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TO: *JVA* DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: *WGW* SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P*)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Charles Quintana Stephens

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Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies each of three FD-302s reflecting interviews with CHARLES Q. STEPHENS at Memphis, Tennessee, on 4/5/68, on 4/5/68, and on 4/24/68. Also enclosed are two copies of a sworn affidavit given by STEPHENS during June, 1968.

Mr. HARVEY GIPSON, an attorney at Memphis, Tennessee, has contacted the Memphis Office and has advised that he is representing CHARLES Q. STEPHENS, who is attempting to collect approximately \$100,000 in reward monies which were offered by local newspapers and by others at the time MARTIN LUTHER KING was killed.

[Handwritten initials]

GIPSON stated he has filed a civil suit in the Shelby County Chancery Court at Memphis. He indicated he has obtained copies of statements furnished to the State Attorney General's Office and he indicated he is aware that there are several signed statements furnished by STEPHENS to the FBI during this investigation. Mr. GIPSON stated he hopes the FBI will turn these statements over to him voluntarily; but indicated he will seek them through court action if necessary.

No admission was made to GIPSON as to whether or not STEPHENS had furnished any signed statements to the FBI. A review of the Memphis file does not indicate that STEPHENS has ever furnished a signed statement to the FBI, and the only signed document which can be located is the enclosed affidavit. The Bureau will note that a copy of this affidavit was previously furnished to the Bureau by Memphis airtel dated 6/13/68. It is

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Special Agent in Charge

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believed that this affidavit was furnished to a departmental attorney and it may have been used in connection with the extradition of JAMES EARL RAY from England.

It is suggested that the Bureau discuss with the Department what action is desired regarding GIPSON's request for information appearing in FBI files. It is strongly recommended that we decline to furnish GIPSON any information, as it is believed that any cooperation on our part will encourage GIPSON to seek more and more information to substantiate his client's claim. It is also felt that the information furnished by STEPHENS was not of sufficient importance to justify any reward.

Memphis Office is having no further contact with GIPSON UACB.