

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Mr. Bishop *RM*

DATE: August 18, 1970

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: GEORGE MC MILLAN
COFFIN POINT
FROGMORE, SOUTH CAROLINA
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING
JAMES EARL RAY, CONVICTED ASSASSIN OF
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING

8-18-70
This is to record receipt of a letter from captioned individual, dated 8/14/70, in which he requested information for a biography of James Earl Ray which he is preparing for the publishing house of Little, Brown and Company.

Files disclose that, in connection with his book on Ray, McMillan appeared in your (Mr. Bishop's) office on 6/4/68 seeking our cooperation. At that time, you (Mr. Bishop) pointed out to him that we could be of no assistance since the Ray case was still pending investigation and that no additional information could be released other than previously issued press releases. In addition, files reflect that McMillan is a free-lance writer who was the author of an article entitled "The Birmingham Church Bombing" which appeared in "The Saturday Evening Post" issue of 6/6/64. The article was not unfavorable to the FBI. McMillan also was the author of an article which appeared in November, 1960, captioned "Racial Violence and Law Enforcement" dealing with troubles in Little Rock, Chattanooga, and Montgomery. The article was printed in pamphlet form by "New South" a publication of the Southern Regional Council which, in turn, was interlocked with the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, an organization cited as subversive by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. McMillan wrote some studies in 1956 on "Individual Rights and Civil Liberties" for which he was paid by the "Fund for the Republic, Inc." He has contacted several of our Field Offices in connection with his writings; the last of which occurred in August, 1969, when he reported to our Columbia Division an anonymous threat he received locally as a result of research he had been conducting on the bombing of a Negro church in Birmingham, Alabama. No action was taken on his complaint, and we have given him no assistance in the preparation of his articles.

7/17/70 Chicago S. P. A. L.

Enclosures (2) sent

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1 - Mr. Sullivan - encs.

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1 - Mr. Bishop - encs.

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(Attention: W. L. Martindale - route through for review)

1 - M. A. Jones - encs.

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M. A. Jones to Bishop memo
RE: GEORGE MC MILLAN

It is noted that the Civil Rights Section of the General Investigative Division has advised that while James Earl Ray has nearly exhausted all of the appeal remedies available to him under state law, process continues outstanding against him for violation of Federal civil rights laws.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the attached letter be sent correspondent.
2. That the attached memorandum, enclosing a copy of correspondent's letter to the Director and a copy of Mr. Hoover's reply to him, be sent to Jerris Leonard, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice.

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