extremist" ~~racist/matters~~ informant. These are also identified by file numbers, 134 for "security", 137 for criminal and 170 for extremist. The FBI refuses to refer to its informers as informers. It prefers informants to avoid the connotation of informer.)

Hoover did have informers planted inside King's Atlanta headquarters. It had him covered by informers as well as by telephone tpas and room bugs wherever he went, as well as at his home and offices. Its excuse was the Hoover fabrication that King was domonated by Communists. Whe n the late William C. Sullivant, then head of Hoove's

Domestic Intelligence Division and the FBI's Number 3 man, reported that the most diligent investigation failed to show any Communist domination or of influence on King, Hoover ostracized him for months and finally forced him out of the FBI entirely. Such was Hoover's pressures that Sullivan had to eat humble crow and apologize abjectly to Hoover for being correct! (100- - )

Sullivan's death in a hunting accident on \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ was immediately hailed as another conspiracy by those who made careers for themselves as self-styled conspiracy theorists. They imagined that Sullivan had been killed to keep him from talking. In fact he had already testified in secret. Just before he was forced out of the FBI he delivered proof of Hoover's illicit activities, even the reels of tapes of electronic surveillances, to the White House. Sullivan saw to it that this proof was outside the FBI's control. What he could and would have said was no longer secret ~~xxxxxxxx~~ at the time of his death.

(The FBI never refers to tapping phones and bugging rooms. To it a phone tap is a "technical" or a "technical surveillance," acronym acronym "TESUR;" a bug is a "microphone surveillance" or MISUR; and physical surveillance, shadowing or tailing, is "FISUR." To hide these unconstitutional abuses the FBI pretends that what it learns from them comes from a symbol informant. The field offices dutifully assign an imaginary informant number to taps and bugs and in reporting the results of these intrusions it attributes them to a "a source who has provided reliable information in the past" or some other such stereotyped avoidance of disclosure of what it was really up to. The euphemisms were understood correctly at FBI Headquarters. But even headquarters was not referred to as headquarters. With characteristic Hooverian madness it was always "Seat of Government," contracted into SOG.)

The fact of the FBI's campaign against King was never secret because Hoover planted stories with those he could expect to be nasty and because he had titillating accounts given to Congress and others, including the President. The extent of this campaign was unknown, not the fact of it. Once details were made public by the Congress, beginning with the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, known as the Church Committee after its chairman, Frank Church, conspiracy theorists decided that Hoover and his FBI

killed King. The FBI was thus hoist on its own petard. It is this suspicion, endorsed by King's survivors and family, that led to the creation of the House Select Committee on Assassinations, or HSCA, and its wasting of the largest appropriation ~~of any~~ for any investigating committee in an effort to put down all criticisms of all official investigations of the assassination of King and President John F. Kennedy. Few Members of the Congress, not any on HSCA, was about to tangle with the FBI because political survival is virtually impossible. Not are any willing to tackle the CIA. HSCA didn't. It even failed to bring to light what I had already established in another FOIA suit, C.A. 77-1997, that the CIA campaigned against King, that it was worried over its violation of its charter in doing this, and that its files hold even the kind of litter that men carry in their pockets and wallets, secretaries' notes of person who called and are to be called with their numbers and addresses; receipts for minor purchases while travelling, even ~~copies of~~ <sup>+</sup> King's charge-card receipts.

Because it was not true and because there never was any reason to believe it, HSCA, obviously, had to conclude that the FBI did not assassinate King and thus to exculpate it.

Neither HSCA nor any other official investigation was ever of the crime itself. The plain and simple truth is that a decade and a half after King was assassinated there has not been any official investigation of it.