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	RE:	MURKIN	
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	addresse Bureau b to Atlan advised "Tuskege Tuskegee describe White Ci the Trib of these	Referenced Bureau airtel t written by Mrs. ALMENA LOMA d to Attorney General RAMSEY the Civil Rights Division. ta, Birmingham, and Memphis. she had published a "little e Tribune" in 1964 and 1965. She believed a large numb d by Negroes in the area as tizens Council or "Kluxer ty une, and inferred the possib individuals might be implice of the assassination of MA	X dated 4/13/68, CLARK, forwarded to the Copies were sent Mrs. LOMAX's letter magazine" entitled the while residing in the people, being members of the pes", subscribed to elity existed some sated in, or have
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On 4/29/68, Mrs. LOMAX was contacted concerning the above individuals and stated she had had "second thoughts" and believed her theory that the above individuals might have had something to do with KING's assassination was a far-fetched idea. Mrs. LOMAX agreed to furnish a list of white subscribers.

On 5/10/68, the Los Angeles Office received a Special Delivery letter from Mrs. LOMAX, copies of which are enclosed for the Bureau and each office, in which she listed the names of people she believed or knew to be white, taken from the subscription list of the "Tuskegee Tribune".

There were no references known identical in the indices of the Los Angeles Office to any of the individuals in Alabama or the individual residing in Tucson, Arizona.

For the information of the Bureau, the following listed individuals residing in Los Angeles are on the Security Index of the Los Angeles Office.

HUGH DE LACY (Bufile 100-47062)

ATTY BEN MARGOLIS (Bufile 100-25130)

JOHN T. MC TERNAN (Bufile 77-29135)

MURRY WAGNER (Bufile 100-367824)

The following individuals listed by Mrs. LOMAX are on the Reserve Index - B of the Los Angeles Office:

MADELYNE GERLACH (Bufile 100-378387)

SYLVIA P. MILLER (Bufile 100-393768)

HENRY BLANKFORT, listed by Mrs. LOMAX, has been the subject of a security investigation by the Los Angeles Office (Bufile 100-262025).

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There were no references in the Los Angeles indices concerning one EWING G. PORTER; however, a check of the Cross Directory, Pacific Telephone Company, reflects one PORTER EWING resides at 7370 Rosewood Avenue, Los Angeles. EWING has not been the subject of an investigation by the Los Angeles Office; however, a review of references concerning him reflects his name was maintained on a card index by JOHN WESLEY HARRIS, JR., a member of the Executive Committee of the Los Angeles Progressive Labor Party, which card reflected EWING was a history professor at Los Angeles City College (LACC), was a sponsor of the Civil Rights Club on that campus, and was "friendly to FL".

The addresses of all the above individuals in the files of the Los Angeles Office were identical to the addresses furnished by Mrs. LOMAX.

Because the above individuals are on the Security Index, Reserve Index - B or have been the subject of a security investigation, and because FORTER EWING is a professor at LACC, no interviews of these individuals will be conducted by the Los Angeles Office, UACB, in the light of the remote nature of the allegation made by Mrs. LOMAX, and the possibility of embarrassment to the Bureau.

No further investigation is contemplated by the Los Angeles Office concerning Mrs. LOMAX' complaint, and any further information received from her will be promptly furnished to the Bureau.

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BIRMINGHAM

AT JASPER, ALABAMA: Will consider interviewing LEONARD R. WILSON at the address in the enclosed letter for any information he might have concerning the assassination of KING.

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AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA: Will consider interviewing SAMUEL JOHNSCH and JOSAFH W. SIMPSON at the addresses in the enclosed letter concerning any knowledge they might have of the assassination of KING.

LOUISVILLE

AT LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY: Will consider interviewing CARL and ANN BRADEM, apparent editors of "The Southern Patriot" as referred to on page three of enclosed letter for any information they might have concerning the assassination of KING.

MOBILE

AT EUFALA, ALABAMA: Will consider interviewing HARRY I. GCGGARS at the address in the enclosed letter for any information he might have concerning the assassination of KING.

AT NOTASULGA, ALABAMA: Will consider interviewing A. H. CLEMENTS and State Senator EDWARD H. REYNOLDS at the addresses in enclosed letter for any information they might possess concerning the assassination of KING.

AT SHORTER, ALABAMA: Will consider interviewing CHARLIE MC MILION, no address, concerning his possible knowledge of the assassination of KING.

AT TUSKEGES, ALABAMA: Will consider interviewing C. L. AVERATT, ILON L. BLEMATT, MR. BOLES, BOB DAWSON, W. T. COGGINS, W. G. DYSON, JOHN E. HENDERSON, ROBERT HOWARD, J. W. ROSS, HOWARTH RUTHERFORD, HARVEY SADLER, owner of the Story Equipment Company, and THOMAS C. STORY for information they might have concerning the assassination of KING.

AT UNION SPRINGS, ALABAMA: Will consider interviewing W. L. AVANT for any intermetion he might have concerning KING's assassination.

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NEW ORLEANS

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA: Will consider interviewing appropriate cylicials of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, New Orleans, for any information they might have concerning the assassination of KING.

PHOENIX

AT TUCSON, ARIZONA: Will consider interviewing JIM GEODINGS at the address set out on page three of enclosed letter for any information he might have concerning the assassination of KING:

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TO

DIRECTOR (44-38861), SACS MEMPHIS (44-1987), BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

FROM

SAC LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN.

RE MARIE MARTIN.

MARTE MARTIN INTERVIEWED AT LENGTH UPON RETURN PROM VACATION WHICH INCLUDED TRIP THROUGH MIDWESTERN STATES TO YOUNGSTOWN, DRIO.

SHE CONFIRMED IMPORMATION SHE HAD PROVIDED ON PREVIOUS INTERVIEWS AND PROVIDED POLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING JAMES BARL RAY. SHE ADVISED SUBSEQUENT TO EXCHANGE OF TELEVISION SETS BETWEEN HERSELF AND RAY AND PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE MARCH SEVENTEEN, SIXTY RIGHT, RAY APPEARED IN NEED OF MONEY. SHE ADVISED RAY SAID HE WAS AWAITING MONEY FROM BROTHER, NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED. SHE ADVISED IT APPEARED NECESSARY THIS MONEY BE RECEIVED BY RAY IS ORDER TO MAKE HIS SECOND TRIP SOUTH TO OR THROUGH NEW ORLEANS.

MARTIN ALSO SAID THAT ON ONE OCCASION RAY SAID SHE REMINDED HIM OF A GIRL IN QUADALAJARA. SHE SAID RAY ALSO ADVISED HE LIVED IN MEXICO SIX YEARS AND ALSO THAT HE HAD USED MARTINANA ON ONE

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OCCASION IN MEXICO AND DID NOT LIKE THE EFFECTS AND IT DID NOTHING FOR HIM. RAY ALSO SAID HE ATTENDED COCK FIGHTS IN MEXICO AND WAS REPULSED BY THEIR BARBARIC NATURE. SHE REMARKED RAY APPEARED TO UNDERSTAND AND SPEAK SPANISH. SHE SAID SHE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND THE LANGUAGE HERSELF.

MARTIN ADVISED THAT AFTER THE TRIP TO OBTAIN CHILDREN OF RITA STEIN IN NEW ORLEANS, RAY SAID HE HAD VISITED FRIENDS IN INDUSTRIAL CANAL AREA OF CHEF MENTEUR HIGHWAY OF NEW ORLEANS. NO FURTHER IDENTIFICATION OF THESE PRIENDS MADE BY RAY.

MARTIN ADVISED THE PACKAGE SHE GAVE RAY FOR DELIVERY TO HER DAUGHTER IN NEW ORLEANS CONTAINED PHOTOGRAPH RECORDS AS WELL AS CLOTHING. THIS WAS ASKED IN CLARIFICATION OF PREVIOUS STATEMENTS BY MARTIN AND HER DAUGHTER.

INVESTIGATION AT LOS ANGELES HAS ESTABLISHED NO REGULAR BANKING CONNECTIONS, AND RAY LACKED SUPPLICIENT IDENTIFICATION OTHER THAN ALABAMA DRIVERS LICENSE TO CASH PERSONAL TYPE CHECKS. IT APPEARS MOMEY MIGHT HAVE BEEN SENT RAY THROUGH WESTERN UNION OR SOME SIMILAR PAGILITY PERMITTING BASY NEGOTIATION. RAY DEPARTED LOS ANGELES MARCH SEVENTHEE SIXTY EIGHT, AND THIS POSSIBLE PINANCIAL SHORTAGE OCCURRED AFTER THE EXCHANGE OF

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TELEVISION SETS, WHICH MARTIN STATES WAS ON OR ABOUT FEBRUARY
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FEASIBILITY OF EXAMINING WESTERN UNION MONEY ORDERS ISSUED
DURING ABOVE PERIOD THROUGH THE MONEY ORDER AUDITOR,
MINERAPOLIS.

MARTIN ADVISED THAT FOR INFORMATION SHE PREVIOUSLY
FURNISHED TO LOUIS LOMAX SHE RECEIVED CHECK FOR FIFTY DOLLARS
WHICH SHE BELIEVES WAS BO GOOD.

INVESTIGATION LOS ANGELES CONTINUING.

AIR MAIL COPIES SENT ATLANTA, CHICAGO, KANSAS CITY, NEW ORLEANS AND SPRINGFIELD.

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his release in April, 1967, he became very friendly with an inmate identified as LEROY MC MANAMAN. MC MANAMAN was originally from western Kansas and was alleged to have bootlegged in Mississippi. According to NISSEN, he and MC MANAMAN worked together in the shoe factory at Leavenworth.

NISSEN said he had previously met MC MANAMAN before going to the penitentiary in Jackson, Mississippi, and he recognized MC MANAMAN again at Leavenworth.

Just before NISSEN was scheduled to be parolled from Leavenworth, MC MANAMAN approached him and stated that he knew NISSEN was going to Atlanta and that he wanted NISSEN to set things up for him.

MC MANAMAN told NISSEN that \$100,000.00 had been offered by the WKKKKOM to be paid to anyone who would kill MARTIN LUTHER KING.

MC MANAMAN allegedly instructed NISSEN to contact a Mrs. (first name unknown) EURE, at the Eure Realty Company, Jackson, Miss. MC MANAMAN claimed Mrs. EURE is listed as a correspondent by him at Leavenworth Penitentiary. According to MC MANAMAN's instructions, NISSEN was to contact Mrs. EURE and ask her when she next writes to MC MANAMAN at the Penitentiary to tell him "DON" had arrived. MC MANAMAN indicated he would write and tell EURE that NISSEN was "O.K."

If NISSEN wanted to try to "pull this" himself, Mrs. EURE would put him in contact with two people identified only as FLOYD (lnu), an Honorary Colonel in the National Guard at Jackson, Miss., and a second person whom NISSEN could not now recall. NISSEN stated that the unidentified person, according to MC MANAMAN had recently been appointed Deputy Unit ed States Marshal at Jackson.

A review of Leavenworth Penitentiary Parole Progress Report for LEROY BASIL MC MANAMAN dated October, 1966, disclosed MC MANAMAN began his sentence at Leavenworth on January 18, 1963. The offense is listed as receiving and concealing stolen vehicle from interestate commerce. Under the Sentence Captioned there is an entry "Harboring a Fugitive 9 Years". The codefendants were listed as BURTON HARRY HERPEL, RUBIE CHARLES JENKINS and CHARLES E. TESCHER.

The Classification Study Sheet discloses the following description of LEROY BASIL MC MANAMAN:

True Name LEROY BASIL MC MANAMAN Aliases None Race White Date of Birth

Age At admission, 49 years

Height 5 feet 10 inches

Weight 188 pounds FBI Number 1244125

Social Security

Number Unknown
Marital Status Divorced
Education 10th grade
Age at first arrest 20 years

The Arrest Record Sheet in the Classification Study shows MC MANAMAN was arrested 12/22/34, Dodge City, Kansas, for investigation. He has numerous arrest since that time in Kansas, Omaha, Nebraska, Colorado Springs, Colorado, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and Springfield, Missouri.

MC MANAMAN is a native of Kansas and has resided in that state most of his life. He has been somewhat nomadic in the past several years, drifting throughout both Kansas and Oklahoma. His last residence was with his parents in Dodge City, Kansas. Under the New Social Information, section it is indicated that MC MANAMAN writes very often to his mother who lives in Dodge City, Kansas. He has a grown son and daughter living in Dodge City and they occasionally bring his mother to the institution to visit him. He is divorced and his former wife never writes. MC MANAMAN has been writing often to a woman friend, SYBIL EURE who lives in Jackson, Mississippi. MC MANAMAN has received seven visits from SYBIL EURE and four visits from his mother and son.

The Penitentiary file indicates MC MANAMAN plans to work with SYBIL EURE in the real estate business in Jackson, Mississippi, upon his release from Leavenworth.

The file further indicates SYBIL EURE shows much interest in assisting MC MANAMAN and there seems some possibility that they may marry in the future.

Upon receiving the information from DONALD JAMES NISSEN concerning the alleged offer of \$100,000.00, Mrs. SYBIL EURE was interviewed at Jackson, Mississippi, on 8/8/67.

At that time Mrs. SYBIL M. EURE advised that she is well acquainted with LEROY MC MANAMAN and frequently corresponds with him at the Leavenworth Penitentiary. She explained that early in 1964 after becoming acquainted with MC MANAMAN she rented a room to him at her residence where MC MANAMAN stayed for a few weeks. As far as she knows this is the only time MC MANAMAN has spent in Mississippi. She does not believe that MC MANAMAN is involved or ever has been involved in any Klan activity or associated with anyone whom she new to be involved in Klan activity and that she has never been involved in any Klan activities herself.

She stated that she does not know any of MC MANAMAN's associates, does not know anyone by the name of DONALD JAMES NISSEN, nor has MC MANAMAN ever mentioned NISSEN's name. She does not know of any alleged offer of \$100,000.00 by the WKKKKOM to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. She has never heard of anything similar to this mentioned and claims not to be involved in any such plot.

She does not know anyone by the name of FLOYD who is a Honorary Colonel in the National Guard or anyone recently appointed as a United States Marshal at Jackson. She stated that her brother's name is FLOYD GARDNER but he is not in the National Guard, not a member of any Klan group, and he does not know MC MANAMAN.

The only person she knows in the United States Mardal's Office at Jackson is CHARLES SUTHERLAND, the Chief Deputy, who is a distant cousin of her former husband, JOHN EURE. She also knows BOB THOMAS, who is associated with the United States Marshal's Office. She considers both SUTHERLAND and THOMAS to be respectable people and she thought most assuredly that they would have no association with any Klan group.

On 5/13/68, Mrs. SYBIL G. EURE, 423 Raymond Road, Jackson, Miss., was reinterviewed.

At the outset she inquired as to the nature of the interview.

It was explained to Mrs. EURE that since the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., her past association with MC MANAMAN may be of a more significant nature.

The alleged offer of \$100,000.00 by the WKKKKOM was explained to her again.

Mrs. EURE, who appears to be a reasonably successful business woman, neat in appearance, and well spoken, said she now recalls how this alleged offer all started.

She said she recalls that in 1964 when she first met MC MANAMAN, he was out on some kind of bond waiting for an appeal. At the same time the murder of the three civil rights workers in Neshoba County, Mississippi, was at the height of publicity. Sheriff RAINEY of Neshoba County was presumed to be, at the time, an official in the Klan in Neshoba County. At least the newspapers, radio and television news stories indicated this much. During the same period her real estate business was in minor financial difficulty and she recalls casually mentioning that if she approached the Sheriff of Neshoba County she could probably get \$100,000.00 to kill KING. She said she now feels in all probability that MC MANAMAN took her casual statement seriously. She said she now realizes the seriousness of such a statement since KING's murder.

Mrs. EURE stated that she is an outspoken business woman and often passes remarks of this nature more to attract some prospective customers than anything else. She said she believes that this is the basis for MC MANAMAN's information concerning the offer of money by the Klan in Mississippi to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

In attempting to determine the circumstances concerning her meeting MC MANAMAN in 1964, Mrs. EURE said she met him through a mutual business friend. Her association with MC MANAMAN was business. She said in her opinion MC MANAMAN had a world of knowledge

in real estate business and that if he ever gets out of prison she will always be willing to hire him as an assistant in her real estate business.

After his appeal was denied in 1964, MC MANAMAN was returned to Kansas and began serving his sentence. She said she went out to the Penitentiary on two occasions in 1964, the first time to pick up MC MANAMAN's automobile which she financed for him. All other visits, two or three times in 1965 and once in 1966, were just friendly visits. She said the last time she visited him was early in 1966 and that she has not seen him or heard from him since that time. She said as far as she knows he is still in prison.

Mrs. EURE was very apologetic, very cooperative, and stated that she has no information whatsoever concerning the person or persons responsible for the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. If, in the event she receives any information which may be of help in this matter she will immediately contact the FBI.

Mrs. EURE is a white female, approximately 5 feet 9 inches, slender, moderately attractive, approximately 50 years of age.

A further review of the Leavenworth Penitentiary Classification Sheet for MC MANAMAN discloses that his nine year sentence was in an woperative status for 375 days due to an appeal. The Classification Study form of MC MANAMAN, Register Number 81371-L indicates that MC MANAMAN was received at Leavenworth Penitentiary in April, 1964 after his appeal had been denied.

The Bureau, through FBI Identification Division records, may wish to compare the records of DONALD JAMES NISSEN, FBI Number 607320A; LEROY BASIL MC MANAMAN, FBI Number 1244125 (as indicated in prison records) with the known arrest record of JAMES EARL RAY to determine if they were ever confined in the same prison at the same time with subject RAY.

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The above information is being furnished to offices designated for information purposes. No leads are being set out in view of information furnished by Mrs. EURE.

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FROM: SAC	, ALBANY (44-493) (P)			
SUBJECT: 1	MURKIN			
1	Re Atlanta airtel to B	ureau, 4/25/68.		
The list of automobiles impounded on which there is no record of a stolen report but which have not been released to any owner by the Syracuse, New York, Police Department, were obtained from Sgt. JOHN O'MALLEY, and Officer ROBERT BUSCH, and leads are being set forth to checks these automobiles in view of the possibility subject may have purchased an automobile which was subsequently abandoned:				
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(3) 4/22/68, 800 block, Erie Blvd. E, Syracuse, N. Y.	1956 Chevrolet Sedan, green, 1967 Pa. license 4E6698	
(4) 4/16/68, 1300 block, East Adam Street, Syracuse	1959 Rambler Station Wagon, color black, 1968 Pa. license 7D4-618	
(5) 4/14/68, 501 Dudley Street, Syracuse, N. Y.	1958 Pontiac, feur- door Catalina, blue, VIN L858H8108, no license plate	
(6) 4/23/68, 100 block, McClure Ave., Syracuse	1959 Dodge Sedan, color brown, 1967 Tennessee license BW-61	3330 Highland Park

For the information of Memphis, there are no stolen cars during the pertinent period in which subject may be considered a suspect.

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Check stolen reports of appropriate law enforcement agencies to determine if cars #2 and 5 were stolen in that vicinity during pertinent period or if these automobiles were previously registered in Georgia if Motor Vehicle Bureau records contain serial number index.

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COLUMBIA

AT COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

Determine registered owner of automobile #1 and if owner determined, attempt to locate and interview regarding disposition of automobile.

PHILADELPHIA

AT HAVERTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

Contact NICHOLAS H. ALEX, 509 Harriet Lane, to determine disposition of car #3.

AT HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

Determine identity of registered owner of car #4 and thereafter attempt to locate registered owner to determine disposition of automobile.

MEMPHIS

AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

Attempt to locate and interview ROBERT B. MORTON, 3330 Highland Park Place, regarding disposition of car #6.

ALBANY

AT SYRACUSE, NEW YORK

Will continue to maintain contact with Syracuse Police Department regarding stolen and abandoned cars.