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ReBuairtel to Atlanta and Pittsburgh dated 4/25/68.

Investigation at Everett, Pa., disclosed that THOMAS S. SMOUSE of RD #1, Everett, is a gasoline attendant at the Esso Service Station on the westbound lane of the Pennsylvania Turnpike near Bedford, Pa.

SMOUSE was contacted at his place of employment by SA JOHN S. HUGHES on 5/7/68, when his letter to the Bureau was orally acknowledged.

SMOUSE stated that at approximately 2:00 AM on 4/21/68, a man came into his service station and asked if he could sleep in his vehicle for approximately one-half hour. The man explained that he had to be in Chicago, Ill., on Sunday, 4/22/68, and that he did not desire to sleep too long. SMOUSE stated that the man went into the rest room in the gasoline station and then returned and made the comment to SMOUSE that he felt that he was much too tired to sleep for only one-half hour and decided that it would be better if SMOUSE would awake him at approximately 5:00 AM.

SMOUSE stated that he permitted the man to sleep in the car until 5:00 AM and then attempted to arouse him. At this point, two young Pennsylvania State Police officers came into the service station and SMOUSE explained the problem to them. He stated that they laughingly blew the siren on the State Police vehicle frightening the man badly. He stated they did not question him even though he, SMOUSE, noted to these officers that the man in his opinion looked very much like the man who killed MARTIN LUTHER KING.

SMOUSE advised that he was suspicious of the man because of his haggard looking condition and because of his dirty dress and, therefore, took the license number of the vehicle, a blue Mustang, which he described as having Georgia license

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3D20121, and some sort of an Army sticker on the bumper which had the number 6231.

SMOUSE advised that shortly after the State Police blew the siren, the man departed in a westerly direction in the above-described vehicle.

SMOUSE described the man as follows:

Age	30 - 35
Build	Muscular
Height	5'8"
Hair	Dark
Eyes	Dark
Complexion	Dark
Accent	Either a southern or southwestern accent
Appearance	Generally giving appearance of Mexican extraction

SMOUSE was shown all available photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, aka, when he stated that, in reviewing all the photographs, he ~~felt~~ that the man who was in his service station was identical with the subject.

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TO: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2336)  
FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Atlanta airtel to the Bureau dated 4/26/68.

On 5/9/68, STEPHEN IVAN STOLLER was located and interviewed at Williamson, W. Va. STOLLER said he was in attendance at a meeting at the Paschal's Motel in Atlanta, Ga., on 3/14/68. He is unable to recall the names and descriptions of any other people present. He does recall being introduced to two white males in the lobby of the motel by CARL BRADEN of the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF). He does not recall the names of either of these persons.

The following is a description of STOLLER as obtained from observation and interview:

Name	STEPHEN IVAN STOLLER
Race	White
Sex	Male
DOB	
POB	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Height	5'9"
Weight	150 pounds
Hair	Brown, long
Eyes	Hazel

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Parents:

DANIEL and ROSE STOLLER  
120 Dogwood Road,  
Roslyn, N. Y.

Residence

Mulberry Street,  
Williamson, W. Va.

Receives mail

c/o Mingo County Equal  
Opportunity Committee (EOC)  
Williamson, W. Va.

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, LITTLE ROCK (157-1215) (P)  
RE: MURKIN  
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(OO: ME)

Re Atlanta airtel to Bureau, 5/10/68, attention  
FBI Laboratory, concerning ERNEST S. GAULT.

Referenced airtel set forth a lead for the  
Little Rock Office to attempt to locate ERNEST S. GAULT.  
An extensive investigation has previously been conducted  
by the Little Rock Office and other offices to locate  
this individual, and no further action is being taken in  
this matter.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) P

FROM : SA JACK T. BEVERSTEIN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/15/68

Re Memo of SA CHARLES S. HARDING dated 5/1/68, re information received from JAMES H. VAUGHN.

On 5/2/68 RAY GAINES, Bartender, Dennis Cafe, located corner of Evans and Murphy Avenue, S. W., Atlanta, Ga., advised he could not recall anyone meeting the physical description or a person resembling JAMES EARL RAY who was reportedly in Dennis' Cafe on 4/29/68. GAINES viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and advised he could not recall anyone resembling these photographs having been in Dennis Cafe.

On 5/3/68 WALTER JONES, Assistant Manager, Atlanta Municipal Airport, advised the maintenance employees at the Atlanta Airport are employed by the City of Atlanta, Rawlings Cleaners, and the American Building Maintenance Company. JONES advised the maintenance employees wear their last names only on their shirts and their records fail to reflect anyone with the last name of GEORGE ever being employed by the City. He stated there is no person working on the late shift with the first name of GEORGE. He stated they did have a person by the name of GEORGE EDWARD MEEKS who has been employed by them since 1964 that works the first shift. JONES viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and stated he is certain he has no one employed by them who resembles the photograph of RAY.

On 5/3/68 JOHN DALEY, Rawlings Cleaners, Atlanta Airport Terminal, advised they had had no white male employed by them on the late shift. He advised they had no one employed by them with the last name of GEORGE nor did they have anyone employed by them who resembled the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY.

On 5/3/68 JERRY MOORE, American Building Maintenance Company, advised they have no white males employed by them.

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On 5/3/68 JAMES H. VAUGHN, 3376 Brookfield Lane, Decatur, Ga., advised the individual he had seen at Dennis Cafe on 4/29/68 was wearing navy blue trousers with a white cloth block under the belt seam where he had observed the name GEORGE. He stated the man was 26 to 40 years of age and needed to shave. VAUGHN viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and was unable to definitely state that the individual he had seen at Dennis Cafe was identical to RAY. VAUGHN advised he had heard a story at Dennis Cafe to the effect that several days after KING was murdered an individual had been to Dennis Cafe and had several thousand dollars in his possession which he was flashing around and claimed to have several thousand more outside in his car. This individual reportedly was talking about the murderer of Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING and appeared to be quite knowledgeable on this subject. VAUGHN stated everyone at Dennis Cafe felt this individual was involved in the murder of Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING. VAUGHN advised he had heard this story from the bartender at Dennis Cafe. VAUGHN stated he had thereafter become suspicious of the man he had seen at Dennis Cafe on the night of 4/29/68. He stated this individual claimed he had previously worked as a carpet installation man.

VAUGHN advised LARRY, an upholster who frequents Dennis Cafe, had told him about the man having been in Dennis Cafe after KING was killed. LARRY claimed this man had come into the bar and had approximately \$5,000 spread out on the table, stating that he had \$8,000 more in his car and had talked about KING being killed. Besides LARRY, a wino named EDDIE who is retired from the Army had reportedly talked to this individual. RAY GAINES, the bartender, had told him that day that an FBI agent had showed him a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and he believed the individual who had been in the cafe with the money was identical to JAMES EARL RAY. RAY GAINES claimed that this individual had returned to the Dennis Cafe several times since then but was wearing glasses and had a bald spot in the back of his head.

On 5/6/68 RAY GAINES, bartender, Dennis Cafe, home address 1185½ Regent Street, S. W., advised he recalled the individual who reportedly had a great sum of money that had stopped in at Dennis Cafe shortly after KING was killed.



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He stated he had not personally observed this money but was told about this by LARRY HUMPHRIES. He stated this individual has been back at least two times, the last time being approximately 4/26/68. He advised that the first time this individual had been at the bar he had stayed three or four hours and had set up the house on two occasions to drinks. He advised this individual had come into the cafe alone and had left the same way. GAINES pointed out EDDIE LASSETER as a person who had sat with this individual.

EDDIE LASSETER, 1485 Langston Avenue, S. W., Atlanta, Ga., advised he recalled the evening the man had come to Dennis Cafe and had purchased him several drinks. He stated he had never seen this individual before and has not seen him since that time. He stated he has no idea as to the identity of the individual. He viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and was unable to positively identify the man who had been at the cafe as being identical to JAMES EARL RAY.

On 5/6/68 LARRY HUMPHRIES, 1391 Kenelworth Drive, was interviewed at his place of employment, Lane's Funniture Company, College Park, Ga. HUMPHRIES stated that several days after KING was murdered a white male had come into Dennis Cafe having approximately \$4,000 in his pocket. HUMPHRIES stated although he had not counted the money he is fairly certain that this individual had a large sum of money. He stated that this person advised he had \$8,000 more in his car. He advised that this person had stated that he had to leave to go back to Birmingham. He stated this individual wore glasses and talked intoxicated. He stated this individual mentioned something about the first gun the assassin bought was not the right gun. He stated this individual also appeared to know a great deal about the KING murder that was not commonly known. HUMPHRIES advised he did not believe the individual was identical to the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY which were shown to him. He stated this man talked in the third person and never made any statement that he had killed KING. He advised this individual had dark hair and wore glasses and had also talked to Sgt. JENKINS who is assigned Ft. McPherson, Ga.

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On 5/7/68 Sgt. HAROLD JENKINS, Ft. McPherson, Ga., advised he had heard the story concerning the person with a lot of money who had been to the Dennis Cafe but that he, JENKINS, had not been present at Dennis Cafe on this particular evening. JENKINS stated that at that time he had just gotten out of the Post Stockade and was out of town. JENKINS could furnish no information which would assist in identifying this individual.

On 5/7/68 GEORGE EDWARD MEEKS was interviewed at the Atlanta Municipal Airport. MEEKS was determined not to be identical with JAMES EARL RAY. MEEKS stated one MARVIN F. GERALD, was formerly employed for Sears Roebuck and Company as a carpet installation man, and that this is the only person working the third shift who had formerly been employed as a carpet installer. MEEKS, and WALTER JONES, Assistant Manager, Atlanta Municipal Airport, advised MARVIN F. GERALD has been known to them for more than a year and they are certain he is not identical to JAMES EARL RAY. They advised GERALD did not resemble photograph of JAMES EARL RAY.

On 5/14/68 RAY GAINES, bartender, Dennis Cafe, advised the person who had been at Dennis Cafe shortly after KING's murder and who had displayed a great deal of money at Dennis Cafe had been seen by him sitting on the porch at 1715 Evans Drive. GAINES drove by the address, 1715 Evans Drive, and pointed out the individual to whom he had referred.

On 5/14/68 JESS LEE CANIDA, 1715 Evans Drive, S. W., Atlanta, Ga., was interviewed and was determined not to be identical to JAMES EARL RAY. CANIDA has been residing on Evans Street for the past four years. He is employed at McLain Manufacturing Company and was born [redacted] at Haleyville, Ala. He stated he normally tells people he is from Birmingham, Ala. CANIDA and CANIDA's wife, DOT CANIDA, advised JESS CANIDA has been on a "drunk" for over a month. CANIDA advised that he could not recall having been in Dennis Cafe, but is an alcoholic and cannot recall

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all of his activities for the past month. CANIDA advised he has no information concerning the murder of Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and the only information that he had had was what he had read in the newspaper concerning KING's death prior to going on a drunk. It is noted that CANIDA wore glasses, has black hair with bald spot in the back and closely fit the description of the individual who had been at Dennis Cafe. It is further noted that the bartender, RAY GAINES, had positively identified CANIDA as being the person who had been at the cafe.



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Date: 5/15/68

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TO: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)  
FROM: SAC, SAVANNAH (44-1768) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
OO: MEMPHIS

Re AT teletype, 5/7/68.

RE BELLHOP  
STUCKEY'S CARRIAGE INN  
JEKYLL ISLAND, GEORGIA

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA JOHN P. MC GUIRE on 5/9/68:

AT JEKYLL ISLAND, GEORGIA:

Mr. ROBERT GIBBS, Resident Manager, Stuckey's Carriage Inn Motel advised there is only one white bellhop employed at this motel. He does not wear a uniform, and has been employed at this motel for about two weeks. He is WALLACE HARRELL, age 28. HARRELL was observed and noted not to be identical with subect RAY after his fingerprints were checked against IO #4182.

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SA ROBERT S. KENNEMUR

MURKIN

Re memo of Supervisor CHARLES S. HARDING dated 4/22/68.

The following individuals were contacted on the date indicated that the wanted flyer on JAMES EARL RAY was exhibited to these individuals with negative results:

ALBANY, GEORGIA  
4/24/68

WILLIAM YOMAN's - Hertz Rent-A-Car

Mrs. FRANK LAWYER - Econo-Car of Albany

PAT ATKINSON - Davis Car Rental and Albany Air Service

CARL PHILLIPS, JR. - Nation Wide Airlines

MIKE BEVIS and ALTON ALLEN - Southern Airways

M.C. TABS - Eastern Airlines

Mrs. OWENS, Mr. HURNE, Mrs. SOLOMON and TERRY CATLIDGE - Trailways Bus Lines

FLOYD BARRETT - Beck's Cabs

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JAMES M. BAILEY - Albany Cab Co.

Railroad

W. R. HELM - Ticket Agent, Central of Georgia

TOMMY PRITCHETT - Haley Motors (new cars)

TOM MITCHELL - Haley Motors (used cars)

ANDY MILLER - Wallace Chevrolet (new and used cars)

LOUIS KINNEY - Albany Lincoln Mercury (new and used cars)

BILL CHAMBERS - Chambers Used Cars

DOYLE HALFORD - Sikes Used Cars

AMERICUS, GEORGIA

4/25/68

PHIL JONES, JR. - Jones Auto Co.

JOHN OXFORD - Oxford Motor Co.

WOODROW JAMES - James Chevrolet

BRIGGS CRUMPTON - Crumpton Chrysler-Plymouth, Inc.

FRANK TURPIN - Turpin Dodge

WALTER RYLANDER, JR. - Rylander Ford Co.

ROY FARR - Roy's Cabs

HENRY FULFORD - City Cab

ALFRED COOPER - Co-op Cab Co.

HARRY SMITH - Trailways Bus Station

JACK HARRELL - Central of Georgia Railroad



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MONTZUMA, GEORGIA

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J. R. HAUGABOOK - Haugabook Chevrolet

HAROLD RIDDLE - Riddle Motor Sales

KESSLER BUTLER - Montezuma Motor Co.

WILLIAM G. FOWLER - Fowler Motor Co.

D.N. RUSSELL - Seaboard Coastline Depot

J.E. PATTISHALL - Pattishall Taxi

ELLIENVILLE, GEORGIA

4/26/68

W.G. FOWLER - Fowler's Used Cars

D.L. TRUSSELL - Southern Railways Depot

CUTHBERT, GEORGIA

4/26/68

GORDON WHITE - White Chevrolet

BILL FULFORD - Fulford Ford

A.M. SEALEY - Sealey Motors

JACK JONES - Eufaula Buick

AT DAWSON, GEORGIA

4/26/68

RAGAN ARNOLD - Arnold Chevrolet

T.K. COBB, JR. - Dawson Motor Co.

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**Mrs. CHARLES JACKSON - Credit Bureau of Dawson**

**The following police officers were contacted on the dates indicated with negative results:**

**LESLIE M. SUMMERFORD, Assistant COP, Albany, Ga.**

**JAMES PALMER, Chief, Dougherty Co. PD**

**D. LAMAR STEWART, Dougherty Co. SO.**

**All contacts were made on 4/24/68.**

**MANCE MATTHEWS, Deputy Sheriff, Dawson, Ga., 4/23/68.**

**WEYMAN CHERRY, COP, Dawson, Ga., 4/23/68.**

**ROSS CHAMBLISS, COP, Americus, Ga., 4/25/68.**

**FRED CHAPPELL, Sheriff, Sumter Co., Americus, Ga.  
4/25/68.**

**LUKE TALLENT, COP, Montezuma, Ga., 4/25/68.**

**ROY WINDHAM, Sheriff, Macon Co., Ga., Oglethorpe,  
Ga., 4/25/68**

**M.W. ELLIS, Sheriff, Schley Co., Ellaville, Ga.,  
4/26/68**

**TROY JORDAN, COP, Ellaville, Ga., 4/26/68.**

**ELMER FAIRCLOTH, Sheriff, Randolph Co., Cuthbert,  
Ga., 4/26/68.**

**RALPH STUART, GBI, Cuthbert, Ga., 4/26/68.**

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

*Memorandum*

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)      DATE: 5/17/68

FROM : SA ROBERT S. KENNEMUR

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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CATLIDGE - Trailways Bus Lines

FLOYD BARETT - Beck's Cabs

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JAMES M. BAILEY - Albany Cab Co.

Railroad W. R. HELM - Ticket Agent, Central of Georgia

TOMMY PRITCHETT - Haley Motors (new cars)

TOM MITCHELL - Haley Motors (used cars)

ANDY MILLER - Wallace Chevrolet (new and used cars)

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WEYMAN CHERRY, COP, Dawson, Ga., 4/23/68.

ROSS CHAMBLISS, COP, Americus, Ga., 4/25/68.

FRED CHAPPELL, Sheriff, Sumter Co., Americus, Ga.  
4/25/68.

LUKE TALLENT, COP, Montezuma, Ga., 4/25/68.

ROY WINDHAM, Sheriff, Macon Co., Ga., Oglethorpe,  
Ga., 4/25/68

M.W. ELLIS, Sheriff, Schley Co., Ellaville, Ga.,  
4/26/68

TROY JORDAN, COP, Ellaville, Ga., 4/26/68.

ELMER FAIRCLOTH, Sheriff, Randolph Co., Cuthbert,  
Ga., 4/26/68.

RALPH STUART, GBI, Cuthbert, Ga., 4/26/68.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) DATE: 5/17/68

FROM : SA O. RICHARD HAMILTON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: HAROLD G. ANDERSON

HAROLD G. ANDERSON resided at 113 14th St., Room #2, from approximately 4/7-9/68. That was the room formerly occupied by JAMES EARL RAY, and apparently ANDERSON was the first individual to occupy that room after RAY left that address on approximately 4/5/68.

Extensive investigation has been conducted to locate ANDERSON inasmuch as he left Atlanta on about 4/9/68, in the company of WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN LEE, and went to the Detroit, Michigan, area.

JAMES R. WILLOUGHBY, currently residing at 44 14th Street, N.E., Atlanta, resided in Room 8, 113 14th Street, from 4/1-12/68. He claims that on two occasions he saw an individual at 113 14th Street whom he believed to be identical with RAY. He stated he saw this individual on approximately 4/2 and 4/11/68.

WILLOUGHBY furnished this information on 5/14/68. Since that time, WILLOUGHBY has telephonically contacted the writer on the night of 5/15/68, at which time he stated he thought the FBI was looking for the wrong individual in this case, but did not state why, and admitted he had been drinking heavily that evening. WILLOUGHBY again contacted the writer on the evening of 5/16/68, stating he was at Lum's which was a hotdog and beer parlor at Spring and 14th St., N.E. He stated he had been talking to an individual whom he believed was connected with this case and wanted the writer to meet him. I did meet WILLOUGHBY at Lum's at approximately 10:30 p.m., 5/16/68, and he furnished the name ANDERSON, residing at 1315 Stillwood Drive, Apartment 2. He stated ANDERSON was then sitting at the bar at Lum's and I observed the individual he pointed out as being ANDERSON. ANDERSON left Lum's while he was talking with WILLOUGHBY and spoke to WILLOUGHBY and observed me. ANDERSON fits the description of HAROLD G. ANDERSON.

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When contacted on the evening of 5/16/68, WILLOUGHBY was drinking beer and stated he had been drinking for an hour that evening. He was obviously intoxicated, however, he stated that ANDERSON and another individual wanted him to go somewhere with them when he saw ANDERSON at 113 14th Street. WILLOUGHBY was very vague and indicated he thought there was a connection between ANDERSON and RAY, although he refused to specify why he thought there was a connection. In view of being at Lum's and WILLOUGHBY's condition, it was not advisable to press him for details at that time. However, ANDERSON should be interviewed to determine if he is familiar with the subject and specifically what items he might have noted in Room 2 at 113 14th Street when he occupied that room. This lead should be assigned to an agent other than the writer inasmuch as ANDERSON observed the writer with WILLOUGHBY and in view of the possibility that ANDERSON might have more knowledge of this matter than is presently suspected.



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740PM URGENT 5-16-68 LCS

TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

MURKIN

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED MAY SIXTEEN INSTANT.

EXAMINATION OF SAFE DEPOSIT BOXES METROPOLITAN ATLANTA ARE CONTINUING AND INDIVIDUALS IDENTIFIED THROUGH THIS INQUIRY AS OBTAINING BOXES ON PERTINENT DATES OR ENTERING BOXES ON PERTINENT DATES BEING THOROUGHLY CHECKED OUT. TO DATE, THIS PHASE OF INVESTIGATION HAS PRODUCED NO SIGNIFICANT RESULTS.

RECHECK OF MORGUES COMPLETED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

INQUIRY OF MAJOR POLICE DEPARTMENTS ATLANTA METROPOLITAN AREA DOES NOT INDICATE THAT ANY PENAL INSTITUTION CONFINES AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS NOT FINGERPRINTED.

CHECK OF ALL HOSPITALS IN METROPOLITAN ATLANTA AREA UNDER WAY.

SEVERAL LOOK-ALIKES CHECKED OUT AND ELIMINATED.

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ATLANTA DIVISION HAS ONLY THREE UNSOLVED BANK ROBBERIES  
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SEVEN. PHOTOS WILL BE SHOWN TO PERTINENT WITNESSES.

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# Memorandum

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

DATE: 5/16/68

FROM : SA RICHARD D. RACKLEFF

SUBJECT: MURKIN

## Safe Deposit Box Check

Re Bureau airtel to Atlanta, dated 5/6/68 and memo of SA JAMES JOSEPH DOLAN, dated 5/7/68.

The following persons were contacted at their respective offices and cooperated fully in eliminating safety deposit box holders as requested in above-referenced memo.

PATRICIA E. IVESTER, Administrative Assistant, Citizens and Southern, Belvedere Bank, Decatur, Georgia

C. G. COOPER, Fulton National Bank, East Branch, 411 Flat Shoals Avenue, SE

DAN RICKETT, Manager, C & S, South Expressway Bank, 3714 Crown Road, SW

All information pertaining to safety deposit box holders at each of the respective banks as obtained through steps set out in referenced memo were eliminated through the bank personnel. C. G. COOPER, Fulton National Bank, East Branch, advised he could not check the entries into the safety deposit boxes on 4/5/68 and on 4/12/68 as requested inasmuch as this information was contained on the safety deposit box registration card and all box cards would have to be reviewed in order to identify those boxes entered on those specific dates. COOPER advised he could not make the cards available for review

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without a court order and felt he could not designate bank personnel to handle this assignment. COOPER requested that should this information be needed, a court order be obtained.

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# Memorandum

TO : ALL RESIDENT AGENTS      DATE: 5/15/68

FROM : Supervisor ANGELO M. ROBBE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

By radiogram dated 5/14/68 the Bureau advised all field divisions that in view of the fact that subject spent a considerable sum of money from 4/23/67 to 4/4/68, and the source of his money has not been determined, his photograph should be displayed to appropriate witnesses in unsolved bank robberies and bank burglaries in those instances where witnesses are available. You should also consider requesting police departments in your divisions to display a photograph of RAY to witnesses in their unsolved robberies.

All Agents receiving this memo should comply. After this has been done, you should direct a memo to the MURKIN file.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

DATE: 5/16/68

FROM : SA JOSEPH G. SHEA

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/26/68, Deputy Sheriff ALBERT LINGERFELT, Cobb County Sheriff's Office, Marietta, Ga., telephonically advised that they had been contacted by a Mrs. EDNA M. LANCASTER, who resides in Austell, Ga., and was employed at the Pittman's Self-Service Laundry, 1014 Bankhead Highway, Mableton, Ga. Deputy Sheriff LINGERFELT advised that Mrs. LANCASTER indicated she had some information concerning JAMES EARL RAY.

On 4/26/68, Mrs. EDNA M. LANCASTER, Jefferson Street, Austell, Ga., who is employed at the Pittman's Self-Service Laundry, 1014 Bankhead Highway, Mableton, Ga., was interviewed by SAs JOSEPH G. SHEA and JAMES RICHARD FLICK.

Mrs. LANCASTER advised that she first saw an individual whom she believes to be JAMES EARL RAY during the middle of the 1967 summer, when he came to the laundromat to wash his clothes. Mrs. LANCASTER stated that on occasions she ironed his clothing for him. She stated that on some occasions, the individual she believed to be RAY was accompanied by two other men, one approximately 6' and the other 5'6" to 5'7", approximately of the same age. She stated that the other two men who accompanied RAY had jumped ship in New Orleans in 1963, and were supposed to return to their ship on 6/5/68. The other two men also indicated that they were Seabees.

Mrs. LANCASTER stated that she observed RAY driving a white Mustang which variously had a Texas license, an Alabama license, and an Illinois license.

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She further stated that she saw a sticker on the windshield of the Mustang which said something about Mexico.

Mrs. LANCASTER advised that it was possible that RAY had obtained a room in which to live at the home of Mrs. ARMOUR COUEY, who has remarried, and is now known as Mrs. JAMES FRANKLIN, Gordon Road, Mableton, Ga. Mrs. LANCASTER further advised that during conversations with RAY, she learned that he had been to Calif. to learn bartending at a school there. She indicated this was in about March of 1968 that he would have attended the bartending school. She further indicated that RAY had told her he had been in prison in Missouri or Kansas and in Ill.

During the time that Mrs. LANCASTER knew RAY, she said he used the name JOHN DILLARD. She stated that individuals who had been at the self-service laundry and who also had had conversations with the individual she believes to be RAY would be a Mrs. W. J. COKER, Gordon Road, Mableton, Ga., a Mrs. DONALD G. YEARWOOD, 323 Mount Pisgah Road, Mableton, Ga., a Mr. J. W. MC CRICKARD, Old Austell Road, Mableton, Ga., and a Mrs. ESTELLE H. LEVENS, 4613 Hicks Road, Mableton, Ga.

Mrs. LANCASTER stated that she recalls that RAY at one time was attempting to obtain a room in which to live and made a telephone call from the home of Mrs. G. W. CHRISTOPHER, 138 Felton Lane, Mableton, Ga., to the home of Mrs. AMMER COUEY FRANKLIN, 489 Gordon Road, Mableton, Ga., in an attempt to obtain a room at the home of Mrs. FRANKLIN.

Mrs. LANCASTER advised that she last saw the individual she believes to be RAY on the Friday after the funeral of Rev. KING, at which time he was by himself.

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Mrs. LANCASTER is a woman in her middle 50s and resides at Austell, Ga., with her husband, who has a serious heart condition.

In an effort to corroborate the statements of Mrs. LANCASTER, the following individuals whom she had mentioned who would have knowledge of RAY and who were alleged to have talked to him at the self-service laundry, were contacted:

Mrs. AMMER COUEY FRANKLIN, 489 Gordon Road, Mableton, Ga., was contacted on 4/26/68, at which time she advised that a man had called her some months ago regarding a private room and indicated he would call her back. Mrs. FRANKLIN said she believed the call was placed from the home of a Mrs. STURDEVANT, who is now deceased, and did reside on Felton Lane, Mableton, Ga. Mrs. FRANKLIN stated that the relatives of Mrs. STURDEVANT have sold the home and it is no longer in use as a rooming house. In regards to Mrs. LANCASTER, Mrs. FRANKLIN stated that she thinks that Mrs. LANCASTER has an overactive imagination and puts a lot of things together which she images and believes them to be facts.

On 4/29/68, Mr. G. W. CHRISTOPHER, 138 Felton Lane, Mableton, Ga., was displayed a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, at which time he advised that he had never seen this individual and was certain that he had never roomed at the CHRISTOPHER home. CHRISTOPHER stated he still has roomers at his home and that none of them in any way resembled RAY.

On 4/29/68, Mrs. W. J. COKER, Gordon Road, Mableton, Ga., advised that she knows Mrs. EDNA M. LANCASTER, who is employed at the laundromat where Mrs. COKER washes her clothes. She emphatically denied that she had ever heard any statements made by any men in her presence that would indicate that he was JAMES EARL RAY.

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She advised that Mrs. LANCASTER appears to be a peculiar individual who is constantly making up stories and attempting to interest the customers at the self-service laundry, in some imagined incident that took place at the laundry. Mrs. COKER concluded by saying that Mrs. LANCASTER is "all wet".

On 4/29/68, Mrs. DONALD G. YEARWOOD, 323 Mount Pisgah Road, Mableton, Ga., advised that she does know Mrs. EDNA M. LANCASTER who is employed at the Pittman's Self-Service Laundry on Bankhead Highway, Mableton, Ga., but advised that she never entered into any conversation with an individual who might have been JAMES EARL RAY, together with Mrs. LANCASTER. She stated that on one occasion, she observed two men sitting on a table in the laundromat, at which time Mrs. LANCASTER said something to her about an automobile license; however, Mrs. YEARWOOD paid no attention to it, since it meant nothing to her. Mrs. YEARWOOD advised she could not identify the man, since she did not pay any attention to him.

On 4/29/68, Mr. J. W. MC CRICKARD, Old Austell Road, Mableton, Ga., advised that he goes to the Pittman's Self-Service Laundry only infrequently and on occasions has talked to Mrs. EDNA M. LANCASTER. He described Mrs. LANCASTER as a person who has "mighty peculiar ideas." He stated that she has, on occasions, let her imagination run away with her and is constantly entering into conversations with the customers of the laundry concerning conversations she has had with persons believed to have committed violations of the law.

Mr. MC CRICKARD advised that he is quite sure he would have recalled if he had seen JAMES EARL RAY, especially since RAY's picture has been in the paper

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recently. MC CRICKARD advised that he has not entered into any conversations with a man at Pittman's Self-Service Laundry, Mableton, Ga., whom he believes might have been JAMES EARL RAY.

On 4/29/68, Mrs. ESTELLE H. LEVENS, 4613 Hicks Road, Mableton, Ga., advised that she has been going to the Pittman's Self-Service Laundry for years and has, recently as last week, talked to Mrs. EDNA M. LANCASTER, who is employed there. At that time Mrs. LANCASTER talked to Mrs. LEVENS concerning three men who were alleged to have been at the laundry on different occasions and attempted to convince Mrs. LEVENS that she had been present during a conversation between Mrs. LANCASTER, the three men, and Mrs. LEVENS. Mrs. LEVENS stated she is confused and thinks that Mrs. LANCASTER had the wrong person in mind when she indicated Mrs. LEVENS was present. Mrs. LEVENS stated she has never discussed bartending with any man or had any conversation with a man in the Pittman's Self-Service Laundry whom she would believe is JAMES EARL RAY.

Mrs. LEVENS described Mrs. LANCASTER as an erratic person who may be a little mentally unbalanced due to the recent loss of her mother on top of the fact that she has to take care of her invalid husband.

On 5/2/68, Deputy Sheriff EARL LEE, Douglas County Sheriff's Office, Douglasville, Ga., advised SA JAMES RICHARD FLICK that he is well acquainted with Mrs. EDNA M. LANCASTER, Jefferson Street, Austell, Ga., and believed her to be mentally unbalanced. Deputy Sheriff LEE advised that during the investigation surrounding the abduction of MARY SHOTWELL LITTLE, a missing person in Atlanta, Ga., he was contacted by Mrs. LANCASTER, who indicated she had direct knowledge that MARY SHOTWELL LITTLE was buried near the Etowah Indian Mounds, North of Acworth, Ga. Based on this information, Deputy Sheriff

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LEE and other deputies, went to the area described by Mrs. LANCASTER and dug into the ground in various places at the Etowah Indian Mounds in search of Mrs. LITTLE's body. Deputy Sheriff LEE advised that they found no trace of her body and even after that, Mrs. LANCASTER indicated she had knowledge concerning the location of Mrs. LITTLE's body. Deputy Sheriff LEE advised that he believed that no credence should be placed in any information furnished by Mrs. LANCASTER and he believed she is mentally unbalanced.

It should be noted that the Atlanta Office indices carry a reference to Mrs. EDNA M. LANCASTER, Jefferson Street, Austell, Ga., Atlanta File 62-0-7792, which contains voluntary information from Mrs. LANCASTER to the effect that she burned her own personal automobile in order to collect insurance for that car.

It is believed that Mrs. LANCASTER has taken numerous facts which she has obtained from newspaper articles concerning the murder of Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING and has invented a story similar to the one in which she indicated to Deputy Sheriff EARL LEE of Douglasville, that she knew the whereabouts of the body of Mrs. MARY SHOTWELL LITTLE.

The individuals who were contacted and whom Mrs. LANCASTER indicated would corroborate her story have, in all instances, indicated that they knew nothing about what she was talking about and were not present at the time the three men alleged by Mrs. LANCASTER had entered into conversations with them.



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Date: 5/23/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Priority)

To: SACs, Atlanta (44-2386)  
Birmingham (44-1740)  
Memphis (44-1987)  
New Orleans (157-10673)

✓ From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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

"Dear Miss:

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

"5-11 - 170 lb. 36 yrs.

"Sincerely

Eric S. Galt"

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

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

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

Subject armed and dangerous.

~~Columbia S. C.~~

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Excellent information, received, which has been described as a  
business trip, stated, which has been described as a  
was obtained, the photograph of subject appearing in the  
result of investigation conducted in the location, there  
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contacted and each one of the persons who pertinent information  
subject, and, which one of his known aliases, may have  
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INVESTIGATION RE SUSPECT GENE HUDSON,  
DOGWOOD DRIVE, CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

On April 18, 1968, the Atlanta Office advised as follows:

BETTY CHAMBERS, United Airlines Ticket Counter, In-Town Motor Hotel, Atlanta, advised individual named GENE HUDSON checked into the above motel on April 12, 1968, and departed April 15, 1968. She stated he had no home address or employment. She advised the hotel records indicated HUDSON had checked into the hotel previously on March 28 and March 29, 1968, listing address as Dogwood Drive, Charleston, South Carolina. CHAMBERS described HUDSON as a white male, 27 to 34 years of age, 5'11", 175 pounds, brown hair, who appeared similar to pictures of JAMES EARL RAY shown on local television stations at Atlanta, Georgia, on April 15, 1968.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA WARDLAW E. SKINNER:

A review of the current Charleston, South Carolina, telephone directory, and the Charleston, South Carolina, City Directory on April 18, 1968, disclosed no listing for GENE HUDSON.

It was also noted that current maps of the City of Charleston, South Carolina, and the City Directory contain no listing for a Dogwood Drive, Charleston, South Carolina.

FRANCIS OLIVER, Credit Bureau of Greater Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina, advised on April 18, 1968, that the records of the Bureau contain no record identifiable with GENE HUDSON.

Sergeant J. S. MINOR, Record Division, Charleston County Police Department, North Charleston, South Carolina, advised on April 18, 1968, that the records of the Department contain no record for GENE HUDSON.

Mrs. JULIA BEATTIE, Clerk, Record Room, Charleston County Police Department, Charleston, South Carolina, advised on April 18, 1968, that the records of the Department are negative for GENE HUDSON.

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On April 18, 1968, the information service, Southern Bell Telephone Company, Charleston, South Carolina, was contacted and found to contain no record for GENE HUDSON.

On April 19, 1968, J. E. BUNDRICK, 1775 Dogwood Road, Charleston, South Carolina, advised that he has resided at this address for five years. He added that he does not know GENE HUDSON and has never heard of a man named HUDSON residing on Dogwood Road, Charleston, South Carolina.

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AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: SAC, COLUMBIA (44-399)  
RE: MURKIN  
OO: MEMPHIS

Re Atlanta airtel to Columbia, 4/16/68,  
requesting that GENE HUDSON be located at Charleston,  
South Carolina, and eliminated as a suspect in this  
matter.

Enclosed for Memphis are 15 and for Atlanta 2  
copies of an insert re suspect GENE HUDSON.

LEADS:

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AT ATLANTA, GA.

1. Since suspect GENE HUDSON could not be  
located at Charleston, S. C., and apparently gave a  
fictitious address, it is suggested that several photographs  
of subject be shown to BETTY CHAMBERS, United Airlines  
Ticket Counter, In-Town Motor Hotel, Atlanta, for possible  
identification.

2. If she is unable to eliminate suspect,  
suggest consideration be given to obtaining registration

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card of suspect GENE HUDSON from this hotel and  
forwarding to FBI Laboratory for handwriting comparisons  
with known handwriting of RAY.

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FROM KNOXVILLE 44-696

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RE KNOXVILLE TELETYPE TO BUREAU, INDIANAPOLIS AND OTHER  
OFFICES MAY EIGHTEEN INSTANT.

THE REFERENCED LOS ANGELES TELETYPE OF MAY SEVENTEEN LAST  
IS AS FOLLOWS...

"RE LOS ANGELES PHONE CALL TO BUREAU MAY SEVENTEEN INSTANT.

RE LOS ANGELES TIMES INFORMANT -"BOB" LNU.

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

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

HE ADVISED DURING HIS MEETING WITH QUOTE BOB UNQUOTE HE GOT FROM BOB A BUS TICKET DATED APRIL SEVEN, SIXTY EIGHT, ON A GREYHOUND BUS FROM KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, TO LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, WHICH TICKET WAS ISSUED BY SOUTHERN GREYHOUND AT KNOXVILLE ON APRIL SEVEN, SIXTYEIGHT AND HAD THE NUMBERS THREE SPACE ZERO ZERO ZERO EIGHT TWO TWO TWO NINE SPACE FOUR  
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TWO. TRANSPORTATION WAS FROM KNOXVILLE TO MEMPHIS, MEMPHIS TO EL PASO, THEN TO LOS ANGELES. HE ADVISED HE HAD GIVEN QUOTE BOB UNQUOTE ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR THE TICKET AND THIS INFORMATION AND DID NOT EXPECT TO HEAR FROM HIM AGAIN, AS QUOTE BOB UNQUOTE SAID HE NEEDED THE MONEY TO LEAVE TOWN.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NINE. ON APRIL ELEVEN, RAY GOT ON YACHT PAREN PROBABLY CHARTER BOAT PAREN IN KEY WEST. BOAT OWNED BY BEN THOMPSON. PAREN A BEN THOMPSON OF MIAMI OWNS THREE FISHING BOATS. PAREN.

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ONE. PIERCE OFTEN FLIES OWN PRIVATE PLANE TO NEW ORLEANS. SAID TO KNOW DA JIM GARRISON. ALSO MIGHT CHECK POSSIBLE FLIGHTS IN DIRECTION OF CUBA.

TWO PIERCE AND WILBURN SAID TO BE RELATED.

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

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

FIVE. RAY NOW WEARING BIFOCALS.

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

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

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

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

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

TWO. LAMONT WHITE, WHO WORKS FOR WESTERN UNION IN LOS ANGELES. HAS SENT MONEY TO LOUISIANA. BOUGHT TWO PISTOLS UNDER HIS NAME. THEY REALLY WENT TO FRANK BRICKLEY OF CHATTANOOGA,  
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TENN., WHO WAS IN PRISON WITH RAY. BRICKLEY SUPPOSED TO BE HERE.

THREE. HAROLDS CAFE PAREN FIVE FIVE FIVE SOUTH MAIN PAREN. RAY BARTENDER THERE FOR WEEK OR SO. QUEER BAR. GUY NAMED CONNIE KNOWS HIM THERE.

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

PAGE FOUR - MORE SUPPLEMENTAL DATA:

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

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

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

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

THOMAS ADVISED FROM THE STORY RECEIVED, IT IS A  
POSSIBILITY QUOTE BOB UNQUOTE IS THE SAME AS THE SAMUEL LEWIS  
MENTIONED IN HIS NOTES.

EACH RECEIVING OFFICE SHOULD CAREFULLY REVIEW THE NOTES  
AND IMMEDIATELY ATTEMPT TO VERIFY ANY OF THE INFORMATION SET  
FORTH AND ADVISE BUREAU, MEMPHIS AND LOS ANGELES.

LOS ANGELES WILL IMMEDIATELY PURSUE EFFORTS TO PROVE OR  
• DISPROVE THE ALLEGATIONS SET FORTH FOR LOS ANGELES AREA.

AIR MAIL COPIES BEING FURNISHED CINCINNATI, NEW ORLEANS,  
ST. LOUIS AND INDIANAPOLIS IN VIEW OF INFORMATION FURNISHED  
IN THE NOTES.

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MURKIN

RE LOS ANGELES TEL MAY SEVENTEEN LAST COPIES OF WHICH BEING  
SENT SEPARATELY BY TELETYPE TO ATLANTA, INDIANAPOLIS AND LOUISVILLE  
FOR INFO.

THE FRANK BRICKLEY OF CHATTANOOGA REFERRED TO BY INFORMANT  
MAY BE FRANK WILLIAM BRICKLEY AKA WILLIAM ROY BRICKLEY, WILLIAM  
FRANKLIN BRICKLEY, WILLIAM FRANK BRICKLEY, WILLIAM ROY BUCKLEY,  
BILL ROBERT SHAW, BILL SHAW, BILLY SHAW, BILL R. SHAW, FBI NO.  
ONE NINE SEVEN SEVEN NINE SIX C ORIGINALLY FROM CHATTANOOGA, TENN.  
AND WHO HAS AN EXTENSIVE CRIMINAL RECORD. HE WAS LAST KNOWN TO HAVE  
BEEN IMPRISONED AT TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA AND WAS RELEASED JAN.  
SIXTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN UPON COMPLETION OF SENTENCE. TERRE HAUTE PRISON  
NO. TWO THREE SIX FOUR TWO DASH TH.

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