

"It all about the crime I did and about a crime I did in 1954 with James Earl Ray and about the 13 years of prison pal and everything we talk about. About thing and about James Earl Ray wanted the job of killing Martin Luther King, Jr. We talk of killing King for three years. And we talked to the man from Mississippi that knew all about the KK businessman association that was to put up the money to kill King. I also know the men from Mississippi.

"In that three years we made maps just had to find the right place to kill King. Well I have made the maps over myself. They are with the story also.

"And just where we would go after we killed King so yes when we talk about it I was to be in on it. But I was not. The story has it all in it. All the big thing and the little one also. And what Ray like and what he did not like. This story could get me killed. I know that. That is why. I won't send the story by mail. I know that this is getting to be a long letter. But when you read this if you want the story O.K. If not just let me know, O.K. That way I won't talk to men about it.

"Mr. Sanders there are men in five states that is behind the King killing and they don't know what I know. But James Earl Ray did not. Now that they have Ray Tenn. will trial him if they get him back.

"Well, they want me to testify. Well, I just don't know yet what I will do.

"You see, me and Ray were pal. I could tell what I have to the news. That not much. Or I could not say everything. And I did not tell the FBI. Well, this is not a book. I am just trying to tell you what you ask of me in your letter.

"If you have a man or have someone down this way, if you will have them stop by the jail I will let them read the story and you can go from there. O.K.

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RRP:mlw

"I thank you again.

"I will be looking to hear from you soon.

"Raymond Curtis

"I am still in the Dalton County, Jail."

"Box 21, Tunnel Hill  
"Georgia  
"May 30, 1968

"Mr. John H. Johnson  
(evidentially connected with Ebony Magazine)

"Sir:

"I am Raymond Curtis, a man that said we talk about killing King. Will, Sir, there is things that have never been told. Thing he did and better. Things that would make a story so if you are interested and want the story then I will look to hear from you or someone you send if you are not interested and you know someone that is I would appreciate it if you would tell them about me and give my address. O.K. I am still at the Whitfield County Jail, Dalton, Georgia. My home address is at the top. Sir, I would appreciate if if you would let me hear from you.

"Thank you for your time.

"Raymond Curtis"

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date July 5, 1968

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RAYMOND CURTIS was contacted at the Whitfield County Jail and advised of the identities of Special Agents THOMAS R. HENRY, JR. and ALBERT D. MILLARD. He was furnished a rights and waiver of rights form which he read, indicated he understood, but refused to sign. He was advised that he was being interviewed concerning statements he made in a letter he had mailed to Mr. SANDERS of Ebony Magazine.

CURTIS stated he was merely trying to sell a story to Ebony for approximately \$5,000 to help his mother pay off a mortgage on her home. She had obtained this mortgage as a result of paying attorney's fees for the defense of CURTIS at a previous trial.

CURTIS stated that he and JAMES EARL RAY participated in a burglary in Joliet, Illinois, in October or November, 1954. It was pointed out to CURTIS that certain statements made by him in his letter to Ebony Magazine could possibly involve him in a conspiracy with JAMES EARL RAY in connection with the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CURTIS then stated he wished to go on record as to the statements made in his letter to Mr. SANDERS. He categorically denied the following statements which were in his letter to Ebony Magazine:

- 1) That he and JAMES EARL RAY participated in a crime in 1954;
- 2) That RAY wanted the job of killing KING;
- 3) That he and RAY talked about killing KING for three years;
- 4) That he and RAY talked to the man from Mississippi that knew all about the KK Businessmen's Association which Association was to put up the money to kill KING;
- 5) That he knew the men from Mississippi;
- 6) That for three years he and RAY made maps just to find the right place to kill KING and that he made the maps over himself;
- 7) That he and RAY knew just where they would go after the killing of KING;
- 8) That he was to be in on the killing of KING;
- 9) That there are men in five states who are behind the killing of KING and these men do not know what he (CURTIS) knows.

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On 7/3/68 at Dalton, Georgia File # AT 44-2386  
by SA ALBERT D. MILLARD and  
SA THOMAS R. HENRY, JR. :jlh Date dictated 7/5/68

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**JAMES EARL RAY;  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM**

On July 3, 1968, Sheriff G. T. Mauldin, Whitfield County, Georgia, advised that Curtis sent no letters or communications from the Whitfield County Jail which passed over the jailer's desk. He stated Curtis probably sent his mail out with visitors and jail trustees which would probably not have been observed by men of his department. Sheriff Mauldin stated that Curtis' attorney, Erwin Mitchell, former U. S. Congressman from the Seventh District of Georgia, is of the opinion that most of Curtis' comments concerning his knowledge of Ray's alleged assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. are pure fabrications on the part of Curtis or the result of something Curtis has read in the newspapers.

Approximately one hour following the conclusion of the interview with Curtis, he sent a note to Sheriff Mauldin requesting to again see an FBI Agent and stating that he wanted to tell the entire truth. Curtis was re-interviewed at the Whitfield County Jail.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

July 5, 1968

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RAYMOND CURTIS was furnished a rights and waiver of rights form which he refused to sign. He then stated in connection with the previous interview that apparently in his letter to Ebony Magazine, he used the word "we" indicating that he and JAMES EARL RAY had planned the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and he realized now this would involve him in a conspiracy. For that reason in the previous interview he denied the statements he had made in his letter to Ebony Magazine. CURTIS then advised he had written a story which he intended to sell to some magazine for the purpose of obtaining money for his mother. He stated the story was still in his possession and had not yet been sent out to be typed. He permitted SA HENRY to read this 20-page handwritten story one page at a time and he declared this story was true. The first five or six pages of the story merely set out his early life in crime and the prison sentences he had served as a result of the crimes, starting at the age of 15. The remainder of the story is the same as he originally furnished in an interview in April, 1968, concerning his knowledge and association with JAMES EARL RAY. The story reflects that he first became associated with RAY in 1954 when they pulled a payroll robbery together in Quincy, Illinois, with a third individual. Shortly thereafter CURTIS lost contact with RAY when RAY and this third individual were apprehended in connection with a bank robbery at Southwest City, Missouri. After that CURTIS again became acquainted with RAY in prison and while in prison they both learned of the death of President JOHN F. KENNEDY. At this time RAY stated the murder of KENNEDY sounded like a big job and he was always on the inside of a prison when big jobs and big money were to be had.

Shortly after the death of JOHN F. KENNEDY, MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. became prominent, and RAY stated on several occasions that somebody was going to kill KING. During this period an individual came into the Missouri State Penitentiary from Vicksburg, Mississippi. This individual upon learning of JAMES EARL RAY's feelings toward killing KING advised RAY of the KK Businessmen's Association of the South

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and stated that people in five states were putting up money for KING's assassination. The story further reflected that RAY informed this individual that he intended to have everything set when he killed KING. RAY followed KING's movements through maps so that he could later stalk KING to the point of assassination. RAY indicated during the time that he would leave a false gun and false trail immediately following the murder. RAY was supposed to go to Vicksburg, Mississippi, following the murder, contact the man from Vicksburg who had the houseboat, and this man was to take him either to New Orleans or Canada via the Mississippi River.

At the conclusion of the interview CURTIS stated he would not testify to any of the above information. He did advise that the name of the individual on the houseboat in Vicksburg, Mississippi, was (first name unknown) WILLETT, also known as "Mississippi," who served time in the Missouri State Penitentiary.

CURTIS refused to allow his story to be copied and stated he would not write it over again nor would he allow the pages to be removed from his prison cell. CURTIS then presented crude sketches of the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, and the Missouri State Penitentiary.

MEMORANDUM

TO: FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
FROM: SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE  
RE: TRAVEL ITINERARY FOR DR. KING  
DATE: MAY 20, 1968

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April 22-24	New York Hilton - Rockefeller Center
May 6, 1967	Louisville, Kentucky
May 12	Terrace Motor Inn - Appleton, Wisconsin
May 14	New York
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May 20	Summit - New York City
May 27	New York City
May 29 thru June 3	Frogmore, South Caroline
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June 25	Hyatt House Hotel -- Los Angeles, California
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July 18--23	Chicago and Cleveland
July 23	New York Hilton
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August 28	Chicago
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August 9	Los Angeles
August	Sheraton Palace - San Francisco, California
Sept. 7 and 8	Howard Johnson - Cleveland
Sept. 8 and 9	Netherland Hilton, Cincinnati, Ohio
Sept. 22	Fairmont Hotel and Tower - San Francisco, California
Sept. 24	Independence, Ohio
October 2 --7	Howard Johnson - Cleveland
October 20	Washington Hilton, Washington, D.C.
Nov. 9	Cleveland
Nov. 12-14	London Hilton Park Lane, Wl.
Nov. 3	Birmingham, Alabama - A.G. Gaston Motel
Nov. 26	Americana of New York
Dec. 2	Savannah, Georgia to Atlanta
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FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-1854)

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SHE IS UPSET AND DISTURBED WITH SIDNEY C. BARNES OF MOBILE, ALA., WHOSE WIFE, PAULINE, IS PRESENTLY AT THE HOME OF HER DECEASED DAUGHTER IN JACKSON, MISS. STATED SHE TOLD BARNES THE GUNS, PREVIOUSLY GIVEN TO SOMERSETT, WERE THROWN IN THE OCEAN. STATED THERE IS A LOT OF DANGER IN THIS CASE, NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED, AND SHE WANTS NOTHING TO DO WITH BARNES AND THE PEOPLE INVOLVED IN HER DAUGHTER'S DEATH. STATED TARRANTS (THOMAS A. TARRANTS, III), HER DAUGHTER AND FOUR OTHER MEN, IDENTIFIED AS HAWKINS, DUNN, HARPER AND WILSON, ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATH OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. STATED AUTOMOBILE IN WHICH HER DAUGHTER WAS KILLED WAS USED WITH ONE OTHER CAR BY THOSE INVOLVED. STATED THEY USED RADIO EQUIPMENT AND KATHY HELPED IN JAMMING POLICE CALLS. STATED THEY HAD UNKNOWN COLORED MALE HELP TO "SET UP KING." SAID SHOOTING WAS FROM TREES AND BUSHES IN VICINITY OF HOTEL AND THAT JAMES EARL RAY MAY HAVE HELPED TO PURCHASE THE GUN, BUT RAY DID NOT DO THE SHOOTING. AFTER THE SHOOTING, THEY REMAINED IN MEMPHIS, TENN., UNTIL THE FOLLOWING DAY, WHEN THEY DEPARTED FOR ATLANTA, GA. KATHY AND TARRANTS THEN

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PROCEEDED TO SOUTH CAROLINA, WHERE THEY REMAINED ABOUT ONE WEEK PRIOR TO GOING TO MOBILE, ALA., AND THEN TO JACKSON, MISS.

IN FURTHER IDENTIFYING THE MEN INVOLVED, SHE SAID THEY ARE GOING TO TRIAL OR ARE CURRENTLY ON TRIAL THIS WEEK IN CONNECTION WITH THE BOMBING OF A REAL ESTATE OFFICE AND THAT THE POLICE INFORMANT IN THIS CASE REPORTEDLY RAN OFF WITH THE WIFE OF A KLANSMAN.

SOMERSETT ADVISED HE WAS UNABLE TO CLEARLY UNDERSTAND THE INFORMATION FURNISHED BY CAPOMACCHIA, WHO HE FEELS IS MENTALLY DISTURBED, AND HE HAS NO WAY OF EVALUATING THE INFORMATION, BUT IN VIEW OF THE TYPE OF INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED, IT IS REMOTELY POSSIBLE TARRANTS AND HIS ASSOCIATES IN SOME WAY MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH THE ASSASSINATION OF KING.

SOMERSETT ADVISED THAT HE WAS IN CONTACT WITH BARNES ON THE EVENING OF JULY THIRTYONE, LAST. BARNES ADVISED HE WAS LEAVING JACKSON, MISS., ON AUG. TWO, INST., AND REQUESTED SOMERSETT TO JOIN HIM. SOMERSETT DECLINED THE INVITATION AND RELATED THAT BARNES LIKES TO PUSH PEOPLE INTO THINGS WITHOUT BECOMING INVOLVED HIMSELF.



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MIAMI IS NOT IN A POSITION TO EVALUATE THE ABOVE INFORMATION, HOWEVER, IT IS NOTED THAT ANTHONY CAPOMACCHIA AND HIS WIFE, NORMA, WHO HAVE BEEN INTERVIEWED IN MIAMI, INDICATE THAT MARGARET CAPOMACCHIA HAS A MENTAL PROBLEM.

UACB, JACKSON, THROUGH EMPLOYMENT RECORDS AND INTERVIEW WITH RALPH AINSWORTH, HUSBAND OF KATHLEEN, ESTABLISH THE WHEREABOUTS OF KATHLEEN AINSWORTH DURING THE PERTINENT PERIOD DURING AND FOLLOWING THE ASSASSINATION OF KING, IN AN EFFORT TO ESTABLISH ANY VALIDITY IN THE ABOVE INFORMATION.

JACKSON AND MOBILE SHOULD BE ALERT TO THE ACTIVITIES OF BARNES, WHO REPORTEDLY IS LEAVING FOR JACKSON TODAY.

AIRMAIL COPIES FURNISHED ATLANTA AND BIRMINGHAM.

8/2/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReMtelet to Bureau 7/19/68 and MEtel to Bureau 7/30/68 concerning court orders issued by Shelby County Criminal Court Judge W. PRESTON BATTLE, and ATlet to Bureau 7/29/68 concerning the disposition of the 1966 Mustang abandoned by JAMES EARL RAY in Atlanta, Ga.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau for information is one xerox copy<sup>989h</sup> of an "Amendment to Order" dated 7/23/68 and an "Order" dated 7/30/68, both of which concern "Order on Courthouse and Courtroom Procedures and Publicity" issued by Shelby County Criminal Court Judge W. PRESTON BATTLE.

On 8/2/68 the Honorable PHIL M. CANALE, District State Attorney General, Memphis, Tenn., advised SA ROBERT F. BOYLE that he does not see any need for the physical presence in Memphis of the 1966 Mustang abandoned by JAMES EARL RAY in Atlanta, Ga.; however, he desires that this automobile not be disposed of until completion of the murder trial of RAY scheduled to commence in Memphis on 11/12/68.

He stated that under state law the defense counsel is afforded an opportunity to examine any potential evidence and in this particular instance would be given an opportunity to examine this automobile if he so desires. Mr. CANALE stated, however, that since this automobile is the property of JAMES EARL RAY he would offer no objections if Mr. ARTHUR B. HANES, RAY's attorney, initiates any action to have this automobile turned over to HANES.

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BIRMINGHAM DIVISION

AT BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

In view of the fact that there is still outstanding a federal complaint charging JAMES EARL RAY with conspiracy, it is suggested that the Birmingham Division, unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau, consult with the appropriate USA who authorized the federal conspiracy complaint against RAY to determine if he has any particular views on disposition of the 1966 Mustang.

Since the 1966 Mustang is in custody of the Atlanta Division, a copy of this airtel is being forwarded for their information.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

DATE: 7/27/68

FROM : SA JOHN G. SULLIVAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On this date, 7/27/68, Mr. JESS BRIDGES, separated husband of MARY LOU BRIDGES, 170 Woodward St., Apartment 550 Capitol Homes, phone 524-4320, telephonically contacted the Atlanta Office and advised that MARY LOU BRIDGES had received a subpoena to testify in Memphis, Tenn.

Mr. BRIDGES advised that MARY LOU BRIDGES was fearful for possible reprisals and was in fear of her life.

Mr. BRIDGES was informed that the trial in Memphis, Tenn., was a State trial and that the Federal government was not involved. He was informed that in the event he had any specific information concerning the possibility of harm coming to Mrs. BRIDGES, he should contact local police officials.

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Date: 7/25/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) (P)  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN  
 (OO: Memphis)

Re Memphis airtel to Bureau, 7/13/68, and  
 Atlanta teletype, 7/3/68.

Enclosed to the Bureau are four copies of a LHM,  
 and to Memphis two copies of the LHM, an interview with  
 Mrs. NELL BURNETT, Monroe, La.

Mrs. NELL BURNETT, formerly Mrs. CHARLES C. WILLEY and wife of the late CHARLES C. WILLEY of Altheimer, Ark., was interviewed at her temporary residence, Apartment 3, Layton Castle, 1133 South Grand St., Monroe, La., on 7/22/68, and she stated that she did not know RAYMOND CURTIS, now an inmate of Whitfield County Jail, Dalton, Ga., and that to the best of her knowledge, her late husband did not know such a person. She stated that she was nearly always with her late husband when he was on their boat, and she felt sure that he did not know such a person as RAYMOND CURTIS. Mrs. BURNETT stated that her late husband, CHARLES C. WILLEY, died three years ago, and in January, 1966, she sold the boat to Cartwright Nurseries, Collierville, Tenn. Mrs. BURNETT had never heard of JAMES EARL RAY prior to the recent publicity connecting him with the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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 Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

DATE: 7/30/68

FROM : SA RICHARD E. FUGATT

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY, aka  
MURKIN

On 7/24/68, BERT WEILAND, Manager, radio station WERD, 330 Auburn Avenue, N.E., advised he had received a Post magazine at the radio station with the address label reading "E.S. GALT, 330 Auburn Ave., N.E., Atlanta, Georgia." Mr. WEILAND stated that the station has been receiving the magazine for quite sometime, but that he had never noticed before to whom the label was actually addressed, merely assuming that it was being addressed to the station. He stated that it was on 7/23/68 that he noticed this for the first time.

Mr. WEILAND made available the copy of the magazine, The Post Magazine", dated July 27, 1968.

On the same date, D. ROBERT SCOTT, Disc Jockey, station WERD, advised that he had noted in May or June of 1968 that the Post magazine received at the station had been addressed to an "E.S. GALT", but that he had not really connected the name with the subject and had returned it to the Post Office.

Mr. JOSEPH PHINAZEE, Building Manager, 330 Auburn Avenue, advised that approximately 3 or 4 weeks ago he had noted a piece of mail, but from his recollection, not a magazine, but just an "ordinary piece of mail" come to the building addressed to an "E.S. GALT, 330 Auburn Avenue" but had thought nothing of it and had returned it to the mail man.

On the same date, inquiry at the offices of SCLS, located adjacent to, but part of the same building, advised they knew nothing about any mail coming to them addressed to an E.S. GALT.



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Director, FBI (44-38861)

8/5/68

SAC, Memphis (44-1987) P

MURKIN

Re Memphis Airtel to Bureau 8-2-68, and Bureau Airtel to Memphis 8-2-68.

In referenced Memphis Airtel, Memphis suggested that Birmingham contact the USA, Birmingham, for any opinion he might have regarding disposition of the subject's automobile which is now stored at Atlanta. Memphis has been advised by the Bureau that AAG STEPHEN POLLACK intends to further discuss this matter with State AG PHIL CANALE at Memphis, and that Mr. POLLACK will decide what disposition should be made of this car. Birmingham disregard Memphis request to discuss this with the USA, Birmingham.

In accordance with the Bureau's request in referenced BuAirtel, Captain J. G. RAY has confidentially advised that GLENN W. FILLER mailed a \$20.00 money order to the subject. FILLER, who gave his address as 2421 Atlantic Avenue, Atlantic City, New Jersey, wished the subject "good luck" and requested that he "drop me a line" to let him know if subject received the money. This was a \$20.00 money order issued by the Boardwalk National Bank, Atlantic City.

2 BUREAU (44-38861)  
2 BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)  
1 ATLANTA (44-2386) (INFO)  
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8/6/68

**AIRTEL     AIRMAIL**

**TO:           DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)**  
**FROM:        SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775) P**  
**MURKIN**

**Re Jackson airtel to Bureau 5/15/68.**

**Re Alleged Offer of \$100,000 By The White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKK), to anyone who kills MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**

**Enclosed for the Memphis Office are fifteen copies of investigative insert reflecting interview of DONALD JAMES NISSEN, FBI Number 607 326 A by agents of the St. Louis Office on 8/5/68.**

**NISSEN advised he had received no new information concerning the alleged offer for the killing of MARTIN LUTHER KING since interviewed by Dallas agents on 6/2/67.**

**NISSEN flew from Tampa, Fla., to turn himself in to agents at St. Louis stating his decision to do this was prompted partly by fear for his safety after having furnished information to the FBI concerning the alleged offer mentioned above and partly by his desire to "get things straightened out" since he is now married and his wife is pregnant.**

3 - Bureau  
1 - Atlanta (44-3386)  
1 - Jackson (157-9586)  
1 - Phoenix (76-2865)  
2 - Memphis (44-1987) (enc. 15)  
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URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)  
MIAMI (44-1854)  
JACKSON (157-9586)

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN.

44-2386

RE MIAMI TEL TO BUREAU AUGUST SIX INSTANT.

FOR INFORMATION MIAMI, MEMPHIS AND JACKSON ARE HOLDING IN ABEYANCE ANY ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION CONCERNING INFORMATION BEING FURNISHED BY MARGARET CAPOMACCHIA PENDING MIAMI'S EXHAUSTIVE INTERVIEW WITH CAPOMACCHIA. INFORMATION BEING FURNISHED TO BUREAU BY A DISCREDITED INFORMANT AS COMING FROM A POSSIBLE MENTAL CASE WHO HAS NOT BEEN INTERVIEWED IS NOT SUFFICIENT BASIS FOR EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION IN THIS MATTER.

MIAMI SHOULD TAKE WHATEVER ACTION NECESSARY, INCLUDING AROUND THE CLOCK SURVEILLANCES ON KNOWN HANGOUTS, IN ORDER TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW CAPOMACCHIA. WHEN THIS HAS BEEN DONE, IF IT IS THE OPINION OF YOUR OFFICE THAT HER INFORMATION WARRANTS ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION YOU ARE REQUESTED TO THEN SET OUT LEADS FOR SAME. AM COPIES TO ATLANTA, CHARLOTTEE, MOBILE.

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CC: 1 - ATLANTA (AM)  
1 - CHARLOTTEE (AM)  
1 - MOBILE

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URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), SAC JACKSON (157-9586) AND  
SAC MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-1854)

MURKIN 44-2386

RE MIAMI TEL TO BUREAU, AUG. SIX, LAST, AND MEMPHIS  
TEL TO BUREAU, AUG. SIX, LAST.

MARGARET CAPOMACCHIA LOCATED HOLLYWOOD, FLA., AND INTER-  
VIEWED TODAY. AT OUTSET OF INTERVIEW, CAPOMACCHIA WAS  
PLEASANT, COOPERATIVE AND FRIENDLY, HOWEVER, WHEN QUESTIONED  
RE ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SHE REFUSED TO  
DISCUSS THE MATTER, SAYING SHE WANTED TO HEAR NOTHING  
CONCERNING KING OR WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM. ALSO DECLINED TO  
FURNISH HER WHEREABOUTS ON NIGHT OF APRIL FOUR, LAST. SHE  
DENIED KNOWING ANYONE BY THE NAME OF ALBERT TARRANTS, AS WELL  
AS INDIVIDUALS BY THE NAMES OF HAWKINS, DUNN, HARPER AND  
WILSON.

STATED SHE HAS BEEN UNDER CONSIDERABLE STRESS AND STRAIN  
AND HAS CONSTANT HEADACHES SINCE DEATH OF HER DAUGHTER. IN

1 - Atlanta (AM)  
1 - Charlotte (AM)  
1 - Mobile (AM)  
2 - Miami  
(1 - 44-1854) (1-174-363)  
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**DISCUSSING ACTIVITIES OF HER DAUGHTER, KATHY, SHE STATED SHE WAS UNAWARE AS TO THE EXTENT KATHY WAS INVOLVED WITH INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN BOMBING MATTERS. SHE DESCRIBED HER DAUGHTER AS THE BEST FIFTH GRADE SCHOOL TEACHER IN THE UNITED STATES.**

**PRIOR INTERVIEWS WITH CAPOMACCHIA'S SON AND DAUGHTER-IN-LAW INDICATE THAT CAPOMACCHIA HAS A MENTAL PROBLEM, BUT NO INFORMATION DEVELOPED THAT SHE HAS BEEN IN A MENTAL INSTITUTION.**

**IT IS NOTED THAT THE VARIOUS INDIVIDUALS IDENTIFIED BY CAPOMACCHIA WHEN CONTACTING INFORMANT, HAVE EXTENSIVE HATE TYPE BACKGROUNDS AND CAPABLE OF SERIOUS ACTS OF VIOLENCE.**

**MIAMI HAS NO REASON TO QUESTION THE INFORMATION FURNISHED BY INFORMANT, AS HE OBTAINED IT FROM CAPOMACCHIA. ALTHOUGH INFORMANT IS NOT BEING UTILIZED BY MIAMI, NO INFORMATION HAS EVER BEEN RECEIVED FROM HIM WHICH WOULD INDICATE THAT HE IS FURNISHING FALSE INFORMATION.**

**IT IS, THEREFORE, BEING LEFT TO THE DISCRETION OF THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN, WHETHER THE INFORMATION RELATIVE TO ALBERT TARRANTS WARRANTS ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION BY THE MEMPHIS AND JACKSON OFFICES.**

**AIRMAIL COPIES FURNISHED ATLANTA, CHARLOTTE AND MOBILE.**

DIRECTOR, FBI

8/10/68

SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

MURKIN

Radio Station WERD, which is located at 330 Auburn Avenue, NE, Atlanta, Georgia, same address as Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), has received a copy of the Saturday Evening Post addressed to E. S. GALT, 330 Auburn Avenue, NE, Atlanta, Georgia, 30303. The tag also contains the following: "330 AUBURNESPO26MAY 69."

PHILADELPHIA DIVISION

At the Curtis Publishing Company, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19103, attempt to determine circumstances of this particular subscription.

- 2 - Bureau (RM)
- 2 - Memphis (RM)
- 2 - Philadelphia (RM)
- ② - Atlanta

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8/12/68

Airtel

To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)  
From: Director, FBI (44-38861)  
MURKIN

ReATlet 7/29/68.

In view of the fact that Tennessee authorities are prosecuting subject Ray on State charges, the matter regarding the 1966 Mustang was brought to the attention of the Department. The Department has advised that they will discuss this matter with Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County, Tennessee, in the very near future.

In view of the above, Memphis and Atlanta should take no further action until advised by the Bureau.

① - SAC, Atlanta (44-2386)

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On August 6, 1968, Mr. LOUIS O'SHEA, Record Office, Illinois State Penitentiary (ISP), Stateville Branch, Joliet, Illinois, made available to Special Agent (SA) GEORGE H. BENIGNI the inmate jacket number 61027, for JAMES ROBERT WILLETT. This inmate was received at ISP on May 12, 1967, from Kane County, Illinois, on a charge of burglary-violation mail bond being sentenced on May 9, 1967, to a term of 2-5 years.

The inmate's short term will expire on December 28, 1970, and he is due to appear before the parole board in December, 1968. His file jacket disclosed that no detainers have been placed against him.

The following background and descriptive information was obtained from the inmate's jacket:

Name	JAMES ROBERT WILLETT
Number	61027
Sex	Male
Race	White
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	Huntsville, Alabama
Height	5'9"
Weight	131 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Scars and Marks	Numerous tattoos on both arms
Federal Bureau of Investigation Number	277341 B
Nationality	English
Marital Status	Married, 1958, Kennett, Missouri Divorced 1964
Children	One
Social Security Number	
Occupation	Construction
Brothers	Two
Half-brothers	One
Sisters	Three
Religion	Baptist
Education	Six years
Correspondence	Mrs. BERTHA WILLETT, mother 322 Highland, Elgin Illinois

Mrs. GENE (MARTHA) SHELTON, sister  
Carpentersville, Illinois

Mrs. LOUIS BOYD, sister  
322 Highland, Elgin, Illinois

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Mrs. JOHN (MARGARET) RATLISS, sister  
322 Highland, Elgin, Illinois

Mrs. BUEULA ACRES, mother-in-law  
912 Anthony, Kennett, Missouri

Mr. O'SHEA made available a copy of a Classification Report dated July 28, 1967, pertinent portions of which are set out below:

"Social Factors

This inmate was born [redacted], in Huntsville, Alabama, the fifth of six full siblings. The inmate's father, who owned his own farm, reportedly died of cancer about 1938. At the present time the inmate's mother is living in Elgin, Illinois, and the rest of the family is scattered, with some of the siblings living in Mississippi, and Missouri, while three of them reside in Illinois. Apparently both of the parents had prior marriages; there is at least one half-brother who is reported to be a policeman in Toledo, Ohio. The inmate denies that other members of his immediate family have been involved in criminality. Following his father's death, the inmate was raised alternately by his mother and by the older brother in Deering, Missouri. According to the inmate, he gets along well with all the other family members. The family economic status was considered to be below average. The inmate grew up mostly around Gunison, Mississippi, where he attended public school to about the sixth grade. About this time he was in a serious car accident and because his grades were poor and he was a disciplinary problem, he dropped out of school. He admits that he is unable to read very well at this time. The inmate did considerable farm work in the South before beginning his several periods of incarceration. He married in 1958, in Kennett, Missouri, only about a month and a half after his discharge from the Mississippi State Prison. One child has been born to this union, a son who is eight years old. The inmate says his wife was only fifteen years old when they married and he was twenty-three years of age. There has been considerable marital dissension due to difficulty with him getting along with her family. Also, the inmate describes some problems relating to his desire to be away from home a great deal and "chasing around". Although we do not have verification, the inmate said he got along well while he was at the State Penitentiary in Parchman, Mississippi, where he was sent when he was nineteen years old. He says that he and three associates had broken into a store. He says all of his work was on the farm and despite having a few fights, he considered his adjustment record satisfactory. This inmate also served at the State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri, for forgery, but while assigned to an Honor Farm at that Institution, he escaped and received an additional sentence period. Inside the walls he worked in the Soap Factory, Cannery and Block Factory. Between incarcerations the inmate has worked as a construction laborer and has travelled around the country a great deal. He was in Texas in 1965, then to Missouri, and back to Illinois. He was again in Elgin, Illinois, for only three months when he was arrested on the instant charges. In respect to his drinking activities, the inmate says he occasionally drinks to excess,

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but does not feel that this has particularly interfered with his work. He does admit that there may be some relationship between his drinking and his arrest. He denies any use of narcotics and says his gambling has not been heavy. Leisure time activities include participating in sports, fishing and hunting.

#### Personality

This is a slender, wiry 31 year old recidivist, who has had major sentences previously for forgery, burglary, and escape. He is a quite unstable individual with very loose family ties and a background of heavy drinking. He impresses us as being a poorly motivated, irresponsible individual who is pleasant enough in the interview situation but usually does pretty much as he pleases and drifts along in life without much ambition or long range goals. He has a number of rather grotesque tattoos on his person which generally detracts from his appearance. He is of dull normal intelligence, according to the psychological screening report. Based upon his background in other institutions, it is quite possible he might have a difficult time serving this sentence.

#### Classification

Group III. Without need for mental treatment and not mentally retarded. Inadequate and unstable personality with periodic alcoholism. Doubtfully improvable offender. Doubtful prognosis. Dull normal intelligence."



Interview of JAMES ROBERT WILLETT, also known as "Crazy WILLIE", "Mississippi".

JAMES ROBERT WILLETT inmate number 61027, ISP, Joliet Branch, Joliet, Illinois, advised that he is sometimes referred to as "Crazy WILLIE" and "Mississippi". He advised as follows:

He was an inmate at the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) at Jefferson City, Missouri, from approximately December 1, 1960, to March 13, 1965. While at MSP he never had any personal contact with JAMES EARL RAY, although he believes he knew who RAY was by sight. The prison population at MSP approximated 2400. He had no opportunity to meet RAY prior to MSP or after he left because he was arrested at Bladenville, Arkansas, on or about January 11, 1967, before RAY escaped from MSP.

WILLETT said that while at MSP he celled in "C" house and worked in the Soap Factory, Block Plant and Farm. He formed a close relationship with another inmate, RAY CURTIS, whom he would see for extended periods on weekends in the yard. He never was assigned to the same cell house or work assignment with CURTIS or for that matter with RAY.

CURTIS, to his knowledge, always occupied a one-man cell. CURTIS was in "J" cell house before going to the farm and in "G" or "F" cell house after he returned from the farm. CURTIS was assigned to the "Tag Plant" and farm.

WILLETT stated that some time before his release from MSP he had a falling out with CURTIS, when CURTIS "stooled" on him over an incident that had taken place.

WILLETT said that he can recall no conversation transpiring in his presence while at MSP to the effect that President JOHN F. KENNEDY had a "bounty" on his head or that Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. had "bounty" on his head. He knew of no conversation to the effect that the "KKK of the South" had raised money to assassinate KING and never was privy to any conversation in this matter.

WILLETT denied knowing a CHARLES WILLIE or a A. D. CARTWRIGHT, owners of a houseboat. WILLETT stated that when he was released from MSP he went to his sisters, Mrs. LLOYD BOYD, Clarksdale, and stayed with her for approximately seven weeks. He was employed at "Billups" Service Station, Route 61, as a night man from 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. He spent his leisure time in the taverns in the Clarksdale area. He said that he had never had occasion to go to the Mississippi River.

After leaving Clarksdale, he went to Longview, Texas, for approximately three months, where he was employed by "Miles High Line" Construction Company. He resided at 413 Green Street,

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Longview Texas. After leaving Texas, he drifted from Missouri, Michigan, and Illinois.

WILLETT advised that he was not aware of any association between CURTIS and RAY. He said he could not say that if there was some arrangements between CURTIS and RAY that CURTIS would have told him.

WILLETT said subsequent to his release from MSP in March, 1965, he was never in a Vicksburg, Mississippi, except to pass through it on his way to Clarksdale, Mississippi.

August 12, 1968

**AIRTEL**

**TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)**  
**FROM : CHICAGO (44-1114)**  
**SUBJECT: MURKIN**

Re Jackson airtel to Bureau dated August 1, 1968.

Enclosed herewith to Bureau (3 copies) and Memphis (15 copies) is an insert disclosing results of an interview with JAMES ROBERT WILLETT at Joliet, Illinois.

Enclosed for the Atlanta Division is 2 copies of above insert and one photograph of JAMES ROBERT WILLETT for possible future reference.

3-Bureau (RM) (Encl. 3)  
2-Memphis (44-1987) (RM) (Encl. 15)  
3-Atlanta (44-3386) (INFO) (RM) (Encl. 3)  
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Title and Character of Case

MURKIN

Date Property Acquired

4/15/68

Source From Which Property Acquired

JIMMY D. GARNER

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit

BULKY ROOM

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same

INVESTIGATIVE AID.

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

XEROX COPY OF LOOSE LEAF LEDGER BOOK OF JIMMY D. GARNER,  
107- 14th st., N.E.; Atlanta, Ga.

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SEMIANNUAL INVENTORY CERTIFICATION TO JUSTIFY RETENTION OF PROPERTY (Initial and Date)

8/1/68

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44-2386-2152

Date 4/22/68

Title and Character of Case

MURKIN

Date Property Acquired <u>4/22/68</u>	Source From Which Property Acquired FBI NEWARK
Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit BULKY ROOM	Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same INVESTIGATIVE ASSISTANCE
Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same	

1. TWO BROCHURES PUBLISHED FOR THE LOCKSMITHING INSTITUTE.
2. ONE PROFESSIONAL LOCKSMITHING AND KEYMAKING KIT.

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SEMIANNUAL INVENTORY CERTIFICATION TO JUSTIFY RETENTION OF PROPERTY (Initial and Date)

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44-2386-2153

Date 4-17-68

### Title and Character of Case

MURKIN

Date Property Acquired	Source From Which Property Acquired	
4-17-68	BUREAU	
Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit		Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same
BULKY ROOM		INVESTIGATIVE ASSISTANCE
Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same		

1. TWO COPIES OF ATLANTA AREA MAP (ENLARGED)
2. ONE COPY OF LOS ANGELES AREA MAP (enlarged).

**SEMIANNUAL INVENTORY CERTIFICATION TO JUSTIFY RETENTION OF PROPERTY (Initial and Date)**

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Title and Character of Case

MURKIN

Date Property Acquired

4-18-68

Source From Which Property Acquired

F.B.I. ST. LOUIS

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit

BULKY ROOM

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same

EVIDENCE

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

L. XEROX COPY OF COMPLETE SERVICE RECORD OF  
AARON ISAAC LOFTON

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FBI - ST. LOUIS

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Title and Character of Case

MURKIN  
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Date Property Acquired

4/7/68

Source From Which Property Acquired

DERRELL PARHAM, Senior Operator,  
Delta Airlines Data Processing Center, Atlanta, Georgia

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit

bulky room

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same

possible evidence

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

"Print out of Past Date Passenger Name Records" for DAL  
Flight 932 from Memphis to Chicago, 4/27/68, and DAL  
Flight 595 from Birmingham to Memphis, 4/27/68.

submitted by SA JAMES JOSEPH DOLAN

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Kansas City, Missouri

September 5, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

DONALD JAMES NISSEN

On September 3, 1968, Leroy Mc Manaman, FBI #1244125, was interviewed at the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, where he is currently incarcerated.

Mc Manaman advised that he was born on [redacted], in Liberal, Kansas. He advised that he has been in the penitentiary since 1963, for violation of the Harboring Statute. His prison number is 81371 and he expects to be released sometime during the year 1970.

Mc Manaman stated he was well aware of the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. and the subsequent apprehension of James Earl Ray. He advised he did not know Ray and knows of no one willing to pay a bounty to have King assassinated. He advised that he himself was not in sympathy with King's beliefs, but knows of no one connected with the Ku Klux Klan, had never heard of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi, did not know of \$100,000. price willing to be paid for his assassination, and certainly never made any remarks concerning this. Mc Manaman stated he knows of no one interested enough in Martin Luther King's travels to pay money for information concerning his itinerary and travel routes. He never heard of any organization, either inside or outside the prison by the name of "Cooley Organization."

Mc Manaman went on to state that he did not know a Donald James Nissen. He was informed that Nissen came to Leavenworth Penitentiary during July 1965, for violation of the ITSMV statute and was subsequently paroled. Mc Manaman said there are thousands of prisoners here, many of who know him whom he does not know. He again stated he had never heard of Donald James Nissen. He observed a photograph of Nissen and again stated he did not remember ever seeing this individual. Mc Manaman advised he knows of none of his

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**DONALD JAMES NISSEN**

associates meeting the description of white male, 30-35 years old, 5'10", 165-170 pounds, blond hair cut medium short and slightly wavy who wears expensive clothes, and certainly knows of no one meeting this description who would have been in Atlanta in December of 1967, or who was willing to pay money for information regarding Martin Luther King, Jr.

Mc Manaman again stated that he knows of no one connected with the Ku Klux Klan and knows of no group willing to pay a bounty for King's assassination.

9-6-68

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) (P)  
MURKIN

Re Memphis airtel to Kansas City, 8-23-68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 4 copies of letterhead memorandum reflecting results of interview with LEROY MC MANAMAN. Enclosed for Atlanta and Memphis are 2 copies each of above letterhead memorandum.

The letterhead memorandum is being captioned "DONALD JAMES NISSEN" inasmuch as Kansas City was instructed to furnish results of this interview in a form suitable for dissemination to the U. S. Board of Parole.

3 - Bureau (Enc. 4)  
① - Atlanta (Enc. 2) (Info) *rec'd JHH*  
1 - Memphis (Enc. 2) (Info)  
2 - Kansas City  
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9/12/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS  
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)  
MURKIN

Re Memphis telephone call to Atlanta dated  
9/11/68.

Enclosed for Memphis are 4 copies of colored  
photographs as requested in re telephone call.

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2-Atlanta  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

FROM : SA JOHN G. SULLIVAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 9/12/68

On 9/11/68, SAC ROBERT G. JENSEN, Memphis Office of the FBI, telephonically contacted the Atlanta Office. SAC JENSEN advised that he is scheduled to have a conference with the State Attorney General concerning prosecution in the RAY case on Monday, 9/16/68.

SAC JENSEN advised that he had a request from the State Attorney General to obtain colored photographs of the Mexican tourist stickers that were on the car which RAY abandoned in Atlanta, Ga. SAC JENSEN advised that as a precautionary measure, he would appreciate it if all stickers on the window of th s car are photographed with colored photography and forwarded to him in time for his Monday meeting with the State Attorney General.

SAC JENSEN advised that in the event the above cannot be accomplished, he requested that he be telephonically contacted and advised.

*all stickers*

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*Hamilton*  
*Has led by Fugate.*

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/11/68

On April 11, 1968, an examination was made of a 1966 Ford Mustang at the FBI Garage in Atlanta, Georgia.

This vehicle was a two-door 289, eight-cylinder, 2-barrel carburetor, color white, hardtop, bearing 1968 Alabama license 1-38993. The mileage was noted as 39100.8. The Serial number was 6T07C190647, the body 65A, the color H, the trim 25, date 17A, DPSO 21. The serial number, body number, terminal date and DPSO were noted on the serial plate affixed to the left door. Also affixed to the left door was an RPM sticker H. BECKMAN Chevron Service, 1506 North Normandy Avenue, Los Angeles, California, Telephone #666-9921. The sticker reflected oil was drained 2/13/68, wheel bearings were checked at 34185 miles, wheels were aligned at this same mileage.

A Gulf Pride sticker was also affixed at this same location with no address or company name listed; however, mileage was noted on this sticker as 20253 and the only portion of date was "88".

On the left door post was noted an RPM chevron sticker GORT-FOX FORD, 4531 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, California, Telephone 5-1131, reflecting service oiled at mileage 34290, oil filtered at same mileage.

On the left rear trunk lid was a metal insignia "Mercury Ford".

The right rear window bore a sticker "Direccion General de Registro Federal de Automoviles, 1967 Octubre Turista, Aduana de Nuevo Laredo, Tam." (rest of sticker torn).

This same sticker was also affixed to the right front windshield, lower right side, and it bore Folio #H294486. The last word which was torn on the other sticker is reflected on the second sticker as Tamps.

On 4/11/68 at Atlanta, Georgia File # Atlanta 44-2386

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Tires on the vehicle were as follows:

Right front tire Firestone 7.50 by 14 deluxe Champion (black wall), good tread;

Right rear tire no markings, recap whitewall (tread on tire good), note Mustang symbol center of hubcap of this vehicle missing and area around this center was dented and torn.

Left rear tire no markings, a recap, whitewall (tread good);

Left front tire Medallion 110 7.75 by 14. Notation replaces 7.50 by 14 and notation Nylon tubeless, whitewall (good tread);

Spare tire in trunk Goodyear 6.95 by 14, power cushion. This tire was a whitewall and the tire was flat and the tread was almost bald.

#### ENGINE AREA EXAMINATION

Tag on air filter a Puralator tag, showing Puralator oil filter with a red ink notation Perl, Puralator air filter with red ink notation AFP 43, date of service in red ink 9/23/67. Mileage in red ink 20253.

On left front fender flange about 12 inches from last digit of PVIN a metal plate 1 1/4" by 3 1/2" bearing the following imprinting:

Top left corner D 372, below this 12 A 18 6T07C 190647. Below this 65A M 25, below this RM.

The battery was a Sears All-State high voltage (12 volt 54 plates). Under the negative terminal was a bright metal plate imprinted C8. On the engine side of the battery there was a white tape about the size of a nickel stuck on the battery, also showing the notation C-8.

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The following items of possible evidentiary value were located in the trunk of the vehicle:

1) Pair of mens shorts, olive green, make Diplomat, manufactured Hong Kong, China, 65% polyester; 35% cotton, size 34.

2) One pillow dated 9/19/67, label "Crushed Landfowl Feathers" Reg. No. CAL 2823, approximately 20" x 26".

3) One pillow case bearing laundry mark "20R-3".

4) Two halves of styrofoam packing material outside dimensions 8 3/4" x 6 7/8" x 2".

5) Styrofoam dividers (two pieces) 1/8" thick, 2 1/4" wide and 6 3/4" long.

6) One cotton rug, color beige, 25" wide and 58" long.

7) One black sports shirt, five button, no tail, label "Arturo Rosetti Custom Tailors", size large, 100% cotton.

8) One sweat shirt, navy blue, short sleeve, no label.

9) One plaid plastic floor mat removed from trunk floor.

10) One Monticello medium-size shirt jacket, tapered, gray and black, six button.

11) One white sheet, form fitted, with additional piece attached and sewn with yellow thread.

12) One form fitted white sheet.

13) One pair brown socks.

14) One flip flop shower or beach shoe, for left foot, made in Japan, size 7 - 8 1/2.

15) One camera air release for shutter, Prinz brand.

16) Two pieces of card board, gold.

17) Small metal clip, (possibly for portable radio system).



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18) Assorted tools: jack, screw driver, lug wrench, hunting knife in case with "GESCO" on case.

19) Piece of Kleenex box with writing "At Pool" on one side and names GINGER DAY and ANITA KATZWINKEL, 1535 Serrano, Apartment 6, on other.

20) One air filter (removed from engine).

21) One 1967 Alabama license plate, 1A 88354, found on rear window ledge.

22) 1968 Alabama license plate 138993, affixed to car.

23) Sweepings from trunk, front and rear seat of vehicle.

24) Soil sample from spare wheel of vehicle, found in trunk.

25) Rear view mirror removed from vehicle.

26) One wiper blade found in trunk.

27) Spare wheel pressure plate, spare wheel anchor bolt and toggle lug found in trunk.

28) Sunglasses and case removed from glove compartment.

29) Paper scraps from under back seat.

30) ~~Personna~~ razor blade found on dashboard.

✓ 31) Two front floor mats, and rear floor mat removed from vehicle.

32) Four latents lifted from 1966 Mustang, as follows:

- a) lift from door handle (left)
- b) lift found eight inches behind right door handle plunger.

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- c. lift from right door handle.
- d. lift from driver's side door glass (front)

Locations of these prints were photographed.

Lifts were made of the serial plate and the Public Vehicle Identification Number.

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