UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

*Memorandum*

TO      Mr. Bishop                    DATE: 6/19/68

FROM    D. C. Morrell

SUBJECT ██████████████

        COVINA, CALIFORNIA

  By letter dated 6/14/68 captioned individual enclosed an article from the Los Angeles Times concerning James Earl Ray and comments that Ray was paid by the Knights of Columbus to kill Martin Luther King. He alleges Senator McCarthy wants to replace the Director with a Roman Catholic to increase the Catholic power in the United States. His entire letter is extremely critical of Catholicism.

<u>INFORMATION IN BUFILES:</u>

  ████████ was the victim in a civil rights investigation by the Los Angeles Office in 1956 at which time he signed a statement alleging that the city officials of the city of Pomona, California, had been acting in a manner which made it impossible for him to do business in that city; that undue delay had been caused in the construction of certain buildings on his property; he was refused a zoning variance and that certain property rights were denied him. He further alleged that when he was taken into custody by law enforcement officials following his removal of a curb with a sledgehammer he was maltreated and subsequently alleged that he did not receive a fair trial. Investigation determined that ████████ had difficulty with the officials of the city of Pomona and seems to feel that every restrictive ordinance was passed for the primary purpose of harassing him. At the time of his arrest for destroying city property, he offered resistance and was handcuffed to be taken to the police station. No further investigation was desired by the U. S. Attorney of Los Angeles and the case was closed.

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OBSERVATIONS:

Correspondent's letter indicates an extreme bias against Catholicism and the information obtained by the Los Angeles Office during their investigation would indicate an obsession with personal harassment by any governmental officials. It would serve no useful purpose to respond to his diatribe.

RECOMMENDATION:

That his letter be filed without acknowledgment.