

NO 157-19673

MANSFIELD requested that his identity not be revealed as the source of the information if it is to be checked out.

By way of background information concerning MANSFIELD, he advised that he is known to several FBI offices, that he was formerly Grand Dragon of United Klans of America at Houston, Texas, and quit in 1961. He said he is well acquainted with BOBBY SHELTON of the UKA, and that his brother, BILLY WAYNE MANSFIELD, was secretary of the UKA subsequent to the death of ALVIN SYKES in South Carolina.

MANSFIELD said he is also acquainted with L. E. MATTHEWS, reportedly a Klan member at Jackson, Mississippi, but actual knowledge of his membership is unknown to MANSFIELD.

LEADS:

DALLAS

AT DALLAS, TEXAS: Contact Penrod Drilling Co., 3833 First National Bank Building, and ascertain dates MANSFIELD was employed with company in offshore operation out of Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.

MOBILE

AT TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA: Will attempt to identify individual MANSFIELD said resembled subject RAY and who appeared to be friend of barmaid at bar behind Johnny's Place. Protect identity of MANSFIELD as the source of information.

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>DETROIT</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>MEMPHIS</b>	DATE <b>5/29/68</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>5/10 - 20/68</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.</b>		REPORT MADE BY  <b>SA WILLIAM J. HART</b>	TYPED BY  <b>klh</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>CR</b>	

**REFERENCES:** New Orleans airtel to Memphis, 5/7/68.  
Minneapolis teletype to Detroit, 5/10/68.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

## Copy to:

Report of: SA WILLIAM J. HART  
Date: 5/29/68

Office: Detroit, Michigan

Field Office File #: 44-989

Bureau File #: 44-38861

Title: ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN  
LUTHER KING, JR.

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS

## Synopsis:

Records of the Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, New Orleans, indicate Mr. and Mrs. W. G. TINKER, 2261 Rolling Green Road, Saginaw, Michigan, occupied Room 118 from 12/18/67 through 12/23/67, and that Mr. and Mrs. E. S. KNUTH, 514 Ebony, Duluth, Minnesota, occupied Room 112 on 12/17/67. Investigation at Duluth, Minnesota, indicated Mr. and Mrs. KNUTH moved to 110 North 13th Street, Escanaba, Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. KNUTH and Mr. and Mrs. TINKER advised they did not see anyone resembling JAMES EARL RAY while staying at the Provincial Motel, New Orleans, Louisiana, during 12/67.

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DETAILS:

This investigation was predicated upon receipt of information from the New Orleans Office of the FBI that Mr. and Mrs. W. G. TINKER, 2261 Rolling Green Road, Saginaw, Michigan, had registered on December 18, 1967, at the Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

On May 10, 1968, the Minneapolis Office of the FBI advised that Mr. and Mrs. E. S. KNUTH, 514 Ebony, Duluth, Minnesota, were registered in Room 112 of the Provincial Motel, New Orleans, Louisiana, on December 17, 1967, and are currently residing at 110 North 13th Street, Escanaba, Michigan.

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Mr. and Mrs. EDWIN S. KNUTH, Post Office Box 172, Route One, Escanaba, Michigan, were contacted by SA HARRIS J. MILLER on May 16, 1968. Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were shown to Mr. and Mrs. KNUTH, and they advised that they could not identify this person as anyone they had seen during their stay at the Provincial Motel, New Orleans, while there in December, 1967. Mr. KNUTH advised that they had arrived at this motel while on their honeymoon about 5:00 p.m. on December 17, 1967, and departed this motel at about 7:00 a.m. on December 19, 1967. Mr. KNUTH advised that he is employed by Williams Brothers Engineering Company, 110 North 13th Street, Escanaba, Michigan.

Following negative attempts to contact Mr. and Mrs. W. G. TINKER on May 14 and 17, 1968, they were interviewed at their residence on May 20, 1968, by SA GEORGE M. KUKER and were shown various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. Both Mr. and Mrs. TINKER advised that they did not recall seeing anyone resembling RAY while they were guests at the Provincial Motel, New Orleans, Louisiana, from December 18, 1967, through December 23, 1967.

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RADIOGRAM

URGENT

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

RE LATELS MAY TWENTY-EIGHT LAST.

RE WILLIAM A. MARSHALL.

LOS ANGELES, IF NOT ALREADY COMPLETED, WILL PROCESS RECOVERED NINETEEN SIXTY-SEVEN PLYMOUTH FOR LATENT PRINTS AND OTHER EVIDENCE. POSSIBILITY COULD EXIST THAT THIS VEHICLE USED BY SUBJECT RAY. INSURE DESCRIPTION OF DELUCA AS FURNISHED BY KRAUSE APPROXIMATES THAT OF MARSHALL AND IF NOT, POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT DELUCA AND MARSHALL ARE NOT IDENTICAL. OBTAIN CHECK FURNISHED BY DELUCA TO KRAUSE FOR HANDWRITING AND LATENT FINGERPRINT COMPARISONS IN MURKIN CASE.

RE ALLEN O. THOMPSON, MANAGER, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL.

THOMPSON SHOULD BE THOROUGHLY INTERVIEWED AND REINTERVIEWED IF NECESSARY AND ANY INFORMATION DEVELOPED ON HIM WHICH CAN BE UTILIZED AS LEVER TO ELICIT TRUE INFORMATION FROM HIM SHOULD BE EMPLOYED IF NECESSARY. INTERVIEW HIS

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1 - MEMPHIS

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1 - SAN DIEGO

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**RADIOGRAM TO SAC, LOS ANGELES  
RE: MURKIN**

**ASSOCIATES, OTHER HOTEL EMPLOYEES, TENANTS AND ANY OTHER INDIVIDUALS WHO MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION WHICH WOULD ASSIST IN PURSUING OR RESOLVING THE RECENT INFORMATION FURNISHED BY THOMPSON. UNTIL ALL OTHER AVENUES OF INVESTIGATIVE APPROACHES ARE EXPLORED TO ELICIT TRUE INFORMATION FROM THOMPSON, THERE DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE SUFFICIENT BASIS FOR CALLING HIM BEFORE GRAND JURY AT THIS TIME. IF YOU FEEL THAT THOMPSON CAN FURNISH SUFFICIENTLY DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF HARDIN AS TO POSSIBLY WARRANT CONSIDERATION OF HAVING AN ARTIST'S CONCEPTION PREPARED, YOU SHOULD MAKE APPROPRIATE RECOMMENDATIONS.**

**EVERY EFFORT MUST BE MADE TO RESOLVE THE INFORMATION FURNISHED BY THOMPSON AND PURSUE IT TO LOGICAL CONCLUSION.**

**AIR MAIL COPIES TO ATLANTA, MEMPHIS, NEW ORLEANS AND SAN DIEGO.**

**ARMED AND DANGEROUS.**

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Date: 5/31/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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✓ To: SAC, New Orleans (157-10673)

✓ From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

ReNOairtel to Bureau dated 5/24/68.

You should furnish the Bureau the type of individuals  
and business firms to be circularized in your referenced  
communication.

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1 - Memphis (Information)

*not unusual as  
subject now in custody*

*any shipping  
industry*

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, <sup>NY</sup>New Orleans (157-10673)

DATE: 5/31/68

FROM : SA William T. Brooks

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Memo of SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER to the SAC dated 5/21/68.  
(Serial 992).

The following investigation was conducted by SA William T. Brooks on 5/24/68 at Litcher, Louisiana.

RONALD J. MATHERNE, 121 Hymel St., Litcher advised that his phone number is 869-5083. His wife, ELINOR has a brother and a sister who live in Houston and who call them from time to time. He has no recollection of receiving a call from a pay phone in Houston on 12/15-17/68, but he believes that it was probably one of his wife's relatives who called.

ELINOR MATHERNE, 121 Hymel St., Litcher advised that she has a brother and a sister living in Houston:

WILLIAM ABREO, JR.

Apt. 872

1545 Pech Rd. (Cowifer Place Apartments)

Houston, Texas

713 OR 1 2388

Mrs. ANDY COLLIER

2013 Peppermill, Rear 1

Houston, Texas

682 0623

She advised that both have recently moved and she does not have a new address for them yet. She does not remember any specific phone call on 12/15-17/68, but thinks it was probably one of them that called. She does not think it unusual that a pay phone would be used.

Both advised that they have not seen RAY before. They recognised his photos from the newspapers.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)

DATE: 5-31-68

FROM : SA L. M. SHEARER, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo SA LESTER G. DAVIS 5-20-68

Chief Deputy HARRY L. PACKARD and Sheriff CHESTER A. WOOTEN of Plaquemines Parish, La., advised on 5-29-68 that no robbery of any consequence has been committed in Plaquemines Parish, La., during past year.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, New Orleans (157-10673)

DATE: 5/31/68

FROM : SA William T. Brooks

SUBJECT: MURKIN (re serial 1005)

The following investigation was conducted on 5/24/68 by  
SA William T. Brooks:

The following Parish Coroners were contacted to determine  
whether they have any fingerprints of unidentified deceased males  
since 4/5/68. All stated that they have no unidentified deceased  
males since 4/5/68:

Dr. John E. Clayton, St. Charles Parish  
Dr. Remy F. Gross, St. John the Baptist Parish  
Dr. Anthony J. Nobile, St. James Parish

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, New Orleans (157-10673)

DATE: 5/31/68

FROM : SA William T. Brooks

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The following investigation was conducted on 5/23/68 by  
SA William T. Brooks:

The following law enforcement personnel were contacted to  
determine whether any \$50,000 bank robbery or burglaries have  
occurred in their respective parishes with negative results:

Captain Charles Oubre, St. Charles Parish  
Chief Deputy C.D. Huguet, St. James Parish  
Chief Deputy R.N. Songy, St. John the Baptist Parish.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, New Orleans (137-3372)

DATE: 5/31/68

FROM : SA ALBERT B. MILLER

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: ELIJAH BANNISTER  
PCI

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Dates of Contact <b>5/28/68</b>		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
<b>POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN</b>		<b>NO 157-</b>
<b>DEMONSTRATIONS AT THE NATIONAL</b>		
<b>DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION, AUGUST, 1968</b>		<b>NO 100-17768</b>
<b>MURKIN</b>		<b>NO 157-10673</b>
<b>WATERFRONT ACTIVITIES</b>		<b>NO 92-365, Sub 2</b>
Purpose and results of contact		
<input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC		
<p>PCI stated to his knowledge no one in the New Orleans area, including St. Bernard Parish, is involved with the Poor People's Campaign in Washington, D. C.. He stated Negroes in the area generally have their welfare problems taken care of without incidents by local authority.</p> <p>PCI likewise stated he had no information which would indicate Negroes or anyone else in this area contemplate demonstrations or disruptive activities at the Democratic convention.</p> <p>PCI stated he continues on the alert for JAMES EARL RAY. He has a flyer depicting RAY and stated he will immediately advise should information of any possible significance be developed.</p>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating <b>Very Good</b>	Coverage <b>General Intelligence &amp; Negro Matters</b>
1-(137-3372) 1-(157- ) (POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN) 1-(100-17768) ①-(157-10673) 1-(92-365, Sub 2) ABM/can (5) Cam		157-10673-1070 SEARCHED.....INDEXED..... SERIALIZED.....FILED..... MAY 31 1968 FBI - NEW ORLEANS <i>Callahan</i>

NO 137-3372

In discussing Negro matters, the Waterfront came up. PCI stated "CHINK" HENRY, President of Longshoremen's Local 1419, composed of approximately 2700 standing members, all of whom are Negroes, is an excellent man. He is a stabilizing factor in the Negro community. PCI explained when Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. was slain Negroes in the area put black flags or small black crapes on their doors to signify the buildings were Negro dwellings. In the event of violence it was their hope their places would not be burned.

PCI stated "CHINK" HENRY told the membership of Local 1419 that he could see no objection to the placing of the black material on the building, but that under no circumstances was there going to be violence in New Orleans. He explained to the membership that violence only brings more violence and all to no avail. "CHINK" was firm in his observations, as he always is, and the longshoremen understood. They in turn also discouraged possible militancy.

PCI advised that while Longshoremen's Local 1419 is an all Negro local, Longshoremen's Local 1418 is all white. He estimated Local 1418 has about 1800 standing members. AL CHISHOLM (Phonetic) is the head of Local 1418 and he and "CHINK" HENRY work together. PCI commented that CHISHOLM, like HENRY, is respected by the rank and file.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)

DATE: 6/3/68

FROM : Otis Page

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 4-25 AM, this date, Mr. VanHorst, Night Manager, Hummingbird Motel, New Orleans, telephonically contacted the office and stated that someone had vacated a room and left behind 2 pictures of subject RAY. This pictures were FBI photographs. Mr. VanHorst advised that he would hold the pictures in case they were wanted by this office.

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To: SAC, Jackson (157-9586)  
New Orleans (157-10673)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Los Angeles teletype to Bureau dated May 30, 1968.

New Orleans, if not already done, will obtain background information regarding Dr. J. C. Hardin as this individual could possibly be identical with Hardin referred to by Allan G. Thompson, Manager of St. Francis Hotel.

Jackson will check all references to name of Hardin and account for current whereabouts of James Hardin who was at University of Mississippi. Jackson should continue to check out names or variations of Hardin contained in their files.

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1 - Memphis (info)

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Date: 5/31/68

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Via \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)  
FROM : SAC, BOSTON (157-644) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re New Orleans airtel to Boston dated 5/18/68.

FREDERICK W. OTTERSON, a member of the USAF, presently on leave enroute to an overseas assignment, and his wife, were interviewed separately at Washington, NH on 5/28/68 and advised that they formerly resided at Alexandria, La., and had a party line telephone, and their telephone number was 442-2087. Neither could recall anything about a telephone call from San Antonio, Texas, in December, 1967, nor did they know anyone to their knowledge at the Shamrock Service Station in San Antonio. OTTERSON advised that he has a brother, ~~GEORGE MICHAEL OTTERSON~~, who is assigned to Security Service, OSI, Kelly Field, San Antonio, Texas, who is a Bulgarian language expert. He is the only known friend or relative in San Antonio area but he does not recall receiving any telephone calls from him in December, 1967.

OTTERSON is leaving NH area 5/30/68 and driving to West Coast for overseas assignment.

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Special Agent in Charge



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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

DATE: 5/31/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM F. KUSCH

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Los Angeles airtel to Bureau dated 5/23/68  
(serial 1026).

On 5/31/68, ~~NAUBON PERRY~~ <sup>*Perry*</sup>, Gulf Supervisor, Intelligence, IRS, New Orleans, advised SA WILLIAM F. KUSCH that he was specifically prohibited by statute from disclosing information from the TCR-1 Form. He stated that he would not be able to disclose this information without the specific permission of the Commissioner of the IRS.

He stated that his office receives these forms through the Federal Reserve Bank and they come from banks all over the Gulf Coast, including Mobile, Alabama. He stated cooperation with regard to completing a TCR-1 Form is for the most part voluntary on the part of the banks. The regulations regarding the TCR-1's completion are handled by the Comptroller of Currency and he pointed out that most banks do not follow these regulations to the letter.

He felt that there would not be more than 30 of these received from the entire Gulf Coast area during the period of a month.

On 5/31/68, NAUBON PERRY telephonically recontacted the writer and advised that he had been in telephonic contact with the national office in Washington, D. C., relative to the disclosure problem surrounding the furnishing of information from the TCR-1 to the FBI. He expected a decision would be reached by Monday next.

The setting out of leads to contact all banks in the New Orleans area is being held in abeyance pending further word from Mr. PERRY.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)

FROM : SA WILLIAM F. KUSCH

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 6/4/68

Remymemo 5/31/68.

On Monday, 6/3/68, Mr NAUBON PERRY was recontacted by the writer in order to determine if he had received a decision from IRS, Washington relative to permitting him to release information in the TCR-1 forms. PERRY stated that he had heard nothing as yet.

In view of this it is suggested that individual banks be contacted for the desired information.



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