

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Gallagher

FROM : J. S. Peelman

SUBJECT: MURKIN

- 1 - Mr. Callahan
- 1 - Mr. Jenkins
- 1 - Mr. Adams
- DATE: 12/5/75
- 1 - Mr. Gallagher
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This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr., in Memphis, Tennessee, in April, 1968.

The purpose of this memorandum is to request approval for maintenance of the MURKIN file on a temporary basis in Room 5131 JEH, Civil Rights Section.

By memorandum dated 12-4-75, the Attorney General advised this Bureau that a review of all material pertaining to Martin Luther King, Jr. has been initiated by the Department. In this regard, the Department has requested the cooperation of this Bureau in handling requests for information contained in the Bureau files pertaining to Dr. King.

It is anticipated that numerous requests will be received from the Department which will necessitate immediate access to these files to facilitate file reviews and thereafter to respond expeditiously to the requests from the Department.

The Department set out in their 12-4-75 memorandum that this matter "... is of the highest Departmental priority".

ACTION: That approval be granted to maintain the MURKIN file in Room 5131 JEH, Civil Rights Section, General Investigative Division, on a temporary basis to facilitate the expeditious handling of the requests forthcoming from the Department.

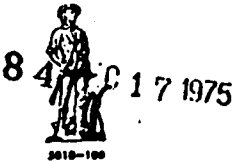
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