

5-31-68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)(P)

MURKIN

RE: PROPOSED CIRCULARIZATION OF ALL PHYSICIANS

Attached for Bureau and Memphis please find self explanatory copy of a letter regarding the above matter from Mr. JOSEPH W. LUCCA, Chief of the Legal Department, Bristol-Myers Company, New York, N. Y. Mr. LUCCA is a personal friend of SAC JOSEPH H. GAMBLE and his ideas on how circularization of physicians might be accomplished were requested during his recent visit to Birmingham. This matter originated due to some previous information to the effect that RAY has visited physicians in the past may be considered bordering on being a hypochondriac.

The above is submitted for consideration of the Bureau.

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2 Memphis (enc-1) (44-1987)  
2 Birmingham

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# Memorandum

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

DATE: 5/25/68

FROM : SA PETER JOHN BODKIN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 5/25/68, at 9:50 a.m., an annonymouse white male telephonically contacted the writer and stated an individual named BUDDY SANDERS, Clay, Alabama, knew who killed MARTIN LUTHER KING. This individual stated that a friend of SANDER's telephone number was found in the hotel room in Memphis, Tennessee where the killer of KING stayed. This individual stated this telephone number was written on a piece of paper. This individual stated SANDERS had been contacted by the FBI, but he lied to them. This individual then hung up.

Clay, Alabama, is located in Jefferson County, Ala.

Above furnish for information.

*James Woodrow Sanders P.O. To the Fork Left 17th house  
681-6629 on left from Fork County House at Paul  
Bundy Wood (white)*

*City of Jackson*

*Billy Reese  
836-3541*

*Home 4:30 P  
5:00 P*

*Peoples Service  
State*

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Airtel

To: SAC, New York (44-1609)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

ReBHairtel dated 5/22/68.

Inasmuch as the Dale Carnegie Institute maintains centrally located records in New York, a check should be made to determine if the subject was ever enrolled.

No further inquiries should be made at this time concerning any similar type institutions.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

1 - SAC, Birmingham (44-1740) (for info.)  
1 - SAC, Memphis (44-1987) (for info.)

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

DATE: 6/3/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM A. SAUCIER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

REmemo of SA JERRY L. EMMONS, 4/18/68

On 4/19/68, Mrs. EVA BRENT, employed Jobe-Rose Jewelry, Mountain Brook Village, Birmingham, advised that she saw a man whom she believed to be ERIC GALT sitting in a 1966 Pontiac in front of the business on Monday, 4/15/68. She advised that this individual sat in the car for several minutes and then departed from the automobile and went into a dress shop located next door taking in with him several bags which appeared to have women's clothes.

On the same date Mrs. ROSE ROOBIN, Four Sisters DressShop, Mountain Brook Village advised that she recalls a salesman who sold her some stock on Monday 4/15/68. She said that she was unable to recall this salesman's name but that he represented Sabeth of California and had been calling on her for the past year. She said that this salesman had formerly resided in California but had now moved to Atlanta, Georgia.

Mrs. ROOBIN viewed photographs of GALT and stated that this salesman is not identical pointing out that he is only approximately 30 years of age, slim build, and through her conversations with him he apparently is married and has been in the clothing business for many years.

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# Memorandum

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

DATE: 5/31/68

FROM : SA DAVID T. DALY

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR  
OO: MEMPHIS

On 5/21/68, Sheriff C. P. "RED" WALKER, Shelby County, Columbiana, and on 5/23/68, J. C. CARR, Sheriff, Blount County, Oneonta, Alabama, advised they had reviewed unsolved robberies in their territories during the pertinent period RAY was in Alabama, and none of them would indicate that subject RAY has been involved.

③ - Birmingham  
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MURKIN

CR

OO: MEMPHIS

Re Jacksonville Airtel to Birmingham 5/18/68.

Following investigation conducted May 20, 1968, and May 21, 1968, by SA RICHARD D. SCHWEIN and SA NEIL G. MARTIN.

Records of the Merchants Credit Association were made available on May 20, 1968, by Mrs. JESSIE WILLIAMS. Records of the Merchants Credit Association show that ROBERT L. (BOB) PATTON is known to the association as a realtor in Bessemer, Alabama. PATTON enjoys good credit and is active in civic and Democratic Party activities in Bessemer. He is the President and majority owner of Pearson Realty Company, Bessemer.

D. L. WEBER, Records Section, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, made available his records on ROBERT LEWIS PATTON, date of birth [redacted], at Pine Level, Alabama, residing 1930 - 24th Street, Bessemer, Alabama. This record shows that PATTON was arrested March 10, 1950, on a charge of Grand Larceny. Disposition in this matter is shown as not guilty. He was arrested again on December 12, 1950, on a charge of Assault and Battery. Disposition of this case is shown as dismissed on payment of costs. He was again arrested August 18, 1952 on charges of AL and TAW. These charges were dismissed on payment of costs.

2 - Memphis  
1 - Jacksonville (Info)  
① - Birmingham (44-1740)  
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BH (44-1740)

Racial Informants, Birmingham Division were checked for information pertaining to PATTON. Sources had no information that PATTON was active in KLAN or other racial organizations in this area.

On May 21, 1968, PATTON was interviewed at his place of employment by SAS SCHWEIN and MARTIN. PATTON denied ever making any type of statement concerning MARTIN LUTHER KING. He stated he was opposed to violence of any type and had no feeling one way or the other concerning KING. Mr. PATTON stated he had no knowledge of JAMES EARL RAY and had never been approached by anyone concerning a plot to kill KING. Mr. PATTON stated he spends much of his time in Florida where he owns a motel. He advised that as a realtor and contractor he both rents to and builds for the Negro community and has absolutely no antagonism towards the Negro race.

He advised that he had been an active supporter of GEORGE WALLACE but had stopped supporting WALLACE partly because of WALLACE'S attitude on the racial problem.

In view of the above information no further investigation is being conducted by the Birmingham Division concerning PATTON.



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Date: 5/31/68

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT

(Type in plaintext or code)

Via TELETYPEURGENT

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)  
BALTIMORE

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
MURKIN

RELATEL TO BUREAU MAY TWENTYNINE LAST  
FOR INFORMATION OF BALTIMORE, LETTER ADDRESSED TO ERIC S.  
GALT RECEIVED MAY TWENTYEIGHT LAST BY C. M. HEDGPETH AT FOUR  
ZERO SIX SOUTH SECOND AVENUE, ALHAMBRA, CALIFORNIA, OPERATOR  
OF CONFIDENTIAL MAIL FORWARDING SERVICE. LETTER READ QUOTE  
SHOW ME FIRST YOU MEAN BUSINESS UNQUOTE. LETTER SIGNED TONI  
WITH INITIALS C AND A AFTER NAME. RETURN ADDRESS SHOWN AS  
POST OFFICE BOX SIX FOUR THREE, BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA.

KENT ABRAMS ADVISED HE RENTED P O BOX SIX FOUR THREE  
ABOUT APRIL ONE LAST FOR FRIEND PLANNING TO OPERATE BUSINESS  
TO LOCATE SUITABLE MARRIAGE PARTNERS THROUGH COMPUTER ANALYSIS.  
BUSINESS COMPOSED OF FOUR PARTNERS AND KNOWN AS TRANS DASH  
COMPUTER ASSOCIATES.

THEODORE FINKELSTEIN, JOSEPH FRIEDMAN, SIMON DESOTO AND  
LEWIS A. GLENN, PARTNERS, TRANS DASH COMPUTER ASSOCIATES ALL

~~1 - BIRMINGHAM (AM) (INFO)~~

1 - ATLANTA (AM) (INFO)

① - BIRMINGHAM (AM) (INFO)

1 - KANSAS CITY (AM) (INFO)

1 - MEMPHIS (AM) (INFO)

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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OBSERVED PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY AND DENY KNOWING HIM OR  
CORRESPONDING WITH HIM. ALL ON OWN INITIATIVE VOLUNTEERED  
TO SUBMIT TO POLYGRAPH EXAMINATIONS CONCERNING THE MATTER.

FINKELSTEIN ADVISED WHEN CHECKING POST OFFICE BOX ON OR  
ABOUT MAY TWENTYTWO LAST, IT CONTAINED A LETTER ADDRESSED TO  
OWEN D. NEIGHBOUR FROM STUDIO PRESS, COOPER STATION, NEW YORK.  
LETTER CONTAINED BROCHURE ADVERTISING NUDE TYPE PHOTOGRAPHS.

POST OFFICE OFFICIALS ADVISE NEIGHBOUR RENTED P O BOX  
SIX FOUR THREE FROM NINETEEN SIXTYONE TO MARCH THIRTYONE LAST.  
NEIGHBOUR LEFT FORWARDING ADDRESS CARE OF PAUL NEWLIN, FOUR  
ONE SEVEN ACADEMY STREET, NEWARK, DELAWARE, UNTIL MAY THIRTY  
LAST, WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO DISCONTINUE FORWARDING AFTER THAT  
DATE.

BALTIMORE INTERVIEW NEIGHBOUR CONCERNING LETTER AND  
HIS KNOWLEDGE OF RAY. DISPLAY PHOTOS OF RAY. COPIES OF LETTER  
AND ENVELOPE BEING FORWARDED BY AIRTEL.

AM COPIES TO ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY AND MEMPHIS  
ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

5/31/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

FROM: SAC, ALBANY (44-493) (P)

RE: MURKIN  
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Re Los Angeles airtel to Bureau 5/22/68.

RAYMOND ANDREW YOUNG was recontacted 5/29/68, at Docktor's Pet Center, Fairmount Shopping Center, Syracuse, N.Y., and he identified the photograph of LESTER EDWARD PACKETT, FBI #827170A as being the individual he met at the bar in the vicinity of the Clark Hotel on 4/17/68. He stated that he recalled this individual had a southern accent and made some comment about being from Tennessee.

In view of this identification no further investigation being conducted regarding this aspect of case.

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2-Los Angeles  
2-Memphis (44-1987)  
1-Atlanta (44-2386) (Info)  
1-Birmingham (44-1740) (Info)  
1-Charlotte (Info)  
1-Detroit (Info)  
1-Kansas City (Info)  
1-Knoxville (Info)  
1-Las Vegas (Info)  
1-Miami (44-1864) (Info)  
1-Mobile (Info)  
1-Albany  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND  
SAC, ATLANTA

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE MAY TWENTY NINE LAST.

RE JAMES PAUL THORNTON.

MARGARET RALEY, ONE TWO SEVEN THREE FIVE CARDINAL AVENUE, GARDEN GROVE, MOTHER OF THORNTON, ADVISED THIS DATE UNABLE TO IDENTIFY PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY AS ASSOCIATE OF THORNTON AND STATED THORNTON INDICATED NO KNOWLEDGE OF ASSOCIATION WITH RAY BEFORE OR AFTER MURDER OF KING. FELLOW EMPLOYEES BARBARA TEGEL, ROBERT HUGHES, AND LINDA WALTON OF THORNTON'S AT TRANSAMERICAN CREDIT CORPORATION, ONE SEVEN THREE THREE WEST LA PALM AVENUE, ANAHEIM, ADVISED ALSO KNEW THORNTON SOCIALLY. STATED THORNTON A LONER AND WERE UNABLE TO IDENTIFY

- ① - Birmingham (AM)
- 1 - Memphis (AM)

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PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY. CURRENT WORKERS AT GEORGE WALLACE FOR PRESIDENT HEADQUARTERS, TWO ONE ZERO ONE WEST CHAPMAN AVENUE, ORANGE NOT ACQUAINTED WITH THORNTON AND UNABLE TO IDENTIFY PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY. MRS. DERRY ELLISON, FOUR ZERO THREE ORCHARD DRIVE, PLACENTIA, CALIFORNIA ADVISED HAS LEFT WALLACE CAMPAIGN RESULT OF POLITICAL DIFFERENCES. STATED THORNTON ASSISTED IN MAILINGS AT ANAHEIM HEADQUARTERS FOR WALLACE UNTIL HE BEGAN TO SELL PLATFORM OF NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY WHEN HE WAS REQUESTED NO LONGER TO APPEAR AT HEADQUARTERS. ELLISON UNABLE TO IDENTIFY PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY AND ALSO INDICATED THORNTON A LONER.

ATTEMPTS TO CONTACT JOHN ORTMAN, YORBA LINDA, CALIFORNIA NEGATIVE TO DATE. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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Date: 5/29/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI ATTN: EXHIBIT SECTION  
ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION  
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
RE: MURKIN

Re Los Angeles tel to Bureau, dated 5/29/68.

Enclosed herewith is one copy of an FD-383.

Request the artist conception be transmitted to  
Los Angeles with in short as possible time. Request copies  
of artist's conception be furnished interested field offices  
as contained in referenced teletype.

4 - Bureau (Enc. 1)  
① - Birmingham (Info)  
1 - Memphis (Info)  
1 - Los Angeles

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

DATE 6/3/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM A. SAUCIER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Rememo of STEPHEN PIERCE, Clerk, 4/18/68.

On 4/19/68, Mr. J.W. SKELTON, Commerical Representative, Associates Discount Corporation, 2205 7th Avenue, South, Birmingham, advised that a search of his credit application as well as his rejected applications failed to disclose and application from an E.S. GALT.

In this connection it is noted that MRS. E.D. NORRIS who was the original source of this lead stating that she believed she had received an application from an E.S. GALT prior to the termination of her employment in January, 1967, with Associated Discount Finance Company. It should be noted that JAMES EARL RAY was incarcerated at the MSP unitl his escape in April, 1967, and therefore could not have submitted an application for credit.

No further action is required in this matter



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DATE: 6/3/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM A. SAUCIER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Rememo of STEPHEN PIERCE, CLERK, 4/17/68.

On 4/18/68, ~~JOHNNY W. BATES~~, 628 Yellowstone Circle, Birmingham, telephone 836-7594, advised that he is employed with his father at the Medical Center Gulf Station, 500 19th Street South, and further that he practically eats all of his meals at Leo's Restaurant which is located a few blocks away.

He advised that he was in Leo's Restaurant eating the night that MARTIN LUTHER KING was killed but stated that he bought no drinks for anybody in the restaurant. He added he may have made a statement concerning the death of KING since this was the main topic of conversation that evening. He denied having ever made the acquaintance of GALT nor could he furnish any information in this matter.

He was asked if he was a member of a KLAN group which he also denied but without hesitation stated that he had his opinions abouts Negro's.

On the same day Mr. GEORGE LEOS, Owner, Leo's Restaurant, 18th Street and 4th Avenue South, advised that he is personally acquainted with JOHNNY W. BATES as well as his father who presently operate the Medical Center Gulf Station and further ~~XXX~~ that JOHNNY BATES eats most of his meals at his restaurant. Mr. LEOS advised that BATES was in his restaurant the night KING was killed but said that he did not buy any drinks for everyone in the restaurant nor did he hear him say anything about knowing GALT or having any information concerning the murder. He added that everybody that evening was discussing the murder and was unable to recall specific words spoken by patrons since he does not care to engage in this type of conversation for fear of hurting his business. He added that he has never heard anything unfavorable concerning JOHNNY BATES.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM

FROM : *Vmn*  
*c* SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR  
(OO: ME)

DATE: 5/15/68

Re telephone call from SAC GAMBLE, Birmingham, Ala., to Montgomery RA, 5/13/68; telephone call of SA SAUCIER, Birmingham Office to Montgomery RA, 5/14/68.

Enclosed to the Birmingham Office is a Xerox copy of Driver's License Application for OLIVER HOWELL UNANGST, license number 2790801. The Application contains results of eye examination for this individual by Dr. McCOY, Birmingham, Ala.

The records of the Ala. Driver's License Div., were checked by SA MYRON G. TURNER at Montgomery, Ala., on 5/13/68, and the copy was obtained 5/14/68.

Mrs. GERTRUDE KING, of the Driver's License Division, furnished the record for UNANGST and the address given by him when he applied for the license on 2/28/67, was 1626 16th Ave., So., Birmingham, Ala. He is described as a W/M, DOB [REDACTED], 6' 1", 160 pounds, eyes gray, hair brown, occupation spray painter for Shotts and Smith Construction Co. When he took the test he was driving a 1962 Plymouth with 1967 Ala. license 1A-69941. It was reflected that he previously had a Georgia Driver's License 0-307953.

2-Birmingham (Enc. 1)  
2-Memphis  
2-Mobile  
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TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

DATE: 6/3/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM A. SAUCIER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 5/10/68, a female who would only identify herself as a neighbor of MRS. CAIN, 1701 11th Place South, Birmingham, telephonically advised that MRS. CAIN has a brother who in her opinion bears a likeness of the photos of JAMES EARL RAY. This caller refused to identify herself and hung up.

On the same day, MRS. BESSIE JEWELL CAIN, 1701 11th Place South, advised that she is married to CLIFTON W. CAIN, and has four children as well as having lived in the State of Alabama her entire life. She advised that she has six brothers and was displayed photos of RAY at which time she said that this individual was unknown to her. It was pointed out to MRS. CAIN that the FBI was in receipt of a telephone call that one of her brother's resembled RAY at which time she stated that this was impossible. She at this point advised that she has been receiving suspicious telephone calls of all sorts for the past several months and that a former neighbor of her's who had a mental problem she feels is the source of the telephone calls. She said that the neighbor who has moved away is INEZ CAMPER, 7531 65th Court Way, Birmingham. Mrs. CAIN also related that in the past she has received obscene telephone call from an unidentified male which she has reported to the telephone company as well as to the Birmingham Police Department.

Mrs. CAIN at this point made available a piece of paper with the name O.A. UNANGST, 409 1st Street West, Birmingham, Alabama, which she said she found in her mailbox around the 1st part of April, 1968, and further that a piece of correspondence came to her address for this individual which she believed was a State of Alabama Driver's License which she returned to the U.S. Post Office. She added that this individual was unknown to her and could offer no suggestion why this mail came to her. Mrs. CAIN was quite incoherent during the interview and her mental condition is questionable although her husband was interviewed ~~at~~ at his place of employment on the following day who states she has suffered no mental disorders.

On 5/11/68, OLIVER H. UNANGST, 2718 10th Avenue South, Apt 6, was interviewed at his place of employment Pitiz Department Store, Birmingham, who advised that he formerly resided at 1701 11th Place South and at 409 1st Street West, Birmingham. Mr. UNANGST

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advised that he does currently have a State of Alabama Driver's license which he produced. He ~~xxx~~ said that MRS. CAIN is unknown to him and that he has never returned to the residence at 1701 11th Place South since he moved around 6, 1967.

In view of the above investigation having no bearing on the MURKIN investigation it is not felt that this should be pursued any further at this time. It is also noted that since the original contact with Mrs. CAIN she has on occasions called the Birmingham Office and advised that she is once again receiving obscene telephone calls at which time she was referred to contact the Birmingham PD and the Southern Bell telephone Company.

FBI BIRMGHAM

FBI LOS ANG

2 48PM URGENT 6-3-68 SMS

TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM & MEMPHIS  
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN.

RE LA TEL MAY THIRTY-ONE LAST.

RE JAMES PAUL THORNTON.

JOHN HARTLEY ORTMAN, FOUR SIX FOUR TWO BRIARHILL  
DRIVE, YORBA LINDA, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED THIS DATE RECALLS  
THORNTON AS VOLUNTEER WORKER AT ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA,  
HEADQUARTERS, GEORGE WALLACE CAMPAIGN. ADVISED THORNTON  
A LONER AND DOES NOT KNOW ANY OF HIS ASSOCIATES. ORTMAN  
UNABLE IDENTIFY PHOTOGRAPH OF JAMES EARL RAY.

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FBI BIRMGHAM

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FBI KAN CITY

652PM IMMEDIATE 6-3-68 DJB

TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, DALLAS, MEMPHIS,

SPRINGFIELD & ST. LOUIS

FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760) 3P

MURKIN

DAILY SUMMARY

RE BUCALL TO SAC, KANSAS CITY, JUNE TWO, SIXTYEIGHT FURNISHING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: RAMON GEORGE SNEYD WHOSE PASSPORT PHOTOGRAPH MAY BE THAT OF SUBJECT RAY, OBTAINED A BRITISH COMMONWEALTH PASSPORT ON APR. TWENTYFOUR, SIXTYEIGHT. IN APPLYING FOR PASSPORT HE FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION: WM, BORN [REDACTED], [REDACTED], TORONTO, WEIGHT ONE HUNDRED SIXTYEIGHT, BLACK HAIR, BROWN EYES, RESIDENCE NINE SIXTYEIGHT DUNDAS, TORONTO, CANADA, WHICH IS A CHEAP CHINESE ROOMING HOUSE WHERE SNEYD HAD RESIDED SINCE APR. NINETEEN, SIXTYEIGHT, BUT PROPRIETOR COULD NOT MAKE A POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION ON SNEYD AS RAY FROM PHOTO. FRIEND NAMED IN PASSPORT APPLICATION WAS PAUL BRIDGMAN, ONE ZERO TWO OR ONE ZERO EIGHT OSSINGTON ST., TORONTO, CANADA. PASSPORT APPLICATION WAS OBTAINED THROUGH TRAVEL AGENCY NEAR SNEYD'S ROOMING HOUSE. TRAVEL AGENCY RECORDS INDICATED SNEYD PLANNED TO TRAVEL TO LONDON VIA BOAC AND WOULD RETURN ON MAY TWENTYONE, SIXTYEIGHT. INVESTIGATION IN CANADA HAS FAILED TO LOCATE BRIDGMAN.

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BRIDGEMAN ARRESTED KANSAS CITY, MO. PD FEB. EIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT ON  
DISTURBING THE PEACE CHARGE AND RELEASED ON TWENTYFIVE DOLLAR  
BOND SAME DAY. CHARGE DISMISSED FEB. TWELVE, SIXTYEIGHT. GAVE  
INCORRECT RESIDENCE ADDRESS AND INCORRECT EMPLOYMENT ON THIS ARREST  
BUT CLAIMED PARENTS DECEASED AND GAVE HIS SISTER AS JANET LOU CAWVEY,  
LANTON, MO. PHOTOGRAPHS OF BRIDGEMAN WILL BE FORWARDED TO ABOVE  
OFFICES JUNE FOUR. BRIDGEMAN DESCRIBED WM, SIX FEET TALL, ONE  
HUNDRED EIGHTY POUNDS, BLOND HAIR, BLUE EYES.

DALLAS, INTERVIEW ROTHBERG.

SPRINGFIELD, INTERVIEW JAMES AND IRENE BRIDGEMAN IF LIVING  
KANSAS CITY INTERVIEWING JANET LOU CAWVEY AND POSSIBLE  
GIRL FRIEND OF BRIDGEMAN.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DL DLR

FBI BIRMGHAM

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FBI LOS ANG.

9:22 PM URGENT 6-3-68 NLB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND BIRMINGHAM  
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) P

MURKIN.

RE SAN FRANCISCO TEL TO LOS ANGELES MAY TWENTY EIGHT LAST  
AND LOS ANGELES TEL TO DIRECTOR MAY THIRTY ONE LAST.

RE REQUEST TO CHECK LOS ANGELES VENEREAL DISEASE RECORDS.

DR. WALTER H. SMARTT PAREN CONCEAL PAREN, CHIEF OF VENEREAL  
DISEASE CONTROL, LOS ANGELES COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, ADVISED  
JUNE THREE INSTANT THAT SEARCH OF VENEREAL DISEASE RECORDS  
COVERING SYPHILIS, GONORRHEA AND OTHER VENEREAL DISEASES  
DISCLOSES NO RECORD OR INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE WITH NAME OR  
ALIASES OF SUBJECT. DR. SMARTT ADVISED THE HOLLYWOOD-WILSHIRE  
HEALTH CENTER HAD NO RECORD OF SUBJECT EVER BEING TESTED FOR  
PRESENCE OF VENEREAL DISEASE.

RE LOS ANGELES TIMES INFORMANT BOB PAREN LNU PAREN.

ALBANY ADVISED RAYMOND ANDREW YOUNG RECONTACTED MAY TWENTY  
NINE LAST AT DOCKTORS PET CENTER, FAIRMOUNT SHOPPING CENTER.  
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SYRACUSE, NEW YORK, AND IDENTIFIED PHOTOGRAPH OF LESTER EDWARD  
PACKETT, FBI NO. EIGHT TWO SEVEN ONE SEVEN ZERO A AS THE  
INDIVIDUAL HE MET AT BAR IN VICINITY OF CLARK HOTEL APRIL  
SEVENTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT . STATED HE RECALLED THIS INDIVIDUAL  
HAD SOUTHERN ACCENT AND MADE SOME COMMENT ABOUT BEING FROM  
TENNESSEE.

AIR MAIL COPY TO SAN FRANCISCO.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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S SP

FBI BIRMGHAM

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5/31/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO : SAC, MOBILE  
FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

EUGENE SMITH MANSFIELD, Barnes Lane, Buras, La., advised SA. L. M. SHEARER, JR., on May 28, 1968, that he has been working in offshore drilling for Penrod Drilling Co., and to the best of his recollection he heard of the killing of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING while on a rig in the Gulf of Mexico.

He advised that since the date of the killing, he has had occasion to talk with several individuals whom he considers members of one Klan or another, and there is no indication from these conversations that the killing was a Klan action.

MANSFIELD was shown IO 4182 of JAMES EARL RAY, and he said he had observed an individual who somewhat resembled RAY in a tavern at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, in the period shortly after 1/17/68. This individual who resembles the photograph of RAY appeared to be friend of a dark-haired barmaid, name possibly NELL, who worked in tavern behind Johnny's Place at Broad Street, and Greensboro Avenue. The dark-haired barmaid has a sister, a redhead, who works at Pat's Bar, 9th Street and 22nd.

MANSFIELD said he could not say that this individual is identical with RAY; however, the resemblance is enough that the individual could be RAY.

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MANSFIELD requested that his identity not be revealed as the source of the information if it is to be checked out.

By way of background information concerning MANSFIELD, he advised that he is known to several FBI offices, that he was formerly Grand Dragon of United Klans of America at Houston, Texas, and quit in 1961. He said he is well acquainted with BOBBY SHELTON of the UKA, and that his brother, BILLY WAYNE MANSFIELD, was secretary of the UKA subsequent to the death of ALVIN SYKES in South Carolina.

MANSFIELD said he is also acquainted with L. E. MATTHEWS, reportedly a Klan member at Jackson, Mississippi, but actual knowledge of his membership is unknown to MANSFIELD.

LEADS:

DALLAS

AT DALLAS, TEXAS: Contact Penrod Drilling Co., 3333 First National Bank Building, and ascertain dates MANSFIELD was employed with company in offshore operation out of Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.

MOBILE BH

AT TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA: Will attempt to identify individual MANSFIELD said resembled subject RAY and who appeared to be friend of barmaid at bar behind Johnny's Place. Protect identity of MANSFIELD as the source of information.

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Date: 6/3/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: SAC, BIRMINGHAM

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) P

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
(OO: MEMPHIS)

On 5/31/68, J. L. CAMP, Route 1, Silver Creek, Georgia, operator of the County Line Tavern, advised that 5 or 6 weeks ago, a man came to the tavern after having been picked up as a hitch-hiker by a Mr. BALDWIN. The man had no luggage and when he indicated need for employment, CAMP offered him a job on CAMP's nearby farm. The man gave only the name of JERRY MOSELEY, and when asked concerning relatives or next of kin, indicated only that he had a mother in Gadsden, Alabama. He said the man seemed to be inexperienced in farm work, and after remaining there a time, asked permission to go to Alabama, supposedly to pick up his clothing. He returned within a few days, indicating he had been unable to locate his mother, and did not return with any clothing. He occasionally mentioned having also been in Birmingham, Alabama, in the past, and having worked for a cafe of some type. CAMP allowed the man to stay in a small house trailer next to the tavern, and while there, he was not visited by anyone, and never mentioned any relatives or friends by name.

On 5/27/68, CAMP allowed MOSELEY to work as a bartender in the tavern, and observed him making mistakes in customer's change. On the morning of 5/28/68, MOSELEY was noted to be missing and that is the last he has seen or heard of this person. He later determined that \$26 was missing from the previous day's proceeds.

On 5/30/68, CAMP observed a picture of JAMES EARL RAY, aka ERIC GAULT, in a newspaper, and decided that MOSELEY bore a resemblance to RAY. He described MOSELEY as being a W/M, age 28-30, 155 lbs., 5' 11", with dark brown or black hair, and had

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what appeared to be acne on his face. He stated at times the man acted in a manner to indicate he might have been mentally unbalanced. He did not know how the man left, but he had no automobile, and assumed that he hitchhiked a ride with someone.

On 5/31/68, HENRY BALDWIN, Route 1, Aregon, Georgia, advised he had picked up a man as a hitchhiker several miles south of the County Line Tavern, 5 or 6 weeks ago. The man was hitchhiking north, and he transported this person as far as the County Line Tavern. He understood that the owner of the tavern had later offered the man a job. He said when he picked him up, the man had no luggage and did not advise him concerning his name. He said after observing a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, that there appeared to be some resemblance, although in his mind, he did not believe they were the same persons. He said judging by the man's actions, and his mode of travel and conduct, he believed very likely that the man was wanted.

LEADS:

BIRMINGHAM

AT GADSDEN, ALABAMA

Will contact local authorities and review local PD and other source records for any record of a JERRY MOSELEY in an effort to positively determine whether there was such a person as MOSELEY, and to make a conclusion as to whether he could be identical with subject, RAY.

AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

Will checks records, Birmingham PD, for any record of JERRY MOSELEY that could be identical with suspect.

CONSIDER SUBJECT ARMED & DANGEROUS.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1740) (P)

DATE: 6/3/68

FROM : SA JOHN H. KRESEK

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
OO:ME

On 5/15/68 THOMAS BRITTON, Haleyville, Ala., was contacted and voluntarily furnished the following information:

BRITTON was interviewed concerning several names of prisoners at MSP who are believed inmates there at the time JAMES EARL RAY was incarcerated at the prison. BRITTON made the observation concerning Major Poiry, Security Officer at MSP that he was "strict and rough and a pretty square guy, who had favorites among the prisoners"; however, he did not know if RAY was "one of the boys". BRITTON stated he did not know of any inmate by the name of MARION DITTY JANSEN. When asked about a prisoner whose last name was BAGBY, a Negro, age 60, he stated that he knew this person and believed he was a janitor in the Recreation Department and also had served as "headknocker" in the mattress factory.

BRITTON stated that an inmate by the name of JIMMY JAMES CARPENTER worked in the tag plant and might have known RAY, as he believed RAY also worked there at one time. BRITTON recalled when the name MILTON ZAVALASKI was mentioned to him that this was the name of the prisoner he knew as "BOSTON". BRITTON advised that an inmate by the name of JAMES HIGH CARPENTER, who worked in the Vegetable Room at MSP was a "real punk, a bull thrower, and a sex pervert". BRITTON recalled that inmate JOHN KENNETH HURTT was a trusty in A Hall and was one of MAJOR POIRY's boys and received special privileges from him such as being allowed to wander outside of his cell after hours and could have the opportunity to make a lot of contacts, but did not know his relationship with RAY.

BRITTON stated that he had a son by the name of CHARLES THOMAS BRITTON who lived with his step-father, CHARLES W. CLARK at Hopewell, Virginia. BRITTON stated that he had very little regard for CLARK and that there was "no love lost between them".

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In regards to JAMES EARL RAY, BRITTON advised that to the best of his knowledge, RAY never used amphetamines and that he never heard RAY mention that he used narcotics before his incarceration at MSP. BRITTON advised that if RAY was not called by his last name, he was always referred to as "JIMMY". BRITTON stated he never heard RAY speak of any cousin or any other relative he had in Birmingham during conversations which he (BRITTON) had with him.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1740) (P)

DATE: 6/3/68

FROM : SA JOHN H. KRESEK

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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OO:ME

On 5/23/68 THOMAS BRITTON, Haleyville, Ala., was interviewed and furnished the following information:

BRITTON stated that he had no knowledge of what magazines or other publications that JAMES EARL RAY read at MSP except the one that he has previously mentioned, "The Birmingham Post Herald" newspaper which he (BRITTON) used to give him. BRITTON stated that MAJOR POIRY used to, as a matter of routine, inspect the prisoners' cells and that he therefore might have a better idea of what publications he might have found or noticed in the cell of RAY when he made these inspections.

In regard to MAJOR POIRY, BRITTON stated that he recalled hearing that POIRY was mixed up with Warden NASH over a PX scandal involving some \$12,000, which allegedly caused NASH to commit suicide, but that he did not know to what extent, if any, that POIRY was involved in the scandal except that it was prison gossip that he had something to do with it.

BRITTON advised that since he was last contacted, he had been "mulling over" the names mentioned to him during the previous interview and that the name of JAMES CARPENTER, who worked in the vegetable room, started him thinking that CARPENTER, because of his job, had access to the dock where bread was loaded on the trucks that were going outside the prison wall and could have helped RAY escape. He said that it was his opinion that the truck drivers of the Renz and Church Prison Farm trucks who carried the bread would have to know if RAY was making his escape in their trucks. He stated the only truck driver he could remember was the one who drove the Renz Farm truck whom he knew as RENO, who he believed came from St. Louis, Mo.

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BRITTON stated that he has not been contacted in any manner by JAMES EARL RAY since he was last interviewed by the FBI and again pledged his complete cooperation with the FBI in relaying immediately to the FBI any contact or attempted contact on the part of RAY with him.

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

Re ME airtel 4-19-68.

Following is the cumulative cost data for the Birmingham Division through the month of May, 1968:

1.	MAN HOURS SPENT ON CASE:	<u>REGULAR</u>	<u>OVERTIME</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
	A. SPECIAL AGENTS	4576:45	2294:15	6871:00
	B. CLERICAL	<u>1719:00</u>	<u>335:00</u>	<u>2054:00</u>
	TOTALS	<u>6295:45</u>	<u>2629:15</u>	<u>8925:00</u>
2.	TOTAL MILEAGE BUCARS:			27,250
3.	OTHER COSTS: Transportation (Common Carrier)			\$416.00
	Per Diem			<u>494.00</u>
	Total			<u>\$910.00</u>
4.	PEAK NUMBER SPECIAL AGENTS WORKING ON CASE:			8

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2 13PM URGENT 6-4-68 LMB

TO DIRECTOR AND MINNEAPOLIS, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS, SPRINGFIELD  
AND ST. LOUIS.

FROM DALLAS (44-2649) 5P

MURKIN.

RE KANSAS CITY TEL JUNE THREE LAST WHICH REFERRED TO BUCALL TO  
KANSAS CITY JUNE TWO FURNISHING THE FOLLOWING:

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SINCE JAN., SIXTYEIGHT, ROTHBERG HAS MET BRIDGEMAN IN TULSA, OKLAHOMA, DATE UNRECALLED; OKLAHOMA CITY ON FEB. SIXTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT; NEW YORK CITY THE FIRST WEEK IN APRIL LAST.

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BRIDGEMAN CAME TO DALLAS FROM KANSAS CITY THE DAY OF MARTIN LUTHER KING'S FUNERAL AND THEY WATCHED IT ON TELEVISION. BRIDGEMAN LEFT DALLAS SOON THEREAFTER AND HIS WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN TO ROTHBERG UNTIL MAY SEVEN LAST WHEN BRIDGEMAN RETURNED TO DALLAS AND STAYED OVERNIGHT AT THE HOLIDAY INN, CENTRAL EXPRESSWAY, DALLAS. THE FOLLOWING MORNING BRIDGEMAN FLEW TO MINNEAPOLIS WITH ONE-WAY PLANE TICKET PURCHASED FOR HIM BY ROTHBERG.

ROTHBERG HAS BEEN PAYING BILLS FOR BRIDGEMAN AND WIRING HIM MONEY SINCE HIS RELEASE FROM PRISON IN JAN. HIS LAST CONTACT WITH BRIDGEMAN WAS MAY TWENTYNINE LAST WHEN HE WIRED THIRTY DOLLARS TO HIM VIA WESTERN UNION TO PAY HIS RENT AT THE HOTEL HARMON (PHONETIC), MINNEAPOLIS. ROTHBERG ATTEMPTED TO CALL BRIDGEMAN THE EVENING OF JUNE THREE LAST, AT THE HOTEL HARMON, BUT WAS TOLD BRIDGEMAN WAS OUT. WAS TOLD BY HOTEL CLERK BRIDGEMAN WAS STILL REGISTERED THAT HOTEL AND MESSAGE WAS LEFT FOR HIM TO CALL ROTHBERG.

ROTHBERT AND BRIDGEMAN DISCUSSED JAMES EARL RAY AFTER HIS NAME CAME OUT IN NEWSPAPER IN CONNECTION WITH KING MURDER. BRIDGEMAN SAID HE KNEW RAY IN MISSOURI STATE PEN BUT DID NOT KNOW HIM ANY BETTER THAN ANY OF THE OTHER INMATES. ROTHBERT STATED

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HE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF BRIDGEMAN EVER BEING IN CANADA, DOES NOT  
KNOW A RAMON GEORGE SNEYD, AND DOES NOT KNOW IF BRIDGEMAN HAS BEEN  
IN CONTACT WITH JAMES EARL RAY SINCE HIS RELEASE FROM PRISON.

BRIDGEMAN'S OCCUPATION IS CEMENT FINISHER AND HE IS BELIEVED  
TO BE EMPLOYED AS SUCH INT THE MINNEAPOLIS AREA.

MINNEAPOLIS INTERVIEW BRIDGEMAN. P

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FBI BIRMGHAM

FBI KAN CITY

600 PM IMMEDIATE 6/4/68 PHM

TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, DALLAS, INDIANAPOLIS, JACKSONVILLE,  
LOS ANGELES, LOUISVILLE, MEMPHIS AND MINNEAPOLIS  
FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 10 P

MURKIN

DAILY SUMMARY.

*re: ray*  
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MARSHALL CAWVEY AND HIS WIFE JANET LOU CAWVEY, NEE BRIDGEMAN, WERE CONTACTED NEAR WEST PLAINS, MO. MR. CAWVEY IS A FORMER FIREMAN AND POLICE DISPATCHER FOR THE WEST PLAINS PD, A FORMER HOWELL COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF AND IS PRESENTLY EMPLOYED BY PEASE-MOORE MILLING CO., WEST PLAINS. THE CAWVEYS HAVE SEVERAL YOUNG CHILDREN.

JANET CAWVEY IS SISTER OF PAUL BRIDGEMAN SHOM SHE ADVISED WAS BORN [REDACTED], INSTEAD OF FORTY AT WINCHESTER, IND. LAST CONTACT WHICH SHE HAD WITH HIM WAS WHEN HE CAME TO WEST PLAINS, MO. TO CLAIM AN INHERITANCE FROM THEIR PARENTS' ESTATE DURING SIXTYFOUR.

HER FATHER, JAMES BRIDGEMAN, ALLEGEDLY MURDERED HER MOTHER, IRENE BRIDGEMAN, AND THEN COMMITTED SUICIDE ON AUG. EIGHTEEN, SIXTYTWO, AT DAYTONA BEACH, FLA. PAUL BRIDGEMAN WAS LIVING WITH HIS PARENTS AT THAT TIME AND HAD PREVAILED UPON HIS MOTHER TO SECURE

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A SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX HELD JOINTLY IN THE NAMES PAUL AND IRENE BRIDGEMAN AND TO MAKE HIM HER SOLE HEIR. AFTER THE PARENTS' DEATH PAUL ALLEGEDLY ENTERED THE SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX AND TOOK THE PROPERTY VALUED AT THIRTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS AND LEFT HIS SISTER JANET WITHOUT ANY SHARE.

MARSHALL CAWVEY SUSPECTS PAUL BRIDGEMAN OF COMPLICITY IN THE DEATH OF HIS PARENTS.

JANET CAWVEY HAD NO KNOWLEDGE THAT BRIDGEMAN HAD BEEN RELEASED FROM THE MSP PRIOR TO INTERVIEW.

JANET CAWVEY AND PAUL OSBORN BRIDGEMAN ARE THE ONLY CHILDREN OF JAMES AND IRENE BRIDGEMAN. THERE ARE FEW CLOSE RELATIVES. A COUSIN, JIM DAVIS, DESCRIBED AS WM, SIX FEET, THIN BUILD, AGE THIRTYFIVE TO THIRTYEIGHT, LONG BLOND HAIR, WAS WITH PAUL BRIDGEMAN AT DAYTONA BEACH, FLA., PRIOR TO THE MURDER-SUICIDE OF PARENTS IN SIXTYTWO. DAVIS IS THE SON OF IRENE BRIDGEMAN'S SISTER, BONNIE DAVIS, ROUTE ONE, MADISONVILLE, KY. DAVIS WAS DESCRIBE AS A "BAD CHARACTERB." BY THE CAWVEYS AND THEY SAID THEY HAD NOT SEEN HIM FOR SEVERAL YEARS.

DAVIS HAS AL SISTER BY THE NAME OF MRS. ROY (EDITH) BABB, DAYTONA BEACH, FLA., WHOSE HUSBAND IS ALLEGEDLY A FLORIDA STATE  
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TROOPER AND WHO MAY BE ABLE TO ASSIST IN LOCATING BRIDGEMAN AND DAVIS.

BONNIE DAVIS' HUSBAND WAS SHOT TO DEATH IN MADISONVILLE, KY., APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS AGO UNDER SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH WAS ALLEGED THE RESULT OF A MINING LABOR DISPUTE. PAUL BRIDGEMAN WAS MARRIED TO CAROL BRINKER, BLOOMINGTON, ILL. THEY WERE DIVORCED IN SIXTYFOUR AND IT IS BELIEVED THEY HAD TWO CHILDREN, NAMES UNKNOWN WHO ARE STILL RESIDE IN BLOOMINGTON, ILL., AND ARE ON WELFARE WITH THEIR MOTHER.

ANOTHER UNCLE IS WALTER KOGER, NEW CASTLE, IND. BOTH KOGERS ARE BROTHERS OF IRENE BRIDGEMAN.

CAWVEYS WERE SHOWN PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY AND BOTH ADVISED THEY HAD SEEN SIMILAR PHOTOS IN THE NEWSPAPERS BUT HAD NEVER SEEN RAY OR ANYONE IN BRIDGEMAN'S COMPANY WHO RESEMBLED HIM. MRS. CAWVEY ADVISED THAT PAUL BRIDGEMAN HAS NEVER BEEN OUTSIDE THE CONTINENTAL U.S. TO HER KNOWLEDGE. SHE STATED SHE NEVER HEARD HIM EXPRESS ANY ANIMOSITY OR HOSTILITY TOWARD NEGROES OR OTHER MINORITY GROUPS.

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EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION TO LOCATE BRIDGEMAN IN KANSAS CITY AREA HAS IDENTIFIED HIS GIRLFRIEND DURING APRIL AND POSSIBLY PART OF MAY SIXTYEIGHT IN KANSAS CITY AREA AS JACQUELINE "JACKIE" KLINE, AKA JACQUELINE GOLDSTEIN, KAYE ROSENBERG, WHO IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: AGE TWENTYFOUR, DOB [REDACTED], WF, FIVE FOUR, TWO HUNDRED LBS., DYED RED HAIR, EYES BROWN, EMPLOYED AS PRACTICAL NURSE, DRIVING SIXTYEIGHT WHITE TWO DOOR CHEVROLET MALIBU THREE ZERO SEVEN, BEARING SIXTYEIGHT KANSAS YELLOW ON BLACK LILICENSE NO. JO NINE THREE ZERO FOUR THREE.

PAUL OSBORN BRIDGEMAN LEFT KANSAS CITY PROBABLY THE FIRST PART OF MAY AND JACQUELINE KLINE LEFT KANSAS CITY ON SUNDAY, JUNE TWO, SIXTYEIGHT PROBABLY TO MEET BRIDGEMAN, BUT DECLINED TO TELL ASSOCIATES HER DESTINATION. ON MAY TWENTYNINE AND MAY THIRTYONE SHE MADE STATION TO STATION TELEPHONE CALLS FROM NETHERLANDS HOTEL, KANSAS CITY, TO THE MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL AREA WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN TO BRIDGEMAN. DETAILS OF TOLL CALLS BEING OBTAINED WITH PRIOR BUREAU APPROVAL.

RECEIVING OFFICES INTERVIEW RELATIVES OF BRIDGEMAN O REGARDING OTHER RELATIVES AND OBTAIN FULL BACKGROUND INFO, TO LOCATE HIM FOR EXTENSIVE INTERVIEW OF HIS KNOWLEDGE AND ASSOCIATION WITH SUBJECT RAY, PARTICULARLY SINCE KING MURDER.

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LOUISVILLE AT MADISONVILLE, KY., INTERVIEW BONNIE DAVIS, ROUTE ONE, FOR ANY INFO SHE CAN FURNISH WHICH WOULD ASSIST IN LOCATING BRIDGEMAN AND JIM DAVIS.

INDIANAPOLIS AT NEW CASTEL, IND., INTERVIEW WALTER KOGER AS REFLECTED IN LOUISVILLE LEAD.

SPRINGFIELD AT BLOOMINGTON, ILL., ATTEMPT TO LOCATE CAROL BRINKER AND INTERVIEW HER AS SET FORTH IN LOUISVILLE LEAD. IF APPROPRIATE, CONTACT WELFARE DEPT. IN EFFORT TO LOCATE CAROL BRINKER. AT LATHAM, ILL., INTERVIEW ROBERT KOGER AS SET FORTH IN LOUISVILLE LEAD.

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JACKSONVILLE AT DAYTONA BEACH, FLA., INTERVIEW MRS. ROY (EDITH) BABB AS SET FORTH IN LOUISVILLE LEAD.

MINNEAPOLIS CONTACT PRACTICAL NURSING REGISTRY AND PLACE STOP FOR JACQUELINE KLINE IN EVENT SHE SEEKS EMPLOYMENT AS PRACTICAL NURSE IN MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL AREA SO THAT BRIDGEMAN CAN BE LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED. KLINE SHOULD ALSO BE THOROUGHLY INTERVIEWED FRO ANY INFO SHE MAY HAVE DERIVED THROUGH BRIDGEMAN CONCERNING SUBJECT RAY.

OTHER OFFICES FURNISHED INFO AS BASIS FOR PROBABLE FUTURE LEADS. PHOTO OF PAUBL BRIDGEMAN AIRMAILED JUNE FOUR TO BUREAU AND ABOVE OFFICES.

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RE SAN FRANCISCO AIRTEL JUNE THREE LAST.

AIRTEL NOT FURNISHED NEWARK, NEW YORK AND PHILADELPHIA.

RE: BRUCE IRWIN GOVERN, AKA.

ROBERT LAWRENCE RUSSELL, AKA ROBERT LAWRENCE, FBI NUMBER EIGHT NINE TWO DASH ONE FOUR FOUR A, INTERVIEWED SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY JAIL JUNE FOUR, LAST, STATED HE HAD WRITTEN FOUR PAGE LETTER ADDRESSED TO BRUCE SET OUT IN RE AIRTEL. RUSSELL STATED THIS LETTER WAS A COMPLETE FABRICATION OF HIS IMAGINATION AND HE GAVE LETTER TO GOVERN WHO WAS A "HIPPIE," SEEMED TO BE ALL DOPED UP, AND WAS USING "SOMETHING" EVEN WHILE CONFINED TO SAN FRANCISCO JAIL.

RE: ROBERT LAWRENCE RUSSELL.

RUSSELL STATED HE HAD MET A JIMMY GALT IN NEW ORLEANS, LA., IN LATE APRIL OR EARLY MAY, SIXTYSEVEN. HE OBSERVED THE MOST RECENT PHOTOGRAPHS OF JAMES EARL RAY AND ADVISED THE PHOTOGRAPH WITH THE  
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