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SPRINGFIELD, INTERVIEW JAMES AND IRENE BRIDGEMAN IF LIVING KANSAS CITY INTERVIEWING JANET LOU CAWVEY AND POSSIBLE GIRL FRIEND OF BRIDGEMAN.

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RAYMOND LOUIS CURTIS, currently incarcerated Whitfiles County Jail. Dalton, Georgia, advised that he has spent time 12 prison on two or three occasions with JAMES EARL RAY. CURTE advised he first became acquainted with JAMES EARL RAY in Mar 1955 at the Jackson County Jail, Kansas City, Missouri. He stated RAY was incarcerated at the Jackson County Jail on Post Office burglary charges and had just recently been release from prison in Menard, Illinois, prior to his incarceration Jackson County. CURTIS at the same time was under arrest for armed robbery and bank robbery in the Missouri area. During this period, CURTIS stated he and RAY were cellmates for approximately six to seven months. While cellmates, CURTIS recalled that RAY had a close friend, name unrecalled, who visited him while RAY was at the Jackson County Prison. This friend had been a former cellmate of RAY when RAY was incarred at Menard, Illinois. CURTIS never actually saw this man but knew that RAY had several visits from one particular individual This man kept RAY in spending money while RAY was in Jackson County Jail and in CURTIS' copinion this individual would harben RAY IF RAY were on escape.

CURTIS went on to say that RAY had another close friend, name unrecalled, of Italian descent, apparently a "big man" in the syndicate. This Italian had apparently operated with RAY in the past and both he and RAY had engaged in handling stolen Postal money orders and travelers checks.

After six or seven months as cellmates at Jackson County Jail, RAY was sentenced to three years on the Post Office burglary charges and transferred to Leavenworth Federal Penitents Two weeks later CURTIS received a 16-year sentence for bank robbs and also was sent to Leavenworth. While confined at Leavenworth together, RAY spoke of no girlfriends and corresponded with mone to the best of CURTIS' knowledge. While in Leavenworth, RAY mentioned that he "operated" frequently out of Quincy, Illinois By "operated", RAY meant "engaged in burglary and payroll jobs."

CURTIS said that while he and RAY were incarcerated w

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engaged in crooked poker games and took fellow prisoners for money. In the opinion of CURTIS, RAY was a good poker player and an excellent card handler. During this incarceration RAY mentioned underworld and hoodlum connections, names unrecalled, in Chicago, Detroit, Tampa, and the Tijuana, Mexico area. CURTIS went on to say that after serving seven to eight months with RAY at Leavenworth he was transferred to the United States Penitentian Atlanta, Georgia. CURTIS served six to seven years in the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, and in June 1962 was released but sent back to the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, to serve time on armed robbery charges. While in the state penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri, CURTIS again was incarcerated with JAMES EARL RAY. On occasions they were in the same cell together in "B" Hall and "C" Halls they were together from 1962 to 1966. While in "B" and "C" Halls they were together in a three-man cell with a third individual who CURTIS said could verify the following facts but whom CURTIS refused to identify but whom CURTIS refused to identify:

CURTIS stated that during this incorceration President JOHN F. KENNEDY was assassinated and word from the outside filtered into the prison that this was probably a conspiracy. Word came in that KENNEDY had a "bounty" on his head. CURTIS was unable to give further details on the "bounty". He said in 1963-1964 Dr. King's movements becameeone of the topics of conversation at the state penitentiary. Word got around to the inmates that the "KK of the South" who apparently went to businessmen and had raised approximately a million dollars, had a bounty with this money on KING's head. CURTIS was unable to give further details or information regarding "KK of the South".

curts said that from 1962 to 1966 before curts! release RAY mentioned at least a dozen times that had he known about a "bounty" on President KENNEDY's head and had he been out he would have made every effort to collect it. RAY also said approximately a dozen times in the presence of CURTIS "if he got out in time and if KING was still alive he would like to get the "bounty" on KING". RAY never mentioned whom he would contact to get this "bounty" but CURTIS advised the criminal element knew hor to contact such people.

CURTIS went on to say that the above statements concerning KING made by RAY were heard by the third cellmate mentioned above.

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In addition CURTIS stated that RAY had a friend in New Orleans, Louisiana (FIRST NAME UNKNOWN) COIN (phonetic) who was apparently a "fence". This man was well connected with the hoodlum element, however, was quite old and in the opinion of RAY was in 1955 at least 55 to 60 years of age. In the opinion of CURTIS this individual would definitely harbor RAY. CURTIS knew no close frends or associates of RAY. RAY, allegedly through prison grapevine, had a wife but this was never mentioned by RAY. CURTIS said, however, a few prisoners mentioned family connections. While in prison RAY also mentioned gambling in Los Angeles, California. No specific place in Los Angeles as to the gambling was mentioned. RAY in CHRTIS' opinion was a "high liver" when outside and would associate with prostitutes taking one from bean to town.

RAY with regard to KING's killing indicated he would make all rules and would in all probability demand the "bounty" money be put in a bank. RAY mentioned three foreign countries, which he had learned about and which CURTIS assumed RAY would go to if out of the United States. These foreign countries were New Zealand, Brazil, and Switzerland. CURTIS was of the opinion that not over three people would be involved in the actual assassination. It would have been well planned with diversionary measures and in the opinion of CURTIS a second individual, not RAY, would have driven the getaway car to Atlanta as a diversionary measure.

CURTIS said he would not testify to the above facts because if he did testify to this information he would fear for his life.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO

SAC (44-2386) (P)

DATE:

6/3/68

FROM

SA JACK B. SIMPSON

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

On 6/3/68, JOHN HEAD, 2340 Bankhead Hwy., phone 794-9479, advised he received info an individual of general description of JAMES EARL RAY reportedly to have taken job two weeks ago at Westbury Medicare & Mursing Home, Jenkinsburg, Ga., Butta County. This individual, name not known, but who lives in the facility and works the night shift, has dyed his hair and started wearing glasses since taking the job and has told conflicting stories concerning his background.

HEAD stated he has no further info and cannot furnish description of this person.

Agent at Jenkinsburg, Ga., contact personnel at Westbury Medicare & Mursing Home, identify employee described above, and determine if he may be subject.

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| different | Enclosed to Atlanta are one copy of Jackson Memphis dated 5/23/68, and one copy each of two Avis Rent-A-Car contracts concerning JAMES E. East Ridge Drive, Chattanooga, Tennessee. |
| JAMES E. : Monday th Industry : | On 5/28/68 Mrs. JAMES E. RAY, 4124 East Ridge attanooga, Tennessee, advised her husband, RAY, resides at above address. He is employed rough Friday at Central of Georgia Sheet Metal Fund, Suite 119, 1644 Tullie Circle, Northeast, Georgia, telephone number 636-6619. |
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Enclosed for Memphis and Knoxville are two Avis Rent-A-Car contracts, two enclosures for Memphis, two enclosures for Knoxville, concerning JAMES E. RAY, home address 4124 East Ridge Drive, Chattagooga, Tenn., P. O. Box 1081.

The following investigation was conducted by SA LEON ROSS GRABEN on 5/20/68, at Gulfport, Miss.:

Mr. D. F. LIONBERGER, Manager, Avis Rent-A-Car, Biloxi-Gulfport Airport, advised that his office is presently under an audit and during the course of examination of rental greements executed during the year 1967, two agreements were located in the name of JAMES E. RAY. Mr. LIONBERGER said he desired to bring this to the attention of the FBI due to the similarity of names. He advised that he has photos of the wanted man known as JAMES EARL RAY and is familiar with the background in the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING. He said he has no reason to believe the person represented on the rental agreements is identical to the RAY who killed Dr. KING.

Mr. LIONBERGER pointed out that on the rental agreement number 7161294, the time out is listed as

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3/31/67, at 5:15 p.m., and that the indicated time of return is 3/1/67. He advised this latter date, 3/1/67, should have been 4/1/67.

It is noted that these two rental agreements were executed in March, 1967, at a time when subject JAMES EARL RAY was allegedly in the Mississippi State Penitentiary.

In the event JAMES E. RAY of Chattanooga, Tenn., has not been located and eliminated, the Knoxville Division should locate and interview RAY.

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If not already done, JAMES E. RAY of 4124 East Ridge Drive, Chattanooga, should be located and thoroughly interviewed.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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JIMMY GARNER, 107 14th Street, Northeast, was shown a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY in which he was wearing a suit, white shirt, and fore-in-hand tie. He stated this is the best likeness he has seen to date of RAY and stated, "If not him, it's his twin brother."

GARNER stated he has continued to try to recall additional information concerning RAY and his brief stay at 113 14th Street, Northeast; however, he has been unable to recall any additional information.

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Eugene Patterson

James Earl Ray, Fugitive

Eight weeks ago this evening a murderer in Memphis killed Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. A worldwide manhunt for a suspect named

James Earl Ray has turned up no known trace of him except a white Mustang registered under one of Ray's aliases. The Mustang was found abandoned in Atlanta.

An unusual influx of agents into Atlanta earlier this week indicated the FBI had circled back to this city on a tip that Ray still might be here. But the FBI traces many tips and there is no indication that this one amounted to anything more than another dead end.

The nation cannot rest until the killer of Dr. King is brought to justice. Some law enforcement theorists believe that the suspect Ray, even if he is still alive, will when captured be found to have an alibi. They suspect the elaborate layout of evidence pointing to him could be a subterfuge concealing someone else. But theories are easy. Ray is the suspect the FBI wants now, on the curiously technical charges of conspiring to interfere with Dr. King's constitutional rights—the federal crime that enables the federal bureau to act against him. (Tennessee authorities want him for murder, which is a state, not a federal, charge.)

Since neither Atlanta nor the nation can rest while he is at large, it can do no harm to recapitulate the description of the man the FBI is hunting.

James Earl Ray escaped a little over a year ago from the Missouri State penitentiary. He has used the aliases of Eric Starvo Galt, Harvey Lowmyer, John Willard, James McBride, James Walton, W. C. Herron and James O'Conner.

He is 40, 5 feet 10, 163 to 174 pounds. Blue eyes. Medium build. Brown hair possibly cut short.

He has a small scar on the center of his forehead and an-

other on the palm of his right hand.

His left ear protrudes noticeably. He has a nervous habit of

tugging at an ear lobe.

His language and diction reflect what the FBI calls a "rural"

quality. They also indicate he has a limited education.

The FBI has reports that he likes western and country music, drinks vodka and beer, dresses neatly, and claims occupations as a baker, color matcher, laborer, merchant seaman and cook on Mississippi River vessels.

"He should be considered armed and extremely dangerous," the FBI warns.

Wherever Ray, if alive, has hidden for these eight weeks—and nobody can be certain even that it was he who brought the Mustang to Atlanta—he can find no peace from the relentless manhunt that is tracking him.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA M. ROBERT MC FARLAND at Boston, Georgia:

On April 19, 1968, LARRY KEITH was contacted at the residence of RICHARD L. BATEMAN, SR., in Boston, Georgia. Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were exhibited to KEITH and he was furnished with RAY's descriptive data and known aliases. KEITH advised that RAY is unknown to him as anyone he has ever seen or heard of.

Investigation subsequently conducted by above Agent and SA ROYAL A. MC GRAW at Boston and Thomasville. Georgia, on April 21 and 22, 1968, determined that LARRY KEITH is ROBERT LEE NUGENT. The 1968 Ford Torino being driven by NUGENT in the Boston and Thomasville areas is the subject of a stolen report out of Memphis. Tennessee, on April 6, 1968. In signed statement, NUGENT admitted the theft of this automobile and its subsequent transportation to Boston, Georgia. NUGENT advised that the name LARRY KMITH is a name frequently used by him. He advised that the rest of the information furnished concerning his activities in the Memphis, Tennessee area at the time of the KING assassination is accurate. NUGENT is presently incarcerated in the custody of the United States Marshal, Macon, Georgia, following his arrest and arraignment on Interstate Transportation of Stolen Motor Vehicle charges for the theft and interstate transportation of the above 1968 Ford Torino from Memphis, Tennessee to Boston, Georgia. His incarceration is in lieu of bond on these charges. 44-2386-2030(a)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 30, 1968

JIMMIE DELITON GARNER, 107 - 14th Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia, was interviewed at his place of employment, The Vista Cafeteria, 1052 Northside Drive, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia.

At the outset of the interview, GARNER acknowledged that he had been on a prolonged "drunk" since about Friday, April 19, 1968, and was at the time of the interview in the throes of a "terrific hangover." GARNER explained that he has had a continual drinking problem for the past few years in that he has from time to time "gone on drinking sprees" for periods lasting several days in duration.

GARNER at this time acknowledged that he was previously on one of his "drunks" from a period beginning about March 22, 1968 through about March 30, 1968 which included the first week that the man known to him as ERIC S. GAIT resided at the rooming house operated by GARNER at 113 - 14th Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia.

GARNER said that despite his being in the throes of a "hangover" resulting from his most recent drinking binge, he now felt able to again recount his recollections of his contacts with "GALT". GARNER provided the following information:

GARNER began drinking in his room at 107 - 14th Street about Friday, March 22, 1968. On Sunday afternoon, before darkness (exact time unknown but possibly between 3:00 and 4:00 p.m.) the man whom he later knew as ERIC S. GALT appeared at GARNER's door. GARNER said he now believes the door to his room was open, and that he (GARNER) was sitting in a chair in his room in a drunken condition. GARNER recalls that "GALT" inquired regarding obtaining a single room. At the time the rooming house at 113 - 14th Street, N.E. had been closed for sometime possibly three or four weeks. This rooming house had been closed because it had become "infested with 'hippies'" and the

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only way he could get them to move from the rooming house was to close it up. When "GALT" asked for a single room, there was no single room available in the rooming house at 107 - 14th Street, N.E. so he decided to put "GALT" in the rooming house at 113 - 14th Street, N.E. Accordingly, "GALT" was the first roomer in this rooming house for several weeks.

GARNER now recalls that "GALT" produced a partly consumed quart or fifth size bottle of vodka. This bottle was square in shape but the brand name could not be recalled. He believes he may have had a drink with "GALT" in his (GARNER's) room at 107 - 14th Street, N.E. after which he accompanied "GALT" to the rooming house next door where he showed "GALT" room number 2. When "GALT" stated that the room was quite small. GARNER opened the door connecting with room number 4 which is utilized normally as a storage room and which has no GARNER told "GALT" he could use the connecting room windows. and at this time there was some mention made that "GALT" would put his television set on the $|_{d}$ esk in room number 4 as well as other articles belonging to "GALT". GARNER recalls that the connecting door is equipped with a hasp and padlock and that he (GARNER) upon unlocking and opening this door, replaced the padlock (inlocked) on the hasp. GARNER said he did not see the television or other items belonging to "GALT" at this time and has no clear recollection of ever seeing any of "GALT's" possession prior to "GALT's" departure from this address.

GARNER also recalls that "GAIT" left the partly consumed bottle of vodka with GARNER and that after showing "GAIT" to his room, GARNER returned to 107 - 14th Street, N.E. where he continued to drink.

He said the vodka bottle was undoubtedly thrown away in the trash.

GARNER states that he is unable to recall any of the conversations he may have had with "GALT." When specifically asked whether "GALT" had stated how he happened to pick this particular rooming house; where he had come from; whether he had made inquiries about places to eat, laundry and drycleaning facilities or service to his automobile, GARNER said he cannot recall any conversation concerning these or similar matters.

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He reiterated that his contact with "GALT" on this occasion is very hazy because of his intoxicated condition.

At this point, GARNER stated that information previously provided to Agents concerning having obtained "GALT's" name at the time of initial contact was probably erroneous because he now recalls that he did not have "GALT" write his name at this time but that this was done a week later on March 31, 1968, when "GALT" paid GARNER for a second week's rent in advance.

GARNER said that he continued his drinking activities on through the week of March 24, 1968 and did not begin to sober up until the following weekend. He cannot clearly recall any of his actions during this week but has a hazy recollection of going to "GALT's" room at 113 - 14th Street, N.E. about Tuesday night and of again having some drinks with "GALT" in this room. He states that he cannot recall any of the conversations with "GALT" at this time and he does not recall observing any of the items that might have been in room number 2. He does not recall why he happened to go to the room but suspected that he may have been "checking the building" and just dropped in to visit with "GALT" when he discovered he was in the room. He believes this was Tuesday night, March 26, 1968, but is not sure of this.

CARNER also stated that sometime during the first week possibly on Wednesday, he recalls walking across the street from his residence to Postal Sub Station C for the purpose of buying some envelopes. He said that he was still in a drunken condition but hazily recalls encountering a young man approximately 20 years of age in front of the Post Office who addressed GARNER This unknown individual asked GARNER a question to the effect 'Who was the man I saw you with last night in the white Mustang?" GARNER said this suggested to him that he had possibly gone with 'GALT' somewhere in 'GALT's' automobile while he (GARNER) was dead drunk but although he has tried to recall. such an incident, he cannot recall ever being in "GALT's" car. GARNER was specifically questioned at this point as to whether he has any friends or acquaintances residing in the vicinity of Highland View Street, Ponce de Leon Terrace and Barnett Street, N.E. GARNER said that he did not know anyone in that neighborhood and cannot recall having visited that neighborhood on any occasion in the recent past.

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Several efforts were made to encourage GARNER to recall additional information concerning the unknown man who questioned him concerning being in the white Mustang, but he repeatedly stated that he just does not know this person but that it is possibly someone who has been a patron at one of the restaurants which GARNER has operated in the past.

GARNER recalls no further contact with "GALT" until Sunday, March 31, 1968. At this time GARNER had "begun to sober up" and went to the rooming house at 113 - 14th Street, N.E. to check the rooms. He said he does this frequently to be sure that the "hippies" have not again invaded these premises. On this occasion, he encountered "GALT" in the hall. At this time, "GALT" said "he might as well pay him for another week." GARNER said that he did not enter "GALT's" room at this time but picked up an envelope which was lying on the table in the hall and it was at this time he had "GALT" print his mane thereon with the view of transferring the name to his permanent records when GARNER returned to his own room. GARNER said he knows he was paid in cash but does not recall the denomination of the bills or any further conversation with "GALT" at this time.

GARNER said that he remained in a sober condition from March 31 until the beginning of his most recent drinking spree on April 19, 1968. He is, accordingly, sure that he did not see "GALT" again after he was paid on Sunday, March 31, 1968. He said he may have seen "GALT's" automobile parked in the rear of 113 - 14th Street, N.E. at various times during the week, but could not be positive and does not recall any specific dates. He noted that he does not recall ever seeing "GALT's" car parked in the parking lot behind the rooming house when GARNER returned from his restaurant to 14th Street about He said that when and if he saw the car, it is his 4:00 p.m. best recollection that it would have been during the early morning hours when he left to go to the restaurant or possibly late in the evening. He stated he retains the impression that "GALT" left the rooming house sometime in the morning and would not return until quite late in the evening. He conceded that it is possible that the car may have been absent from the rooming house for periods of two or three days while "GALT" was a tenant there.

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GARNER related that on Friday, April 5, 1968, he went to his restaurant at 1052 Northside Drive, N.W. about 5:30 in the morning. He remained at that restaurant until about 10:00 a.m. at which time he returned to the rooming houses on 14th Street for the purpose of getting the linen ready to be picked up by an employee of the Atlanta Linen Company which performs the laundry services for GARNER. GARNER stated that when help is available, he usually takes one of the female employees from the restaurant when he goes to the rooming houses on Friday to change the linen. He recalled, however. that on Friday, April 5, 1968, he was "short of help" at the restaurant and accordingly went alone to get the linen. believes he could have arrived at the rooming house between 10:00 and 10:30 a.m. at which time the driver for the Atlanta Linen Company was waiting for him. GARNER said he went to all of the occupied rooms and took the linen from the beds. Upon entering room number 2 at 113 - 14th Street, N.E., he observed that the bed was made up but from the appearance of the bed it looked as though someone had been lying on top of the Spread. He found on top of the bed a note possibly written on a piece of cardboard of the type placed in shirts by the This note was apparently from "GALT" and although he cannot recall the exact wording, stated something to the effect that "GALT" had to go to Birmingham and would return in about a week to pick up his television and/or property. GARNER said he tossed the note in the waste can in the room and obtained the linen from the bed which he turned over to the employee of the Atlanta Linen Company.

While in the room, he observed that the door connecting room number 2 and the adjacent storage room had been locked but he did not enter the room at this time to determine what property had been left there by 'GALT'. Sometime later, he did enter the room and noted that a television set was in the room along with miscellaneous items which he cannot specifically recall that were lying on the desk in the room.

GARNER said that he has not received any word or communication from "GALT" concerning the property left there. He cannot recall seeing "GALT" talk to any of the other roomers at either of the rooming houses and knows nothing concerning any of "GALT's" activities while he resided at this address. He is certain that "GALT" did not mention having been referred to this rooming house by anyone and feels that he would have recalled this even though he was in an intoxicated condition during a great portion of the time "GALT" resided there.

5/28/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

FROM: SAC, WPO (44-703

MURKIN.

REATLANTA TELETYPE MAY TWENTY THREE LAST.

MR. MERVIN KAUTEN, SECTION CHIEF, FRAUD AND MAILABILITY DIVISION, UNITED STATES POST OFFICE, WASHINGTON, D. C. ADVISED THIS DATE THAT LOCAL SWINGER CLUB IN LOS ANGELES CURRENTLY UNDER INVESTIGATION BY POST OFFICE CASE NUMBER THREE SIX FOUR DASH FOUR FOUR SIX ZERO SIX DASH E. L. O. POINDEXTER OR DONALD SCHOOF OF UNITED STATES POST OFFICE, LOS ANGELES CAN MAKE THIS INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO PEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.

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AIRMAIL

TO:

SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

FROM:

SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Reurtel to Bureau, 5/28/68.

Enclosed herewith is photo of J. C. HARDIN, APD #168924.

For information of Los Angeles, HARDIN is symbol informant and was contacted in Atlanta on Mar. 5 and 27; Apr. 4, 5, 17, 19, 22; May 20 and 24, 1968.

He is described as a white male, born Rockmart, Ga., 5'10½", 180 lbs., gray eyes, brown hair, ruddy complexion, tattoos: bird, right arm; "ANN", left arm; FBI #190 109 C.

Atlanta Police Dept. has no record of another J. C. HARDIN, JAMES C. HARDIN, J. C. HARDEN, or JAMES C. HARDEN.

Atlanta Credit Bureau has record of JAMES C. HARDEN, 430 Lindbergh Dr., ME, employed as draftsman for AECK Associates, Atlanta; J. C. HARDIN, Moreland Ave., wife SARA, employed as tree surgeon; J. C. HARDIN, Hale St., Walt Bennett Plumbing Co.

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MARGIE CURTIS, 1838 Dunlap Avenue, East Point, Georgia, employed by National Car Rental, Atlanta, Georgia, advised on 5/17/68, she was the individual who rented the 1968 Dodge Dart to S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN on 4/2/68. She described SCHNEIDERMAN as being in his late 30s or early 40s, approximately 5' 7'8" tall, of small build, weighing approximately 140-145, 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.

SCHNEIDERMAN appeared at the National Car Rental Office at the Atlanta Airport at approximately 9:42 am, wearing a business suit and presented 3 Millionaire 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 stated she was sure that he was not accompanied by anyone. She stated she obtained the DL # from SCHNEIDERMAN's Illinois DL, and also listed the Holiday Inn at the Atlanta Airport as SCHNEIDERMAN's place of contact.

DAVE ROGERS, National Car Rental, Atlanta, Georgia Airport, produced National Car Rental System Rental Agreement # 7044348 for this company, Station 070-2, dated 4/2/68, 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, DL # W5-570-018, from the state of Illinois. The agreement reflects the car will be returned on 5/1/68, and indicates a credit card was used from the Millionaire Club National Limited, Chicago, Illinois, # 96968.

ROGERS stated that a 20% cash discount was given to SCHNEIDERMAN and stated that according to records of this office, their vehicle 701371 is a 1968 Dodge Dart, VIN 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 Lt. DAVIS of the Tallahassee, Florida PD, 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.

Mrs. PEARL JOHNSON, Bookkeeper, Holiday Inn, Atlanta, Georgia Airport, advised that records of her office failed to reflect a S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN registered in this motel during the later part of March, or later part of April, 1968. Mrs. JOHNSON advised that records of this motel reflect that a guest register card # 44179, in the name of S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN, 2493 Airport Boulevard, San Francisco, California, representing the Equipment Engineering Company, stayed in Room 284 of this motel on 4/28-30/68. SCHNEIDERMAN left owing a bill of \$32.61. Mrs. JOHNSON stated that her records also reflect a check was cashed by this motel in the amount of \$25, signed S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN, dated 4/29/68, check # 134, made out to the Holiday Inn, and drawn on the Portola District Branch of the Bank of America, San Francisco, California, 2485 San Bruno Avenue. This check bears the written notation, "III. # W5-570-018, #284, and also EAL # 0-350-868M." She indicated the Illinois # was a DL # for the guest in Room 284, however, she could not explain what the other # was, and stated EAL could be Eastern Airlines.

Mrs. JOHNSON advised that letters were directed to SCHNEIDERMAN at the 2493 Airport Boulevard, San Francisco, California address, which letters were returned and the check was returned from the bank stamped "not sufficient funds".

LEADS:

BUREAU

The Bureau is requested to compare the enclosed evidence and handwriting with the handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY. Will return evidence to Atlanta Division upon completion of examination. Will furnish the Memphis, Atlanta, and St. Louis Offices with results of examination.

SAN FRANCISCO

AT BANK OF AMERICA, PORTOLA BRANCH

Conduct appropriate investigation re checks in name of S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN.

KNOXVILLE,

AT KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

Conduct appropriate investigation at Holiday Inn # 2, re S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN being locked out of his room. Will ascertain if any personal effects of SCHNEIDERMAN obtained by motel, and thereafter check these effects, in addition to identify unsub.

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LEADS: (cont)

JACKSONVILLE

AT TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

Contact Lt. DAVIS and Holiday Inn re S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN.

CHICAGO & KANSAS CITY

Information copies directed to these offices in view of outstanding investigation being conducted.

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AIR MAIL

TO:

SAC, BIRMINGHAM

FROM:

SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) P

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

(OO: MEMPHIS)

On 5/31/68, J. L. CAMP, Route 1, Silver Creek, Georgia, operator of the County Line Tayern, advised that 5 or 6 weeks ago. a man came to the tavern after having been picked up as a hitchhiker by a Mr. BALDWIN. The man had no luggage and when he indicated need for employment. CAMP offered him a job on CAMP's nearby farm. The man gave only the name of JERRY MOSELEY, and when asked concerning relatives or next of kin, indicated only that he had a mother in Gadsden, Alabama. He said the man seemed to be inexperienced in farm work, and after remaining there a time, asked permission to go to Alabama, supposedly to pick up his clothing. He returned within a few days, indicating he had been unable to locate his mother, and did not return with any clothing. He occasionally mentioned having also been in Birmingham, Alabama, in the past, and having worked for a cafe of some type. CAMP allowed the man to stay in a small house trailer next to the tavern, and while there, he was not visited by anyone, and never mentioned any relatives or friends by name.

On 5/27/68, CAMP allowed MOSELEY to work as a bartender in the tavern, and observed him making mistakes in customer's change. On the morning of 5/28/68, MOSELEY was noted to be missing and that is the last he has seen or heard of this person. He later determined that \$25 was missing from the previous day's proceeds.

On 5/30/68, CAMP observed a picture of JAMES EARL RAY, aka ERIC GAULT, in a newspaper, and decided that MOSELEY bore a resemblance to RAY. He described MOSELEY as being a W/M, age 28-30, 155 lbs., 5' 11", with dark brown or black hair, and had

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what appeared to be acne on his face. He stated at times the man acted in a manner to indicate he might have been mentally unbalanced. He did not know how the man left, but he had no automobile, and assumed that he hitchhiked a ride with someone.

On 5/31/68, HENRY RALDWIN, Route 1, Aregon, Georgia, advised he had picked up a man as a hitchhiker several miles south of the County Line Tavern, 5 or 6 weeks ago. The man was hitchhiking north, and he transported this person as far as the County Line Tavern. He understood that the owner of the tavern had later offered the man a job. He said when he picked him up, the man had no luggage and did not advise him concerning his name. He said after observing a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, that there appeared to be some resemblance, although in his mind, he did not believe they were the same persons. He said judging by the man's actions, and his mode of travel and conduct, he believed very likely that the man was wanted.

LEADS:

BIRMINGHAM

AT GADSDEN, ALABAMA

Will contact local authorities and review local PD and other source records for any record of a JERRY MOSELEY in an effort to positively determine whether there was such a person as MOSELEY, and to make a conclusion as to whether he could be identical with subject. RAY.

AT BIRMINGEAM, ALABAMA

Will checks records, Birmingham PD, for any record of JERRY MOSELEY that could be identical with suspect.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (14-38861)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (144-1574) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReBuAirtel to Atlanta, Birmingham, Los Angeles, Memphis and New Orleans, 5/21/68.

Rebulet advises that appropriate inquiry should be made at banks to determine identity of individuals making a withdrawal of \$\frac{1}{0}\$,000 and over in eash, and confining this inquiry for period of April, 1968. The Bureau advises that the possibility exists that subject was hired assassin and a pay-off could have taken place shortly before or after the murder of MARTIN DUTHER KING, JR.

For information of the Bureau and offices receiving this communication the following is being furnished.

For many years the Intelligence Units of the U.3. Treasury Department have been receiving from the Federal Reserve Banks a form known as the TCR-1 "Report of Currency Transactions; Person or Organization Concerned in Transaction Reported". These forms are used by the Intelligence Units of IRS for purposes of discovering large currency transactions resorted to by racketeers, dealers in narcotics, for in agents, and others engaged in illegal activities as an attempted method of concealing income.

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The TCR-1 is actually completed or filled in by banks, savings and loan associations and other financial type institutions when a transaction involves a deposit, withdrawal, or other payment or transfer effected by, through, or to such financial institution, which involves U.S. Currency as follows:

- 1. Transactions involving \$2,500 or more of U.S. Currency in denominations of \$100 or higher.
- 2. Transactions involving \$10,000 or more of U.S. Currency in any denomination.
- 3. Transactions involving any amount in any denomination, which in the judgment of the financial institution exceed those commensurate with the customary conduct of the person or organization concerned.

After the TCR-1 Forms are executed they are then sent to the Federal Reserve Banks and their branches who in turn retain them for about one month and at which time they are then sent on to IRS Intelligence Units in the particular area.

In a recent major case (YOUHGNAP) within the Los Angeles Division, the above information became known, and as a result a Confidential Source was developed who furnishes us copies of these forms on a weekly basis. In reviewing the data on such forms it was believed that the information would be of value in investigations relating to Anti-Racketering, Federal Reserve Act, Bankruptcy, Ascertaining Financial Ability, Fraud Against the Government, Bank Robbery and larceny cases as well as Security type matters.

For the above reason the Los Angeles Division opened a dead file captioned:

"CURRENCY TRANSACTIONS, REPORTS OR PERSONS OR ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED

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Los Angeles file 92-3006

And copies of all the TCR-1 Forms received since March 3, 1968 have been filed alphabetically in a special indices after they have been indexed to the general office index. These forms are then reviewed periodically for individuals whose name continually reappear for possibly anti-racketeering matters.

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Enclosed for the Bureau and each office receiving this communication is one unexecuted copy of the TCR-1 Form.

For information of the Bureau, the Los Angeles Division is currently reviewing the TCR-1 Forms for individuals who may have made a \$10,000 withdrawal of funds and appropriate investigation will be conducted as to each such individual.

The Bureau may wish to have each office contact the IRS Intelligence Units within their division and review copies of these forms for the month of April, 1968. It is believed that this would expidite coverage of the requested lead and cover a larger geographical area.

Armed and Dangerous.

Form TCR-1 U.S. Freebury Department (Revised 8-3-59)

REFORT OF CURRENCY TRANSACTIONS See Reverse for Instructions

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DIRECTOR (44-38861)

BALTIMORE

FROM:

TO:

SAC, LOS ANGELES (4:-1374)

MURKIN

RELATEL TO BUREAU MAY THENTYHINE LAST

FOR INFORMATION OF BALTIMORE, LETTER ADDRESSED TO ERIC S. GALT RECEIV D MAY TWENTYEIGHT LAST BY C. M. HEDOPETH AT FOUR ZERO SIX SOUTH SECOND AVENUE, ALHAMBRA, CALIFORNIA, OPERATOR OF CONFIDENTIAL MAIL FORMARDING SERVICE. LETTER READ QUOTE SHOW ME FIRST YOU MEAN BUSINESS UNQUOTE. LETTER SIGNED TOMI MITH INITIALS C AND A AFTER MAME. RETURN ADDRESS SHOWN AS POST OFFICE BOX SIX FOUR THREE, BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA.

KENT ABRAMS ADVISED HE RENTED P O BOX SIX FOUR THREE . APOUT APRIL ONE LIST FOR FRIEND PLANNING TO OPERATE BUSINESS TO LOCATE SUITABLE MARRIAGE PARTHERS THROUGH CO PUTER AMALYSIS. BUSINESS COMPOSED OF FOUR PARTNERS AND KNOWN AS TRANS DASH 44-2306-2021 COMPUTER ASSOCIATES.

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Approved: . Special Agent in Charge Sent

OBSERVED PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY AND DELY KNOWING HIM OR CORRESPONDING WITH HIM. ALL ON OWN INSTEATIVE VOLUNTEERED TO SUBMIT TO POLYGRAPH EXAMENATIONS CONCERNING THE MATTER.

FINKELSTEIN ADVISED WHEN CHECKING POST OFFICE BOX ON OR
ABOUT MAY THENTYTHO LAST, PT CONTAINED & LETTER ADDRESSED TO
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AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

FROM: SAC, ALBANY (44-493) (P)

RE: MURKIN CR

Re Los Angeles airtel to Bureau 5/22/68.

RAYMOND ANDREW YOUNG was recontacted 5/29/68, at Docktor's Pet Center, Fairmount Shopping Center, Syracuse, N.Y., and he identified the photograph of LESTER EDWARD PACKETT, FBI #827170A as being the individual he met at the bar in the vicinity of the Clark Hotel on 4/17/68. He stated that he recalled this individual had a southern accent and made some comment about being from Tennessee.

In view of this identification no further investigation being conducted regarding this aspect of case.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO

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

DATE: 5/ 16/68

FROM :

SA JAMES A. HART

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

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(00: ME)

Re memo of Supervisor EDWARD T. KASSINGER dated 4/17/68.

EDWIN N. COUCH, date of birth retired U.S. Army Sergeant Major, Serial Number RA 34990311, residence 5108 Kingston Dr., Columbus, Ga., was interviewed at Room 254, Cobb Memorial Hospital, Phenix City, Ala., on 4/17/68.

COUCH furnished non-specific and vague information concerning his suspicions of Communist and German Bund activity in the Columbus, Ga. area. He stated he had no information relating to captioned matter.

COUCH advised that he was in the hospital for observation regarding a stomach disorder.

Inquiry to the nurse on duty concerning COUCH resulted in information that he is at the hospital for observation as a result of a highly nervous condition.

In view of the above, no further action being taken regarding this matter.

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SCHNEIDERMAN whom he described as a White male in early thirties, 5'8-5'9", 140 to 150 pounds, slender build, and wearing glasses, probably prescription type. He was provided a group of assorted pictures containing a photo of JAMES EARL RAY, and he stated that none of the photos was identical with SCHNEIDERMAN. SCHNEIDERMAN provided a local address of the Holiday Inn, Olympic and Figueroa, Los Angeles, California.

Mr. GENE BERRY, Manager, Holiday Inn, 1020 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, California, advised on 5/31/68 that a SAMUEL S. SCHNEIDERMAN was a guest at their motel from 1:58 AM, 4/10/68, until his room was found vacant on 4/21/68. SCHNEIDERMAN left owing a \$105.98 motel bill. He described SCHNEIDERMAN as being a while male, age 40, 5'6" to 5'7", 140 to 150 pounds, slender face and with black curly hair. The motel had no record of a car. He was provided a group of assorted pictures containing a photo of JAMES EARL RAY and he stated that none of the photos was identical with SCHNEIDERMAN. Miss MARGE POTTS, who had seen SCHNEIDERMAN several times on desk clerk business, advised that none of above photos was identical with SCHNEIDERMAN.

The address - 715 South Hope Street, Los Angeles, California - is the address of the YMCA.

The Los Angeles Office is opening an ITSP case inasmuch as individual identifying himself as SCHNEIDERMAN passed at least two out of state checks in Los Angeles.

No further investigation is being conducted by the Los Angeles Office in this phase of MURKIN.

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5/31/68 Date: Transmit the following in (Type in plaintext or code) Via Airtel (Priority) SACs, Atlanta (44-2386) Ballas (44-2649) Los Angeles (44-1574) Memphis (44-1987) Director, FBI (44-38861) MURKIN Rewatel 5/29/68. Ressonable efforts should be continued to locate and interview Packett and Frank Backley to completely resolve this matter. SEARCHED INDEXED SERIALIZED FILED. Sent Via

AIRTEL

TO:

DIRECTOR, FBI (44+38861)

FROM:

SAC. WFO (44-703) (P)

MURKIN

ReATtel to Bu dated 5/23/68 requesting WFO obtain from Postal Inspector, WDC, a list of all obscene pen-pal clubs in the United States presently under investigation by the Post Office Department.

3- Bureau (Encl. 2)

2- Atlanta (44-2386) (Encl. 2) (AM)

2- Baltimore (44-669) (Encl. 2)

2- Boston (Encl. 2)

2- Chicago (44-1114) (Encl. 2)

2. Cincinnati (157-1893) (Engl. 2)

2- Columbia (Encl. 2)

2- Dallas (44-2649) (Engl. 2) (AM)

2- Detroit (44-989) (Encl. 2)

2- Houston (44-1509) (Encl. 2)

2- Indianapolis (Encl. 2)

2- Kansas City (44-760) (Encl. 2)

2- Las Vagas (Encl. 2) (AM)

2- Los Angeles (44-1574) (Engl. 2) (AM)

2- Miami (Encl. 2) (AM)

2- Memphis (44-1987) (Encl. 2)

2- Minneapolis (Encl. 2) (AM)

2- Newark (44-854) (Encl. 2)

2- New Haven (157-818) (Encl. 2)

2- New York City (44-1609) (Encl. 2)

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2- Philadelphia (44-1368) (Encl. 2)

2- Pittsburgh (44-578) (Encl. 2)

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 WFO 44-703 2- St. Louis (44-775) (Encl. 2) (AM) 2- San Diego (Encl. 2) (AM) 2- San Francisco (173-65) (Encl. 2) (AM) 2- Savannah (Encl. 2) 2- Tampa (157-3231(Encl. 2) (AM) Enclosed herewith for each office listed below having leads in their division are two copies each consisting of five pages which contain list of correspondence clubs under Post Office investigation. Also enclosed for information is one copy each for Bureau. Memphis and Atlanta. Offices covering Headquarters divisions of Postal inspectors will contact division chiefs for addresses and other identifying information regarding the clubs listed and furnish such information to other FBI field offices for further investigation where appropriate. All offices having clubs within their division will thereafter conduct appropriate investigation to determine if subject JAMES EARL RAY is a mamban or has ever corresponded with that club. Discretion should be used with lists being furnished and source of agency furnishing list should not be disclosed. ARMED AND DANGEROUS **□ 2 -**2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

BUREAU OF THE CHIEF POSTAL INSPECTOR OPEN CORRESPONDENCE CLUB INVESTIGATIONS - MAY - 1968

| Correspondence Club | City | Case No. | Inspector |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| Atlanta, Georgia Division | | | |
| RJS | Columbia, S. C. | 364- 00188-E | Bullard |
| The Register | Delray Beach, Fla. | 364-00839-E | Marquette |
| Enterprises of America | Pinellas Park, Fla. | 364-01459-E | ** |
| His and Her Club | Savannah, Ga | 364-03123-E | Capps |
| ABC Publications | Hollywood, Fla. | 364-03126-E | Marquette |
| Jean Marie | Orlando, Fla. | 364-03137-E | ** |
| Rebel Florida | Orlando, Fla. | 364-41602-E | Richie |
| Kay Manor | Miami, Fla. | 364-48750-E | Marquette |
| Fort Worth, Texas Division | | | |
| Sterling Action Club | Corpus Christi, Tx. | 364-39986-E | Marsh |
| F and T | Fort Worth, Tx. | 364-40081-E | ** |
| ? | Fort Worth, Tx. | 364-40330-E | ** |
| Horizons Correspondence Club | Dallas, Tx. | 364-40389-E | " |
| Boston, Massachusetts Divisio | <u>n</u> | | |
| Nutmeg Press | Grosvenor Dale, Ct. | 364-23774-E | Allain |
| Kitten Club | North Adams, Mass. | 364-30737-E | ** |
| Action Relationships | Boston, Mass. | 364-42967-E | ** |
| Arthur A. Swanson | Boston, Mass. | 364-43051-E | " |
| Jane Weton | Boston, Mass. | 364-43137-E | |

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| Correspondence Club | City | Case No. | Inspector | |
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| Chicago, Illinois Division | | | | |
| Carlton Enterprises | Chicago, Ill. | 364-01633-E | Hinckley | |
| Social Exchange Publishing | ** | 364-01637-E | 24 | |
| Arnold J. Madiol | Grand Haven, Mich. | 364-43568-E | Potts | |
| Martin's | Detroit, Mich. | 364-43569-E | ri, | |
| Random House | Warren, Mich. | 364-48063-E | Hinckley | |
| Cincinnati, Ohio Division | | | | |
| Swinger's Travel & Vacation Club | Fort Wayne, Ind. | 364-27059-E | Herzog | |
| Vigo Villa | Terre Haute, Ind. | 364-28234-Е | Herzog | |
| Kansas City, Missouri Division | | | | |
| Swinging Set | Kansas City, Mo. | 364-11096-E | Fay | |
| Club Lolita | Kansas City, Mo. | 364-38211-E | Fay | |
| New York, New York Division | | | | |
| Ram Enterprises | New York, NY | 364-32101-E | Miller | |
| Pace Setter Corp. | Brooklyn, NY | 364-32705-E | Miller | |
| Black Book | New York, NY | 364-32822-E | Dolan | |

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| Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Div | Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Division | | | | |
| Mixer | Trenton, NJ | 364-00460-E | Similes | | |
| Select Club | Camden, NJ | 364-22100-E | Ferguson | | |
| Frenchy | Chinchilla, Pa. | 364-44883-E | Similes | | |
| Swinger's Life | Enola, Pa. | 364-45329-E | Ferguson | | |
| The In Crowd | Philadelphia, Pa. | 364-45370-E | 11 | | |
| Club Ecstasy | York, Pa. | 364-45500-E | tf | | |
| 'Stonehill Studios | Berkeley Heights,NJ | 364-48312-E | Kallies | | |
| Saint Louis, Missouri Division | | | | | |
| RJS | Davenport, Iowa | 364-46385-E | Wensman | | |
| Ron Williams | Saint Louis, Mo. | 364-46572-E | ** | | |
| Saint Paul, Minnesota Division | | | | | |
| The Group | Wayzata, Minn. | 364-39222-E | Gosnell | | |
| Action | St. Paul, Minn. | 364-47443-E | Gosnell | | |
| San Francisco, California Division | | | | | |
| A to Z Club | Los Angeles, Cal. | 364-21863-E | Poindexter | | |
| Ad Reply Service | Van Nuys, Cal. | 364-38729-E | 17 | | |
| The Group | Los Angeles, Cal. | 364-38802-E | Vanden Bosch | | |

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| San | Francisco, California Dívi | sion (Continued) | | |
| | The National Close Up | North Hollywood, Cal. | 364-38870-E | Poindexter |
| | Jan | Reno, Nevada | 364-38993-E | Lawrence |
| | Reynolds Machinery | Los Angeles, Cal. | 364-39006-E | Poindexter |
| | Tape Club | \$7 \$1 \$ 1 | 364-41205-E | 19 |
| | Swinging Sam Young | Ontario, Cal. | 364-41386-E | Ħ |
| | Swingers Club | Santa Monica, Cal. | 364-41403-E | 11 |
| | United World Publications | San Diego, Cal. | 364-41409-E | 11 |
| | Sincerely Yours Club | La Puenta, Cal. | 364-44006-E | 7† |
| | Phi Pi Epsilon | Los Angeles, Cal. | 364-44144-E | 11 |
| | Modern Enterprises | Los Angeles, Cal. | 364-44296-E | 11 |
| | Japan International | Newport Beach, Cal. | 364-44297-E | " |
| | Remco | Las Vegas, Nevada | 364-44337-E | 11 |
| | Blue Star | Reno, Nevada | 364-44412-E | Vanden Bosch |
| | James L. Hubbel | Strathmore, Cal. | 364-44539-E | и н |
| | The Local Swinger | Downey, Cal. | 364-44606-E | Poindexter |
| | Donald Fickes | Norwalk, Cal. | 364-44660-E | 19 |
| | Sir, Inc. | Van Nuys, Cal. | 364-44661-E | 10 |
| | Le Group | Van Nuys, Cal. | 364-44686-E | 38 |
| | Roberta Perkins | Santa Rosa, Cal. | 364-44696-E | Vanden Bosch |
| | Kinsey Club | Sam Diego, Cal. | 364-44745-E | Poindexter |

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| Washington, D. C. Division | | | |
| Richard Stanley | Charleston, W. Va. | 364-28406-E | Bradley |
| David C. Bohner | Washington, D. C. | 364-28571-E | Bradley |
| Mr. and Mrs. E. King | Hagerstown, Md. | 364-29026-E | Bennett |

5/31/68

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO:

DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)(P)

RE:

MURKIN

JAMES PAUL THORNTON

Atlanta sugmary teletype of 5/24/68, requested advice concerning THORNTON who is now residing in Atlanta.

The following was obtained from the now closed file in the Birmingham Office relating to THORNTON (BH 157-631; Atlanta 157-770; Los Angeles 157-691, 157-865; and BUFILE 157-1660), which also has to do with the American States Rights Party, an off-shoot of the National States Rights Party:

During 1963, THORNTON was residing in Garden Grove, California, and was assisting in the publication of the NSRP of California organ, "The Attack," P. O. Box 641, Santa Ana, California. On page 8, of the report of SA HARRY L. GRIFFIN, Los Angeles, 1/14/64, it appeared that THORNTON left for Birmingham, on 1/6/64. Birmingham file reflects he left Birmingham in November, 1964, to return to Garden Grove, California. Birmingham file relating to THORNTON was closed upon receipt of information from Los Angeles (157-691) that he had been inducted into the U. S. Army on 6/15/65, at Los Angeles, Serial No. 56386553, and assigned to duty at Ft. Polk, Louisiana. He is not known to have returned to Birmingham, and since NSRP headquarters had been moved from Birmingham, there would have been no reason for him to have done so.

From the above, it does/appear that any association of RAY with THORNTON could have occurred in Birmingham, since RAY was confined during the period of THORNTON's residence there.

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1 - Atlanta (44-2386)

1 - Los Angeles (44-1574)

1 - Memphis (44-1987)

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TO:

DIRECTOR, FBI

SAC, NEW ORLEANS /157-10673/

FROM: SAC, LOUISVILLE /44-947/

MURKIN

RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE MAY TWENTYNINE LAST TO DIRECTOR, JACKSON AND LOUISVILLE.

RE JAMES C. HARDIN.

PHOTO RECORD FILM REFLECTS DR. J. C. HARDIN,

ONE TWO NINE ARDMORE, SHREVEPORT, LA.

LOUISVILLE INDICES NEGATIVE RE ANYONE IDENTIFIABLE

WITH JAMES C. HARDIN, J. C. HARDIN, OR JAMES HARDIN.

JACKSON, ATLANTA, LOS ANGELES AND MEMPHIS

ADVISED BY AIRMAIL.

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LS 44-947 1 cc Jackson (AM) 1 cc Atlanta (AM) 1 cc Los Angeles (AM) 1 cc Memphis (AM) REP:mjr (5)

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11:39AM URGENT 5-29-68 NJZ

TO ATLANTA (44-2386) DALLAS (44-2649) AND MEMPHIS

FROM LOS ANGELES 844-1574)

MURKIN.

RE ATLANTA TEL MAY TWENTY EIGHT LAST.

FOR INFORMATION ATLANTA AND DALLAS, JERRY COHEN, LOS
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