

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)

DATE: 5/16/68

FROM : Clk. John S. Theobald

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re: LUCAS PAUL PAPANIA, aka.
Lucas Papania

The following information was obtained on one LUCAS PAUL PAPANIA, aka Lucas Papania.

File 33-163 subject:
GIIF

New Orleans, General Investigative Intelligence Report dated 11/22/55 contained the following information under the heading of "Lake Charles, Louisiana Area (E) Gambling":

The Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office, according to the Lake Charles American Press of June 17, 1955, arrested EUGENE FONTENOT, manager of The Sierra Club, Lake Charles, and LUCAS PAPANIA, a well known local pimp and gambler, and an airman assigned to the Lake Charles Air Force Base on gambling charges at the Sierra Club. The American Press of June 16, 1955, reported that the Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office arrested one LEE PRUITT of Vinton, Louisiana, in a gambling raid at the Little Grove Nite Club on Highway 90 near the Texas line, at which time a dice game was found in progress.

File 137-1211 subject:
RAYFORD J. VEILLON
PCI

On 3/24/59, PCI, advised SA JAMES W. HAMILTON that he had known of the 2505 Club which had operated in Lake Charles at 2520 Ryan St., in about Januray and February, 1959 and understood that LUCAS PAPANIA of Lake Charles owned and operated the club. (cc filed in 31-6569).

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File 31-6569 subject:
RUTH JENKINS, aka;
LOUIS EMORY ROGER, aka;
RUSSELL GEORGE, aka;
KAY GLAZER, aka, ET AL -
VICTIMS
WSTA

New Orleans report made by SA GUY B. LEONARD, dated 6/4/59 at New Orleans contained the following:

Investigation at Salina, Kansas and Oklahoma City, Okla. negative. Investigation reflects DOUG SIMMONS operated 2505 Club, Lake Charles, La. with one LUCAS PAPANIA of Lake Charles during early 1959. Former employer of club interviewed and advises several girls were employed at the club who were engaged in prostitution activities on premises.

On 3/4/59, MIKE L. HOGAN (NA) Chief of Detectives, Lake Charles, Louisiana was interviewed, and advised he was acquainted with DOUG SIMMONS, supposedly from Lafayette, Louisiana, who was first known to have come into Lake Charles in about January, 1959, and was thereafter associated for several weeks with one LUCAS PAPANIA in the operation of the 2505 Club at 2505 Ryan Street. PAPANIA is known to HOGAN as a local pimp. His family owns considerable real estate, including the property at 2505 Ryan Street. The two-story building at this address was formerly occupied by the Calcasieu Parish Welfare Department. When it was opened by PAPANIA as a club, the downstairs portion consisted of a bar and several small rooms and the upstairs portion purportedly consisted of a number of individual rooms where HOGAN later was informed prostitution dates were had by girls brought to the club by SIMMONS.

The local Sheriff's Office was also interested in the operations of the club and when the girls were ordered to report to the Sheriff's Office for fingerprinting, SIMMONS and the girls suddenly left town.

HOGAN advised no arrests were made by his department, or by the Sheriff's Office to his knowledge, as definite evidence of prostitution had not been obtained by either.

After SIMMONS and the girls brought in by him left, the club continued to operate as a bar only for a short time and is now out of operation. HOGAN said the names of the girls accompanying SIMMONS were not known to him. The only local girl employed in the club was one KATHY, last name not known, who worked as bartender and who was believed still in Lake Charles.

HOGAN advised he was not aware of any other men possibly associated with PAPANIA and SIMMONS in the operation of this club.

File 162-630 subject:
LUCAS PAUL PAPANIA, aka.
Luke Papania
Lake Charles, La.
IGA

Memo from SA ROGER E. MAXWELL dated 9/29/66 indicated that captioned subject has received gambling paraphernalia from HASKELL F. JONES as a result of Greyhound Bus shipments. It is to be noted that HASKELL F. JONES is the owner of Jones Brothers Parlor Supplies, 1204 Jefferson Highway, New Orleans, Louisiana, which was searched on 9/15/55, as a result of a search warrant issued by the U. S. Commissioner, New Orleans.

Memo of SA GEORGE M. CAMPBELL dated 11/22/66 an interview with subject LUCAS PAUL PAPANIA dated 11/22/66 has been xeroxed and made part of this memo.

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TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (166-630)

DATE: 11/22/66

FROM : SA GEORGE M. CAMPBELL

SUBJECT: LUCAS PAUL PAPANIA, aka.,

Luke Papania

Lake Charles, La.

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AT LAKE CHARLES, LA.:

On 10/31/66, Mrs. ANNA FONTENOT, Supv., Lake Charles Credit Bureau, advised her office file on LUCAS PAUL PAPANIA was opened on 2/25/48, and last brought up to date in August, 1964. The file showed he is married to ROSALEE, lives at 1103 Live Oak St., Lake Charles, and from 1948 to 1960, operated Papania's grocery and bar. He had three collection accounts from 1960 to 1962, has had three accounts paid as agreed, two paid out unsatisfactorily and one on which he was paying slow. The only current account listed was at Enterprise Pharmacy, Lake Charles, in 6/66, for \$33.42. She stated PAPANIA was managing the Reno Club, on Highway 90, Edgerly, La.

Records of the Calcasieu Parish SO, checked on 10/31/66 showed, under SO#80305, that LUCAS P. PAPANIA was arrested on 3/17/46 for Investigation and was released, no charge. He was again arrested on 6/17/55 for Gambling, released on bond, no disposition listed. The last arrest was on 5/2/64, for gambling, pleaded guilty, paid fine of \$150.00 plus costs.

Records of the Lake Charles PD, checked on 10/31/66 showed LUCAS PAUL PAPANIA ~~XXXX~~ had the following arrests: 1/14/62-Disturbing Peace by Fighting; 2/9/62, Ran red light; 2/9/62-Fighting; 2/18/62-No Driver's License in possession; 3/8/62-Fighting; 10/14/64-DWI. He paid the fines in all the arrests.

Attempts to contact PAPANIA at 1103 Live Oak St., at Southway Furniture Co., Ryan St., and in downtown Lake Charles were made on 11/1, 8 and 21/66, with negative results.

On 11/1/66, Acting Chief Deputy, ALBERT MANUEL, Calcasieu Parish SO, advised PAPANIA was involved in gambling in Lake Charles in the 1940's, but ceased such activities when the Parish closed down on gambling in 1951 and 1952. He stated PAPANIA has done a

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little gambling in recent years at various Bars or at his home, but it has been just small poker or bouree games or some crap shooting. He stated his Office has determined that PAPANIA is not involved in any large scale gambling, that he definitely is not involved in any interstate gambling, and is now just managing his mother's estate.

When interviewed on 11/23/66, PAPANIA advised he purchased a poker dice set about ten years ago, another similar set about 7 years ago, and six pairs of dice, about 3½-4 months ago, from Jones Brothers in New Orleans. He stated he bought these items for other people. He stated he never ordered any crooked dice or other gambling paraphernalia from Jones Brothers or anyone else, and stated he has never been involved in any interstate gambling activities.

In view of the above, it is suggested the attached rough draft 302 of PAPANIA be filed without typing up as a finished product, and that this case be placed in a closed status.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/30/66

LUCAS PAUL PAPANIA was contacted at his residence, 1103 Live Oak Street, Lake Charles, Louisiana. He was advised of the official identity of his interviewer as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He was told that information was desired concerning his being a customer of Jones Brothers Parlor Supplies, New Orleans, Louisiana, and possible interstate gambling activities.

He was advised of his rights. He then read and signed a rights-waiver form. He stated he had not broken any gambling laws, that he did not desire to furnish a signed statement, but he would freely and truthfully furnish any information desired.

He advised the following:

About six or seven years ago, JACK DILLON, now deceased, was selling prefabricated houses in Lake Charles. DILLON was a member of the Petro-Chem Club in Lake Charles, and he said he wanted to get a set of poker dice, and a leather cup for the dice, to use in the Petro-Chem Club at the Bar. He stated he knew that Jones Brothers of New Orleans sold the dice and cups, so he ordered a set for DILLON. The dice and cup came by Greyhound Bus and cost a total of about \$9.75. He gave them to DILLON and was reimbursed by DILLON.

About ten years ago, he also bought a similar poker dice set for a JOHN MARIC (Phonetic), who lived in Lake Charles, at the time and was going to open a Bar someplace. As he recalls, he might possibly have picked up this set at Jones Brothers when he was in New Orleans.

The only other business he had with Jones Brothers was about three and one-half to four months ago. At this time, a man he knew as RED PETERSON was in Lake Charles,

On 11/22/66 at Lake Charles, Louisiana File # NO 162-630 -2

SA GEORGE M. CAMPBELL ^{WAL} kbg

11/22/66

by _____

Date dictated _____

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working as a welder-pipefitter for some construction company at one of the Lake Charles Oil Refineries. PETERSON was rooming someplace in downtown Lake Charles, and he met him at local bars. PETERSON said he wanted to buy some good dice so that he could use them in dice games in the various towns he went to do welding work. He suggested Jones Brothers, and ordered six pair of dice in his name. They came in by Greyhound, total cost was \$21.50, and PETERSON paid for them when they picked them up at the Greyhound Terminal in Lake Charles.

PAPANIA stated he never ordered any crooked dice or other kind of gambling paraphernalia from Jones Brothers or anyone else, and he has never been involved in any kind of interstate gambling activities.

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

Name	LUCAS PAUL PAPANIA
Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	42
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	Orange, Texas
Nationality	American
Residence	1103 Live Oak Street, Lake Charles, Louisiana
Height	5'5 1/2 ft
Weight	165 pounds
Build	Medium
Hair	Dark Brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Ruddy,
Occupation	Self-employed - Handle rental properties for mother. Was operating Reno Bar in Edgerly, Louisiana, until November 1, 1966, when went out of business
Marital Status	Married

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Military Service

United States Army,
April 13, 1943, to
August 15, 1945,
Honorable Discharge
US 38484632
Sixth Grade

ASN
Education
Louisiana Driver's
License

Has only temporary
slip, recently applied
for new license which
has not arrived
April 7, 1965, for gambling
by Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's
Office, playing blackjack
at a bar. Paid \$150.00
fine. Also had some
local arrests in last
twenty years for DWI,
Drunk, Investigation,
etc.

Arrest record

Immediate Relatives
Wife

ROSALEE PAPANIA, 1103
Live Oak Street, Lake
Charles;

Five Sons
One Daughter

Same address;
Same address

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)(P)

FROM : SA EDWARD J. CARNEY, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/17/68

Los Angeles teletype to the Bureau 5/14/68 set forth results of a re-interview with MARIE MARTIN in which MARTIN advised that after JAMES EARL RAY made his first trip to New Orleans to obtain the children of RITA STEIN, RAY said he had visited friends in the Industrial Canal area of the Chef Menteur Highway in New Orleans. No further identification was made of these friends by RAY

You will recall RAY has been definitely established to have resided at the Provincial Motel in New Orleans during the period 12/17-19/67, this being his first known trip to New Orleans and was the trip on which he picked up the children of RITA STEIN.

You will further recall that RAY has also been placed in New Orleans on the approximate date of 3/21/68 and his next known whereabouts was in Atlanta on 3/24/68.

The Industrial Canal stretches from Lake Pontchartrain to the Mississippi River, a distance of several miles, and the point at which the Industrial Canal crosses Chef Menteur Highway is a highly industrialized area and is not conducive to a neighborhood check in an effort to ascertain the identity of RAY's friends.

It is felt that any friends that RAY might have contacted in New Orleans would probably be ex-convicts and individuals with whom he has served time. It is conceivable that these individuals are presently on probation or parole.

LEADS:

Will, at the U. S. Probation and Parole Offices, 500 St. Louis Street, conduct appropriate investigation to determine the identities of any ex-cons who reside in the area of the



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Industrial Canal and Chef Menteur Highway.

Will at the Probation and Parole Offices for the State of Louisiana at 418 Royal Street, conduct same investigation as set forth above.

Will at the appropriate New Orleans PD district covering the Industrial Canal, Chef Menteur Highway area, contact appropriate officers to determine if these persons possess any personal knowledge of ex-cons who may be living in the described pertinent area.

As assistance in covering the above leads, there is set forth below a list of prisons and jails in which RAY has been incarcerated, together with the date he was received at these institutions:

Cook County Jail, Chicago, Ill, 5/9/62

State Prison, Joliet, Ill. - 6/13/52

State Prison, Pontiac, Ill. - 7/7/52

U. S. Marshal, Kansas City, Mo. - 3/28/55,
at which time was sentenced to 15 months in
custody of Attorney General

U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Ks. - 7/7/55 4/8/57 CR

State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Mo. - 3/17/60 to 4/23/67

State Hospital, Fulton, Mo., where he was a
patient

RAY escaped from the State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Mo., on 4/23/67 and has been at large since that time.

The Agent receiving these leads may desire to refer to the Identification Record of RAY under FBI #306 443A, located in 157-10673-460.

Airtel

**To: SACs, Atlanta (44-2385)
Birmingham (44-1740)
Memphis (44-1987)
New Orleans (157-10673)**

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

The Postal Inspector, Los Angeles, California, made available a letter mailed to Patricia A. Anderson, 2/17/68, in Los Angeles. The letter was written as a result of Anderson's inclusion in a list called "The Local Swinger" which is compiled by a correspondence club. The letter is as follows:

"Dear Miss:

"I am enclosing your listing in the Local Swinger since I think I share most of your interest, with emphasis on French cult, and swing sessions. I have just returned from Mexico after five yrs. and the few families I have met don't go for the swing parties and it takes too long to swing. The same routine gets boring. Don't you think. Will close until I hear from you.

"S-11 - 170 lb. 28 yrs.

"Sincerely

Eric S. Galt"

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**Airtel SACs, Atlanta, Birmingham, Memphis, New Orleans
RE: MURKIN**

Owners of "The Local Swinger" recall that Galt had sent one dollar for a list of swingers and subsequently submitted five letters for transmittal to persons identified on the list by symbol number. No record is maintained that would identify the persons to whom the subject wrote.

Each office receiving this communication should check with postal authorities and other sources which might have information regarding the existence of similar type "swinger" or "lonely hearts" type clubs or organizations in your areas in order to develop any information as to whether Ray, under any of his known aliases, may have contacted any such club and possess any pertinent information developed. Each office should bear in mind that as a result of investigation conducted in Los Angeles, there was obtained the photograph of subject showing him in business suit, musted, which has been described as an excellent likeness.

Subject armed and dangerous.

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From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

John Eugene Gawron was interviewed by St. Louis Office and advised he taught Ray to be a burglar. He stated that on or about 6/23-24/67, he read in the Chicago "Tribune" of a \$50,000 bank burglary in a southern state and recalled that he and Ray cased the same bank in 1958 or 1959, but did not rob the bank at that time because he injured his leg. A few days after reading this article Gawron claims he was visited by a man whom he refuses to identify and whom he believes he introduced to Ray in 1959. This man told Gawron he and others had robbed the bank, displayed a valise full of money and gave Gawron \$250. About six weeks ago this man again visited Gawron and allegedly indicated to him that Ray and one or more other persons had been involved with him in the bank robbery.

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Kansas City, Knoxville, Memphis, Milwaukee, Minneapolis,
New Orleans, Omaha, Little Rock, St. Louis, Springfield

RE: MURKIN

During this interview Gawron refused to identify the bank or the man who visited him. He did say that the bank was in the deep South in a State like Mississippi, but not in Mississippi, in a city that is not small and is near a river. The robbers were out of state in five minutes and the loot amounted to \$50,000, plus or minus two thousand.

Based upon available information, the Chicago "Tribune" and the Bureau's bank robbery files have been reviewed without finding any reference to a robbery such as Gawron described.

Gawron has now been reinterviewed and he denies having any contact with Ray since Ray's escape. Regarding the southern bank robbery Gawron previously alleged Ray was involved in, Gawron now states that this could have occurred in July, 1967, instead of June, and was in a city on the east bank of the Mississippi River.

Each office receiving this communication should make a review of their records to determine if such bank robbery or any other robbery coming within the jurisdiction of the Bureau occurred. You should make inquiry at appropriate police departments to determine if a robbery of this magnitude exists in their files.

Armed and dangerous.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)

FROM : SA WILLIAM E. DENT, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/14/68

Rememo SA Stephen M. Callender 5/3/68 and Ser. 659.

On 5/10/68 Deputy Warren Seivers, Ouachita Parish SO Identification Officer and Capt. L. C. Taylor, Monroe PD Ident. Officer, both advised that they had searched all unidentified latent fingerprints in their files against the prints of JAMES EARL RAY IO#4182 but were unable to establish an identification.

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TO : SAC, *New Orleans (137-3337)* DATE: *5/15/68*

FROM : SA *Larry E. Englebright*

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: *BENNIE JOSEPH,*
PCI

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Dates of Contact <i>4/16/68</i>		
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating <i>Good</i>	Coverage <i>157-10673-956</i> <i>FUGITIVE - ET AL</i>
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TO : SAC, New Orleans (157-10673)

DATE: 5/17/68

FROM : SA William T. Brooks

SUBJECT: MURKIN

BeBuairtel 4/29/68 (serial 659)

The following investigation was conducted by SA William T. Brooks on 5/16/68:

Captain Charles Oubre, St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office, Hahnville, La. compared the fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY with all fingerprints obtained by the Sheriff's Office since 4/23/67 and advised that none of them are identical with those of RAY.

Chief Deputy R.N. Songy, St. John the Baptist Parish Sheriff's Office, Edgard, La., advised that no fingerprint records are maintained in the Parish.

Chief Deputy Gurner Huguet, St. James Parish Sheriff's Office, Convent, La., advised that no fingerprint records are maintained in the Parish.

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TO DIRECTOR, 44-38861, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY, MIAMI,
NEW ORLEANS, ATLANTA, DETROIT, AND LAS VEGAS
FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 3P

MURKIN.

IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THROUGH SECRET SERVICE, MEMPHIS, THAT THE THREE TWENTY DOLLAR FEDERAL RESERVE NOTES PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED TO THE LABORATORY ARE BONAFAIDE AND NOT COUNTERFEIT.

EFFORTS ARE CONTINUING TO LOCATE THE ORIGINAL U. S. POSTAL MONEY ORDERS THAT SUBJECT USED FOR PAYMENT TO LOCKSMITHING INSTITUTE IN NEW JERSEY. THE ORIGINALS OF THESE MONEY ORDERS WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE FBI LABORATORY REQUESTING APPROPRIATE EXAMINATION.

RALPH CARPENTER, EMPLOYEE OF YORK ARMS, MEMPHIS, WAS ADMITTED MAY TEN LAST TO PSYCHIATRIC UNIT JOHN GASTON HOSPITAL, MEMPHIS, ON COMPLAINT OF WIFE. SANITY HEARING TO BE HELD MONDAY NEXT, AND CARPENTER TO BE COMMITTED TENNESSEE PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL AND INSTITUTE, MEMPHIS. CONDITION DIAGNOSED AS PARANOIA WITH GRANDIOSE FEELINGS.

IN CONNECTION WITH INFORMATION FURNISHED THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE BY REPRESENTATIVES OF LOS ANGELES TIMES

Callender advised 5/17/68
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WHICH INFORMATION IS REPORTEDLY ALSO BEING FURNISHED JUSTICE DEPARTMENT, THE FOLLOWING IS NOTED:

MRS. BESSIE BREWER, OPERATOR OF ROOMING HOUSE, FOUR TWO TWO AND ONE HALF S. MAIN ST., MEMPHIS, ADVISED THIS DATE THAT SAMUEL LEWIS UNKNOWN TO HER EITHER BY NAME OR AS AN ADDITIONAL REGISTRANT ON APRIL FOUR LAST.

MRS. BREWER STATES THAT NO ONE LIVING THERE HELPS MAINTAIN THE ROOMING HOUSE BY MAKING BEDS, ETC. EACH TENANT MAINTAINS HIS OWN ROOM AND MRS. BREWER CLEANS THE ROOM AFTER THE TENANT CHECKS OUT.

AN EXAMINATION OF THE ROOMING HOUSE AND THE CELLARE OF THE ROOMING HOUSE DISCLOSES THERE IS NO FURNACE. HEAT SUPPLIED IN EACH ROOM BY GAS HEATERS.

PREVIOUS INVESTIGATION, OF WHICH LOS ANGELES TIMES NOT AWARE, WOULD TEND TO PROVE BEYOND REASONABLE DOUBT THAT MURDER WEAPON WAS RECOVERED AND NOW IN POSSESSION OF MEMPHIS POLICE DEPARTMENT. PREVIOUS INVESTIGATION WOULD ALSO INDICATE THAT SUBJECT'S WHITE MUSTANG WAS IN SUBJECT'S POSSESSION AT REBEL MOTEL, MEMPHIS, ON NIGHT OF APRIL THREE LAST.

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MEMPHIS FEELS INFORMATION IS SO OBVIOUSLY INCORRECT
THAT ANY ADDITIONAL INQUIRY WOULD BE A WASTE OF INVESTIGATIVE
EFFORT; HOWEVER, OFFICES CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION SHOULD
NOT DISCONTINUE UNLESS ADVISED BY THE BUREAU.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC L157-19673)

DATE: May 16, 1968

FROM : SA ELMER B. LITCHFIELD

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE SERIAL 933.

Major RICHARD E. HORTON, Supervisor, Bureau of Identification, Louisiana State Police advised on 5/16/68 that there is not a central repository for records regarding unidentified dead in the State of Louisiana. Records are kept by each local Corner in each Parish of the State.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC(157-10673)

DATE: 5/16/68

FROM : SA MCINNIS L. WARD

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Reference is made to Texas long distance telephone call to Lake Charles telephone number ~~439-9328~~.

Investigation conducted at Lake Charles, La. through checks of telephone, city and criss cross directories reveal this phone was listed to VIRGINIA CALHOUN at the time the call was made on 12/16/67.

Further investigation established the phone had been discontinued on 2/29/68 and VIRGINIA CALHOUN moved to Sikes, Louisiana to live with her parents. No further information was developed.

Lead

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At Sikes, La.

Attempt to locate VIRGINIA CALHOUN through usual sources. If located, interview her relative to the long distance call on 12/16/67.

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M. J. Donald

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Memorandum (137 3337)

5/15/68

TO : SAC LARRY E. ENGLEBRIGHT

DATE:

FROM : KATHRYN SUE COOPER

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

PCI

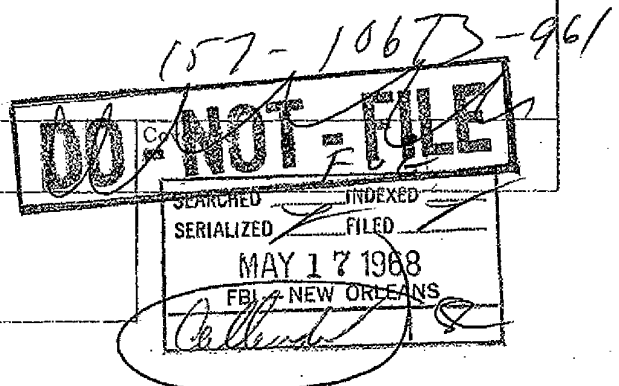
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Purpose and results of contact			
<input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE	<i>PCI viewed photograph of JAMES EARL RAY</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE	<i>and advised he was unknown to her.</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC			
<i>At this time PCI was advised of the confidential relationship between PCI and contacting agent and she was also advised that she was not to consider herself an employee of the FBI.</i>			
<i>137 3194</i>			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that she has furnished all information obtained by her since last contact			
<i>157 10673</i>			
<i>Good</i>			



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TO : SAC (157-2677)

DATE:

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FROM : SA

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

MORRIS L. WARD

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: MORRIS BELAIRE



Dates of Contact		
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Memorandum

TO : SAC (137-102)

FROM : SA MCINNIS L. WARD

SUBJECT: NO 1230-C

DATE: 5/17/68

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☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R
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Memorandum

TO : SAC (137-3155)

DATE:

5/27/68

FROM : SA

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

MCINNIS L. WARD

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT:

HERBERT ANGELO

Dates of Contact		
Titles and File #s only when contacted		
<u>MURKIN</u> <u>NO 157-10673</u>		
Purpose and results of contact		
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Memorandum

TO : SAC (137-3338)

DATE: 5/17/68

FROM : SA
MCINNIS L. WARD

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

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SUBJECT: CURLEY ROGERS

Dates of Contact		
5/17/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
MURKIN		NO 157-10673
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TO : SAC (137-2566)

DATE:

5/17/68

FROM : SA

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

WILTZ L. LEBLANC

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT:

WILTZ LEBLANC

Dates of Contact		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
WILTZ L. LEBLANC		
NO 157-10673		
Purpose and results of contact		
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TO : SAC
(137-1952)

DATE:

FROM : SA

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☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R
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SUBJECT:

WALTER L. WARD

Dates of Contact		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
WALTER L. WARD		
137-1952		
Purpose and results of contact		
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Memorandum

TO : SAC (137-2681)

DATE: 5/17/68

FROM : SA

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ RSUBJECT: ~~ARMANDO L. VAND~~
CLYDE G. SMITHART

Dates of Contact 3/17/68		
Titles and File #s on which Contacted 2/27/68		
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AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, BOSTON
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

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On 12/17/68, a phone call was made from Shamrock Service Station, 5142 S.W. Military Drive near San Antonio, Texas to Alexandria, La., number 442-2087. Investigation at New Orleans shows this number in December, 1967 was listed to FREDERICK W. OTTERSON, USAF, number 11406183 who was stationed at England AFB. In early May he was transferred to Detachment 200, 57 Weather Recon., APO San Francisco, Calif. He took leave enroute and may now be at P. O. Box 36, Washington, N.H.

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BOSTON

AT WASHINGTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE Immediately locate and interview OTTERSON pursuant to Bureau instructions in this matter and show him photo of RAY.

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

FROM: SAC DALLAS (44-2649)

MURKIN.

RE LITTLE ROCK TEL MAY SIXTEEN LAST RE KENNETH RAYE HAYLES.
INVESTIGATION CARTHAGE, TEXAS REVEALED HAYLES LIVED IN
CARTHAGE WITH WIFE AND FAMILY FROM OCTOBER, 'SIXTYFIVE TO AUGUST,
'SIXTYSEVEN, CURRENTLY LIVING NINE ZERO ONE TWO BLON BOULEVARD,
SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA. REAL ESTATE AGENT AND BANKER'S DEALING
WITH HAYLES STATES HE BEARS NO RESEMBLANCE PHOTOS JAMES EARL
RAY.

RECEIVING OFFICES DISCONTINUE INVESTIGATION RE HAYLES.

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NEW ORLEANS INFO. P

1 - Atlanta (44-2386)(AM)
1 - Birmingham (44-1740)(AM)
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Date: 5/16/68

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (41-38861)
 FROM : SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Los Angeles airtel to the Bureau 5/14/68, setting forth a letter written by Mrs. ALMENA LOMAX, of Los Angeles, California, who published the Tuskegee Tribune in Tuskegee, Alabama, 1964 and 1965. She suggested the possibility that some of the people who subscribed to the Tuskegee Tribune during that time might have been implicated in the murder of Dr. KING.

Mobile files reflect a LHM submitted to the Bureau 11/12/64, reflecting that LOMAX moved to Tuskegee, Alabama, in late 1964, and published the Tuskegee Tribune. It was set forth that Dr. JULIAN GILES, Director of the VA Hospital, Tuskegee, regarded her as a "mentally sick" person.

In this same file Los Angeles LHM dated 1/18/65, LA file 100-51442, set forth that CS LA 3184-S advised on 1/14/65, that LOMAX was considered untrustworthy by most all the various Negro organizations and groups in the Los Angeles area, and none of them would give her financial backing. This source said that many people acquainted with her questioned her mental capacity.

- 3 - Bureau
 - 1 - Atlanta (44-2386) (Info)
 - 1 - Birmingham (44-1740) (Info)
 - 1 - Los Angeles (Info)
 - 1 - Louisville (Info)
 - 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info)
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In view of the above information, and inasmuch as referenced airtel does not indicate any real reason for her statement that the persons named by her might bear checking out in the assassination of Dr. KING, UACB the persons set out for interview by the Mobile Division are not being interviewed regarding MURKIN.

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Date: 5/16/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) P
 MURKIN

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau and receiving Offices, is a self-explanatory investigative insert concerning an interview with JAMES D. WALLACE, an inmate at the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP).

It is to be noted that WALLACE stated he saw subject with JAMES L. OWENS in St. Louis during the Summer of 1967. Also enclosed is a photograph of JAMES L. OWENS taken at the MSP.

The following is a description of JAMES LAOMA OWENS as it appeared in the MSP records:

Inmate #	00184
Race	White
Sex	Male
Born	[redacted], at Elvins, Mo.
Height	5'4"
Weight	149 lbs.
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue

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- 2 - Los Angeles (Encs. 2)
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To: SAC, Birmingham (44-1740)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Bureau is disseminating report of SA Joe C. Hester at Memphis dated 4/30/68, report of SA John L. Puddister at Jackson dated 5/2/68, report of SA Stephen M. Callender at New Orleans dated 4/29/68, and report of SA Howard H. Rice at Newark dated 5/13/68; therefore, Bureau authority is granted to Birmingham to disseminate a copy of these reports to USA, Birmingham. Copies of these reports should not be disseminated to USA, Memphis or any other USA.

Advise USA, Birmingham in writing that reports or contents thereof are for their own use and not to be disclosed to outside persons.

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- 1 - Jackson
- 1 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 1 - Newark (44-854)
- 1 - New Orleans (157-10673)

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TO DIRECTOR (44-1574), SACS MEMPHIS (44-1987).
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KANSAS CITY (44-760)
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FROM SAC LOS ANGELES (44-1574) Detroit
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MURKIN.

RE LOS ANGELES PHONE CALL TO BUREAU MAY SEVENTEEN INSTANT.

RE LOS ANGELES TIMES INFORMANT - QUOTE BOB UNQUOTE LNU.

~~██████████~~ WILLIAM THOMAS, CITY EDITOR, LOS ANGELES TIMES,
TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED SAC LOS ANGELES OFFICE TODAY AND
ADVISED THE PAPER HAD INFORMATION WHICH THEY FELT MIGHT BE OF
ASSISTANCE TO FBI IN INVESTIGATING THIS MATTER. SAC WESLEY G.
GRAPP AND SUPERVISOR WILLIAM JOHN NOLAN CONTACTED MR. THOMAS
AND REPORTER JERRY COHEN AT LOS ANGELES TIMES OFFICE. THEY
ADVISED THAT EARLY IN THE WEEK, MONDAY OR TUESDAY, THE PAPER
HAD BEEN TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED BY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO SAID HE
HAD INFORMATION CONCERNING WHAT ACTUALLY HAD TAKEN PLACE IN
CONNECTION WITH THE DEATH OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. THOMAS
ADVISED THAT THERE WERE THREE OR FOUR TELEPHONE CALLS, AND HE
MADE NOTES DURING THE CALLS, AND ON THE EVENING OF MAY SIXTEEN,

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SIXTY EIGHT, HE AND JERRY COHEN MET THIS INDIVIDUAL AT A BAR. HE ADVISED THE INDIVIDUAL GAVE THE NAME QUOTE BOB UNQUOTE, NO LAST NAME, DESCRIBED AS IN MIDDLE THIRTIES, DECENT LOOKING FELLOW, AND APPARENTLY HAD BEEN IN SEVERAL PENITENTIARIES, AS HE KNEW THE LANGUAGE VERY WELL. THOMAS ADVISED THE PAPER HAD TAKEN NO OVERT STEPS IN ATTEMPTING TO VERIFY THE STORY BUT DID HAVE REPORTERS IN KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS, HUNTSVILLE, MIAMI AND BIRMINGHAM, AND THAT HE HAD INSTRUCTED THE REPORTERS TO CONTACT THE LOCAL FBI OFFICE AND MAKE THIS INFORMATION, AS SET FORTH IN HIS NOTES, AVAILABLE. HE ADVISED FURTHER THAT HE CONTEMPLATED MAKING THIS INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK. HE ADVISED HIS SOLE PURPOSE WAS TO GET A STORY OUT OF THE MATERIAL, BUT THAT HE DID NOT WISH TO INTERFERE IN ANY FBI INVESTIGATION.

HE ADVISED THAT DURING HIS MEETING WITH QUOTE BOB UNQUOTE HE GOT FROM BOB A BUS TICKET DATED APRIL SEVEN, SIXTY EIGHT, ON A GREYHOUND BUS FROM KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, TO LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, WHICH TICKET WAS ISSUED BY SOUTHERN GREYHOUND AT KNOXVILLE ON APRIL SEVEN SIXTY EIGHT AND HAD THE NUMBERS THREE SPACE ZERO ZERO ZERO EIGHT TWO TWO TWO NINE SPACE FOUR

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TWO. TRANSPORTATION WAS FROM KNOXVILLE TO MEMPHIS, MEMPHIS TO EL PASO, THEN TO LOS ANGELES. HE ADVISED THAT HE HAD GIVEN QUOTE BOB UNQUOTE ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR THE TICKET AND THIS INFORMATION AND DID NOT EXPECT TO HEAR FROM HIM AGAIN, AS QUOTE BOB UNQUOTE SAID HE NEEDED THE MONEY TO LEAVE TOWN.

SET FORTH FOR THE INFORMATION OF RECEIVING OFFICES ARE THE NOTES AS TYPED UP BY THOMAS CONCERNING HIS INTERVIEW OF QUOTE BOB UNQUOTE.

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ONE. THE DAY BEFORE THE SHOOTING, RAY WAS PICKED UP IN ATHENS, ALABAMA, AND WAS TAKEN TO MEMPHIS.

TWO. HE REGISTERED IN ROOMING HOUSE. ANOTHER MAN REGISTERED AS SAMUEL LEWIS. PAREN LEWIS WAS SUPPOSED TO BE BACKUP MAN, KILL KING AT RALLY THAT NIGHT IF RAY MISSED HIS CHANCE ON THE BALCONY. PAREN

THREE. AFTER SHOOTING KING, RAY WALKED TWO OR THREE BLOCKS TO THE GETAWAY CAR, ACCOMPANIED BY A GIRL AND A GUY. THE CAR IS A NEW BLUE BUICK, WITH ALABAMA PLATES. FIRST DIGITS ARE BELIEVED TO BE ONE FOUR. CAR IS OWNED AND WAS DRIVEN BY EDDIE WILBURN OF HUNTSVILLE, ALA. IT IS EQUIPPED WITH A POLICE

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RADIO. PAREN SECOND MAN STAYED OVERNIGHT, TOOK EARLY BUS TO KNOXVILLE.

FOUR. RAY, TWO GIRLS AND A CHILD WERE DRIVEN OUT OF MEMPHIS BY WILBURN IN THE BLUE BUICK. WENT TO KANSAS CITY. TRIP TOOK SIX AND ONE HALF HOURS. GIRLS, CHILD, WILBURN ALL FROM HUNTSVILLE.

FIVE. IN KANSAS CITY, RAY STAYED OVERNIGHT AT A HOME. IT IS A SMALL, GRAY, SHINGLED, ONE-BEDROOM HOUSE ABOUT THREE MILES FROM CENTRAL KANSAS CITY. PAREN WE HAVE ROUGH LOCATION. PAREN.

SIX. AT DUSK THE NEXT DAY PAREN APRIL FIVE PAREN RAY WAS FLOWN TO BELLE GLADE, FLORIDA, IN A PRIVATE PLANE. TOOK OFF FROM PRIVATE FIELD, ALSO USED AS TRAINING FIELD FOR MILITARY. RAY ARRIVED EARLY APRIL SIX.

SEVEN. PLANE IN WHICH RAY WAS FLOWN IS OWNED BY A WILLIAM PIERCE, A WEALTHY MAN WHO OWNS OR OPERATES AN AIRPORT IN BELLE GLADE, AND ONCE OWNED A CONTRACTING COMPANY IN CUBA. NOT KNOWN WHETHER PIERCE FLEW THE PLANE. PIERCE ALSO OWNS MOTEL IN BELLE GLADE AND COTTAGES ON THE LAKE IN NEARBY OKEECHOBEE PAREN OR MAYBE ON NEARBY LAKE OKEECHOBEE PAREN. PIERCE SAID

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TO BE KKK MEMBER.

EIGHT. THEORY: RAY STAYED IN MOTEL OR IN COTTAGE. MAY BE STILL THERE. OR IN CUBA.

NINE. ON APRIL ELEVEN, RAY GOT ON YACHT PAREN PROBABLY CHARTER BOAT PAREN IN KEY WEST. BOAT OWNED BY BEN THOMPSON. PAREN A BEN THOMPSON OF MIAMI OWNS THREE FISHING BOATS. PAREN.
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ONE. PIERCE OFTEN FLIES OWN PRIVATE PLANE TO NEW ORLEANS. SAID TO KNOW DA JIM GARRISON. ALSO MIGHT CHECK POSSIBLE FLIGHTS IN DIRECTION OF CUBA.

TWO. PIERCE AND WILBURN SAID TO BE RELATED.

THREE. LEAD TO WILBURN MIGHT BE VFW CLUB IN HUNTSVILLE, WHERE HE IS SUPPOSED TO BE A MEMBER.

FOUR. RIFLE IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN LEFT IN FURNACE OF MEMPHIS ROOMING HOUSE, AND IS BELIEVED STILL THERE. MUST REFER TO BACKUP MAN'S WEAPON.

FIVE. RAY NOW WEARING BIPOCALS.

SIX. WHITE MUSTANG BELONGING TO RAY WAS NOT IN MEMPHIS ON THE DAY OF KING SLAYING, AND HE DID NOT ESCAPE IN IT. PRESUMABLY IT NEVER LEFT GEORGIA IN APRIL.

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SEVEN. ON THE DAY OF THE KILLING PAREN APRIL FOUR PAREN RAY MADE PHONE CALLS FROM MEMPHIS TO BELLE GLADE. CALLS BELIEVED TO BE MADE FROM A BUS STATION.

EIGHT. IN THE WEEKS BEFORE THE KILLING, RAY STAYED SOMEWHERE IN BELLE GLADE.

NINE. STORY OF PAYOFFS VERY COMPLICATED. WILBURN SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN PAID OFF IN RENO. NIGHT BEFORE KILLING, SOMEBODY HIT A KENO TICKET FOR TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS IN CAL-NEVA LODGE. RIGGED, TO PASS THE MONEY. DONE WITH KNOWLEDGE OF CHARLIE CATE, SIX EIGHT EIGHT ZERO PEBBLE BEACH DRIVE, RENO, WHO RUNS A SHIFT AT CAL-NEVA. THEN THERE IS BEN PAREN OR JACK PAREN STURGIS OF ST. LOUIS, WHO USED TO WORK BAR ON SECOND STREET, RENO. CAME INTO MONEY. ANOTHER QUOTE CONTACT. UNQUOTE.

PAGE THREE - LOS ANGELES.

ONE. RAY SOMEBODY STAYED IN CLARK HOTEL, ROOM SEVEN ZERO ZERO, ON APRIL SEVENTEEN DASH EIGHTEEN.

TWO. LAMONT WHITE, WHO WORKS FOR WESTERN UNION IN LOS ANGELES. HAS SENT MONEY TO LOUISIANA. BOUGHT TWO PISTOLS UNDER HIS NAME. THEY REALLY WENT TO FRANK BRICKLEY OF CHATANOOGA,

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TENN., WHO WAS IN PRISON WITH RAY. BRICKLEY SUPPOSED TO BE HERE.

THREE. HAROLD'S CAFE PAREN FIVE FIVE FIVE SOUTH MAIN PAREN. RAY BARTENDER THERE FOR WEEK OR SO. QUEER BAR. BUY NAMED CONNIE KNOWS HIM THERE.

WILLI SHEA. ONCE WORKED TOP RAIL BAR, SEVENTH AND ALVARADO. RAY SUPPOSEDLY MARRIED TO HER ONCE. SHE FROM MISSOURI, NOW LIVES IN NORTH HOLLYWOOD. HAS MONEY. MOTHER MARRIED, LIVES IN COMPTON, DRIVES A PURPLE PONTIAC CONVERTIBLE. NOW LIVES AT EIGHT ONE TWO SOUTH WESTLAKE, LOS ANGELES, WITH MAN WHO OWNS A BAR. SHE IS BLOND, ABOUT THIRTY EIGHT.

PAGE FOUR - MORE SUPPLEMENTAL DATA:

ONE. TELEPHONE CREDIT CARD SUPPOSEDLY USED BY RAY WAS ISSUED TO RIDELL CATERING, U. S. RUBBER, DETROIT. EITHER IN NAME OF RIDELL PAREN NO FIRST NAME PAREN OR A ROBERT BRINKLEY. RIDELL REPORTER LIVES IN HARPER WOODS, MICH. CALLS ON CARD REPORTED MADE FROM MEMPHIS TO BELLE GLADE, FLA., AMONG OTHERS.

TWO. SAMUEL LEWIS, SECOND MAN IN ROOMING HOUSE, DISCHARGED NINETEEN SIXTY THREE FROM MILAN, MICH. ALSO SERVED TIME IN CHILLICOTHE AND TERRE HAUTE. PAREN WARDEN AT MILAN SAYS NO

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RECORD OF LEWIS. PAREN

THREE. LEWIS TOOK BUS TO LOS ANGELES FROM KNOXVILLE ON APRIL SEVEN. CAME THROUGH MEMPHIS AND EL PASO.

THOMAS ADVISED THAT IN RELATION TO ITEM FIVE, PAGE ONE, OF HIS NOTES, THIS HOUSE IS LOCATED OFF A MAIN STREET STARTING FROM DOWNTOWN KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, DIRECTION UNKNOWN, AND FROM THE MAIN STREET A SMALLER STREET GOES TO THE LEFT, WHICH STREET HAS A WESTERN UNION BUILDING LOCATED ON IT AND GOES OFF FROM THE MAIN STREET IN THE FORM OF A STEEP HILL. TWO TO THREE MILES UP THE HILL ON THE LEFT ARE LOCATED NICE LOOKING APARTMENTS, BROWNISH IN COLOR, WHERE STUDENTS FROM SOME SCHOOL LIVE, AND JUST PRIOR TO THIS ON THE RIGHT IS THE LOCATION OF A MOVING COMPANY, NO NAME KNOWN, AND A GROCERY STORE IS LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF THE MOVING COMPANY ON THE SAME SIDE. ABOUT TWO BLOCKS BEYOND THE GROCERY STORE THERE IS A NARROW STREET WITH RAMSHACKLE HOUSES ON ONE SIDE AND VACANT LOTS ON THE OTHER. TURNING RIGHT ON THIS STREET, THE THIRD HOUSE ON THE LEFT WOULD BE THE CORRECT HOUSE INVOLVED, WHICH IS OCCUPIED BY AN INDIVIDUAL QUOTE WHO SELLS BEER AND BOOZE AFTER HOURS AND HIDES GUYS OUT. UNQUOTE. THE HOUSE IS DESCRIBED AS ONE BEDROOM,

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE ATLANTA	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MEMPHIS	DATE 5/17/68	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 4/18/68-5/15/68
TITLE OF CASE JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE IO #4182 WF #442-A DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM		REPORT MADE BY SA ALAN G. SENTINELLA	TYPED BY bjc
		CHARACTER OF CASE CR - CONSPIRACY; UFAC - ROBBERY	

REFERENCE: Atlanta report of SA ALAN G. SENTINELLA, 4/18/68.

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Will continue efforts to locate subject and report results thereof.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED None						ACQUIT- TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:	
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		PENDING OVER ONE YEAR	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
							PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
APPROVED						SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		
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5-Bureau (44-38861) 4-Birmingham (44-1740) 4-Memphis (44-1987) 1-Chicago 1-Kansas City 1-St. Louis ①-New Orleans 2-Atlanta (44-2386)						152 10693-975 SEARCHED INDEXED SERIALIZED FILED MAY 18 1968 FBI - NEW ORLEANS <i>Calhoun</i> <i>Caney</i>		
Dissemination Record of Attached Report						Notations		
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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Rerep sets forth check of various agencies previously conducted with negative results. Upon determination by Bureau on 4/19/68, that subject of this case is JAMES EARL RAY, these agencies were appropriately rechecked, that is, airlines, banks, birth, city and telephone directories, credit, arrest, car rentals, drivers license, dancing schools, hotels, INS, laundries, motels, public utilities, MVB, Selective Service, public transportation other than airlines, labor unions, and criminal and racial informants.

In addition, the authors of want ads appearing in the metropolitan Atlanta newspaper reused cars for sale during the period 3/24-4/5/68, were contacted, all look-alike complaints resolved through interview, appropriate agency checks and neighborhood investigation where warranted.

The foregoing efforts proved negative and results are not being set forth in this report. Results of each inquiry appear in Atlanta file in appropriate form.

Copies of this report for the United States Attorneys at Birmingham and Memphis are included with copies for those offices, but not marked as such. Dissemination to be held in abeyance pending Bureau instructions.

With reference to interviews of RAYMOND LOUIS CURTIS, this individual stated he would not testify to the information he furnished because he feared for his life. It is noted that CURTIS furnished the same information to the national news media.

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Report of: SA ALAN G. SENTINELLA Office: Atlanta, Georgia
Date: May 17, 1968

Field Office File #: AT 44-2386 Bureau File #: 44-38861

Title: JAMES EARL RAY,
IO Number 4182
WF Number 442-A
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -
VICTIMCharacter: CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY; UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID
CONFINEMENT - ROBBERY

Synopsis:

Results of FBI Laboratory examination of items obtained from 1966 Mustang and during search of subject's room set forth. Fibers on several items in Mustang could have come from bedspread in which rifle previously located in Memphis, Tenn., was wrapped. One latent fingerprint on map of Mexico located in room determined identical with a latent fingerprint on above rifle and binoculars also located in Memphis. Reinterviews of "GALT's" landlord did not produce information of significance. Landlord identified photograph of JAMES EARL RAY as being photograph of individual known to him as "GALT." Operator of neighborhood laundry used by "GALT" identified photograph of RAY as being good likeness of "GALT." Interviews with LEWIE RAYMOND DOWDA and RAYMOND LOUIS CURTIS previously incarcerated with RAY set forth. Unable to suggest subject's whereabouts. IN VIEW OF CRIME FOR WHICH SUBJECT SOUGHT, HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DETAILS:

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