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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (C)  
MURKIN

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and three copies of an LHM containing information received from a confidential source of the Birmingham Office relating to the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

One copy of this LHM is being disseminated locally to the U. S. Attorney, Birmingham.

INFORMANTS

<u>Identity of Source</u>	<u>File Where Located</u>
BH T-1 is [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

This informant was contacted on 4/18/74 and he said he would be willing to assist this Bureau on a confidential basis concerning violation of Federal and/or local laws that might come to this attention. It is noted that he has an extensive criminal record and is known to associate with much of the criminal element in the Birmingham area.

- 2 - Bureau (Enc. 4) (RM)
- 1 - Detroit (Enc. 1) (info) (RM)
- 1 - New Orleans (Enc. 1) (info) (RM)
- 1 - Birmingham

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*The confidential source is*

*1-CRD Morris Davis who advised on 5/31/77 that he can be identified to the HSCA as the source of the information he provided. See BH 090F 12/17/75 teletype 5/31/77 and BH airtel 6/1/77*

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 3/30/77

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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OO: MEMPHIS

ReBHairtel, 3/21/77.

On 3/30/77, Major EMMETT DIXON, Alabama Highway Patrol (AHP), Montgomery, Alabama, advised that an AHP trooper had an informant who had been in contact with a [redacted] Birmingham, Alabama. [redacted] related information to the informant concerning a conspiracy to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING which involved FRANK LIBERTO and DR. GUS PROSCH. [redacted] indicated to the trooper's informant that the information had been related to the FBI, but apparently no action was taken.

Major DIXON was advised that the Birmingham Office had been in contact with [redacted] on several occasions, had taken all information in the possession of [redacted] and had furnished this information to FBIHQ and interested offices. DIXON was advised that Birmingham is positive that the FBIHQ had furnished [redacted] information to interested congressional committees, as [redacted] had stated that a representative of the House of Representatives Committee had been in contact with him.

The above is set forth for information of FBIHQ and Mobile. As Birmingham has had numerous contacts with [redacted] he will not be contacted at this time; however, Birmingham will continue to disseminate any pertinent information volunteered by [redacted]

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- 2 - Bureau
- 1 - Mobile (Info)
- 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info)
- 1 - New Orleans (Info)
- 1 - Birmingham

Approved: *KIRP*  
Special Agent in Charge

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# memorandum

MAY 31 1977

DATE: 1/15/77  
REPLY TO ATTORNEY:

**RLK** Robert L. Keuch, Special Counsel to the Attorney General

RLK:mal

SUBJECT:

Martin Luther King Assassination

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

TO:

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

The attached information was provided to me in my capacity as Special Counsel to the Attorney General. By separate memorandum I am forwarding a copy of the enclosure to the Civil Rights Division.

This information should, of course, be placed in the material available to the House Select Committee on Assassinations. The direction of any further investigative efforts would, of course, be the responsibility of the Civil Rights Division.

Enclosure

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*Memorandum*

TO: Robert L. Kouch  
Deputy Special Counsel  
to the Attorney General  
Martin Luther King Assassination

DATE: May 24, 1977  
CRN:RHUcvcet:pc:  
5-41-804

FROM: Ronald H. Hoevel  
Trial Attorney  
Tax Division

SUBJECT: Martin Luther King Assassination

On April 7, 1977, James Travis Buckley, J.B. Stoner and I met in the United States Attorney's office in Jackson, Mississippi, to complete discovery and work out stipulations in United States v. James Travis Buckley, Criminal No. J76-54(N). On May 14, 1977, Buckley, an attorney, was convicted on five counts of failing to file income tax returns for 1970 through 1974 and three counts of tax evasion for 1970, 1973 and 1974.

During the conversation on April 7, 1977, J.B. Stoner mentioned that he had recently received his Federal Bureau of Investigation file covering 1483 pages under the Freedom of Information Act. He stated that the file reveals that the Federal Bureau of Investigation had bugged his automobile and his telephone. He mentioned that the F.B.I. had treated him like Martin Luther King. Stoner went on to say that in 1957 or 1958, he had been approached by the head of an Alabama Klavern of the Klu Klux Klan. Stoner said that everyone knew that this man was an F.B.I. agent. Stoner said that this individual offered him \$25,000 to hire a rifleman to kill Martin Luther King. He remarked to me that he did not mind the F.B.I. killing an individual like Martin Luther King but he did resent their attempt and the attempt of the House Committee to pin the murder on a scapegoat, James Earl Ray. (J.B. Stoner had represented James Earl Ray on his appeal).

J.B. Stoner is one of the leading white supremacists and anti-Semites in the nation. He is the president of the National States' Rights Party and edits a racist newsletter, Thunderbolt, in Marietta, Georgia. Special Agent William Jack Sykes of Jackson, Mississippi, was also present when Stoner made these comments.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) PRIORITY

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REBUCAL TO BIRMINGHAM MAY 18, 1977, REQUESTING CONTACT WITH FORMER BH 1079-PCI, TO DETERMINE IF HE CAN BE IDENTIFIED TO THE HOUSE ASSASSINATION COMMITTEE (HAC) AS THE SOURCE OF INFORMATION REGARDING LIBERTO, ET AL.

SOURCE WAS UNAVAILABLE FOR CONTACT MAY 18-30, 1977. ON MAY 31, 1977, HE ADVISED SA PATRICK J. MOYNIHAN THAT HE CAN BE IDENTIFIED TO THE HAC AS THE SOURCE OF THE INFORMATION HE FURNISHED. HE FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION GRATUITOUSLY:

HE IS DISENCHANTZD WITH THE HAC AND BELIEVES IT IS TOO POLITICAL. HE HAS NOT TALKED TO THEM (MR. EDDIE EVANS) IN ABOUT THREE WEEKS. EVANS DESIRES SOURCE TO BE IN TOUCH TELEPHONICALLY AT LEAST TWICE A WEEK BUT IS NEVER AVAILABLE WHEN SOURCE PUTS HIMSELF OUT TO MAKE THESE CONTACTS.

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SOURCE DISAPPROVES OF ALL THE TV PUBLICITY THZ HAC RECEIVED IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, AND MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, A FEW WEEKS AGO, AND AGAIN BELIEVES THEY ARE "TOO POLITICAL."

THROUGH THE HAC, HE HAS MET MARK LANE. SOURCE HAS NO USE FOR LANE AND ARGUED WITH HIM ON THE OCCASION WHEN THEY MET.

SOURCE HAS CONDUCTED INVESTIGATION HIMSELF IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, RECENTLY. JAMES EARL RAY LEFT BIRMINGHAM MARCH 30, 1968, AND WENT DIRECTLY TO MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, ON MARCH 30, 1968. HE STAYED AT MRS. DEATON'S ROOMINGHOUSE ON PEABODY STREET IN MEMPHIS, AND SOURCE INTERVIEWED HER APPROXIMATELY THREE WEEKS AGO.

SOURCE DEVELOPED A "LIBERTO MAN" WHO SHOWED SOURCE THE ABOVE ROOMING HOUSE. SOURCE HAS NOT FURNISHED THIS INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEATON ROOMINGHOUSE TO HAC SINCE THEY HAVE NOT BEEN IN RECENT CONTACT WITH HIM.

INFORMATION FURNISHED BY THIS SOURCE IN THE FUTURE WILL BE RECORDED AT BIRMINGHAM AND FORWARDED IF APPROPRIATE.

AIRMAIL COPES BZING FURNISHED MEMPHIS AND NEW ORLEANS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

*Memorandum*

TO : Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division  
(Attn: Robert L. Kauch)  
FROM : Director, FBI

DATE: 6/3/77

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Reference is made to \_\_\_\_\_ memorandum dated \_\_\_\_\_  
(your file \_\_\_\_\_).

There is enclosed one copy of the report of Special Agent \_\_\_\_\_ a teletype  
dated 5/31/77 at Birmingham, Alabama

- A.  This covers the preliminary investigation and no further action concerning a full investigation will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.
- B.  The investigation is continuing and you will be furnished copies of reports as they are received.
- C.  The investigation requested by you has now been completed. Unless advised to the contrary no further inquiries will be made by this Bureau.
- D.  Pursuant to instructions issued by the Department, no investigation will be conducted in this matter unless specifically directed by the Department.
- E.  Please advise whether you desire any further investigation.
- F.  This is submitted for your information and you will be advised of further developments.
- G.  This is submitted for your information and no further investigation will be conducted unless specifically requested by the Department.
- H.  This covers the receipt of a complaint and no further action will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

Enc. (1)

- Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Rights Division (Enclosure 1)

1 - Office of Professional Responsibility, USDJ  
(Enclosure 1)

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*[Handwritten signature]*

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Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division  
(Attn: Robert L. Keuch)

**NOTE:** The House Select Committee On Assassinations has requested all information previously furnished by [REDACTED] which is being handled by separate communication. For your information, [REDACTED] previously furnished information on a confidential basis and the previous information he provided was furnished to the Department relating to the Liberto matter by my memoranda dated 12/17/75, 12/21/76, and 1/25/77.

Also for your information regarding the attached, previous investigation disclosed that James Earl Ray was in Atlanta, Georgia, on 3/31/68 and on 4/1/68. On 4/3/68 he registered at the Rebel Motor Hotel, 3466 Lamar Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee.



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