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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861

ATLANTA 44-2386

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 2P

MURKIN; CR.

SUMMARY.

RE BUAIRTEL TO MEMPHIS, MAY TWENTYNINE LAST, AND HOUSTON

TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MAY THIRTYONE LAST

RE: SUSPECTS W. DAVIS, B. CHIDLOW, VINCENT WALKER AND
LAWRENCE RAND.

KEITH B. HAGSTETTE, ASSISTANT SUPERVISOR, DELTA AIRLINES,

MEMPHIS, ADVISED ON MAY THIRTYONE LAST HE IS UNABLE TO LOCATE

ANIFEST OF PASSENGERS ON DELTA FLIGHT ONE FIVE SEVEN, NONSTOP

MEMPHIS TO HOUSTON, LEAVING MEMPHIS AT ONE THIRTY AM, APRIL

FIVE LAST. HE REQUESTED DELTA AT ATLANTA TO FURNISH HIM WITH

A NEW MANIFEST. HAGSTETTE ADVISED TODAY DELTA AT ATLANTA

SUGGESTED TO HIM THAT THE ATLANTA FBI OFFICE CONTACT DELTA

AT ATLANTA FOR THE MANIFEST. HE SAID HE WAS ADVISED IT IS

DELTA'S POLICY TO HAVE THEIR LEGAL DEPARTMENT APPROVE THE

FURNISHING OF RECORDS AND THEREFORE THE REQUEST SHOULD BE

MADE THROUGH THE ATLANTA DIVISION OF THE FBI. HAGSTETTE

POINTED OUT THE NAMES W. DAVIS AND B. CHIDLOW WILL NOT APPEAR

ON THE MANIFEST, AS PRINTED THE THE DELTA COMPUTERS, SINCE

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THEY WERE "WALK UP" PASSENGERS WITHOUT RESERVATIONS.

ATLANTA REQUESTED TO CONTACT DELTA AIRLINES, OBTAIN
MAINFEST OF PASSENGERS ON FLIGHT ONE FIVE SEVEN, MENTIONED
ABOVE, AND FORWARD SAME TO HOUSTON.

HOUSTON AFTER RECEIPT OF MANIFEST, LOCATE AND INTERVIEW
PASSENGERS AS INSTRUCTED IN REFBUAIRTEL. HOUSTON ADVISED
BY AIR MAIL.

IN VIEW OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS CASE, IT IS
SUGGESTED THAT THE BUREAU ADVISE ALL OFFICES TO HOLD IN
ABEYANCE RECORD CHECK TYPE INVESTIGATION UTILIZING EXTENSIVE
MANPOWER AND TO BE CIRCUMSPECT IN CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION
WHERE THERE IS NO POSITIVE INDICATION OF THE SUBJECT'S
PRESENCE OR INVOLVEMENT. P.

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 AND MEMPHIS 44-1987
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

MURKIN

REMETEL TO BUREAU JUNE SIX SIXTYEIGHT, MIAMI TEL TO
DIRECTOR, JUNE FIVE SIXTYEIGHT.

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED JUNE SEVEN INSTANT.

DELTA AIRLINES, ATLANTA, HAS LOCATED ADDITIONAL TWO
TICKETS REFERRED TO IN MIAMI TELETYPE. A MRS. S. A. HOROWITZ
TRAVELED ROUND TRIP ATLANTA TO TORONTO APRIL THIRTEEN RETURNING
APRIL EIGHTEEN SIXTYEIGHT. TICKET NUMBER ZERO ZERO SIX DASH
TWO ZERO ONE DASH THREE ONE THREE DASH SIX ONE NINE, ITEM TWO,
APPARENTLY INCORRECTED NUMBER. THIS TICKET SOLD JANUARY FIFTEEN
SIXTYEIGHT, A ONE WAY TICKET FROM CHICAGO TO PALM BEACH, FLORIDA.
LAWSON ROLLINS, DELTA AIRLINES, ADVISED TICKETS LOCATED
FOR PASSENGER W. DAVIS AND B. CHIDLAW ON DELTA FLIGHT ONE FIVE
SEVEN NONSTOP MEMPHIS TO HOUSTON APRIL FIVE SIXTYEIGHT.
THESE PASSENGERS TRAVELED TOGETHER AS TICKET CONTAINED BOTH
NAMES. TICKET WAS ONE WAY; NO RETURN RESERVATIONS MADE.
MANIFEST OF ENTIRE PASSENGER LIST BEING OBTAINED.

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UACB, ATLANTA IS DISCONTINUING DAILY TELETYPES IN THIS
CASE.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

AIRMAIL COPY TO MIAMI AND HOUSTON.

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On April 24, 1968, SAs JOSEPH G. SHEA and JACK T. BEVERSTEIN interviewed SAMUEL WEHUNT, 185 W. Dixie Street, Marietta, Georgia, former brother-in-law of LEWIS RAYMOND DOWDA. WEHUNT advised as follows:

DOWDA is presently in Cobb County Jail serving a two-year sentence for robbery of Wilkeson Jewelers, Mableton, Georgia. WEHUNT advised photograph of JAMES EARL RAY did not resemble any person he had ever seen. He stated DOWDA's wife is presently residing with her father, RALPH J. GRAHAM, 65 Woodridge Drive, Marietta. WEHUNT advised during the latter part of November, 1967, DOWDA and his wife had left the Marietta, Georgia, area and traveled to California and returned. He did not know any details concerning this trip other than DOWDA and his wife were traveling in their Volkswagen and knew of no one who accompanied them. He stated he had learned from an individual known to him only as "Junior" that a man from Florida with his wife and child had visited DOWDA, staying for approximately two weeks. He stated this individual had left Marietta, Georgia, the first part of March, 1968. He stated "Junior" resides at 186 W. Dixie Street, also. WEHUNT advised DOWDA's parents had returned to Deland, Florida.

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922PM DST 6-5-68 URGENT RGT

TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA (44-2386), CHICAGO, DALLAS, HOUSTON,
LOS ANGELES, MEMPHIS, MINNEAPOLIS AND NEW YORK
FROM MIAMI (44-1854) (P)

MURKIN.

RE KANSAS CITY TEL TO THE BUREAU JUNE THREE LAST,

ATLANTA TEL TO THE BUREAU JUNE FOUR LAST AND MIAMI TEL
TO THE BUREAU JUNE FOUR LAST.

FOR INFO OFFICES WHICH DID NOT RECEIVE RE ATLANT TEL
OF JUNE FOUR LAST, THIS TEL REFLECTS ONE RAMON GEORGE
SNEYD, WHOSE PASSPORT PHOTO MAY BE THAT OF SUBJECT RAY, OBTAINED
A BRITISH COMMONWEALTH PASSPORT ON APRIL TWENTYFOUR LAST. IN
APPLYING FOR PASSPORT HE FURNISHED FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION:
WHITE MALE, BORN [REDACTED] TORONTO, ONE
SIXTYEIGHT LBS., BLACK HAIR, BROWN EYES, RESIDING NINE SIX
EIGHT DUNDAS, TORONTO, CANADA, WHICH IS CHEAP ROOMING HOUSE
WHERE SNEYD RESIDED SINCE APRIL SIXTYEIGHT. PROPRIETOR COULD
NOT MAKE POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION OF SNEYD AS RAY FROM PHOTO.
PASSPORT APPLICATION OBTAINED THROUGH TRAVEL AGENCY NEAR

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ROOMING HOUSE AND TRAVEL AGENCY RECORDS INDICATE SNEYD HAD PLANNED TO TRAVEL TO LONDON VIA BOAC AND WOULD RETURN MAY TWENTYNINE LAST. RE ATLANTA TEL OF JUNE FOUR LAST REQUESTED MIAMI REVIEW EASTERN AIRLINES (EAL) FLIGHTS THREE TWENTY AND THREE TWENTYEIGHT FOR DAILY FLIGHTS FROM ATLANTA TO TORONTO AND FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX DAILY FROM ATLANTA TO MONTREAL. BUREAU FURTHER ADVISED SNEYD IN OBTAINING PASSPORT FURNISHED NAME OF PAUL BRIDGEMAN AS PERSON TO NOTIFY IN EVENT OF EMERGENCY AND ADVISED BRIDGEMAN MAY HAVE BEEN INCARCERATED WITH SUBJECT. BUREAU INSTRUCTED NAME OF SNEYD AND BRIDGEMAN BE CHECKED TO DETERMINE IF PASSENGERS ON ABOVE-MENTIONED FLIGHTS FOR PERIOD APRIL FIVE THROUGH APRIL NINETEEN LAST.

EAL RECORDS CHECKED ON JUNE FOUR LAST DID NOT REFLECT EITHER SNEYD OR BRIDGEMAN AS PASSENGERS THRESE FLIGHTS DURING PERTINENT PERIOD.

EAL RECORDS INDICATE THAT TICKETS OF OTHER AIRLINES WERE USED ON PERTINENT FLIGHTS DURING PERTINENT PERIOD AND TICKET NUMBERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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UNITED AIRLINES, CHICAGO, ILL., COACH CLASS:

ZERO ONE SIX-TWO ONE THREE-TWO SEVEN EIGHT THREE THREE NINE,

COUPON TWO, FLIGHT THREE TWENTY ON APRIL FIVE LAST;

ZERO ONE SIX-FOUR TWO FIVE-TWO FIVE TWO SEVEN TWO SEVEN,

COUPON TWO, FLIGHT THREE TWENTY ON APRIL NINE LAST;

ZERO ONE SIX-THREE ZERO ONE-TWO FIVE NINE SIX THREE TWO,

COUPON TWO, FLIGHT THREE TWENTY ON APRIL NINE LAST.

DELATA AIRLINE, ATLANTA, GA., COACH CLASS:

ZERO ZERO SIX-TWO ZERO TWO-TWO FOUR THREE THREE FOUR

FIVE, COUPON TWO, FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX, APRIL SIX LAST;

ZERO ZERO SIX-TWO ZERO ONE-THREE ONE THREE SIX ONE NINE,

COUPON TWO, FLGITH THREE TWENTY, APRIL SIX LAST;

ZERO ZERO SIX-FOUR NINE EIGHT-SEVEN TWO ZERO SEVEN EIGHT

FIVE, COUPON TWO, FLGITH THREE TWENTYEIGHT, APRIL EIGHT LAST;

ZERO ZERO SIX-EIGHT SIX ZERO-TWO SEVEN SEVEN EIGHT SIX

EIGHT, COUPON FOUR, FLIGHT THREE TWENTYEIGHT, APRIL EIGHT LAST;

ZERO ZERO SIX-TWO ZERO TWO-ONE NINE SIX EIGHT SIX TWO,

COUPON ONE, FLIGHT THREE TWENTY, APRIL THIRTEEN LAST;

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ZERO ZERO SIX-FOUR ZERO ONE-ZERO SIX EIGHT SEVEN FIVE
THREE, COUPON THREE, FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX, APRIL SEVENTEEN
LAST;

ZERO ZERO SIX-FOUR ZERO ONE-ZERO FIVE ONE THREE ONE
EIGHT, COUPON TWO, FLIGHT THREE TWENTY, APRIL SEVENTEEN LAST;
ZERO ZERO SIX-FOUR ZERO ONE-ZERO FIVE ONE FOUR TWO ONE,
COUPON TWO, FLIGHT THREE TWENTY, APRIL SEVENTEEN LAST.

SOUTHERN AIRWAYS, INC., ATLANTA, GA., COACH CLASS:

ZERO THREE EIGHT-THREE ZERO ZERO-FOUR EIGHT SEVEN SEVEN
FIVE TWO, COUPON TWO, FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX, APRIL SIX LAST;
ZERO THREE EIGHT-THREE ZERO ZERO-FOUR NINE NINE FOUR
TWO SEVEN, COUPON TWO, FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX, APRIL THIRTEEN
LAST.

FIRST CLASS:

ZERO THREE EIGHT-TWO ZERO ZERO-SIX TWO TWO FIVE NINE
TWO, COUPON TWO, FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX, APRIL TEN LAST;
ZERO THREE EIGHT-TWO TWO ZERO-SIX TWO TWO FIVE NINE ONE,
COUPON TWO, FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX, APRIL TEN LAST.

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TRANS-TEXAS AIRWAYS, INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, HOUSTON,
TEXAS, COACH CLASS:

ZERO THREE THREE-THREE TWO ZERO-ZERO EIGHT ONE THREE
ZERO TWO, COUPON THREE, FLIGHT THREE TWENTYEIGHT, APRIL NINE
LAST.

BRANIFF INTERNATIONAL AIRWAYS, EXCHANGE PARK, DALLAS,
TEXAS, COACH CLASS:

ZERO ZERO TWO-THREE ONE ONE-ONE ZERO SEVEN ONE ZERO SEVEN,
COUPON THREE, FLGITH ONE ZERO SIX, APRIL ELEVEN LAST;
ZERO ZERO TWO-THREE ONE ONE-ONE ZERO SEVEN ONE ZERO EIGHT,
COUPON THREE, FLGITH ONE ZERO SIX, APRIL ELEVEN LAST;
ZERO ZERO TWO-THREE ONE ONE-ONE ZERO SEVEN ONE ZERO SIX,
COUPON THREE, FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX, APRIL ELEVEN LAST;
ZERO ZERO TWO-THREE ONE ONE-ONE ZERO SEVEN ONE ONE ZERO,
COUPON THREE, FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX, APRIL ELEVEN LAST;
ZERO ZERO TWO- THREE ONE ONE-ONE ZERO SEVEN ONE ZERO NINE,
COUPON THREE, FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX, APRIL ELEVEN LAST.
NORTH CENTRAL AIRLINES, SIX TWO ZERO ONE-THIRTYFOURTH
AVENUE SOUTH, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., COACH CLASS:

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ZERO THREE TWO-FOUR ZERO FOUR-TWO FIVE ONE THREE SIX ONE,
COUPON ONE, FLIGHT THREE TWENTYEIGHT, APRIL FOURTEEN LAST.
AMERICAN AIRLINES, SIX THREE THREE THIRD AVENUE, NEW
YORK, NY., FIRST CLASS:

ZERO ZERO ONE-THREE NINE TWO:FIVE ZERO SIX TWO FOUR EIGHT,
COUPON TWO, FLIGHT THREE TWENTY, APRIL FIFTEEN LAST;

ZERO ZERO ONE-THREE NINE TWO-FIVE ZERO SIX TWO FOUR SIX,
COUPON TWO, FLIGHT THREE TWENTY, APRIL FIVE LAST;

ZERO ZERO ONE-FOUR NINE TWO-SIX SIX SIX EIGHT SEVEN TWO,
COUPON FOUR, FLIGHT THREE TWENTY, APRIL SEVENTEEN LAST;

PAN AMERICAN AIRLINES, NEW YORK, NY, FIRST CLASS:

ZERO TWO SIX-THREE FOUR TWO-FOUR SIX ZERO TWO SEVEN SEVEN,
COUPON THREE, FLIGHT THREE TWENTY, APRIL FIFTEEN LAST.

CONTINENTAL AIRLINES, INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, LOS ANGELES,
CALIF., COACH CLASS:

ZERO ZERO FIVE-THREE ONE ZERO:FIVE ZERO ZERO FOUR SEVEN
EIGHT, COUPON TWO, FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX, APRIL NINE LAST.

AIR CANADA, PLACE VILLE MARIE, MONTREAL, PROVIDENCE OF
QUEBEC, COACH CLASS:

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ZERO ONE FOUR-THREE NINE ZERO-SIX FOUR SEVEN TWO EIGHT
THREE, COUPON TWO, FLIGHT THREE TWENTYEIGHT, APRIL FIVE LAST;
ZERO ONE FOUR-THREE NINE ZERO-SIX ZERO FOUR EIGHT ZERO
EIGHT, COUPON ONE, FLIGHT THREE TWENTY, APRIL SIX LAST;
ZERO ONE FOUR-THREE NINE ZERO-SIX ZERO FOUR EIGHT ONE
ZERO, COUPON ONE, FLIGHT THREE TWENTY, APRIL SIX LAST;
ZERO ONE FOUR-THREE NINE ZERO-SIX SEVEN FIVE FOUR FOUR
NINE, COUPON ONE, FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX, APRIL SEVEN LAST;
ZERO ONE FOUR-THREE NINE ZERO-SIX SEVEN FIVE FOUR FIVE
TWO, COUPON ONE, FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX, APRIL SEVEN LAST;
ZERO ONE FOUR:FOUR ZERO ONE:EIGHT SIX SIX FOUR FOUR FIVE,
COUPONS THREE AND FOUR, FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX, APRIL SEVEN LAST;
ZERO ONE FOUR-THREE NINE ZERO-FIVE THREE SIX EIGHT TWO
FOUR, COUPON TWO, FLIGHT THREE TWENTYEIGHT, APRIL EIGHT LAST;
ZERO ONE FOUR-THREE NINE ZERO-FIVE THREE SIX EIGHT TWO
TWO, COUPON TWO, FLIGHT THREE TWENTYEIGHT, APRIL EIGHT LAST;
ZERO ONE FOUR-THREE NINE ZERO-FOUR EIGHT ONE FOUR FIVE
FIVE, COUPON TWO, FLIGHT THREE TWENTYEIGHT, APRIL TEN LAST;
ZERO ONE FOUR-TWO SIX ONE-TWO FIVE EIGHT THREE ZERO ZERO,

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COUPON TWO, FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX, APRIL ELEVEN LAST;

ZERO ONE FOUR-FOUR NINE ONE-SEVEN FOUR NINE FIVE ONE NINE,

COUPONS THREE AND FOUR, FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX, APRIL ELEVEN
LAST;

ZERO ONE FOUR-FOUR NINE ONE-SEVEN FOUR NINE FIVE TWO

ZERO, COUPONS THREE AND FOUR, FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX, APRIL
ELEVEN LAST;

ZERO ONE FOUR-THREE NINE ZERO-FIVE THREE SEVEN SIX EIGHT

SIX, COUPON THREE, FLIGHT THREE TWENTYEIGHT, APRIL TWELVE LAST;

ZERO ONE FOUR-THREE ZERO ONE-ONE THREE THREE EIGHT NINE

EIGHT, COUPON TWO, FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX, APRIL FOURTEEN LAST;

ZERO ONE FOUR-FOUR ZERO ONE-EIGHT SEVEN EIGHT NINE SEVEN

FOUR, COUPON FOUR, FLIGHT THREE TWENTY, APRIL FOURTEEN LAST;

ZERO ONE FOUR-FOUR ZERO ONE-EIGHT THREE EIGHT NINE EIGHT

NINE, COUPONS THREE AND FOUR, FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX, APRIL
SEVENTEEN LAST;

ZERO ONE FOUR-FOUR NINE ONE-FIVE THREE ZERO FIVE FOUR

THREE, COUPON THREE, FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX, APRIL EIGHTEEN LAST;

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ZERO ONE FOUR-THREE SIX ONE-ZERO EIGHT FIVE ONE FIVE THREE,
COUPON THREE, FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX, APRIL EIGHTEEN LAST;
ZERO ONE FOUR-FOUR SIX ONE-ZERO EIGHT EIGHT FOUR ONE
FIVE, COUPON FOUR, FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX, APRIL EIGHTEEN LAST;
ZERO ONE FOUR-TWO NINE TWO-EIGHT NINE SIX FIVE NINE
FOUR, COUPON TWO, FLGITH ONE ZERO SIX, APRIL EIGHTEEN LAST;
ZERO ONE FOUR-THREE ZERO ONE-ZERO FIVE SIX FIVE THREE
ZERO, COUPON THREE, FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX, APRIL NINETEEN LAST.
TRANSAIR LIMITED, INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, WINNIPEG,
CANADA, COACH CLASS:

TWO SIX FOUR-THREE ZERO ZERO-ZERO ZERO FOUR SIX ONE SIX,
COUPON TWO, FLIGHT THREE TWENTY, APRIL NINE LAST;
TWO SIX FOUR-THREE ZERO ZERO-ZERO ZERO FOUR SIX ONE FOUR,
COUPON TWO, FLGITH THREE TWENTY, APRIL NINE LAST.
NATIONAL AIRLINES, MIAMI, FLA., COACH CLASS:
ZERO ONE ZERO-FOUR NINE SEVEN-ONE FIVE SEVEN NINE THREE
SIX, COUPON THREE, FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX, APRIL ELEVEN LAST.
BRITISH WEST INDIAN AIRWAYS, LTD., KENT HOUSE, LONG
CIRCULAR ROAD, MARAVAL, PORT OF SPAIN, TRINIDAD, BRITISH WEST

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INDIES, COACH CLASS:

ONE ZERO SIX-FOUR ZERO ZERO-SEVEN ZERO ONE TWO SIX SEVEN,
COUPON ONE, FLIGHT THREE TWENTYEIGHT, APRIL TWELVE LAST.

MIAMI IS HANDLING NATIONAL AIRLINES TICKETS.

MIAMI IS ALSO HANDLING BRITISH WEST INDIAN AIRWAYS, LTD.,
THROUGH LOCAL TICKET OFFICE, MIAMI, WHO ARE OBTAINING DESIRED
INFORMATION BY TELETYPE FROM HOME OFFICE.

BUREAU IS REQUESTED, THROUGH LEGAT OTTAWA, TO HAVE
APPROPRIATE CHECKS MADE WITH AIR CANADA, MONTREAL, AND TRANSAIR,
LIMITED, WINNIPEG, TO DETERMINE IF PERSONS USING LISTED TICKETS
ARE IDENTICAL WITH RAY AND TO HAVE APPROPRIATE LEADS SET OUT
FROM INFORMATION MADE AVAILABLE BY LEGAT.

CHICAGO, AT UNITED AIRLINES, DETERMINE TO WHOM LISTED
TICKETS WERE ISSUED AND SET OUT LEADS TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL
TO RAY.

ATLANTA AT DELTA AIRLINES AND SOUTHERN AIRWAYS, INC.;

HOUSTON AT TRANS-TEXAS AIRWAYS;

DALLAS AT BRANIFF INTERNATIONAL AIRWAYS;

MINNEAPOLIS AT NORTH CENTRAL AIRLINES;

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NEW YORK AT AMERICAN AIRLINES AND PAN AMERICAN AIRLINES;

LOS ANGELES AT CONTINENTAL AIRLINES

COVER LEADS AS SET OUT FOR CHICAGO.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

FROM : SA ARTHUR L. MURTAGH

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 6/5/68

Rememo Supv. CHARLES S. HARDING, 5/2/68.

Referenced memo instructed that BERNARD LEE, SCLC, be located and interviewed.

DORA MC DONALD, former Secretary to MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., was recontacted 5/28/68 in an effort to locate LEE. MC DONALD advised LEE is in a travel status in connection with the Poor Peoples Campaign and she has given him the message that interview with him is desired, but he has not been in town long enough to contact the FBI for interview.

MC DONALD will be recontacted in a further effort to locate LEE.

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To: SAC's Atlanta (44-2386) - Enclosure
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From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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Match

Re Atlanta letter 5-15-68, submitting registration card of Woodland Motor Court, Q341, for examination.

No latent impressions of value developed on the registration card, which is enclosed to Atlanta.

Laboratory reporting separately.

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AIRMAIL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, SAVANNAH (44-1768) (P)
MURKIN

Re Atlanta airtel to Bureau, 5/9/68. *Match*

The following investigation was conducted by SA
SYDNEY J. SMITH:

AT GLENNVILLE, GA.

On 5/20/68, Deputy Sheriff FLOYD N. BAXTER, Sheriff's
Office, Tattnall County, Ga., advised the following:

GEORGE B. FRANKS, 707 Virginia Avenue, Glennville,
was known by the name of BASIL FRANKS while living here. FRANKS
was a salesman for Mascot Pecan Co., Glennville, and before that
he was with the Western Auto Store. He was terminated from his
sales position with Mascot Pecan Co. about Christmas 1967. FRANKS
now lives in Ashburn, Ga., and is in the candy sales business
there.

Deputy Sheriff BAXTER scanned the photograph of
JAMES EARL RAY and then stated that FRANKS was not identical to
RAY.

On 5/20/68, Mr. HUBERT L. WALKER, 709 Virginia Avenue,
advised the following:

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He knew BASIL FRANKS, 707 Virginia Avenue, Glennville, Ga., when FRANKS lived in the house next to him for about three years. FRANKS left Glennville at about Christmastime, 1967, and is now living and working out of Ashburn, Ga., as a candy salesman.

Mr. WALKER closely inspected the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and declared that FRANKS was not identical to RAY.

LEAD

ATLANTA DIVISION

AT ASHBURN, GA.

Will locate BASIL FRANKS (or GEORGE B. FRANKS) and ascertain if he is identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) P DATE: 5/15/68

FROM : IC MARION W. DAVIS

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Re Houston airtel to Bureau, 5/3/68.

On 5/14/68, [REDACTED] (protect identity), Security Division, Southern Bell Telephone Company, Atlanta, advised local # 404-876-5551 is listed to Delta Sigma Phi, 165 4th Street, NW. No other information recorded.

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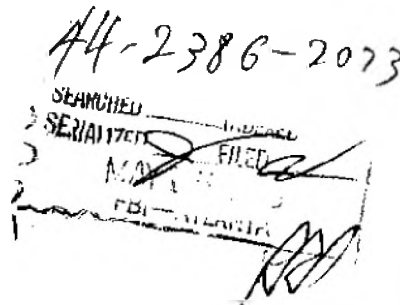
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AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Will determine from the subscriber or person receiving above call, the identity of the caller. If caller was JAMES EARL RAY, aka, will obtain all available information.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Atlanta (44-2386)

DATE: 5/23/68

FROM : SA Jimmy E. Hayes

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Reference telephone call from SUPERVISOR CHARLES HARDING 5/23/68.

Reference call revealed one THOMAS E. CARLISLE, a self-admitted alcoholic, contacted the Atlanta Office several times by telephone 5/23/68 and declared that JAMES EARL RAY was now in The Harbor, an institution for reclamation of alcoholics, at LaGrange, Georgia, under the name WILLIS DAVIS.

CARLISLE was being treated for alcoholism at The Harbor having been referred to the institution by a similar institution at Albany, Georgia, known as The Anchorage.

SA Jimmy E. Hayes immediately contacted Sheriff L.W. BAILEY and together with BAILEY proceeded to The Harbor on 5/23/68.

The Reverend GEORGE SMITH, manager of The Harbor, made DAVIS available for interview. SMITH was not told that DAVIS was suspected of being identical with RAY. He was told DAVIS was suspected of being identical with a Bureau fugitive and had been seen in an area in which the fugitive may have frequented.

DAVIS has a striking resemblance to RAY even to having his left ear protruding further than his right one. He was cooperative and furnished background information concerning himself and allowed himself to be fingerprinted. He was not told that he was suspected of being RAY, he was merely told that he was suspected of being identical with a Bureau fugitive.

Comparison of DAVIS's fingerprints with fingerprints of RAY as shown on the IO#4182, reveals DAVIS could not be RAY. It is noted that RAY's right thumb is a loop whereas DAVIS's right thumb is a whorl. RAY's right index finger is a loop, whereas DAVIS's right index finger is a whorl pattern.

In order to further verify this comparison, the fingerprint card bearing DAVIS's fingerprints are being forwarded to the HQ office for examination by SA CARL CLAIRBORNE.

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Fingerprints of Willis Davis not identical with fingerprints of James Earl Ray

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In view of the fact DAVIS may come to the attention of the Atlanta Office in the future as a suspect believed to be RAY, the following descriptive data is set forth, as given by DAVIS:

Name: WILLIS O'NEAL DAVIS
Aka's: None
Race & Sex: White, male
Birth data: [redacted] Coosa County, Alabama
Address: Route 1, Titus, Alabama (a farm)
Height: 5'8"
Weight: 150
Build: Medium
Eyes: Blue
Hair: Dark brown (worn GI style)
Complexion: Medium
Soc. Sec. No: [redacted]
Military Experience: U.S. Air Force (SN not recalled)
Occupation: Textile mill (loom-fixer) unemployed.
Hnce worked for West Point-Pepperell Co,
West Point, Georgia (In one of their new
Alabama plants)
Relatives: E.M. DAVIS, father (deceased)
MINNIE LEE DAVIS, mother (Deceased)

ELAINE STROUD DAVIS, wife (estranged)
ROGER DEWAYNE DAVIS, son
TOMMY O'NEAL DAVIS, son
Rockford, Alabama.

DAVIS states he has no real criminal record and his only trouble has emanated from his excessive use of intoxicants.

After the interview with DAVIS, a brief conversation was had with the Reverend GEORGE SMITH, The Harbor, who mentioned some of his problems in attempting to rehabilitate alcoholics. He mentioned that THOMAS E. CARLISLE, who had only been at The Harbor for two days, was missed the morning of 5/23/68, and it was not known where CARLISLE had gone.

In keeping with Bureau policy, no mention was made that this information was furnished by CARLISLE or that he had ever been heard of.

LEAD: ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

Will have attached fingerprint card bearing prints of WILLIS O'NEAL DAVIS reviewed and compared with fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY as shown on IO 4182.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 23, 1968

MARGIE CURTIS, 1838 Dunlap Avenue, East Point, Georgia, employed by National Car Rental, Atlanta, Georgia, was interviewed at her place of employment, and furnished the following information:

She advised she was the individual who rented the 1968 Dodge Dart to S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN on April 2, 1968. She described SCHNEIDERMAN as being in his late 30s or early 40s, approximately 5 feet 7-8 inches tall, of small build, weighing approximately 140-145 pounds, with dark hair, possibly black. She viewed a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, and stated from her recollection, did not believe RAY identical to SCHNEIDERMAN, however, photograph of RAY, particularly the hair, did resemble SCHNEIDERMAN.

She advised SCHNEIDERMAN appeared at the National Car Rental Office at the Atlanta Airport at approximately 9:42 am, wearing a business suit and presented 3 Millionair Club credit cards, 2 in plastic covering, and 1 plain paper card, all in the name of S. SCHNEIDERMAN. She could not recall if SCHNEIDERMAN had luggage, and states she was sure that he was not accompanied by anyone. She stated she obtained the drivers license number from SCHNEIDERMAN's Illinois drivers license, and also listed the Holiday Inn at the Atlanta Airport as SCHNEIDERMAN's place of contact.

On 5/17/68 at Atlanta, Georgia File # Atlanta 26-43489
Atlanta 44-2386-2071
by SA JOHN J. LANGSFELD
SA JOHN B. REYNOLDS JBR:mcc Date dictated 5/23/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 23, 1968

DAVE ROGERS, National Car Rental, Atlanta, Georgia Airport, produced National Car Rental System Rental Agreement Number 7044348 for this company, Station 070-2, dated April 2, 1968, at 9:42 am, indicating one S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN rented car 701371 with Georgia license 1D98283, which is a Dodge Dart, which rental agreement reflects an address of 6535 North Richmond, Illinois. Also listed on this agreement, drivers license W5-570-018, from the state of Illinois. The agreement reflects the car will be returned on May 1, 1968, and indicates a credit card was used from the Millionaire Club National Limited, Chicago, Illinois, Number 96968.

ROGERS stated that a 20 percent cash discount was given to SCHNEIDERMAN and stated that according to records of this office, their vehicle 701371 is a 1968 Dodge Dart, Vehicle Identification Number LH41D8B323249, bearing 1968 Georgia license 1D48283.

ROGERS stated that SCHNEIDERMAN apparently, after obtaining this automobile, later went to the Tallahassee, Florida area, and was staying at the Holiday Inn in Tallahassee, inasmuch as he, ROGERS, had received an inquiry from a Lieutenant DAVIS of the Tallahassee, Florida Police Department, who was checking on SCHNEIDERMAN through the Georgia license plate on his car. ROGERS also stated that he later received information that SCHNEIDERMAN was locked out of his room by the Holiday Inn # 2, Knoxville, Tennessee.

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RE: MURKIN

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In the event of inquiries regarding the identity of the sources of the reward money offered in the Murkin case, you may confidentially advise established sources that according to a compilation set forth in the April 27th edition of the "Commercial Appeal," Memphis, Tennessee, \$25,000 each has been offered by the "Commercial Appeal" and Scripps-Howard newspapers and that in addition, businessmen and citizens in Memphis have offered several thousands more and the Memphis City Council has under-written the reward up to a total of \$100,000.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS

FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/15/68

Re Miami teletype to Bureau and Atlanta, 5/3/68, and Atlanta teletype to Bureau and Miami, Birmingham, Memphis, and Jacksonville, 5/4/68.

On 5/6/68, Donald Jackson Carpenter, was interviewed at Gray, Georgia, and acknowledged he had made a phone call from Gray, to Hazel Peacock at Okeechobee, Fla. just after hearing the news that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. had been murdered, and ~~X~~ by conversation left her under the impression he and Terry Smith had "done the job". His only explanation for doing this was "to get her off his back".

Carpenter was reprimanded for his actions and agreed not to tell such lies in the ~~XXXXXX~~ future.

No further investigation being conducted at Gray, Ga.

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DEMPSEY stated THOME appeared to him to look like an average accountant.

He stated he was brought to the Recovery Bureau in a 1957 Chevrolet convertible, with 1967 Georgia License 7-21066, driven by a short and stocky white male.

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EDDIE SAMS, Owner, American Oil Station, Ponce de Leon Avenue and Monroe Drive, on May 3, 1968, advised he could locate no record of employment on HAROLD J. THOME, considered him a very odd person, and stated he had started a fight with a customer and he had fired him after that. He has not seen THOME since that time, which was probably early February of 1968.

SAMS stated he had reported his car stolen to the Atlanta Police Department. He did not know a local address for THOME but thought he lived somewhere in the East Lake area.

A check with the Records Office of the Atlanta Police Department on May 3, 1968, failed to reflect any report of a stolen vehicle by HAROLD J. THOME, either under his name or the date of the recovery.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA
ROBERT R. PERRY:

JIMMY GARNER, 107 14th Street, Northeast, on May 1, 1968, advised a person who he knew as BILLY FAULKNER was not residing at 113 14th Street during the first week in April to the best of his recollection. After checking his records, however, they reflected FAULKNER was in Room 7 the week of April 2 through 9, 1968, at 113 14th Street. He stated apparently he was incorrect in his thinking and FAULKNER had been there for a brief time and returned the following week and turned his key into him, GARNER, at his restaurant on Northside Drive.

He stated he believes GARNER left the rooming house about April 5, 1968, and went home for the weekend, to the best of his recollection.

He stated JONES resided in Room 1 at 113 14th Street, is still there, and is now working out of the labor temple or some such place.

On May 3, 1968, JIMMY GARNER advised that after GALT had gone he found the key to the room in the lock of Room 2 and the front door key lying on a chest inside the door of Room 2. He stated the storeroom which opens into Room 2, as well as into the hall, was left unlocked while GALT was there and GALT had access to this room at all times. He stated GALT did not have a key to the lock on the outside door to the storeroom or to the lock on the storeroom door which opens into Room 2. He stated there was no indication that the door to the storeroom from Room 2 had been forced open at any time.

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PHILLIPS was impressed by LAMB's resemblance of the published pictures of JAMES EARL RAY.

Several days after the KING funeral, PHILLIPS received a call from a person who identified herself as a girl friend of LAMB, named CORA MERRITT, telephone number 753-9007. This caller advised as follows:

She was calling to inquire about LAMB's whereabouts, and she called Mrs. PHILLIPS to see if she knew that LAMB used to live at that address. LAMB had told her that he had killed MARTIN LUTHER KING and asked her to hide him. He said he had stolen a white Mustang to do it. The caller said he had told her this before news of the white Mustang had been publicized. The caller said she had told a boyfriend about this and he had in turn told the FBI. When she was questioned by the FBI, she denied that LAMB had ever told her this since she felt that there was nothing to it. LAMB had also told her he had previously stolen a car in Riverdale and had taken it to Spartanburg, North Carolina.

A boarder, ROGER SESSIONS, has seen a man walk by the house, which he believes is JAMES EARL RAY. Mrs. PHILLIPS had seen him also and thinks he resembles the photographs of RAY and also resembles LAMB. It is possible he is LAMB, but Mrs. PHILLIPS is not sure.

The Atlanta Telephone Directory lists a CORA MARTIN MERRITT at 1627 Orlando, S. W., Atlanta, Georgia, telephone 753-9007.

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**Enclosed is Identification Record on
Carl Murphy, Jr.**

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
USM Aberdeen Miss	Carl Murphy, Jr. #NM-1318	1-14-54	vio Int Rev Liquor	
A&TTD Jackson, Miss	Carl Murphy, Jr. #Miss-N-6663	1-14-54	vio Int Rev Laws Liquor	3-19-54 PG sent 30 days in jail susp & placed on prob for 2 years \$100 fine to pay
US Marshal Aberdeen Miss	Carl Murphy Jr. #NM-1318	10-4-54	vio Probation liquor	
A&TTD Jackson Miss	Carl Murphy Jr. #Miss-N-6846	2-17-55	vio int rev Laws	3-28-55 PG sent 4 months in jail to serve
Federal Prison Camp Montgomery Ala	Carl Murphy Jr. #12,482	5-11-55	Poss UTP Whiskey	0-4-0 exp GT 8-21-55
A&TTD Jackson Miss	Carl Murphy Jr. #Miss-N-7224	1-9-57	vio of IRL	3-25-57 closed due to trans to state crt
A&TTD Jackson Miss	Carl Murphy Jr. #Miss-N-7327	1-10-58	vio IRL (liq)	see supplement
Fed Corr Inst Texarkana Texas	Carl Murphy Jr. #10875-TT	8-4-58	poss nontaxpaid whiskey	2 yrs 1-19-59 Paroled
FBI Memphis Tenn (dupl prt ret)	Carl Murphy Jr. #--	5-2-62	obstruction of Justice	TOT USM Aberdeen Miss
Navy	Carl Murphy, Jr. #417 23 71	7-20-49		
SO Memphis Tenn	Carl Murphy Jr. #35213	11-21-66	inv vice registration law	

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
St Hwy Pat Jackson Miss,	Carl Murphy Jr	2-23-68	DWI, running road block switched auto tag	
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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	#Miss-N-7327 4-7-58		Plea of guilty sentenced to pay \$500-fine 2 yrs in pen to serve (sentence deferred to 6-1-58)	
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All descriptive factors (if any) furnished by you match those in our identification file unless herein quoted.

DESCRIPTION AND RELATED DATA:

Race: White

Sex: male

Height: 5-10

Weight: 200

Hair: black

Eyes: green

Date and Place of Birth: Tupelo, Miss

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Scars & Marks: tattoo left forearm bird & word Mamma, pit scar rt side face

Address: in 1968-Tupelo, Mississippi

Occupation: farmer

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 22, 1968

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An examination was made of Room #6 at 113 14th Street, N. E., Atlanta, and the following items were obtained:

1. 12 latent fingerprints taken from various parts of the room, including the venetian blind, hall wall, headboard and footboard of bed, which prints are numbered 1 through 12.
2. Bed linen taken off floor previously used on bed.
3. 3 cigarette butts taken from on top of wardrobe.
4. City street map of Atlanta, book of paper matches, and a lined piece of paper.
5. Newspaper utilized for shelf paper in wardrobe.
6. Pink slip of paper with name "JIMMY OWEN" written thereon.
7. 1 keyhole saw found on top of wardrobe.
8. 1 cigarette found under wardrobe.

Photographs of this room were also taken.

On 4/15/68 at Atlanta, Georgia File # Atlanta 44-2386-7063
by SAs ALDEN F. MILLER and
JOHN B. REYNOLDS /rjb Date dictated 4/19/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 22, 19681

An examination was made of Room #5 at 107 14th Street, N. E., Atlanta, and the following items obtained:

1. 3 latent fingerprints taken from footboard of bed located in northwest side of room, which prints are numbered A1 through A3.
2. 1 newspaper, dated April 7, 1968.

On 4/15/68 gav at Atlanta, Georgia File # Atlanta 44-2386 -2062
by SAs ALDEN F. MILLER and
JOHN B. REYNOLDS /rjb Date dictated 4/19/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 24, 1968

ROBERT EVANS, 591 Parkway Drive, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia, was interviewed at the Crown Filling Station, directly across from the SCLC Headquarters on Auburn Avenue in Atlanta, and he advised he recalls seeing two white men using a phone booth at the station on the day before Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. was killed in Memphis, Tennessee. Mr. EVANS said that he would place the time that he witnessed these individuals in the phone booth at between 3:00 and 4:00 p.m. He stated he was playing checkers at the station, sitting almost in front of the phone booths used by the men, but that he cannot remember the identity of the person with whom he was playing checkers. He said he recalls seeing these men at the phone booth and one man seemed to be writing something on a pad and the other man was making one or more telephone calls.

EVANS said that during the time these men were in the phone booth, someone in the group around the station stated, "There goes Dr. KING." He said that the two men in the booth came out, walked across the driveway to nearly the center of the driveway, and looked at Dr. KING as he was walking down Hilliard Street from the South side of Auburn Avenue, where he apparently had parked his car across Auburn Avenue. KING entered the most westerly entrance of the SCLC Headquarters.

EVANS said that as he observed these men watching Dr. KING, the thought crossed his mind that they must not know Dr. KING, since his appearance in that area would not have created much interest because most of the people in the area knew who he was. He said he also thought to himself as he saw Dr. KING walking across the street that Dr. KING was probably getting ready to go to Memphis, because he knew Dr. KING was to be in Memphis the following day.

EVANS said that he would attempt to try to recall who was in the group at the filling station when this incident took place, but that he did not think he would be able to remember their identities.

On 4/18/68 at Atlanta, Georgia

File # Atlanta 44-2386 - 2061

SAs ARTHUR L. MURTAGH *AM*
by and JOHN M. PALFI ALM:met

Date dictated 4/23/68

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EVANS added he believes ALDEN ALLEN is one of the persons who were at the station at the time of this incident, but he is not sure.

EVANS furnished the following description of the two individuals:

(1) A white male, age 30, 5 feet 10 inches to 6 feet tall, 140 to 150 pounds, wore a hat. EVANS said he could furnish no additional information concerning this individual.

(2) A white male, 5 feet 8 inches tall, to 5 feet 9 inches tall, 140 pounds, hair light brown. EVANS said he could furnish no additional information concerning this individual.

EVANS said he noted that when the men left the station they walked first in an easterly direction which would be toward downtown, and then turned at about the edge of the filling station lot at Auburn Avenue and went in a westerly direction on Auburn Avenue, walking out of sight. EVANS was sure he did not see these individuals get into a car or see a car in the filling station parking lot appearing to be connected with them.

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On April 18, 1968, THERON C. TERRELL, 3296 North Embury Circle, Chamblee, Georgia, business address Terrell Agency, Inc., 806 Stewart Avenue, SW, Atlanta, was interviewed by SA'S THOMAS J. BARRETT and THOMAS C. RENAGHAN, JR. Also present during the interview was TERRELL's wife, Mrs. EDNA TERRELL.

At this point in the interview, Mr. TERRELL stated that everything he said must be considered on a strictly confidential basis and that he did not wish to be identified in any way as being the source of this information. He stated he did not wish to testify to this information.

TERRELL stated that on the evening of April 17, 1968, he viewed a photograph on a television news broadcast. This photograph was said to be that of ERIC STARVO GALT, presently being sought by the FBI in connection with the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. TERRELL stated that at that point he recognized this photograph as being identical to an individual known to him as JOHN WILLARD, who was employed by him as a telephone sales solicitor at his office on Stewart Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia, for approximately a two week period during May or June, 1967.

TERRELL stated that sometime in the latter part of April or the early part of May, 1967, he received a telephone call from an unrecalled individual in Louisiana who is in the same line of work, that being advertising, public relations, and show business promotions. He stated this caller claimed that he was cutting back on his operation and would have to let one of his salesmen go. He stated this caller inquired if he, TERRELL, could use a good telephone salesman in his operation of Atlanta. TERRELL stated that at this point he told this caller that he could use such a person. This caller stated that the salesman's name was JOHN WILLARD, and that he had been employed by the caller in Louisiana for approximately one year. The caller highly recommended WILLARD as being a very capable telephone solicitor. The

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caller mentioned that WILLARD was without funds and would require an advance of money in order to travel to Atlanta, Georgia. TERRELL stated that at this point the caller indicated where the advance of funds should be sent and TERRELL arranged for \$20.00 to be forwarded via Western Union Money Order from Atlanta on same date. TERRELL could not recall the name, place, and location where the funds were sent; however, he believes it possibly was sent to Lake Charles, Shreveport, or Monroe, Louisiana. TERRELL stated that he personally knows twenty to thirty individuals in the State of Louisiana who operate agencies similar to his and that it could have been any one of these individuals who contacted him regarding the employment of WILLARD. TERRELL stated that this is a common practice in this industry, that of arranging for the continued employment of telephone solicitors by referring them to agencies in other cities.

TERRELL stated that JOHN WILLARD arrived at his office at 806 Stewart Avenue on the day after the money was wired. He stated that WILLARD reported personally to him and volunteered that he was ready to go to work immediately. TERRELL stated that he did not recall WILLARD having any luggage with him at this time. He stated that he remembers WILLARD commenting that he had traveled to Atlanta via Greyhound Bus, but he did not know WILLARD's mode of transportation from the Bus Depot to the office. At this point, TERRELL stated WILLARD indicated that his name was JOHN WILLARD. However, at this time there were four other individuals employed in the office with the first name of JOHN and TERRELL for the sake of the operation asked if WILLARD was known by any other name. WILLARD volunteered that he was known to his friends as BILL and that he would sign his telephone sales cards W. WILLARD. TERRELL stated that he believes that the payroll records which are maintained by his accountant in Birmingham will reflect the name JOHN WILLARD and will also give the exact dates of employment. TERRELL stated that they would not be likely to have any additional background information recorded due to the fact that his general practice is to give these individuals a two or three week trial in the operation before he considers them as permanent employees and obtains Social Security Numbers and any pertinent background information. He stated that he believes all that would be

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contained in the records of his accountant would be WILLARD's name and number of sales he made along with the amount paid to him as commission. TERRELL stated that the usual commission was 25% of the sale involved.

At this point, TERRELL furnished a 3 x 5 cream-colored index card, which he alleged was the handwriting of JOHN WILLARD. This writing was as follows:

"377-3861

"International Harvester Sales & Serv.
2857 E. Ponce de Leon Ave. Dec.

"Mr. Norman
Thurs Anytime

"5.40

"#72 W. Willard

"H.TIX"

On the reverse side of this card was writing which had been scratched out and TERRELL stated that this had no relation to WILLARD.

TERRELL stated that at the time WILLARD was employed by him, they were involved in a project to promote a dance being held by a local Elks Club in Atlanta. He stated WILLARD went to work on the telephones to solicit advertising for the program announcing the dance. TERRELL stated that as his solicitors made a sale over the phone, they would record the information on these 3 x 5 cards and that the "#72" indicated that this was the 72nd sale made by WILLARD.

He stated that the day following the sales, a woman from his organization would go around to the individuals placing the advertisements and make collections. He stated that WILLARD never personally contacted any of the accounts and that all of his sales were made on the telephone.

TERRELL stated that WILLARD was employed for approximately two weeks and that he, TERRELL, was personally in the office for the first week of this employment. He stated that that time he had to travel to Alabama and he left

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his wife in charge of the office as was his common practice. WILLARD worked for approximately one more week under the direct supervision of Mrs. TERRELL. TERRELL considered WILLARD to be a very capable salesman and good employee.

TERRELL advised that when he first encountered WILLARD at his place of business on Stewart Avenue, WILLARD impressed him as a "sharp individual", noting his attractive personal appearance. TERRELL stated that upon arrival WILLARD was wearing a sport jacket, dark slacks, dress shoes, a white shirt, and a red or black bow tie and appeared particularly well groomed. TERRELL noted that the red or black bow tie was characteristic of WILLARD's dress in that he invariably wore one of these ties.

TERRELL was exhibited photographs of ERIC STARVO GALT, one with eyes closed, the other with eyes opened, and positively identified both as JOHN WILLARD, who was employed by him. TERRELL stated that the photographs were an excellent likeness of WILLARD but noted that WILLARD's hair was not a crewcut, but rather tight, wavy hair of a medium-brown shade, which gave a crewcut appearance from a distance. TERRELL also noted that WILLARD was very conscious of the grooming of his hair, noting that WILLARD was often observed to touch his hair with his hands to check on its grooming.

TERRELL advised that WILLARD was a white male, between 30 and 35 years of age, 5'9", 165-170 pounds, medium build, noting trim appearance with apparent good muscle tone. TERRELL noted that WILLARD was "a country boy", yet was aggressive and sure of himself.

TERRELL stated that he got the impression that WILLARD was a "glib" talker, who projected well. TERRELL stated that he detected a general rural Southern accent in WILLARD's speech. In addition to this, he noted that WILLARD had a peculiar dialect noticeable in certain words he used. TERRELL stated that he himself has traveled in Louisiana and was of the opinion that these peculiarities in WILLARD's speech may be somehow connected with a Cajun dialect.

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TERRELL stated that he could not recall any specific information regarding WILLARD's background; however, he was of the general impression that WILLARD was originally from Louisiana. He stated that he could not recall WILLARD mentioning his family or his marital status nor could he recall any mention being made of military service.

TERRELL stated that he received the impression that WILLARD was new in Atlanta and quite possibly had never been in this town before. He stated that he believes that when WILLARD arrived at his office he did not have a specific address here in Atlanta. However, TERRELL said he seems to recall mention made of the Jefferson Hotel in Atlanta in connection with a residence of WILLARD. TERRELL stated that even though WILLARD appeared to be new to town, he seemed to make quite a few contacts in a short period of time. Along these lines, TERRELL stated that he got the impression WILLARD was interested in seeing what the "action" was in Atlanta. He stated that WILLARD mentioned several night clubs he had visited in Atlanta. The only one TERRELL could remember was the Kitten's Korner.

TERRELL stated that he received the impression that WILLARD also had an inordinate desire for money. He stated that along these lines, WILLARD mentioned he was going to obtain a part-time job in the evening as a bartender. TERRELL claimed that WILLARD requested permission to use TERRELL's name as a reference when he applied for these bartending jobs and TERRELL agreed to this. TERRELL stated he recalls WILLARD mentioning he was applying for a job as a bartender in the Regency-Hyatt House Hotel in Atlanta and the Red Barn Lounge on Roswell Road in Atlanta.

TERRELL also stated that he recalls that WILLARD mentioned that he had registered with some organization or agency that was placing him on temporary bartending jobs in the Atlanta area. WILLARD mentioned to TERRELL on several occasions that he had worked as a temporary bartender at a private party on the previous night.

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TERRELL could not remember anything further along these lines. TERRELL stated that it was apparent that WILLARD's ambition was to work full time as a bartender and that he, TERRELL, could not understand this, inasmuch as WILLARD was such a capable salesman and could earn a far greater salary in sales.

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TERRELL stated that he considered WILLARD to be a vain person in that he was exceptionally concerned with his appearance. WILLARD was always very neatly dressed and TERRELL estimated that he had four or five suits which TERRELL would place in the \$80 to \$90 price range. TERRELL stated that WILLARD also wore a white dress shirt and that his shoes were always well shined and of good quality.

TERRELL stated that the only other employee presently working for him who was also employed during the time WILLARD worked there is a MYRON GRIFFITH, a white male, approximately 55 to 60 years of age. TERRELL stated that on the morning of April 18, 1968, GRIFFITH mentioned that he thought the individual whose picture was being displayed on television and newscast as ERIC STARVO GALT was identical to a JOHN WILLARD who worked with him at the Terrell Agency in the late Spring of 1967. TERRELL stated that at this point he, his wife, and GRIFFITH discussed this matter and that all concluded that the picture on the newscast was indeed identical to JOHN WILLARD.

TERRELL stated that GRIFFITH worked in the same room with JOHN WILLARD and had daily person to person contact with WILLARD; however, TERRELL characterized GRIFFITH by saying that he was "not quite as sharp as he used to be and a little shakey." For this reason, TERRELL stated that he thought it would be inadvisable for FBI Agents to contact GRIFFITH in the interest of discretion and maintaining the confidential nature of this information. TERRELL stated that he, himself, would engage GRIFFITH in conversation in an attempt to determine any further information GRIFFITH may be able to recall regarding WILLARD. TERRELL stated that GRIFFITH mentioned one particular incident that occurred several days after WILLARD started his employment at the agency.

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According to GRIFFITH, WILLARD came to work one morning unshaven and proceeded to shave with an electric razor at the office. While he was shaving, he mentioned to GRIFFITH, "I am STARVO." At this point, GRIFFITH stated he queried WILLARD as to whether he meant he was starving and offered to lend him money for a meal. WILLARD retorted "I am starving in more ways than one but STARVO is one of my names."

TERRELL emphasized that neither he nor his wife have any personal knowledge of this comment made by WILLARD and it was strictly secondhand information he had gathered in conversation with GRIFFITH.

TERRELL stated that he is presently on the staff of former Governor GEORGE WALLACE of Alabama in a public relations capacity and that he has worked extensively for Governor WALLACE in the public relations capacity for the past four or five years. He stated that he had also handled the public relations account of Alabama State Police which he recently terminated due to his poor health. TERRELL emphasized due to his relationship with Governor WALLACE, it was mandatory this information not be attributed to him as he did not wish to have it known that WILLARD was a former employee of his.

He stated that another reason for maintaining the confidential nature of this information was the fact that he feared if it became known, it would jeopardize his family's safety and would also cause him considerable problems in business.

TERRELL stated that he left Atlanta on business approximately a week after WILLARD started his employment that his wife remained at the Atlanta office in his absence.

TERRELL stated that his accountant was a Mr. RAYMOND J. ISLEY, 8100 Seventh Street North, Birmingham, Alabama and that ISLEY would have records of all employees who were working during the period of time WILLARD was employed.