

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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HOMER DENTON, Night Auditor, Holiday Inn, Highway 72, West, Iuka, Mississippi, advised that his records reflect a M. J. ENGLAND registered at the motel at 2:56 P.M., on April 9, 1968, and was assigned Room 232. Mr. DENTON stated that the motel registration records reflect that ENGLAND was driving a Buick, Texas license TWW235 and listed his name as M. JACK ENGLAND, 2616 Ryan Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas, employed, Westward Company. Mr. DENTON further stated his records reflect that a call was made from Room 232 to area code 901-234-0778 at 7:48 P.M. on April 9, 1968.

Mr. DENTON further stated that the reservation in the Holiday Inn, Corinth, Mississippi, was made from a Holiday Inn, Decatur, Illinois.

On 4/10/68 at Corinth, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586

by SA FRANCIS G. HONAN
SA JOHN S. CASTLES/FGH/bjk Date dictated 4/11/68

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MARION JACKSON ENGLAND, JR., after being advised of the nature of the inquiry, and the identity of the interviewing Agents, was interviewed in Room 232, Holiday Inn, Highway 72, West, Corinth, Mississippi, at which time he stated that he checked into the Holiday Inn, Corinth, Mississippi, approximately 3:00 P.M. on the afternoon of April 9, 1968. He advised that he is employed as a salesman by the Westward Company, Appliance Parts Manufacturer, 7400 St. Aubin Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

Concerning his whereabouts on April 4, 1968, Mr. ENGLAND stated that on April 3, 1968, he stayed at the Stonewall Jackson Motel, Highway 80, West, Jackson, Mississippi, and while in Jackson, Mississippi, called on a Mr. BRUCE COLEMAN, who is the Manager of Appliance Parts Company, Jackson, Mississippi. He stated that he stayed in Jackson, Mississippi, over the evening of April 3, 1968, and on the early morning of April 4, 1968, left Jackson, Mississippi, and drove to Mobile, Alabama, where he stayed at the Travel Lodge Motel, located on Government Street. He advised that he stayed at the Travel Lodge Motel the evening of April 4, and April 5, 1968. Mr. ENGLAND stated he arrived in Mobile, Alabama, around lunchtime on the fourth of April, and had lunch with a JAMES HYBART, who is the owner of Appliance Parts and Supply Company, 805 Church Street, Mobile, Alabama. He stated that he had lunch at Wentzel's Seafood Restaurant, Mobile, Alabama. Mr. ENGLAND also stated that he saw FRED HYBART, on the afternoon of April 4, 1968, and further stated that he did not check

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into the Travel Lodge Motel until approximately 3:00 P.M., on April 4, 1968. He stated that he had dinner at approximately 5:00 P.M., at the Morrison's Cafeteria, Mobile, Alabama. Mr. ENGLAND further stated that due to severe sinus headaches that he has, he stayed in the motel all evening in Mobile, Alabama.

Mr. ENGLAND denied being in Memphis, Tennessee, on the evening of April 4, 1968. He further stated that he recalls on the evening of April 4, 1968, making a collect telephone call to his wife in Fort Worth, Texas, at approximately 8:00 P.M. He stated his home telephone number in Fort Worth, Texas is area code 817-Walnut 3-3688. ENGLAND stated that he drives a 1967 white Buick Le Sabre with Texas license TWW235.

The following description of ENGLAND was obtained from interview and observation:

Name:	MARION JACKSON ENGLAND, JR.
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Born:	<input type="text"/>
Place of birth:	Fort Worth, Texas
Height:	6' 1"
Weight:	175 pounds
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Blue
Marital status:	Married
Wife:	ERNESTINE FRANCES ENGLAND
Residence:	2616 Ryan Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas
Employment:	Salesman, The Westward Company, 7400 St. Aubin Avenue, Detroit, Michigan

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Military service: U. S. Navy, 1945
Serial number: Unknown
Driver's license: Texas Department of
Public Safety, license
number 0523707, expires
December 15, 1968
Selective service
number: [REDACTED]
Registered: Local Board 113, Fort
Worth, Texas
Classification: 5A (September 11, 1962)

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

DATE: 4-29-68

FROM : SA JOHN L. PUDDISTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On April 11, 1968, Inspector JOSEPH A. SULLIVAN telephonically advised that he did not desire that any negative type investigation, which eliminates local Jackson suspects, be sent to Memphis. He advised that negative type information should be indexed and filed at Jackson rather than be furnished to Memphis.

The attached concerns investigation of James M. Stanford whose identity was furnished as a result of IBM Computer Search of registered drivers, BMV, Jackson, Miss., with the date of birth, 7/20/31.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA CHARLES W. HARVEY:

AT CARROLLTON, MISSISSIPPI

On April 19, 1968, GERALD JOHNSON, Deputy Sheriff, Carroll County Sheriff's Department, advised that he personally knows JAMES M. STANFORD. He stated that STANFORD has never been arrested, is married and has two children, and is a well respected and longtime member of the community. Deputy JOHNSON further stated that STANFORD is a white male, approximately 36 years of age, and is employed as a farmer in addition to operating his own nursery business.

Deputy JOHNSON made available vehicle registration records, which reflected that STANFORD is the owner of a 1964 Pontiac, bearing 1968 Mississippi tag number 8-1370. The registration records listed STANFORD's address as Rural Route 3, Carrollton, Mississippi.

Deputy JOHNSON also stated that he does not believe that STANFORD has recently left the Carrollton, Mississippi, area.

AT GREENWOOD, MISSISSIPPI

On April 19, 1968, Mrs. MARY LOUISE DIAMOND, Clerk, Greenwood Credit Bureau, made available records concerning one JAMES M. STANFORD. The records reflected that STANFORD is employed by his father and is also self-employed. The records listed STANFORD's age as 28 in 1966.

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It is noted that the above described individual was the only JAMES M. STANFORD in the records of the Credit Bureau who possibly could be identical with the JAMES M. STANFORD whose date of birth is

On April 19, 1968, Lieutenant JOSEPH HILL, Identification Officer, Greenwood Police Department, stated that a search of his department's records failed to reveal any record concerning JAMES M. STANFORD.

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Investigation re -

Roy Hardy

Tom Nelson Davis

John D. Dial

John Ellis Kinnbraugh

Roy Ray Logan

Robert Earl Davis

Donald Edward Kinnison

Howard La Croix

Everett Gault

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Date 4/9/681

On April 7, 1968, SA BENJAMIN O. KEUTZER of the Jackson Division, FBI, Jackson, Mississippi, received an anonymous telephone call by a person assumed by his speech to be a Negro male who stated he was calling for a friend who had overheard a telephone conversation on a party-line.

The telephone call was allegedly made from Jackson, Mississippi, to the State of Indiana, area code 317, number 282-3901. *teletype sent - see serial # 157-9586-47*

The alleged telephone call was to the effect that the caller had left Memphis, Tennessee, April 4, 1968, and had traveled to Gulfport, Mississippi, where the caller had gotten rid of the vehicle he was traveling in and had rented lodging.

The word "KING" was mentioned several times during the conversation.

The anonymous caller said his friend would not identify herself to the FBI as she feared for her safety.

The telephone conversation was terminated by the anonymous caller at that time.

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by SA BENJAMIN O. KEUTZER:ccs Date dictated 4/9/68

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Mr. ROY HARDY, Route 3, New Albany, Mississippi, was interviewed at his residence in the presence of Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol (MHSP) Investigator BURT DUNCAN.

HARDY was questioned concerning his activities on the afternoon of April 4, 1968, at which time he advised that he is employed by BILL PHILLIPS, a road contractor, doing road work near Highway 30, and stated on this date it was too wet to operate the heavy equipment, and therefore he was not working. He advised he took this occasion to take his pickup truck to Harris Body Shop in New Albany, and stated after his truck was repaired he stopped by to visit his first cousin, TOM NELSON DAVIS, who lives on South Acres Drive in New Albany. HARDY admitted that he was drinking prior to the time he decided to visit DAVIS, and stated after arriving at DAVIS' house he offered him a drink of whiskey. He recalled that TOM NELSON DAVIS suggested they drive out to the Barbecue Grill at the Beacon Hill community, located just east of New Albany, Mississippi. He recalls that DAVIS was driving his white Mustang, and stated that he followed DAVIS in his pickup truck.

He stated he could not be certain of the time, but stated it was still daylight and probably around 5:30 or 6:00 P.M. He stated that DAVIS sat in the pickup truck with him, and they both had one drink together. He stated DAVIS told him that he had an appointment to meet someone he believed to be at 7:00 P.M., and left.

He advised that DAVIS would not tell him where he planned to go, and stated but as far as he could determine this was the first drink DAVIS had taken on that

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by SA JOHN DENNIS MILLER and SA ROBIN O. COTTEN:ROC:bal Date dictated 4/9/68

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afternoon.

He stated he returned home and by the time he reached home was very intoxicated and went directly to bed. He advised he did not learn concerning the shooting of Doctor MARTIN LUTHER KING until the following day.

He advised that at no time during his brief conversation with TOM NELSON DAVIS, did he ever mention the name of Doctor KING.

He volunteered that he knows DAVIS has an extensive criminal record, and has served time for armed robbery, but has no reason to believe that DAVIS would be the type of person who would kill anyone without provocation.

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Mrs. JUDY DIAL, 501 Birkshire Circle, Clinton, Mississippi, advised her husband is JOHN D. DIAL. Mrs. DIAL stated that her husband formerly had a light blue Ford with an Alabama license on it.

Mrs. DIAL stated her husband is a drug salesman for the Lam-Par Company, 277 Mockingbird Lane, Dallas, Texas.

Mrs. DIAL stated that on April 4, 1968, her husband checked out of a motel at Memphis, Tennessee, and came back to their home at Clinton, Mississippi. She stated she believed he stayed in the Holiday Inn on Third Street at Memphis while he was there. Mrs. DIAL stated that on the night of April 4, 1968 she and her husband were listening to their television at their home in Clinton when they heard about the shooting of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., at Memphis.

Mrs. DIAL then stated that her husband had recently turned this light blue Ford into the company at Dallas, and that he was at this time driving a Chrysler vehicle and that he was out of the state and would return either on April 11, 1968, or April 12, 1968.

Mrs. DIAL could furnish no further information concerning the light blue Ford her husband formerly drove, nor could she furnish any other information concerning the license plate other than the Ford had been originally purchased in Alabama.

On 4/9/68 at Clinton, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586
by SA EDGAR L. MARTIN:pdb Date dictated 4/11/68

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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DATE: 4/10/68

FROM : SA DAVID H. PHILLIPS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Rememo of SA BENJAMIN F. GRAVES, 4/8/68.

MARY WILLIAMSON, Clerk, Medical Records Division, Mississippi State Hospital, Whitfield, Miss., advised that according to hospital records, JOHN ELLIS KIMBROUGH, DOB [redacted] Route 4, Union, Miss., has never been a patient; however, he was employed in the maintenance department as a Sewage Disposal Operator on two different occasions. The first occasion was 4/8/59 - 9/8/59. The second period of employment was 4/25/69 - 1/26/68. According to hospital records, KIMBROUGH was a model worker and at no time posed any problem while he was employed at the hospital.

Mrs. WILLIAMSON advised that KIMBROUGH's wife, ZEXA KIMBROUGH is a former employee of the hospital and she currently has a brother who is employed at the hospital as a barber. The brother's name is MALCOM MC NAIR, address, General Delivery, Whitfield, Miss.

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ALBERT C. LOGAN, Constable, Houlka (Chickasaw County), Mississippi, advised that ROY RAY LOGAN is his brother who resides on Madison Avenue in Memphis, Tennessee. He stated that if there was information contained in the records of the Holiday Inn, Memphis, Tennessee, that ROY R. LOGAN was registered from April 5-6, 1968, whose employment was shown as Chickasaw County Sheriff's Office, this information had to be erroneous. He explained that his brother, ROY RAY LOGAN, is employed on either a full-time or a part-time basis with the Shelby County Sheriff's Office in Memphis, Tennessee, and he thought perhaps that the records of the Holiday Inn were misinterpreted.

LOGAN further advised that he had not been in Memphis, Tennessee, during the past month and he could not account for the activities of his brother, ROY RAY LOGAN, on April 5 or 6, 1968. He stated that his brother is a friend of another Mississippi resident, FRED BALLARD, from Tupelo, Mississippi, who is also employed by the Shelby County Sheriff's Office.

LOGAN described his brother as being approximately 30 years of age and weighing over 300 pounds. He characterized him as being a person who just "naturally hated Niggers", and it would not surprise him if his brother was involved in the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA EDGAR C. FORTENBERRY:

AT COLUMBIA, MISSISSIPPI

On April 12, 1968, a physical check was made of the residence of F. A. DE BAY, 912 Sunset Circle, at which time it was determined that no one was at home, and no automobiles of any description were parked at the above address.

On April 12, 1968, Mrs. DORIS R. BROOM, Clerk, Marion County Sheriff's Office, advised that the files of her office reflect that 1968 Mississippi license 46-3994, was issued to FRANK A. DE BAY, 912 Sunset Circle, Columbia, Mississippi for a 1966 Ford Custom 6-cylinder, four-door, color - blue, VIN 6G52V182916.

Mrs. BROOM stated that 1968 Mississippi license 46-3917 was issued to F. A. DE BAY, 912 Sunset Circle, Columbia, Mississippi for a 1954 Plymouth, two-door, VIN A25163566.

Mrs. BROOM stated that according to the records of her office no other automobiles are registered to FRANK A. DE BAY in Marion County, Mississippi.

AT HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI

On April 12, 1968, Mrs. BETH SWILLEY, Radio Operator, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, advised that substitute automobile licenses are issued by the Motor Vehicle Comptroller's Office, Jackson, Mississippi, therefore the identity of the person to whom 1968 substitute license "SUB-C-2" was issued is recorded with the Motor Vehicle Comptroller's Office, Jackson, Mississippi.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 16, 1968

Mr. MARVIN WATSON, Clerk, Southern Airlines, Oxford, Mississippi, advised that after checking his records, only one passenger arrived in Oxford on Flight 781 on April 8, 1968, from Memphis, Tennessee, and stated the name is not available. He stated his records reflect this passenger listed two bags, not further identified.

Mr. WATSON advised that he does not recall seeing any particular person arriving at the Oxford Airport but stated he has since been contacted by ROBERT EARL DAVIS who questioned him concerning the identity of a passenger who arrived on the morning flight of April 8, 1968. Mr. WATSON advised that the identity of this passenger might be obtained through the Southern Airways ticket office in Memphis.

He advised that the particular flight in question, No. 781, would have departed Memphis at 10:10 a.m. and arrived in Oxford, Mississippi, at 10:33 a.m. on April 8, 1968.

Mr. WATSON also advised he had discussed this matter with other employees at the airport and none of them could recall this person mentioned by DAVIS.

On 4/14/68 at Oxford, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586

by SA ROBIN O. COTTEN /blw Date dictated 4/15/68

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA PETER H. CROOKS:

On April 15, 1968, DONALD EDWARD KINNISON,
1129 Mantoe Street, Pascagoula, Mississippi, came to
the Gulfport Resident Agency. KINNISON provided
the following background information:

Date of Birth	[REDACTED]
Place of Birth	Donaldson, Louisiana
Parents	Mr. and Mrs. H. R. KINNISON
	Natchez, Mississippi
Employment	Electrical Engineer writing Tests at Ingalls Shipyard Extension 349

KINNISON advised that he is currently under
the care of a psychiatrist, Dr. BIRD, of Biloxi,
Mississippi. He stated that Dr. BIRD believes he is in
need of medical attention and stated that this fact must
be taken into account in connection with anything that
KINNISON said in connection with other matters.

He advised that he has no direct information in
connection with the death of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. He
stated that he believes an individual who drives a
white Cadillac with Harrison County license plate GD2434
whom he described as a white male, height 5' 8", build
paunchy, age 40, bald on top, is currently controlling
his actions by influencing his friends and working
associates. He stated that he believes this individual
is following him and he believes he has seen this
baldheaded man disguised with a gray wig. He advised
that he has a friend by the name of Mr. RICHARD PLACE
in Natchez, Mississippi, and on one prior occasion he
has been traveling from Pascagoula, Mississippi, in

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order to consult with this friend regarding "those individuals" who were out to get him. He advised that these individuals put mud on the road at that time and caused him to run off into the ditch. When requested to identify who those individuals or as he constantly referred to them as "they" were he stated that he did not know but believed that it might be the individual who drives a white Cadillac.

He stated that he felt if this individual in the white Cadillac was able to control his actions he might, therefore, have controlled the actions of an individual and caused him to shoot Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

This information concerning the mental state of an employee doing work on a Government Contract was furnished to Mr. WALTER L. POL, Security Officer, Ingalls Shipyard, Pascagoula, Mississippi.

On April 17, 1968, Mrs. MADELYN ROGERS, Clerk, Harrison County License Bureau, Gulfport, Miss., advised that license GD 2434 issued to Mr. EUGENE O. ADAM for use on a 1959 Cadillac.

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HOWARD LA CROIX

Mr. LAMAR T. LOE, President, Lamar T. Loe Motor Company, Incorporated, Vicksburg, Mississippi, advised SA JACK G. WILSON on April 17, 1968, that HOWARD LA CROIX is no longer employed by his concern, having left the organization approximately two months ago. LA CROIX left in a Thunderbird automobile belonging to the Loe Motor Company, about a 1958 model, cream in color. Mr. LOE learned from GLEN KIRKLAND, General Motors Acceptance Corporation (GMAC) representative, Jackson, Mississippi, telephone 354-5331, that the missing automobile had been located by GMAC representatives stored in a garage in Memphis, Tennessee. The details were unknown to Mr. LOE as he was not interested in repossessing the car because storage costs exceeded its potential value.

Mr. LOE stated that records were ~~not~~ immediately available concerning HOWARD LA CROIX, but he did find a notation which indicated LA CROIX's father is W. O. LA CROIX, 1689 Germantown Road, Germantown, Tennessee. LA CROIX's father-in-law is C. O. WRIGHT, 1643 Riverdale Road, possibly also located in Germantown, Tennessee.

Mr. LOE will obtain and make available on April 18, 1968, additional background concerning HOWARD LA CROIX.

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HOWARD LA CROIX

The following investigation was conducted by
SA JOHN L. PUDDISTER, at Jackson, Mississippi, on
April 18, 1968:

Mr. GLEN KIRKLAND, General Motors Acceptance Corporation (GMAC), 427 North State Street, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that GMAC did recover a 1958 Ford Thunderbird automobile, cream in color, the property of the Lamar T. Loe Motor Company of Vicksburg, Mississippi. This vehicle was recovered in Memphis, Tennessee.

Mr. KIRKLAND stated that the only additional information his file discloses in this matter concerns the fact that the vehicle was recovered by GMAC representatives at Memphis, Tennessee, and that the vehicle was allegedly driven from Vicksburg, Mississippi, to Memphis, Tennessee, by HOWARD LA CROIX, a former employee of Lamar T. Loe Motor Company, and abandoned in Memphis.

Mr. KIRKLAND said his file reflects HOWARD LA CROIX presently resides at 1829 Germantown Road, Memphis, Tennessee, and that he is employed by the Charlie Kittle Pontiac Agency, 2563 Summer Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA BURTEN R. DE ZARN at Vicksburg, Mississippi, on April 18,
1968:

LAMAR T. LOE, JR., Lamar T. Loe Motor Company,
Highway 80 West, advised that HOWARD LOYAL LA CROIX had
been employed at Lamar T. Loe Motor Company as an assistant
parts manager from June 9, 1967, to December 28, 1967. LA
CROIX's record indicated that he had previously been employed
for about three years at Kittle Pontiac, Memphis, Tennessee.

On July 11, 1967, while employed at Lamar T. Loe
Motor Company, LA CROIX had purchased a 1962 Thunderbird
hardtop which was to be purchased through General Motors
Acceptance Corporation (GMAC) in Jackson, Mississippi. Mr.
LOE had been the co-signer in the transaction. Upon LA
CROIX's departure from Vicksburg and the employ of Mr. LOE,
LA CROIX had made no further payments to GMAC on the vehicle.
Inasmuch as Mr. LOE had been the co-signer in the transaction,
he had been required to continue these payments. Mr. LOE
advised that he had also received several calls from various
merchants in the Vicksburg, Mississippi, area concerning
insufficient funds checks which LA CROIX had cashed with them.
Mr. LOE stated that he would not attempt to repossess the
vehicle inasmuch as the expense of paying the repair bill
to the garage in Memphis, Tennessee, and subsequently
transporting the vehicle back to Vicksburg, Mississippi,
would probably be more than the car was worth.

Mr. LOE stated that his dealings with LA CROIX
had been on an employer-employee basis, and he had no idea
what LA CROIX's dealings were with regard to racial matters.
Mr. LOE was exhibited photographs of the two composite
drawings based on descriptions from individuals in Birmingham,
Alabama, and Memphis, Tennessee, and advised that neither
picture resembled LA CROIX.

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INEZ COWART GALT

On April 19, 1968, Security Supervisor GARRISON, Baltimore Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, telephonically furnished the following employment information concerning INEZ COWART GALT:

Social Security Number

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PLACE EMPLOYED</u>
1945	No employment listed after March, 1945
1945 (March)	B. Hughes Tool Company, Houston, Texas
1944	Pennsylvania Ship Building, Incorporated, Beaumont, Texas
1944	Ingall's, Birmingham, Alabama (Mississippi)
1943	V. Fox Company, San Antonio, Texas
1943 (September)	Hon-ond Foods, San Antonio, Texas
1943 (June to September)	Henke-Pillot, Incorporated, Houston, Texas

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YEAR

PLACE EMPLOYED

1943

W. T. Grant Company,
New York, New York
(This is headquarters for
this company, place of
employment not listed)

1942

Hoffman Apparel and
Dick's Gift Shop,
Camden, New Jersey

1942

Normoyle Officers Mess
San Antonio, Texas

1942 (September)

Sommers Drugs,
San Antonio, Texas

1942

Marvin Drugs,
Chicago, Illinois (Texas)
(Employed in Texas)

1941 (December)

Kaufmann's, Incorporated,
San Antonio, Texas

1941

C. A. MC ADEN, The
Chicken Shack,
Austin, Texas

1941 (December)

J. O. ELLIOTT,
San Antonio, Texas

1941 (December)

Leo's Place,
San Antonio, Texas

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Date of birth listed as
Ezadale, Texas. Parents listed as SARAH PAYNE and JOE
COWART. Full name listed as INEZ COWART RUSSELL GALT.

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On April 22, 1968, EVERETT GAULT, Route 1, Meridian, Mississippi, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent. GAULT advised that he and his wife are presently separated, and that he has a family consisting of eleven children. He stated none of these children have the name ERIC STARVO GALT, and pointed out that his last name is spelled GAULT and not GALT. EVERETT GAULT observed photographs of ERIC STARVO GALT and advised that he had never seen this individual and that this person is definitely not a member of his family, or a relation thereof. He stated that he has a brother by the name of CURTIS HOPE GAULT, and his last known address was Pioneer, Louisiana. EVERETT GAULT stated that his brother, CURTIS GAULT, was employed by the Ford Bacon and Davis Construction Company, Monroe, Louisiana. He stated he has not been in contact with his brother for some period of time, and is not sure of his present whereabouts.

He also commented that MALCOLM A. GAULT and EZRA GAULT are both brothers of his. EVERETT GAULT stated he could furnish no information concerning any one who resembles the person in the photograph identified as ERIC STARVO GALT. EVERETT GAULT advised his brother, CURTIS HOPE GAULT, is not identical with ERIC STARVO GALT.

The following physical description was obtained from observation and interview:

Name: EVERETT GAULT

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by SA JOHN H. PROCTOR, JR./bjk Date dictated 4/23/68

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Sex: Male
Race: White
Height: 5' 7"
Weight: 175 pounds
Eyes: Dark (wears glasses)
Age: 58
Hair: Brown, greying
Build: Medium
Occupation: Engineer, GM&O Railroad
Residence: Route 1, Meridian,
Mississippi
Marital status: Married (wife and 11 children)
Brothers: CURTIS HOPE GAULT, residence
unknown;

MALCOLM A. GAULT, residence
unknown;

EZRA GAULT, residence
unknown

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/8/68

Mr. WALTER KOONCE, manager, Southern Greyhound Terminal, Clarksdale, Mississippi, furnished the following information:

He called the Downtowner Motor Inn in Clarksdale on the night of April 4, 1968, to determine if rooms were available, since buses bound for Memphis, Tennessee, were not being allowed to enter the city of Memphis due to the civil disorder there following the shooting of MARTIN LUTHER KING. He stated that a bus from Vicksburg, Mississippi, which came through Greenville, Mississippi, arrived at Clarksdale on time - 9:41 PM. The bus did not proceed to Memphis.

One passenger, a white male, 45 to 50 years old, about six feet tall, 175 pounds, dark hair, with receding hairline, slightly protruding front teeth, attired in sports shirt and slacks, was upset because he was supposed to meet a boat in Memphis, Tennessee. This individual, name unknown, made a remark to the effect that MARTIN LUTHER KING "got what was coming to him," a remark which Mr. KOONCE stated he recalled because it was not appropriate for the time it was made.

Mr. KOONCE stated that the driver of the bus on which the above passenger arrived was Mr. HOOKER, who lives in Memphis, Tennessee.

On 4/8/68 at Clarksdale, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586

by SA HAROLD LEO FABRIZ:mif Date dictated 4/8/68

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ALL AGENTS

DATE: 4/30/68

FROM: *PKM* SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReButel to All SAC's 4/29/68.

The Bureau advised that all offices having law enforcement agencies in their territories which maintain unidentified latent fingerprints in connection with matters under their jurisdiction should immediately contact these agencies and requested that the fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY as set forth on the I.O. be compared with latents obtained since his escape from Missouri State Penitentiary on 4/23/67.

All Agents assigned to liaison contact with police departments insure that the above is complied with.

1 - Each Agent
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Jackson

DATE: April 29, 1968

JEM : Director, FBI

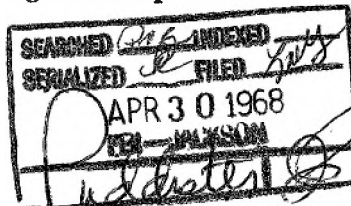
SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE
I.O. #4182; W. F. #442-A
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;
INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ARMED ROBBERY
"TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES" PROGRAM
NEWSPAPER MAT

Being forwarded under separate cover is a supply of newspaper mats and proofs for expeditious distribution to all cooperative daily and weekly newspapers in your territory. Additional publications such as shoppers' guides should not be overlooked in obtaining the greatest possible publicity regarding this fugitive.

In most cases, these mats and proofs may be distributed by mail but when circumstances warrant they may be personally delivered by Special Agents. A form letter over the signature of the Special Agent in Charge may be utilized in distributing this material by mail and this letter should point out that the FBI is requesting the aid of the Nation's press in bringing about the prompt apprehension of this badly sought fugitive.

Prompt distribution should be made and additional supplies, if needed, are available at the Bureau. The following number of mats and proofs are being forwarded to your office under separate cover: 150.

As an additional means of securing widespread publicity concerning Ray, offices covering the place of publication of magazines which have previously cooperated in publicizing FBI fugitives should request the assistance of such publications in carrying an article on captioned fugitive. The Bureau press release, copies of which are available in each office, along with a glossy photograph of this fugitive can be furnished. The earliest possible utilization of this material should be encouraged and special attention should be given to publications aimed at minority groups.



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Date: 4/30/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

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To: SACs Jackson
Dallas
Jacksonville

✓ From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN
OO: MEMPHIS

Re Bureau telephone call to Jackson 4/24/68.

The main file on King contains the following threats:

Jackson office, by teletype, 9/17/66, entitled "UNSUB; ALLEGED PLAN TO KILL REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING, GRENADA, MISSISSIPPI, RACIAL MATTERS," reported that the Reverend Emmett Barfield, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Grenada, Mississippi, who requested his identity be concealed, claimed an attorney in his parish told him two white residents of Grenada planned to assassinate King on 9/19/66, at Grenada. These men allegedly wanted to retain the attorney should they be charged. 157-6713 ✓

Sam Holloway Bowers, Jr., aka Sam, Imperial Wizard, wkkkom, reportedly made a statement at a Klan meeting near Harrisville, Mississippi, on 11/15/64, that two men had requested his permission to shoot King. Bowers reportedly told the men not to take any chances and stated that any American citizen would consider it his patriotic duty to shoot King if given the opportunity. 157-18 ✓

Bureau airtel 6/15/67, captioned "ALLEGED OFFER OF \$100,000 BY WHITE KNIGHTS OF KU KLUX KLAN, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, TO ANYONE WHO KILLS MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM, RACIAL MATTER," refers to information received from 157-9586-438 157-7990 ✓

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Date: 5/1/68

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA, AND BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

FROM: JACKSON (157-9586) 2P

MURKIN

RE BIRMINGHAM TEL TO BUREAU, ATLANTA, JACKSON,
KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS, AND MIAMI APRIL THIRTY LAST.

SUPERVISOR JOHN WHITE, DELTA AIRLINES, JACKSON, MISS.,
ADVISED MAY ONE INSTANT THAT INBOUND-PASSENGER RECORDS ARE
NOT MAINTAINED BEYOND TWENTY-FOUR HOURS. PASSENGER WEAVER
(FNU) NOT RECALLED AND UNKNOWN AT JACKSON. WHITE ADVISED
PRESENT LOCATION OF CREW OF FLIGHT ONE FIVE ONE FROM BIRM-
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ATLANTA. WHITE ADVISED THAT IN EVENT WEAVER PURCHASED TICKET
AT BIRMINGHAM OVER THE COUNTER IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO TAKEOFF,
NO FURTHER IDENTIFYING DATA WOULD BE AVAILABLE. IN THE
EVENT WEAVER MADE RESERVATION AND PICKED UP TICKET AT COUNTER,

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FURTHER DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION WOULD BE AVAILABLE THROUGH SEARCH OF IBM-TYPE MAGNETIC TAPE AT ATLANTA. HE ADVISED THAT A SEARCH OF THE MAGNETIC TAPE NORMALLY INVOLVES A TEN-DAY WAIT FOR REQUESTED DATA.

BIRMINGHAM WILL RECHECK FLIGHT ONE FIVE ONE, APRIL EIGHT LAST, MANIFEST FOR FURTHER IDENTIFYING DATA.

ATLANTA WILL DETERMINE PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF CREW OF DELTA FLIGHT ONE FIVE ONE, WHICH DEPARTED BIRMINGHAM SIX NINETEEN AM APRIL EIGHT LAST, DESTINED FOR JACKSON AND DALLAS, AND SET OUT LEAD TO EXHIBIT PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY.

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AM COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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FBI ATLANTA

FBI JKSN MISS

2:16PM 5-1-68 URGENT LDG

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA, AND BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

FROM JACKSON (157-9586)

MURKIN

RE BIRMINGHAM TEL TO BUREAU, ATLANTA, JACKSON,
KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS, AND MIAMI APRIL THIRTY LAST.

SUPERVISOR JOHN WHITE, DELTA AIRLINES, JACKSON, MISS.,
ADVISED MAY ONE INSTANT THAT INBOUND-PASSENGER RECORDS ARE
NOT MAINTAINED BEYOND TWENTYFOUR HOURS. PASSENGER WEAVER
(FNU) NOT RECALLED AND UNKNOWN AT JACKSON. WHITE ADVISED
PRESENT LOCATION OF CREW OF FLIGHT ONE FIVE ONE FROM BIRMINGHAM
TO JACKSON TO DALLAS CAN BE OBTAINED AT DELTA AIRLINES, ATLANTA.
WHITE ADVISED THAT IN EVENT WEAVER PURCHASED TICKET AT BIRMINGHAM
OVER THE COUNTER IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO TAKEOFF, NO FURTHER
IDENTIFYING DATA WOULD BE AVAILABLE. IN THE EVENT WEAVER MADE
RESERVATION AND PICKED UP TICKET AT COUNTER, FURTHER DESCRIPTIVE
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INFORMATION WOULD BE AVAILABLE THROUGH SEARCH OF IBM-TYPE
MAGNETIC TAPE AT ATLANTA. HE ADVISED THAT A SEARCH OF THE
MAGNETIC TAPE NORMALLY INVOLVES A TEN-DAY WAIT FOR REQUESTED DATA.

BIRMINGHAM WILL RECHECK FLIGHT ONE FIVE ONE, APRIL EIGHT LAST,
MANIFEST FOR FURTHER IDENTIFYING DATA.

ATLANTA WILL DETERMINE PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF CREW OF DELTA
FLIGHT ONE FIVE ONE, WHICH DEPARTED BIRMINGHAM SIX NINETEEN AM
APRIL EIGHT LAST, DESTINED FOR JACKSON AND DALLAS, AND SET OUT
LEAD TO EXHIBIT PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

AM COPY TO MEMPHIS.

END.

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FBI ATLANTA

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FBI BIRMGHAM

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586) (P)
MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to Jackson, Dallas, and
Jacksonville 4/25/68.

Referenced Bureau airtel set out instances
of threats from the main file on KING.

Paragraph 2 of referenced communication con-
cerning SAM HOLLOWAY BOWERS, JR., Imperial Wizard, WKKKKOM,
reportedly making a statement at a Klan meeting near
Harrisville, Mississippi on 11/15/64, that two men had
requested his permission to shoot KING.

A review of the Jackson file in this matter
disclosed that two Jackson informants furnished this
information.

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② - Jackson (157-9586)
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