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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
 RE: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to Los Angeles dated 4/24/68;  
 Los Angeles airtels to Bureau dated 4/30/68, and 5/9/68;  
 (Mrs. ALMENA LOMAX, Complainant).

Referenced Bureau airtel transmitted a copy of a letter written by Mrs. ALMENA LOMAX dated 4/13/68, addressed to Attorney General RAMSEY CLARK, forwarded to the Bureau by the Civil Rights Division. Copies were sent to Atlanta, Birmingham, and Memphis. Mrs. LOMAX's letter advised she had published a "little magazine" entitled the "Tuskegee Tribune" in 1964 and 1965 while residing in Tuskegee. She believed a large number of white people, described by Negroes in the area as being members of the White Citizens Council or "Kluxer types", subscribed to the Tribune, and inferred the possibility existed some of these individuals might be implicated in, or have knowledge of the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

- 3 - Bureau
- 1 - Atlanta (44-2386) (Info) (Encls. 1)
- 3 - Birmingham (44-1740) (Encls. 3)
- 2 - Louisville (Encls. 2)
- 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info) (Encls. 1)
- 5 - Mobile (Encls. 5)
- ② - New Orleans (Encls. 2)
- 2 - Phoenix (Encls. 2)
- 2 - Los Angeles

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On 4/29/68, Mrs. LOMAX was contacted concerning the above individuals and stated she had had "second thoughts" and believed her theory that the above individuals might have had something to do with KING's assassination was a far-fetched idea. Mrs. LOMAX agreed to furnish a list of white subscribers.

On 5/10/68, the Los Angeles Office received a Special Delivery letter from Mrs. LOMAX, copies of which are enclosed for the Bureau and each office, in which she listed the names of people she believed or knew to be white, taken from the subscription list of the "Tuskegee Tribune".

There were no references known identical in the indices of the Los Angeles Office to any of the individuals in Alabama or the individual residing in Tucson, Arizona.

For the information of the Bureau, the following listed individuals residing in Los Angeles are on the Security Index of the Los Angeles Office.

HUGH DE LACY (Bufile 100-47062)

ATTY BEN MARGOLIS (Bufile 100-25130)

JOHN T. MC TERNAN (Bufile 77-29135)

MURRY WAGNER (Bufile 100-367824)

The following individuals listed by Mrs. LOMAX are on the Reserve Index - B of the Los Angeles Office:

MADELYNE GERLACH (Bufile 100-378387)

SYLVIA P. MILLER (Bufile 100-393768)

HENRY BLANKFORT, listed by Mrs. LOMAX, has been the subject of a security investigation by the Los Angeles Office (Bufile 100-262025).

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There were no references in the Los Angeles indices concerning one EWING G. PORTER; however, a check of the Cross Directory, Pacific Telephone Company, reflects one PORTER EWING resides at 7370 Rosewood Avenue, Los Angeles. EWING has not been the subject of an investigation by the Los Angeles Office; however, a review of references concerning him reflects his name was maintained on a card index by JOHN WESLEY HARRIS, JR., a member of the Executive Committee of the Los Angeles Progressive Labor Party, which card reflected EWING was a history professor at Los Angeles City College (LACC), was a sponsor of the Civil Rights Club on that campus, and was "friendly to PL".

The addresses of all the above individuals in the files of the Los Angeles Office were identical to the addresses furnished by Mrs. LOMAX.

Because the above individuals are on the Security Index, Reserve Index - B or have been the subject of a security investigation, and because PORTER EWING is a professor at LACC, no interviews of these individuals will be conducted by the Los Angeles Office, UACB, in the light of the remote nature of the allegation made by Mrs. LOMAX, and the possibility of embarrassment to the Bureau.

No further investigation is contemplated by the Los Angeles Office concerning Mrs. LOMAX' complaint, and any further information received from her will be promptly furnished to the Bureau.

LEADS

BIRMINGHAM

AT JASPER, ALABAMA: Will consider interviewing LEONARD R. WILSON at the address in the enclosed letter for any information he might have concerning the assassination of KING.

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AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA: Will consider interviewing SAMUEL JOHNSON and JOSEPH W. SLEPSON at the addresses in the enclosed letter concerning any knowledge they might have of the assassination of KING.

LOUISVILLE

AT LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY: Will consider interviewing CARL and ANN BRADEN, apparent editors of "The Southern Patriot" as referred to on page three of enclosed letter for any information they might have concerning the assassination of KING.

MOBILE

AT EUFALA, ALABAMA: Will consider interviewing HARRY I. GOGGINS at the address in the enclosed letter for any information he might have concerning the assassination of KING.

AT NOTASULGA, ALABAMA: Will consider interviewing A. H. CLEMENTS and State Senator EDWARD H. REYNOLDS at the addresses in enclosed letter for any information they might possess concerning the assassination of KING.

AT SHORTER, ALABAMA: Will consider interviewing CHARLIE MC MILLON, no address, concerning his possible knowledge of the assassination of KING.

AT TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA: Will consider interviewing C. L. AVERETT, LEON L. BENNETT, MR. BOLES, BOB DAWSON, W. T. COGGINS, W. G. DYSON, JOHN E. HENDERSON, ROBERT HOWARD, J. W. ROSS, HOWARTH RUTHERFORD, HARVEY SADLER, owner of the Story Equipment Company, and THOMAS C. STORY for information they might have concerning the assassination of KING.

AT UNION SPRINGS, ALABAMA: Will consider interviewing W. L. AVANT for any information he might have concerning KING's assassination.

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AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA: Will consider interviewing appropriate officials of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, New Orleans, for any information they might have concerning the assassination of KING.

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AT TUCSON, ARIZONA: Will consider interviewing JIM GIDDINGS at the address set out on page three of enclosed letter for any information he might have concerning the assassination of KING.

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, EL PASO  
FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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RE: GUESTS REGISTERED AT  
PROVINCIAL MOTEL,  
1024 CHARLES ST.,  
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA,  
DECEMBER 17-19, 1967

Re New Orleans airtel to Memphis, 5/7/68, one copy of which is enclosed herewith to El Paso.

On 5/10/68, Mr. ELMORE SOMMER, 301 Woodlands Avenue, Mobile, advised that his daughter and son-in-law, Captain and Mrs. HENRY J. SHERRILL, stayed at the Provincial Motel in New Orleans during December 1967, and are now residing at 2500 Nations Avenue, El Paso, Texas, telephone 565-5332, where Captain SHERRILL is presently stationed.

El Paso at El Paso, Tex., will interview Captain and Mrs. H. J. SHERRILL, in line with the instructions contained in enclosed airtel.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

DATE: 5/13/68

FROM : SA JOHN A. PFEIFER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re phone leads.

Phone call made 12/16/67 from coin phone 673-9071 in the Houston area to phone 318-744-5793 a Harrisonburg, La. Enclosed FD-302 is of subscriber, Mrs. J. H. TAYLOR. She is mother of SDG Member JAMES HORACE "SONNY" TAYLOR, known klansman, covered by NO 1508-R(PROB), who is known to the Bureau.

It is recommended that SA PEGGS and WOOTEN, who are handling NO 1508-R(PROB) contact source about this telephone call, and that Houston be asked to pin-point location of telephone number 673-9071, for it may be gas station operated by DONALD NICHOL, and review actual toll card for call to determine if caller or person called are identified.

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