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LOMAX, IN A STORY PUBLISHED AT NEW ORLEANS AND LOS ANGELES, INDICATED HE HAD LOCATED A MYSTERIOUS BLONDE NAMED JERI WHO WAS BEING SOUGHT BY THE FBI AND WHO WAS AN ASSOCIATE OF RAY WHILE HE WAS IN LOS ANGELES. HE INDICATED IN THE STORY THAT SHE WAS A HABITUE OF THE SULTAN ROOM AND RABBIT'S FOOT BAR ALONG HOLLYWOOD BOULEVARD. PERSONNEL OF THE RABBIT'S FOOT BAR ADVISED JERI ENTIRELY UNKNOWN TO THEM, AND THAT LOMAX WAS IN BAR EVENING APRIL TWENTY THREE ATTEMPTING TO FIND SOMEONE WHO KNEW SOMETHING ABOUT GIRL NAMED JERI. THEY ADVISED HE WAS APPARENTLY UNSUCCESSFUL. PERSONNEL OF SULTAN ROOM CLAIM NO ONE NAMED JERI IS KNOWN TO THEM, BUT THAT THEY HAVE HEARD LOMAX MAKING INQUIRIES CONCERNING GIRL OF THAT NAME. IT WAS INDICATED LOMAX HAS MADE THE SULTAN ROOM SORT OF HEADQUARTERS FOR HIS INQUIRIES CONCERNING KING MURDER AND HAS BECOME A NUISANCE. THEY WERE UNAWARE OF ANY PRODUCTIVE RESULTS ON THE PART OF LOMAX AS FAR AS A FEMALE NAMED JERI WAS CONCERNED.

SALLY CARR, PCI, LOS ANGELES, ADVISED THAT ON APRIL TWENTY TWO LAST SHE WAS AT SULTAN ROOM AND OBSERVED LOUIS LOMAX TALKING WITH SEVERAL PEOPLE, INCLUDING CHARLES STEIN. INFORMANT ADVISES SHE RECALLS LOMAX TALKING OF A MARIA, A RITA AND A JERI. THE

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INFORMANT HAS BEEN SENT BACK ON THE EVENING OF APRIL TWENTY FOUR INSTANT TO ASCERTAIN ALL INFORMATION POSSIBLE IN SULTAN ROOM CONCERNING ANY JERI.

MARIE MARTIN AND RITA ~~STEIN~~ ARE BEING REINTERVIEWED AT LENGTH TO DETERMINE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THEY MAY HAVE. MARIE MARTIN AT PRESENT TIME IS AWAITING ARRIVAL OF PHYSICIAN BECAUSE SHE ADVISES SHE IS NOT WELL.

IT WOULD SEEM THAT STEIN, IN VIEW OF LOMAX'S OFFER TO SPLIT THE REWARD WITH HIM, HAS BECOME INVOLVED IN ATTEMPTING TO INVESTIGATE THE CASE BY HIMSELF. THE PROVISIONS CONCERNING OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE WILL BE POINTED OUT TO STEIN SHOULD HE ATTEMPT TO CONCEAL ANY DATA THAT MIGHT COME TO HIS ATTENTION CONCERNING THIS MATTER.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON LOMAX INDICATES HE WAS BORN LOUIS EMANUEL LOMAX, VALDOSTA, GEORGIA, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND HAS BEEN A HIGHLY CONTROVERSIAL NEGRO TV PERSONALITY IN LOS ANGELES AREA. HE IS AUTHOR OF A BOOK ENTITLED QUOTE THE NEGRO REVOLT UNQUOTE. ACCORDING TO LOCAL NEWS MEDIA, HE IS CURRENTLY WRITING SCRIPT FOR MOVIE TO BE BASED ON LIFE OF FORMER MALCOLM X. HE FORMERLY HAD INDIVIDUAL TV SHOW ON

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CHANNEL ELEVEN IN THIS AREA WHICH WAS DROPPED BY THE STATION
APPROXIMATELY ONE MONTH AGO.

LOS ANGELES CONTEMPLATES NO CONTACTS WITH LOMAX AT
THIS TIME.

NEW ORLEANS HAS BEEN REQUESTED TELEPHONICALLY TO CONTACT
MARIE MARTIN'S MOTHER SO TIME OF THIS POSSIBLE SECOND TRIP CAN
BE PINNED DOWN.

HOUSTON THROUGH CONTACTS AT PHONE COMPANY SHOULD ENDEAVOR
TO HAVE TOLLS ON ALL POSSIBLE PHONE BOOTHS IN AREA DESCRIBED
By STEIN OBTAINED FOR PERIOD OF TWELVE SIXTEEN SIXTY SEVEN AT
ABOUT NINE PM.

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TO DIRECTOR MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, LOS ANGELES, KANSAS
CITY, SPRINGFIELD AND MIAMI AND JACKSONVILLE..
FROM ATLANTA (44-2386) (5)

MURKIN.

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION, APRIL TWENTYFOUR, SIXTYEIGHT:

NEW AND USED CAR DEALERS IN ATLANTA AND SUBURBAN AREAS
HAVE BEEN CONTACTED AND SHOWN PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY. SUCH CHECKS
CONCLUDED TODAY AND ALL NEGATIVE. PROJECT OF CONTACTING
INDIVIDUALS ADVERTISING AUTOMOBILES FOR SALE THROUGH NEWSPAPER
ADS BETWEEN MARCH TWENTYFOUR AND APRIL FIVE LAST UNDERWAY,
NEGATIVE TO DATE, CONTINUING.

CAR RENTAL AGENCIES IN ATLANTA AND SUBURBAN AREAS
CONCLUDED TODAY WITH PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY EXHIBITED WITH NEGATIVE
RESULTS.

CONTACTS WITH CREW MEMBERS ON EASTERN AIRLINES FOREIGN
FLIGHTS THREE TWO ZERO AND THREE TWO EIGHT ON APRIL FIVE LAST
CONCLUDED EXCEPT FOR ONE STEWARDESS WHO WILL BE INTERVIEWED APRIL
TWENTYFIVE NEXT. SUCH CHECKS ARE NEGATIVE.
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STORAGE GARAGES, CITY OF ATLANTA, CONTACTED AND RAY'S PHOTOGRAPH EXHIBITED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. ALL OPEN PARKING LOTS VICINITY OF ONE ONE THREE FOURTEENTH STREET HAVE BEEN CONTACTED WITH PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY SHOWN TO OWNERS AND ATTENDANTS WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

REMAINING CREW MEMBERS OF EASTERN AIRLINES FLIGHT ONE THREE THREE, APRIL TWELVE LAST INTERVIEWED REGARDING A PASSENGER RESEMBLING RAY WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. THEY CONFIRMED INFORMATION FURNISHED APRIL TWENTYTHREE, SIXTYEIGHT, BY OTHER CREW MEMBERS WHO STATED GILCHRIST WAS IN ERROR BY STATING ONLY ONE PASSENGER DEBARKED AT HOUSTON, TEXAS. THEY STATED NO ONE ON PLANE RESEBLING RAY.

JIMMIE DELTON GARNER, GARNER'S SISTER AND WOMAN LINEN CHANGER AT ONE ONE THREE FOURTEENTH STREET, REINTERVIEWED THIS DATE AND FURNISHED NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

LEWIE RAYMOND DOWDA CONFINED COUNTY JAIL, MARIETTA, GEORGIA, ON ARMED ROBBERY CONVICTION INTERVIEWED. DOWDA WAS ACQUAINTED WITH RAY AT MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY FOR THREE
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YEARS, ENDING SEPTEMBER TWENTYTHREE, SIXTYSIX, WHEN DOWDA RELEASED. DOWDA STATED RAY WAS DOPE ADDICT, USING INJECTIONS AND WAS ADDICTED PRIOR TO INCARCERATION. RAY USED AMPHETIMINE. DOWDA STATED HAROLD SCHAEFER, GUARD ON GATE AT KITCHEN AT PRISON, WAS FRIENDLY WITH RAY AND BELIEVED BY SOME TO BE SELLING THE AMPHETIMINE. DOWDA CLAIMED RAY HAD UNKNOWN OUTSIDE SOURCE OF INCOME TO SUPPORT A THIRTYFIVE TO FORTY DOLLAR PER WEEK DOPE HABIT AS WELL AS FIFTEEN TO TWENTY DOLLARS PER WEEK OTHER EXPENDITURES. DOWDA CLAIMS THREE NEGRO PRISONERS KILLED IN PRISON AFTER PROTESTING DENIAL OF BLACK MUSLIMS TO WORSHIP. CLAIMED RAY KILLED THE NEGROES OR KNOW WHO DID. DESCRIBED RAY AS RACIST WHO FELT ALL NEGROES IN THAT PRISON SHOULD BE KILLED AND SAID RAY MADE SEVERAL STATEMENTS TO EFFECT IF PRICE WAS RIGHT WOULD KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING. DOWDA STATED RAY'S CLOSEST FRIEND IN PRISON WAS NEIL ABBEY (PHONETIC) WHO HANDLED DOPE AND GOT RAY A JOB IN THE KITCHEN. DOWDA DOES NOT KNOW NEIL ABBEY'S PRESENT WHEREABOUTS BUT ABBEY WAS AT ONE TIME CHIEF COOK AT THE PRISON. ANOTHER

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CLOSE FRIEND WAS DONALD DEAN RIGGER FROM CALIFORNIA WHOSE WIFE WAS A PSYCHIATRIST AT NAPA STATE HOSPITAL LOCATED ABOVE SAN SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA. DOWDA STATED RAY WOULD ONLY HAVE AN ADDRESS FOR HIM IN CARE OF DOWDA'S FATHER, CHARLES ALFRED DOWDA, FORMELY ROUTE ONE, SANFORD, FLORIDA, BUT PRESENTLY ONE ONE ZERO SOUTH CHANDLER STREET, DELAND, FLORIDA. DOWDA DENIES CONTACT IN ANY MANNER WITH RAY SINCE DOWD'S RELEASE. STATED ANOTHER FORMER INMATE, PAUL ALVIN LAIL, JR., AKA PAUL ALVIN CARTER, THIRTYFOUR BARBODOS DRIVE, PALM SPRINGS, WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, WAS FRIENDLY WITH RAY AND DOWDA SAW LAIL EARLY MARCH, SIXTYEIGHT, BUT NO MENTION MADE OF RAY. DOWDA HAS NO IDEA WHY RAY WOULD GO TO ATLANTA.

MIAMI, CONTACT PAUL ALVIN LAIL, JR., WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, TO DETERMINE IF RAY HAS CONTACTED HIM.

JACKSONVILLE, CONTACT CHARLES ALFRED DOWDA, ONE ONE ZERO SOUTH CHANDLER STREET, DELAND, FLA. TO DETERMINE IF RAY HAS CONTACTED HIM.

KANSAS CITY AT JEFFERSON CITY, MO., INTERVIEW GUARD, HAROLD SCHAEFER, CONCERNING RAY. ALSO DETERMINE PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF INMATE NEIL ABBEY (PHONETIC) AND DONALD DEAN RIGGER AND
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SET OUT LEADS FOR THEIR INTERVIEW CONCERNING POSSIBLE CONTACT
BY RAY.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

DATE: 4/24/68

FROM : SA JAMES JOSEPH DOLAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo of Complaint Clerk JERRY D. ROSEBERRY dated 4/24/68 (serial 1101).

On April 24, 1968, ROY BECK, Dispatcher, Trailway Bus Station, Atlanta, Georgia, advised that the Trailway driver of Trailway bus which left Butler, Georgia, on April 23, 1968, at 11:45 p.m., was JAKE ABBOTT. He advised that ABBOTT had departed on the return trip this date at 11:30 a.m., due to arrive Albany, Georgia, at 4:15 p.m., and would subsequently arrive at Tallahassee, Florida, at 7:50 p.m., this evening. He advised that ABBOTT was driving bus number 455 and would be available on April 25 as he is off that day until 11:30 p.m., the evening of April 25, 1968. Addendum, it is noted ABBOTT was contacted at Butler, Georgia, by SA TRAVIS L. LYNCH upon his return to that city on April 24, 1968.

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The following persons were interviewed by SA JOHN M. PALFI on April 13, 1968 and failed to provide any positive information regarding the abandonment of a white Mustang in a local parking lot:

AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Building No. 149 - Memorial Drive

Apartment 489 - RONNY LOVELL
Apartment 488 - vacant
Apartment 487 - ROSE SHORES
Apartment 486 - GENE GARRETT
Apartment 485 - LORENA STARNES

Building No. 141 - Memorial Drive

Apartment 484 - C. F. MURPHY

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987), ATLANTA
(44-2386), KANSAS CITY (44-760), DETROIT (44-989),
NEWARK (44-854), ST. LOUIS (44-).
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 3P

MURKIN.

RE CHICAGO TEL TO BUREAU, ET AL, APRIL TWENTY THREE
LAST AND CHICAGO TEL CALL TO DETROIT, APRIL TWENTY THREE
LAST. RE: MARJORIE FETTERS.

NEWARK DIVISION TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THAT INVESTIGATION
THERE DEVELOPED THAT FETTERS BEGAN CORRESPONDENCE WITH [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] THROUGH LONELY HEARTS CLUB. NEWARK INTERVIEWING TO OBTAIN
ALL POSSIBLE INFO.

RE: [REDACTED]

CHICAGO DIVISION WAS CONFIDENTIALLY ADVISED APRIL TWENTY
THREE LAST THAT [REDACTED] SUBJECT'S BROTHER, WAS IN RECEIPT
OF TELEGRAM AT PO BOX TWENTY TWO, WHEELING, ILLINOIS. [REDACTED]
PICKED UP TELEGRAM PRIOR TO CHICAGO DIVISION BEING ABLE TO
APPROPRIATELY DISCOVER THE CONTENTS. RECORDS OF WESTERN
UNION OUTLETS AT DES PLAINES AND EVANSTON, ILLINOIS, WHICH
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WOULD SERVICE WHEELING, ILLINOIS, COMPLETELY REVIEWED FOR THE PAST THREE DAYS WITHOUT LOCATING COPY INSTANT TELEGRAM. MANAGER ADVISES IF TELEGRAM MAILED, ONLY COPY MAINTAINED WOULD BE BY DETROIT TRANSMITTING OFFICE. DETROIT ADVISED ALL RECORDS DESTROYED.

REINTERVIEWED THIS DATE. MADE AVAILABLE ABOVE TELEGRAM WHICH WAS EFFORT OF "LIFE" MAGAZINE TO CONTACT HIM THROUGH PO BOX. CONTACTED "LIFE" THIS DATE, CLAIMED FURNISHED ONLY FAMILY INFO. WAS PAID ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS FOR STORY. NOT CERTAIN WHETHER TO BE PUBLISHED THIS WEEK OR NEXT.

ADMITS KNOWING BROTHER'S LOCATION ST. LOUIS DURING PREVIOUS INTERVIEWS BUT LIED TO PROTECT INVESTMENT IN ILLEGAL PURCHASE OF BAR BY AN EX-CON. STATES HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH AND THAT UNCOOPERATIVE ATTITUDE OF BOTH AND AROSE FROM EXTENSIVE INQUIRY OF NEWS MEDIA IN NEIGHBORHOOD AND THAT BOTH WERE AFRAID OF PUBLICITY ADVERSELY AFFECTING THE BUSINESS, CAUSING THEM TO SELL OUT AND MOVE.

STATED ONLY PO BOX USED IS IN WHEELING, ILLINOIS, OTHER MAIL CARE OF SPORTSMEN COUNTRY CLUB. MADE NO MENTION PO BOX
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NORTHBROOK, ILLINOIS. MATTER NOT PRESSED PENDING OUTCOME INVESTIGATION AT NEWARK.

FINANCIAL MATTERS DISCUSSED. CLAIMS THAT ALL MONEY EARNED EXPENDED ON UNSUCCESSFUL MARRIAGE, WITH EXCEPTION OF PAST SEVERAL MONTHS WHERE HE HAS BEEN SENDING MONEY TO SISTER [REDACTED] FOR DEPOSIT IN HER ACCOUNT, UNKNOWN BANK. HAS RECORD OF AMOUNT SENT, SOME OF WHICH WOULD BE IN EXACT AMOUNT OF HIS WEEKLY PAYCHECK, ONE HUNDRED THIRTEEN DOLLARS.

[REDACTED] INTERVIEWED BY SAC AND ASAC, AT WHICH TIME HE PROMISED HIS COOPERATION AND NOTIFICATION IN EVENT OF CONTACT BY SUBJECT. SAID HE DOUBTED SUBJECT WOULD CONTACT HIM OR ANY OTHER MEMBER OF FAMILY. STEADFASTLY MAINTAINED HE NOR ANY MEMBER OF FAMILY HAS ANY KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECT'S WHEREABOUTS, SINCE ESCAPING FROM PRISON. CLOSE AND CONTINUOUS CONTACT BEING MAINTAINED WITH [REDACTED] AND SISTER [REDACTED].

ST. LOUIS WILL, THROUGH LOGICAL SOURCES, ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE BANK WHERE SISTER [REDACTED] MAINTAINS SAVINGS ACCOUNT AND APPROPRIATELY REVIEW.

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1:40AM URGENT 4-25-68 RJM

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, NEW ORLEANS, AND ATLANTA
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (5P)

MURKIN

RELATEL APRIL TWENTY-FOUR LAST.

RE MARIE MARTIN.

MARIE MARTIN REINTERVIEWED APRIL TWENTY-FOUR LAST. SHE ADVISED THAT DURING FIRST TWO INTERVIEWS SHE WAS NERVOUS, CONFUSED AND EXCITED BECAUSE SHE FELT SHE MIGHT BECOME INVOLVED IN SERIOUS TROUBLE. SHE STATED THAT SHE HAD BEEN DRINKING HEAVILY PRIOR TO HER ORIGINAL INTERVIEWS. SINCE THEN SHE HAS DISCONTINUED HER EXCESSIVE DRINKING IN ORDER TO BETTER RECALL HER ASSOCIATION WITH RAY. AT PRESENT SHE IS BEING TREATED BY PHYSICIAN FOR "PINKEYE". SHE FURNISHED THE SAME INFORMATION AS DURING THE PREVIOUS INTERVIEWS WITH FOLLOWING EXCEPTION: SHE BELIEVES THAT RAY AND STEIN WERE GONE FROM LOS ANGELES APPROXIMATELY SEVEN DAYS ON THEIR TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS. SHE SAID FURTHER THAT CHARLES STEIN CAME TO THE SULTAN
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ROOM DURING THE NIGHT SHE FIRST MET RAY AND ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE THERE FOR TRANSPORTATION TO NEW ORLEANS. RAY WAS NOT TRANSPORTED TO VISIT STEIN AS SHE STATED IN INTERVIEW ON FOUR FOURTEEN SIXTY-EIGHT. SHE SAID THAT SHE CAN NOT RECALL THE EVENTS AFTER SHE LEFT WORK AT TWO A.M. ON THE FIRST NIGHT SHE MET RAY. SHE SAID SHE WAS NOT IN THE COMPANY OF RAY OR RITA STEIN OR RAY AFTER SHE LEFT WORK.

SHE NOW RECALLS THAT THE DAY RAY LAST CAME TO HER ROOM AT THE ST. FRANCIS HOTEL WAS SHORTLY AFTER HE GRADUATED FROM A BARTENDERS SCHOOL. SHE GAVE HIM A BOX OF PHONOGRAPH RECORDS TO DELIVER TO HER MOTHER, LORRAINE CALLAWAY, SIX ONE ONE BARTHOLOMEW STREET, NEW ORLEANS, IN THAT HE SAID HE WAS GOING TO NEW ORLEARS. SHE SAID THAT SHE HAS LEARNED TODAY (APRIL TWENTY-FOUR SIXTY-EIGHT) THAT RAY LEFT THE BOX AT THE RESIDENCE OF HER SISTER, THERESA, IN NEW ORLEANS.

MARTIN STATED THAT RAY LATER THE SAME DAY LEFT A SET OF BARBELLS IN FRONT OF THE DOOR TO HER ROOM, ASKING HER TO KEEP THEM FOR HIM. MARTIN SAID SHE DID NOT GET UP FROM HER BED DURING THIS CONVERSATION WHICH TOOK PLACE THROUGH THE DOOR. SHE ALSO RELATED THAT RAY SAID THAT HE STAYED AT SOME FRIENDS WHO LIVED AT OR NEAR
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THE CHEF MENTEUR HIGHWAY AT NEW ORLEANS, WHEN RAY AND STEIN WENT THERE TO PICK UP RITA STEIN'S CHILDREN IN DECEMBER SIXTY-SEVEN. SHE SAID THAT ON THE EVENING OF APRIL TWENTY-THREE LAST, CHARLES STEIN BROUGHT TELEVISION PERSONALITY LOUIS LOMAX TO HER ROOM AT THE HOTEL. MOST OF THE CONVERSATION WITH LOMAX DEALT WITH MARTIN'S EXCHANGE OF TELEVISION SETS WITH RAY AND IF MARTIN KNEW OF ANY GIRLS THAT RAY DATED IN LOS ANGELES. MARTIN SAID SHE TOLD LOMAX THAT SHE KNEW OF NO GIRLS THAT RAY DATED IN LOS ANGELES. SHE ADVISED RAY UNSUCCESSFULLY ATTEMPTED TO DATE A WOMAN, KNOWN ONLY TO MARTIN AS HELENE, A FORMER EXOTIC DANCER. SHE SAID ON ONE OCCASSION RAY WENT DANCING WITH A GIRL NAMED HELEN, DIFFERENT FROM THE ABOVE, WHO CLAIMED TO BE A STUNT RIDER ON THE TELEVISION PROGRAM "GUNSMOKE."

MARTIN IN CONNECTION WITH THE RECORDS SHE GAVE RAY AND THE BARBELLS HE LEFT COULD ONLY FIX THE TIME INVOLVED AS BOTH EVENTS OCCURRED ON THE SAME DAY AND THAT IT WAS AFTER RAY HAD GRADUATED FROM BARTENDERS SCHOOL. CLAIMS NO INTIMACY WITH RAY.

PREVIOUS INFO THIS CASE REFLECTS GRADUATION BARTENDERS SCHOOL WAS MARCH SECOND LAST.

INQUIRY BY NEW ORLEANS OFFICE THIS MATTER INDICATES DAUGHTER OF MARTIN RECALLS RECEIVING CALL FROM HER MOTHER MARCH SIXTEEN LAST THAT A BOX WAS COMING. IT WOULD SEEM THAT RAY TOOK BOX WITH HIM
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AFTER CHECKING OUT OF ST. FRANCIS HOTEL THREE SEVENTEEN SIXTY-EIGHT RATHER THAN IN FEBRUARY.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING INTO BACKGROUND OF MARTIN AND STEINS. BARBELLS IN POSSESSION OF LA.

RE RITA STEIN

RITA STEIN, FIVE SIX SIX SIX FRANKLIN AVE., LOS ANGELES
RE INTERVIEWED THIS DATE AND FURNISHED SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME INFORMATION AS FURNISHED PREVIOUSLY, EXCEPT IN SLIGHTLY GREATER DETAIL. IN ADDITION, SHE FURNISHED FOLLOWING BACKGROUND INFORMATION: SHE WAS MARRIED AT AGE EIGHTEEN, IN NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, TO ALBERT DEMEN, WHO TO BEST OF HER KNOWLEDGE STILL RESIDES THERE. SHE HAD TWIN GIRLS BY THIS MARRIAGE. SHE LATER MARRIED STAN ROSA, IN NEW ORLEANS, WHO WAS USED CAR SALESMAN IN BUSINESS WITH BROTHER, CHARLES STEIN, IN THAT CITY AND IN LOS ANGELES. SHE HAD TWO BOYS BY THIS MARRIAGE. SHE REPORTS ROSA DIED ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO DUE TO OVER DOSE OF NARCOTICS IN HOLLYWOOD, CALIF. STATES NEITHER SHE NOR BROTHER ARE EMPLOYED, THAT SHE RECEIVES SOCIAL SECURITY PAYMENTS FOR DECEASED HUSBAND. HER APARTMENT APPEARED TO BE WELL FURNISHED.

RITA STEIN STATED HAD NO PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF ANY SECOND TRIP BY RAY TO NEW ORLEANS. HOWEVER, HER COUSIN, MARIE MARTIN, HAS TOLD HER HE DID MAKE SECOND TRIP IN EITHER FEBRUARY OR MARCH OF
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THIS YEAR AT WHICH TIME MARIE GAVE HIM SOME PHONOGRAPH RECORDS TO BE RETURNED TO HER DAUGHTER, MARION D'GRASSE, SIX THREE ONE OR SIX ONE ONE BARTHOLOMEW, NEW ORLEANS.

STEIN STATED RAY WAS EXTREMELY SHY AND NEVER WOULD LOOK HER IN THE EYE WHILE TALKING TO HER. UPON HIS RETURN FROM NEW ORLEANS WITH HER CHILDREN, IN DECEMBER 67 SHE INVITED RAY TO XMAS DINNER WHICH SHE WOULD COOK, BUT HE REFUSED INVITATION. ALSO STATED RAY NEVER WAS IN ANY PART OF HER HOME, EXCEPT FOR A FEW STEPS INSIDE FRONT DOOR AT TIME HE BROUGHT HER CHILDREN FROM NEW ORLEANS AND AT TIME OF REGISTERING FOR WALLACE IN DECEMBER 67. HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY GIRL FRIEND NAMED JERI OR OTHER GIRL FRIENDS THAT RAY MIGHT HAVE HAD.

KIMMY AND CHERYL DEWEN, RITA STEINS' EIGHT YEAR OLD TWIN GIRLS ALSO QUESTIONED AS TO ANY INFORMATION THEY MIGHT HAVE CONCERNING RAY AND THEIR TRIP FROM NEW ORLEANS AND THEY ADVISED THAT RAY NEVER SPOKE MUCH ON THE TRIP BUT USED TO HUM LOUDLY ACCOMPANYING CAR RADIO MUSIC SOUNDING LIKE A TRAIN WHISTLE. STAYED IN NO MOTELS, AND CHILDREN ATE IN CAR. RAY PAID FOR FOOD. REMEMBERED THAT THEY STOPPED TO THROW SNOWBALLS SOMEWHERE IN TEXAS DURING TRIP. HAVE NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THEY COULD RECALL AT THIS TIME.

INVESTIGATION ALL PHASES CONTINUES.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P) DATE: 4/24/68

FROM : SA THOMAS C. RENAGHAN, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Memo of SA ROSE, 4/16/68 (Ser. 460).

On 4/22/68, check at Georgia DMV reflected that 1968 Georgia license 2J10314 was issued to the estate of A. N. ROBINSON, 924 Springdale Road, N.E., for use on a 1949 Cadillac, four door, VIN 496238516. On the same date efforts to locate A. N. ROBINSON at the above address met with negative results; however, a black 1949 Cadillac was observed in the garage of this residence, but tag not visible. Inquiry with Mrs. BARNWELL, 916 Springdale Road, N.E., reflected that Mr. A. N. ROBINSON was a man in his 50s, a retired architect and currently out of town, location and expected return unknown.

A review of the records of the Atlanta Credit Bureau on the same date reflected a file for ARTHUR NEIL ROBINSON at the above address was established in 1965. This file reflects ROBINSON as a man in his 50s, and a retired architect.

In view of the above, and fact license issued to a 1949 Cadillac rather than to 1968 Mercury, it is presumed that source copied license erroneously.

No further action being taken.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) DATE: 4/24/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM E. COLOMBELL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Serial 757.

Writer contacted Mrs. ALFRED E. BRUNER, 3910 E. Brookhaven Drive, on 4/24/68, at which time she stated that on 4/16/68, while in the downtown Atlanta area she noticed a white male walking in the vicinity of Regenstein's Department Store, south on Peachtree Street, adding that this individual looked identical to the photos of JAMES EARL RAY as displayed in local newspapers.

She stated the individual was 5' 10 - 11", dark hair, medium build, wearing blue jeans and jacket and added that the individual was sporting a goatee. To her knowledge this individual was not accompanied by anyone and did not appear nervous even though she stared at him for several seconds because of his resemblance to the subject. She had no further information.

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TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, 44-2386, BIRMINGHAM 44-1740

AND LOS ANGELES 44-1574

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 1P

MURKIN.

RE ATLANTA TEL THREE FIFTY FIVE P.M. APRIL TWENTY LAST.

ATLANTA IS REQUESTED TO ASCERTAIN ALL NUMBERS IN
INSCRIPTION APPEARING ON NEGATIVE POST OF SEARS BATTERY LOCATED
INSTANT MUSTANG AND THEREAFTER SET FORTH LEAD FOR MILWAUKEE
DIVISION TO CONTACT LARRY AMATEIS, FIELD SERVICE MANAGER,
GLOBE UNION, INC., MILWAUKEE, IN AN EFFORT TO ASCERTAIN WHICH
GLOBE UNION, INC., PLANT MANUFACTURED BATTERY IN QUESTION AND
TO WHAT STATE BATTERY IN QUESTION WAS SHIPPED TO A SEARS,
ROEBUCK AND CO. STORE.

IF EXACT STATE ASCERTAINED WHERE BATTERY WAS SHIPPED,
NOTIFY INTERESTED OFFICES.

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Date April 17, 1968

Mrs. WINNIE WEBB, Apartment 503, 10059 Memorial Drive, Capitol Homes, advised that on April 11, 1968, while Federal Bureau of Investigation Agents were inspecting a white Mustang down the mall from her home, she was walking across the mall to speak with several neighbors. She stated that she heard Mr. SMITH, Apartment 504, 165 Memorial Drive, talking with a man, whom she did not recognize. She stated that she heard this man state that he was in Memphis last week at the time of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING's murder and that he saw three men walk away from the scene of the shooting. Mrs. WEBB added that during the conversation, Mrs. MARY SMITH, joined her husband and this unknown man, and she asked the man why he did not report this incident to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, to which the man answered that he did not want to get involved. Mrs. WEBB further advised that she had never before seen this man nor was she aware of his name or residence.

On 4/12/68 at Atlanta, Georgia File # Atlanta 44-2386-1166
by SAs JOHN M. PALFI and DONALD F. TACKITT :JMP:caw Date dictated 4/16/68

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Legat, Ottawa (Encs. 7)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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Each office display to appropriate witnesses to ascertain if photograph in good likeness of subject Ray, aka Galt.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA JAMES JOSEPH DOLAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On April 19, 1968, SA JAMES JOSEPH DOLAN delivered press release dated April 19, 1968, to the following:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Station</u> | <u>Address</u> |
|--------------|-------------|----------------|---|
| WADE MEDLOCK | 2:51 p.m. | WGST | 165 8th Street, NW |
| JIM ROBINSON | 3:00 p.m. | WKLS | 1655 Peachtree St., NE |
| BOB NEAL | 3:17 p.m. | WQXI | 2970 Peachtree Rd., NE |
| BILL BUCKNER | 3:44 p.m. | Channel 11 | 1113 W. Peachtree St. |
| JACKIE BERRY | 4:10 p.m. | WGUN | 217 W. Ponce de Leon, Decatur, Georgia |

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA JAMES JOSEPH DOLAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

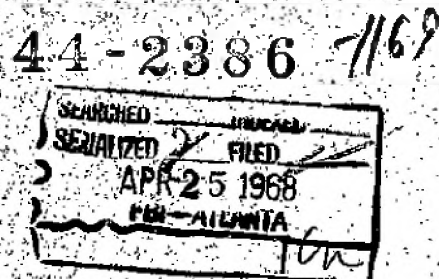
Re memo from SAC dated 4/24/68 (serial 1102).

On April 24, 1968, SA JAMES JOSEPH DOLAN contacted the following public parking lots in the vicinity of the Trailway Bus Station in Downtown Atlanta, exhibiting a wanted flyer of JAMES EARL RAY. None of those to whom the picture was shown was able to identify subject RAY as a person having left a car in the lot or having been seen by them.

Copies of the wanted flyer were left at the following lots:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Address</u> |
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| W. A. WEBSTER, JR. | Webster's Parking Service 101 Cain Street, NW, Atlanta |
| JOHN E. JONES | AAA Parking Lot 122 Cain, NW, Atlanta |
| MARY HOLDER | All Right Parking William Street Lot |
| PAUL J. DEMERS | Easy Auto Park William and Baker Street |
| P. Q. RAINWATER | AAA Parking 52 Baker Street, SW |
| HENRY LOWE | AAA Parking Lot Spring and Harris Street |
| CLARENCE E. SINS | Car Park 250 Spring Street |
| W. W. PECKARD | Parking Lot 220 Spring Street |

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| THOMAS MURRY | Atlanta Car Park 211 Spring Street |
| BILL MC FALL | 15 Cain Street Lot NW, Atlanta |
| CHARLES ETHRIDGE | Car Lot 119 Luckie Street, NW |
| NIM TANNER | 130 Luckie Street |
| J. CURTIS | System Auto Park 102 Cone Street |
| L. H. DE VORE | 165 Luckie Street |
| JOHN CLACK | Cone Street Parking 99 Cone Street |
| IRA STONEY | ALL RIGHT Parking 169 Carnegie Street |

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To: SAC's, Atlanta (44-2386)
Memphis (44-1987)

✓ From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Atlanta letter 4/19/68, submitting a
luncheon check.

No latent impressions of value developed
on the luncheon check, which is being retained temporarily
in Latent Fingerprint Section.

1 - Birmingham (44-1740)

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REPORT

of the

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO. 44-1987
 FBI FILE NO. 44-38861
 LATENT CASE NO. 91075

April 24, 1968

TO: SAC, Memphis

RE: MURKIN

REFERENCE: Bureau telephone calls of 4/19/68
 EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Memphis
 SPECIMENS:

This report confirms and supplements Butel dated 4/19/68.

See the attached page for the results of the comparisons of six of the latent fingerprints previously reported in this case, and the page attached to the report dated 4/24/68 to Atlanta for results of comparisons of two of the latent fingerprints. The remaining latent fingerprints, with the exception of the latent fingerprint previously reported on the lift from the flophouse marked "Rt. side of fireplace (front)," are not identical with the fingerprints of James Earl Ray, FBI #405842G. The latent print lifted from the flophouse and the two latent impressions previously reported were compared, insofar as possible, with the fingerprints of Ray, but no identification was effected. Major case prints of Ray needed for conclusive comparison with these latent prints, as well as with the latent palm prints reported in this case.

- 2 - Birmingham (44-1740)
 2 - Atlanta (44-2330)

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Your File No. 44-1987
FBI File No. 44-38861
Latent Case No. 91075

April 24, 1968

RE: JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405942G

Latent fingerprint previously reported on the Remington model 760 rifle, serial #461476, Q2; the latent fingerprint on the telescopic sight, serial #A17350, on the rifle, Q2; latent fingerprint on the binoculars, Q14; the latent fingerprint on the newspaper, Q19; the latent fingerprint on the after shave lotion bottle, part of Q24; and the latent fingerprint on the Schlitz beer can, Q53, have all been identified with the fingerprints of James Earl Ray.

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of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 24, 1968

Re: MURKIN
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FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-561271 JK

Specimens received 4/22/68

K171 Missouri State Penitentiary form dated 10/24/66,
bearing known handwriting of JAMES E. RAY—ALSO SUBMITTED: Copies of two-page report of psychiatric
examination dated 10/24/66

Result of examination:

The "Galt" writings considered together and specimen K171 can be identified as having been prepared by the same individual.

Because of the limited questioned material and the lack of comparable letters and letter combinations, it could not be determined whether the "Harvey Lowmyer" signature on the Q72 gun invoice was prepared by JAMES E. RAY, K171.

Specimen K171 is being retained.

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Date: April 24, 1968

Re: MURKIN
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OO: Memphis

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

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Lab. No. D-561271 JK

Examination requested by: Kansas City
Reference: Airtel 4/20/68
Examination requested: Document

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Remarks:

It should be noted that the questioned writings on some of the items received in this case are limited to the "Galt" name alone. The identification of the "Galt" writings with K171, as set forth in the attached report, considered all these questioned writings as a unit and it may not be possible to identify a particular specimen with K171 because of the limited nature of the questioned writing involved and the lack of comparable known material. The "Galt" writings are those items attributed to ERIC S. GALT which were previously identified together.

For information, similarities were noted between K171 and the "Lowmyer" signature on Q72.

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2 - Kansas City (44-760) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

① - Atlanta (44-2386) Enclosure (Lab report)

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REPORT

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IDENTIFICATION DIVISION**LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION**

YOUR FILE NO. 44-2386
FBI FILE NO. 44-38861
LATENT CASE NO. 91075

April 24, 1968

TO: SAC, Atlanta

RE: MURKIN

REFERENCE: Bureau telephone calls of 4/19/68
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Atlanta
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- 2 - Birmingham (44-1740)
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J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

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Your File No. 44-2386
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Latent Case No. 91075

April 24, 1968

RE: JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405942G

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IDENTIFICATION DIVISION**LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION**

YOUR FILE NO. **44-2386**
 FBI FILE NO. **44-38861**
 LATENT CASE NO. **91075**

April 24, 1968TO: **SAC, Atlanta**RE: **MURKIN**

REFERENCE: **Bureau telephone calls of 4/19/68**
 EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: **Atlanta**
 SPECIMENS:

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- 2 - Birmingham (44-1740)
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John Edgar Hoover, Director

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LOMAX POLL AND TRIBUNE

A Monthly Poll of Negro Opinion
A Quarterly Organ of Negro Thought and Opinion

Almena Lomax, Editor-Publisher

1215 S. Tremaine
Los Angeles 90019, Calif.

938 - 8458, area code, 213

April 13, 1968

Attorney General Ramsey Clark
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I hate to be thought a quack, but I cannot get a very disturbing similarity of events which might relate to the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. out of my mind, and so, at whatever risk, I am impelled to write you.

I publish the above-named Poll monthly and the Tribune, a 'little' magazine when I can; but I covered the funeral of Dr. King for a newspaper, The Post, published at 2973 Sacramento st., Berkeley, Calif. 94705, a Negro weekly. I also serve The Post at present as a consultant, or contributing editor, in its efforts to build up its editorial content.

I just returned last night from Berkeley and after being away almost all week, what with the funeral, have just caught up on the daily papers; and I was struck by the similarity of reported activities of the suspected killer and a fictional killer I created in an unpublished book, "The Ten Most Wanted White Man". As the title would suggest, this man, who is sort of deranged by frustration over the continued humiliation of Negroes by the nonviolent movement and the continued violation of them by Deep South racists, picks out the ten racists from whose deaths he thinks the Negro would most benefit and goes out and kills them.

I published the first five chapters in the Tribune. I am a former weekly newspaper publisher for 19 years of the Los Angeles Tribune, and I began the Tribune out of frustration while living in Tuskegee, Ala. in 1964-65. I started the Tribune, as a 'little magazine', as the Tuskegee Tribune, a mimeographed newspaper, and a large number of whites of the town, who were described by knowledgeable Negroes of the town as "members of the White Citizens Council" and Kluxer-types, subscribed.

I have as many subscribers among Alabamians whom I know or suppose to be white, as I do among Negroes — not that there are many of either.

Covering the Tuskegee City Council couldn't hold my interest, as I had suspended publication of the Tribune as a newspaper in order to write creatively,

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and I left Tuskegee in February of 1965 and returned to Los Angeles.

I have continued to send the Tribune to my southern subscribers, including the whites, whenever I have brought it out.

Beginning with the 14th number in March of 1965, I serialized "The Ten Most Wanted White Men", and continued into the fifth chapter before I got a contract for the book from Houghton-Mifflin Co. Other than in the first chapter where my hero, or anti-hero, conceived his plan as a way out of his frustration and lists his intended victims, I didn't in the serialization give away his plans or modus operandi. However, the idea was there.

Also, the entire book of 36 ^{chapters} ~~pages~~ has been read by Houghton Mifflin, which eventually decided not to publish it, on the grounds that the anti-hero was not believable, and by Globe Press, which rejected it, too. The first ten chapters were read, and rejected, last Summer by Harper & Row and have since been at Random House, along with the book's summary.

I hope you will not feel that I am suggesting that any of the ^{publishers'} readers of this book would be so insane as to assassinate Dr. King. However, the coincidence of your suspect apparently having abandoned a car in Atlanta, just walked away from it; belonging to the seaman's union in Mobile; renting the room in the rundown rooming house, and the actions of my anti-hero, or killer, is so striking that I hope it excuses this long and detailed letter. Perhaps it is my imagination, but the personality, the stride, etc., suggested by the newspaper stories, suggest my Josiah Herron, who likes to think of himself as "the Bronze Bomber", a sort of avenger of Negroes.

There is further the fact that while I was in Atlanta, I heard many people in the crowd outside the church and along the march say they feared, or had heard, that Rev. Abernathy, Stokely Carmichael, Congressman Adam Powell, and other Negro leaders were going to be "gotten". Some few people said they thought the killer might be standing on the sidewalk along the line of march.

I also heard that Negro extremists in Atlanta were planning to burn and blow up businesses, specifically Sears and others along Gordon Road, which is just above the Capitol Homes Housing Project where the car was parked in Atlanta. I lived from September 1 to Oct. 29, of 1965 in Atlanta and have a son in college there, though he is not an extremist or racist, and so have many leads there. I thought it notable that there was no mention of harming the housing project, even though many of the whites living there are openly hostile to Negroes passing there en route to shop on Gordon Road.

None of this may be of any value. However, I felt I had to relay it. Now that Mrs. King and Rev. Abernathy have resolved to continue the march to Washington, the same person or persons who were sufficiently exercised by distress as to kill Dr. King may attempt to harm them; and I felt that if I know anything which might remotely help solve the murder, I should relay it.

Attorney General Ramsey Clark, 3

I do not keep the world's best records; but if you should like to look at my Alabama mailing list, I could type the names and addresses off the cards and send them to you. I think there are a couple in Birmingham.

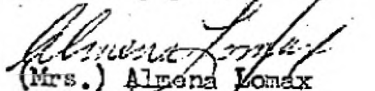
My book is pretty much in disarray; one gets discouraged after three years. But if looking at it would shed any light, I think I could shuffle the chapters together. However, as you can see, I am wordy. It's about 400,000 words.

I will be at The Post Thursday and Friday, I think; but the address and phone number on the letterhead are my residence, where I do my other work.

I wish you the very best of luck in your investigation.

al/ml

Sincerely yours,


(Mrs.) Almena Lomax
Editor-Publisher
Lomax Poll and Tribune

P. S.: If you should have anyone from the local office of the FBI contact me, would you have them phone first?

4/24/68

Airtel

To: SAC, Los Angeles

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Almema Lomax - Complainant.

Enclosed are two copies for Los Angeles and one copy each for Atlanta, Birmingham and Memphis of a letter from Almema Lomax dated 4/13/68 which was forwarded to the Bureau by the Civil Rights Division.

Los Angeles contact Almema Lomax and review the subscription list she refers to for any pertinent names associated with this case.

Enclosures (2)

① - Atlanta (Enclosure)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P) DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA ROBERT MICHAEL KANE
SA CHARLES PAUL ROSE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Serial 1030.

RE: JAMES EARL RAY

On 4/23/68, newspaper boys RICKY CROOK, who sells the Atlanta newspapers at the corner of 10th and Peachtree Streets, N.E. and LARRY GINN, who also sells the Atlanta newspapers at 14th and Peachtree Streets, N.E., were interviewed and photos of subject JAMES EARL RAY were exhibited to them. They both stated the photos of RAY did not bring to their minds anyone they had observed in that area within recent weeks.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTN: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)(P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: MEMPHIS)

RE: JAMES EARL RAY

The following items are being forwarded under separate cover to be processed for latent fingerprints:

- 1) Can of Coca Cola
- 2) One drinking glass
- 3) One paper bag from Krystal Restaurant
- 4) 3 x 5 cards with scotch tape lifts of fingerprints

The above items were obtained from 1964 Pontiac, 1967 Georgia license 1J59395, owned by JIMMIE D. GARNER, the landlord of rooming house at 113 - 14th Street, N.E., Atlanta, where JAMES EARL RAY stayed during period of time he was in Atlanta. Investigation to date indicates GARNER was the last person to have seen or talked with subject.

The Latent Fingerprint Section is requested to process the above items with the purpose of comparing any latent prints with those of JAMES EARL RAY. If latents developed

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are those of RAY, it would be of investigative value to Atlanta in further interview of GARNER.

In event results are negative, the items submitted can be destroyed.

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TO: SAC, MILWAUKEE (44-388)
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/18/68, CLARENCE PETERSON, Asst. Dep., Amalgamated Bank, Chicago, Illinois, advised Chicago Division that unknown white male, resembling newspaper likenesses of subject GALT, appeared at his bank shortly before 12:30 p.m., 4/18/68, requesting to purchase \$10,000 certificate of deposit for cash inasmuch as unknown male would be new customer for bank. PETERSON requested identification and background data for unknown male, seemed reluctant to furnish, but produced State of Wisconsin driver's license containing name WILLIAM FERBER or WILLIAM FARRERS. When PETERSON turned driver's license over to observe signature on reverse side, he noticed an orange or brown card containing the words "National Association of Ballroom Dancers" or words to similar effect. PETERSON advised before he had an opportunity to further observe identifying data concerning this unknown male, the unknown male grabbed the driver's license contained in a plastic folder away from him. PETERSON explained to unknown male that the bank had to have some knowledge of its customers and savings account signature cards would have to be executed in order to issue the certificate of deposit. The unknown male was given blank

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1 - Memphis (Info) (44-1987)
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signature cards which he took to a nearby lobby counter to fill out and obviously did not want PETERSON to observe the information he would place thereon.

PETERSON turned briefly to report the situation to another officer nearby in the bank and when he turned around again, the unknown male had disappeared from the bank. Examination of all waist receptacles in the bank lobby failed to locate the blank signature savings cards given the unknown male indicating that they were taken away by him.

PETERSON said he left the bank for lunch almost immediately after this incident about 12:30 p.m., and did not observe the unknown male on the streets in the vicinity of the bank and it was during his lunch period that he was reading the "Chicago Tribune" containing photographic likenesses of subject GALT whom he feels is identical to the unknown man appearing at Amalgamated Bank for the certificate of deposit. PETERSON described this unknown male as follows:

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| Name | WILLIAM FERBERT or WILLIAM FARBERS |
| Sex | Male |
| Race | White |
| Age | About 35-40 |
| Height | 5'8" or 5'9" |
| Weight | 160-170 |
| Complexion | Ruddy |
| Characteristics | Square jaw, clean shaven |
| Eyes | Dark |
| Hair | Brown |
| Wearing Apparel | White shirt, three-quarter length tan light weight coat |

Review of Chicago classified and telephone directories failed to locate any listing identifiable with National Association of Ballroom Dancers, however, a copy of the March, 1968, issue of "Ballroom Dance Magazine",

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published monthly by Dance Magazines, Inc., 268 West 47th Street, New York, New York, discloses numerous advertisements for ballroom dancing throughout the United States, only one of which is possibly identical with National Association of Ballroom Dancers which is "Ballroom Dancers Association, Inc.," 756 7th Avenue, New York, New York.

LEADS

MILWAUKEE

AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN. Will contact the Wisconsin State Bureau of Motor Vehicles and obtain all information available concerning any driver's licenses issued under the name WILLIAM FERBER or WILLIAM FARBERS, also under the name GALT or any of his known aliases to date, and set forth necessary investigative leads to resolve whether or not FERBER is identical with subject GALT.

NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK. Will contact Dance Magazine, Inc., 268 West 47th Street, New York City, New York, and determine if subject GALT is subscriber to any of its publications under the name GALT or any of his known aliases. Also determine if one WILLIAM FERBER or WILLIAM FARBERS is a subscriber to any of these publications. Will also interview officials of Dance Magazine, Inc., in an effort to more accurately identify and locate the National Association of Ballroom Dancers which may issue membership cards of a brown or orange color. Will contact Ballroom Dancers Association, 756 7th Avenue, New York City, New York, to determine if subject GALT under any of his known aliases to date, is a member of that association and also whether WILLIAM FERBER or FARBERS is a member of that association.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed herewith are three post cards postmarked 1960, 7/27/62, and 7/29/62, which were written by JAMES EARL RAY's brother, [REDACTED], to his sister. These were made available by Mrs. [REDACTED] DO [REDACTED], Chicago, Illinois.

The Handwriting Unit, FBI Laboratory, is requested to compare the handwriting on the enclosed cards with all questioned handwriting in captioned case. It is requested that these cards be returned to the Chicago Division upon completion of examination since Mrs. [REDACTED] requested their return.

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 3)
- 1 - Memphis (Info) (44-1987)
- 1 - Birmingham (Info) (44-1740)
- ① - Atlanta (Info) (44-2386)
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Reverend A. D. WILLIAMS KING, 1005 Southwestern Parkway, Louisville, Kentucky, pastor of the Zion Baptist Church, 2200 West Walnut Street, Louisville, Kentucky, was interviewed in the office of his church. He furnished the following information:

He is the brother of the late Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Late on the night of April 3, 1968, Reverend A. D. WILLIAMS KING arrived in Memphis, Tennessee, and registered in the Lorraine Motel for the purpose of assisting his brother in connection with the brother's efforts to settle the sanitation strike then in progress in Memphis. He had several contacts with his brother on Thursday, April 4, 1968. During the morning of April 4, 1968, he was in the company of his brother when the brother held a strategy meeting in Room 306 of the Lorraine Motel concerning the action to be taken by his brother and his associates with respect to efforts to obtain a suitable settlement to the sanitation strike. This meeting lasted several hours in the morning.

On the afternoon of April 4, 1968, Reverend KING was with his brother and other individuals at the Lorraine Motel for several hours. This was not a business meeting but rather a social gathering. This gathering ended shortly before 6 p.m. April 4, 1968, when the participants had decided to go to dinner. Reverend KING had taken several sleeping pills during the gathering and went to his room and fell asleep. Sometime shortly thereafter, exact time not remembered, he was awakened and told that his brother had been shot and had been taken to a hospital. Reverend KING immediately felt in his own mind that his brother was dead although as yet no announcement of death had been made. For several minutes Rev. KING felt extreme bitterness, but then when he became rational, he reasoned that whoever had done such a deed had to be mentally "sick" and the bitterness left Reverend KING and he remembered a passage

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On 4/22/68 at Louisville, Kentucky File # Louisville 44-947

by SA WARREN L. WALSH & SA CHARLES A. KINCAID WLW/pam Date dictated 4/22/68

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