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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775) -C-  
RE: MURKIN

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Enclosed for the Bureau are five xerox copies of a two page statement allegedly dictated by JAMES EARL RAY to his brother JERRY RAY in the Tennessee State Prison at Nashville. Second page of this statement bears the signature of JAMES EARL RAY but this signature was actually written by JERRY RAY.

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JERRY RAY read the statement in a taped interview and after editing it, KMOX-TV aired the interview twice during evening of 8-14-69.

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Special Agent in Charge

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In the spring of 1968 I James Earl Ray was working with Agents of the federal government including Raoul. They told me that I was helping them to supply arms and, guns to cuban Refugees to overthrow Castro and, the communest in cuba. The reason why I've made trips to Mexico was in regard to helping the Agents of the federal government to supply arms to cuban refugees there to overthrow Castro. The federal Agents led me to beleave that I was in Memphis in April for the same purpose. I knew that I was working with federal Agents the way they had me passed across the Mexican and, Canadan borders is only one thing that proves they were federal Agents. They got me across the Canadan and, Mexican borders under circumstances which would have been inpossable without the help of federal agents. At a later time if necessary, I will give more extensive proof about the federal Agents with whom I was involved. It is a known fact tha Agents of the federal government and, the Mexican Police knew about my trips to Mexico and, protected me there.

Even Whilliam Braford Huie admits that the FBI and, Mexican Police knew all of my movements in Mexico. I knew nothing about King being in Memphis untill after King had been killed. I could not argue with the federal agents I worked for becous they would have put me back in the Missouri State Prison at Jefferson City if I failed to take orders from them. I know that the federal Agents merly used me to be the fall guy when they killed King. I now relize that they had no interest in overthrowing Castro and, their whole purpose was to use me to cover up their own crime. Two federal agencies are guilty and I am fully innocent. We hope that someone higher up in the goverment will come forword and, expose the whole deal so that I will be freed from Prison. If they don't we have more information which we will release in the near future. I don't know what motives the federal Agents had for killing King ask former Attorney General Ramsey Clark maybe he knows.

In closing I want to pass along a little message to Percy Forman, Auther Haynes and, William Bradford Huie you three, got your wish but, it's not over with yet before it is the three of yous will be ruined along with your friend Ramsey Clark. I hope to be able to talk to C.B.S. in person in the near future if the state of Tenn and, the federal goverment don't block it being they don't want being exposed they might not allow it. Sirhan got to talk but, I am innocent so I probley won't be allowed to.

James Earl Ray

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