Transmit the following in . (Type in plaintext or code) A Charles M. AIRMAIL LATRIEL (Priority) DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) - P\* PROMs MURKIN SUBJECT : Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies of an LHM, dated as above, reflecting the interest of HARVEY GIPSON, Attorney, Memphis, Tenn., in obtaining statements made by CHARLES Q. STEPHENS to the FBI at Memphis, Tenn. Date Forw. AUG 24 1973

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Mr. Harvey L. Gipson, Attorney-At-Law, Exchange Building, Memphis, Tennessee, has advised the Memphis Office of the FBI that he is representing Mr. Charles Q. Stephens in the latter's efforts to obtain some or all of the reward money offered by local newspapers, and others, for information leading to the arrest of the killer of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. According to Mr. Gipson, a number of different reward offers were made shortly after King's murder, and these total more than \$100,000.

Mr. Gipson desires to have copies of all signed statements which Stephens may have furnished to the FBI. Mr. Gipson has been advised to direct his request to the Civil Rights Division of the U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

It is noted that Stephens was a roomer in the rooming house from which James Earl Ray fired the shot that killed King. Stephens was interviewed by FBI Agents, but no signed statements were taken.

Much later, Stephens was interviewed by one or more representatives of the Department of Justice, and at that time he furnished a signed affidavit, the original of which is not in the possession of the FBI.

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