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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)(C)
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ReTPtel 12/12/75 and Buairtel 12/15/75.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are four copies of an LHM setting forth information that was contained in reTPtel.

██████████ upon contacting the Tampa Office on 12/17/75 was advised that a copy of the results of his interview by Tampa FBI Agent was forwarded to the Civil Rights Division of the U. S. Department of Justice in 1974 and no additional dissemination was made by the FBI. ██████████ advised that any additional information that he receives concerning this matter will be brought to the attention of the Tampa Office.

A review of Tampa files fails to indicate that any further dissemination was made by the Tampa Division of Tampa airtel and LHM 7/2/74.

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Special Agent in Charge

Note: Info previously furnished by Mr. Wickert was forwarded to CRD via LHM on 6/15/74.



In Reply, Please Refer to
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Tampa, Florida
December 19, 1975

JAMES EARL RAY;
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM

Reference is made to Tampa memorandum dated
July 2, 1974.

On December 12, 1975, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Tampa, Florida, telephonically con-
tacted the Tampa Office of the FBI and advised that on
December 12, 1975, [REDACTED] a reporter for the
"St. Petersburg Times," a daily newspaper published in St.
Petersburg, Florida, had contacted [REDACTED] and had requested
that [REDACTED] telephone collect to [REDACTED], a reporter
for the "New York Times," a daily newspaper published in
New York, New York. [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED]
indicated that [REDACTED] should be contacted by telephone
number 202 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that he subsequently contacted
[REDACTED] at the above-listed telephone number at which
time [REDACTED] indicated that he desired to come to Tampa,
Florida, to interview [REDACTED] concerning information that
[REDACTED] had previously furnished to the FBI concerning three
signed statements that [REDACTED] father had obtained from
convicts in the Fulton County Jail, Atlanta, Georgia,
indicating that these convicts had been approached by very
influential businessmen to kill Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
for \$100,000. [REDACTED] stated that from his conversation with
[REDACTED] it was obvious to him that [REDACTED] had
obtained the results of the interview of [REDACTED] by an FBI
Agent of the Tampa Office which interview took place on
July 1, 1974. [REDACTED] advised that he did not give a definite
answer to [REDACTED] but indicated that he would recontact
[REDACTED] at which time he would furnish a definite answer.

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[REDACTED] advised that he desired to bring this to the attention of the FBI and he indicated that he planned to contact [REDACTED] and have [REDACTED] contact [REDACTED] to notify [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] did not desire to be interviewed inasmuch as [REDACTED] apparently had all of the information that [REDACTED] had previously furnished to the FBI. In addition, [REDACTED] advised that he was going to notify [REDACTED] that he is fearful of his life if it becomes public knowledge that he furnished information to the FBI to the effect that very influential businessmen had plotted to kill Dr. King.

On December 17, 1975, [REDACTED] telephonically contacted the Tampa Office and advised that upon instructions from his attorney he had contacted [REDACTED] telephonically and had advised [REDACTED] that he did not desire to be interviewed by [REDACTED]