

7/5/68

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Atlanta tel 7/3/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 10 copies of LHM suitable for dissemination. Two copies each are being submitted to Memphis and Jackson.

3 - Bureau (Encl. 10)  
2 - Jackson (Encl. 2)  
2 - Memphis (Encl. 2)  
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To: SACs, Memphis  
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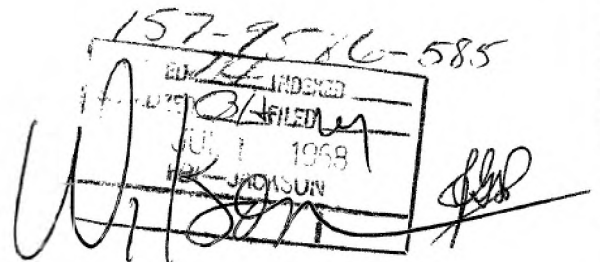
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If not already done, handle leads and sureps or  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, LITTLE ROCK (157-1215) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Atlanta teletype, 7/3/68; Jackson airtel  
to Bureau, 7/3/68.

RE: RAYMOND CURTIS  
INTERVIEW IN COUNTY JAIL  
AT DALTON, GEORGIA

Enclosed herewith for New Orleans Office is  
a copy of re Atlanta teletype, 7/3/68, and Jackson airtel  
to Bureau, 7/3/68.

On 7/8/68, Mr. T. C. BARNETT, Postmaster,  
Altheimer, Arkansas, furnished SA GEORGE A. BARNON, JR.,  
the following information:

Mr. CHARLES WILLIE was a well-respected, well-  
known, wealthy plantation owner who formerly owned and  
operated a plantation in the area of Wabbasaka and  
Altheimer, Arkansas. Mr. WILLIE's home and main plantation  
is located near Wabbasaka and had a mailing address of  
Wabbasaka, Arkansas. Mr. CHARLES WILLIE was formerly  
President of the Altheimer First National Bank. Mr. WILLIE  
died approximately three years ago. Mrs. CHARLES WILLIE  
was named NELL and they owned a houseboat which Mr. BARNETT  
believes was known as "Nell Willie" and which houseboat

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was kept somewhere on the Mississippi River. Mr. BARNETT believed the boat possibly was docked in the area of Greenville, Mississippi.

HELL WILLIE, widow of Mr. CHARLES WILLIE, married J. BARNETT of Monroe, Louisiana, and is now known as Mrs. J. BARNETT. Mrs. HELL BARNETT and Mr. J. BARNETT spend the majority of their time in the area of Monroe, Louisiana, but also reside some of the hayon farm at Wabbeoka, Arkansas, when they are in this area. Mr. J. BARNETT is believed to have been in the real estate business in Monroe, Louisiana. Mrs. HELL BARNETT and Mr. BARNETT are not in the area of Altheimer and Wabbeoka, Arkansas, at this time.

Mr. H. J. CANNON, Cashier-Vice President, First National Bank of Altheimer, advised SA GEORGE A. BARNON, JR., on 7/5/68 that Mr. CHARLES WILLIE was a well-respected plantation owner and was formerly President of the Altheimer First National Bank, Altheimer, Arkansas, and had now been deceased about three years. He verified the information that Mr. CHARLES WILLIE's widow, HELL, had married Mr. J. BARNETT of Monroe, Louisiana, and that they spent a large amount of their time in Monroe. He advised that the BARNETTS are not in the Altheimer-Wabbeoka area and he did not know when they would return to this area.

Mr. JOHN HENRY JOHNSON, Wabbeoka, Arkansas, furnished the following information to SA BARNON on 7/5/68:

He checks on and takes care of the house and grounds at the hayon farm, Wabbeoka, Arkansas, for Mrs. J. BARNETT. Mrs. J. BARNETT and her husband are presently on a trip in Georgia and the Carolinas, and Mr. JOHNSON has no idea as to when they may return. He advised they may return to Monroe, Louisiana, before returning to Wabbeoka, Arkansas. Mr. and Mrs. J. BARNETT reside as much in Monroe, Louisiana, as they do in Wabbeoka, Arkansas. Mr. JOHNSON furnished the telephone

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number 257-0214, Area Code 318, as the telephone number in Monroe, Louisiana, where he resides Mr. and Mrs. J. BURNETT when they are in Monroe, Louisiana. He further advised that Mrs. J. BURNETT had a cousin, JIM BURNETT, and that JIM BURNETT possibly could furnish information as to when Mr. and Mrs. BURNETT would be returning to either Monroe or Vicksburg and could furnish information as how Mrs. BURNETT could be contacted. JIM BURNETT's telephone number is Monroe telephone number 353-6423.

LEADS:

NEW ORLEANS DIVISION

At Monroe, Louisiana. Will contact Mr. JIM BURNETT, telephone 353-6423, a cousin of Mrs. J. BURNETT (NEIL BURNETT, former widow of Mr. CHARLES WILSON), and determine when Mrs. J. BURNETT will be returning either to Monroe, Louisiana, or Vicksburg, Arkansas, and at which location she will first be available for interview by an FBI Agent.

2. Will attempt to locate Mrs. J. BURNETT through Monroe, Louisiana, telephone number 257-0214, and interview her in accordance with lead set forth in referenced Jackson teletype to Director, 7/5/68, to substantiate information set out in Atlanta teletype to Director and Jackson of 7/3/68.

If Mrs. J. BURNETT will not be available for interview at Monroe, Louisiana, will so advise Little Rock when Mrs. BURNETT is expected to be in Vicksburg, Arkansas.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Jackson, Mississippi 39205

July 11, 1968

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DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -  
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ADMINISTRATIVE:

UACB, additional inquiry is not being made in regard to information obtained from the Vicksburg, Miss., Credit Bureau, and the Vicksburg Police Department, concerning individuals who have the last name of WILLETT, as no information was contained in the file indicating that these individuals are now or were connected with Mississippi River Transportation, either by profession or for entertainment.

LEADS (UACB):

KANSAS CITY DIVISION

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI

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Re Milwaukee airtel to Bureau dated 6/19/68.

## AT GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA DAVID P. HURLEY on 6/10/68.

DUDLEY RAMON, Identification Clerk, Gulfport  
Police Department, advised they have the following  
identification record for DELBERT RAYMOND HEEDERIK, who  
was described as a white male, born [REDACTED]

<u>Date</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
7/29/64	Drunk and Vagrancy	\$15.00 fine on drunk charge and Vagrancy Nol Processed
2/14/66	Operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, test showed 18% alcohol	Charge reduced to reckless driving and fined \$110.00
6/21/67	Improper license	Charge dismissed

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- 2 - Bureau (44-38861)
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Mr. OBERLIE advised that he would be skeptical of any information furnished by HEEDERIK and would not consider him to be a reliable individual because of his use of alcoholic beverages.

Mrs. EVIE HOLDER, owner and manager of Holder's Hotel, 1801 22nd Avenue, advised she is personally acquainted with DELBERT HEEDERIK and he rented the front room on the second floor on the southeast corner, which would be Room 201, from them for a number of months. Since he was there for a number of months, she was unable to verify the exact dates of arrival or departure but did locate records showing that he was a guest in the hotel as of 4/26/67. She recalled that he came to them from Pass Christian, Mississippi, and he was later evicted by them. His eviction was the result of his drinking, which they do not tolerate in the hotel and the fact that he claimed he could not sleep and would play his radio and records all hours of the night. He was not the type guest they like to have in the hotel. She added that she could not state if any information furnished by him would be reliable or not but she would be inclined not to believe him and it would depend on his condition at the time he furnished the information, and whether he had been drinking..

Mrs. HOLDER further advised that she had located records showing that RICHARD KARR occupied Room 205 in the hotel as of 5/9/67. This room would have been two rooms down the hall from HEEDERIK's room.

She recalled that KARR was living at the hotel the same time as HEEDERIK and that they were also friendly with one another and would visit in each other's room.

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Complaints were received from other guests as to their misconduct. She further recalled that RICHARD KARR played a guitar during the time that he lived at the hotel. She had no information as to KARR's residence or employment at this time but did recall that he was originally from Beaumont, Mississippi, as that is her home town also. She said she did not know him or his parents during the time she lived in Beaumont, but during conversation with her he mentioned that he was from Beaumont and this fact stuck in her mind.

Inasmuch as RICHARD KARR's current whereabouts is not known at this time and since HEEDERIK's identification of JAMES EARL RAY was based upon a brief meeting with an unknown individual who did not identify himself approximately one year before the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY appeared in the paper, no further efforts are being made by the Jackson Division to locate KARR and attempt to identify the person with KARR in HEEDERIK's room, UACB. The fact that HEEDERIK was at the time an alcoholic and acquaintances of his at that time did not consider him reliable is of significance in evaluating his information.

One copy of this communication is being furnished the Milwaukee Division for their information since it is possible they may have further contacts with DELBERT HEEDERIK.

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Mr. OBERLIE advised that he would be skeptical of any information furnished by HEEDERIK and would not consider him to be a reliable individual because of his use of alcoholic beverages.

Mrs. EVIE HOLDER, owner and manager of Holder's Hotel, 1801 22nd Avenue, advised she is personally acquainted with DELBERT HEEDERIK and he rented the front room on the second floor on the southeast corner, which would be Room 201, from them for a number of months. Since he was there for a number of months, she was unable to verify the exact dates of arrival or departure but did locate records showing that he was a guest in the hotel as of 4/26/67. She recalled that he came to them from Pass Christian, Mississippi, and he was later evicted by them. His eviction was the result of his drinking, which they do not tolerate in the hotel and the fact that he claimed he could not sleep and would play his radio and records all hours of the night. He was not the type guest they like to have in the hotel. She added that she could not state if any information furnished by him would be reliable or not but she would be inclined not to believe him and it would depend on his condition at the time he furnished the information, and whether he had been drinking.

Mrs. HOLDER further advised that she had located records showing that RICHARD KARR occupied Room 205 in the hotel as of 5/9/67. This room would have been two rooms down the hall from HEEDERIK's room.

She recalled that KARR was living at the hotel the same time as HEEDERIK and that they were also friendly with one another and would visit in each other's room.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Memphis, Tennessee  
July 13, 1968

RE: JAMES EARL RAY;  
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM;  
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;  
UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT -  
ROBBERY

On July 8, 1968, Mr. J. W. Crosier, Manager, Memphis Yacht Club, Memphis, Tennessee, advised that the Nell Willey is a 55-foot, steel-hull, diesel-powered house boat that is owned by Mr. A. D. Cartwright, Jr., the owner of Cartwright Nurseries, Collierville, Tennessee. Mr. Crosier stated the Nell Willey was purchased by Mr. Cartwright several years ago, and that prior to being owned by Mr. Cartwright, this boat was docked at Greenville, Mississippi.

On July 12, 1968, Mr. Marion Looney, Secretary, Cartwright Nurseries, Collierville, Tennessee, advised that Mr. A. D. Cartwright, Jr., is out of the city and unavailable for interview. Mr. Looney said that Mr. Cartwright purchased the Nell Willey from Mrs. C. C. Willey, Altimer, Arkansas, about three years ago, and at the time of purchase this boat was docked at Nopree, Louisiana. Mr. Looney said that for the past three years this boat has been docked at the Memphis Yacht Club and is used only to entertain customers. He said there is no regular crew and that the boat is operated by Mr. Cartwright and his sons. He also stated that this boat seldom goes more than 10 miles in either direction from the Memphis Yacht Club and has not been used for lengthy trips on the Mississippi River.

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**AIRTEL**

**TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-33861)**  
**FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)**  
**SUBJECT: MURKIN 157-9586**

Enclosed for the Bureau and listed offices are copies of an LHM concerning investigation occasioned by information furnished by **RAYMOND CURTIS**, prisoner in the Whitfield County Jail, Dalton, Georgia.

Little Rock and New Orleans should continue efforts to locate and interview Mrs. **MELL WILLIE**, the widow of Mr. **CHARLES WILLIE**, now married to Mr. **J. BURNETT**, of Monroe, Louisiana. The results of your investigation in this regard should be furnished to the Bureau by LHM.

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FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed for the Bureau and listed offices are copies of an LHM concerning investigation assistance by information furnished by RAYMOND GUTHRIE, prisoner in the Whitfield County Jail, Dalton, Georgia.

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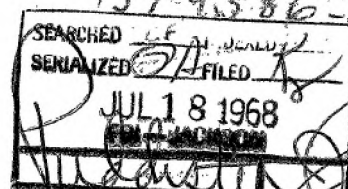
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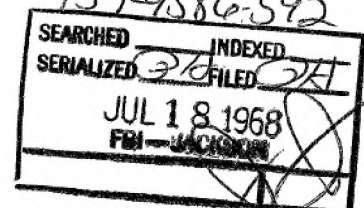
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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, LITTLE ROCK (157-1215) (P)  
RE: MURKIN

Re Atlanta teletype, 7/3/68; Jackson airtel, 7/5/68; and, Little Rock airtel, 7/11/68.

Re: ~~RAYMOND CURTIS~~  
INTERVIEW IN COUNTY JAIL  
AT DALTON, GEORGIA

On July 21, 1968, Mr. DUKE C. ALLISON, JR., Assistant Trust Officer, National Bank of Commerce, Pine Bluff, Arkansas, telephonically contacted SA GEORGE A. BARRON, JR. at Pine Bluff, advising he had received a telephone call from Mrs. J. BURNETT from New Iberia, Louisiana. Mrs. BURNETT told Mr. ALLISON she understood the FBI desired to talk with her and she could be reached at that time at New Iberia, Louisiana, telephone 387-0214. Mr. ALLISON told Mrs. BURNETT that as he was personally acquainted with SA GEORGE A. BARRON, JR. and the fact that Mrs. BURNETT was also acquainted with SA BARRON, he would attempt to reach SA BARRON and have SA BARRON telephone Mrs. BURNETT.

On July 21, 1968, SA GEORGE A. BARRON, JR., from Pine Bluff, Arkansas, Resident Agency, telephonically contacted Mrs. J. BURNETT at telephone number 387-0214, New Iberia, Louisiana. Mrs. BURNETT stated she had heard through her cousin, JIM RHODES, that the FBI wanted to talk with her and that was why she was trying to contact Agent BARRON. She furnished the following information:

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On July 21, 1968, Mr. JOHN C. ALLISON, JR., Assistant Trust Officer, National Bank of Commerce, furnished SA ARNOLD A. BARNES, JR. the following information:

Mrs. SUMMERT sold the houseboat "Well Willie" to A. B. CARTWRIGHT, JR., owner of Cartwright Nursery Company, Collierville, Tennessee, and delivered the boat approximately February 1, 1966. Mr. CARTWRIGHT re-named the boat "The Pandemonium." The boat is believed to be presently docked out of Memphis, Tennessee.

LEADS:

MEMPHIS:

AT COLLENTVILLE, TENNESSEE:

Will locate Mr. A. B. CARTWRIGHT, JR. in order to substantiate information or to disprove information set out in Atlanta teletype of July 3, 1968.

NEW ORLEANS discontinues efforts to locate Mrs. J. SUMMERT.

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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, LINCOLN BUREAU (157-1215) (P)

SUB: MURKIN

Re Atlanta teletype, 7/2/68; Jackson airtel, 7/8/68; and, Lincoln Burea airtel, 7/11/68.

Re JACKSON OFFICE.  
INTERVIEW IN COUNTY JAIL.  
RE MURKIN, MURKIN

On July 21, 1968, Mr. JOHN C. ALLISON, JR., Assistant Branch Officer, National Bank of Commerce, First Street, Jackson, telephonically contacted SA GEORGE A. HANSON, JR., at First Street, advising he had received a telephone call from Mrs. J. HANSON from New Orleans, Louisiana. Mrs. HANSON told Mr. ALLISON she understood the FBI desired to talk with her and she could be reached at that time at New Orleans, Louisiana, telephone 387-0214. Mr. ALLISON told Mrs. HANSON that as he was personally acquainted with SA GEORGE A. HANSON, JR., and the fact that Mrs. HANSON was also acquainted with SA HANSON, he would attempt to reach SA HANSON and have SA HANSON telephone Mrs. HANSON.

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LEADS:

MEMPHIS:

AT COLLETSVILLE, TENNESSEE:

Will locate Mr. A. D. CARTWRIGHT, JR. in order to substantiate information or to disprove information set out in Atlanta teletype of July 3, 1968.

NEW ORLEANS discontinues efforts to locate Mrs. J. BURNETT.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/16/68

ERNEST J. ETHERIDGE, Owner, Etheridge Used Cars, Highway 51 South, McComb, Mississippi, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent, who also advised him that he did not have to furnish any information, that any information he did furnish could be used in a court of law and that he could contact an attorney or anyone else at any time.

Mr. ETHERIDGE advised that he does not know anyone in the vicinity of Orange, Texas. He advised that according to his records, on December 7, 1967, he took in as a trade one 1957 Plymouth from one HOWARD THOMAS HALLOWY of Jackson, Mississippi. HALLOWY did not give a local address in Jackson, Mississippi, but advised that he was a driver working out of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and was having difficulty with his car and wanted to trade for a 1959 Rambler station wagon owned by ETHERIDGE.

Some two or three weeks later, Mr. ETHERIDGE received a long distance telephone call from HALLOWY asking him to get a license plate receipt for the 1959 Rambler so that he could sell it in Louisiana. Mr. ETHERIDGE advised he got the receipt in the County Court House and a day or two later HALLOWY came by his used car lot and he gave it to him.

Mr. ETHERIDGE described this individual as being about twenty-eight years of age, about five feet eight inches, and weighing one hundred sixty pounds. He advised he had black hair and a fair to medium complexion. He could recall nothing further about him. He was alone on both occasions.

Mr. ETHERIDGE advised that this is the only

On 5/15/68 at McComb, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586 -574  
by SA REESIE L. TIMMONS/wgj Date dictated 5/15/68

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occasion he has received any long distance telephone call from any place in the past few months at his used car lot, telephone 684-6794.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA PETER H. CROOKS at Pascagoula, Mississippi, on May 28,  
1968:

Mrs. BLANCH GIBBONS, 242 Carver Village,  
Pascagoula, Mississippi, was interviewed at her place of  
employment, Head Start Program, Baptist Church, Convent  
Street, Pascagoula, Mississippi, and advised the interviewing  
Agent that her telephone number is 762-3813. She advised  
that she occasionally receives telephone calls from the  
San Antonio, Texas, area from MARVIN MORRISSETTE. She  
stated that she cannot recall precisely, but believed  
that she did hear from MARVIN MORRISSETTE sometime in  
December, 1967, prior to Christmas.

It is noted that Mrs. BLANCH GIBBONS is a Negro  
female.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA PETER H. CROOKS at Moss Point, Mississippi, on  
May 28, 1968:

HATTIE MORRISSETTE, 1360 Winona Drive, Moss Point,  
Mississippi, advised the interviewing Agent that her telephone  
number is 475-7722. She advised that on the Sunday before  
Christmas weekend, December, 1967, she had received a  
telephone call from San Antonio, Texas, from her brother-  
in-law, MARVIN MORRISSETTE.

It is noted that HATTIE MORRISSETTE is a Negro  
female.

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SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760)

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MURKIN

Re Jackson airtel to Director, 7/11/68.

On 7/22/68, U. S. Commissioner W. C. SHELLEY, Jefferson City, Missouri, advised SA ROWEN B. AYERS he had dismissed the complaint on JAMES EARL RAY on that date.

The following investigation was conducted by IC WILLIAM C. MC DONALD:

At Jefferson City, Missouri:

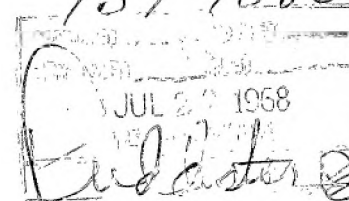
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DONALD ROY WILLETT was received at the MSP 6/11/68, from St. Louis City to serve a 3 1/2 year sentence on charge of Burglary 2nd Degree and one prior. He was assigned MSP # 06915. This inmate was released to a detainer in favor of Sheriff, St. Charles County, Mo. on 3/1/68. Relatives listed are:

Brother	Mr. ALVIN WILLETT, 4212 Iowa St. Louis, Missouri;
Sister	CATHERINE MILTON, 2345 W. 23rd, Chicago, Illinois;
Sister	VIRGINIA O'NEAL, 1700 Doris, Cahokia, Illinois;
Sister	BETTY KALK, 2111 Huntington, St. Louis, Missouri;
Sister	HILLEN OHLENDORF, 3859A Wyoming, St. Louis, Missouri;
Sister	MARY ELLEN WILLETT, 4621 Oregon, St. Louis, Missouri;

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Father	H. WILLETT, 4621 Oregon, St. Louis, Missouri;
Mother	LORRAINE WILLETT, same address

He is described as a WM, born [REDACTED] at St. Louis, Missouri, height 5'8", weight 142, hair brown, eyes gray, build slender, complexion medium, Social Security No. [REDACTED] FBI #852 311 C, tattoo of a needle inner right forearm.

JAMES WILLETT (TN JAMES ROBERT WILLETT), aka BILL WILLETT, was held at the MSP 11/14/63, to serve a two year sentence on charge of escape, in Cole County, Mo. He had previously been received at the MSP, 12/1/60, from Dunklin County to serve a four year sentence on charge of Forgery. He was assigned MSP #01787. Records reflect WILLETT escaped from the Church Farm, MSP 1/13/62. He was apprehended and returned to the MSP, 1/15/62, to complete the original sentence.

This file reflects BILL WILLETT served a two year sentence in the Mississippi State Penitentiary in 1956.

The following information was obtained from an inter-office communication dated 9/10/62, to Director of Classification, MSP, from LEROY H. ROOK, M.S. Clinical Psychologist:

"In response to your IOC of September 6, 1962, the above named inmate was called to the psychiatric service on September 10, 1962 for interview and evaluation. The subject has just completed a three months tour on E-3 for becoming insolent and abusive to Lt. Williams. The subject has a history on the psychiatric service of being hospitalized from June 26, 1962 to July 5, 1962 on account of self-inflicted wounds and being in an emotionally disturbed state. He was again admitted on August 13, 1962 until August 15, 1962 for self-inflicted wounds and a highly nervous state. At that time he was demanding help but the nature of the help he expected was never made clear.

"The subject is an emotionally unstable individual. He is of average intellectual endowment, it seems, but he is ignorant, untutored, and uneducated. He is the sort of restless kind of individual who cannot bring himself to concentrate long enough to study in school. He was assigned to school when he first came here, but he got out of that because he was unable to concentrate on his work. Since that time he says he's never had a job. At the present time he states that he would take any job, but that he would like especially to work in the chair shop because he has had some experience on the outside working for his carpenter father-in-law as a carpenter's helper on inside cabinet work.

"When interviewed on this date the subject was in about as good a condition as we expect to ever see him in. It is recommended that he be assigned to work commensurate with his abilities and according to what is available."

The following was taken from Pre-Parole Progress Report dated November 8, 1961 by CLYDE CARRIOTT:

"Conduct: One conduct violation reported for creating a disturbance, refusing orders, and writing obscenities on a test paper. For this he had his Yard and Show privileges denied for one month. He was reprimanded and released for Tatooing.

"Work: 12-29-60, Assigned to School. Work and training reports rate subject variously as good, poor, and fair. One report shows him to be considerate. The third report shows him as shirking his work, not doing what he was expected to do. His last report rates him good and states that he did average work. Subject states that he was not interested in school and therefore did not complete requirements for grade school.

8-4-61, Assigned to state at his request.

"Health: Normal.

"Military: None.

"Marital:

Subject states that he was married in July, 1958, and has been separated from his wife but no divorce has been obtained. His wife is now eighteen, and was only fourteen years of age at the time of their marriage. One boy was born to this union. The baby is now with the wife's mother. The wife is working and the mother is caring for the child. The wife is also staying with the mother.

"FAMILY AND PERSONAL RELATIONS

"Subject states that he corresponds every week with his mother, Bertha Willet, and occasionally with his sister, Lois Boyd. He writes frequently to his wife, Elizabeth, and claims to have received no visits. Subject was reared in poor financial circumstances in Mississippi and Missouri. His father died in 1939 and had worked as a farmer.

"Subject was one of six children. He states that he lived alternately with his family in Mississippi and his half-brother, Frank, in Kennett, Missouri. His brother Paul is a farmer in Mississippi. His brother Charles, who had been a farmer in Kennett, Missouri, died in 1957. His half-brother, Frank Smithy, is a farmer in Kennett, Missouri, and his half-brother, David, is said to be Chief-of-police of a town in Ohio. None of the subject's family is said to have been in difficulty with the authorities. Subject claims he got along well with all members of his family, however, he apparently lived a rather unsupervised life, living at times with various members of his family.

"POST-RELEASE PLANS

Subject has no desire to return to Kennett, Missouri, because of his trouble with the authorities. He is interested in obtaining work through the Dismas Clark Foundation. He would live with his wife if she would return to him, but he does not expect her to leave her mother in Kennett.

"SUMMARY

"James Willett, a twenty-six year old inmate, will have served one year of a four year sentence for Uttering. Subject admits having served a sentence in Mississippi State Prison. However, no verified information has been received concerning this, and FBI record does not show any previous record.

"Subject states that he was released from Mississippi State Prison in May, 1958. He married a fourteen year old girl and lived in Kennett, Missouri. He states that he had considerable difficulty with his in-laws and that custody of his son had been given to his wife's mother. He stated that he had been arrested for disturbing the peace because his mother-in-law did not let him see his son and he had forced his way into the home. Because of his difficulty he forged a check in order to have money-to leave town.

"Subject apparently has lived a rather unstable and unsettled life and has been rather careless and irresponsible. It is not evident that he has had any change of attitude in this regard. He sees little value in education and has little ambition. Institutionally his record has been marginal, however, it would not prohibit further parole consideration."

Records reflect WILLETT was discharged from the MSP 3/14/65.

A letter in WILLETT's file indicated that he was incarcerated in the Illinois State Penitentiary on 5/2/67.

WILLETT is described as a WM, born [REDACTED] at Huntsville, Alabama, height 5'9", weight 135, hair brown, eyes brown, build slender, complexion medium, occupation farmer, Social Security No. [REDACTED] FBI # 692 571 E, tattoos - snake outer right forearm; eagle center of chest; numerous other tattoos on both arms.

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Relatives listed are:

Mother	BERTHA WILLETT, Route 1, Box 64, Marks, Mississippi or 436 Singapore, Carpentersville, Illinois;
Wife	ELIZABETH WILLETT, 912 Anthony St., Kennett, Missouri;
Sister	MARGARET RATCLIFF, Elygen, Ill.;
Sister	LOIS BOYD, Route 1, Box 64, Marks, Mississippi
Brother	FRANK WILLETT, General Delivery, Dearing, Missouri.

MILTON LAWRENCE WILLETT, MSP # 09993, was received from Jackson County, Mo., to serve a two year sentence on charge of Forgery. He was paroled to Kansas on 2/23/65, and given a final discharge on 11/28/65.

He is described as a WM, born [REDACTED] at Osborne, Kansas, height 5'6", weight 114, hair brown, eyes hazel, build small, complexion medium, occupation clerical, FBI # 146 931 B.

His wife is listed as MARY K. WILLETT, 607 West 34th Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

There is no indication that this individual was ever in Mississippi.

DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

7/24/68

SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) -P-

MURKIN

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Sister	EILEEN OHLENDORF, 3859A Wyoming, St. Louis, Missouri;
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"The subject is an emotionally unstable individual. He is of average intellectual endowment, it seems, but he is ignorant, untutored, and uneducated. He is the sort of restless kind of individual who cannot bring himself to concentrate long enough to study in school. He was assigned to school when he first came here, but he got out of that because he was unable to concentrate on his work. Since that time he says he's never had a job. At the present time he states that he would take any job, but that he would like especially to work in the chair shop because he has had some experience on the outside working for his carpenter father-in-law as a carpenter's helper on inside cabinet work.

"When interviewed on this date the subject was in about as good a condition as we expect to ever see him in. It is recommended that he be assigned to work commensurate with his abilities and according to what is available."

The following was taken from Pre-Parole Progress Report dated November 8, 1961 by CLYDE CARRIOTT:

"Conduct:	One conduct violation reported for creating a disturbance, refusing orders, and writing obscenities on a test paper. For this he had his Yard and Show privileges denied for one month. He was reprimanded and released for Tatooing.
"Work:	12-29-60, Assigned to School. Work and training reports rate subject variously as good, poor, and fair. One report shows him to be considerate. The third report shows him as shirking his work, not doing what he expected to do. His last report rates him good and states that he did average work. Subject states that he was not interested in school and therefore did not complete requirements for grade school. 8-4-61, Assigned to state at his request.
"Health:	Normal.
"Military:	None.

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"Marital:

Subject states that he was married in July, 1958, and has been separated from his wife but no divorce has been obtained. His wife is now eighteen, and was only fourteen years of age at the time of their marriage. One boy was born to this union. The baby is now with the wife's mother. The wife is working and the mother is caring for the child. The wife is also staying with the mother.

"FAMILY AND PERSONAL RELATIONS

"Subject states that he corresponds every week with his mother, Bertha Willet, and occasionally with his sister, Lois Boyd. He writes frequently to his wife, Elisabeth; and claims to have received no visits. Subject was reared in poor financial circumstances in Mississippi and Missouri. His father died in 1938 and had worked as a farmer.

"Subject was one of six children. He states that he lived alternately with his family in Mississippi and his half-brother, Frank, in Kennett, Missouri. His brother Paul is a farmer in Mississippi. His brother Charles, who had been a farmer in Kennett, Missouri, died in 1957. His half-brother, Frank Smithy, is a farmer in Kennett, Missouri, and his half-brother, David, is said to be Chief-of-police of a town in Ohio. None of the subject's family is said to have been in difficulty with the authorities. Subject claims he got along well with all members of his family, however, he apparently lived a rather unsupervised life, living at times with various members of his family.

"POST-RELEASE PLANS

Subject has no desire to return to Kennett, Missouri, because of his trouble with the authorities. He is interested in obtaining work through the Dismas Clark Foundation. He would live with his wife if she would return to him, but he does not expect her to leave her mother in Kennett.

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"SUMMARY

"James Willett, a twenty-six year old inmate, will have served one year of a four year sentence for Uttering. Subject admits having served a sentence in Mississippi State Prison. However, no verified information has been received concerning this, and FBI record does not show any previous record.

"Subject states that he was released from Mississippi State Prison in May, 1958. He married a fourteen year old girl and lived in Kennett, Missouri. He states that he had considerable difficulty with his in-laws and that custody of his son had been given to his wife's mother. He stated that he had been arrested for disturbing the peace because his mother-in-law did not let him see his son and he had forced his way into the home. Because of his difficulty he forged a check in order to have money-to leave town.

"Subject apparently has lived a rather unstable and unsettled life and has been rather careless and irresponsible. It is not evident that he has had any change of attitude in this regard. He sees little value in education and has little ambition. Institutionally his record has been marginal, however, it would not prohibit further parole consideration."

Records reflect WILLETT was discharged from the MSP 3/14/65.

A letter in WILLETT's file indicated that he was incarcerated in the Illinois State Penitentiary on 5/2/67.

WILLETT is described as a WM, born [REDACTED] at Huntsville, Alabama, height 5'9", weight 135, hair brown, eyes brown, build slender, complexion medium, occupation farmer, Social Security No. [REDACTED] FBI # 692 571 E, tattoos - snake outer right forearm; eagle center of chest; numerous other tattoos on both arms.

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Relatives listed are:

Mother	BERTHA WILLETT, Route 1, Box 64, Marks, Mississippi or 436 Singapore, Carpentersville, Illinois;
Wife	ELIZABETH WILLETT, 912 Anthony St., Kennett, Missouri;
Sister	MARGARET RATCLIFF, Elygen, Ill.;
Sister	LOIS BOYD, Route 1, Box 64, Marks, Mississippi
Brother	FRANK WILLETT, General Delivery, Dearing, Missouri.

MILTON LAWRENCE WILLETT, MSP # 09993, was received from Jackson County, Mo., to serve a two year sentence on charge of Forgery. He was paroled to Kansas on 2/23/65, and given a final discharge on 11/28/65.

He is described as a WM, born [REDACTED], at Osborne, Kansas, height 5'6", weight 114, hair brown, eyes hazel, build small, complexion medium, occupation clerical, FBI # 146 931 B.

His wife is listed as MARY K. WILLETT, 607 West 34th Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

There is no indication that this individual was even in Mississippi.

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 FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) (P)  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN  
 (OO: Memphis)

Re Memphis airtel to Bureau, 7/13/68, and  
 Atlanta teletype, 7/3/68.

Enclosed to the Bureau are four copies of a LHM,  
 and to Memphis two copies of the LHM, an interview with  
 Mrs. NELL BURNETT, Monroe, La.

Mrs. NELL BURNETT, formerly Mrs. CHARLES C. WILLEY and wife of the late CHARLES C. WILLEY of Altheimer, Ark., was interviewed at her temporary residence, Apartment 3, Layton Castle, 1133 South Grand St., Monroe, La., on 7/22/68, and she stated that she did not know RAYMOND CURTIS, now an inmate of Whitfield County Jail, Dalton, Ga., and that to the best of her knowledge, her late husband did not know such a person. She stated that she was nearly always with her late husband when he was on their boat, and she felt sure that he did not know such a person as RAYMOND CURTIS. Mrs. BURNETT stated that her late husband, CHARLES C. WILLEY, died three years ago, and in January, 1966, she sold the boat to Cartwright Nurseries, Collierville, Tenn. Mrs. BURNETT had never heard of JAMES EARL RAY prior to the recent publicity connecting him with the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

MURKIN

Re Kansas City letter to the Bureau 7/24/68 and Atlanta teletype to the Bureau, Interview in County Jail, Dalton, Georgia, 7/3/68.

Enclosed herewith for Chicago is one copy of each referenced communication.

For the additional information of Chicago, it has been determined the houseboat capable of travel on the Mississippi River was at one time owned by one CHARLES WILLIE, now deceased, a well-respected and wealthy plantation owner of Wabbaseka, Arkansas. One A. D. CARTWRIGHT, JR., owner of the Cartwright Nursery Company, Collierville, Tennessee, obtained possession of the houseboat in February, 1966. The results of interview with CARTWRIGHT are not known to Jackson.

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