

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-2386)

DATE: 4/17/68

FROM : SA DONALD P. BURGESS

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re: GARNER's Roominghouse, 107 14th St., NE

On 4/17/68, at approximately 2:00 p.m., a letter was noted on the table outside the room of the Manager, JIMMIE D. GARNER, addressed as follows: "CARTER M. PITTMAN, 107 14th Street, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia." The sender was indicated as "1320 Fulmouth Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee." No name of sender indicated. The letter was postmarked at Chattanooga, Tennessee. Date believed to be 4/15/68; however, the cancellation stamp was quite light and difficult to read and it may be 4/16/68.

It is to be noted that CARTER PITTMAN is a well-known wealthy segregationist lawyer in Georgia and the CARTER PITTMAN to whom this letter was addressed may be identical with this individual.

It is suggested consideration be given to checking out sender of this letter.

Lead assigned to SA HAMILTON.

② - Atlanta

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HAMILTON

Dear Jeff,

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Enclosed is a memo to SAC Ritt from one of the FBI SAs who was undercover at Garner's roominghouse, Donald P. Burgess. It is dated 4/17/68, which is after other records reflect that Burgess was withdrawn from his undercover assignment. This makes it hard to believe because nobody in his right mind would take a chance on Garner's having been so drunk he might not recognize Burgess as his recent roomer.

Also provocative is it that the "well-known wealthy segregationist lawyer" was getting mail at the rundown flophouse to which someone must have directed Ray.

If there was a checkout of the Chattanooga return address, 1320 Fulmough, I do not recall seeing it.

The memo is from the Atlanta MURKIN "main file," as it is called.

From a dependable source I have the warning that some of those who do not love me plan to do a number on me. I was not led to believe bombing with bombs. More likely some p.r. flackery, as they adeptly plant it.

While there has always been a fairly numerous Hate Mail club at BJ and FEL, it appears that the vigor of what I've been doing, my persistence when they planned for me to quit and probably a couple of recent decisions appear to have prompted some planning. Save for the fact that it is relatively high-level and involves others than the types with whom I usually deal I have few specifics. When the time comes I hope I will not lack friends.

Just this week, without any attention of which I know, I won a precedent FOIA/ Copyright case: copyrighted material can be within FOIA and is agency records for FOIA. In the suit for the JMK scientific tests, the oldest of all FOIA cases and the one over which the investigatory files exemption was toughened in 1974, the record seems to have the FBI and its friends uptight. They have records not provided and they have not embarrassed the fink district judge. I suppose they'll ask for an en banc rehearing or go up on cert to stonewall longer. They've undoubtedly wasted a quarter of a million or more on that case.

o they are unhappy. And can be hurt now.

Jim has been rushing to file motions for partial summary judgement to get some of the many outstanding issues resolved so he's had no time for checking. However, the Assistant U.S. Attorney also found the records missing and asked him about it. Odd. (These are those you found missing.)

No word yet on that biographical ~~statement~~ record I believe may be of the CIA's highly-placed anti-king man of whom you wrote.

Best wishes,