

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 10/11/68

FROM : SAC, Memphis (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed are two Xerox copies of a letter and envelope addressed by subject JAMES EARL RAY to Mr. ARTHUR HANES, SR., Attorney, 617 Frank Nelson Bldg., Birmingham, Ala. This letter was written by RAY, 10/3/68, while incarcerated in Shelby County Jail, Memphis, Tenn.

Copies of this letter are furnished to the Bureau for information only.

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J. RAY
COUNTY JAIL
MEMPHIS, TENN.



To: Mr. Arthur Hanes Jr. Attorney,
617 - Frank Nelson Bldg,
Birmingham, Alabama

35203

10-3-68

Dear Mr. Hanes;

I'll just write a short letter to let
you know everything is alright, am still
gaining weight and sleeping 8 1/2 hrs a day.
Liz is coming down shortly, but am going
to have him wait until I see you again,
since I want to give him the papers
also if you have one of their black
power of attorney I want him to have one
of them I will close for now.

Sincerely,
James

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TO : Director, FBI (44-38861)
FROM : SAC, Memphis (44-1982) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 10/14/68

Submitted herewith for the Bureau's information are two copies of an Order issued by Judge W. PRESTON BATTLE, Memphis, Tenn., relative to seating accommodations in the courtroom in anticipation of forthcoming trial.

Also submitted are two copies of an "Order on Scire Facias," issued by Judge BATTLE.

In addition to the above Orders issued by Judge BATTLE, there are enclosed two copies each of the following:

Letter prepared by subject JAMES EARL RAY to his brother JERRY, dated October 14, 1968.

Letter dated October 9, 1968, addressed to subject by his brother, JERRY RAY, St. Louis, Mo.

Letter dated October 14, 1968 from subject to Attorney ARTHUR HANES.

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J. RAY

MEMPHIS, TENN.

COUNTY JAIL



To Mr. Arthur Honee.

Att. at Law.

Birmingham, Alabama

35203

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Dear Mr. Honee;

Oct-14-68

I will just write a short note,
everything is about the same, the papers
have been writing about 2 articles each day
about the case, the last article took up
the whole front page of the 2nd section.

I guess they had a letter briefing from
the state attorney office as they come
up with a couple new theories, also
bring me up a set of beads as one
suppose to be a hippie according
to the last article, the main reason
I am writing this letter is to say

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To you on att. Gen. Clark from England.
I read in the paper a couple of days ago where
the federal court are using this tactic to
get convictions.
Well I suppose that's all for now

Sincerely
James E. Ray
Memphis County Jail

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FBI
Date: 10-24-68

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. Mohr _____
- Mr. Bishop _____
- Mr. Casper _____
- Mr. Callahan _____
- Mr. Conrad _____
- Mr. Felt _____
- Mr. Gale _____
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- Mr. Sullivan _____
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- Mr. Trotter _____
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- Miss Holmes _____
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AIRTEL **AM** (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN

Foreign Govt Agency and info

Submitted herewith for the information and assistance of the Bureau are three items of correspondence. The first is [redacted] the second letter was prepared by JAMES EARL RAY and forwarded to Honorable W. PRESTON BATTLE, Criminal Courts Building, Memphis, Tennessee. The third is from subject RAY to his attorney, ARTHUR HANES,

Of significance, RAY in his letter to HANES requests that Mr. HUIE not go to any of the addresses in Miami until after the trial. In this connection, RAY also states "that part of the story just covers a few days anyhow and is not too important."

The above material is being furnished for the Bureau's information.

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C. C. Bishop

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Special Agent in Charge

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COUNTY Jail
MEMPHIS, TENN



To Mr. Arthur Homer, etc.
617 - Frank Nelson Bldg.
Birmingham, Alabama.
35203

10-18-68

Dear Mr. Homer;

I was thinking about that long list of
witnesses yesterday. It seems most of
them recruited from Mr. Hume guy to Chicago.
Therefore ask him not to go to any of
the addresses in Miami until after the
trial starts, that way if Clark send
a couple divisions down there it will be to
lets to put them on the witness list.
That part of the stuff just covers a
few days on how and is not to implicate,
also if you didn't destroy these papers just
send all of them to Jerry.
That all for now.

Sincerely,
S. J. P.

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AIRTEL

1 - Mr. Long

To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)
From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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DATE 3/13/80 BY [signature]

MURKIN

Confidential Source

Bureau is in receipt of a copy of a letter from James Earl Ray addressed to L. F. Stoner, Savannah, Georgia, as provided to you by the [redacted] Memphis, Tennessee. This letter is [redacted] Stoner [redacted] to Memphis and states that Ray's brother will be in touch with Stoner.

In your teletype of 9/30/68, you advised that in the motion filed by Arthur J. Hanes, Ray's attorney, in Shelby County Criminal Court, Memphis, Tennessee, pertaining to Ray's corresponding with his attorney, Judge W. Preston Battle ruled that written notes exchanged between Ray and his attorney are privileged; however, the Shelby County Sheriff or his designated agent has the authority to peruse these notes to determine if there is any attempt to breach security of the jail. These notes should not be perused for the purpose of ascertaining the full contents of the messages.

In view of the above order of W. Preston Battle, you should not accept any written communication from the [redacted] regarding correspondence between Ray and other individuals. If it is not in violation of the court order you may accept information from the [redacted] if he volunteers this information and it is on an oral [redacted] only.

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NOTE:

Bureau is in receipt of a copy of a letter from James Earl Ray addressed to J. B. Stoner, Savannah, Georgia, as provided by the [redacted] Memphis, Tennessee, to our Memphis Office. This letter is thanking Stoner for coming to Memphis and states that Ray's brother will be in touch with Stoner.

Memphis by teletype of 9-30-68, advised that in the Motion filed by Arthur J. Hanes, Ray's attorney, in Shelby County Criminal Court, Memphis, Tennessee, pertaining to Ray's corresponding with his attorney, Judge W. Preston Brittle, ruled that written notes exchanged between Ray and his attorney are privileged; however, the Shelby County Sheriff or his designated agent has the authority to peruse these notes to determine if there is any attempt to breach security of the jail. These notes should not be perused for the purpose of ascertaining the full contents of the messages.

This communication is advising Memphis not to accept any written communication from [redacted] regarding Ray's correspondence. However, they may accept information on an oral basis from [redacted] Memphis also being instructed to insure that the acceptance of this oral information is not in violation of the court order.

Prior information indicates that Ray has been in contact with J. B. Stoner with a view towards engaging him as counsel, although Hanes continues to be Ray's attorney of record.

FBI

Date: 10/31/68

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Bureau Instructions Violated

Bureau is in receipt of a copy of a letter from James Earl Ray addressed to J. B. Stoner, Savannah, Georgia, b7D as provided to you by the _____ Memphis, Tennessee. This letter is thanking Stoner for coming to Memphis and states that Ray's brother will be in touch with Stoner.

In your teletype of 9/30/68, you advised that in the motion filed by Arthur J. Hanes, Ray's attorney, in Shelby County Criminal Court, Memphis, Tennessee, pertaining to Ray's corresponding with his attorney, Judge W. Preston Battle, ruled that written notes exchanged between Ray and his attorney are privileged; however, the Shelby County Sheriff or his designated agent has the authority to peruse these notes to determine if there is any attempt to breach security of the jail. These notes should not be perused for the purpose of ascertaining the full contents of the messages.

In view of the above order of W. Preston Battle, you should not accept any written communication from the _____ regarding correspondence between Ray and other individuals. If it is not in violation of the court order you may accept b7D information from the _____ if he volunteers this information and it is on an oral basis only.

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