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RE: JAMES EARL RAY

J. EDGAR HOOVER, ESQ.  
Director- F. B. I.  
U.S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Never for a moment did I believe the Federal Bureau of Investigation, or any of its officers, had forbidden permission to inspect the premises at 422 1/2 South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee by attorneys for the defense. I know it was a misunderstanding on the part of the custodian. I dictated my letter to you long distance within a few minutes of being refused access. Early the next morning, I was given permission by the owner to inspect the premises. I would have stopped my letter, but it had already been mailed.

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Now, another facet presents itself: I am reliably informed that the F.B.I. had anticipated a possibility of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King for at least two years prior to April 3, 1968. If possible, I would like the privilege of talking with whomever in the F.B.I. is knowledgeable concerning threats against Dr. King. Since the time preceded the date of the ~~re-escape~~ *escape* of James Earl Ray from the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jeffersonville, there may be information available that will be of assistance to his defense.

Also, I remember reading that a set of fingerprints was broadcast to law enforcement officers as those of James Earl Ray, but which were in fact of some other person. Is there anyone in the Bureau who could clarify these circumstances?


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The adversary system being what it is, I do not anticipate the revelation of any information from the prosecuting attorney. It has long been my policy to start an investigation with the officers who first prepared the case against my client. More than a few times, this has been of considerable aid in the preparation of the client's defense.

I am willing to come to Washington or go anywhere in the United States to talk with any person who might be able to give me any information that is available to me as defense attorney.

Respectfully yours,

  
Percy Foreman

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