

JN 157-9586

The following lead will be given expeditious attention, UACB:

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Date: 8/1/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

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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.

- 3 - Bureau (RM)
- 2 - Chicago (Enc. 2) (RM)
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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
 FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586) (P)  
 MURKIN - COST DATA

Re Jackson letter dated 7/9/68.

Cost data for the Jackson Division from 7/1/68 to 7/31/68, is as follows:

1. A. Special Agents:
 

Regular Man Hours:	31 (hours)
Overtime	2 (hours)
- B. Clerical Employees
 

Regular Man Hours	3 (hours)
Overtime	None
2. Total mileage (estimated) 120 (Miles)
3. Unusual or out-of-the-ordinary expenses None
4. Peak Number of Special Agents Working on Case at Anytime During the Month: 4

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
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  - Overtime None
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TO: DIRECTOR, (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
 FROM: JACKSON (157-9586)

MURKIN. CR.

- Re Miami tel. this date.

IMMEDIATELY AFTER MURKIN OCCURRED, THE JACKSON DIVISION  
 INITIATED IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION CONCERNING WHEREABOUTS  
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~~WHOM ARE KNOWN TO THE BUREAU.~~ INVESTIGATION THAT DATE INDICATED  
 THESE INDIVIDUALS WERE IN THE CITY OF JACKSON.

ROBERT EARL WILSON, AT THAT PARTICULAR TIME WAS BEING  
 SOUGHT BY HAWKINS, DUNN, AND HARPER, AS IT WAS KNOWN TO  
 THEM THAT WILSON WOULD TESTIFY AGAINST THEM IN LOCAL BOMBING  
 MATTERS AND FURTHER THAT WILSON HAD ELOPED WITH THE WIFE OF  
 BURRIS L. DUNN, JR., AND TWO MINOR CHILDREN OF DUNN.

IT IS NOT CONCEIVABLE THAT WILSON COULD HAVE BEEN  
 INVOLVED WITH THE THREE INDIVIDUALS IN ANY ACT AT THAT TIME.

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EFFORTS TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW RALPH AINSWORTH, HUSBAND OF DECEASED AINSWORTH, HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL TO DATE DUE TO FACT AINSWORTH IS ON VACATION AND IS AT THIS TIME EN ROUTE TO THE CITY OF JACKSON FROM SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA.

EFFORTS ARE CONTINUING TO ESTABLISH WHEREABOUTS OF DECEASED AINSWORTH AT TIME MURKIN OCCURRED THROUGH BOUTWELL AND RALPH AINSWORTH AND Bureau will be advised

MAIL COPIES FURNISHED MOBILE AND MIAMI.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: JACKSON (157-9586)(P)

MURKIN. CR.

RE MIAMI TEL AUGUST TWO AND JACKSON TEL AUGUST TWO LAST.

RALPH AINSWORTH, HUSBAND OF THE DECEASED KATHLEEN MADLYN  
<sup>advised late PM 8/3 LAST that he</sup>  
AINSWORTH, AKA, RECALLED HIS WIFE CALLED HIM LATE AFTERNOON OF  
APRIL FOUR LAST REPORTING THAT THE NEWS HAD REPORTED MARTIN LUTHER  
KING HAD BEEN SHOT. LATER IN THE EVENING HE WAS WITH HIS WIFE  
AND IS POSITIVE IN HIS OWN MIND SHE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF THIS MURDER.

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415PM URGENT 8-6-68 TDB

~~TO DIRECTOR 44-38862~~ JACKSON, AND MEMPHIS 44-1987

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RE MIAMI TEL TO BUREAU, AUG. TWO LAST, AND MEMPHIS  
TEL TO MIAMI, AUG. FIVE, LAST.

WILLIAM SOMERSETT, FORMER SYMBOL INFORMANT OF THE  
MIAMI OFFICE, ADVISED TODAY AS FOLLOWS:

MARGARET CAPOMACCHIA, MOTHER OF KATHLEEN AINSWORTH,  
CONTACTED HIM AND RELATED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING  
THOMAS TARRANTS, III. STATED THAT AFTER ASSASSINATION OF  
KING, TARRANTS PROCEEDED TO ATLANTA, GA., AND THEN TO THE  
RESIDENCE OF MR. HENDERSON, WHO RESIDES NEAR TOPTON, N. C.  
HENDERSON DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, THIRTY FIVE TO FORTY,  
DARK HAIR, FIVE FT. TEN IN., ONE HUNDRED FIFTYFIVE LBS.,  
OCCUPATION SALESMAN. TARRANTS REPORTEDLY STAYED WITH  
HENDERSON FOR ONE WEEK, WHEN HENDERSON FELT TARRANTS WAS  
GETTING TOO HOT AND TOLD HIM HE HAD TO LEAVE. TARRANTS  
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MEMPHIS AND JACKSON CONDUCT NECESSARY INVESTIGATION RE POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT BY TARRANTS. *T. mosh*

AIRMAIL COPIES TO MOBILE AND CHARLOTTE.

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TO DIRECTOR 44-188627 JACKSON, AND MEMPHIS 44-1987  
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**AIRTEL      AIRMAIL**

**TO:            DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)**  
**FROM:        SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-773) P**  
**MURKIN**

Re Jackson airtel to Bureau 5/13/68.

Re Alleged Offer of \$100,000 By The White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKK), to anyone who kills MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Enclosed for the Memphis Office are fifteen copies of investigative insert reflecting interview of DONALD JAMES HIGGINS, FBI Number 607 320 A by agents of the St. Louis Office on 5/3/68.

HIGGINS advised he had received no new information concerning the alleged offer for the killing of MARTIN LUTHER KING since interviewed by Dallas agents on 5/3/67.

HIGGINS flew from Tampa, Fla., to turn himself in to agents at St. Louis stating his decision to do this was prompted partly by fear for his safety after having furnished information to the FBI concerning the alleged offer mentioned above and partly by his desire to "get things straightened out" since he is now married and his wife is pregnant.

3 - Bureau  
1 - Atlanta (44-2386)  
1 - Jackson (157-9506)  
1 - Phoenix (76-2285)  
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1230PM URGENT 8-2-68 IDB

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS 44-1987, JACKSON, AND MOBILE  
FROM MIAMI 44-1854 4P

MURKIN. CR.

RE MIAMI AIRTEL TO BUREAU, JULY FIFTEEN, LAST, AND MIAMI  
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BOMBING RESIDENCE OF MEYER DAVIDSON, TWO NINE ZERO FOUR  
THIRTYSIX ST., MERIDIAN, MISS., JUNE THIRTY, SIXTYEIGHT,  
BOMBING MATTERS.

WILLIAM SOMERSETT, FORMER SYMBOL INFORMANT WHO IS  
NO LONGER CONTACTED BY THE MIAMI OFFICE, AND CHARACTERIZED  
AS HAVING FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, AND  
IN ADDITION HAS FURNISHED INFORMATION WHICH COULD NOT BE  
VERIFIED OR CORROBORATED, ADVISED AS FOLLOWS TODAY:

ON JULY THIRTYONE, LAST, MARGARET CAPOMACCHIA, MOTHER  
OF DECEASED, KATHLEEN AINSWORTH, CONTACTED HIM AND RELATED  
THE FOLLOWING.

SHE IS UPSET AND DISTURBED WITH SIDNEY C. BARNES OF  
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MOBILE, ALA., WHOSE WIFE, PAULINE, IS PRESENTLY AT THE HOME OF HER DECEASED DAUGHTER IN JACKSON, MISS. STATED SHE TOLD BARNES THE GUNS, PREVIOUSLY GIVEN TO SOMERSETT, WERE THROWN IN THE OCEAN. STATED THERE IS A LOT OF DANGER IN THIS CASE, NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED, AND SHE WANTS NOTHING TO DO WITH BARNES AND THE PEOPLE INVOLVED IN HER DAUGHTER'S DEATH.

STATED TARRANTS (THOMAS A. TARRANTS, III), HER DAUGHTER AND FOUR OTHER MEN, IDENTIFIED AS HAWKINS, DUNN, HARPER AND WILSON, ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATH OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. STATED AUTOMOBILE IN WHICH HER DAUGHTER WAS KILLED WAS USED WITH ONE OTHER CAR BY THOSE INVOLVED. STATED THEY USED RADIO EQUIPMENT AND KATHY HELPED IN JAMMING POLICE CALLS. STATED THEY HAD UNKNOWN COLORED MALE HELP TO "SET UP KING." SAID SHOOTING WAS FROM TREES AND BUSHES IN VICINITY OF HOTEL

AND THAT JAMES EARL RAY MAY HAVE HELPED TO PURCHASE THE GUN, BUT RAY DID NOT DO THE SHOOTING. AFTER THE SHOOTING, THEY REMAINED IN MEMPHIS, TENN., UNTIL THE FOLLOWING DAY, WHEN THEY DEPARTED FOR ATLANTA, GA. KATHY AND TARRANTS THEN PROCEEDED TO SOUTH CAROLINA, WHERE THEY REMAINED ABOUT ONE WEEK PRIOR TO GOING TO MOBILE, ALA., AND THEN TO JACKSON, MISS.

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IN FURTHER IDENTIFYING THE MEN INVOLVED, SHE SAID THEY ARE GOING TO TRIAL OR ARE CURRENTLY ON TRIAL THIS WEEK IN CONNECTION WITH THE BOMBING OF A REAL ESTATE OFFICE AND THAT THE POLICE INFORMANT IN THIS CASE REPORTEDLY RAN OFF WITH THE WIFE OF A KLANSMAN.

SOMERSETT ADVISED HE WAS UNABLE TO CLEARLY UNDERSTAND THE INFORMATION FURNISHED BY CAPOMACCHIA, WHO HE FEELS IS MENTALLY DISTURBED, AND HE HAS NO WAY OF EVALUATING THE INFORMATION, BUT IN VIEW OF THE TYPE OF INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED, IT IS REMOTELY POSSIBLE TARRANTS AND HIS ASSOCIATES IN SOME WAY MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH THE ASSASSINATION OF KING.

SOMERSETT ADVISED THAT HE WAS IN CONTACT WITH BARNES ON THE EVENING OF JULY THIRTYONE, LAST. BARNES ADVISED HE WAS LEAVING JACKSON, MISS., ON AUG. TWO, INST., AND REQUESTED SOMERSETT TO JOIN HIM. SOMERSETT DECLINED THE INVITATION AND RELATED THAT BARNES LIKES TO PUSH PEOPLE INTO THINGS WITHOUT BECOMING INVOLVED HIMSELF.

MIAMI IS NOT IN A POSITION TO EVALUATE THE ABOVE INFORMATION, HOWEVER , IT IS NOTED THAT ANTHONY CAPOMACCHIA  
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AND HIS WIFE, NORMA, WHO HAVE BEEN INTERVIEWED IN MIAMI,  
INDICATE THAT MARGARET CAPOMACCHIA HAS A MENTAL PROBLEM.

UACB, JACKSON, THROUGH EMPLOYMENT RECORDS AND INTERVIEW  
WITH RALPH AINSWORTH, HUSBAND OF KATHLEEN, ESTABLISH THE  
WHEREABOUTS OF KATHLEEN AINSWORTH DURING THE PERTINENT  
PERIOD DURING AND FOLLOWING THE ASSASSINATION OF KING,  
IN AN EFFORT TO ESTABLISH ANY VALIDITY IN THE ABOVE  
INFORMATION.

JACKSON AND MOBILE SHOULD BE ALERT TO THE ACTIVITIES  
OF BARNES, WHO REPORTEDLY IS LEAVING FOR JACKSON TODAY.

AIRMAIL COPIES FURNISHED ATLANTA AND BIRMINGHAM.

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1230PM URGENT 8-2-68 LBS

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS 44-1987, JACKSON, FBI MOBILE  
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RE MIAMI CR.

RE MIAMI AIRTEL TO BUREAU, JULY FIFTEEN, LAST, AND MIAMI  
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CAPTIONED: MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; AT THE  
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SIXTYFIVE.

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OF MOORE, MARSHALL KINGSMAN, CONTACTED RE AND RECALLED  
THE FOLLOWING:

THAT IS POLY AND IDENTICAL WITH STEVE C. DAVIS OF  
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WILLIAM, J. J. (1910-1970), was born on June 10, 1910, in New York City, New York.

He was the son of William J. (1875-1940) and Mary J. (1875-1940).

He was educated in the public schools of New York City and graduated from the City College of New York in 1932 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry.

He was employed by the City of New York as a chemist in the Department of Health.

He was married to Mary J. (1910-1970) on June 10, 1935, in New York City, New York.

He was a member of the American Chemical Society and the New York State Chemical Society.

He died on June 10, 1970, in New York City, New York.

He was buried in the City College of New York Cemetery in New York City, New York.

He was a member of the City College of New York Alumni Association and the City College of New York Faculty Association.

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523PM EDT 8-7-68 URGENT RGT

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) JACKSON (157-9586) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM MIAMI (44-1854)

MURKIN

RE MIAMI TEL TO BUREAU, AUG. SIX, LAST, AND MEMPHIS  
TEL TO BUREAU, AUG. SIX LAST.

MARGARET CAPOMACCHIA LOCATED HOLLYWOOD, FLA., AND INTER-  
VIEWED TODAY. AT OUTSET OF INTERVIEW, CAPOMACCHIA WAS  
PLEASANT, COOPERATIVE AND FRIENDLY, HOWEVER, WHEN QUESTIONED  
RE ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SHE REFUSED TO  
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her husband, Ralph Ainsworth. There is  
no basis for further investigation in that  
Joe Danny Hawkins, J.L. Harper and company were  
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MIAMI HAS NO REASON TO QUESTION THE INFORMATION FURNISHED BY INFORMANT, AS HE OBTAINED IT FROM CAPOMACCHIA. ALTHOUGH INFORMANT IS NOT BEING UTILIZED BY MIAMI, NO INFORMATION HAS EVER BEEN RECEIVED FROM HIM WHICH WOULD INDICATE THAT HE IS FURNISHING FALSE INFORMATION.

IT IS, THEREFORE, BEING LEFT TO THE DISCRETION OF THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN, WHETHER THE INFORMATION RELATIVE TO ALBERT TARRANTS WARRANTS ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION BY THE MEMPHIS AND JACKSON OFFICES.

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523PM EDT 8-7-68 URGENT RGT

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) JACKSON (157-9586) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM MIAMI (44-1854)

MURKIN

RE MIAMI TEL TO BUREAU, AUG. SIX, LAST, AND MEMPHIS  
TEL TO BUREAU, AUG. SIX LAST.

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RE MIAMI TEL TO BUREAU AUGUST SIX INSTANT.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

DATE: 5/13/68

FROM : SA, ROBERT EDWARD LEE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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Re memo of SA JOHN L. PUDDSTER, Jackson, 5/6/68.

## ADMINISTRATIVE:

On 5/7/68, JAMES D. COX, Southern Bell Tel & Tel Co., Laurel, Miss. advised that telephone number 601-428-8829 was registered under the name of WESLEY ARNOLD, 612 Chantilly Ave, Laurel, Miss.. This phone was disconnected 12/12/67.

On 2/15/68 this number was reassigned to K. D. KAAZ, 17 Broadmoor Drive, Laurel. It was later changed to 425-2226 when Mr. KAAZ objected to getting a large number of calls for ARNOLD.

On 5/13/68, Mr. COX advised that he had determined that due to a mix-up 428-8829 was not disconnected until 12/18/67. Mr. ARNOLD now has phone number 426-2061

## DETAILS:

The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT EDWARD LEE:

## AT LAUREL, MISS:

On 5/7/68, Mrs. RUTH HOUND, Credit Bureau, advised that Mr. K. D. KAAZ, is the Manager of Schlumberger Oil Field Equipment Company, having been transferred to Laurel from Houston, Texas.

On 5/13/68, Mrs. MAMMIE SCHNEIDER, Credit Bureau, advised that Mr. WESLEY ARNOLD, 612 Chantilly Ave, has been known to the files since 1958 and is married to VIRGINIA ARNOLD. Mr. ARNOLD has been associated with the Laurel Sand Blasting Co., and the Southern Engine Company, ~~612~~ 612 Chantilly.

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Manager,

On 5/13/68, Mr. K. D. KAAZ, Schlumberger Oil Field Equipment Company, advised that he does not know JAMES EARL RAY and has never received any calls from any person he does not know. He said that he was transferred to Laurel during the early part of February 1968, and his first phone was 428-8829. This number was formerly listed to WESLEY ARNOLD and the phone was ringing all times of the day and night. He had this phone changed and now has number 425-2226.

On 5/14/68, Mr. WESLEY ARNOLD, Manager, ~~KANRRXIXENGIXXSAWIXIXX~~ Southern Engine Service, 612 Chantilly, advised that he formerly had telephone number 428-8829 in his residence (House Trailer) and 426-2061 in his place of business at 614 Chantilly. Number 428-8829 was discontinued on or about 12/12/67 but he thinks calls were received through this number until about 12/18/67.

Mr. ARNOLD related that during the period of November and December 1967 he and his wife were having trouble and she was in Houston, Texas with her brother at 8602 Rayson Street. This address is just off Interstate 10 and is in a residential and sub shopping district. He recalls that his wife called him on or about 12/17/68 from Houston and he feels that she called collect. He does not recall receiving any other calls from Houston around this date.

Mr. ARNOLD states that he does not know any JAMES EARL RAY, JOHN WILLARD, HARVEY LOWMEYER, HARVEY LOWMYER or ERIC STARVO GALT.

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The following investigation was conducted  
by SA FRANCIS G. HONAN:

Mrs. A. D. (MARY LOU) CROMEANS, Route 2,  
Fulton, Mississippi, age thirty-seven years old,  
was advised of the nature of the inquiry and the  
identity of the interviewing Agent. She advised that  
concerning a conversation between herself and Mrs.  
JEAN BRITT EVANS, Houston, Mississippi, that she, CROMEANS,  
told Mrs. EVANS that on May 6, 1968, she made a telephone  
call from her residence in Fulton, Mississippi, to the  
residence of W. C. E. JOHNSON, Old Saltillo Road, Tupelo,  
Mississippi, telephone number 842-7879 to ascertain if  
CONSTANCE LAKE EVANS was at the residence.

Mrs. CROMEANS stated that she had left a painting  
with EVANS, while EVANS resided at the JOHNSON residence,  
and she wanted to pick up the painting, however, did not  
want to pick it up when EVANS was there.

Mrs. CROMEANS stated that when she telephoned  
the residence a male answered the phone and she (Mrs.  
CROMEANS) asked this individual who was speaking and  
this individual said "STAVO" or some similar name. Mrs.  
CROMEANS stated that she asked this individual again who  
was speaking and he stated it was "STAVO" or some similar  
name, however, continued that he was speaking from the  
JOHNSONS' residence. Mrs. CROMEANS stated that she asked  
this individual if Mr. EVANS was there and this individual  
stated that EVANS had not been there in a week or two.  
Mrs. CROMEANS stated that she then hung up the telephone.

Mrs. CROMEANS stated that in thinking over the  
conversation and the names "STAVO", she stated that she  
had heard this name sometime in the past and after deep  
thinking connected this name with ERIC STARVO GALT, being

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sought in the murder of Doctor MARTIN LUTHER KING.

Mrs. CROMEANS further stated that in reference to her association with CONSTANCE LAKE EVANS, that she first met EVANS approximately May of 1967, when she took her daughter to Mr. EVANS' residence, who is approximately sixty-eight years old, and is an art teacher, for art lessons for her daughter. Mrs. CROMEANS stated that on August 16, 1967, she together with Mr. EVANS left the Tupelo, Mississippi, area together, and went to Albuquerque, New Mexico, where she sat up housekeeping with EVANS. Mrs. CROMEANS stated that she came back home to her husband on November 1, 1967, and that EVANS followed her. She stated that since that time she has seen EVANS on two occasions, however, has had no association with him.

Mrs. CROMEANS stated that approximately one month ago EVANS told her that he had inherited \$40,000 from the death of a brother of his in Memphis, Tennessee, however, Mrs. CROMEANS stated that she has never seen this \$40,000.

Mrs. CROMEANS stated that during her association with EVANS in Albuquerque, New Mexico, he described himself as a religious person and continually handed out religious pamphlets and she had noticed that in the back of these pamphlets was stamped "INTERNATIONAL BUSINESSMAN'S ASSOCIATION". Mrs. CROMEANS stated that on numerous occasions EVANS told her that he was a businessman, however, she described him as a real confidence man and "a real operator". Mrs. CROMEANS stated that she had heard that EVANS was a dope addict, however, she had no personal knowledge of that. She stated that EVANS consumed a lot of alcoholic beverages during her association with him.

Mrs. CROMEANS stated that she has read numerous articles in the newspaper concerning JAMES EARL RAY, also known as Eric Starvo Galt, and in particular mentioned one article concerning RAY making a statement in jail to the effect that if a group of businessmen were offering

one million dollars for the assassination of Doctor KING that he would be interested in this.

Mrs. CROMEANS stated that the statement EVANS made about being a businessman and also the religious pamphlets bearing the stamp "INTERNATIONAL BUSINESSMEN'S ASSOCIATION" together with her telephone call to the JOHNSON residence at which time an individual answered giving his name as STAVO or some similar name, Mrs. CROMEANS suspects that possibly JAMES EARL RAY may be hiding out at the JOHNSON residence.

At this point Mrs. CROMEANS stated that she has a vague imagination, admitted seeking psychiatric treatment in Tupelo, Mississippi, as the result of her association with EVANS.

Mrs. CROMEANS was shown a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and she advised that she has never seen this individual.

At the conclusion of the interview, Mrs. CROMEANS made inquiry about the \$40,000 reward being offered for information concerning the whereabouts of RAY and she wanted to know if RAY was caught whether she would receive the reward.

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HENRY GRADY CARROLL was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the inquiry. CARROLL was advised that he did not have to furnish any information, that any information furnished by him could be used against him in a court of law, and he was entitled to consult an attorney or anyone else prior to furnishing any statement.

CARROLL was interviewed at the Carroll Body Shop, North Main Extension, and advised as follows:

He stated that he has never made a statement to the effect that he was going to kill or have killed Doctor MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CARROLL advised that he "hopes the fellow who killed King is never caught." He stated that he is a segregationist and does not believe in integration in any form.

CARROLL advised that he was not involved in and has no information regarding the murder of KING.

The following description was obtained through interview and observation:

Name	HENRY GRADY CARROLL
Date of Birth	[REDACTED]
Place of Birth	Carroll County, Mississippi
Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5 feet, 11 inches
Weight	190 pounds
Hair	Gray (balding)
Eyes	Hazel

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On 5/7/68 at Grenada, Mississippi

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by SA JAMES F. BODMAN, JR.:bal

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Occupation	Operator and Owner of Carroll's Body Shop, Grenada, Mississippi
Residence	2229 Pegg Street Grenada, Mississippi
Former Occupation	Constable, Grenada County, Grenada, Mississippi, 1960-1967

CARROLL advised that his brother, OTIS CARROLL, is married to BERNICE BROWNLOW, the sister of OAKLEY BROWNLOW, who resides in Chicago, Illinois.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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LEON CLIFTON BLAYLOCK, JR., was advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and of the nature of the inquiry. BLAYLOCK was advised that he did not have to furnish any information, that any information furnished by him could be used against him in a court of law, and that he was entitled to consult an attorney or anyone else prior to furnishing any information, by SA JAMES F. BODMAN, JR.

BLAYLOCK, who was interviewed at the Travel Inn Motel, advised as follows:

He formerly operated the Candlelite Lounge, Highway 82 West, Winona, Mississippi, during June and July, 1967. BLAYLOCK advised that he recalls an individual by the name of J. W. ROGERS, who is from and resides in the Winona area, coming into the lounge just about every day during June and July, 1967.

BLAYLOCK stated that ROGERS, who "got drunk every day," would after getting drunk boast that he would pay \$100,000 to anyone who would kill Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BLAYLOCK stated that no one paid any serious attention to ROGERS, as ROGERS seldom had enough money to pay for his own drinks.

BLAYLOCK stated that ROGERS and his drinking became such a problem that he stopped ROGERS from coming into his place of business.

BLAYLOCK stated that he has never heard of anyone from the state of Florida offering \$100,000 to have Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING killed. He said that the

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only person he ever heard mention having Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING killed is J. W. ROGERS, and no one ever paid any attention to ROGERS.

The following description of BLAYLOCK was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	LEON CLIFTON BLAYLOCK, JR.
Sex	Male
Race	White
Date of Birth	[REDACTED]
Place of Birth	Winona, Mississippi
Height	5' 8½"
Weight	185 pounds
Hair	Black
Eyes	Hazel
Residence	Speedway Street, Winona, Mississippi
Employment	Salesman, Canale Company, Memphis, Tennessee
Arrest Record	Admits to no arrests

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RE: REVEREND JAMES M. ROACH

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The following investigation was conducted by SA WILLIAM P. LAWLER on May 23, 1968, at Walls, Mississippi:

GLORIA VAUGHN was interviewed in an attempt to determine the identity of an unknown white man who had made the statement to the Reverend JAMES M. ROACH in the Country Boy Drop-In Restaurant to the effect "Nigger, we could kill you all just like we did MARTIN LUTHER KING."

GLORIA VAUGHN stated that their trade at the Country Boy Drop-In Restaurant consists primarily of transient individuals, and that although she does recall there were two white men sitting in back of Reverend ROACH, she does not recall ever having seen these two individuals before. VAUGHN stated that they had been drinking beer for about one hour, but she has no idea who they are or if she would recognize them were she to see them again.

GENE VAUGHN, the owner of the Country Boy Drop-In Restaurant, was interviewed in an attempt to determine the identity of an unknown white man who had made a statement to the Reverend JAMES M. ROACH to the effect "Nigger, we could kill you all just like we did MARTIN LUTHER KING."

VAUGHN reiterated that their customers consist primarily of people who are traveling either up to Memphis or to Southern Mississippi, and that he cannot recall whether a statement to the effect "Nigger, we could kill you all just like we did MARTIN LUTHER KING" had been made at all.

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or who had made it, if it had been made. VAUGHN stated that he did not recall having seen these individuals before and doubts if he would recognize them were he to see them again.



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CARL MURPHY, JR:

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The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN S. CASTLES at Tupelo, Mississippi, on the dates indicated:

On May 13, 1968, SAM H. ALLEN, JR., Consultant, City of Tupelo, advised that he is not acquainted with ROBERT WAYNE PHILLIPS. He stated that he is acquainted with CARL MURPHY, JR., and knows that MURPHY is a bootlegger and a "hoodlum" in the Tupelo, Mississippi, area.

On May 13, 1968, MITCHELL MC WHIRTER, Officer, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, Tupelo, Mississippi, advised that he is acquainted with ROBERT WAYNE PHILLIPS, whom he knew as BOB PHILLIPS. He stated that he has not seen PHILLIPS for a number of months but knows that PHILLIPS formerly operated a place known as Bob's Fish House near Shannon, Mississippi, for a Mr. SLOAN. He said to his knowledge PHILLIPS never owned a place by himself, and in his opinion was not capable of operating any place on his own. He said in his opinion PHILLIPS is a "no good" individual who will work for anyone who will pay him a few dollars. He said he had never heard and has no knowledge that PHILLIPS was ever employed or associated with CARL MURPHY, JR.

On May 13, 1968, Mrs. JOAN EDWARDS, Secretary, Credit Bureau of Tupelo, Mississippi, advised SA DONALD H. GREENE that credit bureau records reveal that ROBERT WAYNE PHILLIPS, a white male, born May 5, 1935, at Belden, Mississippi, is 6 feet 1 inch tall, weight 185 pounds, is a dirty blond who has blue eyes and at one time was married to BETTY CANNON, Route 2, Shannon, Mississippi. She said at one time he had a mailing address of Box 181, Shannon, Mississippi, and his father, who is now deceased, was named HARVEY PHILLIPS.

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Mrs. EDWARDS said that records indicate that at one time PHILLIPS dealt in illegal liquor traffic and operated Bob's Fish House in 1965 and was formerly employed by a RUSSELL PATTERSON, and in 1966 was arrested for assault and battery for shooting at his wife. She said records indicate that his mother is JETTIE L. KEY, Route 1, Guntown, Miss., and that a relative is BETTY JOE MEEK, Route 2, Baldwin, Miss.

Mrs. EDWARDS said that records indicate that PHILLIPS' former wife is currently residing in the Brewer Community of Lee Co., Miss., with her father, ERSKINE LOWERY. She also said that the last information that the credit bureau had concerning PHILLIPS was certain information that a car which was registered in his name was located abandoned on 3/10/66, in Dallas, Texas.

On 5/14/68, CARL MURPHY, JR., was interviewed by SA JOHN S. CASTLES and SA DONALD H. GREENE at his residence located on Highway 78 West, between Belden, Miss., and Sherman, Miss.

MURPHY advised that he has no information concerning the identity of the murderer of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and has never made any comment that he knew who the killer was and has never offered anyone any amount of money to "take care of KING". MURPHY further stated that he is not acquainted with anyone by the name of JAMES EARL RAY and has never been in any jail or penitentiary with anyone by that name.

MURPHY further said that he is not now and has never been associated with any Ku Klux Klan group and has never met ROBERT SHELTON of Tuscaloosa, Ala., who he understands to be a Klan leader. He stated that he is still engaged in some illegal liquor traffic and currently operates a night club known as the Ranch House, located just off Highway 78 near Sherman, Miss.

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MURPHY said that he has many enemies due to the type business which he conducts, and he can only state that someone is trying to "put the mouth on him" since none of the questions asked him has any basis.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT P. WOMACK on May 13, 1968, to determine who and under what circumstances a call from Houston, Texas, on December 15, 1967, pay phone 453-9611, to Seminary, Mississippi, phone 722-4497, was made. It was determined that this phone number was assigned to FAIRLEY INGRAM, Ingram's Store on State Highway 590, approximately four miles west of the Covington - Jones County line.

Mrs. FAIRLEY INGRAM reported that her husband was ill. She advised after questions asked as follows:

JIM KNOTTS, a resident of their neighborhood, had for many years been employed on boats and land for Morrison's Construction Company, located at 12714 Market Street, Houston, Texas. He and his wife had been divorced for years and some of his relatives, including WILLY KNOTTS, had also worked for the same company with him.

In late November or early December, 1967, a nephew of JAMES and WILLY KNOTTS had died and a number of telephone calls were made from Texas to her phone asking that they speak with members of the family. Also, JIM KNOTTS often called and talked with her, finding out how members of his family were and to advise her if he wanted his mail forwarded to a different address. She did not know for certain what occasioned the call on December 15, 1967, but was positive it would be related to the KNOTTS family.

She stated after viewing a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, she had never seen the person depicted thereon and did not know anyone by the name of JAMES EARL RAY.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA EDGAR C. FORTENBERRY at Hattiesburg, Mississippi:

After unsuccessful attempts on May 8 and 9, 1968, Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT HERRIN, U. S. Highway 49 North near Forrest County and Covington County line, were located and interviewed on May 10, 1968. Mr. and Mrs. HERRIN advised that they are subscribers to telephone number 582-3734, to which telephone they were subscribers all during the month of December, 1967.

Mr. HERRIN stated that he did not know whether or not any telephone calls were made to this telephone from Houston, Texas, on December 15, 1967; however, his wife, Mrs. ROBERT HERRIN, would know.

Mrs. HERRIN stated that she recalls a long distance telephone having been made from Houston, Texas, to their telephone, 582-3734, on an unrecalled date about the middle of December, 1967. She stated that this telephone call was made by ERNIE HARRELL, her grandson-in-law, who was at that time employed by Edwards Transportation Company, on a tugboat operating in the Gulf of Mexico and the Inland Waterways. Mrs. HERRIN stated that the above telephone call from ERNIE HARRELL was made to advise her that he would not be home for Christmas. She further stated that she recalls her daughter-in-law, Mrs. ROBERT HERRIN, JR., was present when this telephone call was received and that Mrs. ROBERT HERRIN, JR., also talked to ERNIE HARRELL.

On May 10, 1968, Mrs. ROBERT HERRIN, JR., U. S. Highway 49 North, advised that she was present when a long distance telephone call was received by Mrs. ROBERT HERRIN, SR., telephone 582-3734, from ERNIE HARRELL in Houston, Texas, on an unrecalled date about the middle of December, 1967, at which time she also talked to ERNIE HARRELL. Mrs. HERRIN, JR., stated she recalls that ERNIE HARRELL also talked to his wife, who was present at the time of

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the aforementioned telephone call was received from Houston, Texas, at telephone 582-3734, Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT HERRIN, SR., and Mrs. ROBERT HERRIN, JR., advised that JAMES EARL RAY and CHARLES STEIN are not known to them and no telephone calls have ever been received at telephone 582-3734, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, from either JAMES EARL RAY or CHARLES STEIN. The above persons could furnish no information which might be of assistance in locating JAMES EARL RAY.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA RICHARD L. BROCK at Forest, Mississippi:

On May 8, 1968, Mrs. ISODORE ODOM, Route 3,  
Box 124, Forest, Mississippi, advised her telephone  
number is area code 601-625-8547, and the same number  
was hers during December, 1967.

She advised she has a brother ERNEST BEEMAN,  
Negro male, 305 Pee Wee Alley, Beaumont, Texas, who  
calls her on occasion, but who does not have a telephone  
of his own. Mrs. ODOM stated she cannot specifically  
recall receiving a call from her brother during December,  
1967, but believes she may have called him sometime just  
prior to Christmas, 1967.

Mrs. ODOM further stated JAMES EARL RAY is  
unknown to her.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MIAMI (44-1854)  
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RE MIAMI AND JACKSON TELS AUGUST TWO LAST.

JACKSON DIVISION HAS ACCOUNTED FOR WHEREABOUTS BURRIS DUNN,  
JOE DANIEL HAWKINS, J. L. HARPER, AND KATHLEEN AINSWORTH, AND  
HAS STATED IT IS IMPOSSIBLE THAT ROBERT EARL WILSON COULD HAVE  
BEEN INVOLVED WITH THESE PERSONS ON DAY MARTIN LUTHER KING KILLED.

IN SPITE OF ABOVE, MIAMI SHOULD REINTERVIEW MARGARET  
CAPOMACCHIA, MOTHER OF DECEASED AINSWORTH, FOR ANY AND ALL  
INFORMATION WHICH SHE MAY HAVE IN HER POSSESSION INDICATING  
THAT ANYONE CONSPIRED WITH SUBJECT RAY TO MURDER KING.

MIAMI SHOULD ACCOUNT FOR WHEREABOUTS CAPOMACCHIA ON APRIL  
FOUR AND ASCERTAIN FROM HER WHAT SHE MAY KNOW ABOUT HER DAUGHTER'S  
CONNECTION WITH THIS ALLEGED PLOT.

~~IN FUTURE, PRIOR TO REQUESTING INVESTIGATION OF OTHER  
OFFICES, MIAMI REQUESTED TO MAKE SOME EFFORT TO RESOLVE INFORMA-  
TION REPORTED BY FORMER INFORMANTS AS HAVING COME FROM A MENTAL  
CASE. MIAMI SHOULD ADVISE BUREAU AND MEMPHIS OF ITS ESTIMATE~~

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
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Re Miami teletype to the Bureau, 8/2/68, setting forth information to Miami by WILLIAM SOMERSETT concerning MARGARET CAPOMACCHIA.

Mobile was requested to be alert as to activities of SIDNEY C. BARNES who reportedly was leaving for Jackson, Miss., 8/2/68.

SIDNEY CROCKETTE BARNES, 1379 East Riviera Drive, Mobile, Ala., is a bombing suspect of the Mobile Office and his activity has been covered in the past month by four different neighborhood sources. No information has been reported by these sources to indicate that BARNES was away from his residence just prior to or subsequent to the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING. These sources have furnished no information indicating that THOMAS A. TARRANTS, III or KATHLEEN AINSWORTH had stayed at the BARNES' residence.

In the late afternoon of 8/2/68, neighborhood source, Mrs. MARY LONGCRIER, 1382 East Riviera Drive, telephonically advised that at about 5:20 PM that date she had observed BARNES in his stationwagon which vehicle appeared to be packed as if BARNES was moving from the residence. She did not see Mrs. BARNES on that occasion.

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