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3. Microfilmed copies of deeds showing signatures of different heirs of Mrs. EDITH R. THOMPSON, deceased.

4. Copy of deed signed by Mrs. FLORENCE MARTIN and DELBERT MARTIN, Springfield, Missouri.

5. Copy of a deed dated September 7, 1957, listing heirs of EVA UTLEY.

Memphis should review the enclosed material to determine if any of the persons named may be related to subject RAY and, if so, order any indicated investigation. In the event the material is not of any value to this investigation, it may be, if indicated, returned to Mrs. SCARBOROUGH, 603 Englewood Drive, Dothan, Alabama 36301.

Mobile, Ala.  
4/29/68

MEMO ALL AGENTS:

MURKIN

The Bureau has advised that leads are being sent out concerning persons involved in prior threats against MARTIN LUTHER KING and that these leads, as well as any leads concerning any suspect developed from any source, must be given immediate and thorough handling on the top priority basis. The Bureau noted that we will be furnished information relating to other possible conspirators which must be thoroughly resolved no matter how remote.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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W. M. ALEXANDER, SAC

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RE: BOBBY JOE FAULKNER

On April 29, 1968, BOBBY JOE FAULKNER, employed by Alleghany Electric Company, a subcontractor of Rust Engineering Company, MacMillian-Bloedel Paper Mill Site, Yellow Bluff, Alabama, residing at Kimbrough Trailer Park, with father, JAMES FAULKNER, advised Special Agents ROBERT L. FRYE and DAVID A. CHANEY as follows:

He lived at Garner's Rooming House, Atlanta, Georgia, located on 107 14th Street, during the latter part of January and first part of February, 1968, while employed on a Government housing project in the Atlanta area. He left Garner's in February and moved to Chestatee Inn, Ponce De Leon Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia. On about April 1, 1968, FAULKNER returned to Garner's and obtained a room at the "Second House", operated by GARNER, which is next door to 107 14th Street.

FAULKNER claimed that GARNER had closed this house for a period of time as GARNER said, "the hippies were moving in on me." When FAULKNER returned to Garner's about April 1, 1968, he obtained a similar room in this house that GARNER had closed for a period of time.

FAULKNER claimed he knew of no one else who lived in the second house with him during the period of about April 2-8, 1968, except an individual he described as a white male, 50 years of age or older, 6', 150-160 pounds, gray hair, wrinkled rough skin on face. FAULKNER claimed this individual did not resemble any of the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, also known as ERIC STARVO GALT. He does not know where this individual was employed, but he wore gray work clothes.

FAULKNER recalls that this person was in the company of two other individuals on the evening of April 1, 1968, when he was waiting for GARNER on the front porch of the house to see about a room. These two other persons were on the porch; one was a white male, 40-45 years of age,

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5'8" or 5'10", 200-250 pounds, dark brown hair, balding on the top. This individual apparently had a throat operation as he had a hole in his throat covered by a piece of gauze and spoke in a gruff whisper. The other man was a white male in his late forties, 5'6" to 5'8", gray hair, and was "very short". Both of these men had on gray work clothes and he assumed that they were possibly electricians. The man who stayed in the house with him was with these two men on that evening.

FAULKNER stated that the only other person who in any way resembled the photograph of RAY was a "young fellow", name unknown, who lived in the second floor, in the front bedroom of the house at 107 14th Street. This individual resembled the photo of RAY which is shown on Identification Order with close cropped hair. FAULKNER pointed out, however, that this "young fellow" whom he described as a white male, 25-30 years of age, about 5'10", 140 pounds, light brown close cropped hair, driving a 1963 or 1964 gold colored Plymouth, had roomed at Garner's for "a long period of time". This person appeared to be well-educated, and FAULKNER thought the person was a "college student."

FAULKNER stated that although the Missouri State Penitentiary photograph of JAMES EARL RAY resembles the individual he does not believe the "young fellow" could have been RAY.

FAULKNER states he believes the time he was at Garner's Rooming House on the second occasion was the period of April 2-8, 1968, as he recalled hearing the news of KING's death in Memphis while he was at Garner's the second time. He had checked in at the rooming house two or three days prior to the time he heard the news on the radio. He recalled that Friday of that week he left work early, went to his home in Columbus, Georgia for the weekend, and on the following Monday, which was April 8, 1968, he turned his key in to GARNER at Garner's Restaurant, located on Northside Drive, Atlanta, Georgia. He did not return to the rooming house after the early morning of April 5, 1968, which was the preceeding Friday. FAULKNER stated

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he left Atlanta after he picked up his money at the job on [redacted] and traveled to Pine Hill, Alabama, where he has been employed since that time and has not returned to Atlanta. FAULKNER left Atlanta alone and came to Pine Hill, Alabama, where he is working with his father, JAMES FAULKNER at the paper mill site at Yellow Bluff, Alabama.

FAULKNER advised that during his last stay at 107 14th Street, Atlanta, in January and February, 1968, he shared room with ERNEST WILLIAM HARPER of Columbus, Georgia. He stated that at no time during his residence at this address did he see a white Mustang automobile parked in that area.

4/30/68

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)  
FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR  
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Atlanta teletype to Mobile 4/29/68, and Mobile teletype to Atlanta 4/30/68.

Transmitted herewith for the Atlanta Office are 25 copies of investigative insert pertaining to interview with BOBBY JOE FAULKNER, at Yellow Bluff, Alabama. Transmitted herewith for the Memphis Office are two copies of the above insert.

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2-Memphis (Enc. 2)  
2-Mobile

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)

DATE: 5/1/68

FROM : SA CHARLES A. BOYLE, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR  
(OO: Memphis)

*Blumen called & requested location key 4/23 Z  
but called back describing him that*

On 4/23/68, HERBERT MADISON BOHANNAN was interviewed at 1304 Olive Ct., Mobile, Ala., and advised that he was employed at Bender Shipyard as a welder, Mobile, Ala.

He stated that he does not know a JAMES PITTSFORD LAY, and stated that he does not know any seaman that fits the description of the subject in this matter, JAMES EARL RAY.

He stated he could not provide any further information.

*Averitt*

On 4/24/68, GEORGE AVERITT, Community Blood & Plasma Service, Inc., 166 Government St., telephonically advised above Agent that after a review of his files regarding blood donors, he discovered that one JAMES ~~EARL~~ RAY had given blood at his office on 3/12/68. This file indicated that RAY had Navy Serial Number 8932863 and was 5'11" tall, *age 46*, 180 lbs., brown eyes, gray hair. His occupation was listed as a welder and he had as an address 311 May St., Montgomery, Ala.

A review of the physical characteristics of subject RAY in this matter, indicated that above individual was older than JAMES EARL RAY, had brown eyes and has served in the U. S. Army, therefore, this individual was not in any way identical with JAMES EARL RAY the subject of MURKIN case.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), JACKSONVILLE, MOBILE, NEW ORLEANS  
FROM DALLAS (44-2649)

MURKIN. OC: MEMPHIS.

RE SUBJECT'S CALLS MADE FROM COIN TELEPHONE EN ROUTE FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS. RE DALLAS TEL APRIL THIRTY LAST.

FOR INFO OF OFFICES NOT RECEIVING RE TEL, ON THE ABOVE TRIP SUBJECT RAY ALLEGEDLY MADE SEVERAL TELEPHONE CALLS FROM COIN TELEPHONES WHILE IN TEXAS. A CHECK OF TOLL CALLS MADE FROM COIN TELEPHONES ALONG ROUTE TAKEN BY RAY FOR DECEMBER FIFTEEN, SIXTEEN, AND SEVENTEEN, OF SIXTYSEVEN, ARE BEING MADE AND THE FOLLOWING HAVE BEEN DETERMINED TO DATE. EACH OFFICE SHOULD ESTABLISH THE IDENTITY OF SUBSCRIBERS TO TELEPHONE NUMBERS LISTED AND ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY BY WHOM THE INSTANT TELEPHONE CALL WAS RECEIVED FROM. IF RAY MADE CALL, OBTAIN ALL AVAILABLE INFO CONCERNING HIM.

JACKSONVILLE.

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CALL MADE ON COIN TELEPHONE LOCATED AT ALPINE, TEXAS  
DECEMBER SIXTEEN LAST, FOUR SEVENTEEN PM, SEVEN FIVE TWO SIX  
FOUR SIX ZERO, LAKE CITY, FLORIDA;  
MOBILE.

CALL MADE ON COIN TELEPHONE LOCATED AT ALPINE, TEXAS  
DECEMBER SEVENTEEN LAST, TWO TWENTYSEVEN AM, NINE SIX TWO  
FOUR SEVEN SIX ONE, LILLIAN, ALABAMA; - listed to CHARLIE  
NEW ORLEANS SHOWERS,  
Zellin, Ala

CALL MADE ON COIN TELEPHONE LOCATED AT ALPINE, TEXAS  
DECEMBER SIXTEEN LAST, TWELVE FORTYTHREE AM, NINE THREE EIGHT  
FIVE SIX THREE EIGHT, GREENWOOD, LOUISIANA.

- ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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MC VFP

FBI MOBILE

601 E. Adams St.  
Muncie, Ind. 47305  
April 23, 1968

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am enclosing new information.  
My daughter and I obtained today,  
same method as first report on  
Martin Luther King Jr. assassin.

We hope this will prove helpful  
information.

My reason for writing you again,  
instead of contacting your local  
agent as you requested in your report  
in Muncie Evening Press, because  
of details explained in my first letter.

We are ready and willing to be  
of further assistance if we can.  
Thank you.

Sincerely,

Wm. Ruel Harnay

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New information 4-23-68  
Rept: Assassin

Alma Galt and Ray, some person  
still in hiding in Putnamville  
(Not Putnamville as just mentioned)  
Alabama, at home of Dr. Gusnter  
Murry, Monas' father at 21 E. Ray-  
mond Drive, a fashionable part of  
town.

Dr. Murry, a Podiatrist, (office location  
unknown this report.) Knows of assiri-  
nation and his daughter Monas  
part as accomplice and girl friend  
to subject. Dr. Murry not involved  
except to provide hide out for the two  
assirins for daughter's safety.

Description of girl this report, age 18  
5'4" tall weighs about 145 pounds,  
Natural red hair, cut short and curly.  
May<sup>be</sup> hazel eyes or greenish, uses eye  
makeup heavily, fair complexion.

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Cont. Report

Time of assassination, <sup>Kelly</sup> wore green cotton  
Thermi dress, green dress shoes, green  
silk beret with sun glasses for get  
away.

Subject: wore at same time, a blue  
sports jacket, white sports shirt  
tall medium size, tan or beige  
pants size 36" x 34"

These clothes are also at Dr. Murphy  
Get away Car, Alabama license plate  
still painted black, a 2 door sedan.  
Possibly in car compartment a ladies  
gold, Ronson Cigarette <sup>lighter</sup> with initials  
M. M.

This car was left at Morris Park  
and Wash elevated parking building  
on South Street, (exact location  
unavailable this report) 90 miles north  
of Memphis in Tennessee.

April 30, 1968

AIRTEL

To: SACs, Indianapolis (Encl. 2)  
Birmingham (Encl. 2)  
Mobile (Encl. 2)

From: Director, FBI

MURKIN - 157-2627

Re Mrs. Ruth Harney - complainant.

Enclosed for Indianapolis, Birmingham, and Mobile are two copies each of a letter from the complainant dated 4/23/68. One copy is enclosed for Memphis.

Indianapolis should interview the complainant to determine what other information she may have available and to evaluate the information she furnishes. Although the complainant refers to previously having written the Bureau, on the basis of information available, no record could be located concerning her.

The victim indicates the subject is hiding in Putnamville, Alabama, however, no such town is listed in the Postal Guide.

At the time of interview, orally acknowledge receipt of her letter.

1 - Memphis (Encl.)

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AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231) P  
MURKIN  
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OO:ME

RE: ROBERT DONALD WEIR

Re Tampa teletype to Mobile dated 4/23/68 and  
Mobile teletype to Tampa dated 4/25/68, airmail copies to  
Memphis.

Attempts to contact WEIR on 4/26 and 4/29/68 at his  
residence, his employment and his mother-in-law's residence  
were negative.

Neighbors advise that WEIR returned from Alabama  
on 4/26/68 and is still driving 1968 tan Chevrolet convertible.  
Rumor is that WEIR is several months in arrears on the rent for  
the bar he is renting and is under the impression that the FBI  
is attempting to contact him regarding this rent. WEIR has not  
re-opened his bar upon his return from Alabama and neighbor is  
of opinion that WEIR is attempting to avoid FBI because of his  
financial situation and has left town again.

Since wife previously advised that WEIR was in Mont-  
gomery, Ala. driving 1968 tan Chevrolet and neighbors subse-  
quently advised that WEIR returned from Alabama driving instant

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vehicle, it is presumed that WEIR was driver of instant vehicle in Montgomery, Ala. on 4/22/68. It is further noted that neighbor advised WEIR is not identical to photograph of JAMES EARL RAY.

No further efforts being made to locate WEIR in view of above.

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FBI WASH DC

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TO DIRECTOR \44-23861\ MEMPHIS\ AND MOBILE KPLAINTEXT\

MEMPHIS AND MOBILE VIA WASHINGTON \

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FROM SAN JUAN \157-61\ -P- 2P

MURKIN.

RE JACKSONVILLE TELETYPE APRIL THIRTY\ LAST\ TO BUREAU.

JAMES EARL RAY\ JR.\ USN B NINE FOUR FIVE ONE FOUR THREE\ INTERVIEWED MAY ONE\ INSTANT\ AT ROOSEVELT ROADS NAVAL STATION\ PUERTO RICO. RAY IS SON OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL JAMES EARL RAY\ PRESENTLY IN U. S. ARMY\ VIETNAM. MOTHER\ TERESA LEEN RESIDES FOUR ZERO THREE HONEYSUCKLE COURT\ MONTGOMERY\ ALABAMA. RAY\ JR.\ SUPRA\ NOT ACQUAINTED WITH JAMES EARL RAY\ SUBJECT OF MURKIN AND DOES NOT BELIEVE RELATED. RAY\ S GRANDPARENTS MR. AND MRS\ RUFUS RAY\ TWO FIVE EAST SOUTH STREET\ MONTGOMERY\ ALABAMA\ ORIGINALLY FROM WASHINGTON\ D. C. AND WOULD KNOW IF ANY RELATIONSHIP EXISTS WITH SUBJECT. RAY\ JR.\ ASSIGNED TO SQUADRON VA-ONE SEVEN FOUR AND WILL RETURN TO CECIL FIELD\ USN\ JACKSONVILLE\ FLORIDA\ ON ABOUT MAY TWENTY-FIVE\ NEXT.

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LEAD -----

MOBILE DIVISON

AT MONTGOMERY\ ALABAMA

WILL CONDUCT INVESTIGATION TO FURTHER IDENTIFY JAMES EARL  
RAY\ SR.\ AND DETERMINE IF RELATED TO SUBJECT OF INSTANT CASE.

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FBI JACKSVLE

5:43 PM FBT URGENT 4/30/68 JLC

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, MOBILE, ATLANTA AND SAN JUAN  
FROM JACKSONVILLE (44-769) 1P

MURKIN.

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE APRIL THIRTY INSTANT.

RE JAMES EARL RAY, JR.

RE TELETYPE ADVISED REGIONAL INSPECTOR, IRS, ATLANTA, GEORGIA,  
DISCOVERED TAX RETURN FOR JAMES EARL RAY, JR., SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

[REDACTED] RETURN INDICATES  
RAY, JR., WITH U.S. NAVY, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA.

PERSONNEL RECORDS, NAS, CECIL FIELD, REFLECT RAY, JR., DEPARTED  
APRIL TWENTYFIVE LAST FOR TEMPORARY ACTIVE DUTY TO ROOSEVELT ROADS,  
SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO, AS WESS COOK FOR FOUR WEEKS.

SAN JUAN IMMEDIATELY CONDUCT INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF  
INDIVIDUAL RELATED TO SUBJECT RAY.

BUREAU AND SAN JUAN ADVISED VIA RADIO.

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Date: 5/1/68

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: MOBILE (157-2627)

MURKIN. OO: ME.

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE, TEN THIRTYONE AM, APRIL THIRTY  
LAST, AND SAN JUAN TELETYPE, MAY ONE, SIXTYEIGHT.

INVESTIGATION, MONTGOMERY, ALA., REFLECTS RUFUS RAY,  
TWENTYFIVE E. SOUTH ST., A RETIRED INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE  
EMPLOYEE, KNOWN TO SRA SPENCER H. ROBB APPROXIMATELY TWENTY-  
THREE YEARS, ADVISED HIS SON, LT. COL. JAMES EARL RAY  
PRESENTLY SERVING WITH U. S. ARMY IN SOUTH VIETNAM, AND  
GRANDSON, JAMES EARL RAY, JR., CURRENTLY IN U. S. NAVY IN  
JACKSONVILLE, FLA. RAY STATES SUBJECT OF THIS CASE NOT  
RELATED IN ANY WAY TO HIS FAMILY AND HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF HIM.

AIR MAIL COPIES FURNISHED AT, JK AND SJ. P

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1 - Jacksonville (AM) (44-769)  
1 - San Juan (AM) (157-61)  
① - Mobile

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Approved: W M 1  
Special Agent in Charge

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TO ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, CHICAGO, JACKSON, KANSAS CITY,  
MEMPHIS, MOBILE, NEW ORLEANS, ST. LOUIS, SAVANNAH AND  
SPRINGFIELD

FROM DIRECTOR (44-38861) 2P

MURKIN

IT IS NOTED THAT SUBJECT APPARENTLY WAS NEAT IN HIS  
DRESS AND REGULARLY UTILIZED LAUNDRY AND DRY CLEANING  
SERVICES.

THE ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, JACKSON, MEMPHIS, MOBILE AND  
SAVANNAH OFFICES SHOULD GIVE CONSIDERATION TO CIRCULARIZING  
IC'S AND/OR WANTED FLYERS TO ALL LAUNDRIES AND DRY  
CLEANING ESTABLISHMENTS IN YOUR HEADQUARTERS CITY AND  
OTHER LOGICAL POINTS IN YOUR TERRITORY. IN THE OTHER  
OFFICES THIS CIRCULARIZATION MAY BE LIMITED TO SUCH  
ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE LARGER CITIES AT THIS TIME. IT IS  
SUGGESTED THAT THOSE ESTABLISHMENTS LOCATED IN THE LOWER  
CLASS ROOMING HOUSE AREAS BE CONTACTED FIRST. IN ADDITION  
PERSONAL CONTACT FOR PURPOSE OF SHOWING SLICK PHOTOGRAPHS  
OF SUBJECT SHOULD BE UTILIZED WHERE JUSTIFIED.

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Mobile Hq. 8/5*

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MEMPHIS IMMEDIATELY FURNISH EACH OFFICE SUFFICIENT  
BACKGROUND REGARDING LAUNDRY MARKINGS AND ANY OTHER  
PERTINENT INFORMATION ON THE LAUNDRY ASPECTS OF THIS CASE.

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MO VFP

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)

FROM : SA RAYMOND J. MAXWELL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/2/68

On April 24, 1968, KEN HOGG, Reporter, Dothan Eagle, Dothan, Alabama, advised SA RAYMOND J. MAXWELL, that in addition to his duties as a report for the Dothan Eagle, he repairs clocks, cameras, and guns. He stated that shortly after MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. was killed, he repaired a shotgun for one, JACK CONE, of Dothan, Alabama. He does not know where CONE resides but believes he resides somewhere near the pajama factory in Dothan. He stated that CONE seemed to be a big talker and a braggard and indicated that someone had told him, CONE, that a half-a-million-dollar bounty had been placed on KING and the person who told him this had contributed \$8,000 to the bounty.

HOGG advised that at the time CONE mentioned this, he, HOGG, paid no particular attention, because he figured CONE was just a big talker and was just trying to make conversation; however, after he read the story in the newspaper to the effect that a convict in Georgia mentioned that a \$1,000,000 bounty had been placed on KING, he thought he would mention this to the FBI.

HOGG described CONE as a white male, 45 - 50 years of age, 5'8", heavy muscular build, brown hair.

The current Dothan City Directory reflects only one JACK CONE residing in Dothan, and this is a JACK B. CONE, wife HELEN, residing at 504 North Cherry Street in Dothan.

Efforts to locate CONE on April 24 & 25, 1968, were negative.

On April 26, 1968, CONE was located at his place of business in Daleville, Alabama. He is employed in the general repair business as a welder, metal worker, etc.

CONE appeared most cooperative with SA MAXWELL, but stated that he never made any statement to the effect



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that any bounty had been offered on KING and someone is mistaken if they said he made any such statement. He stated he never heard anyone else make any such statement.

CONE was not advised that KEN HOGG was the person who furnished this information inasmuch as HOGG requested his identity be kept confidential.

CONE advised he could furnish no information whatsoever concerning the killing of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

It was noted that CONE appeared to be a big talker and it is possible that perhaps he did say something to HOGG to try to impress HOGG.

It was noted that CONE is a white male, approximately 50 years of age, 5'8", around 215 pounds, dark brown hair, greying temples, brown eyes, dark complexion.

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FBI ATLANTA

509P URGENT 5/2/68 VSC  
TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND MOBILE  
FROM ATLANTA 44-3375 1P

MURKIN

ON MAY ONE, LAST, A MATCHBOOK FROM REID MOTEL, ROUTE TWO,  
BOX ONE THREE ZERO, GREENVILLE, ALA., WAS FOUND IN THE  
PARKING LOT BEHIND ONE ZERO SEVEN, ONE ONE THREE - FOURTEENTH  
ST., NE, ATLANTA, WHERE JAMES EARL RAY PARKED HIS CAR WHILE IN  
ATLANTA. ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO INDICATION THIS CAME FROM HIS CAR,  
MOBILE IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT THE REID MOTEL TO DETERMINE IF RAY COULD  
HAVE STAYED AT THIS MOTEL.

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*Call to  
5/2/68  
Hester*

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MEMPHIS

234PM URGENT 5-3-68 GAB

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 AND ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, CHICAGO, JACKSON  
KANSAS CITY, MOBILE, NEW ORLEANS, ST. LOUIS, SAVANNAH AND  
SPRINGFIELD

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 2P

MURKIN.

RE BUTEL MAY TWO LAST.

ONE PAIR SHORTS AND T-SHIRT BELIEVED PROPERTY OF SUBJECT,  
RECOVERED IMMEDIATELY AFTER SLAYING, BORE BLACK LAUNDRY MARKS  
"TWO R DASH SIX" ON RED THERMO SEAL TAPE. SHEET AND PILLOW  
CASE FOUND IN ABANDONED MUSTANG AT ATLANTA BORE BLACK LAUNDRY  
MARKS "TWO ZERO R DASH THREE" ON WHITE THERMO SEAL TAPE.

IN VIEW OF RAY'S INDICATED TENDENCIES TOWARD PERSONAL  
CLEANLINESS, PHOTOS OF RAY SHOULD BE SHOWN AT ALL LAUNDRIES  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS OF REBUTEL AND CONSIDERATION  
GIVEN TO ALERTING LAUNDRIES ABOVE DESCRIBED TAGS MAY STILL  
BE AFFIXED TO SOME OF SUBJECT'S LAUNDRY.

THE BUREAU MAY WISH TO FURNISH RECEIVING OFFICES WITH  
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PHOTOGRAPHS IN COLOR OF LAUNDRY MARKS.

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