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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

Identity of Source

File Where Located

BH T-1 is [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.

ENCLOSURE

- 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 furnished. See BH 12/17/75 teletype 5/31/77 and BH airtel 6/1/77
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See file copy.

Approved: _____

Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____

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BH 44-1740

In August, 1974, it was noted that this source had been contacted at least once each 30 days since April, 1974 and failed to furnish any information of value. SA [redacted] noted at that time that it appeared that source had been attempting to gain information concerning current FBI investigations rather than furnishing information. Due to this fact, the informant's case was closed.

This informant's file was reopened recently when he was contacted in a routine investigation. He said that [redacted] in connection with this, source said he would like to help [redacted] in any way he could by providing information to the Federal Government. Since then, he has given some reliable information. This source has a criminal record and has been characterized by SA [redacted] who had an 87 case against source in which he was prosecuted, as a "pathological liar".



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Birmingham, Alabama
December 12, 1975

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 44-1740

ASSASSINATION OF
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
CIVIL RIGHTS

On December 10, 1975, BH T-1, who has furnished insufficient information to establish his reliability, advised as follows:

Source furnished information regarding the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He does not know whether this information is reliable or not but he first heard it several weeks before King was killed. He got this information from an individual named [REDACTED] (phonetic). He said that [REDACTED] showed him a rifle which [REDACTED] had in the trunk of his car and told him the gun was to be used in a "big killing". [REDACTED] said that the rifle was obtained from Aeromarine Company, Birmingham.

BH T-1 advised that after the assassination when [REDACTED] was drinking, [REDACTED] told source that King's assassination had been set up by King's associates, namely Dr. Abernathy, and that [REDACTED] job was to obtain the weapon to be used in the murder. [REDACTED] told source that James Earl Ray was only a decoy in the murder. [REDACTED] advised that the man responsible for lining up the killer(s) of King was [REDACTED] (phonetic), an underworld figure in New Orleans, Louisiana and a friend of [REDACTED] allegedly received \$265,000.00 for arranging King's murder and went to Detroit the day King was killed. [REDACTED] runs a [REDACTED] in New Orleans named [REDACTED] used to formerly spend a lot of time at the [REDACTED], Birmingham and that after James Earl Ray's picture was published in the newspaper, source said that he recognized Ray as an individual who use to meet [REDACTED] at the [REDACTED] a couple of weeks before King was murdered.

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BH T-1 advised [REDACTED] was a "gun nut" and that he has been convicted by Federal authorities on a firearms violation.

BH T-1 advised that he has not told anyone about this before because he did not think that any law enforcement agency would "touch" it.

It is noted that the "Birmingham News" for [REDACTED] carried an article captioned, [REDACTED] indicted on [REDACTED]. This article stated that [REDACTED] Jr. was indicted by a Federal Grand Jury in Birmingham on three counts of [REDACTED]. He was arrested at his home and charged with [REDACTED] and was released on \$10,000.00 bond.

On [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was sentenced in Federal Court in Birmingham to five years in custody of the Attorney General for [REDACTED]. He was also sentenced to two other five year terms to run concurrently with the first count.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

*Bill
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TO : Assistant Attorney General
CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION

DATE: 12/17/75

FROM : Director, FBI

ATTENTION: MR. HORN

SUBJECT: **MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS**

Reference is made to _____ memorandum dated _____
(your file _____).

There is enclosed one copy of ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ an LHM
dated 12/12/75 at Birmingham.

- 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

NOTE: _____ (PHONETIC) is _____ who with his brothers was interviewed in April 1968, the results of which interviews appear in New Orleans report 4/29/68.

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