orandum 1 - Mr. DeLoach 1 - Mr. Rosen 1 - Mr. Malley I - Mr. McGowan 1 - Mr. Long This case involves the murder of Martin Luthe PURPOSE: To recommend that the prosecutive summary report be disseminated to the Department, United States Attorney at Birmingham, and Phil M. Canale, State Attorney General, Shelby County, (Memphis) Tennessee. BACKGROUND: Reports were prepared by the field setting forth results of the investigation in this case and eight separate reports were disseminated to the United States Attorney at Birmingham and the Department. The reports were disseminated to the United States Attorney at Birmingham in view of the fact that the United States Attorney there authorized Federal prosecution. No copies of the reports were disseminated to the United States Attorney at Memphis. The reports that were disseminated contained, among numerous items, a listing of items of evidence recovered and the results of the FBI Laboratory examinations of such items. These reports, as well as the prosecutive summary report, contain no information of a confidential nature and have been prepared suitable for dissemination. On May 7, 1968, an indictment charging subject James Earl Ray with murder, was returned by the authorities in Shelby County, Tennessee. In light of this and due to the fact that they will no doubt prosecute Ray on charges of murder, a copy of our prosecutive summary report as prepared by Memphis should be transmitted, to Mr., Phil M. Canale, State Attorney General, Shelby County, Tennessee, who will be thandling the State prosecution. When copies of this report are disseminated, the receiving persons will be issued instructions that the report or the contents thereof should not be his closed outside the receiving agencies, except for prosecutive purposes.

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach



I. It is recommended that the prosecutive summary report be disseminated to the Department, United States Attorney at Birmingham, and Mr. Canale. (Copy attached for inspection.)

2. If approved, the attached girtel should be sent to SAC Memphis authorizing him to disseminate the report. Copies will be furnished to Assistant Attorneys General Pollak and Vinson.

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