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ON APRIL TWENTY SIX NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT SA PHIL RODRIGUEZ, OSI ADVISED HIS COMMANDING OFFICER AT SHREVEPORT HAD RECEIVED A CLASSIFIED MESSAGE FROM PARENTS OF RITA REHKOPF INQUIRING AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THEIR DAUGHTER WAS IN PROTECTIVE CUSTODY OF THE FBI. RODRIGUEZ STATED THAT REHKOPF WAS TO MEET HER PARENTS NOW IN THAILAND IN CALIFORNIA UPON THEIR RETURN FROM OVERSEAS BUT HAD ADVISED HER PARENTS SHE COULD NOT MEET THEM UNTIL "AFTER THE TRIAL" REFERRING TO THE TRIAL OF RAY AND THAT SHE WAS FLYING TO FLORIDA, REASON NOT INDICATED. RODRIGUEZ WAS ADVISED THAT REHKOPF INTERVIEWED BY AGENTS OF THIS OFFICE IN CONNECTION WITH FUGITIVE INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED INSTANT MATTER ALONG WITH NUMEROUS OTHER STEWARDESSES AND CREWMEN OF DELTA AIRLINES AND THAT SHE WAS NOT IN PROTECTIVE CUSTODY OF FBI AND THAT THIS OFFICE HAD NO INFORMATION TO INDICATE REHKOPF WOULD BE INVOLVED IN ANY TRIAL.

REHKOPF TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED NEW ORLEANS OFFICE IN- INSTANT DATE SHE WAS EMOTIONALLY UPSET, NEEDED COMPANIONSHIP AND HAD TELEPHONICALLY CONTACT AN AUNT IN OKLAHOMA WHO SHE  
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FEELS WILL FLY TO NEW ORLEANS INSTANT DATE TO ASSIST HER IN THE ABSENCE OF HER PARENTS.

IDENTIFICATION RECORD CONCERNING CHARLES STEIN AND MARIE MARTIN, AKA MYRIAL TOMASO.

CHECK OF BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION, NOPD, DISCLOSES ARREST HISTORY OF CHARLES STEIN, FBI NUMBER EIGHT EIGHT ONE FIVE THREE FOUR B. ARREST HISTORY DISCLOSES STEIN ARRESTED NOPD INITIALLY IN FIFTYTHREE AND LAST ARRESTED TWO SIXTEEN SIXTYTHREE. ARRESTS INVOLVE NO HONEST VISIBLE MEANS OF SUPPORT, GAMBLING, POSSESSION OF NARCOTICS, STOLEN PROPERTY, PANDERING, SOLICITING FOR PROSTITUTION, POSSESSION OF BARBITUATES.

IDENTIFICATION RECORD NOPD, DISCLOSES ARREST HISTORY OF MYRIAL TOMASO, FBI NUMBER ONE ONE ZERO NINE ONE THREE C WITH FIRST ARREST NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE LAST ARREST NINETEEN SIXTYTWO. ARRESTS INVOLVE VAGRANCY, INVESTIGATION OF NARCOTICS, AUTO THEFT, DRUNK, RESISTING ARREST, POSSESSION OF NARCOTICS, CREATING NUISANCE AND NO VISIBLE MEANS OF SUPPORT.

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IDENTIFICATION DIVISION REQUESTED TO FORWARD TO  
LOS ANGELES, MEMPHIS AND NEW ORLEANS COPIES OF IDENTIFICATION  
RECORDS OF MYRIAL TOMASO AND CHARLES STEIN AS IDENTIFIED ABOVE.

HOUSTON - HOUSTON DETERMINE EXACT TIME OF CALL  
FROM INSTANT PHONE BOOTH ON EVENING OF DECEMBER SEVENTEEN  
LAST.

AIRMAIL COPY BEING SENT MEMPHIS, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM.

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Date 4/27/68

PAUL ALVIN LAIL was informed of the identities of the interviewing agents and the nature of this interview.

LAIL advised he is presently living at 34 Barbados Drive, Palm Springs, with his wife BETTY and five month old baby.

LAIL stated he had been an inmate in the Missouri State Penitentiary for three years and while confined there he had met and known JAMES EARL RAY. He stated he was not very close or friendly with RAY but he did eat with him a number of times when he was in the kitchen visiting with his friend, LEWIE "WHITEY" DOWDA. He said he also watched a number of ball games and television programs with RAY.

LAIL described RAY as being a guy who knew his way around but was not one of the wheels or leaders in prison; that RAY was a sharp intelligent guy who hung around with the boys who were always up to something and were in on all of the deals. LAIL advised RAY never seemed to have a lot of money but always seemed to have enough to get whatever he wanted.

LAIL said most of the guys (he cannot recall their names) that he, RAY, was with most of the time were on dope and were peddling it.

LAIL continued by saying that RAY's big buddy was NEAL ABBEY who was a "big wheel" and the guy who ran the prison kitchen with "an iron hand." LAIL stated ABBEY was the guy who got RAY into the kitchen which was a good deal (job).

LAIL advised that LEO BARNETT handled dope and peddled it in the Missouri State Penitentiary and he believes he is now in prison somewhere in Florida. He said that BARNETT would know for certain if RAY had been on dope and where and who he got the dope from.

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On 4/26/68 at Palm Springs, Florida File # 100-1854  
by SAs ROBERT W. WISEMAN and  
PATRICK A. PHILBIN PAP/km Date dictated 4/26/68

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LAIL further advised that FRED MILLER, "a cut and dried con," who worked in the tag plant of the prison, was one of the leaders and knew RAY well and he might be able to furnish information about him if he would talk to the FBI.

LAIL related that WHITEY DOWDA also knew RAY pretty well and would know more about him than he did since they both worked in the kitchen together for quite a while. He said WHITEY had been living in Marietta, Georgia, and he recently heard that WHITEY is now in jail in Marietta on a robbery charge.

LAIL stated there had been trouble with some of the Negro prisoners in the Missouri State Penitentiary who were Black Muslims so some of the prisoners decided to teach them a lesson and three or four of the Negro leaders were killed. LAIL stated he did not know if RAY was in on the actual killing, but he was close with the ones that did it and therefore could have been in on the killing or at least he knew who did kill the Negroes.

LAIL would not make any further statements about the killing of the Negroes in the Missouri State Penitentiary and he stated he could not furnish any names or identities but he did say there were ten inmates who were in on the killing of the Negroes.

LAIL said he could not recall RAY saying too much about Negroes and he does not believe from his conversations with RAY that he, RAY, was a racist, however, all of the inmates in the Missouri State Penitentiary did not like the Negroes because of their belligerent attitude and animosity toward the white inmates.

LAIL stated RAY liked to wear his hair short in the summer months and long in the winter. He said RAY used to have a "butch" cut in the summer months.

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**LAIL stated from his association with RAY that he felt RAY would have a .45 automatic "stashed" on his person somewhere and he would not give up or be taken without a fight. LAIL said RAY is a "killer" in his opinion and that RAY would not be easy to catch or find. LAIL said RAY is "a city boy" and he does not figure him to be hiding out in the country. However, LAIL stated he would not figure RAY would hide out in a really big city like New York, but would pick one about the size of Houston, Texas.**

**LAIL said he could not recall RAY telling him or mentioning any place in particular he, RAY, always wanted to go to or visit, but he felt RAY would be in a warm climate rather than a cold one.**

**LAIL stated he had not been contacted or heard from RAY since he got out of the Missouri State Penitentiary over two years ago and to the best of his knowledge RAY would not know where or how to contact him.**

**LAIL advised he had visited WHITEY DOWDA in March, 1968, in WHITEY's home in Marietta, Georgia, for a few days. He said that WHITEY is his best friend.**

**LAIL continued by saying he recognized the name of SCHAFFER and he thinks SCHAFFER was a captain in the prison guard force, but he did not know him and/or if SCHAFFER peddled dope in the pen.**

**LAIL stated he felt that there was a possibility RAY's escape was engineered by and assisted by outside help but he did not have any knowledge about it. Also he stated just about anything is possible with outside help and money, however, escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary is something else and is just about impossible in his opinion.**

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LAIL stated he did not feel badly about MARTIN LUTHER KING getting killed, but he was sorry it happened in Memphis, Tennessee, and he would have rather seen KING killed in some Northern city. LAIL said he is a Southerner and his feelings are Southern.

LAIL stated that he is of course interested in the reward money and he could certainly use it. However, he said he really does not know if he would turn RAY in or not for the reward money if he had the opportunity. LAIL stated he was certain RAY did the killing of KING himself and not involved with anyone else. LAIL stated that he wanted to be honest with the FBI and he would have to think about this a couple of days as to whether or not he would or would not turn RAY in if he knew his possible or current whereabouts.

LAIL stated he really does not know where RAY is and he said that RAY had not contacted him and he had not seen RAY for over two years.

LAIL continued by saying he was a little surprised when he learned from the newspaper and television that RAY had been identified as KING's killer because he always figured RAY as being a guy that would be too smart to leave any clues or evidence around so that the police or the FBI would be able to trace and/or identify him.

LAIL examined the photographs of RAY and said he would never recognize him with the tuxedo and bow tie outfit on and further he said he never saw RAY with his hair long as it is either. However, he said the guy with the bow tie and tuxedo on is RAY.

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**LAIL said after thinking it over that he is very interested in the money and if he thinks of anything or comes up with anything concerning RAY, he will contact either Special Agent PATRICK A. PHILBIN or ROBERT W. WISEMAN.**

**LAIL is a white male, born [redacted] Marion, North Carolina, 175 pounds, blue eyes, red hair, medium slender build, 6' 3", wife BETTY, and resides 34 Barbados Drive, Palm Springs, Florida.**



4/27/68

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TO: SAC, KANSAS CITY  
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-1854) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Miami teletype to Bureau, Atlanta, Birmingham, Jacksonville, and Kansas City, 4/26/68.

Enclosed herewith are ten copies each of the interview with PAUL ALVIN LAIL for Kansas City and Memphis; one copy each for Atlanta and Birmingham.

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# Abernathy Fears Rights Conspiracy

By MARGARET HURST

The assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. may be part of a conspiracy in this country to defeat the civil rights movement by killing off its leaders, the Rev. Ralph Abernathy said Wednesday.

"The grave concern on my part is the fact that there may be a conspiracy in this country to actually defeat our movement—defeat the thrust—by picking off our leaders one by one or three by three as the case may be," Dr. King's successor said at a press briefing on plans for the poor people's campaign in Washington.

The Rev. Mr. Abernathy said he is not as concerned about the "person or persons who pulled the trigger" as he is about the climate "that made this killer feel he was on a divine mission or carrying out the will of a majority of the people."

He added, however, that "we're going to do our job" and leave it up to the law enforcement agencies to apprehend the assassin. The job, he said, will be to mobilize the Washington march in order to prove that "you may kill the dreamer but you may not kill the dream."

The Rev. Mr. Abernathy met with newsmen before going into a meeting with members of the board of directors of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the organization founded by Dr. King.

Answering a question, the Rev. Mr. Abernathy said he had no objection to white persons marching on Washington as proposed recently by Whitney Young of the National Urban League.

He said, however, that he is against separatism and would

"certainly hope it would not be a pure Lily-white march."

Since the poor people's march is already planned, he added. "I think it would be a waste of time to launch a white people's march. I think they should join us."

The plans for the march on Washington, the Rev. Mr. Abernathy said, were completed last weekend.

The campaign will begin with a May 1 rally in Memphis where Dr. King was killed. In Memphis, the Rev. Mr. Abernathy said he will place a gold star on the spot where Dr. King fell and then will lead a massive memorial service. The following day the Memphis group will march for two days to Marks, Miss.

Marks, a town "in the poorest county in the United States," is the place "where I saw Dr. King weep for the last time," the Rev. Mr. Abernathy said.

The Southern caravan, one of nine, is scheduled to begin May 6. It will include a mule train loaded with poor families and a freedom train.

The freedom train will arrive in Washington May 13 when the Rev. Mr. Abernathy will drive the first rail to start a shanty-

town. The location of the shanty town has not been selected, the Rev. Mr. Abernathy said.

All of the caravans, including some 3,000 people, are expected to arrive in Washington before May 20—the day of the first non-violent demonstration, he said.

He said cities will be expected to help provide transportation for the caravans as they move across the country.

"I am sure the cities will be glad to help us because we intend to stay only one night, but if they can't help us (with transportation) we'll just have to stay."

Hosea Williams, director of mobilization for the campaign, said that if the country has not responded to the demands of the poor people by May 30 that the Rev. Mr. Abernathy will put out a national call to "all people of good will" to join the protest.

He said the demonstration at that point "may or may not" be called civil disobedience.

Dr. Abernathy said he is meeting with representatives of different ethnic groups this weekend to determine what the campaign demands will be, but a guaranteed income for all and jobs for all who are employable will be included.

The Rev. Mr. Abernathy and some 100 representatives of the poor will present an "economic bill of rights" to congressional leaders and cabinet members next Monday before he returns to launch the caravans from the different sections of the country.

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The Atlanta  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI, SAC, MIAMI, AND SAC, ST. LOUIS

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (3PP).

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RE ATLANTA TEL DATED APRIL TWENTYFOUR, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT; SPRINGFIELD TELEPHONE CALL TO MIAMI APRIL TWENTYFIVE, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT.

RE PAUL ALVIN LAIL, JR., AKA.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE ST. LOUIS DIVISION, ONE LEWIE RAYMOND DOWDA CONFINED COUNTY JAIL, MARIETTA, GEORGIA, ON ARMED ROBBERY CONVICTION INTERVIEWED. DOWDA WAS ACQUAINTED WITH RAY AT MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY FOR THREE YEARS, ENDING SEPTEMBER TWENTYTHREE, NINETEEN SIXTY SIX, WHEN DOWDA RELEASED. DOWDA STATED RAY WAS DOPE ADDICT, USING INJECTIONS AND WAS ADDICTED PRIOR TO INCARCERATION. RAY USED AMPHETIMINE. DOWDA STATED HAROLD SCHAEFFER, GUARD ON GATE AT THE 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 DOPEHABIT AS WELL AS FIFTEEN TO TWENTY DOLLARS PER WEEK OTHER EXPENDITURES. DOWDA CLAIMS THREE NEGRO PRISONERS KILLED IN PRISON AFTER PROTESTING DEMIAL OF BLACK

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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 CLOSE FRIEND WAS DONALD DEAN RIGGER FROM CALIFORNIA WHOSE WIFE WAS A PSYCHIATRIST AT NAPA STATE HOSPITAL LOCATED ABOVE SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA. DOWDA STATED RAY WOULD ONLY HAVE AN ADDRESS FOR HIM IN CARE OF DOWDA'S FATHER, CHARLES ALFRED DOWDA, FORMERLY ROUTE ONE, SANFORD, FLORIDA, BUT PRESENTLY ONE ONE ZERO SOUTH CHANDLER STREET, DELAND, FLORIDA, DOWDA DENIES CONTACT IN ANY MANNER WITH RAY SINCE DOWDA'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, SIXTY EIGHT, BUT NO MENTION MADE OF RAY. DOWDA HAS NO IDEA WHY RAY WOULD GO TO ATLANTA.

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A REVIEW OF SPRINGFIELD FILES RE CAPTIONED INDIVIDUAL REFLECTED HIM AS SUBJECT OF NINETEEN SIXTY THREE UFAC CASE, OFFICE OF ORIGIN ST. LOUIS, IN WHICH HE IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

PAUL ARTHUR LAIL, JR, AKA PAUL ALVIN LAIL, JR., AKA PAUL LAIL, JR., AKA PAUL ARTHUR CARTER, FBI NUMBER SEVEN FIVE FOUR DASH FOUR EIGHT THREE A, WHITE, MALE, AMERICAN, DATE OF BIRTH [REDACTED] AT MARION, NORTH CAROLINA, SIX FOOT FIVE INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY POUNDS, RED HAIR, BLUE EYES, NO UPPER TEETH, SCAR ON LEFT KNEE, OCCUPATION SIGN PAINTER, ELECTRICIAN, TRUCK DRIVER, RADIO REPAIR MAN, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER [REDACTED]

ST. LOUIS REQUESTED TO REVIEW FILES RE LAIL AND FURNISH INFORMATION OF VALUE TO MIAMI DIVISION SO THAT LAIL MAY BE LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED REGARDING THE SUBJECT.

THE BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO FURNISH IDENT RECORD OF LAIL, FBI NUMBER SEVEN FIVE FOUR DASH FOUR EIGHT THREE A TO INTERESTED OFFICES.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

DATE: 4-26-68

FROM : SA JOSEPH G. SHEA

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The following investigation was conducted by SA's James Richard Flick and Joseph G. Shea:

SA ROGER L. KAAS telephonically advised on this date that two men had rented Volkswagens at a Rent A Car Agency, Atlanta, Georgia, and that SA D. F. Tackitt had displayed the pictures of JAMES EARL RAY to the Rent A Car Agency people involved and they firmly believed that one of the individuals resembled closely RAY. KAAS stated that the individuals renting the Volkswagens were an East Indian named ALI DOWLATY and JOHN MICHAEL JEWUSIAK both of whom had California identification papers in their possession. The two men rented Volkswagens described as 1967 Blue, bearing '68 Ga., license 1 D 38123 and a 1968 White, bearing 1968 Ga., license 1 D 19114. They gave their current address as Thunderbird Motel, 545 S. 4 Lane Highway, Marietta, Ga. JEWUSIAK was the man whom the car rental agency said resembled RAY.

MR. THOMAS JENKINS, Clerk, Thunderbird Motel, 545 So. 4 Lane Hwy., Marietta, Ga., advised that one JOE DOWLATY, 1406 South Del Mar, San Gabriel, California, had registered at the motel on 4-24-68 and indicated a stay of two weeks. DOWLATY was assigned room 25 and according to JENKINS was very dark complexion and most likely was an East Indian. He stated that DOWLATY was not at the motel at present and had indicated when he signed in that he is associated with the TACO BELL Mexican Restaurant being built on Roswell St., Marietta, Ga. JENKINS advised that DOWLATY is driving a white, two door sedan, make and license not known.

MOHAMMID ALI DOWLATY was located at the TACO BELL Mexican Restaurant now under construction at 698 Roswell Street, Marietta, Ga. Both Volkswagens described above and with the same license numbers were parked on the TACO BELL property. DOWLATY advised that he is the Field Consultant for the TACO BELL restaurants with headquarters at 2424 Moreton St., Torrance, California. He stated that he uses the first name JOE because his real name is hard to pronounce, write and because JOE simplifies his business relationships. DOWLATY advised that he is staying at the Thunderbird Motel, Marietta, Ga., room 25, and expects to be in this area for two weeks. He stated that JOHN MICHAEL JEWUSIAK is the owner of the franchise for the TACO BELL Restaurant under construction at this address.

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JOHN MICHAEL JEWUSIAK was interviewed and advised that he presently resides at 347A Lake Drive, Marietta, Georgia, no phone with DAVID BOY, who is to manage the TACO BELL at 698 Roswell Street., Marietta, upon its completion. JEWUSIAK advised that he purchased the franchise for the TACO BELL Restaurant in December 1966 and is therefore the owner of the restaurant being constructed at this address. The following physical description and background information was obtained during interview:

JOHN MICHAEL JEWUSIAK

6732 Rinconada Drive., Citrus Heights, Calif. phone 916-725-2516

Male, white, born [redacted] California.

5'8", 160 lbs, Hair black (crew cut), eyes brown, tanned complexion, dark beard though clean shaven, teeth white and spaced wide, married- wife VIRGINIA; [redacted]. Scars:  $\frac{1}{2}$ " above left eye brow, no burn scars, no scar on forehead, heavy dark eyebrows, short round nose, both ears close to head. SS# [redacted] military USAF, Airman 1st Class, Serial Number AF 12424487 (Had DD Form 217AF with his picture). California Drivers license with his picture gave former address of 7218 Almond Drive, Citrus Heights, Calif. Drivers license # G 442459, obtained 8-31-65, expires 1970. Sears Roebuck Stores credit card # [redacted] Former employment-AEROJET GENERAL CORP., Sacramento, Calif.

Wearing apparel at time of interview: white short sleeve open necked business shirt, dark olive colored cotton pants, wears gold watch left wrist, and blue colored sun glasses.

The following background information and physical description was obtained during the interview of DOWLATY:

MOHAMMID ALI DOWLATY, aka JOE DOWLATY

1406 South Del Mar, San Gabriel, Calif.

Male, white, born [redacted] Persia or Iran; hair black, eyes brown, 5'8", 160, complexion-very dark, marital status-single, occupation- consultant TACO BELL Mexican Restaurant, 698 Roswell Street, Marietta, Ga. Residence in Marietta, Ga., is Thunderbird Motel, room 25, 545 South 4 Lane, Marietta, Ga.

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# Memorandum

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

DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : SA ROBERT L. MC FALL

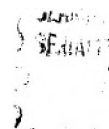
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Remymemo dated 4/19/68.

On 4/24/68, Mr. CHARLES PALMER, Plant Foreman, Shower Door Company, 1301 Chattahoochee, NW, Atlanta, Georgia, advised that the man who applied for a job on 4/16/68 was definitely not the same man as JAMES EARL RAY. He further advised that he had personally called the FBI on 4/18/68 and advised them what he knew. He was told that he "might" be contacted if they felt it was the same man.

PALMER noted the man never returned for the job, but that he was considerably different from the photographs and the pictures on the wanted flyer.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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(OO:MEMPHIS) *1100*ReNYairtel to Bu, Atlanta and Memphis  
dated 4/22/68.Concerning Broadcast originating with  
Public Broadcast Laboratory (PBL), NYC, on Poor Peoples  
March on Washington.

GREG SHUKER, Producer, PBL, NYC, advised on 4/25/68, that his office is in receipt of a letter from Mr. and Mrs. R. WINSTON DRINKARD, 15 South Main Street, South Norwalk, Conn., telephone number 838-3904 (area code 203), concerning captioned matter. The letter was forwarded to PBL by WNDT, Channel 13, TV, NYC, who carried a broadcast by PBL on 4/9/68. This is a repeat of the same broadcast referred to in referenced communication concerning the "poor people's March on Washington".

SHUKER made available the letter which was directed to the General Manager-WNDT, TV and dated 4/9/68, which relates in part as follows:

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1-Memphis (Encl. 3) (Info)  
1-New Haven (Encl. 3) (Info)  
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"General Manager - WNDT

On April 9, 1968, your station had a program on entitled PBL Broadcast concerning the few months prior to Dr. Martin Luther King's death.

At 7:04 the camera settled on a man for a few moments (the time was right after the speaker had introduced Dr. King and his wife and Dr. King stood up to talk. Dr. King said he had never before spoke to such an ethnic group of people). This man bears a striking resemblance to the sketch of the assassin which has been published in the papers.

I have never written a letter like this before so please don't jump to the conclusion that it is a "crank letter". I and my husband feel very strongly about this that the man shown at 7:04 during the PBL program. Please, please review this tape again and see for yourself."

NYO reviewed the overall film on questioned broadcast with PBL and is enclosing three excerpts from film to Atlanta, depicting person referred to in above letter so that similar investigation through appropriate officials of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) as previously requested in referenced airtel, can be conducted in order to identify this person for elimination purposes concerning subject JAMES EARL RAY.

Also enclosed for New Haven and Memphis are three photographs developed from questioned television tape.

It is further noted that the questioned film was taken on 3/14/68, at Paschal's Motel, on Hunter Street in Atlanta.

For information of Atlanta, enclosed excerpts from film were taken from a group discussion of people during which time MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., addressed the group, along with others.



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The entire film relative to the broadcast by PBL which appeared on TV in various parts of the country on April 7 and 4/9/68, has been viewed by the NYO. Since the broadcast is on Video tape and quite lengthy with only a very limited portion involving the two men pointed out as look-a-likes to "sketches" of the assassin of KING, the tapes were not obtained from PBL. They are available in further needed.

NYO is conducting no further investigation relative to the PBL Broadcast.

Subject RAY is considered Armed and Dangerous.

4/25/68

Airtel

To: SACs, Pittsburgh (Enclosures 2)  
Atlanta (Enclosures 2)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Tom S. Smouse, Box 120, R.D. 1, Everett,  
Pennsylvania.

Enclosed are two copies of a letter from  
Tom S. Smouse dated 4/21/68 for Pittsburgh and Atlanta  
indicating that a person possibly identical with the  
subject was seen in Everett, Pennsylvania. One copy  
of the letter is enclosed for Memphis.

Pittsburgh interview Smouse in an effort to  
obtain any additional information he may have concerning  
the person he observed. At time of interview, orally  
acknowledge receipt of his letter.

Atlanta attempt to identify person to whom  
Georgia License Plate 3D20121 was issued.

1 - Memphis (Enclosure) (Info)

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FBI.	LOCATION	Washington DC.
M. TOM S Smouse	LOCATION	Box 120 RD. 1 EVERETT Pa
JECT	FILE REF.	EVN 100-100000-712

SIRS:-

AT 2 A.M. TO DAY THIS MAN DROVE INTO OUR STATION AND ASKED IF HE COULD SLEEP IN HIS CAR AND WOULD SOME ONE CALL HIM AT 5 O'CLOCK AM. THIS I DID.

TO NITE ON T.V. A PICTURE WAS PUT ON THE AIR. AND THIS MAN'S FACE REMINDED ME OF THE ABOL MAN.

LAST NITE I TOOK THIS MAN'S LICENSE # GEORGIA 3D20121 - A BLUE MUSTANG. IT ALSO HAD A # 6231 FORT WHITE OR STEWART

THIS MAN WAS SO EXHAUSTED I COULD NOT WAKE HIM UP SO I TOOK HIS LICENSE # AND CALLED THE STATE POLICE. THEY BLARE THE SIREN AND POLICE WHISTLE AND HE FINALLY AWAKE. THEY ASKED HIM NO QUESTIONS. AND WENT ON ABOUT THEIR JOB.

I TALKED A LITTLE TO HIM AND HE SAID HE HAD TO BE IN CHICAGO ILL. TODAY SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup>. HE BOUGHT NOTHING HAD NO LUGGAGE AND WAS DRESSED IN BLUE DENNINS NO SOCKS BUT HAD ON SANDALS. HE WAS ABOUT 37 YRS OLD AND DARK SKINNED. THIS MAY OR MAY NOT BE MARTIN LUTHER KING'S KILLER.

THANK YOU

4/29/68

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, SAVANNAH

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN

(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Bureau airtel to Atlanta, 4/25/68.

Enclosed for Savannah are copy of Bureau airtel to Atlanta, 4/25/68 and letter to Bureau from TOM S. SMOUSE.

Records of the Georgia DMV reflect 1967 Georgia tag 3D 20121 issued to WILLIAM P. SIBERT, 575 D Company, Hunter AFB, Ga., for a 1966 Ford Mustang, two door hardtop, VIN 6T09C171460. The 1968 listing for this tag is not in the records of the DMV, but should be obtainable at the Courthouse in Savannah.

Savannah handle per Bureau instructions.

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2 - Atlanta  
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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)      DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : SA CHARLES S. HARDING

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RAY MOORE, News Director, WSB-TV, telephonically contacted writer 4/26/68, and referred to information furnished by RAYMOND LOUIS CURTIS that a bounty may have been put on the head of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. Mr. MOORE stated he felt a person capable of this would be WALLACE ALLEN, who runs an advertising agency in Atlanta. He stated ALLEN had been mixed up in the bombing of the Temple in 1958, that he lived beyond his income in a secluded area. Mr. MOORE also stated he recently ascertained that ALLEN had a "hot line" telephone installed at his home, telephone number 255-7120. Mr. MOORE also determined that several years ago a newspaper reporter from Birmingham wrote an article indicating that a crippled man with Klan connections from Atlanta is believed to be the perpetrator of the bombing of the Baptist Church in Birmingham in which four children were killed. Mr. MOORE indicated this fits the description of ALLEN.

It is noted the articles concerning the Birmingham bombing and crippled man in Atlanta with Klan connections was actually referring to J. B. STONER.

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*A. Miller am*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P) DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : SA JOHN P. GRANFIELD  
SA C. O. KENNERLY, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: LEWIE DOWDA PHASE

On 4/26/68, Mrs. RAMONA WEHUNT, nee DOWDA, Apartment 468, 4th Street, Marietta, Georgia, telephone 427-7083 (unlisted) advised she is the sister of LEWIE DOWDA. She furnished the following information:

Her brother, LEWIE, never mentioned the subject by his true name or any known aliases and she viewed the photograph of subject with negative results.

The friends of her brother are "Red" (LNU) and "Red's" wife (name unknown), who came to Marietta with their young child and visited with LEWIE not too long ago. "Red" had served time with LEWIE, probably in the Missouri State Penitentiary. During the time that "Red" was in Marietta with his family, "Red" obtained employment with an Atlanta firm engaged in the sign construction business. She has no information as to the whereabouts of "Red" or his family.

Another friend of her brother's was "Dink" (LNU). Her brother went to Missouri (city not known) for some unknown reason and when he returned, he was accompanied by "Dink." She has no information as to whether "Dink" was a rap partner of LEWIE's or how their friendship developed. Dink's whereabouts is unknown to her.

Another friend of LEWIE's was a "Cheyenne" (LNU), who was from either Sanford or Orlando, Florida. "Cheyenne" came with LEWIE from Florida to Marietta in about 1962 and apparently went to California with LEWIE. On their return to Georgia, they got in trouble in Missouri, which resulted in the incarceration of her brother on some felony charge there. She has heard "Cheyenne" has subsequently died.

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She has no information as to any other friends of LEWIE's.

She recalls that her brother took a bible course while at the Missouri State Penitentiary. His racial views have always been moderate and he belongs to no organizations of which she is aware.

On 4/26/68, TOM DURRETT, owner Royal Tire Service, 639 Powder Springs Street, Marietta, advised that an individual known to him as "Dink" was employed by him under the name BILLY DINK CHUMLEY, who listed his address as 236 Gramling Street, Marietta, Georgia. The employment records relating to CHUMLEY reflect he listed his Social Security No. as [redacted] and his date of birth as [redacted]. The records further reflect that CHUMLEY was employed from 4/15/67 to 8/11/67, and DURRETT described him as being a white male, 5' 11", 200 - 210 pounds, thinning grayish-brown hair, medium to rough complexion and having no upper teeth.

DURRETT reported that CHUMLEY was from Oklahoma City and apparently left Oklahoma City because of marital problems.

DURRETT advised he has no information as to CHUMLEY's whereabouts but recalled that some two to three months ago CHUMLEY called from somewhere in Atlanta while passing through. CHUMLEY was looking for employment and inquired of DURRETT as to whether he would be a reference for him in seeking employment at the American Tire Co., Atlanta, Georgia.

DURRETT reported further that the only friend of "Dink's" he knew about was WHITEY DOWDA. CHUMLEY had a girl friend (name unknown) who was probably from Anderson, S. C.

CHUMLEY, according to DURRETT, never mentioned having been in jail and stated the only trouble he had ever been involved in was with his wife.

DURRETT viewed photograph of subject RAY with negative results and advised that CHUMLEY never mentioned this individual by his true name or any aliases.

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DURRETT reported that CHUMLEY drove a Buick auto to Marietta upon his arrival in Marietta and that vehicle was wrecked, and is presently on DURRETT's property. This vehicle was examined and it was ascertained it was black and white 1955 Buick, VIN 4B4075430, bearing 1967 Oklahoma license XW 6672.

On 4/26/68, Mrs. HASSIE SOUTHERN, 202 Gramling Street, Marietta, Georgia, advised she is the owner of the small house located at 236 Gramling Street, Marietta. She advised she does not recall any occupant of that residence bearing the name BILLY DINK CHUMLEY or "Dink" CHUMLEY.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P) DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : SA CHARLES S. HARDING

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 6:12 P.M., 4/26/68, Supervisor HUNTER HELGESON, Bureau, advised that in connection with our investigation of cars listed for sale in the want ads, we should not limit this inquiry to 4/5/68, but should continue it to a later date. A date of 4/11/68 was agreed on by Mr. HELGESON and writer.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P) DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : SA JAMES RICHARD FLICK

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo of IC MARION W. DAVIS, 4/18/68.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA JAMES RICHARD FLICK:

AT MARIETTA, GA.

On 4/24/68, WILLIAM EDWARD GALT, 210 A, Pine Crest Circle, advised he is presently employed at Dobbins Air Force Base in the Air National Guard. GALT advised he is the son of HARRY GALT of Kennesaw, Ga. who had been interviewed previously by this agent. GALT stated that he had been in contact with his father, HARRY GALT, who had advised him of the nature of the interview. WILLIAM EDWARD GALT stated that he could provide no additional information re the identity of ERIC STARVO GALT and stated that he was not aware of any members of their family by that name.

GALT also expressed an attitude of willingness and stated that if any pertinent information should come to his attention, he would notify the FBI.

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# Memorandum

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

FROM : SA ROBERT L. MC FALL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/29/68

Remymemo dated 4/19/68.

On 4/24/68, JACK MARTIN, Day Manager, Bus Grill, Cain and Williams Street, NW, Atlanta, Georgia, advised he had never seen JAMES EARL RAY in the establishment or at any other time.

Later that day the Bus Grill was again contacted and the photographs shown to the woman working the counter. She refused to give her name but stated she worked on the night of 4/16/68 and does not remember seeing RAY in the place.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA JAMES RICHARD FLICK:

AT MARIETTA, GEORGIA

On April 21, 1968, DENNIS DUNCAN, Identification Bureau, Cobb County Sheriff's Office, advised the records reflect LEWIE RAYMOND DOWDA, 1565 Austell Road, Marietta, Georgia, was arrested on December 7, 1967 by Deputy Sheriffs STRICKLAND and MC ZENTYRE for a fraudulent check. DUNCAN continued that DOWDA had been released on December 8, 1967 after arranging for a \$100 bond that was made by bondsman R. S. CRAIN. The disposition of the fraudulent check charge was not known.

DUNCAN continued that DOWDA had again been arrested on March 4, 1968 for larceny (felony) by Deputy Sheriff SLATON of the Cobb County Sheriff's Office. DUNCAN stated that DOWDA had made a \$1500 bond on March 8, 1968 through the Acme Bonding Company. DUNCAN continued DOWDA had been sentenced on April 17, 1968 to two years and was presently incarcerated in the Cobb County Jail, Marietta, Georgia.

DUNCAN made available the following description of  
DOWDA:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	Marion County, Florida
Height	5 feet 11 inches
Weight	150 pounds
Hair	Blonde
Eyes	Blue
Relatives:	
Wife	SHARON DOWDA
Parent	S.C. DOWDA
	DeLand, Florida
Fingerprint	
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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P) DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : SA CHARLES S. HARDING

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/26/68, CARL E. JERNBERG, JR., Route 2, College Park, Ga., telephone 766-2072, appeared at the Atlanta Office to ascertain the reason why his wife received a call on an auto that they had listed for sale in the want ads of the newspaper. He was advised by the writer that this was a routine inquiry and that he had nothing to be concerned about. He was appreciative of this Office being frank with him in this matter.

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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (P)  
MURKIN  
CR.  
OO: MEMPHIS

Enclosed herewith for the Atlanta Division and the Birmingham Division are one copy each of photographs of subject's brothers, JOHN LARRY RAY, aka, FBI # 368 725 A and JERRY WILLIAM RAY, aka, FBI # 862 651 A.

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2 - Atlanta (Enc. 2)  
2 - Birmingham (Enc. 2)  
1 - Memphis  
2 - Springfield (44-561)

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URGENT 4/29/68 HJM

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND SPRINGFIELD  
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386 2 P

MURKIN

RE: TELEPHONE PHASE

MRS. LOWELL LANGE, TELEPHONE EIGHT SEVEN SIX-SIX SIX TWO NINE, ATLANTA, GA. ADVISED SHE HAD NUMEROUS UNEXPLAINED PHONE CALLS ON THE PAST TWO PHONE BILLS. NOTIFIED FBI, ATLANTA AFTER NOTING FOUR OF SAME CALLS MADE TO ALTON, ILL., HOME OF JAMES EARL RAY.

INTERVIEW WITH LANGE FAMILY INDICATED NO ONE PLACED CALLS AND NO ONE ELSE HAD ACCESS TO PHONE. INTERVIEW ALSO INDICATED FAMILY TO BE STABLE AND REPUTABLE. CALLS WERE MADE ON FEB. FOURTEEN TO SIX ONE EIGHT-FOUR SIX SIX-ONE ONE EIGHT SIX, ON FEB. SIXTEEN TO SIX ONE EIGHT-FOUR SIX SIX -FOUR FIVE FOUR THREE. CALLS WERE ALSO MADE ON FEB. SIXTEEN AND FEB. TWENTY EIGHT TO FOUR SIX SIX-ONE ONE EIGHT SIX. ALL CALLS WERE MADE FROM  
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ATLANTA TELEPHONE EIGHT SEVEN SIX-SIX SIX TWO NINE TO ALTON,  
ILL.

SPRINGFIELD AT ALTON, ILL. WILL DETERMINE SUBSCRIBER TO  
ABOVE MENTIONED NUMBERS AND ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE IF ANY  
CONNECTION BETWEEN SUBSCRIBERS AND SUBJECT.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA  
RICHARD D. RACKLEFF on April 23, 1968:

AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA

The following persons were contacted at their respective agencies and were shown a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, also known as ERIC STARVO GALT. Other employees of these respective agencies were also shown photographs of RAY in an effort to effect an identification. The records of each agency were checked as well as the overdue list without locating a rental contract under the name of JAMES EARL RAY or any of the following aliases:

Eric Starvo Galt  
W. C. Herron  
Harvey Lowmyer  
James McBride  
James O'Conner  
James Walton  
James Walyon  
John Willard

The persons interviewed are listed as follows:

SUE JONES  
Hertz Rental Agency  
Atlanta International Airport

ANN WALLS  
National Car Rental Agency  
Atlanta International Airport

JIM WALKER  
Avis Rental Agency  
Atlanta International Airport

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ED PARRISH  
Thrifty Rent-A-Car  
951 Virginia Avenue

CAROL GRIFFITH  
Econ-O-Car  
1215 Virginia Avenue

MARY DELANO  
Budget Rent-A-Car  
1219 Virginia Avenue

GLEN STONEBARGER  
Americar  
1359 Virginia Avenue

JIMMY DUKE  
Airways Rent-A-Car and  
Continental Rent-A-Car  
Holiday Inn Motel  
Virginia Avenue

CAROL MITCHELL  
Cherokee Air Taxi Charter Service  
Atlanta International Airport

CAROL MITCHELL, supra, was also contacted and the records of her office were reviewed for a possible airplane charter under the above name and aliases of the subject with negative results. Miss MITCHELL also viewed a photograph of RAY and was unable to identify RAY as anyone having chartered an airplane through the Cherokee Air Taxi Charter Service.

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At 1:45 p.m. on April 18, 1968, an anonymous female, who ~~sounded as though~~ she might have been a Negro, advised that an individual who is the supervisor of cleaning employees at 1800 Peachtree Street, NE, Atlanta looks exactly like the pictures of GALT. This unknown caller stated that this man began his present position as supervisor of cleaning employees on April 5, 1968, and she described him as a man about 5 feet 10 inches, 175 pounds, and stated that his hair was short but not crewcut. She stated that his hair was dark brown or black.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA STEPHEN L. HALPIN:

STAN FORMBY, Assistant Superintendent, Peachtree Palisades West, 1800 Peachtree Street, NE, advised that the supervisor of the cleaning employees at night at this location was an individual named PAT whose last name he did not know. He said PAT was an employee of Associated Cleaning Contractors, Incorporated, 685 - 11th Street, NW, Atlanta, Georgia.

FORMBY was shown a photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT and he said this definitely was not the individual who worked at this building as a cleaning supervisor. He estimated PAT's age to be 35 to 40, said he was about 5 feet 7 inches in height, and possibly 165 pounds in weight. He said he wore his hair parted and short, but not a crewcut.

JOHN GWIN, Associated Cleaning Contractors, Incorporated, 685 - 11th Street, NW, Atlanta, Georgia, advised the employee who was the cleaning supervisor at the building located at 1800 Peachtree Street, NE, Atlanta was named PAT CANNON. GWIN advised that PAT CANNON had been employed on March 28 and had been on a training program until the evening of April 5, 1968, at which time he started work as the cleaning supervisor at the building at 1800 Peachtree Street, NE, Atlanta. GWIN stated that for the evenings of April 1 through April 4, 1968, CANNON was training as a supervisor in the building located at 1776 Peachtree Street, NE, Atlanta, and was constantly accompanied by ROY BONE who was furnishing him the training necessary.

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GWIM viewed a picture of ERIC STARVO GALT and stated that CANNON definitely was not identical with this individual. GWIM said that CANNON worked evenings for Associated Cleaning Contractors, Incorporated, but had a full-time job during the day with Southern Freight Tariff Bureau, 101 Marietta Street, Atlanta, Georgia.

GWIM furnished the following background information concerning CANNON which appears on CANNON's application for employment:

Name	PAT CANNON
Social Security Number	<input type="text"/>
Present Address	1412 Willow Trail Atlanta, Georgia
How Long at This Address	Four years
Telephone Number	753-8477
Date of Birth	<input type="text"/>
Place of Birth	Lumpkin County, Georgia
Height	5 feet 5 inches
Weight	160 pounds
Wife's name	DELERICE ANN CANNON
Children	Two
Ages	7 and 5
Father's name	OSCAR CANNON Cleveland, Georgia
Mother's name	FAIRY CANNON Cleveland, Georgia
Employer	Southern Freight Tariff Bureau 101 Marietta Street Atlanta, Georgia



## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 18, 1968

HENRY H. WATERS, Apartment 1, 107 14th Street, Atlanta, advised he is not acquainted with any other tenants in this building other than MC DONALD, the plumber, who lives in Room 2 at this address, and he is not acquainted with any residents of the building located at 113 14th Street.

WATERS was asked if he recalled a white Mustang which may have been parked at the rear of 107 14th Street or 113 14th Street, and he stated he recalled this car well since the owner of this car always parked in such a manner he would use up about three parking spots. WATERS stated there was a shallow ditch between the parking areas at the rear of 107 14th Street and 113 14th Street, and the individual who drove this white Mustang generally parked at the rear of 113 14th Street parallel to this ditch rather than heading into the ditch and in this manner utilized about three parking spots. WATERS said this irritated him since parking space was so short and he would have mentioned it to Mr. GARNER, but GARNER was sick at the time and he did not bother him with it. WATERS said if he had ever seen the driver of this white Mustang, he would have mentioned it to him directly, but he had never seen the driver of this Mustang. He stated he knew there was an out of state plate on this car, but did not recall the state and said it might have been white with black letters. WATERS said he always checked license plates of strange cars parked behind these two houses since roomers generally have out of state cars and local license plates generally belong to people who have no business parking in this area. For that reason he was able to recall that this white Mustang had an out of state license plate on it!

WATERS was asked at what time of the day he generally recalled this car being parked at the rear of 113 14th Street and he said he was only aware of it at the times when he returned from work about 5:00 p.m. He estimated that this car was in this area for about 2 weeks and he believes it was about 2 weeks since he had last seen this car.

WATERS was unable to identify anyone in the neighborhood by description or artist's composite photograph who might have been identical with the individual believed to have used the name GALT.

On 4/15/68 at Atlanta, Georgia File # AT 44-2386 - 1446  
 by SA STEPHEN L. HALPERN and  
SA RAYMOND J. MICHEL SLH:swo Date dictated 4/17/68

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 23, 1968

DOUGLAS MICHAEL HILL, who rents room number 11 at 107 - 14th Street, Atlanta, was located and interviewed at his place of employment, Thompson, Boland and Lee, Incorporated, 201 Peachtree Street, Northeast, Atlanta.

HILL advised that he had rented room number 11 from Mr. GARNER approximately March 21, 1968 and although he is still paying rent on this room, he does not always return to this room at night. It was HILL's recollection that he returned to this room nightly for the period from March 21, 1968 through March 29, 1968 and only intermittently since that time. HILL was shown a photograph of the individual who had rented room number 2 at 113 - 14th Street under the name of GALT on March 24, 1968, and HILL advised he could not recall ever seeing this individual in the neighborhood.

HILL further advised that he had no recollection of ever seeing a white Mustang parked at the rear of either 107 - 14th Street or 113 - 14th Street during the period that he has rented a room at 107 - 14th Street nor has he ever heard the name GALT while residing there.

HILL said that with the exception of Mr. GARNER, he has not become acquainted with any other roomer at either 107 - 14th Street or 113 - 14th Street.

On 4/19/68 at Atlanta, Georgia File # Atlanta 44-2386  
by SA STEPHEN L. HALPIN / hjm Date dictated 4/22/68

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : SA RICHARD E. FUGATT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Atlanta Tel to Miami & Director, 4/25/68,  
Serial 1250.

On 4/26/68, ROGER K. MILAM, 225-A, Kinsey Court, N.E., advised that he had been the tenant at this address since September, 1967. He stated that the previous tenant, a Mr. WILLARD RAY, had left in the latter part of August, 1967. MILAM stated that he had not met RAY, but understood that he was a music instructor at one of the colleges, and had left to either continue graduate work or teach at another college. MILAM stated he did not know a forwarding address for RAY, but that the landlord was Mr. FRED REEVES, 665 E. Pelham Rd., N.E., telephone 874-8377.

On the same date, Mrs. FRED REEVES, advised her husband was out of town and would return 4/29/68. She stated that she knew nothing regards WILLARD RAY as her husband handled those matters.

On 4/29/68, FRED REEVES, 665 E. Pelham Rd, N.E., advised that WILLARD F. RAY had been a tenant at 225-A Kinsey Court during the period of approximately September, 1966 to September, 1967. He stated that he had never seen RAY, but had been placed in the apartment through the recommendation of a previous tenant. He stated that RAY was married and had two small children. He advised that Mrs. RAY usually mailed the rent to him. He also stated that he did not know where the RAY's may have moved to, in that Mrs. RAY had given him a couple of weeks notice and they had left.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : SA KENNETH R. HEINEMAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Rememo of SA CHARLES S. HARDING dated 4/22/68.

On 4/19/68, copies of the press release of that date were delivered to Mr. KEN WILSON, WIGO Radio, Georgian Terrace Hotel, at 2:45 p.m. and to Mrs. PATRICIA BROYLES, WIIN Radio, 1365 Peachtree Street, Northeast, at 2:50 p.m.

Pursuant to rememo, physical observation was conducted of all of Marietta Street, Northwest, and Marietta Boulevard, Northwest, from downtown Atlanta to the Cobb County Line in search of new and used car dealers. It was determined by the writer that there are no new car dealers on those streets and there are only three used car dealers.

On 4/23/68, Mr. JAMES GILLESPIE, Southern Auto Sales, 381 Marietta Street, Northwest, advised that he never sold a car to a man bearing any resemblance whatsoever to JAMES EARL RAY. Mr. GILLESPIE said that he sells mostly to Negroes and he would certainly remember selling to a white man, therefore, he can make the above statement with absolute certainty.

On 4/23/68, Mr. WILLIAM A. STRICKLAND, Strickland Used Trucks, 711 Marietta Street, Northwest, Atlanta, Ga., advised that he knows every person to whom he sold a truck in the past year and he has never sold a truck to a man bearing any resemblance whatsoever to JAMES EARL RAY.

On 4/23/68, Mr. RALSTON G. HANIE, West Marietta Street Motor Company, Inc., 940 West Marietta Street, Northwest, Atlanta, Georgia, advised that he has never sold a car to anyone bearing any resemblance whatsoever to JAMES EARL RAY.

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115PM URGENT 4/29/68 WPK

TO ATLANTA

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 2P

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IN A REVIEW OF THE MAIN FILE ON KING AT THE BUREAU, IT WAS NOTED SEVERAL THREATS HAVE BEEN MADE IN THE PAST ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE KLAN IN GEORGIA AND ALABAMA.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM MOBILE (157-2627)

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO MOBILE FIVE ZERO FOUR P.M.,  
APR. TWENTYSIX INSTANT CONCERNING JIMMY GEORGE ROBINSON.

MOBILE TELETYPE TO BUREAU THREE THIRTYFOUR P.M. APR.  
NINE LAST SUGGESTED ROBINSON AS SUSPECT AND SET FORTH LEADS  
FOR BIRMINGHAM AND DALLAS.

BUREAU TELETYPE TO MOBILE THREE FORTY P.M. APR. TEN  
SET FORTH THAT LATENT FINGERPRINTS THIS CASE WERE NOT  
IDENTICAL WITH THE PRINTS OF ROBINSON.

DALLAS TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND MOBILE SEVEN TEN P.M.  
APR. TEN SET FORTH THAT ROBINSON HAD BEEN EMPLOYED AS  
ASSISTANT SERVICE MANAGER, GOODYEAR SERVICE CENTER, MESQUITE,  
TEXAS SINCE MAR. TWENTYONE SIXTYEIGHT WORKING EIGHT A.M. TO

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SIX P.M. SIX DAYS A WEEK, HAS NOT TAKEN ANY TIME OFF AND WAS PERSONALLY OBSERVED BY MANAGER ALL DAY APR. FOUR LAST.

IF ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION DESIRED RE ROBINSON, DALLAS SHOULD BE REQUESTED TO CONDUCT SAME AS HE RESIDES THAT DIVISION.

AM COPIES ATLANTA, DALLAS AND MEMPHIS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : SA JAMES RICHARD FLICK

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Atlanta memo of Supv. CHARLES S. HARDING  
4/24/68.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA JAMES RICHARD FLICK:

## AT CANTON, GEORGIA

On 4/25/68, IDA SEEG, Clerk, Cherokee County Sheriff's Office, Canton, Ga., advised she has resided in the Canton, Georgia, area almost 55 years and stated that she was well acquainted with J. L. LAWSON, aka J. Lint Lawson, Route 2, Avery Community, Canton, Ga. SEEG stated upon viewing the photograph of both subjects GALT and RAY, that this definitely was not J. LINT LAWSON, who is a highly regarded member of the Canton community.

On the same date, SEEG stated that JAMES P. CANNON, 100 Hill Top Drive, Canton, Ga., was also well known to her. She stated that CANNON is employed by the Concord Rubber Company, Cherry Hill, New Jersey, as a traveling salesman. SEEG stated that CANNON is frequently on the road traveling and spends a good deal of his time out of town.

SEEG continued CANNON was well thought of in this community and again stated, upon viewing photographs of RAY and GALT, that CANNON bore no resemblance whatsoever to these subjects.

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SEEG advised that she could speak highly for both of these men and stated that there was no question in her mind that they were both outstanding citizens. She stated that she felt that CANNON was the person who had been seen in Louisiana, inasmuch as he does drive a 1963 Oldsmobile and spends so much time out of town.