

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 2/21/51

FROM : SAC, Cincinnati

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS

REASON: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
JACKIE ROBINSON, BASEBALL  
EXTORTION

Enclosed herewith are the following described specimens:

- 1) Envelope addressed to "The Cincinnati Enquirer, 1212 1/2  
Postmarked Cincinnati, Ohio, Feb. 11, 1951.
- 2) An unsealed, printed letter contained in the above-described  
envelope, quoted as follows:

"We are to kill Brooklyn Jackie Robinson and his family  
with rifle.

The --- Travelers."

The above specimens were furnished by the Cincinnati Enquirer office  
to the Postal Inspector's office, and thereafter were turned over to this  
office by Inspector FARRELL of the Post Office Department, Cincinnati, Ohio,  
on this date.

It is to be noted that the printing of this letter appears to have  
been accomplished by the use of a ruler for spacing letters, which unique  
style may serve to identify the author as someone who has previously  
addressed communications to other prominent figures.

As soon as these specimens have been examined by the laboratory  
prior to the time they reached this office, the identity of these persons  
is not readily available. However, efforts to identify them for certain  
and names will subsequently be undertaken, if deemed advisable.

The laboratory is at liberty to conduct any examination considered  
desirable regarding the above specimens. Upon completion of the  
laboratory examination, it is requested that the specimens be returned  
to this office, with a report of the laboratory's findings.

Enclosures (2)

Very truly yours,  
Special Agent in Charge

RE: [unclear]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

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Re: Unsubs.

James Earl Ray  
KID I

File # 9-20570-1

Lab. # 132102 W

LABORATORY OPENED

Examination requested by: Cincinnati

Date of reference communication: 10-21-1

Date received: 1-21-1

Examination requested: Doc. - Fp.

Result of Examination:

Examination by:

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Specimens submitted for examination

- Q1 Envelope bearing the handprinted address "TH. CINCINNATI INQUIRY  
CINN. OHIO, pa. CINCINNATI, OHIO MAR 11 1951 11-AM."
- Q2 Accp. handprinted letter beginning "... THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,"  
signed "MR. TRAVELERS."

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**FBI Checking**  
**Threats Made**  
**On Life of**  
**Robinson**

CINCINNATI, Sept. 26 (AP)—The life of Jackie Robinson, star baseball player, has been threatened in a series of letters received by the Cincinnati Dodger captain, police here revealed today.

One such letter was sent to the Cincinnati Inquirer, Cincinnati police are reported to have received a similar letter.

Reese said the letter threatened to "kill" the Negro player. It was dated May 14, and signed "The Traveler."

Managing Editor Everett Boyd of the Inquirer said the other letter threatened to kill Robinson with an airplane. It was received about a week ago and was written in block letters on a small piece of paper. There were figures and drawings on the back of the letter. The letter came from the Pittsburgh Courier. It was a letter but it was not a letter. It was something that was something for two or three things. I forget all about it. Robinson said after today's game.

Police officers and the FBI scrutinized the crowd and made a careful search of the buildings overlooking Crosley Field beyond the outfield fence. One man expressed the intention of shooting a rifle from a window across the way. It was reported.

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Wash. Star \_\_\_\_\_

N.Y. Mirror \_\_\_\_\_

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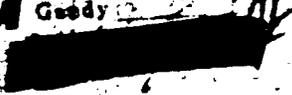
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# Jackie Robinson's Life

## Threatened; FBI Called



### Cops Warned Dodger Star Would Be Shot

CINCINNATI, May 17 (AP News)—A threat against Jackie Robinson's life sent local police under the direction of FBI agents searching through buildings bordering on Crealey field this afternoon while the Dodgers-Reds double-header was in progress.

The threat, which boldly proclaimed that the Dodger's Negro star would be shot during the day by a rifle aimed from a neighboring building, was made in the form of two anonymous letters—one addressed to the Cincinnati police, the other to a newspaper.

Both letters were signed "The Three Travelers." The police called in the federal men, who were waiting for Robinson when the Dodgers arrived here from St. Louis this morning.

Robinson explained that he had received several threats on the radio in the past year in Brooklyn. The police investigated the police on the letter and found it to be a copy of a letter from the same source as the one in the newspaper. The police took detailed precautions, however, by locking the shutters and roofed in the buildings beyond the ballpark.

### Robbie

Robbie Robinson said he believed that the man who intended to shoot him would have written the police about his advice, he said. "Although I don't doubt that some day some screwball might try something,"

Robbie grinned broadly and added that the law had to act to keep the peace in the city.

Robbie said he would have a double play going to the outfield and he was leading the team in all-around play. He told them they'd have to paint their faces, too.

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- Times Herald \_\_\_\_\_
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# FBI Guards Robinson After Mailed Threats

Special to the Herald-Examiner  
 (Continued from page 1) — Jack Robinson, star guard of the Brooklyn Dodgers, was unperturbed today after three anonymous letters threatening his life which had sent FBI and municipal police to a station in Inglewood, Calif.  
 "I don't believe a guy would be able to shoot me with a rifle about it," grinned Jack. "I don't doubt, either, that some accidental machine gunning of him would be the only way he'd get it."  
 One letter, dated Oct. 10, said:

*Handwritten notes:*  
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