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# Memorandum

TO: Mr. DeLoach

DATE: June 13, 1968

FROM: A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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| 1 - Mr. DeLoach | 1 - Mr. Conrad   |
| 1 - Mr. Rosen   | 1 - Mr. Sullivan |
| 1 - Mr. Malley  | 1 - Mr. Mohr     |
| 1 - Mr. McGowan | 1 - Mr. Bishop   |
| 1 - Mr. Long    | 1 - Mr. Gale     |
|                 | 1 - Mr. Trotter  |

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

*Walt*  
*Ray*

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

The attached memorandum is being furnished to Assistant Attorney General Stephen J. Pollak of the Civil Rights Division in view of the fact the Attorney General has stated that he wanted Pollak to divorce himself from other work and to supervise this case. The Attorney General also asked that Pollak be kept advised of pertinent information in this case. The material contained in the attached memorandum has been taken from cablegrams and teletypes, and Pollak is being informed that the information is based on preliminary communications and complete details will be incorporated in reports setting forth results of investigation.

Briefly, material being submitted concerns information that [redacted] has identified himself to the Toronto Police as the "fat man." He claims he found an envelope in a telephone booth and delivered it to Sneyd, the name Ray was using, at the Dundas address and that this was his only connection with the subject. Also included is an itemization of articles found among the effects of Sneyd at the time of his arrest in London including the revolver, camera, transistor radio, and articles of clothing.

Information is also being included that an individual using the name R. W. Trotter telephoned the Pentagon on June 7, 1968, claiming he was the killer of Dr. King and knew the girl in the polka dot dress who was at the scene of the shooting of Senator Kennedy in Los Angeles. Trotter was interviewed and denied making the phone call, and denied having any information concerning the murder of Dr. King or Senator Kennedy. He has a general reputation in Cunningham, Tennessee, his place of residence, of being unreliable, untrustworthy, and an alcoholic.

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In addition, the following information is also included: Charles Q. Stephens, the "wino" who was a witness in the rooming house in Memphis when the shooting occurred, has been located in Memphis by FBI Agents; the .38 caliber revolver Ray had in his possession when apprehended in London, has been traced to a man in Birmingham, Alabama, who sold it to an unknown individual answering Ray's description in October, 1967, (Ray was residing in Birmingham at that time); Ralph W. Carpenter, the York Arms Company employee who sold the binoculars to the subject, is confined to a mental institution, however, the physician in attendance stated that it is his opinion that Carpenter is competent when not involved in his current disorder and that it should have no bearing on the previous information he furnished; Ray was in Lisbon, Portugal, May 8 - 17, 1968, and reportedly consorted with local women; Ray is presently being held in Wandsworth Prison under unprecedented security provisions; Scotland Yard is continuing extensive investigation to develop information concerning Ray's activities in London; and that among Ray's effects at the time of his arrest was a memorandum or article setting out detailed description of the theory and specifications regarding silencers for firearms.

ACTION:

This case is continuing to receive high priority and the Department will be kept advised of pertinent facts.

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*Carpenter*

*Ray*

*Rosen*

*DJG*