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airport terminal. BASS advised this individual was attempting to catch an 8:45 flight but he was not certain of either the race or sex of this passenger.

When displayed the artist's conception of the UNSUB, BASS advised that this individual was not identical with any of the three passengers he carried that day.

HARLAN A. BROWN, 7553 Marks Drive, telephone 595-9535, driver, Yellow cab #90, advised that on 3/30/68, he made two trips to and from the airport area. He advised he met the 6:06 a.m. Delta flight and drove this individual downtown. BASS advised he has no recollection of this trip but stated he has never picked up or discharged a passenger between the airport gate and 15th Avenue and Airport Highway. At approximately 9:00 a.m. he picked up a fare at Western Supermarket, 2nd Avenue and 77th Street, and drove this individual straight to the airport terminal. He described this individual as a white male, 5'7", 150 pounds, carrying only a briefcase. When displayed the artist's conception of the UNSUB, BROWN stated that neither passenger resembled this individual.

LESTOR CASTOR, 538 47th Street, South, driver, Yellow cab #29, advised at approximately noon on 3/30/68, he drove a single fare from the Medical Center to the airport terminal. He described this individual as a white male, age 30-35 years, 5'11", 180 pounds, wearing a gray hat and charcoal suit. This individual carried a businessman's satchel and had no other luggage. When displayed the artist's conception of the UNSUB, CASTOR indicated that his passenger was not identical with the UNSUB.

SAMUEL C. ELMORE, 3023 Norwood Boulevard, telephone 251-6314, driver, Yellow cab #46, advised that on Friday, 3/29/68, he made three trips to and from the airport area. At approximately 9:00 a.m., he picked up four crew members of United Airlines at the Bankhead Hotel and drove them directly to the terminal building at the Municipal Airport. At 9:30 he picked up a fare at the Tutwiler Hotel and drove this individual to the terminal building. ELMORE could only recall that this individual

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was a white male and that his fare paid him an even \$2 and did not tip him. At approximately 2:00 p.m., he picked up a fare at the airport terminal and drove this individual to the Roebuck area, adding somewhere behind Banks High School. He described this individual as a white male, about 60 years old, 5'6", 155 pounds. He described the individual as being very pleasant and he assisted this passenger by carrying two very heavy suitcases into his residence for him. When displayed the artist's conception of the UNSUB, ELMORE advised that this individual was not identical with any of the fares he transported to and from the airport area.

CLINTON L. FRYE, 1421 North 24th Street, Apartment 16, driver, Yellow cab #25, advised that on 3/29/68, at approximately 9:00 a.m., he drove a fare from the Sheraton Hotel to the terminal building. He described this individual as a white male, 5'11", 160 pounds, age 50. FRYE advised that this individual paid him \$3 and had in his possession one large suitcase and a small briefcase. FRYE indicated he had no recollection of the fare he transported from the Parliament House to the airport later that morning inasmuch as he transports a large number of passengers from the Parliament House. FRYE advised that on 3/30/68, he transported an individual from 2533 18th Street, Ensley, to the airport terminal. He described this individual as a white male, age 64, 5'10", 160 pounds. He stated this individual sat in the front seat with him and was very congenial. FRYE advised they discussed politics all the way to the airport. When displayed the artist's conception of the UNSUB, FRYE indicated that it did not look familiar to him and he did not believe that the sketch was similar to any of the individuals he had transported on either day.

BILLY GENTRY, 1029 South 13th Street, driver, Yellow cab #12, advised that at approximately 9:00 a.m. on 3/29/68, he picked up an individual at the Guest House and drove him to the airport terminal. GENTRY stated he could recall the trip but was unable to recall what this individual looked like or whether he was white or a Negro.

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At approximately 11:30 a.m., he picked up a passenger at the General Surgical Supply House, 1630 6th Avenue, South, and made a run to the airport terminal. He described this individual as a white male, about 5'10", 160 pounds, and this individual came to the cab from behind a desk at the above business. When displayed the artist's conception of the UNSUB, GENTRY indicated that it was not identical with the individual he picked up at Surgical Supply House and was not a familiar face.

HARRY HORNER, Room 317, Belmont Hotel, driver, Yellow cab #108, advised at approximately 2:00 p.m. on 3/29/68, he drove an individual from the airport terminal to his home behind the Heritage House in the Hoover area. HORNER described this individual as a white male, age 40, with black hair. He stated this individual carried an old, light-brown small overnight bag and paid him the exact fare without a tip. HORNER stated this individual was approximately 170 pounds, and had a very wrinkled temple. When displayed the artist's conception of the UNSUB, HORNER advised that it was not identical with the passenger he had transported.

ALLEN MOORE, 1208 24th Street, North, telephone 322-9823, driver, Yellow cab #95, advised he made two trips to and from the airport on 3/29/68. At approximately 3:00 p.m., he picked up what he thought was a salesman at Bama Foods, 3900 Vanderbilt Road, and carried this individual to the airport terminal. He described this passenger as a white male, 5'11", 165 pounds, age 30, with a round face and dark-colored hair. This individual indicated he was trying to catch a 3:40 flight and was in a big hurry. MOORE advised that he got this individual to the airport in plenty of time and received a generous tip. At the airport he picked up a man and wife and drove them to 3206 Dale Road, Mountain Brook. MOORE advised that the man was approximately 65 years old and was approximately 6'1". The woman was about 5'7", had light hair, turning gray, and was in her late 50's. He assumed her to be the man's wife. They carried three large suitcases and indicated that they lived at the

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address where he dropped them off. When displayed the artist's conception of the UNSUB, MOORE stated that the face was not familiar to him and that neither of his male passengers were identical to this individual.

J. F. SNYDER, 3400 Park Avenue, Birmingham, driver, Yellow cab #35, advised that on 3/29/68, he picked up a package at the Railway Express Office at the terminal building and drove it to a camera shop at 1824 2nd Avenue, North. SNYDER advised that the artist's conception of the UNSUB was not familiar to him.

E. E. TAYLOR, Room 26, Lykes Hotel, Birmingham, driver, Yellow cab #29, advised that on 3/30/68, he made two trips to and from the airport area. The first trip at approximately 6:00 p.m. was from the Downtowner to the airport terminal. TAYLOR stated, however, he could not recall this fare but was certain that the passenger was delivered directly to the terminal building. At approximately 8:00 p.m., he drove an individual from the terminal building to the Tutwiler Hotel. TAYLOR stated this individual was a white male, age 55, 5'9" to 5'10", 160 pounds, hair gray, and entered his cab without luggage indicating his bags had been mishandled by the airline. When displayed the artist's conception of the UNSUB, TAYLOR indicated the sketch was not familiar to him and was not identical with the individual he transported to the Tutwiler Hotel.

R. F. WATSON, 5410 59th Place, North, telephone 841-4833, driver, Yellow cab #00, advised that at approximately 11:00 a.m. on 3/30/68, he drove three Negro females from 8th and 5th Avenue, North to the airport and returned. He stated these women indicated they were going to the airport to see about lost luggage. When displayed the artist's conception of the UNSUB, WATSON indicated that the sketch was not familiar to him.

The following individuals were contacted on 4/8/68:

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WILLIAM H. BLAKE, 2522 16th Street, Hueytown, telephone 425-7617, driver, Yellow cab #34, advised that on 3/29/68, he made four trips to and from the airport area. At approximately 6:30 a.m., he recalled driving a Negro male from 1332 24th Avenue, North, to the terminal building. BLAKE could not recall what this individual looked like but only that he was a Negro male. Shortly before noon, he drove an individual from a doctor's office located at 1630 6th Avenue, South, to the airport terminal building. He described this individual as a white male, 35 to 40 years old, 5'5", 135 pounds, carrying a small briefcase. At the airport he picked up a fare and drove this individual to the vicinity of 1st Avenue and 24th Street, North. He described this person as a white male, age 45 to 40 years, 5'11", 180 to 190 pounds. BLAKE stated he picked up the individual at the terminal building and he had no luggage. Late in the afternoon he picked up a passenger from the parking lot next to 2401 Magnolia Avenue and drove him directly to the terminal building. He described this passenger as a white male, age 40, 6', 170 pounds, with two or three large suitcases. When displayed the artist's conception of the UNSUB, BLAKE stated the sketch was not familiar and not identical with any of the fares he could recall.

JAMES CARVER, 1329 44th Place, North, driver, Yellow cab #58, advised that at approximately 7:00 a.m. on 3/30/68, he drove two men from the Town House to the airport terminal building. Each of the individuals was approximately 50 years old and was over 6' and very husky. CARVER advised he could provide no further description of these individuals and he was not certain whether they had luggage. CARVER added, however, that he did drop these individuals off at the terminal and not along the Airport Highway. When displayed the artist's conception of the UNSUB, CARVER stated the sketch is not familiar and is not identical with either of the two above individuals.

JAMES FINCHER, 6425 1st Avenue, North, telephone 595-8913, driver, Yellow cab #56, advised that he made two trips to and from the airport on 3/29/68. At approximately

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2:30 p.m., he picked up an individual at the Rust Building and drove him directly to the airport. He described him as a white male, 5'9" to 5'10", 180 pounds, wearing a dark suit and carrying a red briefcase. He advised this individual stated he was catching a 3:00 Delta flight and was going to Mississippi. He indicated this individual was 36 to 37 years old. At the airport he picked up a fare and drove him to 1161 16th Avenue, South, a residence. He described this individual as a white male, age 50 to 55, 6', with black hair, graying and a medium build. He stated this individual complained about the condition of the taxicab and indicated he worked for Fletchers Yeast. This fare also commented that he had a new Oldsmobile sitting in his front yard but could not even get anyone to pick him up at the airport. FINCHER advised this individual was carrying one very large suitcase. When displayed the artist's conception of the UNSUB, FINCHER indicated the man he picked up at the Rust Building vaguely resembled the UNSUB but that they were not identical. When FINCHER was shown the newer conception of the UNSUB, he indicated this was definitely not the passenger he picked up at the Rust Building.

R. V. HARTSOOK, 5100 Avenue K, Vinesville, driver, Yellow cab #15, advised that on 3/29/68, he drove an individual from the airport to the Park Lane Apartments in Mountain Brook. HARTSOOK stated he could not recall either the sex or race of this passenger but he was certain he did not pick up the individual along Airport Highway. On 3/30/68, HARTSOOK indicated he transported three fares to and from the airport. At 6:30 a.m., he drove a fare from the Tutwiler Hotel to the airport terminal building but he does not recall either the race or sex of this passenger. At 7:00 a.m., he picked up a soldier at the terminal building and drove him to 17th Street and 29th Avenue, North. He described him as a white male, 5'10", 160 pounds, age 19 or 20, blond hair, carrying an Army duffel bag and a black ditty bag. At 11:00 a.m., he drove another passenger from the Tutwiler Hotel to the airport terminal building but he cannot recall either the race or sex of this passenger. When displayed the artist's conception of the UNSUB, HARTSOOK

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indicated that the sketch was not familiar to him and was not identical with the passenger he could recall.

CHARLES JONES, 2518 4th Avenue, North, Driver, Yellow cab #69, advised that on 3/29/68, he made two trips to and from the airport area. The first trip he picked up two salesmen at the Rust Engineering Company and he delivered them to the airport terminal building. JONES could only generally identify them as being white males, one approximately 6' and the other approximately 5'9". He stated between them they had one small briefcase and one small suitcase. The return trip from the airport was a passenger taken from the terminal building to 1044 South 31st Street. He described him as a white male, 40 to 45 years old, 5'11", 160 pounds, and carrying a small overnight suitcase. JONES advised he recalls this individual since he had requested a cash ticket. When displayed an artist's conception of the UNSUB, JONES indicated that the sketch was not identical with any of the passengers he had transported.

K. J. LAMBERT, 4824-A 9th Terrace, North, driver, Yellow cab #26, advised that at approximately 4:00 on 3/29/68, he picked up a fare at the airport terminal building and delivered him to the Parliament House. LAMBERT advised he could only recall the individual as being white and could recall no other circumstances involving this trip. When displayed an artist's conception of the UNSUB, he indicated the sketch was not familiar to him.

AMOS LINDSEY, Room 24, Abbott Hotel, 406 18th Street, North, driver, Yellow cab #49, advised that on 3/29/68, he made two trips to the airport. Around noon he drove an individual from 1401 20th Street, South, to the terminal building. He described him as a white male, age 40, 6', 240 pounds, carrying a large brown suitcase, a suit bag and a small overnight suitcase. Shortly thereafter, he drove a fare from 137 58th Street, North, to the airport. LINDSEY stated that he does not recall either the sex or race of this fare but is certain he deposited the individual at the terminal building. When

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displayed the artist's conception of the UNSUB, LINDSEY stated that it was not familiar to him and was not identical with the fare he could recall.

L. D. MOORE, 4805 1st Avenue, North, driver, Yellow cab #63, advised that on 3/29/68, he made three trips from the airport terminal building. At approximately 4:00 a.m., he drove a fare from the terminal to 1513 1st Avenue, West. He could only describe this fare as a Negro male. At approximately 7:30 a.m., he drove a fare from the terminal building to 1357 Swallow Lane. He described this individual as a white male, age 35, 5'9", 180 pounds, carrying one suitcase. On 3/30/68, MOORE stated he drove two fares to and from the airport. At 4:00 a.m., he picked up a fare whom he could only generally describe as a white male and drove him to a residence in the Hoover area. This individual was carrying a suitcase and a suit bag. At 8:00 a.m., the record indicates he picked up a fare at the Guest House and delivered same to the airport terminal building. MOORE has no recollection of this trip. When displayed the artist's conception of the UNSUB, MOORE indicated the sketch was not familiar and was not identical with any of the fares he could recall.

HOWARD NABORS, 2114 Avenue E, Ensley, driver, Yellow cab #68, advised that on 3/29/68, he made four trips to and from the airport area. At 7:00 a.m. he picked up two Negro soldiers at the Bankhead Motel and drove them to the airport. Each soldier was carrying a duffel bag and they indicated they were being transferred to California. Around 8:00 a.m., he picked up a fare at the airport and drove him to the Rust Engineering Building. He described this individual as a white male, 6', 220 pounds, age 35, carrying a briefcase and a small overnighter. At 9:00 a.m., he picked up a fare at the Guest House and delivered him to the airport terminal. NABORS stated this individual, after getting in his cab, stated he forgot his airplane ticket and had to return to the motel room for it. This individual is described as a white male, 5'7", 150 pounds, age 30, carrying a clothes

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bag and a small briefcase. At 2:00 p.m., he picked up a passenger at the Bankhead Hotel and drove him directly to the Airport Inn across from the terminal building. He described him as a white male, age 38 to 40, 5'10", 165 pounds. He stated this individual did not have any luggage and indicated it was following him from the hotel later on. When displayed the artist's conception of the UNSUB, NABORS indicated he was not identical with any of the passengers he had transported that day.

CHARLES NOOJIN, 1818 14th Court, North, driver, Yellow cab #78, advised on 3/29/68, approximately 3:00 p.m., he drove three businessmen from the Rust Engineering Building to the airport terminal building. He described one as age 30, 5'8", 170 pounds, medium build, with brown hair. The other two were in their 50's, one of which was about 6', 220 pounds, and the other 5'10", 200 pounds. Between them they had two briefcases. On the return trip, at 3:30 p.m., he drove two women from the airport to the Parliament House. When displayed the artist's conception of the UNSUB, NOOJIN stated it was not identical with any of the three men he transported.

BOB PILKINGTON, 120 North 68th Place, driver, Yellow cab #93, advised that between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m., on 3/29/68, he drove a Negro serviceman from the airport terminal building to Wenonah. This individual was carrying an Army-type duffel bag. When displayed the artist's conception of the UNSUB, PILKINGTON stated this sketch was not familiar to him.

JAMES B. PITTS, 113 Village Court, driver, Yellow cab #115, advised on 3/30/68, he made two trips to and from the airport. At 8:00 a.m., he drove a man and woman from the airport terminal building to a residence in Mountain Brook. He described the man as a white male, age 50, 6'1", 200 pounds, with black hair, graying at the temples. The woman was also about 50 years old, 5'3", 130 pounds. PITTS stated they had three large suitcases and several small hand items. Later that afternoon around

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2:00 p.m., he drove one individual from town to the airport. PITTS stated he cannot recall this trip and does not know where downtown he picked this individual up. When displayed the artist's conception of the UNSUB, PITTS stated it was not familiar to him and was not identical with the male passenger he could recall.

LEWIS REESE, Room 27, Lykes Hotel, driver, Yellow cab #60, advised on 3/29/68, at 4:00 p.m., he delivered 13 pieces of luggage from the airport to South Hall Road. Around 9:00 a.m., on 3/30/68, he drove a fare from the airport terminal building to 3520 63rd Street, Birmingham. He described this individual as a Negro male, 23 to 25 years of age, 6'3", 190 pounds. When displayed the artist's conception of the UNSUB, REESE stated the sketch was not familiar to him.

JERRY H. REGISTER, 46 Broad Avenue, North, driver, Yellow cab #57, advised that he made two trips from the airport on 3/29/68. At approximately 4:00 p.m., he drove an individual from the airport to 5114 50th Street, North. REGISTER could only recall this individual was a Negro male and he drove him to a residence. At 4:30 p.m., he drove a fare from the terminal building to 600 20th Street, North. REGISTER advised that this individual was a white female and he carried her suitcase into the building for her. When displayed the artist's conception of the UNSUB, REGISTER advised the face was not familiar to him.

The following interviews were conducted on 4/9/68:

DAVID CRANE, 5112 9th Avenue, North, driver, Yellow cab #82, advised that he made two trips from the airport during this period. Between 12:00 and 1:00 p.m. he drove an elderly white female to town and at 4:00 p.m. drove a package from the airport to Southern Bell Telephone Company. When displayed the artist's conception of the UNSUB, CRANE advised that the individual was not familiar to him.

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J. D. FELTS, 1819 14th Court, North, advised that at 2:30 p.m. on 3/30/68, he drove a Marine from the Trailways Bus Station to the airport terminal. FELTS stated the soldier indicated to him he was from Sylacauga and was flying to Nashville. He described him as a white male, age 19, 5'9", 150 pounds, carrying one blue Samsonite suitcase and one large black three suiter. When displayed the artist's conception of the UNSUB, FELTS stated it was not identical with this passenger and was not familiar to him.

BETTY PHILLIPS, 2201 12th Avenue, North, driver, Yellow cab #4, advised that at 2:00 p.m. on 3/29/68, she drove an individual from the Bankhead Hotel to the airport. She described this individual as a white male, age 35, 5'10", 185 pounds, carrying a briefcase. When displayed the artist's conception of the UNSUB, she stated that her passenger was not identical with the UNSUB.

WILLIAM J. REID, 700 South 81st Street, driver, Yellow cab #70, advised that at 3:00 p.m. on 3/29/68, he drove a man and a woman from the Parliament House to the airport terminal building. REID advised he could not recall either the age or description of either of these individuals other than they were both white. At 11:00 a.m., on 3/30/68, he drove an individual from the Heritage House to the airport terminal building. He described this individual as a white male, 5'11", 180 pounds, carrying an overnight bag and a briefcase. REID stated that this individual indicated he was in a sales meeting inasmuch as he had kept the cab waiting for several minutes. At 1:00 p.m. on 3/30/68, he drove an individual from the airport to 1401 21st Street, South. REID stated he could only recall this individual was a white male. When displayed the artist's conception of the UNSUB, REID stated that none of his passengers were identical with the UNSUB.

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ARTHUR SINGLETON, 6509 2nd Avenue, South, driver, Yellow cab #01, advised on 3/29/68, he drove two individuals from a construction company office at 516 27th Street, South, to the airport terminal building. SINGLETON described one individual as 6', 190 pounds, age 30, and the other as 6', 170 pounds, age 27. Between the two passengers they had one suitcase and one attache case. When displayed the artist's conception of the UNSUB, SINGLETON stated that neither of the two passengers was identical with the sketch.

W. H. WATKINS, 8221 9th Avenue, South, driver, Yellow cab #28, advised that at 11:00 a.m. on 3/29/68, he drove three passengers from the Tutwiler Hotel to the airport terminal building. WATKINS could only recall that these individuals were white males and were not dropped off along the Airport Highway. At 3:00 p.m. on 3/30/68, he drove one individual from the Holiday Inn, Third Avenue, and 13th Street, to the terminal building at the airport. WATKINS advised he could not recall whether this individual was white or Negro but that it definitely was a man. When displayed the artist's conception of the UNSUB, WATKINS advised that the sketch was familiar only in a general way as it fit almost any man on the street. He stated he did not believe that the UNSUB was identical with any of the passengers he had carried.

The following interviews were conducted on 4/12/68:

CHARLES DONALDSON, 516 16th Way, Southwest, driver, Yellow cab #105, advised that at 8:00 p.m. on 3/30/68, he drove an individual from the downtown area to the airport. DONALDSON stated he does not recall where he picked up the fare or whether it was a man or a woman. When displayed the artist's conception of the UNSUB, DONALDSON stated the sketch was not familiar to him.

WILLIAM T. SEARS, 1431 1/2 South 18th Street, driver, Yellow cab #64, advised that at 3:30 p.m. on 3/29/68, he drove an individual from 3616 17th Court,

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South, to the airport terminal building. He described this individual as a white male, age 30, 5'11" to 6', 170 pounds. He described him as being very pleasant and congenial. He was carrying a small dark gray overnight bag. When displayed the artist's conception of the UNSUB, he advised that he was not identical with the passenger he transported.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

DATE: 4/13/68

FROM : SA CLARENCE E. WRIGHT

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re memorandum of SA GUTHRIE to SAC dated 4/11/68.

Referenced memorandum indicates that a call was made from a pay phone at the corner of Highland Avenue and 26th Street on 9/30/67 at 12:25 P.M. The call, lasting six minutes, was made to telephone number 932-4542. The subscriber is L. G. RAINEY, Box 293, Fayette, Alabama. Notation on toll ticket indicated it was at first a person to person call to G. RAINEY then changed to station call.

On 4/12/68, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. RAINEY, Route 1, Fayette, Alabama, were interviewed and both advised that they do not know anyone that lives at 2608 Highland Avenue. The names ERIC S. GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER and JOHN WILLARD are unknown to them. They both advised they did not remember receiving a call from Birmingham on 9/30/67.

They advised that about the only person that they know in Birmingham that calls them is JANE BOZEMAN, address unknown, who lives somewhere east of Five Points South. She works at the Main Office of the First National Bank.

LEADS:

BIRMINGHAM

AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA:

Locate and interview JANE BOZEMAN, Main Office, First National Bank, to determine if she made instant call to Fayette, Alabama. Be discreet and do not disclose source of telephone toll information.

CEW:gas
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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1740) (P)

FROM : SA NORMAN D. MIDDLETON

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
OO: ME

DATE: 4/15/68

Recontact with Banking Institutions

The following individuals were contacted on 4/12/68, at their respective places of business and an artist's conception of the UNSUB was displayed to them. All persons contacted were questioned regarding any individual requesting \$20 bills and large amounts of money. All investigation met with negative results:

LONNIE BULLARD, PAULINE STRICKLAND,
ANN SCOTT, BEVERLY ADAMS, Tellers,
Birmingham Trust National Bank,
Roebuck Plaza Branch

ELWINA REGISTER, LINDA CONNVILLE,
JANICE COPELAND, DORIS BLANTON,
BARBARA BAKER, PHYLLIS MAYFIELD,
MARY LOU BARWICK, ODELL TURNER,
Tellers, First National Bank,
West End Branch

ANITA SULLIVAN, KAREN PHILLIPS,
Tellers, City Federal Savings and
Loan Association, Mountain Brook
Branch

LEILA CHILDS, JO ANN DILLON,
KATHERINE GOODWIN, NELL SALMON,
BILLIE KING, ANN MILLER, RITA ODOM,
Tellers, Birmingham Trust National
Bank, East Lake Branch

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Mrs. MILDRED HEDGEcock, DEANNA ENGLISH,
SHIRLEY DUNN, JUDITH OVERSTREET,
DELAINE MARTIN, Tellers, First National
Bank, Woodlawn Branch

JEAN PRUETT, MARTHA WORRELL, JODY MARTIN,
SARAH GENTLE, Mrs. JO GARRETT,
CAROL VANCE, BETTY LA VIER, Birmingham
Trust National Bank, Woodlawn Branch

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)(P) DATE: 4/15/68

FROM : SA NEIL G. MARTIN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/9/68, the following gun dealers were contacted and displayed an artist conception of the Unsub who purchased the murder weapon in this matter with negative results:

Byrum Hardware, 1816 Avenue E, Ensley
Mr. LEON CROWLEY, 333 Park Road, Pleasant Grove
Mr. MELVIN BYRUM, 1816 Avenue E, Ensley.

City Gun and Key Company, 1910 4th Avenue North
Mr. R. M. HICKMAN, Route 13, Box 1216, Birmingham
Mr. J. R. BISHOP, Box 344, Leeds, Alabama

Gun and Tackle Shop, Highway 11 (Browning dealer)
Mr. JACK T. THOMPSON, 56 Norwood, Birmingham
HENRY SANDERS, 1424 36th Street North, Birmingham
JIM HARDAMAN, 120 17th Avenue N.W., Birmingham

Roberts Sporting Goods, 200 24th Street South
(Browning dealer)
CHARLES BULLOCH, Sheffield, Alabama
ROBERT HYATT, 200 24th Street South, Birmingham

Sears and Roebuck Co., 1531 Second Avenue North
JIM SMITH, 430 Green Springs Highway, Birmingham
OWEN MC CRERY, Box 57A, Morris, Alabama
HERMAN WHITEHEAD, 13 Green Springs Avenue S.W.

Sears and Roebuck Co.-Eastlake, 7733 First Ave. North
E. W. HUGHES, 529 Vanderbilt Road, Birmingham
MIKE HAMES, 741 Old Springville Road

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Unk's Gun Shop, 213 South 80th Street, Birmingham
(Remington dealer)

JOHN HASTLE, 398 Fernbrook Avenue

Peoples Loan Company, 2107 Second Avenue North

BEN COOLEY, 2107 Second Avenue North

SOL COOLEY, 2107 Second Avenue North

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Date: 4-13-68

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI and SACS, NEW HAVEN, and SAN FRANCISCO

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

MURKIN

RE SAN FRANCISCO TEL TO BUREAU FOUR THIRTEEN INSTANT.

JAMES B. MC KINLEY, DIVISION MANAGER, OTIS ELEVATOR, ADVISED PABLO REYES IS A FIELD TECHNICIAN EMPLOYED BY OTIS.

REYES WAS ASSIGNED SAIGON AND MC KINLEY HAS NO KNOWLEDGE THAT HE LEFT SAIGON. HOWEVER, STATES THAT IT WOULD NOT BE UNUSUAL FOR REYES TO MOVE WITHOUT MC KINLEY'S KNOWLEDGE.

REYES EMPLOYED ABOUT EIGHTEEN MONTHS AGO, ASSIGNED SAIGON ABOUT ONE YEAR AGO. REYES DESCRIBED AS A PHILLIPPINE NATIONAL WITH DEFINITE ORIENTAL FEATURES. CANNOT BE MISTAKEN FOR CAUCASIAN. NO KNOWN HOME ADDRESS.

MC KINLEY WILL DETERMINE REYES EXACT STATUS AND ADVISE NYO.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)(P)

FROM : SA NEIL G. MARTIN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/15/68

On 4/6/68, Mrs. RUTH BARLOW, 4845 Avenue V, Ensley, was displayed the artist conception of the Unsub who purchased the murder weapon in this matter, and she advised it resembled a man who frequented the Once-A-Knight Lounge at the Parliament House, but that she did not know his name. She described the individual she knew as white male, 5'10" - 11", 34 - 36 years, dark sandy hair, medium complexion, medium build, dresses in dark business suit. Mrs. BARLOW stated that she did not know his occupation but that he appeared with another man and a blonde girl about one week ago. This party stayed for approximately 1½ hours, and this individual approached her for a date, which she refused. She described the girl as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Female
Hair	Blonde
Age	25 - 30 years
Height	5'6"
Weight	125 lbs.
Dress	Red velvet dress.

She described the male companion as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	25 - 30 years
Height	6'
Build	Thin
Hair	Black

She stated that she believed from conversations with other waitresses that this man may be a pilot.

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On 4/6/68, JEWEL SARTAIN, 936 Five Mile Road, Telephone 836-5654, was displayed an artist conception of the Unsub, and advised that it looked similar to a man who was in the Parliament House coffee shop approximately one month ago. She stated that she did not have any additional information regarding this individual.

On 4/7/68, Mrs. CHRISTINE O'REAR, 1716 32nd Place, Birmingham, Alabama, was displayed an artist conception of the Unsub, and advised that it resembled a man who frequented the Once-A-Knight Lounge, whom she described as white male, age 30 - 36 years, dark hair, 160 - 165 lbs., medium build. Mrs. O'REAR stated that she has no idea who this individual might be, but that on a different occasions she served an individual whom she believes may be the same man she thinks looks like the Unsub who wore plain gold wings on his suit lapel. She stated this man told her that he flies for anyone who pays enough money. Mrs. O'REAR further advised that she would immediately contact the FBI if she remembered any additional information regarding this individual but that she could not recall any details of her associations with him.

On 4/8/68, an artist conception of the Unsub was displayed to the following employees at the Parliament House with negative results:

SARA THOMAS, 879 7th Street West.

LENA MEADE, Box 30071, Birmingham.

CAROL BEAL, 4540 40th Place North.

MARGARET BARANTINGHAM, 2909 Highland Avenue.

DAVID BATES, 1204 Eastlake Boulevard, Tarrant.

NANCY CAUDLE, 2251 Highland Avenue.

JIM CARR, Bell Captain, 420 20th Street South.

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FROM : SA NEIL G. MARTIN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The following motels and hotels were contacted on 4/5/68, regarding the name HARVEY LOWMEYER, with negative results:

Anchor Motel, 4121 Third Avenue South, Telephone 595-6157, Mrs. A. C. COPELAND.

Birmingham Motor Court, 1625 Third Avenue West, Telephone 785-4121, C. L. SELF.

Parliament House Motor Hotel, 4020 South 20th Street, Telephone 323-7211, Mrs. R. E. BUTLER, Mr. JACK SMITH.

Ranch House Motel, 2125 Seventh Avenue South, Telephone 322-0691, Mrs. O. L. MC CORMICK.

Seven-D-Eight Motel, 1044 Forestdale Boulevard, Telephone 798-2930.

Southwind Motel, Highway 78, Irondale, Telephone 595-9398, Mrs. F. R. MC CULLRE.

Town Motel, 414 Third Avenue West, Telephone 252-9966, Mr. and Mrs. CHARLES D. MITCHELL.

Townhouse Motor Hotel, 2008 Eighth Avenue South, MILDRED HALL.

Travelers Rest Motel, 1066 Forestdale Boulevard, Telephone 798-3831, RACHEL WINKELMAN.

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On 4/6/68, the following motels were contacted regarding the name JOHN WILLARD, telephone calls to Aeromarine, and an artist conception of Unsub who purchased the murder weapon in this matter, with negative results:

Anchor Motel, Mrs. A. C. COPELAND.

Birmingham Motel, 7905 Crestwood Boulevard,
Telephone 592-8941, Mrs. HOLLAND.

Holiday Inn, 7941 Crestwood Boulevard,
Telephone 592-0311, J. L. MAC DONALD,
Mrs. A. MAYHALL.

Parliament Motor Hotel, ERNEST DAVIS, Assistant Manager;
DOC EDWARDS, Bellhop; DWAIN MAYFIELD, Desk Clerk;
LOUIS SKOTZKY, Bellhop; ARTHUR PERMON, Bellhop.

Ranchhouse Motel, B. STAPLETON, Night Manager;
JIM HENRY, Bellhop.

Southwind Motel, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. MC CULLRE.

Townhouse Motor Hotel, MILDRED HALL, Night Manager;
L. EDGARS, Telephone operator; ARTHUR PRITCHARD, Bellhop.

On 4/7/68, the following motels were contacted on pertinent names to date, and the second artist conception of Unsub was displayed, with negative results:

Anchor Motel, Mr. A. C. COPELAND.

Birmingham Motel, Mrs. OSBORNE, 129 Deer Park Drive;
Mrs. HOLLAND, 7913 4th Avenue North; CLARA CRAWFORD,
820 59th Street South; MARY ROBINSON, Route 2, Box 757,
Trussville, Alabama; LORENE BURGE, 3624 67th Street;
SHIRLEY GRANT, 516 Athens Court South; GLADYS COCKRELL,
4320 12th Court North; HANNAH DOBYNE, 515 9th Court
North, Ensley.

Holiday Inn East, MAURINE MAYHALL, 1627 49th Street;
JAMES MAC DONALD, 7941 Crestwood Boulevard; MARTHA
SCHRIAH, 7941 Crestwood Boulevard; MILDRED RISHER,
Pratt City; HELEN WATTS, 203 Second Street, Thomas;
WILLIAM TURNER, Route 1, Box 378, Trussville; LOUISE
HAWKINS, 226 Arcadia Circle, Fairfield.

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Southwind Motel, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. MC CULLRE.

Townhouse Motor Hotel, MILDRED HALL, 2008 Eighth Avenue South; Mrs. KAY SMITH, 761 Eighth Place South; ERNEST MARDIS, #12 17th Court South; Mrs. L. EDGARS, 2008 Eighth Avenue South.

Birmingham Motor Court, Mr. and Mrs. CHARLES GERALD SELF, 515 Fifth Avenue West.

Travelers Rest Motel, Mrs. W. B. BARROW, 912 Pratt Highway.

Seven-D-Eight Motel, NELLA THOMPSON, Star Route, Box 46, Mulga, Alabama.

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FROM : SA NEIL G. MARTIN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/13/68

On 4/10/68, G. H. ALBRETS, Alabama Gas Corporation, First Avenue North, Birmingham, advised that the Alabama Gas records are maintained on a basis of address only, and that no name record exists except for "charge off" and "off line" accounts. These accounts were checked regarding all pertinent names to date, with negative results.

Mr. ALBRETS advised that it would be impossible for his office to check accounts by name unless there was a current address for that account.

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On 4/10/68, the following automobile insurance companies were contacted regarding all pertinent names to date, with negative results:

Allstate Insurance Company, 2117 Magnolia Avenue South
Liberty Mutual, #2 Office Park Circle
Alabama Motorist Association AAA, 2305 5th Avenue North.



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FROM : SA NEIL G. MARTIN

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Re memo of ASAC RALPH J. RAMPTON, 4/10/68.

The following records were checked on 4/12/68,
regarding all pertinent names to date with negative results:

Walker County:

Marriage records, 1944 - 1968

Divorce records, 1935 - 1968

Jefferson County:

Marriage records, 1945 - 1968

Divorce records, 1917 - 1968

Birth records, 1924 - 1945

Shelby County:

Marriage records, 1945 - 1968

Divorce records, 1924 - 1968

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Transmit the following in _____

(Type in plaintext or code)

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TO: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

RE: MURKIN

Reurtel 4-12-68.

No identification record located for FRANK CLIFFORD BEEBE,
date of birth [redacted]

Latent fingerprints previously reported this case not
identical FRANK CLIFFORD BEEBE, date of birth [redacted] at
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania who may or may not be named suspect.

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1-SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

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To: SAC, St. Louis (44-775)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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ReSLtels 4-12-68.

Remaining unidentified latent fingerprints and the latent impression in this case are not identical with the fingerprints of JOHN RUFUS WILLARD, FBI #92094 X, or ERNEST SUMPTER GAULT, Army service FBI #1 440 493. No palm prints available in our Identification Division files for these two individuals.

2 - Memphis (44-1987)

✓ 1 - Birmingham (44-1740)

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TO: SAC, WFO (44-703)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

RE: MURKIN

Re WFO tel 4-11-68.

Remaining unidentified latent fingerprints this case are not identical with the fingerprints of JOSEPH HALLOV PRITCHETT, born [redacted] in Montgomery, Alabama, Navy service #5488440, who may or may not be the same as the JOSEPH H. PRITCHETT described in referenced teletype. No palm prints are available in Identification Division files for the above described individual.

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1-Memphis (44-1987)

1-Birmingham (44-1740) ✓

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TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P) DATE: 4/15/68

FROM : SA JAMES H. BUNNELL

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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On 4/6/68 and 4/7/68, the following individuals were shown an artist's conception of suspect in this case by writer with negative results:

The Parliament House Motor Hotel, 420 South 20th Street, Birmingham, Alabama.

LEWIS SKOTZKY, Bellhop.

BURNEY MC GINNIS
H. A. SLAUGHTER
O. L. MC GULLION
CHARLES WIGGINS
GEORGIA COLBIN
DOROTHY LARKIN
GRACE DALTON
JO ANNE TYSON
TOM KELLY, Manager.
RICHARD DALE GREY
SUE ADAMS
JESSIE DENT
MAX BOTTONI
PAUL MALLONIA
VINCENT SALVAGIO
MICHAEL SULLIVAN
JAMES F. CARR

Holiday Inn of Birmingham, 1548 Montgomery Highway.

K. S. NICHOLSON, Assistant Manager.

JANE EDDINS, Desk Clerk, 305 Park Avenue.

JANE JOHNSON, 3145 Green Valley Road.

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CAROLYN COWDEN, Desk Clerk.
ELBA HOLCOMBE, Inspectress.
JANE EDDINS, Desk Clerk.
HUGH WALLACE, Houseboy.
HARCE JACKSON
MERLE BRASHER, Waitress.
EDNA PICKETT, Waitress.
PAT SELLERS, Waitress.
ELAINE LAMB, Waitress.
W. B. BUCHANAN, Waitress.

K. S. NICHOLSON, Assistant Manager, further stated that the records of his motel were negative regarding pertinent names used by suspect.

Heritage House Motel, Montgomery Highway, Birmingham, Alabama.

H. B. STEVENS
Mrs. H. B. STEVENS
JOHN SARRIS, Lamplighter Restaurant.
MRYTLE MAYS
WAYNE ACTION, Assistant Manager.
NELL MASSEY
BOBBIE CHANDLER

H. B. STEVENS further advised that his records were negative regarding pertinent names used by suspect in this case.

St. Francis Motor Inn, Birmingham, Alabama.

Mrs. HELEN AREL, Desk Clerk.
DENNIE KAKOLIRIS
HAZEL RILEY
DOROTHY HOPPA
W. E. MASON
RUBY FREEMAN
WARREN WHITE, Porter.
BOBBIE JOHNSON
NETHEL CHAMPION
HAZEL POGENT
ESSIE CRAMMER
RUTH SHAW

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W. E. MASON also advised that his records were negative regarding pertinent names used by suspect in this case.

Ranch House Motel, Birmingham, Alabama.

O. L. MC CORMACK
S. J. SAMUELS
LLEWELLYN W. JOHNS, JR.

O. L. MC CORMACK further advised that the records of the Ranch House Motel were negative concerning pertinent names used by suspect in this case.

Guest House Motel, Birmingham, Alabama.

BYRON BRUCE
HAROLD WALKER
EDNA HOLIDAY
VIRGINIA CANTY
JAMES HOLLIS

BYRON BRUCE further advised that his records were negative concerning the pertinent names used by suspect in this case.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, Birmingham

FROM : SA DONALD GUTHRIE

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

DATE: April 15, 1968

ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

Effort to trace ERIC STARVO GALT through telephone pay phone at 2608 S. Highland Avenue - telephone #323-9487:

MR. ED CUTSHALL, Security Manager, Southern Bell Tel & Tel Co. Birmingham, Alabama (protect identity), furnished available toll tickets for 323-9487, October, November, and December 1967. Prior months were not available under company's policy of destruction when toll tickets over 6 months old. Results are as follows, noting that calls shown are those which were paid by coin at this pay station. Any collect calls would not have been made a matter of record at Birmingham.

Identity of subscriber (called party) was obtained by Security Department telephone call to distant places to obtain same. The subscriber is identified after each number called.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Number Called</u>	<u>Person called as noted on ticket</u>
10/9/67 8:00 PM	486-3926	CHARLES HILTON (CHARLES HILTON, Route 1, Haleyville, Alabama)
10/11/67 6:07 PM	365-6018	? (P. D. STRICKLAND, JR., 917 Loder, Prattville, Ala.)
10/12/67 6:04 PM	365-6018	(same)
10/22/67 9:09 PM	838-2035	To Ft. Worth, Miss JONNIE POUNDERS was called by JAS. POUNDERS, Rm.26 (MARY BUCHANAN, 3509 N. Haltom, Ft. Worth, Texas)
10/31/67 6:04 PM	365-6018	(same as above)
11/20/67 7:11 PM	546-0784	? (KENNETH C. TURNER, 7 Peachtree St., Alabama City, Ala.)

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11/30/67
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365-6018

? On reverse side of ticket
is notation: "P.D. Strickland
2608 So. Highland Ave. - opr. fail_
to return money"

12/11/67
8:25 PM

863-9305

?

(THOMAS DOWNS, Cincinnati, New York, Piety Hill Road)

12/20/67
4:25 PM

287-7261

Kaiser Jeep Corporation
South Bend, Indiana

12/21/67
8:46 PM

684-3584

?

(DENNIE BOEVE, 1709 Walton Road, Niles, Michigan)

12/27/67
11:21 PM

684-3584

(same)

Leads were set out by teletype on the above.

Toll tickets are being temporarily held, as Mr. CUTSHALL did not want them back, saying he could not return them to the toll library, once pulled.

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FROM : SA DONALD GUTHRIE

SUBJECT: MURKIN.
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NEIGHBORHOOD of 1907 - S. 11th Street

Negative contacts, showing artist's sketch available, April 7, 1968:

FRANK S. PORTERA, 1004 Green Springs Avenue, S.
Mrs. NELLIE DICIE, 1008 " " "
JACQUELINE DICIE, 1008 " " "
Mr. & Mrs. RAYMOND D. LEACH, 1016 " " "
CLARENCE D. COX, SR., 1020 " " "
LUDIE BRANMER, 1024 Green Springs Avenue, S.
Mr. & Mrs. WILLIAM F. BROWN 1008 - 19th Terrace, S.
S. R. REEVES 648 - 19th Terrace, S.
JOHNNY STEVENS 644 " "
WILLIAM MESHAD, 1000 Green Springs Ave., S.
MRS. JAMES L. RAY 640 S. 19th Terrace
GERALD L. FOXTER 636 - 19th Terrace, S.
PHIL BARNHART 632 - " "
MRS. MARY KABASE 628 - " "
JOHN KABASE(son) 524 - 21st Ave., S.
MRS. D. W. ATKINSON 624 - " "
Mrs. CHESTER ELDERS 620 - " "
MRS. A. L. SHARITT 616 - " "
MRS. ROY (MILDRED) BROWN 612 - " "
Mrs. JEFFERSON WELLS 604 - " "
(1126 - 16th Ave., S. is a vacant house.)

Mr. & Mrs. SAM MILAZZO 1122 - 16th Avenue, S.
FRANCES PILCHER 1118 - " "
(2 apartments in this large house stated to have been
vacant several years.)

Mrs. ARCHIE B. DRAUGHON 1110 - 16th Avenue, S.
MRS. LEE GLASS, Apartment 1 - 1430 - 11th Street, S.
WILLIAM A. WHITWORTH 615 - 19th Terrace, S.
(owner of 1044 - 16th Ave., S.)
Mrs. W. E. CARLISLE 1040 - 16th Ave., S.
MRS. CAROLYN WILSON 1040 - " "

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TO : SAC, (44-1740) (P)

DATE: April 15, 1968

FROM : SA JOHN F. JANSEN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On April 11, 1968, Mr. LEE RIGSBY, Manager, City Checker Cab Company, 2928 Seventh Avenue, North, Birmingham, Alabama, made available the taxicab trip sheets for the following drivers making trips in the vicinity of 2608 Highland Avenue on August 26, 1967. Each driver was questioned regarding the place each passenger was picked up and discharged, the physical description of the passenger and luggage carried. Each driver was also shown the artist's conception of the UNSUB in an attempt to determine if the driver had seen anyone resembling him. Each driver was contacted with negative results.

ROBERT COATES, 1517 Huntsville Road,
Birmingham, Alabama

JAMES H. DUNNAM, 3228 Hemlock Avenue, Southwest,
Birmingham, Alabama

R. V. HARTSOOK, 5100 Avenue "K,"
Vinesville, Birmingham, Alabama

WILLIAM EARL REEVES, 832 - 79th Place, South
Birmingham, Alabama.

RIGSBY also made available the taxicab trip sheets for the date of March 29, 1968, for the following two drivers making runs to and from the Municipal Airport. Each driver was questioned regarding the place each passenger was either picked up or discharged, the physical description and type of luggage carried.

Date: April 13, 1968

AL BAILEY, 3052 Sunview Drive,
Cahaba Heights, Birmingham, Alabama - driver of City Checker
Cab No. 224.

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BAILEY advised that he had made five trips from the Airport Terminal Building on the date of March 29, 1968. These trips were as follows:

From Airport to 623 Fifth Street, North;
From Airport to the Bankhead Hotel;
From Airport to Fifth Avenue and 31st Street, North;
From Airport to Vanderbilt Road;
From Airport to 12th Avenue and 44th Street, North.

BAILEY advised that the only trip he could recall was one in which he drove a Negro female from the Airport Terminal to a restaurant on Vanderbilt Road at approximately 3:30 a.m. on the morning of March 29, 1968. BAILEY advised that he could not recall any of the other trips that morning. When displayed the artist's conception of the UNSUB, BAILEY advised that the sketch was not familiar to him and he could not recognize it as having been that of a recent passenger of his.

Date: April 11, 1968

WILLIAM CARNES, 1300 - 24th Street, North,
City Checker Cab, Driver No. 178

CARNES advised that on March 29, 1968, he made two trips from the airport. Around 5:00 p.m., he drove a white male, whom he described as approximately 6' in height, weight 180 lbs., and 30 years old, to a residence in Trussville, Alabama. This individual carried no luggage and indicated he was going to the home of his mother.

Around 8:30 p.m., he drove one passenger from the airport terminal to the Holiday Inn, South, where he observed this individual meet three other individuals. He described his passenger as a white male, age 40, 6' in height, weight 180 pounds, carrying three pieces of luggage.

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When displayed the artist's conception of the UNSUB, CARNES advised that the sketch was not familiar to him and was not identical with either of his passengers that day.

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TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)(P) DATE: 4/15/68

FROM : SA MARVIN M. EUBANKS

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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PUBLIC LIBRARIES OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA:

On 4/11/68, the writer contacted the below listed public libraries in Jefferson County, Alabama, and spoke with the employees of these libraries as set forth below. These library employees could furnish no pertinent information concerning suspects involved in captioned matter, and a check of the library records of these branch libraries failed to reflect any identifiable information concerning the four known names of suspects in this matter, which names began with the letters G, L, V, and W:

Avondale Branch Library, 509 South 40th Street.

FRANCIS JOHNS, Assistant.

LOUISE BENTLEY, Librarian.

MARGARET HOEHN, Assistant.

East Lake Branch Library, 5 South 77th Street.

Mrs. CHARLES PRICKETT, Assistant Librarian.

Georgia Road Branch Library, 401 North 43rd Street.

ADA BLOUNT, Librarian.

Huffman Branch Library, 501 Huffman Road.

RUTH MC GUIRE, Assistant Librarian.

Mrs. SYLVIA ASTERGREN, Librarian.

JOSEPHINE PETTY, Assistant.

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Woodlawn Branch Library, 5709 1st Avenue North.

FRANCIS PERRYMAN, Librarian.

KAY KELSO, Assistant.

Parke Memorial Branch Library, 1814 11th Avenue
South.

ELIZABETH ROBINSON, Librarian.

KAY CLARK, Assistant.

Southside Branch Library, 2 6th Avenue S.W.

HOLLIE BROWN, Librarian.

Emmet O'Neal Library, 50 Oak, Mountain Brook,
Alabama.

PAT MOORE, Librarian.

PHYLLIS GREENBERG, Assistant Librarian.

LOUISE SCHUBA, Assistant Librarian.

MARY TROWBRIDGE, Assistant Librarian.

Homewood Public Library, 1755 Oxmoor Road, Homewood,
Alabama.

Mrs. HAZEL MC CULLERS, Librarian.

Trussville Public Library, 201 Parkway Drive,
Trussville, Alabama.

J. T. LARGE

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, (44-1740) (P)

DATE: April 15, 1968

FROM : SA JOHN F. JANSEN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On April 6, 1968, Mr. HOLLIS STRICKLIN, General Manager, Yellow Cab Company, 1008 - 19th Street, North, Birmingham, made available the taxicab trip tickets for the dates March 29 and March 30, 1968.

These records were surveyed by SA JOHN F. JANSEN on April 6 and April 7, 1968, and the trip tickets for all drivers making taxicab runs to and from the Municipal Airport area were pulled. Each driver was questioned regarding the place each passenger was picked up or discharged, the physical description, and the type of luggage carried by him. STRICKLIN called each driver into the office by radio in order that he could be interviewed by the Agent. The following drivers were contacted:

Date: April 8, 1968

M. G. LACKEY, 213 South 39th Street, driver of Yellow Cab No. 114, advised that on March 29, 1968, he drove a fare to the airport from the vicinity of Route 31, South and Oxmoor Road in Homewood, Alabama, at approximately 9:00 a.m. in the morning. LACKEY advised that on arriving at the High Kel Drugstore, at the corner, he saw an individual whom he described as a white male, height 6', age 30 - 40, weight 170 - 180 lbs., talking to a man standing beside a green-colored new model automobile with a Tennessee license. The apparent owner of the car was a white male, age 25 - 30 years of age, height 5' 6" - 5' 8", weight 140 lbs. When the taller of the two men got into the taxicab, the shorter man walked back into the drugstore. LACKEY could not recall whether his passenger had either luggage or packages but did recall that he carried an overcoat over one arm. He stated that this individual did not have an accent any different from the local people and he drove the passenger directly to the airport terminal.

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When shown the artist's conception of the Unknown Subject, LACKEY advised it was not identical with either his passenger or the individual that his passenger talked to before entering the taxicab.

LACKEY advised that at 8:00 a.m., on March 30, 1968, he drove an individual from the Medical Center to the Airport Terminal. He advised that he could not recall whether this fare was a man or a woman but was certain that the individual was driven directly to the Airport Terminal.

Date: April 9, 1968

DAVID SMITH, 1522 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 34th Street, North, driver of Yellow Cab No.25, advised that on March 29, 1968, at approximately 5:00 p.m., he drove a fare from the Parliament House to the Airport Terminal. He described this individual as a white male, height 5' 10", weight 160 pounds, age 33 - 34, dark hair, crew-cut. SMITH stated that he first drove the individual to an ABC Store on Fifth Avenue, between 20th and 21st Street, North, before driving him to the airport. SMITH stated that this individual stated that he was buying whiskey here because they would not let him purchase it in Memphis. SMITH stated that he got the impression that this individual was flying to Memphis, Tennessee. He stated that his passenger was wearing a dark-colored, perhaps black suit, and was carrying a small suitcase which he said was a typewriter.

When displayed the artist's conception of the UNSUB, SMITH advised that there was some similarity between his passenger and the sketch but that it was not him. SMITH indicated that his fare was a younger looking man than UNSUB and that his hair was shorter.

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HARMON CARNES, Room 44, DeSoto Hotel, driver of Yellow Cab No.79, advised that on March 29, 1968, he made five trips to and from the airport. He advised that at approximately 6:00 p.m., he drove an individual from the Guest House to the Airport Terminal. He described

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this individual as a white male, height 6', weight 190 pounds, light brown hair. He stated that he was wearing a medium to dark-gray suit, with dark-colored tie and was "talkative." This passenger stated that he was a salesman and according to CARNES, knew Birmingham quite well. He stated that his passenger had no bags and said he was going to the airport to rent a Hertz car since he, the passenger, had to make a trip to Georgia and back.

At the airport, he picked up a fare and took him to 516 - 27th Street, South, Birmingham. This individual was wearing an Army uniform and was described as a Negro male, age 27 - 28, height 5' 9", weight 180 pounds. At approximately 8:00 p.m., he drove a white female from the airport terminal to the St. Francis Motel in Homewood.

Sometime after midnight, CARNES advised that he drove a sailor from the airport terminal building to 8th Avenue and 81st Street, North. He described this individual as a white male, height 5' 7", weight 190 pounds, age 22 - 25, heavy set, carrying a white duffel bag. Following this trip, he drove another fare from the terminal building at the airport to 31st Avenue and 31st Street. He described this individual as a Negro male, age 40, height 5' 10", weight 170 pounds.

When displayed the artist's conception of the UNKNOWN SUBJECT, CARNES stated that the sketch looked vaguely like the individual he carried from the Guest House at approximately 6:00 p.m. that evening. CARNES stated that he could not be positive that it was the same individual.

Date: April 13, 1968

JAMES HOGLAN, 1116 - 11th Place, South, Birmingham, driver of Yellow Cab No.54, advised that on March 30, 1968, he made three trips to and from the airport terminal. At approximately 8:00 p.m., he carried a large trunk and four suitcases from the terminal to the Tutwiler Hotel. HOGLAN advised that the trunk was approximately 48" x 24" x 30" and that the suitcases were rather large.

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He advised that he was carrying this luggage for an individual by the name of JAMES FRANKLIN, who with two other men, were driving in their own automobile to the Tutwiler Hotel. He described FRANKLIN as a white male, age 25, height 5' 9", weight 150 pounds, with blond, crew-cut hair. He advised that he had no opportunity to observe the other two men but did see them as FRANKLIN's car drove away. Approximately an hour later, he drove two men from the Airport Terminal to the Parliament House. One man he described as being thirty-five years old, height 5' 10", weight 160 pounds, carrying a suitcase, small briefcase, and camera bag and a suit bag. The second man who was also a white male, was thirty-five years old, height 5' 11", weight 160 pounds. This individual was carrying a suitcase, small briefcase, an AWOL bag, and a suit bag. Around 10:00 p.m., he drove a fare from the airport terminal to First Avenue and 55th Street, North. HOGLAN stated that he recalled that on this trip he had a flat tire and that his fare was a Negro female.

When displayed the artist's conception, of UNSUB, HOGLAN advised that he was not identical with any of the male passengers he had seen that evening.

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PD Athens Ala.	Harold Raymond Leonard #240	5-28-57	PL	TOT Limestone Co Crt
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SO Birmingham Ala	Harold R. Leonard #103292	2-10-65	embz/ GI (added)	
St Board of Corr Montgomery Ala	Harold Raymond Leonard Jr. #92305	3-22-66	embz & mansl 1st	11 yrs & 1 day
PD Birmingham Ala	Harold Raymond Leonard #129936	2-1-67	reg Ex Con	
PD Birmingham Ala	Harold Raymond Leonard #129936	4-7-67	DCWI & RD	105.00
PD Birmingham Ala	Harold Raymond Leonard #129936	11-4-67	CCW B&GL	
PD Birmingham Ala	Harold Raymond Leonard Jr #129936	1-1-68	burglary	

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, (44-1740)

FROM : SA JAMES D. SNYDER

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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DATE: 4/15/68

The following investigation was conducted by SA JAMES D. SNYDER at Birmingham, Alabama, to ascertain if the following listed individuals were identical with the person who purchased the gun at the Aero Marine Supply Company, Birmingham, Alabama, on 3/29/68:

On 4/10/68, Mrs. JOSEPH T. HAGERTY, 1105 South Shades View Terrace, Homewood, Alabama, advised as follows:

She is the wife of JOSEPH T. HAGERTY and resided with her husband at 1601 29th Court South Apartment 2, Birmingham, prior to moving to the Homewood address. JOSEPH T. HAGERTY is 25 years of age, born [redacted] at Birmingham, Alabama, 5' 10", 165 - 170 pounds, brown eyes, and brown hair worn short on the sides and top, but no crew cut. He is by profession an attorney and is employed by Brobston and Brobston, Attorneys at Law, Bessemer, Alabama. The family automobile is a green, four-door, 1963 Dodge Dart.

She said her husband works every day, Monday through Friday and was at work on 3/29 and 4/4/68. In addition he was at home both evenings, spent both nights at home and has not left the Birmingham area since he took his bar examination in Montgomery, Alabama, in July or August, 1967.

After viewing the artist's conception of the individual who purchased the weapon at the Aero Marine Supply Company on 3/29/68, she said her husband resembled the drawing only slightly.

On 4/10/68, FLOYD POHLMAN, Leasee, San-Ann Service Station, 4356 First Avenue North, who resides at 308 Pine Street, furnished the following:

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He was born [redacted] at Jefferson County, Alabama, is 35 years old, 5' 9", 160 pounds, has hazel eyes and brown-greying hair. He drives a blue 1965 two-door hardtop Galaxie, bearing 1968 Alabama License 64-17680.

POHLMAN works at his service station 7 days a week from 5:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. He has not left the Birmingham area since September, 1967, at which time he made a trip to Florida. He has not purchased any weapon recently and possesses only one firearm, a .22 caliber rifle which he took in pawn.

During the interview it was noted that POHLMAN's hair is very short and considerably receded.

On 4/10/68, HUGH PIMBERTON, owner, Martin Florists Shop, 1931 11th Avenue South, advised that JOHN SCHNATZ was originally from the Cocoa Beach, Florida area, was no older than 23, had reddish hair, was about 5' 8" tall and was very thin. SCHNATZ was employed by PIMBERTON from 1/66 - 7/67, is now employed at a Shell Service Station in Mt. Brook, Alabama, and resides at 4264 4th Avenue South, Apartment 2, Birmingham.

On 4/10/68, M. H. ADAMS, owner, Adams Mt. Brook Shell Service Center, advised JOHN SCHNATZ was hired about 1/68 as a service station attendant and has been a very good employee. On 3/29/68, SCHNATZ worked from 8 a.m. until 6:45 p.m.

On 4/10/68, JOHN MARTIN SCHNATZ, III, who resides at 4264 4th Avenue South, furnished the following information:

He is 22 years old, born [redacted] at Melbourne, Florida, 5' 9" tall, 130 pounds, reddish hair, brown eyes. SCHNATZ has a grandfather, J. SCHNATZ, SR., and a father J. SCHNATZ, JR., who reside at 18 Poincetta Drive, Melbourne, Florida. His mother is deceased.

On 4/11/68, SA JERRY L. EMMONS was advised by M. E. ALLISON, 1311 13th Avenue South, Apartment A, that

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MIKE GILL was in his early twenties and could not be identical with the individual described and depicted by the artist's conception of the man who purchased the gun at the Aero Marine Supply Company, Birmingham, on 3/29/68.

On 4/10/68, Mrs. ROSENA I. CHAMBERS, 1215 14th Avenue South, advised she was the former landlady of HAROLD RAYMOND LEONARD, also known to her as JIMMY LEONARD. LEONARD had been evicted by Mrs. CHAMBERS from his apartment during the first part of January, 1968, following a narcotics raid by local police. LEONARD drove a 1958 green and white Chevrolet.

Mrs. CHAMBERS viewed a photograph of LEONARD bearing Birmingham PD #149588 taken 1/1/68. She said that the photograph was a very good likeness of LEONARD. Thereafter she was shown artist's conception of the man who purchased the gun from the Aero Marine Supply, Birmingham, on 3/39/68. Mrs. CHAMBERS said she saw no resemblance at all between LEONARD and the drawing. In addition, she described LEONARD as a "sloppy dresser".

On 4/10/68, Miss JOANN SEALE, Identification Division, Birmingham PD, made available her file on HAROLD RAYMOND LEONARD. The file reflected LEONARD uses the alias JIMMY LEONARD and is described as a white male, born [redacted] at Albine, Texas. He is further described as being 5' 9", 175, medium build, brown hair, hazel eyes, and ruddy complexion. He has been employed in the past, 4/7/67, as a painter, 11/4/67 as a cab driver, and 1/1/68 in dental work. His last known address 1/1/68 was 1215 14th Avenue South.

In reviewing the records of the Birmingham PD Identification Division, there was noted that LEONARD had an extensive arrest record dating back to 5/28/67, under FBI # 191239-E, a copy of which is attached to this memo. A photograph of LEONARD was obtained and is being maintained for future identification purposes.

On 4/12/68, Mr. J. L. BUFFINGTON, Pharmacist, Pay-Less Drugstore, 1035 South 20th Street, advised he attended school with one MELVIN BROWN and saw some resemblance between BROWN and artist's conception of the individual who

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purchased the gun at the Aero Marine Supply Company, Birmingham, 3/29/68.

BUFFINGTON described BROWN as 42-45, 5' 9" - 5' 10", 160 and light brown hair which is receding. BROWN owns a drugstore in Alberta, Alabama, located on Crest Road. The drugstore formerly was called Brown-McRea but BUFFINGTON believed the name had been changed to simply the Brown Drugstore.

While the agent was interviewing J. L. BUFFINGTON at the Pay-Less Drugstore Mr. W. C. HASSELL, Pharmacist, Birmingham Apothecary, South 20th Street, entered the drug store and BUFFINGTON advised the agent that HASSELL was much more familiar with MELVIN BROWN than was BUFFINGTON. HASSELL advised he taught BROWN in school and had also viewed the artist's conception displayed by agents of the FBI during the past week. HASSELL said BROWN's hair was much more receded than shown in the artist's conception and also was greying. HASSELL said at the time he viewed the drawing, he did not think BROWN resembled the drawing and he was still of the same opinion. In addition, HASSELL said the description furnished him by the agent listed the unknown individual as being 36 years of age and HASSELL was sure BROWN was 42-45 years of age.

Based on the above investigation it appears that none of the above individuals are identical with individual who purchased the gun at the Aero Marine Supply Company, Birmingham, on 3/29/68.