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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-30067)

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-1465)

SUBJECT: JOHN PITTMAN
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DATE: 12/11/57

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Rerep SA WILBERT H. KEHE dated 11/14/57 at San Francisco and Bulet 12/5/57.

Enclosed herewith are four copies of amended page 3, as requested in relet, setting forth documentation for MARVIN MURRY, aka MARVIN MURRAY, in paragraph 2. San Francisco has corrected its copies. SF T-12, mentioned in the amended page 3, is SF-2175-S, and the information is located in SF 100-36015-38. T-12 has furnished reliable information in the past.

It should be noted that MURRY is identical with Bureau references on MARVIN RICHARD MURRY according to SF 1923-S, who has furnished considerable information on MURRY and is acquainted with him. It is not believed necessary to initiate a security investigation on MARVIN RICHARD MURRY at the present time, inasmuch as he has been outlawed by the CP, which knows him as an "informer." For that reason, he also has no potential as an informant, as well as for the reason that he is very unstable, evidenced by an attempt to blackmail his own parents and a threat to kill his mother.

No further information is available regarding the report he was requested to prepare by PITTMAN and it is not believed advisable to contact MURRY himself to obtain this information, in view of his mental condition and instability. Information is received on MURRY from time to time through established security informants in Stanislaus County, the area of his residence.

MARVIN RICHARD MURRY originally contacted Resident Agents CLARENCE W. DUNKER and DANIEL P. FITZGERALD in Modesto during October, 1953, and furnished information concerning the CP activities of his parents and other individuals in Stanislaus County, but denied CP membership or sympathy for the Party. He admitted attending CP and Independent Progressive Party (IPP) meetings in 1951 or 1952, but did state that he was "kicked out" of the CP and IPP for various reasons six times, the last time being when he advised his mother that he was going to talk to the FBI.

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On 12/15/53 MURRY telephonically contacted Resident Agent EDWARD F. CHARBONNEAU in the San Jose Resident Agency and volunteered information concerning JOHN and ROSLYN LINDESMITH.

In connection with the case of DAVID MC KAIL FORBES, MURRY was contacted on Bureau instructions by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 2/18/57, at which time he stated that he did not desire to testify and did not want his identity disclosed. He explained that he had only recently been able to talk or visit with his mother, LILLIAN MAY MURRY, who is one of the CP leaders in Stanislaus County. MURRY stated that he is most anxious to have his mother break with the CP because he feels her membership is the cause of all family trouble, and he stated that although he wished to cooperate with the FBI, he would prefer to assist his mother and family.

It should be noted that information volunteered by MURRY has proved reliable in that other informants in the area have substantiated it. It is not believed MURRY should be contacted for information which he does not see fit to volunteer, however, because of his instability and mental condition illustrated by the following instances:

- (1) On 9/2/53, both SF 1604-S and SF 1923-S reported that MURRY attempted to blackmail his parents for \$1000, threatening to tell the FBI about them unless they gave him the money. Subsequently, in October, 1953, he did volunteer information to the FBI.
- (2) SF 1604-S on 7/8/54 reported that MURRY's mother stated he was a mental case and had threatened to kill her.