

FBI

Date: 7/24/68
PLAINTEXT

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

Handwritten initials/signature

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
Attention: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (9-NEW) (P)

Handwritten signature

SUBJECT: UNSUB;
E. RAY - VICTIM;
EXTORTION - RM

OO: ME

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Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and one copy of an anonymous postcard directed to Mr. E. RAY, Memphis, Tennessee, which was postmarked New York, New York, P.M., 7/22/68.

Enclosed for New York is one Xerox copy of the original postcard described above.

For the information of the Bureau and New York, the enclosed postcard which is self-explanatory was turned over to SA ROBERT F. BOYLE on 7/24/68 by [redacted] Intelligence Squad, Memphis PD, who is currently assigned in charge of the security of subject RAY during RAY's confinement at the Shelby County Jail, Memphis.

The contents of the message contained on the enclosed postcard that was directed to Mr. E. RAY was discussed with USA THOMAS L. ROBINSON, Memphis, by [redacted] on 7/24/68. Mr. ROBINSON stated that the contents of this communication does imply a threat on the life of RAY, therefore, he would consider

Vertical handwritten notes on the left margin:
-BI LABORATORY
-RACIAL
-CIVIL RIGHTS
-MEMPHIS
-7/24/68
-BISHOP

Vertical handwritten notes on the right margin:
-CS
-DIA
-CAPT JEWELL
-G. RAY

Vertical list of routing options:
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3 - Bureau (RM)
1 - New York (Info)
2 - Memphis

RFB:PEPI
(6) - CIA

Handwritten file number: 44-38861-5009

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Approved: _____

Special Agent in Charge

ENCLOSURE ATTACHED

M Per _____

J. M. [Handwritten Signature] RACIAL INT. SECT.

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authorizing prosecution for violation of Title 18, Section 876, USC, of the person responsible for preparing and sending this postcard to RAY if this person is identified.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU:

The Document Section of the FBI Laboratory is requested to compare the handwriting appearing on the enclosed postcard with the handwriting appearing in the Anonymous Letter File.

Since this postcard was also postmarked in New York, New York, it is requested that the handwriting appearing on this card also be compared with the handwriting appearing on specimen transmitted to the Bureau on 7/23/68 under the caption "UNSUB; W. PRESTON BATTLE - VICTIM"; EXTORTION - RM; OO: ME.

File # 9-48367

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The FBI Identification Division, Latent Fingerprint Section, is requested to determine if there are any latent fingerprints of an evidentiary value located on the original postcard enclosed.

Upon completion of the requested examination, the Bureau should return the original postcard to the Memphis Division and submit results of the requested examination to the Memphis and New York Divisions. The FBI Laboratory and Identification Division are requested to expedite requested examination and submit summary results of the examination to Memphis.

LEADS:

NEW YORK DIVISION (INFORMATION)

An information copy of this communication and a Xerox copy of this enclosed postcard have been directed to New York as it is possible that the Bureau at a later date may request additional investigation be conducted. New York is requested to conduct no investigation until such time as authorized by the Bureau.

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MEMPHIS DIVISION

Will if the FBI Identification Division develops any latent prints of an evidentiary value on enclosed postcard and the Bureau authorizes additional investigation obtain suitable elimination prints. The Bureau is being advised under separate correspondence in the MURKIN case of the receipt of this threatening postcard directed to Mr. E. RAY.