

ME 44-1987

REQUEST OF FBI LABORATORY

Laboratory requested to process all material within this outer compartment for fingerprints and conduct any other appropriate Laboratory examination to assist Memphis in ascertaining where this material came from.

*Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
FBI Washington
D.C.*

4/4/68

AIRTEL

AM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

UNSUB; Aka. John Willard;
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS

OO: MEMPHIS

Submitted herewith is black box with caption "Browning Shotguns, Rifles, Pistols, Mauser Rifle" appearing on top of box. At end of box appears label bearing Number 130712 with marking "Caliber 243W." Further descriptive data on this label discloses it is Browning high-powered rifle, 22" barrel, light with sights, grade Safari, and SN 444915. Possibility exists that number may read "4Y44Z5."

Inside box is Remington Gamemaster rifle, Model 760. Number appearing on rifle is 461476. Rifle bears Redfield Tube Sight 2X7X. In addition, box contains clip which was removed from weapon by SA O. V. JOHNSON. Also contained in box is shell casing which was removed from weapon by SA O. V. JOHNSON and SAC R. G. JENSEN. Also in box is package of Peters high velocity center fire cartridges; nine cartridges in case, eleven empty slots.

This material recovered by Inspector N. E. ZACHARY (NA), Memphis Police Department, in area immediately in front of 424 South Main Street. This is location Canipe Amusement Co. Box in which rifle contained was partially obscured and covered by blanket of green herringbone type material. This blanket also recovered by Inspector ZACHARY. It is noted blanket has some mud stains thereon. Inspector ZACHARY advised blanket is not property of rooming house at which UNSUB stayed.

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REQUEST OF LABORATORY

Laboratory requested to examine all possible places on rifle, scope, cartridges, and box for possible evidence of fingerprints.

In connection with enclosed blanket, Laboratory requested to submit to soil examination since evidence of soil appears thereon. Also determine, if possible, nature of composition of blanket, as to whether it is synthetic or animal fiber. If possible, determine percentage of content, if it is a mixed type composition, cotton fiber, woolen fiber, or synthetic fiber. Also advise if possible any knowledge available to Laboratory as to possible manufacturer of blanket. Any other appropriate examination in connection with this blanket should be conducted by the Laboratory.

*20 March 1968
J. L. Jones*

F B I

Date: 4/6/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AM _____
(Priority)

TO: SAC, BIRMINGHAM
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P
MURKIN

For information Birmingham, there are enclosed one copy each of three Airtels from Memphis to Director, dated 4/4/68, by which evidence recovered this case was transmitted to the FBI Laboratory for examination.

2 BIRMINGHAM (Enc. 3)
1 MEMPHIS

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Approved: RGJ/pena
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per [Signature]

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (157-1092)
FROM: SAC, LITTLE ROCK (157-1215) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

An individual by the name of JOHN WILLARD, Monticello, Arkansas, came to the attention of the Little Rock Office because of the similarity of name utilized at the rooming house and description of UNSUB in this case. He has been eliminated as a suspect by investigation placing him in Arkansas during the pertinent period.

During interview however, WILLARD stated that during the summer of 1963 or 1964 he worked for the Daniels Construction Company in the construction of a tissue plant at Crossett, Arkansas. It was his recollection that the Daniels Construction Company was a firm operating out of Birmingham, Alabama. During this employment he worked in the Project Engineer's Office doing bookkeeping work. He did not become closely acquainted with anyone from this concern and could not at this time recall any specific individual's name.

The above is being furnished to the Memphis and Birmingham Offices in view of the background concerning the gun in this matter and for appropriate consideration should any employee of the Daniels Construction Company of Birmingham become involved in this investigation. Although not likely, it is conceivable that such an individual might have drawn on the name "JOHN WILLARD" because of some past connection with the Daniels Construction Company.

2 - Memphis
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2 - Little Rock
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JPS*

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by the Lever Bros. Company, of New Orleans, La. from 7/2/42 until 11/1/45 as a salesman, having left due to reduction in force. He is understood to have been with the Co. in Nashville, Tenn and in BH, Ala. No other emp. known.

He served in the U. S. Armed Forces from 1942 until December, 1945.

Mr. Credit has received no criticism concerning him and knows of no law violations or irregularities.

He has lived at 1605 - 12th St. Apt # 6, BH, before moving to 2200 Marion St. BH. Records indicate he has also lived at 4049 General Bates Dr., Nashville, Tenn and 2107 - Natchez Trace, Nashville.

According to a report dated 9/3/48, by Nashville Credit Bureau, for BH, Roscoe C. Smith, Jr. was in the Veterans' Hospital in Nashville and was there for several months, and unable to walk without a cane, he had blood clot in his veins ~~until~~ He resumed his work,

in Jan., 1949.

Mr credit has maintained a file in his name, since 1948, indicating a prompt and satisfactory paying record. No suits, claims, or items of this nature appear in file:

☐ Birth ☒ Credit ☒ Criminal ☒ Motor Vehicle ☐ Death ☐ Marriage* ☐ INS

To	Buded
Return to	File number 157- New

Name and aliases of subject, applicant, or employee, and spouse

ROSCOE SMITH aka. Roscoe C. Smith, Jr.

Addresses

Residence 2200 Marion St., Shadrast. BH

Business Sales Rep. Vulcan Binder & Cover

Former Chaco - sales (1963).

1605 - 12th St. Apt #6

* Date and place of marriage
(if applicable)

wife: Betty Rucker

Race White	Sex <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Age ?? 36-38?	Height 5'8"-5'10"	Weight 158	Hair Sandy	Eyes
Birth date [REDACTED]	Birthplace Knopshill, Tenn.					
Arrest Number	Fingerprint classification			Criminal specialty		

Specific information desired

Results of check

Reconder Count 4/8/68 neg Miss Joyce Seale

PD 4/8/68 neg Mrs Jo Ann Seale

SO 4/8/68 neg D.L. Weather

Men credit 4/8/68 attached Mrs Jessie Williams

Mtr Vehicle 4/8/68 attached Mrs Doris Hawkins

(Use reverse side, if necessary)

1-85182

1965 Buick 4dr Elec. 225

VIN 482695H312190

Reg to: Roscoe C. Smith, Jr.

2200 Marion St.

Tag purchased 10/12/67 (mailed out to him)

1-21902

1954 Ford 2dr.

A4AG165132

Reg to Roscoe Smith

208 Flora

Mailed out to him 10/67

Trans: 12/18/67

Rv. M. M. Lyas

208 - 62nd St So

On 4/8/68, Mrs Joice Williams, Mer Credit Association, BH, Ala., made available their file on Rascoe Conklin Smith.

He is described as a white male. His date of birth is given as [REDACTED] Knoxville, Tenn. He is married to Betty Rucker. He has SS # [REDACTED] Couple are reported to have two children dependant.

Mr. & Mrs. Smith are buying their home at 2200 Marion St. Records show a mty to Jefferson Federal Savings and Loan Assn on Lot 1, block 1, according to the survey of Shadles Crest Estate; made 11/9/54 for \$ 13,300.; pay monthly \$47.43.

Records indicate he is a sales representative for Ebco, since 4/8/63. He was previously shown to be employed by Inter City Manufacturing Co., out of St. Louis, Mo. for 16 months. Before this, he was shown to be employed by the Vulcano Bender & Cover Co., 405-4th St. S.W. as Sales Mgr. for an 5 1/2 yrs. He was previously employed

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FBI MEMPHIS

1257AM URGENT 4/8/68 CAF

TO BIRMINGHAM

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1978) 1P

MURKIN - CR.

MPD ADVISED INSTANT DATE NOEL M. KELLEY (PROTECT IDENTITY), SECRETARY, BONDS WELDING SUPPLY, MEMPHIS, STATED THAT ROSCOE SMITH, SALES REPRESENTATIVE, VULCAN BINDER AND COVER, BIRMINGHAM, ALA., WAS AT HIS COMPANY APRIL FOUR, LAST. SMITH BECAME EMOTIONALLY EXCITED WHEN NAME MARTIN LUTHER KING BROUGHT UP AND TALKED FOR OVER ONE HOUR ON HOW MUCH HARM KING HAD DONE TO ALABAMA. KELLEY STATED THAT SMITH APPEARED TO BE ON DRUGS OR SOME STIMULANT OTHER THAN ALCOHOL.

SMITH DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, THIRTY SIX TO THIRTY EIGHT YEARS OLD, FIVE FEET EIGHT TO FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED EIGHTYFIVE LBS., SANDY HAIR, RECEDING; RESIDENCE TWENTYTWO HUNDRED MARION ST., BIRMINGHAM.

BIRMINGHAM WILL CONDUCT CREDIT AND CRIMINAL ON SMITH AND OBTAIN PHOTO AND FORWARD MEMPHIS.

END

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FBI BIRMGHAM

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HAA*

*Cushman has Xerox
copy*

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FBI BIRMGHAM

FBI CLEVELAND

9 00AM URGENT 4-8-68 LJJL

TO BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) AND MEMPHIS
FROM CLEVELAND (44-565) 1P

MURKIN

MRS. LOUISE NOLT WHO RESIDES AT ONE TWO ONE ONE GIRARD ST., AKRON, OHIO, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED SHE SEEN AN OLD MODEL CAR, PALE BLUE, BEARING ALABAMA LICENSE THREE DASH THREE FOUR SIX FIVE TWO DRIVING AT HIGH RATE OF SPEED ON RT. I SEVENTYONE NEAR MANSFIELD, OHIO, ON APRIL SEVEN LAST.

MRS. NOLT STATED ABOVE CAR HAD A KKK EMBLEM LOCATED IN CENTER OF REAR WINDOW. SHE DESCRIBED DRIVER AS WHITE MALE IN THIRTIES, HEAVY BEARD AND SHAGGY HAIR. MRS. NOLT ADVISED DRIVER APPEARED SUSPICIOUS BY HIS ACTION OF PUTTING HIS HAND TO HIS FACE EACH TIME HE PASSED ANOTHER CAR.

BIRMINGHAM: WILL DETERMINE REGISTERED OWNER AND ASCERTAIN WHETHER HE COULD BE IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT. /P/

END

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FBI BIRMGHAM

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*see cts
to 4-8-68
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*Telephonically furnished
to SAC Alexander, Mobile
at 8:55 am, 4-8-68
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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, MOBILE
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

MURKIN
CR

Re telcall ASAC RALPH J. RAMPTON, Birmingham, to SAC
ALEXANDER, Mobile 4/8/68, furnishing contents of Cleveland tel
to Birmingham and Memphis same date.

Attached is copy of refel for completion of Mobile
file.

For information Memphis and Cleveland, Alabama license
3-34652 is Montgomery County license in Mobile territory. Mobile
will cover.

2 Mobile (enc-1)
1 Cleveland (44-565)
1 Memphis (44-197B)
② Birmingham (44-1740)

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DO NOT CHECK NAME M. J. GEMMELER AS HE HAS BEEN ELIMINATED.
LEADS TO ELIMINATE OR IDENTIFY AS SUSPECT THIS CASE.
APPEAR AS CREDIT CARD HOLDERS AND THEREAFTER SET OUT APPROPRIATE
RECORDS TO DETERMINE IF NAMES HARVEY GEMMELER OR JOHN WITLAND
NEW YORK CONTACT HEADQUARTERS OF DINERS CLUB AND BELIEVE
HE BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE WBS SEVEN LAST.

MURKIN CR

FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1140) (P)
TO DIRECTOR NEW YORK AND MEMPHIS

TELETYPE

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FBI BIRMGHAM

FBI DETROIT

1118AM URGENT 4-8-68 JRM

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM AND PITTSBURGH
FROM DETROIT (44-989) 2P

MURKIN

RE PITTSBURGH TEL TO BUREAU, DETROIT AND MEMPHIS APRIL
SEVEN LAST.

NICK GRECO, ONE SEVEN ZERO FOUR EIGHT CAMBRIDGE, ALLEN
PARK, MICHIGAN, ADVISED UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL REFERRED TO BY HIS
BROTHER, ROBERT GRECO, IS UNKNOWN TO HIM BY NAME. HOWEVER,
GEORGE PROVEN, UNION LAKE, MICHIGAN, COULD FURNISH UNKNOWN
INDIVIDUAL'S NAME.

GEORGE PROVEN, UNION LAKE, MICHIGAN, ADVISED THE UNKNOWN
INDIVIDUAL OBVIOUSLY REFERRED TO BY ROBERT AND NICK GRECO IS
RICHARD PEARL, INASMUCH AS PEARL HAS VOICED OPPOSITION TO
NEGROES AND HAS JOKINGLY REFERRED TO SHOOTING MARTIN LUTHER
KING. PEARL IS EMPLOYED BY FORD MOTOR COMPANY.

MR. LOU ECHLIN, CHIEF OF SECURITY, FORD MOTOR COMPANY,
ADVISED RICHARD HENRY PEARL, FIVE ONE ONE NINE ORCHARD,
DEARBORN, MICHIGAN, WHITE, MALE, DOB [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES, ONE SIXTY FIVE POUNDS, BROWN
GREY HAIR, BLUE EYES, MEDIUM BUILD, MEDIUM COMPLEXION, IS
EMPLOYED BY FORD MOTOR COMPANY TRACTOR DIVISION, HIGHLAND
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PARK, MICHIGAN. MR. ECHLIN ADVISED THAT MR. PEARL WORKED THE ENTIRE WEEK OF APRIL ONE THROUGH APRIL FIVE LAST, LEAVING WORK AT THREE THIRTY PM, APRIL FIVE LAST.

INASMUCH AS SUBJECT'S WHEREABOUTS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED AT THE TIME OF THE ASSASSINATION, NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION IS BEING CONDUCTED REGARDING THIS SUSPECT. UACB.

END.

CEB

FBI BIRMGHAM

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(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

Again, Murder

The immediate tragedy of the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King is that it worsens race relations at a time when improvement is imperative, that it submerges his family and friends in needless sorrow and overwhelms a vast number of Negro Americans with doubt of the validity of the American promise.

The larger tragedy of the assassination is its evidence that positive response to the American challenge which has been applauded in countless newcomers to this land can, when exercised by Negroes with roots more than 300 years deep in American soil, lead up to murder.

The facts of American history probably made a violent death inevitable for Martin Luther King. They also would indicate that his removal from the scene instead of ending the movement in which he played so large a role will deliver it into the hands of persons prepared to advocate more extreme courses than King himself would have endorsed.

The response of President Johnson, of former Gov. George Wallace of Alabama and of countless civic and spiritual leaders here and elsewhere in the nation and in the world condemns the murder and underscores the truth that nothing is ever gained by such cowardly violence.

If the murderer was opposed to King's cause, his act will impel it to prosper more than ever.

If the murderer was after King per-

sonally, he has done great disservice to his country because he has given new stature to the fanatics who cry, "Burn, baby, burn."

Many white Americans, including a large number of white Southern Americans, have believed honestly that the King movement for civil rights was subversive of American ideals and that the minister was, in spite of his protestations, an apostle of violence instead of peace. The fact remains, however, that most of the violence associated with King activities was directed against him and his followers rather than against those who opposed him and that he was himself the target of the ultimate violence.

Murder has marked American race relations for more than a century. It has scarred lives and communities in every section of the nation. It has solved nothing, and the problems still remain.

A decade before the war to deliver the Negro American into freedom, Frederick Douglass, the chief Negro foe of slavery declared:

"We are here . . . and this is our country . . . we shall neither die out nor be driven out, but shall go with this people (the white American community) either as a testimony against them or as an evidence in their favor throughout their generations."

Those alternatives set out in 1851 continue in force today, still challenge men of good will.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

10 BIRMINGHAM POST-
HERALD
Birmingham, Alabama

Date: 4-6-68

Edition: Final

Author:

Editor: DUARD LE GRAND

Title: MURKIN

Character: RM

or

Classification:

Submitting Office: BIRMINGHAM

☐ Being Investigated

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ALL SPECIAL AGENTS

DATE: 4-6-68

JRS
FROM : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

SUBJECT: UNSUB;
MARTIN LUTHER KING - VICTIM
EXTORTION

From this date all correspondence regarding
captioned matter will bear the code name "MURKIN."

1 - SAC
1 - ASAC
1 - Supervisor #3
56 - 1 each Special Agent
1 - 44-1740
1 - 66-1022 (Office Memo)
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PLAIN TEXT

AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI ATTN: FBI LABORATORY
FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS

Submitted herewith are additional items recovered in connection with the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.:

- (1) One pair of men's shorts. (Waistband in unstretched condition, one side, measures approximately 11 3/4 inches, which would be waistband of approximately 23 1/2 inches. Fully extended waistband measures approximately 17 1/2 inches, one side or a total of 35 inches.
- (2) T-shirt, size 42-44, designated "Jockey Power Knit" T-shirt, large size. It appears on visual examination that lower portion of T-shirt has been cut.

Laboratory requested to examine T-shirt and shorts for any hidden laundry marks and any other examination that may help to determine origin of garments. In connection with the laundry tape that appears on both the shorts and T-shirt, the number 002-6 appears. Since a portion of the left side of each of these tapes is missing, the possibility that the "0" might be the remnant of the letter "B" or some other combinations should not be overlooked.

Inquiry of the Albany Office discloses that the Textile Marking Machine Co., Syracuse, N.Y., has a representative, JOE COMBS, 3222 Devonshire Dr., Greenhill, Maryland, Tel. 301-245-6126, in residence in Greenhill. COMBS reportedly has the ability to determine on inspection of laundry marking tape as to whether or not this is type tape produced by his company and type of machine producing same.

Airtel.....
Teletype.....

A. M. I..... 3 - Bureau (Enc.-)

A. M. S. D. 1 - Albany

Spec. Del..... 1 - ~~Birmingham~~
1 - Memphis

Reg. Mail..... 1 - ~~Albany~~

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[Handwritten signature]

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Request that Laboratory prior to conducting its examinations arrange for COMBES to view tape.

In addition, there is submitted herewith one board which is part of a window sill in window of bathroom at 422 1/2 South Main, from which it appears that fatal shot was fired.

Laboratory requested to examine board to ascertain any possibility of breech powder burns or any other identifiable markings that may be made by weapon in question. Possibility that recoil marks may appear on board. Texture of board was such that no latents of significance could be developed. Suggest however that the Bureau reexamine for possibility latents might be developed by FBI.

In addition, there is submitted herewith five cards appropriately identified of various latents lifted by representatives of the Memphis PD. These latents should be examined against any latents developed in examinations conducted by FBI.

FBI BIRMGHAM

FBI TAMPA

1 40PM URGENT 4-8-68 BLW

TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS
FROM TAMPA (157-3231) 2P

MURKIN, RM.

ON APRIL EIGHT INSTANT, TAIPA PD FURNISHED INFO THAT
A W/M, DRIVING SIXTYEIGHT WHITE THUNDERBIRD, TENNESSEE
LICENSE A B ONE SEVEN TWO TWO, WAS OBSERVED BY A CITIZEN
AT THE HOLIDAY INN MOTEL, FOWLER AVE., TEMPLE TERRACE, FLA.

REGISTRATION RECORDS, HOLIDAY INN, TEMPLE TERRACE,
FLA., REFLECT W.R. THOMPSON, ONE ZERO NINE SEVEN LYNWOOD,
NASHVILLE, TENN., REGISTERED INTO ROOM ONE ZERO FOUR, AT
HOLIDAY INN, ELEVEN FIFTY ONE A.M., APRIL SEVEN LAST. HE
IS REGISTERED WITH WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN, CLAIMS EMPLOYMENT
AT GENESCO, INC., AND PRODUCED AMERICAN EXPRESS CREDIT
CARD [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] RESERVATIONS PREVIOUSLY MADE
ON APRIL TWO SIXTY EIGHT AT WEST END HOLIDAY INN, NASHVILLE,
TENN. DEPARTURE SCHEDULED FOR APRIL NINE NEXT.

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ON INTERVIEW BY BUAGENTS, THOMPSON, WHO BEARS SOME RESEMBLANCE TO ARTIST CONCEPT PHOTO OF SUBJECT, ADVISED ON VACATION FROM APRIL ONE TO APRIL FIVE LAST, AND SPENT ALL OF THIS TIME SPECIFICALLY, APRIL FOUR LAST, AT HIS RESIDENCE IN NASHVILLE. DEPARTED NASHVILLE MORNING OF APRIL SIX LAST EN ROUTE TAMPA. STATES NEIGHBORS CAN VERIFY PRESENCE AT RESIDENCE IN NASHVILLE. THOMPSON'S WIFE STATED HE WAS AT RESIDENCE DURING THE WEEK OF APRIL ONE THROUGH SIX LAST. HE SMOKED CIGARETTES, CONSTANTLY, THROUGHOUT INTERVIEW.

MEMPHIS, VERIFY THOMPSON'S RESIDENCE AND PRESENCE IN NASHVILLE APRIL FOUR LAST.

END

AMB

FBI BIRMGHAM

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SA'S CLARKE & SYLVESTER

4/8/68

ASAC RALPH J. RAMPTON (44-1740)

MURKIN
CR

You have received artist's conception drawings,
background and descriptive data on Unsub this case.

Attached are invoices from Aeromarine Supply Co.,
dated 3/30/68 as follows:

JAMES M. MALLICOAT
708 - 3rd Avenue
Jacksonville, Ala.

HUGH T. RONEGAN, JR.,
3216 - 7th Avenue North
Pell City, Ala.

Immediately contact these individuals and interview
them to determine if they saw Unsub on date they were in
Aeromarine Supply Co., and whether they can give descriptive
information or details concerning Unsub's activities there.
Before covering these leads telephonically contact ASAC
for appropriate background. These must be handled immediately
and reported immediately.

1 SA Clarke
1 SA Sylvester
① 44-1740

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Phone 595-2142
AIRCRAFT — AUTOMOTIVE
MARINE — SPORTING GOODS
PARTS & SUPPLIES

AQUOMARINE SUPPLY CO.
5701 BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT HIGHWAY
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA 35212

INVOICE
NUMBER 001612 Z

TO JAMES M. MALICOAT, DATE 3/30 1968

ADDRESS 708- 3RD. AVE., JACKSONVILLE, ALA.

ORDER NUMBER ☐ PHONE ☐ WIRE ☐ LETTER ☐ PICK UP ☐ NAME CO. SALES B
SHIP VIA: PARCEL POST TERMS: NET 30

QUANTITY	PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	LIST	NET	TOTAL
<u>1</u>	<u>303493</u>	<u>FLOAT BOWL.</u>			<u>21.5</u>
		<u>S. TAX</u>			<u>13</u>
					<u>22.85</u>

TAX

RECEIVED BY

TOTAL

MERCHANDISE CANNOT BE RETURNED FOR CREDIT, REFUND OR EXCHANGE AFTER 10 DAYS FROM SALE DATE
PURCHASE INVOICE MUST ACCOMPANY ALL RETURNS.

FBI BIRMGHAM

FBI JKSN MISS

1-18PM URGENT 4-8-68 BJM

TO DIRECTOR, DALLAS, MEMPHIS, AND BIRMINGHAM
FROM JACKSON (157-9586) 4P
MURKIN - CR

REJNTEL CALL TO TYLER, TEXAS RA APRIL EIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT.
MEMPHIS BY TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR DATED APRIL SEVEN, LAST,
ADVISED THAT IN CONNECTION WITH VARIOUS ITEMS WHICH MAY BE OF
EVIDENCE IN INSTANT CASE, TWO CANS OF SCHLITZ BEER WERE RECOVERED
FROM A BLUE OVERNIGHT BAG DROPPED BY SUSPECT IN MEMPHIS. THESE
SCHLITZ BEER CANS WERE INSIDE A LARGE BROWN PAPER BAG BEARING
TRADE NAME "HOMESTEAD" REGISTERED TO GRAHAM PAPER CO., ST. LOUIS,
MO. BEER CANS BORE MISS. STATE TAX STAMP NUMBERS ZERO THREE OVER ONE
FIVE EIGHT. THE MEMPHIS OFFICE ADVISED THEY WERE NOT AWARE OF THE
EXACT SIGNIFICANCE OF THESE NUMBERS, BUT THAT POSSIBILITY EXISTED
NUMBERS MIGHT APPLY TO A TAX PAID BY A DISTRIBUTOR AND COULD
CONCEIVABLY INDICATE AREA IN WHICH BEER WAS SOLD.
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[Signature]

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THE JACKSON OFFICE WAS REQUESTED TO EXPLORE THE SIGNIFICANCE AND POSSIBLE MEANING OF NUMBERS ON TAX STAMP. IF THE NUMBERS DESIGNATED A PARTICULAR AREA SERVED BY A DISTRIBUTOR IN MISS., IT WAS REQUESTED THAT JACKSON ALSO DETERMINE WHAT RETAILERS APPEAR IN SAME AREA MIGHT ALSO POSSIBLY USE PAPER BAG BEARING ABOVE IDENTIFYING DATA.

MR. JAMES JONES, TOBACCO, BEER, AND PRIVILEGE TAX DIVISION, MISS. STATE TAX COMMISSION, JACKSON, MISS., ADVISED THIS DATE THAT NUMBERS ON TAX STAMP EFFECTED BY SCHLITZ BREWING CO., LONGVIEW, TEXAS, AT TIME BEER IS CANNED AND FOR NO PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE TO MISS. TAX COMMISSION. MR. JONES ADVISED THAT BREWERY AT LONGVIEW, TEXAS, MIGHT POSSIBLY ATTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANCE TO NUMBERS ON TAX STAMP AND MIGHT CONCEIVABLY BE ABLE TO ADVISE DISTRIBUTOR TO WHICH INSTANT CANS SHIPPED.

AS A RESULT OF REFERENCED TEL CALL, SA CHARLES L. BROWN, RA, TYLER, TEXAS, ADVISED THAT HIS INITIAL INQUIRY AT SCHLITZ
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BREWING COMPANY, LONGVIEW, TEXAS, INDICATES THAT ABOVE CAPTIONED NUMBERS INDICATE THAT BEER WAS CANNED ON MARCH FIFTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT, LONGVIEW, TEXAS, AND SUBSEQUENTLY SHIPPED TO STATE OF MISS. NO OTHER SIGNIFICANCE CAN BE ATTACHED TO THIS NUMBER. SCHLITZ BREWERY RECORDS INDICATE STATE OF MISS. HAS FIFTEEN DISTRIBUTORS. IDENTITY OF THESE DISTRIBUTORS BEING DETERMINED IN EVENT FURTHER IDENTIFYING INFORMATION RELATIVE TO BEER CANS IS OBTAINED.

HILLIS MC LEMORE, MANAGER, GRAHAM PAPER CO., JACKSON, MISS., ADVISED THIS DATE NAME "HOMESTEAD" IS TRADE NAME FOR BAGS DISTRIBUTED BY THEIR COMPANY. BAG IN QUESTION COULD HAVE BEEN MANUFACTURED IN NUMBER OF MILLS WHICH MANUFACTURE BAGS FOR GRAHAM UNDER TRADE NAME, AND POSSIBLY THE POINT OF MANUFACTURE COULD BE IDENTIFIED BY EXAMINATION OF BAG ITSELF AT ST. LOUIS. STATED COULD POSSIBLY RECOGNIZE DIE USED TO IMPRINT TRADE NAME, AS DIE COULD BE DIFFERENT AT EACH OF THE MILLS. NINETY PERCENT OF HIS BUSINESS IN STATE OF MISSISSIPPI IS SALES TO JOBBERS WHO IN TURN SELL TO INDIVIDUAL STORES OR RETAILERS.

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THE MEMPHIS DISTRIBUTOR, CHRIS REHKOPF, COVERS NORTHERN MISSISSIPPI AND NEW ORLEANS OFFICE COVERS SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI. IF GIVEN SIZE OF BAG EACH DISTRIBUTOR COULD TELL TO WHICH JOBBERS HE HAD SOLD BAGS OF THAT SIZE WITHIN PAST THREE MONTHS. IT WOULD THEN BE NECESSARY TO FIND OUT FROM JOBBERS TO WHOM THEY HAD SOLD BAG.

DALLAS AT LONGVIEW TEXAS, EXPEDITE COVERAGE OF LEAD AND ADVISE BUREAU, MEMPHIS AND JACKSON OF RESULTS FOLLOWS BY THREE ZERO TWO'S TO MEMPHIS.

MEMPHIS WILL INTERVIEW CHRIS REHKOPF, MEMPHIS DISTRIBUTOR, AND CONSIDER EXHIBIT OF BAG FOR EXAMINATION TO DETERMINE TO WHICH JOBBERS HE HAS SOLD BAGS FOR PAST THREE MONTHS.

AM COPIES TO NEW ORLEANS AND ST. LOUIS. END

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FBI-SLC-CITY

1-35 PM MST JP URGENT 4-8-68

TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS, NEW ORLEANS, SEATTLE.

FROM SALT LAKE CITY 44-253 P SP

MURKIN, CR. OO MEMPHIS.

RE BOSTON AND DENVER TELS APRIL EIGHT, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT.

RE INFORMATION FURNISHED BY VINCENT JAMES DE PALMA SUGGESTING
IF MINUTEMAN KILLED KING, ASSASSIN COULD BE MIKE (LNU) FROM TEXAS,
DESCRIBED AS WHITE, MALE, ITALIAN EXTRACTION, TWENTYSIX YEARS,
FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, ONE SEVEN ZERO POUNDS, LIGHT COMPLEXION,
THICK, BLACK, CURLY HAIR. ACCORDING TO DE PALMA, MIKE OWNED
WHITE MILK TRUCK, BEARING KANSAS LICENSE.

FOLLOWING INFORMATION DEVELOPED SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, FROM
INVESTIGATION IN FILE "ROBERT BOLIVAR DE PUGH - FUG.; WALTER
PATRICK PEYSON, AKA - FUG.; ET AL; BR - CONSPIRACY," OO SEATTLE.
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ON SEPTEMBER TWELVE, SIXTYSEVEN, INDIVIDUAL USING NAME WALTER R. JENNINGS, ACCOMPANIED BY ONE "BILL", RENTED HOUSE ON PROPERTY OF THOMAS SAND AND GRAVEL COMPANY NORTH OF SALT LAKE CITY. JENNINGS IN POSSESSION OF WHITE DELIVERY TRUCK, WITH OUT OF STATE LICENSE. "BILL" DRIVING NINETEEN FIFTYSEVEN TWO-TONE CHEVROLET. WHEN THEY MOVED IN, RENTAL SIGN ON HOUSE WAS TURNED OVER AND "TOPAZ MINING COMPANY" WRITTEN ON REVERSE. NO RECOR THIS COMPANY OPERATING IN UTAH. JENNINGS DESCRIBED AS WHITE, MALE, THIRTYFOUR TO THIRTYSIX YEARS, FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, MEDIUM BUILD, BLACK HAIR, HEAVY SOUTHERN ACCENT. #BILL# BELIEVED IDENTICAL WITH WALTER PATRICK PEYSON. BY LETTER POSTMARKED DECEMBER FIFTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN, AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, JENNINGS FORWARDED RENT FOR ABOVE HOUSE FOR JANUARY. JENNINGS AND #BILL" BELIEVED TO HAVE MOVED OUT OF HOUSE EARLY JANUARY, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT.

ON JANUARY EIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT, PEYSON, USING NAME BILL ERICKSON, RENTED HOUSE AT THREE TWO TWO NORTH NINTH WEST, SALT LAKE CITY. WAS ACCOMPANIED BY INDIVIDUAL, NOT DESCRIBED, WHO LEFT WITHIN DAY OR SO. PEYSON LIVED THIS ADDRESS UNTIL MARCH FIVE, SIXTYEIGHT, WHEN APPARENTLY LEFT SALT LAKE CITY. DURING THIS

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PERIOD WAS IN POSSESSION WHITE DELIVERY TRUCK, WITH OUT-OF-STATE LICENSE. PEYSON UNEMPLOYED DURING THIS PERIOD BUT HAD PRINTING EQUIPMENT IN HOUSE, WHICH HE MOVED OUT MARCH FIVE, SIXTYEIGHT.

ON JANUARY EIGHTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT, PEYSON WAS ACCOMPANIED BY INDIVIDUAL USING NAME MIKE FREEMAN, DESCRIBED AS WHITE, MALE, TWENTYSIX YEARS, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES, BLACK WAVY HAIR, STOCKY BUILD, HAVING SOUTHERN ACCENT, AND DRIVING NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE WHITE CHEVROLET, WITH LOUISIANA LICENSE. FREEMAN ALSO OBSERVED IN SALT LAKE CITY, MARCH FIVE, SIXTYEIGHT, HELPING PEYSON MOVE PRINTING EQUIPMENT. FREEMAN PROBABLY IDENTICAL WITH WALTER R. JENNINGS. NEW ORLEANS CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY FREEMAN.

ON FEBRUARY TWENTYSIX, SIXTYEIGHT, A HOUSE IN CLEVELAND, UTAH, RENTED BY ONE BILL ANDERSON AND HIS SON. THEY WERE DRIVING WHITE DELIVERY TRUCK, WITH OUT-OF-STATE LICENSE PLATES. ANDERSON AND SON POSSIBLY IDENTICAL WITH DE PUGHT AND PEYSON. THE SON LIVED AT CLEVELAND APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS AND NO ACTIVITY SEEN AT HOUSE SINCE THAT TIME. HOUSE CHECKED AS RECENTLY AS APRIL EIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT, AND DETERMINED TO BE EMPTY.

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ON MARCH TEN, SIXTYEIGHT, LARRY RUSSELL JAUSSE, AT REQUEST OF PEYSON, KNOWN TO HIM AS BILL ERICKSON, WENT TO CLEVELAND, UTAH AND DROVE DELIVERY TRUCK BACK TO SALT LAKE CITY. JAUSSE SUPPOSEDLY WILL BE CONTACTED AS TO DISPOSITION OF TRUCK, WHICH IS STILL IN HIS POSSESSION. WHEN JAUSSE RECOVERED TRUCK IT BORE UTAH DEALER'S LICENSE PLATE STOLEN FROM DEALER AT GARLAND, UTAH. JAUSSE HAS NO FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING TRUCK BUT BELIEVES WILL BE CONTACTED. JAUSSE IS MEMBER OF PATRIOTIC PARTY BUT APPEARS COOPERATIVE.

ON MARCH TWENTYSIX, SIXTYEIGHT, PEYSON PHONED GIRL FRIEND, SALT LAKE CITY, HOWEVER REFUSED TO FURNISH ANY INFORMATION AS TO WHEREABOUTS OR ACTIVITIES AND STATED WOULD BE "LONG TIME" BEFORE HE COULD CALL AGAIN. HE INDICATED HE WAS CONSTANTLY MOVING.

IT APPEARS MIKE, REFERRED TO BY DE PALMA, MAY BE IDENTICAL WITH INDIVIDUAL KNOWN IN UTAH AS MIKE FREEMAN AND WALTER R. JENNINGS.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING TO DETERMINE OWNERSHIP OF WHITE DELIVERY TRUCK IN POSSESSION OF JAUSSE.

NEW ORLEANS REQUESTED TO EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY MIKE FREEMAN.

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SEATTLE REVIEW BANK ROBBERY FILE REGARDING DE PUGH AND
PEYSON FOR INFORMATION AS TO POSSIBLE IDENTITY OF MIKE, REFERRED
TO BY DE PALMA.

NH, BUTTE, DENVER, KANSAS CITY AND LITTLE ROCK ADVISED ARI MAIL.

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EACH OFFICE ADVISED SEPERATLY

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FBI-BUFFALO

2:30PM URGENT 4/8/68 AMM 4P

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHUS (44-1987), BIRMINGHAM, ATLANTA & JACKSONVILLE
FROM BUFFALO (44-374)

MURKIN; CR; OO: MEMPHIS

ON APRIL EIGHT, INSTANT, FORMER SA BIRL WILSON,
NOW AN OFFICER, LIBERTY BANK, BUFFALO, N.Y., ADVISED DR.
ALVIN EUGENE FRENCH, BORN [REDACTED] IN
INDIANA, AND WHO HAS PAST HISTORY OF MENTAL DISTURBANCE,
IS UNDER INVESTIGATION BY HIS BANK FOR ISSUANCE OF NUMBER
OF BAD CHECKS AND USE OF CREDIT CARDS, USING HIS TRUE NAME,
SINCE SEPTEMBER, SIXTYSEVEN, WHEN HE LEFT ROCHESTER STATE
HOSPITAL, ROCHESTER, N.Y. FRENCH CALLED GIRL FRIEND AT
LINCOLN ROCHESTER BANK, ROCHESTER, N.Y., AT FOUR P.M. ON
APRIL FIVE LAST FROM MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE. CALL INTERCEPTED
BY OFFICER OF BANK. FRENCH SAID HE WAS EN ROUTE TO AIRPORT
HOLIDAY INN, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, WHERE HE PLANNED TO STAY
APRIL SIX THROUGH TODAY. WILSON CONTACTED AUTOMOBILE
RECOVERY BUREAU, TWO SIX EIGHT ZERO GARDEN ROAD, SOUTHWEST,
ATLANTA, TODAY AND THROUGH PRIVATE DETECTIVE BOB DEMPSEY,
VERIFIED THAT FRENCH IS NOW LOCATED AT AIRPORT HOLIDAY INN,
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ATLANTA, ROOM FOUR SIX SIX AND PLANS TO REMAIN THERE THROUGH APRIL TEN NEXT. FRENCH TOLD DEMPSEY HE PLANNED TO MEET WITH SOME COLORED PEOPLE WHO WILL BE SUCCESSORS TO DR. KING.

FRENCH DESCRIBED AS BORN [REDACTED] IN INDIANA, MALE, WHITE, FIVE FEET TEN INCHES AND ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY TO ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY POUNDS. FRENCH ONCE SERVED AS MISSIONARY IN AFRICA FOR THREE YEARS AND EIGHT OR NINE YEARS AGO CONTRACTED BRAIN FEVER. ONCE SERVED AS PART-TIME PSYCHIATRIC CONSULTANT AT GOWANDA STATE HOSPITAL, LEAVING THERE FEBRUARY TWELVE, SIXTYSEVEN. APPARENTLY, WAS ALSO A PATIENT THIS INSTITUTION. FRENCH HAS TRAVELED EXTENSIVELY THROUGHOUT FLORIDIA IN MARCH, SIXTYEIGHT, USING RENTAL CARS AND ON APRIL THREE, LAST WAS AT HOLIDAY INN, WILLISTON, FLORIDA. FRENCH INDICATED HE HAD BREAKFAST AT THIS INN AND HE IS FRIENDLY WITH A GIRL WHO WORKS AT HOLIDAY INN.

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FORMER SA WILSON ADVISED INTERVIEW OF MANAGER ROSALIE STELL, HOLIDAY INN, WILLISTON, FLORDIA REVEALED SHE KNOWS IDENTITY OF GIRL FRIEND AND AVISED FRENCH WAS A GUEST AT THE INN ON MARCH THIRTY, LAST, VISITING THIS GIRL.

HANDWRITING SPECIMEN FROM LIBERTY NATIONAL BANK OBTAINED AND BEING FORWARDED TO LAB, MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM, AMSD TODAY.

ATLANTA LOCATE AND INTERVIEW FRENCH, OBTAIN FINGERPRINTS AND PHOTOGRAPH AND ASCERTAIN HIS WHEREABOUTS ON PERTINENT DATES.

ATLANTA SHOULD DISSMINATE ABOVE INFORMATION ON FRENCH TO SECRET SERVICE IN VIEW OF ANNOUNCED ATTENDANCE OF PRESIDENT JOHNSON AT FUNERAL SERVICES FOR DR. KING ON APRIL NINE, NEXT, IN VIEW OF THE IRRATIONAL BEHAVIOR.

JACKSONVILLE AT WILLISTON, FLORDIA. IDENTIFY GIRL FRIEND AND DETERMINE FRENCH'S WHEREABOUTS AND ACTIVITIES ON PERTINENT DATES, OBTAIN MOTEL REGISTRATION CARDS FRO HANDWRITING AND LATENT PRINTS.

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ATLANTA AND JACKSONVILLE FORWARD RESULTS INQUIRY
CONCERNING FRENCH TO MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM FOR IDENTIFICATION
OR ELIMINATION AS POSSIBLE SUSPECT IN ASSASSINATION OF DR.
KING. APPROACH SUSPECT FRENCH WITH CAUTION IN VIEW OF HIS
MENTAL HISTORY.

UNSUB ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI NEWARK

2550E URGENT 4-8-68 BAG

TO DIRECTOR, ALBANY, BIRMINGHAM, BOSTON, MEMPHIS
FROM NEWARK (44-854)

MURKIN ✓

RE ALBANY TEL TO DIRECTOR FOUR SEVEN LAST CONCERNING
LAUNDRY MARKS ON UNDERSHORTS AND "T" SHIRT.
LAUNDRY MARK INVESTIGATION - NJ

JOHN LIKOS, GENERAL MANAGER, BOND DRY CLEANING CO., TWO
ZERO FIVE ZERO NOTTINGHAM WAY, TRENTON, NJ, ADVISED AFTER
EXAMINING A PHOTO OF A TEE SHIRT AND SHORTS WITH LAUNDRY MARKS,
THAT THESE ITEMS WERE NOT SERVICED IN HIS STORE.

HE ADVISED HE FORMERLY USED THE TAGS OF TEXTILE MANUFACTURING
CO., BUT DISCONTINUED TO USE THESE TAGS APPROXIMATELY EIGHTEEN
MONTHS AGO. HE NOW UTILIZES TAGS OF THE LIBERTY TAG CO.,
PLAINVIEW, NY.

RAYMOND WILSON, BARCLAY CLEANERS, HADDONFIELD, NJ, ADVISED
HE DOES NOT LAUNDER UNDERWEAR, AND MORE SPECIFICALLY THE MARK
IN QUESTION IS NOT HIS SERIES AS BARCLAY USES ALL NUMBERS, NO
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LETTER NUMBER COMBINATIONS.

BERGEN VALET, INC., BERGENFIELD, NJ, ADVISED LAUNDRY MARK NOT THEIR CODE AND DO NOT LAUNDER UNDERWARE.

INQUIRY RE DISTRIBUTORSHIP OF THERMO-SEAL MACHINE THROUGH AMETEK INDUSTRIES, RUTHERFORD, NJ, INDICATES LOCAL DISTRIBUTORS SUCH AS PROSPERITY DIVISION OF AMETEK, DO NOT MAINTAIN COMPLETE RECORDS RE LOCATIONS OF CLEANING ESTABLISHMENTS USING THERMO-SEAL MACHINE. PANTEX-PROSPERITY, ONE FOUR EIGHT PICKETT ST., SOUTH PORTLAND, MAINE, FURNISHED AS CENTRAL DISTRIBUTOR, AND POSSIBLY HAS ALL RECORDS AS TO PURCHASERS.

RE ALBANY TEL FOUR SEVEN LAST INDICATES THE TYPE ON TAPE VERY UNUSUAL, LIMITED TO NO MORE THAN TEN MACHINES. IN VIEW OF THIS, IT IS SUGGESTED BOSTON NOT CONTACT PANTEX AT PORTLAND, PENDING INVESTIGATION BY ALBANY.

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FBI NEW HAVEN

321PM URGENT 4/8/68 LAC

TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHI S
AND BOSTON

FROM NEW HAVEN (157-818)

MURKIN. CR. OO MEMPHIS

RE ALBANY TEL APRIL SEVEN LAST.

HAROLD WEINER, PRESIDENT, BARRY'S CLEANERS, THREE ONE SIX BRIDGE
APPROACH, NEW LONDON, CT., TODAY ADVISED THAT THE THERMOSEAL IDENTIFICATION
MACHINE MANUFACTURED BY TEXTILE MARKING CO., INC., WHICH HE BOUGHT FIVE
OR SIX YEARS AGO, WAS IN USE BY THIS FIRM FOR IDENTIFICATION ON SHIRTS
ONLY FOR ONE YEAR AND WAS THEN SOLD TO JOHN TORES, PROPRIETOR OF CLEAN-
ING ESTABLISHMENT, NAME UNKNOWN, FALL RIVER, MASS.

BOSTON LOCATE JOHN TORES, PROPRIETOR OF CLEANING ESTABLISHMENT
AT FALL RIVER AND INTERVIEW IN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY LAUNDRY MARK AND
UNSUB.P.

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TO MEMPHIS, KNOXVILLE, BIRMINGHAM, MOBILE, JACKSON
MILWAUKEE MINNEAPOLIS
FROM DIRECTOR 1P

MURKIN ✓

ALL DESIGNATED OFFICES SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CHECK INDICES
AND IDENTIFY ALL KLAN MEMBERS, MINUTEMEN, OTHER HATE GROUP
MEMBERS, RABBLE ROUSERS AND ANY OTHER INDIVIDUALS KNOWN TO
HAVE VIOLENT PROCLIVITIES LOCATED WITHIN YOUR TERRITORIES.
YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY ATTEMPT TO ASCERTAIN THEIR WHEREABOUTS
DURING THE PERTINENT PERIOD THROUGH CHECK OF INDICES,
INFORMANTS AND OTHER ESTABLISHED SOURCES. WITH RESPECT TO
THOSE WHO CANNOT BE IMMEDIATELY ELIMINATED DURING PERTINENT
PERIOD, YOU SHOULD SUBMIT, ATTENTION IDENT DIVISION, NAME,
DESCRIPTION, FBI NUMBER, MILITARY SERIAL NUMBER OR OTHER
IDENTIFYING NUMBERS IN ORDER THAT APPROPRIATE FINGERPRINT
EXAMINATIONS CAN BE MADE.

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TO DIRECTOR, JACKSON AND MEMPHIS
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

MURKIN. CR. OO: MEMPHIS.

ON THIS DATE, KEN TURNER, RELIANCE STEEL COMPANY, COTTONDALE, ALABAMA, ADVISED THAT EUGENE SMITH MANSFIELD WAS DISCHARGED FROM THE COMPANY ON MARCH TWELVE, SIXTYEIGHT, AND HIS CHECK WAS FORWARDED TO HIM IN CARE OF L. E. MATTHEW, ROUTE THREE, BOX THREE EIGHT ONE M, FLORENCE, MISSISSIPPI. FOR INFORMATION OF JACKSON, COSBY E. MANSFIELD, FATHER, ADVISED THAT WHEREABOUTS OF EUGENE MANSFIELD UNKNOWN; HOWEVER, RECEIVED A CALL FROM HIM LAST WEEKEND AND EUGENE SAID WAS IN MISSISSIPPI, CITY NOT GIVEN.

JACKSON, AT FLORENCE, MISSISSIPPI, DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS OF MANSFIELD DURING PERTINENT PERIOD.

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Approved: *JHG*
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1740) (P)

DATE: 4/8/68

FROM : SA JAMES H. BUNNELL

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
BH 44-1740
OO: Memphis

On 4/8/68 LELIA WILDER, 3928 3rd Avenue, South, Birmingham, telephonically contacted SA JAMES H. BUNNELL from her place of employment, La Dame Cleaners, 1920 11th Avenue, South, and furnished the following information:

WILDER was previously shown the artist's conception of unknown subject in this case and advised Bureau agents that she would contact the FBI if she received any information. WILDER stated that at about 1:00 p.m. on 4/8/68 an individual resembling subject came into the La Dame Cleaners to pick up some laundry. This individual paid for this cleaning with a \$20 bill. She described this individual as being 5'10", slim build, brown hair, 25-30 years of age, and had "sort of a crew cut". He was wearing a sport shirt and dark pants. WILDER further advised that the name on the cleaning ticket was L. FINCH, 1316 19th Street, S.W.

This information was given to SA CHARLES DONALD BYRON for assignment to the group conducting neighborhood investigation.

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

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Airtel

To: SACs, Memphis (Enclosures - 15)
Birmingham (Enclosures - 3)

From: Director, FBI

MURKIN

Enclosed for Memphis will be the following:
three color photographs of green and brown cloth, six
photographs of beer can bearing Mississippi tax paid
printing, six photographs of items containing price tags.

Enclosed for Birmingham are three copies of
a photograph of brown and green cloth.

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FBI BIRMGHAM

FBI SAN FRAN

415PM URGENT 4/8/68 VLT

TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, LOS ANGELES, MEMPHIS, (44-1987) & BIRMINGHAM
FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) (P) 3P

MURKIN; CR; OO: MEMPHIS.

ON APRIL EIGHT, INSTANT, INSPECTOR KEN MANLEY, SAN FRANCISCO
P.D., ADVISED THAT AN INDIVIDUAL NAMED HERBERT WILSON BOWEN HAD IN-
FORMATION REGARDING CASE.

HERBERT WILSON BOWEN INTERVIEWED AND SUPPLIED THE FOLLOWING
INFORMATION:

HERBERT WILSON BOWEN, WMA, DATE OF BIRTH [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] IN GEORGIA, SIX FEET TALL, TWO ZERO FOUR POUNDS, BROWN HAIR,
BROWN EYES, ONE ZERO FIVE NORTH DAWSON STREET, LA GRANGE, GEORGIA,
HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA ADDRESS SEVEN TWO THREE ONE COLEWATER CANYON,
DIVISED HE IS IN SAN FRANCISCO TO WORK ON THE MOVIE "BULLIT."
HE STATED THAT HE ARRIVED AT THE GREYHOUND BUS STATION ON LANKER
SHIM AVENUE, NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, PRIOR TO TEN THIRTY PM
APRIL SEVEN, LAST, TO BUY BUS TICKET TO SAN FRANCISCO. BUS SCHEDULED
TO LEAVE TWELVE FIFTYFIVE AM, APRIL EIGHT, INSTANT. WHILE WAITING FOR
BUS TO LEAVE, BOWEN WALKED FOUR OR FIVE BLOCKS ON LANKERSHIM AVENUE TO
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VICINITY OF PRELUDE (PHONETIC) CLUB. WHILE APPROACHING PRELUDE CLUB, HE OBSERVED A WHITE ONE NINE SIX EIGHT MUSTANG PARKED NEAR THE CLUB BEARING GEORGIA LICENSE PLATES. CHROME FRAME AROUND LICENSE PLATE CONTAINED WORDING WADE MOTOR COMPANY WHICH BOWEN BELIEVES IN MARIETTA, GA. BOWEN STATED LICENSE NUMBER STARTED WITH SEVEN WHICH STANDS FOR THE COUNTY AND WAS FOLLOWED BY FOUR NUMBERS. HE BELIEVES THE FIRST THREE OF THESE NUMBERS WERE ONE, SIX, SEVEN, BUT IS NOT POSITIVE AND COULD NOT RECALL THE LAST NUMBER. BOWEN OBSERVED MAN IN DRIVER'S SEAT DESCRIBED AS WMA, IN HIS THIRTIES, WITH THICK HAIR, BLACK IN COLOR, FIVE FEET SIX INCHES, MEDIUM BUILD WEARING SPORTS SHIRT. BOWEN DESCRIBED HIM AS WEIRD-LOOKING BECAUSE OF THICK BLACK HAIR AND STATED HE HAD A "SILLY GRIN." BOWEN DESCRIBED SECOND MAN WHO WAS STANDING ON SIDEWALK AS WMA, APPROXIMATELY TWO SIX YEARS OF AGE, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES TALL, MEDIUM BUILD, WEARING WHITE SHIRT AND TIE WITH SPORTS COAT AND DRESS TROUSERS. THIS SECOND MAN REFERRED TO BY FIRST MAN AS TIM. DRIVER SAID, "COME ON TIM, LET'S GET THE HELL OUT OF HERE, YOU TALK TOO MUCH." THE TWO MEN DROVE AWAY, THEN QUICKLY PUT ON THE BRAKES AND BACKED UP TO WHERE BOWEN WAS STANDING. THEY ASKED HIM FOR THE MATCHBOOK BECAUSE IT HAD AN ADDRESS IN IT THAT THEY NEEDED. BOWEN PICKED UP THE MATCHBOOK FROM THE GROUND AND NOTED THAT THERE WAS NO ADDRESS THEREIN, BUT HE DID NOTE THAT

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ON THE COVER OF THE MATCHBOOK A MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, WAS NAMED. BOWEN ADVISED HE DID NOT SEE THE NAME OF THE MOTEL. HE TOLD THEM THERE WAS NO ADDRESS ON THE MATCHBOOK BUT TIM SAID HE WANTED IT ANYWAY AND TOOK THE MATCHBOOK AT WHICH TIME THEY DROVE OFF. THIS OCCURRED AT APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN PM. BOWEN STATED THAT THE MEN HAD MENTIONED THEY MIGHT LOOK FOR A MOTEL THAT EVENING, LOCATION UNSPECIFIED. LEADS. LOS ANGELES CONDUCT INQUIRY PRELUDE CLUB, LANKERSHIM AVENUE, NORTH HOLLYWOOD, IN VICINITY OF GREYHOUND BUS DEPOT, IN ATTEMPT TO FURTHER IDENTIFY UNSUBS.

ATLANTA, AT DMV AND WADE MOTOR COMPANY ATTEMPT, IF FEASIBLE, TO IDENTIFY INCOMPLETE LICENSE NUMBER THROUGH VEHICLE DESCRIPTION AND POSSIBLE FIRST NAME OF UNSUB (TIM)M

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FBI MEMPHIS

608PM IMMEDIATE 4-8-68 DER

TO DIRECTOR BIRMINGHAM MEMPHIS ATLANTA BALTIMORE BOSTON
CINCINNATI LAS VEGAS LOS ANGELES NEWARK RICHMOND SAN DIEGO
AND SAN FRANCISCO

FROM: ALBANY /157-273/

MURKIN; CR; OO MEMPHIS

RE ALBANY TEL TO BUREAU APRIL SEVEN LAST AND
TELEPHONE CALLS TO BUREAU, ATLANTA, BOSTON, BALTIMORE,
AND SANFRANCISCO, APRIL EIGHT INSTANT.

SEARCH OF PREMISES BELIEVED OCCUPIED BY UNSUB
WHO ASSASSINATED DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING ON FOUR FOUR
SIXTYEIGHT DISCLOSED SUITCASE IN WHICH WAS LOCATED
TEE SHIRT AND UNDERSHORTS BEARING LAUNDRY MARK ON
RED TAPE WITH BLACK LETTERING BELIEVED TO BE THERMO-
SEAL TYPE, MANUFACTURED BY TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE
CO. INC., SYRACUSE, N.Y. THE TAPE IS ONE QUARTER
INCH WIDE AND ONE AND ONE SIXTEENTH INCH LONG AND
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