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Room 10  
107 1/2 Lynch Street  
Jackson, Mississippi 39203

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U.S. Department of Justice  
Constitution Avenue & Tenth Street NW.,  
Washington, D.C., 20530

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VRC/111

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✓ From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775) P  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

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Enclosed for Kansas City and Oklahoma City are copies of re teletype.

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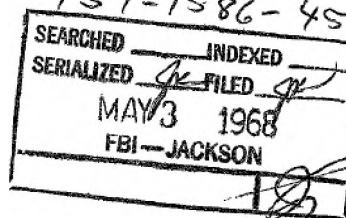
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Jackson, Mississippi  
May 1, 1968

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POSSIBLE THREAT TO HARM AARON E.  
HENRY, PRESIDENT, NATIONAL  
ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT  
OF COLORED PEOPLE (NAACP), STATE  
OF MISSISSIPPI

Aaron E. Henry, President of the Mississippi NAACP, advised a Special Agent of the FBI on April 30, 1968, that he had not had any further contact with W. O. Dismuke, who last contacted him telephonically on April 13, 1968. He also advised that he has not had any contact with Theodore Allison Carr and there has been no evidence that Carr was attempting to intimidate Mr. Henry in any manner. He further advised that he did not consider Dismuke's call a threat but a reminder to be cautious in view of the recent murder of Martin Luther King.

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- 1 - Memphis
- 1 - USA, Oxford
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FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9648) (P)

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Teddy Carr;  
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AARON E. HENRY, PRESIDENT,  
NAACP, STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
RM

Re Jackson airtel and LHM to Bureau dated April 15,  
1968.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM; one  
copy to Memphis; one copy to USA, Oxford; one copy to USA,  
Jackson; two copies to MIGp, Jackson; one copy to Secret  
Service, Jackson; one copy to OSI, Jackson.

The Special Agent mentioned in LHM is HAROLD LEO  
FABRIZ.

LEAD:JACKSON

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AT CLARKSDALE, MISSISSIPPI

Maintain contact with AARON E. HENRY and report any additional information re captioned matter.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Jackson, Mississippi 39205  
May 3, 1968

UNKNOWN SUBJECT; MISSISSIPPI  
LICENSE NUMBER 120-134.  
COMPLAINANT - V. R. COLLIER

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By communication dated April 24, 1968, FBI  
Headquarters, Washington, D. C., forwarded a copy of  
the following letter from V. R. Collier to the Jackson,  
Mississippi, Office.

4-Bureau  
① Jackson (157-9586)  
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MISSISSIPPI LICENSE NUMBER 120-134

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On April 25, 1968, Miss Sherry Armstrong, Motor Vehicle Comptroller's Office, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that there is no such prefix as 120 for automobile registrations in the State of Mississippi, and further that there is no such tag number issued as 12-0134.

The 1968 Mississippi tag 12-134 is registered to Mrs. J.N. McRee, Quitman, Mississippi (Clarke County) for use on a 1954 Ford.

The 1968 Mississippi tag 12-1034 is registered to W. W. Buckley, Jr., Route 2, Enterprise, Mississippi (Clarke County) for use on a 1961 Ford.

The 1968 Mississippi tag 12D-134 is registered to William E. Sikes, Jr., Stonewall, Mississippi, (Clarke County) for use on a 1965 Buick, Vehicle Identification Number 464675X132855.

A review of the Road and Bridge Privilege Tax receipt for 1968 tag number 12D-134 disclosed it is registered to William E. Sikes, Jr., Stonewall, Mississippi, for use on a 1965 Buick Wildcat, white convertible, eight cylinder, bearing Vehicle Identification Number 464675X132855.

On April 29, 1968, Mrs. ~~Beatrice Sikes~~, mother of William E. Sikes, Jr., operator of Stonewall Hotel, Stonewall, Mississippi, advised that her son, William E. Sikes, Jr., is employed at the Emporium Department Store, Jackson, Mississippi, and resides at 820 Eastview Street, Jackson, Mississippi.

On May 2, 1968, Mr. William E. Sikes, Jr., was located at the Emporium Department Store, Jackson, Mississippi, where he is employed as a salesman.

Mr. Sikes advised that on April 4, 1968, he worked

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MISSISSIPPI LICENSE NUMBER 120-134

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at the Emporium Department Store in downtown Jackson from 12:00 noon to 9:00 P.M., closing time. He stated he could not specifically recall whether or not he went anywhere that particular night after working but his usual procedure is to go home to his Eastview Street address immediately after work. Mr. Sikes could not recall any unusual event on the night of April 4, 1968, but assumes he went straight home after work. He advised that South Prentiss Street is less than a block away from his home on Eastview Street. He said he could not recall whether or not anyone followed him home this particular night.

Mr. Sikes advised that he is leaving the Jackson, Mississippi, area around June 1, 1968, and is taking a new position as a salesman with the National Jewelry Company, Ruston, Louisiana, and that his new address will be 1602 Ridge Street, Ruston, Louisiana.

The following descriptive information was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	William E. Sikes, Jr.
Address	820 Eastview Street Jackson, Mississippi Meridian, Mississippi
Place of birth	
Date of birth	
Height	Five feet eight inches
Weight	One hundred sixty pounds
Hair	Gray
Eyes	Blue
Social Security Number	
Military Service	United States Marines, Honorable Discharge
Marine Serial Number	

Mr. Sikes is not identical to James Earl Ray



UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
MISSISSIPPI LICENSE NUMBER 120-134

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but does bear a slight resemblance in height, weight, and age only.

Mr. Sikes advised he has no information other than what he has read in the newspapers concerning the assassination of Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr.

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"UNSUB, MISSISSIPPI LICENSE 120-134."

Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies of an  
LHM disclosing results of investigation in this matter. It  
should be noted there is no such license number as 120-134,  
Mississippi. It was determined that license number 12D-134  
is in all probability the license number that the complainant  
observed.

Jackson indices negative re WILLIAM E. SIKES, JR.

Investigation at BMV was conducted by SA LAURIER  
C. BUTEAU.

Investigation at Clarke County, Mississippi,  
conducted by SA FRANK B. WATTS.

Investigation at Jackson, Miss., conducted by  
SA ANTHONY E. DANIELS.

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FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR  
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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

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ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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1 - Jacksonville  
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*Source of Info. is town drunk  
was an informant - being closed  
advise Ben, Jacksonville + Memphis.*

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<u>ALBUQUERQUE:</u>			
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<u>CHARLOTTE:</u>			
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<u>CHICAGO:</u>			
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PCI Charles Keithell Courtney  
neg - 4/13 / 4/26/68  
SA Cunniff

In 7-C neg on 4/30/68  
SA Wilson

*Jim*  
*Lead Greenville Bodman*  
*Handley 5/6/68*  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

DATE: MAY 6, 1968

FROM : SA JOHN L. PUDDISTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Houston airtel to Bureau 5/3/68.

## BACKGROUND:

Investigation into the activity of JAMES EARL RAY, Los Angeles Office, disclosed that in November and December, 1967, JAMES EARL RAY was alleged to have been in New Orleans where he met CHARLES STEIN. STEIN has been located and interviewed and claims that he and RAY traveled to California around December 15-17, 1967.

By airtel dated 4/25/68 (no copy to Jackson) the Bureau advised El Paso, Houston and San Antonio to determine from telephone company long distant calls placed at each public telephone on Interstate 10 over which subject RAY and CHARLES STEIN allegedly traveled during the period in December.

Referenced Houston airtel set forth telephone calls made from public telephones on Interstate 10 in the area covered by the Houston Division for the period December 15-17, 1967. Numerous calls were located wherein the caller placed calls to Ohio, Michigan, Texas, Jackson, Mississippi, Florida, and Nevada.

The calls made to Jackson Division were as follows:

*(Leads set out as indicated on page 2)*

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LEADS

JACKSON DIVISION

Agents receiving copy of this memorandum will immediately contact the subscriber to the telephone number listed in their respective territories and determine from the subscriber, or person receiving call, the identity of the caller. If caller was JAMES EARL RAY, aka, obtain all available information.

Date received 3/11,22,29/68 4/4,15,18,22,26/68 JN 55-R (PROB)	Received from (name or symbol number)	Received by SA JOHN H. PROCTOR, JR.
Method of delivery (check appropriate blocks) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in person <input type="checkbox"/> by telephone <input type="checkbox"/> by mail <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> orally <input type="checkbox"/> recording device <input type="checkbox"/> written by Informant		
If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent: Dictated <u>4/29/68</u> to <u>Connie M. Bagwell (MB)</u> Transcribed <u>4/29/68</u> Authenticated by Informant _____		Date of Report 4/26/68 Date(s) of activity March and April, 1968
Brief description of activity or material NSRP, Raymond Roberts, R. H. WATTS, Lauderdale County Citizens Council, Leo Broadhead, WKKKKOM Lauderdale County.		File where original is located if not attached 170-94-SF1-82
Remarks:  <u>INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE ENCLOSED REPORT, IF USED IN A REPORT BEING PREPARED FOR DISSEM- INATION, SHOULD BE SUITABLY PARAPHRASED IN ORDER TO ADEQUATELY PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF THIS INFORMANT.</u>		

- 1 - 170-94-SF1
- 1 - 157-12 (NSRP)
- 1 - 157-RAYMOND ROBERTS
- 1 - 157-1106 (ALTON WAYNE ROBERTS)
- 1 - 157-LEE ROBERTS
- ① - 157-9586 (MURKIN)
- 1 - 157-399 (Possible Racial Violence,  
Major Urban Areas)
- 1 - 157-Lauderdale County Citizens Council
- 1 - 157-JERRY A. ROHACEK

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One-page memos have been directed to the following files indicating source was unable to furnish any information concerning these matters:

UNSUBS; BURNING OF MOUNT PLEASANT  
BAPTIST CHURCH, MERIDIAN, MISS., 4/14/68  
RM (157-9652)

UNSUB; SHOOTING INTO RESIDENCE OF BENNIE  
COLLINS, MERIDIAN, MISS., 4/18/68, RM  
(Jackson File 157-9604)

UNSUB; SHOOTING INTO RESIDENCE OF DR.  
HOBERT KORNEGAY, MERIDIAN, MISS., 4/24/68  
RM (157- )

UNSUB; SHOOTING INTO RESIDENCE OF RAYMOND  
ROBERTS, MERIDIAN, MISS., 4/26/68, RM  
(Jackson File 157- )

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April 26, 1968

Lauderdale County, Miss.

MURKIN:

Continuous contact has been had with the source since 4/4/68 and, to date, he has been unable to ascertain any information concerning JOHN WILLARD, HARVEY LOWMYER, ERIC STARVO GALT, or JAMES EARL RAY.

LAUDERDALE COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL:

Source stated that the Lauderdale County Citizens Council held its regular meeting at the Katherine Motel on Tom Bailey Drive, Meridian, Miss., on the night of 4/8/68. Source stated that there were only six persons present, including the president, HERBERT BREWER.

Source stated that it appears interest in the Lauderdale County Citizens Council has dwindled considerably and that this organization has lost a great deal of prestige. Source stated that he believes if the organization does not show some improvement in the very near future, it will probably disband.

NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY (NSRP):

On 4/4/68, source stated that RAYMOND ROBERTS had told him that a meeting of the NSRP would be held in Bill Gordon's Barbershop, located across the street from the USPO, Meridian, Miss., at about 7:30 p.m. on that evening. Source stated that according to ROBERTS, vice chairman J. B. STONER, Savannah, Ga., would be the guest speaker. Source advised that according to ROBERTS, STONER was interested in locating a unit of the NSRP in Meridian, Miss., and further that this organization planned to hold marches and rallies throughout the entire state of Mississippi, starting in May, 1968. Source stated that he did not attend the above meeting, but learned that there were approximately 15 persons present and that STONER spoke for approximately two hours, during which time he castigated the FBI, the Jewish populus, and the Negroes.

Source stated he has learned of no further information regarding any location for a rally or march in connection with the NSRP.

ALTON WAYNE ROBERTS:

Source stated that ALTON WAYNE ROBERTS, employee of Akin Mobile Homes, Tom Bailey Drive, Meridian, Miss., is presently employed in the Meridian Office. He stated that ROBERTS previously operated the Sales Office in Philadelphia, Miss.; however, since the recent death of B. L. AKIN, father of EARL AKIN, the office in Philadelphia, Miss., has been closed and ROBERTS is working in the Meridian area.

LEE ROBERTS:

Source stated that LEE ROBERTS has resigned as a patrolman in the Meridian PD. He stated that rumor has it that ROBERTS was forced to resign due to his addiction to drugs.

POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE, MAJOR URBAN AREAS:

Source stated that the Negroes in Meridian, Miss., have obtained a number of goals by proceeding through peaceful means and through channels of communication with the Meridian city officials as well as through the Meridian Chamber of Commerce. He stated that he knows of no area in which there are racial hotspots and that he has no information regarding any potential acts of violence to be perpetrated by minority groups.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Source has advised that he is unable to furnish any information regarding the following matters:

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; BURNING OF MOUNT  
PLEASANT BAPTIST CHURCH, MERIDIAN,  
MISS., 4/14/68;

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UNKNOWN SUBJECT; SHOOTING INTO RESIDENCE OF  
RAYMOND ROBERTS, MERIDIAN, MISS., 4/26/68.

JERRY A. ROHACEK:

Source stated that there is a rumor in Klan circles that JERRY A. ROHACEK will soon be transferred or fired by Stein's Clothing Company. Source stated that this is due to his close relationship with RAYMOND ROBERTS and due to pressure being put on Stein's by local Jewish merchants.

MEMORIAL MARCH FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING,  
APRIL 7, 1968:

Source stated that on Sunday, 4/7/68, a number of Klansmen were contacted in regard to a memorial march which was to take place on the afternoon of 4/7/68. Source stated it was decided that this march would be ignored by the Klan and that no recognition would be given to it at all. Source stated that it was known by the Klan that a large number of police officers would be on hand to handle any disturbance that might occur.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (170-543)

DATE: 4/24/68

FROM : SA RALPH D. GARDNER

SUBJECT: WILLIAM EARL PEEPLES, aka  
Sambo  
PRI - KLAN

On 4/6/68 BETTY MALONE, Credit Bureau Manager, Greenwood, Miss., advised that a review of her credit files reflects the following trade record:

Name:	WILLIAM E. PEEPLES
In file:	Since 1959
Age:	36
Wife:	PEGGY
Brother:	FLOYD PEEPLES, Lieutenant, Greenwood Police Department
Address:	Route 2, Box 136 Morgan City, Miss.
Employment:	1959 - Grant Service Station
Present Occupation:	Jailer, Leflore County SO
Credit Rating:	"Slow"

On 4/4/68 at approximately 6:30 P.M., source was telephonically contacted and instructed to discreetly determine the present whereabouts of Klansmen known to him in Leflore County. Source recontacted the writer by telephone at approximately 6:50 P.M., 4/4/68 and advised that he had discreetly spoken on the telephone with the following individuals:

FORD BRYD  
Grenada Boulevard

GORDON MIMS LACKEY  
Lackey Cafe

WAYNE QUARLES  
JIMMY HARTMAN

⑦ - Jackson (2 - 170-543) (1- 157-9586) (1- 157- FORD BYRD)  
(1- 157- GORDON LACKEY) (1- 157- WAYNE QUARLES)  
(1- 157- JIMMY HARTMAN)



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On 4/19/68 source advised that he may be in a position to furnish information concerning 31 classifications matters in Leflore County, Miss. Source was encouraged to find out any positive information he could, however, since source is being utilized as a Klan informant, no specific assignment was given.

Date received <b>4/24/68</b>	Received from (name or symbol number) <b>JN 230-R (PROB)</b>	Received by <b>SA GEORGE P. GAMBLIN</b>
Method of delivery (check appropriate blocks) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in person <input type="checkbox"/> by telephone <input type="checkbox"/> by mail <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> orally <input type="checkbox"/> recording device <input type="checkbox"/> written by Informant		
If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent: Dictated <u>Date <b>4/25/68</b></u> to <u><b>BARBARA BREAZEALE (m/b)</b></u> Transcribed <u><b>4/29/68</b></u> Authenticated by Informant _____		Date of Report <b>4/24/68</b> Date(s) of activity  <b>April, 1968</b>
Brief description of activity or material <p>Source stated to his knowledge there is no Silver Dollar activity in Natchez. Source recently overheard conversation at Morgan's Restaurant to the effect that REGIE P. CARTER, DEXTER BYRD and JOE LEE HARDY were responsible</p>		File where original is located if not attached <b>170-349-SF1- 37</b>
Remarks: for burning of the Roxie Headstart Center, Roxie, Miss.		

INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE ENCLOSED REPORT, IF USED IN A REPORT BEING PREPARED FOR DISSEMINATION, SHOULD BE SUITABLY PARAPHRASED IN ORDER TO ADEQUATELY PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF THIS INFORMANT.

- 1 - New Orleans
- 1 - 170-349-SF1
- 1 - 157- (Youth Klan Group)
- 1 - 157-9395 (Burning of Roxie Headstart Center Roxie, Miss.)
- ① - 157-9586
- 1 - 44-2044
- 1 - 174-27
- 1 - 174-135
- 1 - 157-8858
- 1 - 157- (OKKKK, Adams County)
- 1 - 157- (OKKKK, State of Miss.)

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