

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION  
September 12, 1968

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The attached relates to a book being written concerning James Earl Ray. The attached also states that Humphrey Ward has purchased the rights to Ray's memoirs and that Ward and J. P. Stoner are paying Ray's attorney's fees.

It is noted that William Bradford Huie previously advised us he entered into a contract with Ray to write a true account of Ray's activities, and Ray's attorney's fee is dependent upon the commercial success of this contract. Stoner is no doubt identical with Jesse P. Stoner, Vice-chairman of the National States Rights Party (a vicious anti-Semitic, anti-Negro, right wing hate group based in Savannah, Georgia.)

Bureau indices negative concerning McDonald and Ward. Bureau indices indicate that McMillan has authored an article in the Civil Rights field. As recently as June 4, 1968, he visited Assistant Director Bishop's Office to advise he was writing a book for Little Brown and Company (publishing house in Boston) concerning assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. He was told the case was pending and we could not be of assistance. Department being advised.

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*Ward*  
*Stoner*  
*Ray*

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Date: 9/9/68

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FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) - P -

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On September 9, 1968, [redacted] Quincy, Illinois, advised that on this date he was contacted by GEORGE MC MILLAN and LAUGHLIN MC DONALD. MC MILLAN advised that he is a free lance writer who resides in Atlanta, Georgia, and had written articles for major publications such as Look and the Saturday Evening Post.

MC DONALD advised that he was a Civil Liberties Union attorney who resides in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. He told [redacted] he is presently on leave of absence from his position with the Civil Liberties Union.

MC MILLAN and MC DONALD advised [redacted] they are presently writing a book concerning JAMES EARL RAY and had contacted [redacted] inasmuch as he kept MELBA RAY, aka Melba Ryan, sister of JAMES EARL RAY, once as a foster child.

MC MILLAN told [redacted] he had learned that HUMPHREY WARD has purchased the rights to JAMES EARL RAY's memoirs and that WARD and J.P. STONER, who is involved in Right Wing causes and resides on the West Coast, are paying RAY's attorney's fees to Attorney HAYNES.

Both MC MILLAN and MC DONALD are contacting numerous people in the Quincy, Illinois, area. The source could furnish no further information concerning either.

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