

Specimen Q97 is a twin-bed size, fitted, white bed sheet. Specimen Q99 is a white pillowcase. A white laundry tape is present on Q97 and Q99. The following is printed in black on each tape: "2-OR-3" It was concluded that the marks on these tapes did not originate from the machine which prepared the laundry tapes on the Q69 shorts and the Q70 T shirt.

Specimen Q98 is a black and white shirt jacket. The following is present on the label of Q98:

" M RN19788 65% DACRON 35% COTTON
15-15 $\frac{1}{2}$ MONTICELLO SHIRT JACKET TAPERED"

Specimen Q100 is a twin-bed size, fitted, white bed sheet. The sheet is in two pieces. The two pieces are stitched together with yellow thread and white thread. Inquiry at a department store in Washington, D. C., developed the following information concerning Q100: It is a #3 grade irregular seamed sheet. Most such sheets even if manufactured in the United States are sold in other countries. If sold in this country, they are sold in low class "illegitimate stores." Such sheets do not bear the manufacturer's name.

Specimen Q101 is a black short-sleeved shirt. The following is present on the label of Q101:

"ARTURO ROSETTI CUSTOM TAILORED -L- 100% COTTON
MADE IN U.S.A. RN15722"

Specimen Q102 is a pair of olive green walking shorts. The following is present on the label of Q102:

"HONG KONG DIPLOMAT CUSTOM TAILORED 65% POLYESTER FIBRE
35% SUPER FINE COTTON WAIST 34"

Specimen Q103 is a light pink, looped pile cotton rug that measures 24" by 56 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". No labels were found on Q103.

Specimen Q104 is a feather pillow that measures about 19" by 24". The pillow has a specification label. The back of the label is stamped "9 1967."

Specimen Q105 is a container for a Polaroid camera, possibly a model 230. No label was found on Q105.

Specimen Q106 is a pair of men's stretch socks with no label.

Other than the laundry tapes on Q97 and Q99, no visible laundry marks were found on any of the cloth items listed above. No invisible laundry marks were found on any of these items.

No buttons are missing from any of the garments listed above.

The Q107 hunting knife has a blade that measures 3 9/16" in length. The blade is rusty. The words "GESCO JAPAN" are imprinted on one side of the blade and the number "45" is imprinted on the other side. The word "GESCO" is stamped on the sheath.

Specimen Q110 is a flat-tipped Stanley brand screwdriver.

Specimen Q111 is an "ANCO" brand windshield wiper blade. Part of the rubber has been torn off.

Specimen Q112 is a "Personna" double-edge razor blade. No hairs were found on Q112.

The K30 and K44 through K59 soils from Memphis are different from the soil found on the previously submitted Q13 bedspread in physical characteristics and composition. Therefore, the soil from the bedspread did not come from the sources of K30 and K44 through K59.

No soil similar to the soil from the bedspread was found in Q113, Q143 through Q158, Q160 and Q161 or on the Q163 tire and wheel. None of these soils from the car originated from the source of the soil on the bedspread.

Although nothing was noted which would aid in the determination of the original sources of specimens Q113, Q143 through Q146, Q148, Q149, Q151, Q152, Q154 and the soil from Q163, they are suitable for comparison purposes. Specimens Q147, Q150, Q153, Q155

through Q158, Q160 and Q161 are either too limited in amount or too mixed with miscellaneous debris to be of value for significant comparisons other than for elimination purposes..

The soils from the car were different from K30 and K44 through K59 in physical characteristics and composition and, therefore, did not come from the sources of K30 and K44 through K59.

No soil of value for significant comparison was found on Q89 through Q106 or in the vacuum sweepings, specimens Q114 through Q117. The mineral debris in Q114 through Q117 consists of typical car floor debris, a mixture of miscellaneous materials from numerous sources. No mineral debris of apparent significance was found in Q114 through Q117.

The scrapings from under the glove compartment, Q159, do not contain blood.

The Q162 liquid was identified as water. No traces of any alcohols such as used in windshield wash were identified in this specimen.



**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.**

To: **FBI, Memphis**

Re: **MURKIN**

Date: **April 22, 1968**

FBI File No. **44-38861**

Lab. No. **PC-A5694 IZ**

Specimens received **4/16/68**

Q204 Pillow
Q205 Pillowcase
Q206 Green sofa pillow
Q207 Bed sheet
Q208 Bed sheet
Q209 Black leather strap, 11/32" wide
Q210 Black leather strap, 5/8" wide
Q211 Dried plant material
Q212 Towel with white, blue, green and yellow stripes
Q213 Red, white and blue plastic pin and portion of pin

Results of examination:

Brown cotton fibers, green cotton fibers and green rayon fibers that could have come from the Q13 bedspread were found on Q207 and Q208. None were found on Q204, Q205, Q206 or Q212.

Several Caucasian head hairs were found on the Q206 sofa pillow and on the Q208 sheet and numerous such hairs were found on the Q207 sheet. Some of these hairs are like the previously described hairs from the Q38 hairbrush and other items and could have come from the same person. It is pointed out that hairs do not possess enough individual microscopic characteristics to be positively identified as originating from a particular person. Most of the hairs from Q206, Q207 and Q208 are different from the previously described hairs from Q38 and other items and did not originate from the same person.

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The Q209 strap, which appears new, measures $37\frac{1}{2}$ " in length. This strap fits the strap guides on the Q14 binoculars and could be the strap for Q14. No strap is presently on Q14.

A short hand strap is presently on the Q22 binoculars case. The Q210 strap has the same appearance as the hand strap on Q22 except that it is longer. Specimen Q210 could be the shoulder strap for the Q22 case. The Q210 strap appears new and measures 37" in length.

No plant material similar to specimen Q211 was found in the previously submitted debris from the Mustang.

No marks to indicate source were found on Q213. The Q213 pin appears to be a patriotic emblem.

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Latent Case No. 91075

April 24, 1968

RE: JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405942G

Latent fingerprint previously reported on the Remington model 760 rifle, serial #461476, Q2; the latent fingerprint on the telescopic sight, serial #A17350, on the rifle, Q2; latent fingerprint on the binoculars, Q14; the latent fingerprint on the newspaper, Q19; the latent fingerprint on the after shave lotion bottle, part of Q24; and the latent fingerprint on the Schlitz beer can, Q53, have all been identified with the fingerprints of James Earl Ray.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/26/68

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Mr. HARRY SERO, 295 North McNeil, Memphis, Tennessee, advised that he is former inmate No. 01903J at the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP), Jefferson City, Missouri.

SERO said he first came to Memphis, Tennessee, on about January 13, 1962, at which time he was wanted in Missouri for having violated his parole from the MSP. Upon his arrival in Memphis he went to work as a house remodeler, later working in a Gulf service station at the corner of Jefferson and Lauderdale Streets. SERO took over management of this station in about April 1962 and operated it until November 21, 1962, at which time he left Memphis after having gotten into trouble with the local police for having written some bad checks. SERO said he first went from Memphis to Pennsylvania to visit relatives and continued to run until he finally settled in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and went to work in a Texaco service station.

On February 14, 1964, SERO was arrested in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and was returned to the MSP where he was put in "B" block. He remained there from sometime in February 1964 until about June 12, 1964, at which time SERO was turned over on rendition to the State of Tennessee.

During the approximately four months that SERO was in the MSP he became friendly with JAMES EARL RAY. SERO also was acquainted with another inmate, one RAYMOND CURTIS, who has recently talked to newspaper reporters concerning his association with RAY. SERO said he can recall making the statement in the presence of RAY and CURTIS and other inmates that while he, SERO, had been in Memphis some unknown individual had speculated that if MARTIN LUTHER KING had ever attempted an economic boycott in the city of Memphis, it would be worth a large amount of money to Memphis businessmen to have KING killed. SERO said this conversation had actually taken place in his presence in Memphis but it had been mere speculation and had had no basis in fact. He said he later related this conversation to his prisonmates merely to make conversation and had not intended to imply that any person

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by SA JOE C. HESTER:mnr Date dictated 4/26/68

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or group of persons had or were even contemplating placing a bounty on MARTIN LUTHER KING.

SERO stated that after being returned to Tennessee he was sentenced to three years for uttering forged checks and was incarcerated in the Tennessee State Penitentiary at Ft. Pillow. He said he believes he also related this same speculative conversation to inmates at the Ft. Pillow Prison.

SERO described JAMES EARL RAY as a "hayseed" and a "born loser." He said that to his knowledge RAY had never successfully gotten away with any criminal offense, and it was his belief that RAY had been detected and apprehended following each of his criminal offenses. He said it was his recollection that RAY had a great dislike for Negroes but he cannot recall that he particularly disliked MARTIN LUTHER KING. He said he would not describe RAY as a loner but would simply say he would not know how to make friends or how to mix with other persons. He said that RAY was a regular user of amphetamines in prison but he did not know him to use other narcotics, and he recalled that RAY had mentioned taking narcotic pills prior to being incarcerated.

SERO said that RAY has a deep need for recognition and that he idolizes notorious criminals who are the subjects of wide-spread publicity. He said that when he considers RAY's need for recognition and then considers his dislike for Negroes, it is believable that RAY might have killed MARTIN LUTHER KING for no monetary gain.

He said that RAY had no important criminal connections to his knowledge as criminals of this type would not bother to associate with RAY. He said RAY never talked about his family but did indicate on one occasion that he had friends in Kansas City, Missouri. SERO said he has not heard from RAY since he left MSP, and he has no idea where he might be at present.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 4/20/68

LAWRENCE CHANCELOR HOWELL, 1888 Denison Street, Memphis, Tennessee, telephone 682-9840, employed at the Federal Aviation Agency, Democrat Road, Memphis, furnished the following information:

HOWELL advised that he resided in Room 23 in a rooming house at 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, from approximately September 11, 1967, until October 3, 1967. Mr. HOWELL advised that while in this rooming house, he was not acquainted with any individual named GALT, and when shown artist's conceptions of GALT, he could not recall having seen anyone of a similar appearance at the rooming house.

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by SA ROBERT W. GOODWIN and
SA ROBERT FITZPATRICK: RF/bbs/wp Date dictated 4/20/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 4/29/68

LAWRENCE CHANCELOR HOWELL, 1888 Denison Street, Memphis, Tennessee, telephone 682-9840, employed at the Federal Aviation Agency, Democrat Road, Memphis, was reinterviewed and furnished the following additional information:

HOWELL advised that he resided in Room 23 in a rooming house at 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, from approximately September 11, 1967, until October 3, 1967. Mr. HOWELL advised that while in this rooming house, he was not acquainted with any individual named GALT or JAMES EARL RAY. HOWELL was shown a photograph of RAY, and he stated that he still could not recall having seen anyone of a similar appearance at the rooming house.

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INTERVIEWS WITH PERSONS WHO RENTED ROOMS
AT ECONOMY ROOMING HOUSE, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

The following investigation was conducted by
SA RAYMOND J. MAXWELL on April 12, 1968:

O. L. BLACK, Route 5, Box 227, Andalusia, Alabama, telephone number 222-1508, telephonically advised that he had not been in Birmingham, Alabama, and did not stay at the Economy Rooming House on Highland Avenue; however, it was his wife, Mrs. O. L. BLACK, and his daughter, Mrs. JAMES E. WELDON, who stayed at the rooming house.

BLACK advised that the name of ERIC STARVO GALT means nothing to him, and that to his knowledge, he has never heard of ERIC STARVO GALT, nor has he ever heard of HARVEY LOWMEYER.

Mrs. O. L. BLACK, telephonically advised that during the fall of 1967 she and her daughter, Mrs. JAMES E. WELDON, Route 4, Box 73, Opelika, Alabama, took Mrs. WELDON's baby to Birmingham, Alabama, for medical treatment. While they were in Birmingham, they stayed at the Economy Rooming House on Highland Avenue. She recalls staying in Rooms 18 and 29 during the period of September 17 through September 24, 1967. Mrs. BLACK advised that when she was not at the hospital where her grandchild was being treated, she would be resting in her room at the Economy Rooming House and she did not mingle with or associate with other people staying at the rooming house. On occasions, she would talk briefly with other women at the rooming house, but she never engaged in any conversation with any men.

Mrs. BLACK advised that the name of GALT and the name of LOWMEYER are not familiar to her, and she definitely does not remember anyone at the rooming house by the name of GALT or LOWMEYER. She stated that if she saw a picture of GALT, she might be able to state whether she had ever seen this individual at the rooming house, but from a description she could not state whether she saw anyone answering GALT's description at the rooming house.

Mrs. BLACK stated that she would cooperate in any way that she could with the FBI, and if the FBI had any pictures

that they wanted her to look at, she would be glad to look at these pictures in an effort to determine if anyone was at the Economy Rooming House during the period of time when she stayed at the rooming house in September, 1967.

The following investigation was conducted by SA HOWARD R. LINSOTT on April 13, 1968 at Andalusia, Alabama:

Mrs. O. L. BLACK, Route 5, Box 227, Andalusia, Alabama, was shown the sketch of the suspect ERIC STARVO GALT. Mrs. BLACK advised that she had never seen anyone at the rooming house in Birmingham who resembled the photograph. Mrs. BLACK advised that she resided at the rooming house during the period September 17-24, 1967, at which time she was in Birmingham to see about a grandchild of hers who was in the hospital there. Mrs. BLACK advised that the only time she saw any men around the rooming house was in the mornings at breakfast time; however, she stated she had never seen anyone at breakfast who resembled the photograph.

The following investigation was conducted at Opelika, Alabama, by SA ROY H. EVELAND:

On April 12, 1968, JAMES E. WELDON, 23 Dorsey Street, mail address, Route 4, Box 73, Opelika, Alabama, an employee of Ampex Corporation, advised that his wife, SHELLEY WELDON, and his mother-in-law, Mrs. OVIS LEE BLACK, Route 5, Box 227, Andalusia, Alabama, had stayed at the Economy Rooming House, Birmingham, Alabama, for several days during part of 1967. His daughter, [REDACTED], was having an operation and his wife would stay at the hospital with their daughter during the nights and sleep at the rooming house during the days. The mother-in-law would stay with the daughter at the hospital during the days and would sleep at the rooming house at night. He and his wife have been taking their daughter to the Crippled Children's Hospital in Birmingham for five years for corrective operations. He and his wife generally stay at the Economy Rooming House when in Birmingham. He said that if he had been at the Economy Rooming House during September, 1967, it would have been only for an overnight visit. He does not remember anyone at his rooming house by the name of GALT or a similar name and could not place anyone fitting the description as given for suspect ERIC STARVO GALT.

Mrs. JAMES E. (SHELLEY) WELDON, Route 4, Box 73, Opelika, advised on April 12, 1968 that she recalls staying at the Economy Rooming House in Birmingham, Alabama, September 17-24, 1968. She and her mother, OVIS LEE BLACK, of Andalusia, Alabama, were there with her daughter who was a patient at the Crippled Children's Hospital in Birmingham. She said she did not recall anyone by the name ERIC STARVO GALT or any similar name at this rooming house and she does not recall anyone there fitting the description as given for suspect GALT.

AT AUBURN, ALABAMA:

On April 12, 1968 it was ascertained that THOMAS D. FRANKLIN was residing at the Phi Theta Tau, 317 S. College Street, Auburn, Alabama, while attending Auburn University. It was ascertained that on that date he was away from Auburn believed to be attending the Masters Golf Tournament in Augusta, Georgia.

On April 15, 1968, FRANKLIN was contacted on his return to Auburn and advised he had stayed at the Economy Rooming House, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, for about two weeks during the last part of August and early September, 1967. He advised he was working at the Avondale Mills in North Birmingham under the Co-op Program of Auburn University.

FRANKLIN said that he had seen articles in the newspaper recently, including a sketch of suspect in the killing of MARTIN LUTHER KING at Memphis, Tennessee. He said that he did not know anyone by the name of ERIC STARVO GALT, and he does not recall anyone at the Economy Rooming House who looked like the sketch of the suspect which he had seen in the newspaper. He also said he does not recall seeing anyone around the rooming house driving a white Mustang automobile.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 4/30/68

Lieutenant A. S. ZELINSKI, Inspectional Bureau, Memphis Police Department, Memphis, Tennessee, advised that he and Lieutenant J. L. HARRISON met Memphis City Engineer ARTHUR C. HOLBROOK, P. E., Tennessee License No. 5173, and a surveying crew at the Lorraine Motel on April 23, 1968, at 8:30 a.m. Certain engineering measurements were subsequently taken.

Lieutenant ZELINSKI advised that an engineer's transit was placed over the spot where Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., was shot, the telescope being positioned 59 inches above the balcony floor. This height was based on information contained in the autopsy report of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., which indicated that the missile entered his body at a point 59 inches above the right heel with the head positioned to correspond with the path of the missile. He stated that the point where Dr. KING was standing when shot was indicated to them by Reverend JAMES BEVEL, a representative of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, who was staying at the Lorraine Motel.

From this position, two triangles were established with a baseline common to the two triangles established and measured. Every effort was made to ensure accuracy. It was determined that the level distance from the second floor rear bathroom window sill of 422½ South Main Street to the point where Dr. KING was standing on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel was 206.36 feet and the in-line distance from the window sill to the point where Dr. KING was standing was 207.02 feet. The window sill at the rear of 422½ South Main was determined to be 16.63 feet higher than a point 59 inches above the floor of the balcony of the Lorraine Motel at the location Dr. KING was standing when he was shot. The downward angle of the direct in-line distance from the second floor window sill at the rear of 422½ South Main to a point 59 inches above the balcony of the Lorraine Motel at the point where Dr. KING was standing was determined to be 4 degrees 36 minutes 25 seconds.

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 PROTECTIVE AND ARRESTS MADE DURING DECEMBER, SIXTYSEVEN, WHICH
 REVIEW OF NEW ORLEANS POLICE MASTER LIST OF ALL COMPLAINTS
 AND ALSO READING SUBJECT.
 WANDA'S SEVEN SEAS BAR, WAS NEGATIVE RE ASSOCIATION INCIDENT
 AND WITH OTHER PERSONS KNOWN TO FREQUENT THESE BARS, INCLUDING
 CONTACT WITH OTHER BAR OWNERS IN SIX HUNDRED BLOCK OF IRREVIL
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 A REVIEW OF NEW ORLEANS CITY DIRECTORY AND OTHER AVAILABLE
 ORLEANS, DECEMBER, SIXTYSEVEN.

RE JAMES EARL RAY - WANDA'S SEVEN SEAS RESTAURANT, NEW

FROM NEW ORLEANS 157-10673

TO DIRECTOR AND LOS ANGELES

940PM URGENT 5-1-68 CCC

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FOR LOCATED AND NAME OF THESE PERSONS RECALLED ANY ARRESTS
 INTERVIEWED POLICE OFFICERS WHO WORK IN AREA WHERE SEVEN SEAS
 CONTACT MADE WITH VARIOUS NEW ORLEANS PD DETECTIVES AND
 EVERY LOOK LIKE SUBJECT.
 PHOTOGRAPH OF SUBJECT AND STATE POSITIVE MORE IDENTICAL OR
 ADVISED FOR INTERVIEWING. THESE OFFICERS VIEWED ALL AVAILABLE
 AND WHITE MALE, THIRTY-ONE, AND TWO OTHER WHITE MALES WERE ALSO
 WERE THE RESULT OF FIGHT BETWEEN YOUNG NEGRO MALE, NINETEEN,
 ASSISTING OFFICERS CONTACTED, RECALLED ARRESTS AND STATE ARRESTS
 FOR FIGHTING. THESE PERSONS WERE ALL RELEASED SAME DATE AFTER
 A FIGHT MALE AND THREE WHITE MALES, ALL OF WHOM WERE ARRESTED
 IN ROOM OF WANDA'S BAR AND INVOLVED FIGHT BETWEEN
 SUBJECT. SUBSEQUENT INQUIRY DETERMINED THIS ARREST OCCURRED
 NINE FIFTY-THREE P.M., FOR FIGHTING AT SIX ZERO EIGHT IBERVILLE
 FIVE FOUR - SIX SEVEN, THAT FOUR PERSONS WERE ARRESTED AT
 SIXTY-THREE, WERE NEW ORLEANS PD FILE NUMBER L ONE TWO FIVE

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ARRESTED JULY FOURTEEN, SIXTYONE, CHARGE POSSESSION OF

EVIDENCE THAT ANYONE WAS CHITING THE GAME...

EVIDENCE OF GAMBLING CONDUCTED AS A BUSINESS AND THAT NO

DISTRICT ATTORNEY RICHARD C. BILLYN FOR REASONS OF "INDEPENDENT

DISPOSITION CHARGE RETURNED TO COURT FIFTY FIVE BY ASSISTANT

ATTORNEY AS AGONY - FIVE YEARS IN THE STATE PRISONING

ONE SIX FIVE - THREE AND ONE - CONDUCTING A WIFE GAME, LOCAL

AND ONE FOUR, ARTICLE ONE ZERO - GAMBLING, LOCAL ORDINANCE

ARRESTED OCTOBER TWENTY SIX, FIFTY FIVE, CHARGE VIOLATION

DISPOSITION DISCHARGED FROM COURT MAY TEN, FIFTY THREE.

ARRESTED MAY NINE, FIFTY THREE, CHARGE NO MEANS OF SUPPORT,

STEIN, NEW ORLEANS TO NUMBER SIX SIX ONE TWO TWO :

RECORDS DIVISION, NEW ORLEANS TO ARRESTS OF CHARLES

RECORDS, CLERK OF COURT, ORLEANS PARISH DISTRICT COURT,

RE CHARLES STEIN - ARREST DISPOSITIONS

NEGATIVE RESULTS.

A DOG, ALSO, SUBJECT'S PHOTOGRAPHS DISPLAYED AND AGAIN WITH

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ARTICLE SIX NINE. DISPOSITION, CHARGES REFUSED JULY TWENTY,
SIXTYONE BY ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY F. FETALONE "INSUFFICIENT
EVIDENCE NARCOTICS, CANNOT FIND OWNERS OF STOLEN PROPERTY - JUST
POSSESSION OF PICTURES. "

ARRESTED APRIL FOURTEEN, SIXTYTWO, CHARGE PANDERING
SOLICITING FOR PROSTITUTION, CRIMINAL CONSPIRACY TO PANDER,
DISPOSITION SOLICITING AND CONSPIRACY HOLIE PROCEED FEBRUARY TWO,
SIXTYSIX, PANDERING HOLIE PROCEED DECEMBER FOURTEEN, SIXTYFIVE.

ARRESTED FEBRUARY SIXTEEN, SIXTYTHREE, CHARGE SOLICITING
FOR PROSTITUTION, POSSESSION OF BARBITURATES, DISPOSITION
POSSESSION OF BARBITURATES FEBRUARY TWENTYSIX, SIXTYFOUR
COURT SUSTAINED MOTION FOR DIRECTED VERDICT, COURT ORDERED
DISCHARGED. SOLICITING FOR PROSTITUTION JUNE TEN, SIXTYFOUR,
COURT ORDERED JUDGMENT OF NOT GUILTY.

RE FINGERPRINTS SUBMITTED BY NEW ORLEANS PD MARCH TWO,
FIFTYFIVE, CHARLES JOSEPH STEIN, L FOUR THREE SIX TWO,
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ALCOHOLIC AND BEVERAGE UNIT, NEW ORLEANS PD, ADVISES STEIN
ORIGATED TAVERN IN NEW ORLEANS FROM MARCH TO DECEMBER, FIFTYFIVE.
THIS TAVERN IS SAME LOCATION STEIN ARRESTED OCTOBER TWENTYSIX,
FIFTYTWO. FINGERPRINTS RECEIVED BY BUREAU JULY TWENTYFIVE,
SIXTYONE FROM NEW ORLEANS PD UNDER NAME CHARLES STEIN. THESE
POLICE REFUSED TO ARREST ON JULY FOURTEEN, SIXTYONE.

COPIES OF NEW ORLEANS PD REPORTS RE STEIN'S ARRESTS BEING
FORWARDED LOS ANGELES FOR POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE IN FURTHER CONTACTS
WITH STEIN.

RE ROSE WILLIAMS

IN AM OF MAY ONE, LOUIS TRENT, ATTORNEY, NEW ORLEANS TELEPHONICALLY
CONTACTED NEW ORLEANS OFFICE AND ADVISED THAT HE HAD CLIENT ROSE
WILLIAMS, THAT WISHED TO FURNISH INFORMATION CONCERNING ERIC
GALT BUT THAT WILLIAMS WOULD NOT FURNISH INFORMATION UNLESS HE WAS
PRESENT. TRENT ADVISED THAT HE WOULD MAKE WILLIAMS AVAILABLE
IN THE MORNING OF MAY ONE, AT HIS OFFICE.

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BOB WILLIAMS ADVISES SHE IS A CLOSE FRIEND OF MARIE LEE.

WILLIAMS STATES SHE SAW GALT ON TWO OCCASIONS WHILE GALT WAS IN NEW ORLEANS IN DECEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN. THE FIRST TIME SHE SAW GALT WAS AT MARIE LEE'S

APARTMENT ON BUREAU STREET. SHE WAS INTRODUCED TO GALT BY CHARLES STEIN. GALT DID ACKNOWLEDGE THE INTRODUCTION. SHE WAS IN GALT'S COMPANY ABOUT FIVE MINUTES. THE SECOND TIME SHE SAW GALT WAS THE DAY GALT AND STEIN DEPARTED NEW ORLEANS. SHE OBSERVED GALT, CHARLES STEIN, TITA STEIN'S TWO CHILDREN AND CHARLES DECAUVELING PACKING GALT'S WHITE MUSTANG. SHE DID NOT TALK WITH GALT ON THIS OCCASION. SHE ADVISED THAT STEIN ASKED HER TO DATE GALT, BUT SHE DECLINE. SHE STATED SHE WAS ADVISED BY CHARLES STEIN THAT GALT WAS COMING TO NEW ORLEANS ON BUSINESS AND ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE BY MARIE MARTIN TO HAVE CHARLES STEIN ACCOMPANY HIM ON TRIP.

SHE ADVISED SHE FEELS CERTAIN THAT CHARLES STEIN DID NOT KNOW GALT PREVIOUS TO THE TRIP AS STEIN INFORMED MARIE LEE OF THIS FACT AND STEIN WOULD NOT LIE TO HIS SISTER. SHE STATED BECAUSE OF THE SHORT PERIOD OF TIME THAT CHARLES STEIN KNEW GALT SHE DID NOT FEEL THAT GALT AND STEIN WERE INVOLVED IN NARCOTICS SALES IN LOS ANGELES. SHE ADVISED THAT STEIN WAS TO STAY IN NEW

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WILLIAMS ONLY ONE DAY BUT REMAINED SEVERAL DAYS. SHE RECEIVED THIS INFORMATION FROM MARIE LEE AND WAS ADVISED BY LEE THAT STEIN REMAINED IN NEW ORLEANS AS GALT HAD SOME BUSINESS TO CONDUCT. MAIN PURPOSE OF STEIN'S TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS TO RETURN TO STEIN'S TWO DAUGHTERS TO CALIFORNIA.

CHARLES STEIN INFORMED HER THAT HE IS A FIRM BELIEVER IN COSMIC PHILOSOPHY AND ALSO INFORMED HER THAT GALT PAID FOR ALL FOOD, GAS AND HOTEL BILLS ON THE TRIP. WILLIAMS DID NOT KNOW WHERE GALT AND STEIN STOPPED ON TRIP. W SHE DID NOT KNOW IF STEIN FIXED GALT UP WITH ANY WOMEN WHILE THEY WERE IN NEW ORLEANS, SHE DOUBTED THIS AS STEIN WAS OUT OF TOUCH IN NEW ORLEANS BUT TO HIS AB SSENCE.

WILLIAMS ADVISED DID NOT COME FORWARD SOONER PER REQUEST OF MARIE LEE AS LEE INFORMED HER SHE DID NOT FEEL SHE WILLIAMS COULD FURNISH FBI ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION.

LOUIS TRENT, ATTORNEY FOR ROSE WILLIAMS SUBSEQUENTLY, ADVISED CONFIDENTIALLY THAT ROSE WILLIAMS ADMITTED TO HIM THAT MRS. CLOWNA OLDYZO WAS PRESENT WHEN GALT AND CHARLES STEIN DEPARTED
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NEW ORLEANS AND SHE DID NOT ADVISE FBI OF THIS FACT BECAUSE OF
REQUEST FROM MARIE LEE NOT TO INVOLVE HER MOTHER, MRS.
CLOVINA OLONZO.

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INVESTIGATION CONTINUING. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA JOE C. HESTER
Date: April 30, 1968

Office: Memphis

Field Office File No.: ME 44-1987

Bureau File No.: 44-38861

Title: JAMES EARL RAY;
Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIMCharacter: CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;
UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT - ROBBERY

Synopsis: Photographs of subject RAY exhibited to persons at rooming house, 422½ South Main Street, Memphis; to persons at Rebel Motel, Memphis, and to clerk at Oliver Rexall Drug Store, Whitehaven, Tennessee, without effecting a positive identification. Salesman at York Arms, Memphis, who sold binoculars indicated he could not positively identify 1968 photograph of JAMES EARL RAY as binocular purchaser but believes that photograph is identical with purchaser. Additional interviews with occupants of Lorraine Motel set out, including interviews with Mrs. GEORGIA M. DAVIS and Mrs. LUCRETIA B. WARD, who describe activities immediately prior to murder. Persons who were at Jim's Grill, 418 South Main Street, Memphis, on 4/4/68 interviewed. Information regarding emergency room treatment of victim KING set forth. Information regarding Alabama driver's license and automobile registration in the name of ERIC STARVO GALT set forth. Former manager, Continental Dance Studio, New Orleans, Louisiana, located and unable to recall that subject attended this school in New Orleans. Laboratory findings set forth regarding evidence located at Memphis. Latent fingerprints found on the Remington Model 760 rifle, on the telescopic sight, on the binoculars, on the newspaper, on the after-shave lotion bottle, and on the Schlitz beer can have all been identified with the fingerprints of the subject. HARRY SERO, former jailmate at Missouri State Penitentiary, interviewed. Additional persons who resided Economy Rooming House, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, located and interviewed, with negative results. Memphis City Engineer measured distance from where shot fired to where victim struck as 207 feet. IN VIEW OF THE CRIME FOR WHICH SUBJECT BEING SOUGHT, HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DETAILS:

PERSONS AT ROOMING HOUSE,
422 $\frac{1}{2}$ SOUTH MAIN STREET,
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date April 25, 1968

Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY taken in 1955, 1960, and 1966, and of the bedspread recovered at Memphis on April 4, 1968, were shown to Mr. CHARLIE QUITMAN STEPHENS, Apartment 6B, 422½ South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee. STEPHENS said the 1955 and 1960 photographs of RAY were not familiar to him, but he advised the 1966 profile photograph of RAY appearing in Wanted Flyer 442-A, April 19, 1968, and Identification Order 4182 dated April 20, 1968, looked like the man he saw in Apartment 5B on April 4, 1968, talking to Mrs. BESSIE BREWER. STEPHENS said he only saw the man's profile in the boarding house and as a result could only say the profile photograph of RAY in 1966 looked very much like the above mentioned man in Room 5B.

STEPHENS said he had never seen the bedspread or any similar bedspread either at the rooming house or anywhere else.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
(ATTN: FBI LABORATORY)

FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (44-374) (P)

MURKIN

Re Buffalo airtel to the Bureau, 4/23/68.

Transmitted herewith via registered mail is the original envelope and letter received by Mrs. MARY GROOMS, Rochester, New York, on 4/19/68.

The letter reads as follows:

"Mrs. Grooms -

"I read your column regularly they are good and factual, with lots of common sense. The King plot was hatched recently in Detroit by Black Nationalists, Muslims, and Commies (I was there). The job was done by a hired professional killer. The Commies paid for the job. The authorities will eventually find out.

"An anonymous black man"

The FBI Laboratory is requested to have this letter processed ~~and~~ latent prints and latents compared with any latents in captioned matter.

The FBI Laboratory is also requested to examine typing to determine what type of typewriter prepared this specimen and to examine paper and envelope in an effort to determine source of each.

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FBI MEMPHIS

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TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, AND BIRMINGHAM
FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987) 3P

MURKIN.

EVIDENCE INSTANT CASE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED BY MEMPHIS
RETURNED THIS DATE TO INSPECTOR N. E. ZACHARY, MEMPHIS PD.
DIRECTOR OF FIRE AND POLICE FRANK C. HOLLOMAN ON PREVIOUS CONTACT
HAD REQUESTED EVIDENCE BE HELD BY MEMPHIS OFFICE UNTIL MEMPHIS PD
RECEIVED LETTER FROM LABORATORY. LETTER FROM LABORATORY RECEIVED
AFTERNOON OF MAY TWO PAST. INSPECTOR ZACHARY WHEN CONTACTED ON
AFTERNOON OF MAY TWO REQUESTED EVIDENCE BE HELD UNTIL MORNING
MAY THREE. THE NINE BOXES RECEIVED FROM FBI LAB WERE DELIVERED
INTO CUSTODY INSPECTOR ZACHARY THIS MORNING.

INSPECTOR ZACHARY WAS TOLD THERE IS POSSIBILITY REQUEST
COULD BE MADE LATER FOR ADDITIONAL EXAMINATIONS IN EVENT ADDITIONAL
MATERIAL RECOVERED IN INSTANT CASE. HE STATED ALL EVIDENCE WAS
BEING DELIVERED TO OFFICE OF STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL PHIL CANALE
AND THAT STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL WOULD ASSUME CUSTODY OF EVIDENCE
AND PLACE IT UNDER LOCK AND KEY. ZACHARY SAID AT THIS TIME IT
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WAS INTENTION OF STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO PRESENT MATERIAL AND EVIDENCE TO LOCAL GRAND JURY ON MAY SEVEN NEXT. ZACHARY SAID THAT PLANS CALL FOR A FIRST DEGREE MURDER WARRANT FOR SUBJECT INSTANT CASE.

INSPECTOR ZACHARY SAID POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE MIGHT WANT A REPRESENTATIVE OF FBI TO TESTIFY IN CONNECTION WITH CERTAIN OF EVIDENCE BECAUSE OF EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY FBI IN THIS CASE. SHORTLY BEFORE FIVE PM THIS DATE, INSPECTOR ZACHARY STATED ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE HAD ASKED HIM TO DETERMINE IF FBI REPRESENTATIVE COULD BE AVAILABLE FOR TESTIMONY BEFORE GRAND JURY. ZACHARY STATED ATTORNEY GENERAL FELT IT WOULD ADD TO CASE IF FBI REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT TO TESTIFY AS TO SALE OF WEAPON IN BIRMINGHAM AND FACT THAT WEAPON IN QUESTION IS IDENTICAL WITH WEAPON RECOVERED IN MEMPHIS. BUREAU REQUESTED TO ADVISE WHETHER OR NOT SAC SHOULD APPEAR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS REQUEST. INSPECTOR ZACHARY STATED HE WAS OF OPINION IT WAS NOT NECESSARY TO HAVE PERSONNEL FROM FBI, BIRMINGHAM TESTIFY RE THIS MATTER.

INQUIRY AT NASHVILLE, TENN., CONDUCTED ON MAY TWO

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DISCLOSED THAT G. D. GERLT DID STAY GRIDER'S MOTEL IN NASHVILLE ON MARCH TEN PAST. GERLT AT THAT TIME LISTED OCCUPATION AS EMPLOYEE JERRY'S NURSERY. MANAGER OF MOTEL ADVISED SHE RECALLED GERLT AND HAVING DISCUSSION WITH HIM RE TRAVEL TO A NURSERY IN MC MINNVILLE, TENN. THIS APPEARS TO CONFIRM DATA PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED BY GERLT.

EFFORTS TO LOCATE EARL KNIGHT AND SISTER SUE MC SPARIN, IN ACCORDANCE WITH KANSAS CITY TEL MAY TWO PAST, DISCLOSED ADDRESS GIVEN IS IN UNDEVELOPED FIELD IN MEMPHIS AREA. IVAN UNDERWOOD UNKNOWN AT ADDRESSES FURNISHED BY KANSAS CITY IN ITS TELETYPE. KANSAS CITY HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO DEVELOP ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND MEMPHIS WILL MAKE FURTHER EFFORTS TO LOCATE PEOPLE OF INTEREST.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING MEMPHIS DIVISION. VARIOUS LOOKALIKES ELIMINATED THIS DATE.

A & D. P.

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TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS, JACKSONVILLE
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RE BIRMINGHAM TEL TODAY.

ON MAY THREE, INSTANT, MRS MAE COOK, SIX TWO SEVEN RATH-
ROCK AVENUE, ATTALLA, ALA., ADVISED HER BROTHER, JAMES CURTIS
WOODS DIED JAN. NINETEEN, LAST, IN FLA., CITY UNKNOWN, AND
WAS BURIED AT CLAYTON, ALA.

JACKSONVILLE AT TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA, ATTEMPT TO VERIFY
DEATH.

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7 43PM URGENT 5-3-68 HEP

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, JACKSONVILLE

FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) 1P

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RE BIRMINGHAM TEL TODAY.

ON MAY THREE, INSTANT, MRS. MAE COOK, SIX TWO SEVEN
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FBI ATLANTA

8:20 PM URGENT 5/3/68 LBN

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY,

OKLAHOMA CITY AND LOS ANGELES.

FROM ATLANTA (44-2386) 2P

MURKIN.

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION MAY THREE SIXTYEIGHT.

BILLY CHUMLEY LOCATED ATLANTA AND INTERVIEWED. COULD FURNISH NO INFORMATION CONCERNING RAY, BUT FURNISHED INFO RE LEWIE DOUDA, FORMER INMATE MISSOURI STATE PEN. OKLAHOMA CITY, DISCONTINUE EFFORTS TO LOCATE CHUMLEY.

STORES HANDLING PORNOGRAPHIC LITERATURE ATLANTA AREA CONTACTED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

JIMMY DELTON GARNER, OWNER OF ROOMING HOUSE WHERE RAY RESIDED REINTERVIEWED. NOTHING NEW OF PERTINENCE LEARNED. GARNER CONTINUES TO BE COOPERATIVE.

AIRLINES CHECKS CONTINUING. SEVERAL INDIVIDUALS WITH LAST NAME RAY NOTED ON DELTA FLIGHTS ELIMINATED AS FEMALE DELTA EMPLOYEE.

CONTACTS WITH SOURCES IN HIPPIE AREAS AND WITH SOURCES WITH KNOWLEDGE NARCOTICS TRAFFICE CONTINUING. NEGATIVE TO DATE.
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ROOMERS AT ONE ZERO SEVEN AND ONE THIRTEEN FOURTEENTH STREET NE ARE BEING REINTERVIEWED. NO PERTINENT INFORMATION OBTAINED.

SEVERAL LOOK ALIKES BEING THOROUGHLY CHECKED OUT. ATLANTA CONTINUES TO RECEIVE NUMEROUS COMPLAINTS OF LOOK ALIKES.

SAFETY DEPOSIT CUSTOMERS AT TENTH STREET C & S BANK, THE ONLY BANK IN AREA OF RAY'S RESIDENCE HAVING SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES, CHECKED FOR ALL CUSTOMERS ENTERING SAFETY DEPOSIT VAULT APRIL FIVE AND TWELVE LAST. SEVERAL BEING FURTHER CHECKED OUT. NEGATIVE TO DATE.

EXPANDED CAB CHECK CONTINUING. TRIP SHEETS HAVE BEEN REVIEWED AND PERTINENT DRIVERS BEING INTERVIEWED. NO PERTINENT INFORMATION OBTAINED TO DATE.

CONTACTS OF INDIVIDUALS ADVERTISING CARS FOR SALE IN CLASSIFIED COMPLETED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

KANSAS CITY REQUESTED TO ADVISE ATLANTA OF IDENTITIES RELEASEES MISSOURI STATE PEN FROM ATLANTA AREA OR DESIGNATED ATLANTA AREA AS PLACE THEY WERE GOING FOLLOWING RELEASE.

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FBI KAN CITY

1201PM URGENT 5/3/68 PHM
TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM
FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 1P

MURKIN

RECORDS OF MSP REVEAL THE FOLLOWING TWO INDIVIDUALS
WERE RELEASED FROM THAT INSTITUTION DURING PAST YEAR AND ARE
CURRENTLY RESIDING IN ALABAMA: WOM BRITTON, MSP ONE ZERO NINE
EIGHT ZERO, JASPER, ALA., WIFE BEATRICE BRITTON, ONE SEVEN ONE
ZERO ALBANIA, JASPER, ALA; JAMES CURTIS WOODS, GADSDEN ALA.,
MSP ONE ONE SEVEN FOUR ZERO, SISTER MARY COOK, SIX TWO SEVEN
ROTHROCK AVE., ATTALLA, ALA.

BIRMINGHAM OFFICE WILL INTERVIEW BOTH OF ABOVE TWO
INDIVIDUALS RE ANY INFO THEY MAY HAVE RE SUBJECT INASMUCH AS THEY
WERE IN MSP AT THE SAME TIME AS RAY.

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TO DIRECTOR, KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) 1P

MURKIN

RE KANSAS CITY TEL TODAY.

WIFE OF TOM BRITTON ADVISED SHE HAS NOT COMMUNICATED WITH
HUSBAND FOR THREE WEEKS. HAS NOT SEEN HIM FOR SEVERAL WEEKS.
STATED THAT HE WAS EMPLOYED BY BRADSHAW CABINET SHOP, BIRMINGHAM,
WHEN HE PHONED HER THREE WEEKS AGO. NO BRADSHAW CABINET SHOP
LOCATED BIRMINGHAM.

KANSAS CITY IS REQUESTED TO REVIEW RECORDS OF MSP
FOR ALL DATA RE BRITTON AND FURNISH TO BIRMINGHAM ALONG WITH PHOTO
OF BRITTON IF AVAILABLE.

EFFORTS TO LOCATE BRITTON AT BIRMINGHAM CONTINUING.

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FROM: BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)
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WHEN HE PHONED HER THREE WEEKS AGO. NO BRADSHAW CABINET SHOP
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FBI MIAMI

10:49PM URGENT 5-3-68 PJL

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA, AND MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, AND JACKSONVE
FROM MIAMI (44-1854) 3P

MURKIN

RE BH LETTER TO MM FOUR TWENTYNINE SIXTYEIGHT CAPTIONED "HAZEL
V. PEACOCK, MISC INFO CONCERNING, SIXTYTWO DASH ZERO."

RELET REFERS TO LETTER RECEIVED BY BIRMINGHAM OFFICE ON FOUR
TWENTYNINE SIXTYEIGHT FROM HAZEL V. PEACOCK, OKEECHOBEE, FLA.
ADVISING SHE HAD URGENT INFORMATION AND HAD BEEN REFERRED TO THAT
OFFICE.

ON INSTANT DATE HAZEL V. PEACOCK, (PROTECT), SECRETARY OKEECHOBEE
SCHOOL FOR BOYS, INTERVIEWED BY AGENTS AT FT. PIERCE, FLA AND SHE
FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION. AT MIDNIGHT, FOUR FOUR SIXTYEIGHT
SHE RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM EXFIANCE, DONALD JACKSON CARPENTER,
FROM BIRMINGHAM ADVISING HE AND TERRANCE ALVIN SMITH WERE ON THE
RUN. THAT MARTIN LUTHER KING WAS DEAD AND THEY DID IT. HE ASKED HER
TO HIDE THEM OUT FOR A COUPLE OF WEEKS. HE MENTIONED A PAY OFF OF
ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS TO BE DELIVERED TO THEM NEAR DOTHAN, GA.
ON FOUR FIVE SIXTYEIGHT. HE SAID THEY WOULD SEE HER THE NEXT NIGHT.
THEY DID NOT ARRIVE AND HAVE NOT CONTACTED HER.

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SHE HAS KNOW CARPENTER SINCE JANUARY, SIXTYEIGHT. HE LEFT OKEECHOBEE ON TWO FIVE SIXTYEIGHT AND HAS NOT RETURNED. SMITH AN ASSOCIATE OF CARPENTER ARRIVED OKEECHOBEE THREE TWENTY SIXTYEIGHT AND STAYED WITH PEACOCK UNTIL THREE TWENTYFIVE SIXTYEIGHT. ON THREE TWENTYEIGHT SIXTYEIGHT SMITH CALLED FROM PLACE UNKNOWN AND ADVISED THAT HE AND CARPENTER WERE NOW PARTNERS AND WERE GOING TO TAKE CARE OF SOMEONE WITH A BIG MOUTH THAT WEEKEND.

SMITH AND CARPENTER ALLEGEDLY MEMBERS OF UNKNOWN SECRET ORGANIZATION AND IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATION TO PEACOCK ON THREE TWENTYNINE SIXTYEIGHT FROM GRAY, GA., CARPENTER MENTIONED A PROPOSAL TO ASSIST SMITH IN GETTING RID OF A FORMER MEMBER OF THEIR GROUP BY ELECTRACUTING HIM ON THREE THIRTY SIXTYEIGHT OUTSIDE OF ATLANTA. THEY WERE AFRAID HE WOULD TALK.

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WHILE IN OKEECHOBEE SMITH,, AN AVID READER OF NOVELS FREQUENTLY MENTIONED A CHARACTER BY THE NAME OF ERIC, IN A JAMES BOND TYPE NOVEL. WHEN HE LEFT OKEECHOBEE ON THREE TWENTYFIVE SIXTYEIGHT HE LEFT PEACOCK A NOTE AND IN THE NOTE HE REFERRED TO A PASSAGE FROM THE BOOK "ATLAS SHRUGGED" WHERE JOHN GALT WAS SPEAKING.

PEACOCK DESCRIBED CARPENTER AS WM, BORN [REDACTED] FIVE FEET NINE AND ONE/HALF INCHES, ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY LBS, DARK BROWN HAIR, BLUE-BLOODSHOT EYES, OCCUPATION WELDER, ALLEDGEDLY SERVED ONE YEAR IN VIET NAM, ATTENDED SCHOOL IN LESLIE, GA. AND MOTHER MRS. ALICE CARPENTER LIVES IN LESLIE. CURRENTLY EMPLOYED CONTINENTAL TELEPHONE CO, GRAY, GA. EXWIFE , MRS. VIRGIL SALTER, RESIDES AMERICUS, GA. TELEPHONE NUMBER NINE TWO FOUR FIVE ONE THREE THREE.

SHE DESCRIBED SMITH AS WM, BORN [REDACTED] AT MARIANNA, FLA., SIX FEET, ONEHUNDRED SEVENTYTWO LBS., STRAIGHT SANDY HAIR, LONG SIDEBURNS, AND WORE A BEARD, BLUE-GRAY EYES, EMPLOYED CONTINENTAL TELEPHONE CO. GRAY, GA. HIS FATHER RUNS SMITH SERVICE CENTER, MARIANNA FLA.

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ATLANTA ATTEMPT LOCATE AND INTERVIEW CARPENTER AND SMITH THROUGH CONTINENTAL TELEPHONE CO., GRAY, GA. FOR ELIMINATION AS SUSPECTS. IF ATLANTA UNABLE TO LOCATE, REQUEST APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION BIRMINGHAM AND JACKSONVILLE DIVISIONS. IF ATLANTA UNABLE TO ELIMINATE, MIAMI WILL FORWARD NOTE TO FBI LAB FOR EXAMINATION.

SMITH TOLD PEACOCK ON NIGHT OF MARCH TWENTYTHREE SIXTYEIGHT THAT IF SOMEONE CAME LOOKING FOR HIM SHE SHOULD POINT TOWARD HIS BEDROOM AND GET OUT OF THE WAY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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