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# Memorandum

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

FROM : SA NEIL G. MARTIN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/15/68

On 4/8/68, PRESTON SWEENEY, Cumberland Capital Corporation, First Avenue and 21st Street, North, Birmingham, was contacted in regard to loan association check concerning all pertinent names to date, and he advised there was no record of any files regarding these individuals. This inquiry was made on a discreet basis without the nature of the inquiry being disclosed and the source can be relied upon to not reveal that such check was made by the FBI.

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On 4/10/68, Mrs. BOB WILSON, 2215 Green Springs Highway, advised that she is an elementary teacher at the Glen Iris School, 1115 11th Street South, Birmingham, Alabama, and that shortly after the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., one of her students was slapped by another student, the daughter of DEWEY E. RUFFIN, 1517 13th Street South, after the student stated that it was a shame that Dr. KING had been assassinated, because he was a good man.

Upon inquiry with RUFFIN's daughter, name unknown, Mrs. WILSON learned that Mr. RUFFIN is employed with a rental car agency at the Birmingham Airport and that he had made numerous airplane trips back and forth between Birmingham and Memphis several days before and on the day of the assassination. Mrs. WILSON advised that she does not have any additional information regarding this matter and desires that her identity be protected. Mrs. WILSON is the wife of BOB WILSON, Office of Naval Intelligence, Birmingham, Alabama.

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

DATE: 4/15/68

FROM : SA COLEMAN D. GEARY, III

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Memo of SA COLEMAN D. GEARY, III, dated 4/11/68.

CHRIS MITCHELL, President, Sterling Distributors, 1318 First Ave., North, Birmingham, advised on 4/12/68 that JIMMY LOWERY works as a route salesman for him and that he vaguely resembles the FBI artist's conception of Unsub in this case. He stated LOWERY, however, was working on his route from 6:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on 4/4/68. He stated LOWERY has never owned a white Mustang and he is a long-time resident of Birmingham, Alabama.

JIMMY GLENN LOWERY, telephone 853-1449, 2735 - 6th Street, N.E., Center Point, Birmingham, Alabama, advised he has been employed for Sterling Distributors as a route salesman for the past five years and on 4/4/68 he was delivering beer on his route from approximately 6:00 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. He advised he does not possess any information of value to this investigation, nor is he acquainted with anyone by the name of LOWMEYER or LEHMEYER, nor has he ever met anyone by the name of GALT.

After viewing the FBI artist's conception, he advised he had never met or seen anyone resembling these sketches at any time either at the Five Points South area, where he formerly resided, or along his route. He stated he lived in Apt. F of the Aristocrat Apartments located at 1517 - 16th Avenue, South, from approximately February, 1967, until he moved to his current address in Center Point about three weeks ago. However, as mentioned above, he does not recall ever seeing anyone resembling the above-mentioned sketches. He owns and drives a 1965 green Ford Galaxie 500 and states he has never owned a white Mustang.

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The following is a description of JIMMY GLENN  
LOWERY as obtained through interview and observation:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	27
Height:	6'2"
Weight:	185 lbs.
Hair:	Sandy-colored; long; combed back
Eyes:	Blue
Build:	Medium
Marital Status:	Single

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The following ~~Police Department~~ FBI record, NUMBER 707 133

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD, Cincinnati, Ohio	John C. Grimes #24150	3-31-30	burglary	prob. Juv. Crt.
WH, Cincinnati, Ohio	John Grimes #38911	9-21-33	loitering	\$52 fine
PD, Cincinnati, Ohio	John Grimes #30146	1-25-35	R.S.G.	ignored
USM, Cincinnati, Ohio	John Grimes #---	12-15-37	vio. Dyer Act kidnapping	10 yrs. on chg. of kidnapping; 5 yrs. conc. on chg. of N.M.V. T.A.
USP, Atlanta, Ga.	John Christopher Grimes #53164	3-16-38	kidnapping and vio. Nat. Motor Vehicle Act	10 yrs. 2-23-38 dischg. by cond. release 4-1-44
Capt. of the Port Mobile, Ala	John Christopher Grimes #082-37858	ident card 4-12-44		
SO, Mobile, Ala.	John Christopher Grimes. #104-guc	S/A welder 4-12-44		
SO, Pensacola, Fla.	John Grimes #FC-13251	5-12-45	Drunk & Assault	
SO, Mobile, Ala.	John C. Grimes #80309	12-15-45	chg. not given (Hold for Fla.)	12-17-45 Rel. to Sheriff, Escambia Co., Fla.
PD, Mobile, Ala.	John Christopher Grimes, #28237	7-18-47	inv.	no lte pros.
PD, Mobile, Ala.	John Christopher Grimes, #28237	11-25-47	inv.	12-17-47 no lte pros
SO Jacksonville Fla	Johnnie Grimes #99251	4-20-54	A & B & attempt to kill	
PD Tampa Fla	John Christopher Grimes #55343	6-3-55	gen inv	panding 6-3-55
PD Alexandria Va	Johnnie Grimes #55-2710-P	6-29-55	GL	

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PD Alexandria Va	John Christopher Grimes #56-DR-462	3-31-56	C to D of M	4-2-56 \$500 & 6 mos & \$4.25 costs
PD Jacksonville Fla	John Christopher Grimes #106-223-B	5-8-57	DC drk & vag	TOT USM 5-10-57 on chg of embezzlement
USM Jacksonville Fla	John Christopher Grimes #9367-J	5-10-57	crime on Govt reservation (embezzlement)	5-24-57 18 mos FCI Tallahassee
SO Jacksonville Fla	John Christopher Grimes #99251	5-10-57	embezzlement	
Fed Corr Inst Tallahassee Fla	John Christopher Grimes #14016-TF	5-25-57	Emb from Comm Co on Gov't Reservation	18 mos transferred to Federal Prison Camp Allenwood Pa 11-25-57
USP Lewisburg Pa	John Christopher Grimes #24308-NE	8-6-57	embezzlement trans from Fed Corr Inst Tallahassee Fla	
Federal Prison Camp Allenwood Pa	John Christopher Grimes #1088-AL	11-25-57	embezzlement from commercial company on gov't reservation	received by transfer from US Penitentiary Lewisburg Pa rel min exp with Camp Good time 7-14-58

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD Balto Md	John Christopher Grimes #104633	1-2-59	inv susp aslt & rob	inv. & released
PD Birmingham Ala	John Grimes #142684	1-1-67	DCWI RD	

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FROM : SA NEIL G. MARTIN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Birmingham airtel to Bureau, 4/8/68, captioned, "Unsubs; Threat to Kill MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; Informant - JOHNNIE GRIMES, Information Concerning," BH 47-2821.

On 4/11/68, NORBERT ADAMSKI, Federal Bureau of Narcotics, Birmingham, Alabama, advised that his records indicate a file regarding JOHNNIE GRIMES, but that the Birmingham office has never conducted any active investigation regarding him and that he has never been an informant for his Bureau. ADAMSKI advised that his records indicate GRIMES has previously impersonated a Secret Service agent, a Federal Bureau of Narcotics agent, and an informant for the FBN. ADAMSKI advised further that on the basis of his records and personal knowledge, GRIMES has never been an agent for either Bureau or an informant. ADAMSKI stated his records indicate that GRIMES is an alcoholic and was convicted in 1965, for manslaughter, when he was involved in an automobile accident which resulted in the death of his wife.

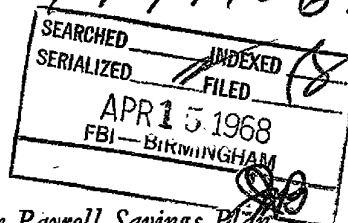
Attached to the original of this memo is arrest record of JOHN CHRISTOPHER GRIMES, believed to be identical with JOHNNIE GRIMES.

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