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TO MEMPHIS (44-1987) & *Birmingham*
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3:55PM 4-7-68 URGENT CPO
TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS /44-1897/ NEW HAVEN, KANSAS CITY /44-760/

AND JACKSON

FROM CHARLOTTE /44-1365/

MURKIN.

Index RE KANSAS CITY TELETYPE TODAY REFLECTING THAT SUSPECT
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INFORMATION ON MINUTEMEN ACTIVITIES, ADVISED TODAY HE NEVER
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ANY MINUTEMEN USING THE CODE NAME OF WILLARD OR JOHN WILLARD.

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REARED IN AN ORPHANAGE. HE SAID HAD DE PALMA OR ANY OF THE
HARDCORE MINUTEMEN SHOT KING, THEY WOULD HAVE DISMANTLED THE
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440 PM URGENT 4-7-68 REM

TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM JACKSON (157-9586)

MURKIN

RE CHARLOTTE TELE TO BUREAU, APRIL SEVEN SIXTYEIGHT.

ALL JACKSON DIVISION BOMBING SUSPECTS ACCOUNTED FOR DURING
PERTINENT PERIOD, CAPTIONED MATTER.

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RE MURKIN WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. NO KNOWN PLAN OF WKKKKOM TO
ASSASSINATE KING.

JACKSON INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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TO: DIRECTOR and MEMPHIS

FROM: JACKSON (157-9586)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

DATE: 4-7-68

FROM : SA EDGAR L. MARTIN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE memo of SA BEN GRAVES dated 4-7-68.

On 4-7-68, Maxine Delbuono, night desk clerk, Downtowner Motel, Jackson advised she registered a man by the name of Fred P. Thorne, 1580 Channel, street of Memphis, Tenn., He was driving a 1968 white Tempest Pontiac with Tenn. license KN 4264. This man registered for two nights. *Daley*

Mrs. Delbuono also advised that Mr. Thorne was employed by the underwriters Salvage Company of Memphis according to her card in her files.

Mrs. Delbuono furnished the following description of Mr. Thorne:

Name: Fred P. Thorne
Ht: 5'10"
Wt: 140
Hair: Dark and had a bald spot in back of head.
Room: 719
age: 48

Artis Geeston, night bell hop, advised he recalls the man in 719 and that he believed him to be about 50, 5'9", 140, dark hair and very well dressed.

Both of the above persons advised Mr. Thorne had left the the motel and had not returned. He left with a yellow ford bearing Mississippi license.

Both Mrs. Delbuono, and Mr. Geeston leave work at 11 p.m. and had not seen Mr. Thorne return. A check was made at room 719 and there was no one there.

Arrangements have been made to check with the above after 3p.m. on 4-8-68, to obtain any further information they may have concerning Mr. Thorne.

If above negative Mr. Thorne will be interviewed at this time.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

DATE: 4-7-68

FROM : SA BENJAMIN F. GRAVES

SUBJECT: MURKIN

CARSIE HALL, President, Jackson Branch, NAACP, 121 North Farrish Street, Jackson, Mississippi, telephone number 948-4579, telephonically contacted this office at 6:50 PM on instant date and furnished the following information:

EVELEEN ROBINS had telephoned him a few minutes earlier and advised him that she had seen a white male get out of a small white car, bearing Shelby County, Tennessee license KN 4264 and go into the Downtowner Motel in Jackson, Mississippi. She stated this individual resembled the sketch of ~~the~~ Unsub ~~in~~ which appeared in the newspaper. *Index*

HALL stated he did not know the address of ROBINS nor did he have her telephone number.

Above information furnished to SA EDGAR L. MARTIN at 7:15 PM.



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237AM URGENT 4/8/68 RDC

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, JACKSON

FROM NEW ORLEANS

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE FOUR SEVEN SIXTYEIGHT.
GERTRUDE FRITH, ONE ZERO TWO ARLINGTON, LAKE
PROVIDENCE, LA. ADVISED LAST DATE HER SON BILLY RAY
KING LEFT LAKE PROVIDENCE, LA, ON APRIL FOUR SIXTYEIGHT
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FOUR, LAST TO CATCH A TRAILWAYS BUS ABOUT SEVEN PM, KING
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PM APRIL FOUR, LAST KING CALLED KENNEDY AND STATED HE WAS
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SHE ARRIVED CLARKSDALE AT ONE O'CLOCK AM APRIL FIVE,
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NEW ORLEANS INDICES NEGATIVE RE BILLY RAY KING.

JACKSON AT CLARKSDALE, MISS. DETERMINE IF BILLY RAY
KING REGISTERED AT DOWNTOWNER MOTEL NIGHT OF APRIL FOUR
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Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-9586)

FROM : SA HAROLD M. RATCHFORD

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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Review of the files of the Jackson Office reflect the following information re BILLY RAY KING, aka BILLY KING:

44-1-3023
BILLY RAY KING, W/M, RFD. 5, Carthage, Mississippi, was issued a ticket on 5/30/62 for speeding at Philadelphia, Miss.

44-1-3026
Reflects KING employed in a filling station Carthage, Miss., his mother's name is DOLLY KING.

157-8802*

Reflects a 157 master re one BILLY KING, however, name of JIMMY KING appears in informant's report.

A review of the above files failed to reflect any ~~particular~~ detail information. Review of files reflect that individuals mentioned above are not identical with BILLY RAY KING contained in file 157-9586.

Review of indices of Jackson Office failed to reflect ~~any~~ any information re WILLIAM WHITE as being identical with aliases of BILLY RAY KING.

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TO: JACKSON (157-9586) AND MEMPHIS

FROM: INDIANAPOLIS (157-NEW) (RUC) 2P

MURKIN

**DO NOT DESTROY -
PRESERVE FOR SELECT
COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATION**

RE JACKSON TEL TO MEMPHIS AND INDIANAPOLIS TODAY.

FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED TODAY BY SA. HERBERT T.
BRADSHAW AND SA. WILLIAM R. LISTON.

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