

Memorandum

DATE: 8-2-73

TO: SAC (44-1987)

FROM: SA THOMAS O. RONAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

44-1987-Sub 0-5

On 8-2-73, HARVEY GIPSON of the firm of GIPSON & TUCKER, Attorneys at Law, appeared at the Memphis Office and advised as follows:

His office is Suite 1104 of the Exchange Building, Memphis 38103.

He has been retained by CHARLES STEPHENS in seeking the reward offered at the time of the slaying of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. This reward, which varies between \$100,000 and \$192,000 was offered by the "Press-Scimitar," Downtown Association, and about 12 other groups, for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the assassin or assassins of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

On the day RAY was convicted, GIPSON filed a civil action before Chancellor (FNU) ROND of the Chancery Court, seeking the reward in behalf of STEPHENS.

GIPSON has obtained copies of records of the Police investigation and statements furnished to the Attorney General's Office. The latter were obtained from AG PHIL CANALE.

GIPSON states he is aware that there are several signed statements in the possession of the FBI furnished by STEPHENS in connection with the investigation. He desires copies of these statements. He stated he desires the statements furnished to him voluntarily as he knows he can get them, if necessary, through court proceedings.

The existence of any statements by STEPHENS was not admitted to and he was advised this matter would be discussed with the Special Agent in Charge and he would be notified accordingly.

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I see no need to contact GIPSON immediately but may need a letter later.

Joe
Advise for
And request guidance after receiving the statements we have.
pls. expedite.

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