

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (170-7)

DATE: 5/15/68

FROM : SA Harold H. Boyle

☐ CI ☐ SI ☒ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: Everett "Busty" Kelly

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4/19/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
✓ <i>Murphy</i> 157-186		
Purpose and results of contact		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE Informant reported nothing to report. No		
<input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE indication of arrest or possible disturbances		
<input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC in El Paso - will advise of any info developed		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	Coverage
	<i>Very Good</i>	<i>Good</i>

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, EL PASO (157-186) (P)

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OO: ME

Re NO airtel to ME 5/7/68 and MO airtel to EP
5/13/68.RE: GUESTS REGISTERED AT PROVINCIAL MOTEL
1024 CHARTRES STREET, NEW ORLEANS,
LOUISIANA, DECEMBER 17-19, 1967

On 5/16/68 Capt. and Mrs. HENRY J. SHERRILL,
2500 Nations Avenue, El Paso, advised that they stayed
at the Provincial Motel in New Orleans in December,
1967, but did not recall seeing anyone who resembled
subject JAMES EARL RAY.

Report follows.

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2 Memphis
1 New Orleans (157-10673) (Info.)
1 El Paso
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DREW PEARSON AND JACK ANDERSON ON

Washington Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON—The FBI's failure to apprehend the assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King has led to reports that J. Edgar Hoover is not interested in catching the murderer. The reports are based partly on the fact that Hoover and King were not on good terms. Hoover having publicly branded King as "the most notorious liar in the world."

We have checked into the operations of the FBI in this respect and are convinced that it is conducting perhaps the most painstaking, exhaustive man hunt ever before undertaken in the United States. Its G-men have checked every bar ever patronized by James Earl Ray, every flophouse he ever stopped at, every cantina in Mexico he ever visited. It has collected an amazing array of evidence, all linking Ray with the murder.

That he has not been found may be due, first to the possibility that he himself was murdered by those who hired him to kill King; or, second, that he is hiding in some remote Mexican village.

If he has money—and apparently he had—Ray might be able to live in a distant part of Mexico indefinitely. The Mexico City police are efficient and cooperative, but police in the remote areas are not. In some villages few Mexicans can read or write, and radio news of the outside world does not penetrate.

DETECTIVE STORY CRIMINAL

What the FBI has established about King's assassin was that he was a professional killer who had studied the suspense writing of Ian Fleming and Aya Rand. His pseudonym, Eric Starvo Galt, for instance, was taken from both authors.

Yet, while a student of crime he was also a bungler. For he left behind the murder rifle with his fingerprints on it and, wrapped around the rifle a bedspread which contained strands of his hair. He also left behind a blue zipper bag containing a brush with hair matching those on the bedspread.

All the evidence we have been able to gather points to the probability that Ray was hired to kill Dr. King. He broke out of the Missouri State Penitentiary on April 23, 1967, after boasting to fellow prisoners that he intended to make a big "score" on the outside. He remarked to one inmate that he might try to collect a rumored \$1 million bounty that supposedly had been offered by a "businessmen's group" for the death of Dr. King.

Four months later, on Aug. 30, 1967, he opened a safe deposit box in the Birmingham Trust National Bank and suddenly began passing out crisp \$20 bills like a big spender. He paid \$499 for dancing instruction, then quit after only a few lessons. He spent \$395 for mail-order photographic equipment that he didn't know how to operate.

His white Mustang cost \$1,995, which he paid in cash. He drove it from Mexico to

Montreal, from Los Angeles to New Orleans.

Occasionally he slipped \$20 to bar girls and prostitutes. In Mexico he lived with a prostitute in small towns like Jalisco and Puerto Vallarta where prices were cheap. In Los Angeles, he advertised in the hippie newspaper that he would like to meet "a passionate married woman."

All told, Ray spent an estimated \$10,000 in seven months. Yet he never held a job, and committed no crimes following his escape from the Missouri penitentiary that the FBI has discovered. Previously he had been involved in a long list of filling station and other robberies.

But after his escape he became a loner, in some respects became another Lee Harvey Oswald. Meanwhile, he sought to establish a new identity as Eric Starvo Galt.

CAREFUL PLANS

It seems likely that Ray planned the murder of Dr. King for several months. He finally purchased the Remington rifle in Birmingham on March 30, then moved to a boarding house in Atlanta. In

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his room, agents found a map of Atlanta with four locations circled.

They went to King's residence, his headquarters at the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Ray's boarding house and the spot where he abandoned his Mustang after the murder. In the middle of the map was also a clear thumbprint from Ray's right thumb.

Evidently, Ray changed his mind about waylaying King in Atlanta and followed him to Memphis instead. After all the elaborate planning and the careful creation of a new identity, Ray left behind in Memphis the murder rifle, binoculars and a bag full of toilet articles.

If white extremists put up the blood money it was probably not the Ku Klux Klan or the Minute Men, for they are an impatient lot who would not have waited for several months for Ray to get results.

Black extremists have also not been ruled out. They might have sought to get rid of King in order to remove the prophet of nonviolence.

Note: Ray was the product of a broken home. He was the eldest of eight children. His father deserted Ray's mother, and various people adopted the children. When the FBI approached the father, they discovered that the elder Ray had not seen his son for 17 years. "I would be the last one he would come to for help," the father said.

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TO : SAC, EL PASO (157-186)

DATE: 5-20-68

FROM : SA JOHN J. GORMAN

SUBJECT: ✓ MURKIN

Reburadiogram dated 5-14-68.

Capt. WAYNE GIDEON, PD, Midland, Texas advised 5-17-68 there are no unsolved bank robberies in this area. He was requested to display photograph of RAY to witnesses in any other unsolved robberies and indicated he would do so.

COP STANLEY HARRISON, Ft. Stockton, Tex advised they have no unsolved bank robberies. He was requested to show photograph of RAY to witnesses in any other unsolved robberies and immediately advise this office if any pertinent info is developed.

No unsolved bank robberies in Stanton, Rankin, Crane or McCamey, Texas. Police Depts and SO in those ~~xxxxxx~~ towns are are well aware of RAY through previous inquiries in this matter.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20537

TO: **SAC, EL PASO**Date **5-18-68**

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MURKIN

Your inquiry
SAC, Knoxville
teletype 5-18-68

- ☐ Attached furnished in reply to your inquiry.
- ☒ Attached furnished in compliance with request from **SAC, Knoxville**
- ☐ Only record available attached.
- ☐ This matter is receiving attention and you will be advised at an early date.
- ☐ Supplementing FBI Laboratory report dated
- ☐ Records FBI #
- ☐ are furnished since there is a possibility that one may pertain to the subject in whom you are interested.
- ☐ Fingerprint files fail to disclose
- ☐ Confirming FBI wire of
- ☐ A wanted notice has not been placed as subject appears to be in custody.
- ☐ When you no longer desire your notice maintained, please advise.
- ☐ If you determine subject to be in custody, please advise so that your notice may be canceled.
- ☐ Subject of your inquiry searched in name indices only. Enclosed record(s) possibly identical. If identical, resubmit request and wanted (or flash) notice will be placed.
- ☐ If it is determined that the subject of this record is not the individual in whom you are interested, please advise.
- ☐ Your communication is returned.
- ☐

☒ Enc. **2**
☐ Copy to:

Photo of Frank Wm Brinkley

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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TO ALL FIELD DIVISIONS
FROM DIRECTOR
✓MURKIN.

INASMUCH AS RAY IS KNOWN TO STAY AT "FLOPHOUSES" AND LOWER CLASS ROOMING HOUSES, ALL OFFICES WILL FURNISH COPY OF IDENTIFICATION ORDER REGARDING RAY TO SALVATION ARMY AND OTHER CHARITABLE TYPE MISSIONS.

ALL OFFICES COVERING STATE CAPITALS, IF NOT ALREADY DONE, WILL AT DRIVERS LICENSE BUREAUS CHECK ALL DRIVERS LICENSE APPLICATIONS FOR MONTHS OF APRIL AND MAY, 1968, CONCERNING ALL MALE CAUCASIANS OVER THIRTY YEARS OF AGE AND UNDER FIFTYFIVE YEARS, IN VIEW OF FACT IT IS POSSIBLE SUBJECT SECURED DRIVERS LICENSE USING ANOTHER NAME OTHER THAN ALIASES KNOWN. AS RESULT OF REVIEWING THESE APPLICATIONS, YOU SHOULD CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF ANY SUCH INDIVIDUAL IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT.

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FBI KNOXVLE

10-22 AM URGENT 5-21-68 CRH

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)

MEMPHIS (44-1987)

LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

FROM: KNOXVILLE (44-696) 2 P

✓MURKIN.

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE MAY EIGHTEEN LAST, KNOXVILLE
TELETYPE MAY NINETEEN LAST, LOUISVILLE TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR
MAY TWENTY LAST.

GREYHOUND BUS TICKET AGENT, AUGUSTA NICHOLS, CONTACTED
MAY TWENTY LAST AT KNOXVILLE, AT WHICH TIME NINE PHOTOGRAPHS
WERE PRESENTED TO HER -- TWO OF THESE PHOTOGRAPHS WERE OF
FRANK WILLIAM BRICKLEY. ONE MADE MAY TWENTY-TWO SIXTY-
FIVE AT CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE; ONE MADE JULY NINETEEN SIXTY AT
CHILLICOTHE, OHIO. NICHOLS IMMEDIATELY PICKED OUT BOTH
PHOTOGRAPHS OF BRICKLEY AND SAID THEY WERE PHOTOGRAPHS OF
THE SAME INDIVIDUAL AND THAT SHE HAD SEEN THIS MAN IN THE
RECENT PAST, PROBABLY IN THE BUS STATION AT KNOXVILLE. SHE
DOES NOT RECALL SELLING A TICKET TO BRICKLEY ON APRIL SEVEN
LAST. SHE DOES NOT KNOW ANYONE NAMED FRANK WILLIAM BRICKLEY.

THE IDENTIFICATION DIVISION FURNISHED KNOXVILLE WITH
PHOTOGRAPHS OF BRICKLEY TAKEN MAY THIRTY, NINETEEN SIXTY-

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FIVE, USP, TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA. THIS PHOTOGRAPH VERY
SIMILAR TO PHOTOGRAPH OF BRICKLEY TAKEN CHATTANOOGA, TENN.
MAY TWENTY-TWO, NINETEEN SIXTY-FIVE.

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FBI DALLAS

1132AM URGENT 5/22/68 RBR

TO EL PASO, SAN ANTONIO AND HOUSTON
FROM DALLAS (44-2649)

MURKIN

RE BUREAU RADIOGRAM APRIL TWENTY ONE LAST.

COLONEL PAUL THORNBURG, DIVISIONAL COMMANDER, STATE OF TEXAS
, SALVATION ARMY, DALLAS ADVISED TODAY THERE ARE SIXTY SALVATION
ARMY CENTERS IN TEXAS WITH OVERNIGHT SLEEPING ACCOMADATIONS FOR
MEN. HE AGREED TO FURNISH COPIES OF IDENTIFICATION ORDER REGARDING
RAY TO EACH OF THESE CENTERS FROM STATE HEADQUARTERS, DALLAS.
DALLAS IS FURNISHING SUFFICIENT COPIES OF IO TO COLONEL THORNBURG.
FOR STATEWIDE DISTRIBUTION.

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TO INDIANAPOLIS, ATLANTA, LOUISVILLE..

FROM KNOXVILLE 44-696

MURKIN

RE KNOXVILLE TELETYPE TO BUREAU, INDIANAPOLIS AND OTHER
OFFICES MAY EIGHTEEN INSTANT.

THE REFERENCED LOS ANGELES TELETYPE OF MAY SEVENTEEN LAST
IS AS FOLLOWS...

RE LOS ANGELES PHONE CALL TO BUREAU MAY SEVENTEEN INSTANT.

RE LOS ANGELES TIMES INFORMANT - "BOB" LNU.

WILLIAM THOMAS, CITY EDITOR, LOS ANGELES TIMES,
TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED SAC LOS ANGELES TODAY AND
ADVISED PAPER HAD INFORMATION WHICH THEY FELT MIGHT BE OF
ASSISTANCE TO FBI IN THIS MATTER. SAC WESLEY G. GRAPP
AND SUPERVISOR WILLIAM JOHN NOLAN CONTACTED MR. THOMAS
AND REPORTER JERRY COHEN AT LOS ANGELES TIMES OFFICE. THEY
ADVISED EARLY IN THE WEEK, MONDAY OR TUESDAY, THE PAPER
HAD BEEN TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED BY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO SAID HE
HAD BEEN TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED BY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO SAID HE
HAD INFORMATION CONCERNING WHAT ACTUALLY HAD TAKEN PLACE IN
CONNECTION WITH THE DEATH OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. THOMAS
ADVISED THERE WERE THREE OR FOUR TELEPHONE CALLS, AND HE
MADE NOTES DURING THE CALLS, AND ON THE EVENING OF MAY SIXTEEN,
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SIXTY EIGHT, HE AND JERRY COHEN MET THIS INDIVIDUAL AT A BAR. HE ADVISED THE INDIVIDUAL GAVE THE NAME QUOTE BOB UNQUOTE, NO LAST NAME, DESCRIBED AS IN MIDDLE THIRTIES, DECENT LOOKING FELLOW, AND APPARENTLY HAD BEEN IN SEVERAL PENITENTIARIES, AS HE KNEW THE LANGUAGE VERY WELL. THOMAS ADVISED THE PAPER HAD TAKEN NO OVERT STEPS IN ATTEMPTING TO VERIFY THE STORY BUT DID HAVE REPORTERS IN KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS, HUNTSVILLE, MIAMI AND BIRMINGHAM, AND HE HAD INSTRUCTED THE REPORTERS TO CONTACT THE LOCAL FBI OFFICE AND MAKE THIS INFORMATION, AS SET FORTH IN HIS NOTES, AVAILABLE. HE ADVISED FURTHER HE CONTEMPLATED MAKING THIS INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK. HE ADVISED HIS ~~SOLPURXXX~~SOLE PURPOSE WAS TO GET A STORY OUT OF THE MATERIAL, BUT DID NOT WISH TO INTERFERE IN ANY FBI INVESTIGATION.

HE ADVISED DURING HIS MEETING WITH QUOTE BOB UNQUOTE HE GOT FROM BOB A BUS TICKET DATED APRIL SEVEN, SIXTY EIGHT, ON A GREYHOUND BUS FROM KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, TO LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, WHICH TICKET WAS ISSUED BY SOUTHERN GREYHOUND AT KNOXVILLE ON APRIL SEVEN, SIXTYEIGHT AND HAD THE NUMBERS THREE SPACE ZERO ZERO ZERO EIGHT TWO TWO TWO NINE SPACE FOUR
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TWO. TRANSPORTATION WAS FROM KNOXVILLE TO MEMPHIS, MEMPHIS TO EL PASO, THEN TO LOS ANGELES. HE ADVISED HE HAD GIVEN QUOTE BOB UNQUOTE ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR THE TICKET AND THIS INFORMATION AND DID NOT EXPECT TO HEAR FROM HIM AGAIN, AS QUOTE BOB UNQUOTE SAID HE NEEDED THE MONEY TO LEAVE TOWN.

SET FORTH FOR THE INFORMATION OF RECEIVING OFFICES ARE THE NOTES AS TYPED UP BY THOMAS CONCERNING HIS INTERVIEW OF BOB.

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ONE. THE DAY BEFORE THE SHOOTING, RAY WAS PICKED UP IN ATHEN, ALABAMA, AND WAS TAKEN TO MEMPHIS.

TWO. HE REGISTERED IN ROOMING HOUSE. ANOTHER MAN REGISTERED AS SAMUEL LEWIS. PAREN LEWIS WAS SUPPOSED TO BE BACKUP MAN; KILL KING AT RALLY THAT NIGHT IF RAY MISSED HIS CHANCE ON THE BALCONY. PAREN.

THREE. AFTER SHOOTING KING, RAY WALKED TWO OR THREE BLOCKS TO THE GETAWAY CAR, ACCOMPANIED BY A GIRL AND A GUY. THE CAR IS A NEW BLUE BUICK, WITH ALABAMA PLATES. FIRST DIGITS ARE BELIEVED TO BE ONE FOUR. CAR IS OWNED AND WAS DRIVEN BY EDDIE WILBORN OF HUNTSVILLE, ALA. IT IS EQUIPPED WITH A POLICE
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RADIO. PAREN SECOND MAN STAYED OVERNIGHT, TOOK EARLY BUS TO KNOXVILLE. PAREN.

FOUR. RAY, TWO GIRLS AND A CHILD WERE DRIVEN OUT OF MEMPHIS BY WILBURN IN THE BLUE BUICK. WENT TO KANSAS CITY. TRIP TOOK SIX AND ONE HALF HOURS. GIRLS, CHILD, WILBURN ALL FROM HUNTSVILLE.

FIVE. IN KANSAS CITY, RAY STAYED OVERNIGHT AT A HOME. IT IS A SMALL, GRAY, SHINGLED, ONE-BEDROOM HOUSE ABOUT THREE MILES FROM CENTRAL KANSAS CITY. PAREN WE HAVE ROUGH LOCATION. PAREN.

SIX. AT DUSK THE NEXT DAY PAREN APRIL FIVE PAREN RAY WAS FLOWN TO BELLE GLADE, FLORIDA, IN A PRIVATE PLANE. TOOK OFF FROM PRIVATE FIELD, ALSO USED AS TRAINING FIELD FOR MILITARY. RAY ARRIVED EARLY APRIL SIX.

SEVEN. PLANE IN WHICH RAY WAS FLOWN IS OWNED BY A WILLIAM PIERCE, A WEALTHY MAN WHO OWNS OR OPERATES AN AIRPORT IN BELLE GLADE, AND ONCE OWNED A CONTRACTING COMPANY IN CUBA.. NOT KNOWN WHETHER PIERCE FLEW THE PLANE. PIERCE ALSO OWNS MOTEL IN BELLE GLADE AND COTTAGES ON THE LAKE IN NEARBY OKEECHOBEE, PAREN OR MAYBE ON NEARBY LAKE OKEECHOBEE PAREN. PIERCE SAID
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TO BE RRR MEMBER.

EIGHT. THEORY: RAY STAYED IN MOTEL OR IN COTTAGE. MAY BE STILL THERE OR IN CUBA.

NINE. ON APRIL ELEVEN, RAY GOT ON YACHT PAREN PROBABLY CHARTER BOAT PAREN IN KEY WEST. BOAT OWNED BY BEN THOMPSON. PAREN A BEN THOMPSON OF MIAMI OWNS THREE FISHING BOATS. PAREN.

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ONE. PIERCE OFTEN FLIES OWN PRIVATE PLANE TO NEW ORLEANS. SAID TO KNOW DA JIM GARRISON. ALSO MIGHT CHECK POSSIBLE FLIGHTS IN DIRECTION OF CUBA.

TWO PIERCE AND WILBURN SAID TO BE RELATED.

THREE. LEAD TO WILBURN MIGHT BE VFW CLUB IN HUNTSVILLE, WHERE HE IS SUPPOSED TO BE A MEMBER.

FOUR. RIFLE IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN LEFT IN FURNACE OF MEMPHIS ROOMING HOUSE, AND IS BELIEVED STILL THERE. MUST REFER TO BACKUP MANS WEAPON.

FIVE. RAY NOW WEARING BIFOCALS.

SIX. WHITE MUSTANG BELONGING TO RAY WAS NOT IN MEMPHIS ON DAY OF KING SLAYING, AND HE DID NOT ESCAPE IN IT. PRESUMABLY IT NEVER LEFT GEORGIA IN APRIL.

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SEVEN. ON THE DAY OF THE KILLING PAREN APRIL FOUR PAREN RAY MADE PHONE CALLS FROM MEMPHIS TO BELLE GLADE. CALLS BELIEVED TO BE MADE FROM A BUS STATION.

EIGHT. IN THE WEEKS BEFORE THE KILLING, RAY STAYED SOMEWHERE IN BELLE GLADE.

NINE. STORY OF PAYOFFS VERY COMPLICATED. WILBURN SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN PAID OFF IN RENO. NIGHT BEFORE KILLING, SOMEBODY HIT A KENO TICKET FOR TWENTYFIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS IN CAL-NEVA LODGE. RIGGEL, TO PASS THE MONEY. DONE WITH KNOWLEDGE OF CHARLIE CATE, SIX EIGHT EIGHT ZERO PEBBLE BEACH DRIVE, RENO, WHO RUNS A SHIFT AT CAL-NEVA. THEN THERE IS BEN PAREN OR JACK PAREN STUBBS OF ST. LOUIS, WHO USED TO WORK BAR ON SECOND STREET, RENO. CAME INTO MONEY. ANOTHER QUOTE CONTACT. UNQUOTE.

PAGE THREE - LOS ANGELES.

ONE. RAY SOMEBODY STAYED IN CLARK HOTEL, ROOM SEVEN ZERO ZERO, ON APRIL SEVENTEEN LASH EIGHTEEN.

TWO. LAMONT WHITE, WHO WORKS FOR WESTERN UNION IN LOS ANGELES. HAS SENT MONEY TO LOUISIANA. BOUGHT TWO PISTOLS UNDER HIS NAME. THEY REALLY WENT TO FRANK BRICKLEY OF CHATTANOOGA, END PAGE SIX

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TENN., WHO WAS IN PRISON WITH RAY. BRICKLEY SUPPOSED TO BE HERE.

THREE. HAROLD'S CAFE PAREN FIVE FIVE FIVE SOUTH MAIN PAREN. RAY BARTENDER THERE FOR WEEK OR SO. QUEER BAR. GUY NAMED CONNIE KNOWS HIM THERE.

WILLI SHEA ONCE WORKED TOP RAIL BARR, SEVENTH AND ALVARADO. RAY SUPPOSEDLY MARRIED TO HER ONCE. SHE FROM MISSOURI, NOW LIVES IN NORTH HOLLYWOOD. HAS MONEY. MOTHER MARRIED, LIVES IN COMPTON, DRIVES A PURPLE PONTIAC CONVERTIBLE. NOW LIVES AT EIGHT ONE TWO SOUTH WESTLAKE, LOS ANGELES, WITH MAN WHO OWNS A BAR. SHE IS BLOND, ABOUT THIRTYEIGHT.

PAGE FOUR - MORE SUPPLEMENTAL DATA:

ONE. TELEPHONE CREDIT CARD SUPPOSEDLY USED BY RAY WAS ISSUED TO RIDELL CATERING, U.S. RUBBER, DETROIT. EITHER IN NAME OF RIDELL PAREN NO FIRST NAME PAREN OR A. ROBERT BRINKLEY. RIDELL REPORTER LIVES IN HARPER WOODS, MICH. CALLS ON CARD REPORTED MADE FROM MEMPHIS TO BELLE GLADE, FLA., AMONG OTHERS.

TWO. SAMUEL LEWIS, SECOND MAN IN ROOMING HOUSE, DISCHARGED NINETEEN SIXTY THREE FROM MILAN, MICH. ALSO SERVED TIME IN CHILLICOTHE AND TERRE HAUTE. PAREN WARDEN AT MILAN SAYS NO
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RECORD OF LEWIS. PAREN.

THREE. LEWIS TOOK BUS TO LOS ANGELES FROM KNOXVILLE ON APRIL SEVEN. CAME THROUGH MEMPHIS AND EL PASO.

THOMAS ADVISED THAT IN RELATION TO ITEM FIVE, PAGE ONE, OF HIS NOTES, THIS HOUSE IS LOCATED OFF A MAIN STREET STARTING FROM DOWNTOWN KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, DIRECTION UNKNOWN, AND FROM THE MAIN STREET A SMALLER STREET GOES TO THE LEFT, WHICH STREET HAS A WESTERN UNION BUILDING LOCATED ON IT AND GOES OFF FROM THE MAIN STREET IN THE FORM OF A STEEP HILL. TWO TO THREE MILES UP THE HILL ON THE LEFT ARE LOCATED NICE LOOKING APARTMENTS, BROWNISH IN COLOR, WHERE STUDENTS FROM SOME SCHOOL LIVE, AND JUST PRIOR TO THIS ON THE RIGHT IS THE LOCATION OF A MOVING COMPANY, NO NAME KNOWN, AND A GROCERY STORE IS LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF THE MOVING COMPANY ON THE SAME SIDE. ABOUT TWO BLOCKS BEYOND THE GROCERY STORE THERE IS A NARROW STREET WITH RAMSHACKLE HOUSES ON ONE SIDE AND VACANT LOTS ON THE OTHER. TURNING RIGHT ON THIS STREET, THE THIRD HOUSE ON THE LEFT WOULD BE THE CORRECT HOUSE INVOLVED, WHICH IS OCCUPIED BY AN INDIVIDUAL QUOTE WHO SELLS BEER AND BOOZE AFTER HOURS AND HIDES GUYS OUT. UNQUOTE. THE HOUSE IS DESCRIBED AS ONE BEDROOM.

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NO GARAGE, DIRT DRIVEWAY, SINGLE STORY AND HAS A LARGE FREEZER
IN THE LIVING ROOM.

THOMAS ADVISED FROM THE STORY RECEIVED, IT IS A
POSSIBILITY QUOTE BOB UNQUOTE IS THE SAME AS THE SAMUEL LEWIS
MENTIONED IN HIS NOTES.

EACH RECEIVING OFFICE SHOULD CAREFULLY REVIEW THE NOTES
AND IMMEDIATELY ATTEMPT TO VERIFY ANY OF THE INFORMATION SET
FORTH AND ADVISE BUREAU, MEMPHIS AND LOS ANGELES.

LOS ANGELES WILL IMMEDIATELY PURSUE EFFORTS TO PROVE OR
DISPROVE THE ALLEGATIONS SET FORTH FOR LOS ANGELES AREA.

AIR MAIL COPIES BEING FURNISHED CINCINNATI, NEW ORLEANS,
ST. LOUIS AND INDIANAPOLIS IN VIEW OF INFORMATION FURNISHED
IN THE NOTES.

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), KNOXVILLE (44-696),
MEMPHIS (44-1987), LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

FROM: LOUISVILLE (44-947)

✓MURKIN

RE MEMPHIS TEL TO DIRECTOR MAY EIGHTEEN, LAST AND LOUISVILLE
TEL TO MEMPHIS MAY EIGHTEEN, LAST.

ON INSTANT DATE, C. M. BAYHI, AUDITOR, GREYHOUND BUS
STATION, LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY, ADVISED TICKET NO. ONE THREE
ZERO ZERO ZERO EIGHT TWO TWO TWO NINE FOUR TWO, DATED APRIL
SEVEN, LAST, FROM KNOXVILLE TO MEMPHIS TO EL PASO TO LOS ANGELES
IN AMOUNT OF SEVENTY DOLLARS AND THIRTY FIVE CENTS WAS ISSUED
BY AUGUSTA NICHOLS, DIE NO. THREE, KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE. THE NUMBER
ONE ~~ON~~ ABOVE IS A PRINTED NUMBER, THE REMAINDER OF THE NUMBERS
APPEAR TO BE CARBON NUMBERS. TICKET WAS USED APRIL SEVEN, LAST.
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PASSENGER LEFT KNOXVILLE AT EIGHT FIFTEEN/ON APRIL SEVEN, LAST
AND ARRIVED NASHVILLE AT TWELVE TWENTY FIVE A.M., APRIL
EIGHT, LAST. BUS DRIVER WAS JESSE G. BROWN, NASHVILLE.

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BUS LEFT NASHVILLE ONE THIRTY A.M., APRIL EIGHT, LAST,
AND ARRIVED IN MEMPHIS AT SIX THIRTY FIVE A.M., SAME DATE.
DRIVER OF BUS - BERNARD FOSTER, MEMPHIS.

TICKET IS STAMPED "PACKAGE CHECKED."

ORIGINAL FURNISHED IS BEING RETAINED BY LOUISVILLE.

KNOXVILLE, INTERVIEW AUGUSTA NICHOLS, OBTAIN DESCRIPTION
OF PURCHASER OF TICKET, SHOW PHOTOGRAPHS.

MEMPHIS, INTERVIEW BUS DRIVERS, OBTAIN DESCRIPTION OF
USER OF TICKET.

MEMPHIS, ADVISE LOUISVILLE OF DISPOSITION DESIRED OF
TICKET.

AIR MAIL COPY BEING SENT TO EL PASO WITH COPY OF
KNOXVILLE TEL TO INDIANAPOLIS, MAY EIGHTEEN, LAST.

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THESE ARE THE RESULTS OF THE INVESTIGATION OF THE
MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ON APRIL 4, 1968,
AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE. THE RESULTS OF THE INVESTIGATION
CONDUCTED BY THE FBI AND THE MEMPHIS POLICE DEPARTMENT
INDICATE THAT THE MURDER WAS PLANNED AND COMPLETED
BY A GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS WHOSE NAMES ARE BEING
REVEALED IN THIS REPORT. THE GROUP IS BEING
IDENTIFIED AS THE "MEMPHIS FOUR" AND THE
INDIVIDUALS ARE BEING NAMED AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. JAMES EARL RAY
- 2. RAYMOND J. BISHOP
- 3. ALBERT E. BRYANT
- 4. GEORGE S. HARRIS

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Albany

DATE: May 20, 1968

for
FROM : Director, FBI

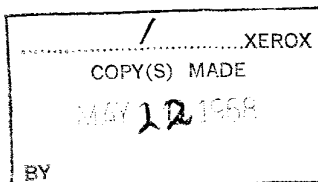
SUBJECT: ✓ MURKIN
PUBLICITY ON REWARDS OFFERED

Each Special Agent in Charge and Legal Attache is instructed to promptly remind their established cooperative news sources, in a discreet and tactful manner, of the existence of substantial reward money for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the killer of Dr. Martin Luther King. This money now totals at least \$100,000. The FBI should not, however, be publicized as the source of this reminder.

While the Bureau's continuing policy is to encourage the public to furnish information to law enforcement authorities as a matter of good citizenship, without expectation of financial reward, it is fully recognized that monetary rewards are often necessary to motivate some individuals. The knowledge of the existence of the substantial rewards available in the Murkin case could possibly prove of value in the solution of this major investigation.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, EL PASO (157-186) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO: MEMPHIS

Re Knoxville teletype to the Director dated
5/18/68.RE: FRANK BRICKLEY OF CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE

On May 21, 1968, Mr. G. A. LICON, Operations Supervisor, Greyhound Bus Lines, El Paso, Texas, was furnished a photograph of FRANK WILLIAM BRICKLEY, Aka., FBI #197796C, at which time he advised that he would see that the photograph was displayed to the employees of the bus lines in El Paso in an effort to determine if any of the employees recalled seeing this individual at the bus station in El Paso on about April 8 or 9, 1968.

On May 22, 1968, Mr. L. I. DAVIS, Cashier, Greyhound Bus Lines, El Paso, advised that the photograph in question had been displayed to the employees on the various shifts at the bus depot and that no one recalled having seen FRANK WILLIAM BRICKLEY at any time in the past.

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Remarks: ReBulet 5-20-68.

In the event of inquiries regarding the identity of the sources of the reward money offered in the Murkin case, you may confidentially advise established sources that according to a compilation set forth in the April 27th edition of the "Commercial Appeal," Memphis, Tennessee, \$25,000 each has been offered by the "Commercial Appeal" and Scripps-Howard newspapers and that in addition, businessmen and citizens in Memphis have offered several thousands more and the Memphis City Council has under-written the reward up to a total of \$100,000.

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