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CLARA LE VAN, Office Manager, Waitress Union Local 503, 216A West 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, advised on April 26, 1968, she has no record of a MARY PORTER currently working as a waitress. One MARY LOUISE PORTER, 5025 Michigan, Kansas City, Missouri, worked at the Wishbone and La Louisiana Restaurants in 1965, but has not paid dues since that time and therefore is not an active member.

HELEN DONLEY, Credit Bureau of Greater Kansas City, 1110 Grand, advised on April 26, 1968, that records reveal a credit report dated September 24, 1965, for ROBERT DALE PORTER and wife, MARY PORTER, 3819 Wyandotte, Kansas City, Missouri, which reveals MARY PORTER has been employed for four or five months at the Town Topic Sandwich shops, 6648 South Benton, owner, CLAUDE J. SPARKS, telephone number GR 1-5018. The record shows he is age 37 and in the U.S. Army for approximately 10 years, stationed at Amarillo, Texas. No credit established. The record shows a divorce was filed in Kansas City on May 17, 1966.

Circuit Court records, Jackson County Courthouse, Kansas City, Missouri, reveal under number 678415, that MARY MARTHA PORTER, 3315 Baltimore, Kansas City, Missouri, filed a petition for divorce May 16, 1966. She was represented by Attorney CHRIS KAHMANN, 432A Altman Building and the petition shows MARY MARTHA PORTER and ROBERT DALE PORTER of the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP), were married February 27, 1964, at Maysville, Missouri. That ROBERT PORTER has wholly disregarded his duties as a husband, being convicted of a felony at Cameron, Missouri in March 1964, and being sentenced to a seven year sentence at MSP. Also MARY MARTHA PORTER learned after marriage that PORTER had been convicted on seven or eight occasions in various states. A degree of default was granted to MARY MARTHA PORTER on June 21, 1966.

LEE CHAPMAN, Clerk, Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, furnished an arrest record regarding ROBERT DALE PORTER, number 102954, FBI No. 590 482, which shows he was arrested Kansas City, Missouri on September 3, 1963, on investigation of armed robbery and was released to the Clinton County Sheriff's Office, Missouri. Police Department records show PORTER has an arrest record dating back to 1946. No record was located for MARY MARTHA PORTER.

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A check on April 26, 1968, of the address at 3819 Wyandotte, Kansas City, Missouri, reveals that this address is now a parking lot.

The 1967 Polks Directory lists MARY M. PORTER at telephone number LO 1-6749, and one JOHN F. COATES, JE 1-3719. A telephone call was made to each of the numbers and it was determined the numbers are no longer listed to this individual.

A check was made on April 26, 1968, of the address 608 East 9th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, and it was determined that the Emery Hotel has been demolished and a new building housing the Langley Optical Company is at that address.

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The following individuals were contacted by SA RAY HOMESLEY, on May 1, 1968, in an attempt to identify (FNU) SLATTERY who took Delta Flight #55 from Birmingham to Memphis and Kansas City, on April 7, 1968:

GEORGE B. SLATTERY, 8441 Flora, Kansas City, Missouri.

Mrs. HELEN SLATTERY, 1004 East 29th Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

Mrs. MARGARET H. SLATTERY, 5628 Locust, Kansas City, Missouri.

Mrs. PANSY MOSER (SLATTERY), 632 Hardesty, Kansas City, Missouri.

Mrs. MARGARET L. SLATTERY, 600 West 96th Terrace, Kansas City, Missouri.

Mrs. SUSAN BROWN, Reservations Clerk, Delta Airlines, Kansas City, Missouri, advised she has no way of identifying passenger SLATTERY on Delta Flight #55 from Birmingham to Memphis and Kansas City, on April 7, 1968. She advised Delta Airlines records are maintained at Atlanta, Georgia, including credit records of passengers.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA RAY HOMESLEY at Kansas City, Missouri:

Mr. LYLE ROBINSON, 1017 Orchard Street, Liberty, Missouri, advised the Kansas City FBI Office by telephone on April 22, 1968, that his wife, ROSE ROBINSON, is a fifth grade teacher at the Forest Hill Elementary School, North Kansas City, Missouri, and taught a boy that made statements to the effect that MARTIN LUTHER KING should be shot. ROBINSON said also the boy's father, GERALD B. GERLT, residing in a trailer at 1910 Armour Road, North Kansas City, Missouri, made trips to Tennessee March 4-5, 1968, and March 14-15, 1968. Also the boy reported that the family was moving to California, but when school authorities contacted the mother, she denied they were moving. However, the family did move to El Cajon, California, on March 29, 1968. GERLT was reported to have a Citizens Band radio in his truck.

Mr. BILL CURNUTT, 1012 East 24th Street, North Kansas City, Missouri, also telephoned the Kansas City FBI Office and advised that his wife AUDRA CURNUTT teaches at the Forest Hill Elementary School and related substantially the same information as did Mr. LYLE ROBINSON. He stated he did not want he or his wife's name used as the person furnishing the information. He also related that the boy making the statements about MARTIN LUTHER KING is apparently emotionally disturbed. CURNUTT stated that the GERLT family operated a cafe on Armour Road in North Kansas City, Missouri, and lived in a trailer behind the cafe.

On April 22, 1968, Miss HELEN DONLEY, Clerk, Credit Bureau of Greater Kansas City, 1110 Grand, Kansas City, Missouri, furnished a report dated September 12, 1967, regarding GERALD B. GERLT, wife LOIS HELEN GERLT. This report shows the GERLTs have been on file at the credit bureau since April, 1955. He is shown as age 38 in 1967. Records show the following residence:

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1910 Armour Road, North Kansas City, Missouri
North View Trailer Court, Falls City, Nebraska
6020 Kansas Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas
1800 South 55, Falls City, Nebraska
2521 South 49, Falls City, Nebraska
Box 733, Alpine, California
1601 Armstrong, Kansas City, Kansas

Former Employment:

Claycomo Restaurant, North Kansas City, Missouri
Northview Skelly Station, Falls City, Nebraska,
January, 1967
Jerry's Nursery, 6540 State, Kansas City, Kansas,
February, 1967, to September, 1967

Loans:

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| 11/30/67 | Rosedale State Bank, Kansas City, Kansas, \$4177.60, secured by 1964 Great Lakes Home |
| 7/28/67 | Rosedale State Bank, Kansas City, Kansas, \$2357.79, unsecured note |
| 10/26/67 | Metropolitan National Bank, Kansas City, Missouri, \$5687.00, secured by a 1967 Cadillac DeVille, \$250.00 guaranteed by B and G Motors, Kansas City |

On April 22, 1968, LEE CHAPMAN, Clerk, Kansas
City, Missouri, Police Department, advised that no record
for GERALD B. GERLT, 1910 Armour, North Kansas City,
Missouri, could be located.

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Reverend BILLY MAX WUELLNER, Bethel Community Church, 21st and Military Avenue, Baxter Springs, Kansas, voluntarily appeared at the Joplin, Missouri Police Department, and furnished the following information:

On Wednesday, April 3, 1968, at approximately 2:30 PM, he attended a church board meeting at the Blue Castle Restaurant in Baxter Springs, Kansas. Around 1:45 PM, he was sitting in his church office, and LYNN RAY CLEVELAND walked into his office, unannounced, stating he wanted to rest and play the piano. He also requested a prayer session and during their brief conversation, CLEVELAND indicated he had been in a mental institution. He stated he was en route to Springfield, Missouri to contact a friend. CLEVELAND was observed to be hitchhiking and was not accompanied by anyone.

He indicated he had been on the road for approximately five days, and Reverend WUELLNER observed CLEVELAND did not have any luggage, however, was carrying a dark color tweed top-coat. He left the church office shortly before 2:30 PM, indicating he was hitchhiking to Springfield, Missouri. Reverend WUELLNER advised he could furnish no further information except to state this was the only time he had observed CLEVELAND, and further noted CLEVELAND could play the piano quite well.

Reverend WUELLNER personally confronted CLEVELAND at the City Jail in Joplin, Missouri on the night of April 9, 1968, and positively identified CLEVELAND as being the individual referred to above. He conversed with CLEVELAND, and stated there was absolutely no doubt in his mind whatever as to CLEVELAND being the individual referred to above; nor was there any doubt in his mind as to the fact he left the church shortly before 2:30 PM on April 3, 1968, as he, Reverend WUELLNER went directly from the church to his board meeting at the Blue Castle Restaurant.

Reverend WUELLNER added he could furnish no additional information and knew of no background data regarding CLEVELAND.

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On April 10, 1968, fingerprints and palm prints were obtained from LYNN RAY CLEVELAND at the Joplin, Missouri Police Department, and retained as possible evidence.

While being printed, it was observed that CLEVELAND was very near sighted, having to squint and move his eyes close to a sheet of paper to read any normal printing or handwriting.

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A review of the personal property in the possession of LYNN RAY CLEVELAND, when arrested by the Joplin, Missouri Police Department, revealed he had the following items on his person.

1. One five-cent piece.
2. One black billfold, containing the following items:
 - a. Receipt #2925 from One-Hour Martinizing, 1838 N. Glenstone, Springfield, Missouri, with notation "Promised Friday, 9:00 AM".
 - b. Small religious pamphlet, entitled "Is There Any Hope?"; bearing stamp "Southern Avenue Baptist Church, 3084 Southern Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee" "Dial-A-Devotion 323-2653". This pamphlet published by Faith, Prayer and Tract League, Grand Rapids, Michigan.
 - d. Library card #72 18575 in the name of LYNN R. CLEVELAND, 1870 N. Broadway, for the Public Libraries of Springfield and Greene County, Missouri.
 - e. Card bearing the printed notation Kirkwood Hotel, Kirkwood 22, Missouri, and the hand printed telephone number TH1-9791.
 - f. Identification card, First Assembly of God, 528 E. Main, Norman, Oklahoma, Reverend B. R. BRUMMETT, Pastor.
 - g. Identification card, Central Presbyterian Church, 20th and Arch Street, Little Rock, Arkansas.

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- h. Identification card, GEORGE BRITTAIN, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Grants, New Mexico.
- i. Slip of paper containing the names LARRY HAYNES, RICHARD OLIVER, Missionary Pastor, 49 E. 15th Street.
- j. Slip of paper containing the name JERRY C. MURPHY, 806 N.W. 45th Street, Des Moines, Iowa.
- k. Identification card, American National Red Cross, St. Louis, bi-State Chapter, 212 E. Lockwood Avenue, Webster Groves, Missouri. This card contains the name ROSEMARY GAEBLER, Service To Military Families, printed in the lower left corner of the face of the card. The reverse side of this card contains the handwriting, Travelers Aid, Greyhound Bus Depot, 809 N. Broadway.
- l. Identification card, Haley Motor Company, Inc., 3rd and Marquette, N.W., Albuquerque, New Mexico. The hand-printed name GLEN SKIPWORTH appears on face of card.
- m. Social Security Application card in the name LYNN RAY CLEVELAND, Social Security Number [REDACTED] The card issued on January 2, 1968 for twenty-one days. Under the address of Social Security Office is address 907 Walnut (no city), telephone #FR4-2263.
- n. One key, bearing numbers 806 and 074233.
- o. Slip of paper containing the hand printed name BILL WILLIAMS, LA 1-5341, Dallas; and the name Rev. CLYDE BOX, Brookhollow Bapt., DeSoto, Texas.

- p. Slip of paper containing printed name and handwritten name ROBERT BECKS - Baptist.
- q. Slip of paper containing the hand printed name Reverend PAB MYERS, Box 253, Courtland, Alabama.
- r. Identification card, Mills Hotel, 442 N. Union Avenue, Ozark, Alabama, showing Mr. and Mrs. E. E. TIDWELL as managers.
- s. Weekly Gold Pass #11656, for the week of January 22 through 28, 1968, transit Bi-State System, good for free transportation service in Missouri-Illinois central fare area.
- t. Identification card, Calvary Temple Assembly of God, Springfield, Missouri, S. H. ROBINSON, Pastor.
- u. Guest card on Good Shepherd Refuge, 601 2nd Street, Albuquerque, New Mexico. This card is stamped December 18, 1967, and notes one LYNN R. CLEVELAND, St. Louis, Missouri, occupied bed #1-4 on December 4, 1967. The name Brother "EDWARDS" appears on the face of this card.
- v. Identification card Northvale Baptist Church, Durand Avenue, Harrison, Arkansas, J. A. KUHN, Pastor.
- w. Identification card, Dr. WILLIAM C. REED, Podiatrist, Suite 1405-A, The Stevens Building, 17 N. State, Chicago 2, Illinois.
- x. Guest card, Good Shepherd Refuge, 601 2nd Street, Albuquerque, New Mexico, showing LYNN R. CLEVELAND occupied bed #13, on November 21, 1967. The name Brother "GREGORY" appears on the face of this card.

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A Thermofax record was made of the front and reverse sides of all above items, copies of which have been retained.

3. Three pamphlets on the Shepherd of the Hills Farm, Branson, Missouri (no dates or notations thereon).
4. One Standard Service Station map of the United States and Eastern United States (no notations, addresses or dates thereon).
5. CLEVELAND, when arrested, was wearing blue pants, short sleeved white shirt, brown loafers, black socks, one blue suit coat (did not match pants), one blue tie, one dark color tweed coat, and a belt. All clothing was old and well worn.
6. One gold color safety razor, found in pocket of coat.

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Detective Captain WALTER FLENNER, Joplin, Missouri Police Department, furnished the following information:

One LYNN RAY CLEVELAND was arrested by officers of the Joplin Police Department on April 9, 1968, and booked in the City Jail on charge of "Hold for Investigation - Homicide Other Cities". He advised the basis for the arrest was the fact some woman had observed CLEVELAND hitchhiking and felt he resembled the artist's conception of the slayer of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., which recently appeared in the local newspaper.

Captain FLENNER advised there was no other information and no evidence linking CLEVELAND with the slaying of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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Detective Captain WALTER FLENNER, Joplin, Missouri Police Department, furnished the following information:

On April 10, 1968, LYNN RAY CLEVELAND appeared in Municipal Court, Joplin, and pled guilty to a charge of Vagrancy. On April 10, 1968, CLEVELAND was sentenced to three days in the City Jail.

On April 10, 1968, one Reverend KEN RAGSDALE, Bolivar, Missouri, telephonically contacted Captain FLENNER and stated he recalled serving dinner to CLEVELAND on April 5, 1968 at approximately 3:30 PM at Bolivar, Missouri. Reverend RAGSDALE telephonically contacted the Police Department due to news accounts pertaining to the arrest of CLEVELAND. Captain FLENNER advised he did not secure any additional information from Reverend RAGSDALE, however, it was his opinion CLEVELAND had appeared in Bolivar, Missouri without funds, and sought assistance through the local ministers at Bolivar, Missouri.

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LYNN RAY CLEVELAND was contacted at the Joplin, Missouri Police Department, and prior to being interviewed, was advised of his rights as indicated on a duly executed warning and waiver form. He stated he had no objection to orally answering questions, and he was told he was being questioned due to the fact an individual had reported him as resembling an artist's conception of the assassin of Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., the artist's conception having recently appeared in a local newspaper.

CLEVELAND was questioned in the presence of Detective Captain WALTER FLENNER, Joplin, Missouri Police Department, and furnished the following information:

CLEVELAND stated he did not shoot the Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., nor had he been in Memphis, Tennessee or Birmingham, Alabama at any time during the past two weeks. He stated he was not aware that Reverend KING had been murdered until two or three days after the incident, when he recalled someone talking about it. He advised he could furnish no information whatsoever as to the murder.

As to his exact whereabouts on April 4, 1968, he advised he was a traveling Baptist minister and evangelistic singer, and did not maintain any permanent residence. He advised he was unemployed and knew of no way to verify his whereabouts at any time unless some minister recalled being in contact with him on a certain date. He noted that for the past two to three weeks he had been intermittently at Springfield, Missouri, and when arrested by the Joplin, Police Department, on April 9, 1968, was hitchhiking from Springfield, Missouri to Tulsa, Oklahoma. He recalled he spent the night of April 8, 1968, sleeping in a truck at the Queen City Truck Stop in Springfield, Missouri. Efforts were made to trace his whereabouts, and when he could not furnish any definite information as to times, dates and places, he admitted having formerly been an inmate at the Terrill State Hospital, Terrill, Texas, on three different occasions in 1965 and 1966. He stated he entered the hospital because of "nerves".

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While he could not, in any way be exact, he vaguely recalled having left Springfield, Missouri during the latter part of March, 1968, and hitchhiked West. He noted, since he did not have any money, he normally contacted ministers at any town he was in, volunteering his services as a Baptist minister, and further noted he was an evangelistic singer and could play the piano at revival meetings. He stated this is the way he secured his food and enough money to live on.

On or about March 28, 1968, he recalled being in Kingman, Arizona, and in contact with individuals at the Assembly of God church. He believes he left Kingman, Arizona on or about March 28, 1968, hitchhiking back to Springfield, Missouri, and estimates arrival in Springfield, Missouri on or about April 4, 1968. After arriving in Springfield, he stated, to the best of his recollection, he spent the night at Hoff's Hotel on Olive Street in Springfield, Missouri. He stated the night before was spent at the Church Rectory somewhere in Oklahoma, exact location unrecalled.

When questioned as to the pamphlet in his possession, entitled "Is There Any Hope?" which bears the stamped address of The Southern Avenue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee, he advised he recalled having been in Memphis, Tennessee about one month ago and believed he stayed over-night at the bus station. He stated he was only passing through the area hitchhiking as he does continually, but believed he was in contact with a Catholic priest who bought him some breakfast at Memphis, Tennessee. He could not recall the name of the priest and knew of no one in Memphis who could verify this information. He noted he may have hitchhiked through Birmingham, Alabama a month or so ago, but did not stay overnight there and could furnish no information concerning anyone he might have contacted, or any place he might have stayed in Birmingham, Alabama.

CLEVELAND noted he had been in Springfield, Missouri more than any place else during the past several weeks, and while in Springfield, normally stayed at the YMCA, a small hotel across from the YMCA, the Midway Hotel, Calvary Mission, Hoff's Hotel, and the State Hotel. He could think of no other

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locations other than the Queen City Truck Stop, where he might have stayed in Springfield, Missouri. As to individuals with whom he was acquainted in Springfield, who might be able to furnish information pertaining to him, he furnished the following:

Reverend BARCLAY,
Northwest Baptist Church,
Springfield, Missouri;

Reverend TOM GEARS,
Pythian Street Baptist Church,
Springfield, Missouri;

RICHARD RUBLE,
1871 N. Broadway,
Springfield, Missouri.

CLEVELAND stated he presently had no room rented in Springfield, Missouri, and reiterated since he traveled continually, he had no way to positively establish his whereabouts on any given day.

As to prior arrests, he admitted having been arrested at Springfield, Missouri two or three weeks ago on a charge of investigation, and at Creve Coeur, Missouri, approximately one year ago; this also being on an investigation charge. He stated both arrests were because he had no personal identification on his person, or in his possession. As pertains to his having no identification, he stated his identification was stolen from him several months ago. He observed he also lost his glasses several months ago, and noted he is extremely near sighted.

CLEVELAND advised he left his home in Palmer, Texas in 1956 or 1957, and had not returned to Palmer, Texas at any time during the past year. He advised during the past year he had continually been on the road and the only place he had lived more than a few days at a time was at St. Louis Missouri where he resided at 2337 Whitmore Place, and was acquainted with one JIM FISHBACK who resided at that address. He stated he had not been in St. Louis, Missouri during the past month, and therefore no one in that area could furnish any information as to his whereabouts on a given date during the past two weeks.

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CLEVELAND advised he recalled leaving a suitcase at the Greyhound Bus Station in Springfield, Missouri about one month ago, and doubted if the suitcase was still there. He noted this contained personal clothing and he knew of no other clothing he had stored at any location.

The following description of CLEVELAND was obtained through observation and interview:

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| Name | LYNN RAY CLEVELAND |
| Race | White |
| Sex | Male |
| Date of birth | |
| Place of birth | Palmer, Texas |
| Height | 5'11½" |
| Weight | 155 pounds |
| Build | Slender |
| Hair | Brown (receding and thin)(long sideburns) |
| Eyes | Blue |
| Scars and marks | 1½ inch horizontal scar, right upper arm; 3 inch scar inside left forearm. |
| (permanent) | |
| Home Address | 701 Main Street, Palmer, Texas |
| Parents | Mr. and Mrs. GARLAND FRANCIS CLEVELAND, 701 Main Street, Palmer, Texas. |
| Education | Claims lacked three months receiving BA Degree at Baylor University, Waco, Texas |
| Occupation | Baptist minister and evangelistic singer |
| Marital status | Single |
| Military Service | None |
| Miscellaneous | Claims formerly confined at Terrill State Hospital, Terrill, Texas during 1965 and 1966. |

After furnishing the above information, and being unable to furnish any definite information as to his whereabouts on any given date during the past two weeks, CLEVELAND was contacted by Reverend BILLY MAX WUELLNER, Baxter, Springs, Kansas, who identified CLEVELAND as having been at his church at 2:30 PM on April 3, 1968. When Reverend WUELLNER related the incidents to CLEVELAND, he was able to recall same, and recalled that he left Baxter Springs, Kansas, hitchhiking to Springfield, Missouri. His memory refreshed, he recalled he arrived in Springfield on the night of April 3, 1968, where he obtained \$20 at the Western Union Office, this money having been there approximately four or five days. The money was sent to him at his request from his father in Palmer, Texas. He noted he apparently left Springfield, Missouri prior to the money arriving there, and further recalled after he received the \$20, he stayed the night of April 3, 1968 at the State Hotel. To the best of his recollection, he stayed in Springfield, Missouri the next day and more than likely would have been in contact with RICHARD RUBLE, 1871 N. Broadway..

To the best of his recollection, he stayed the night of April 4, 1968 at the Hoff's Hotel. As to his whereabouts on March 29, 1968 and March 30, 1968, he could only state he was probably hitchhiking from Kingman, Arizona to Springfield, Missouri.

CLEVELAND's attention was called to the One-Hour Martinizing receipt in his possession which bore the notation "Promised Friday, 9:00 AM", and he was able to recall that he had some clothing at that establishment and he felt certain he would have placed the clothing there the day before, on a Thursday, April 4, 1968.

CLEVELAND was questioned as to the key in his possession when arrested and he stated, to the best of his knowledge, this possibly was a key to a locker at the Greyhound Bus Station, Springfield, Missouri, where he placed his clothing over a month ago. He noted he attempted to obtain the clothing from the locker, but the key no longer would fit the locker. He felt this was because the locker had been sealed due to the fact he had kept the key longer than the time allowed.

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Based upon above information, CLEVELAND stated he feels certain he would have been in Springfield, Missouri on April 4, 1968. He advised he would definitely state he was not in Memphis, Tennessee on that date, and that he had not been in Memphis, Tennessee or Birmingham, Alabama for at least one month. He observed that after his memory had been refreshed as to where he was, at a given time, that he was able to recall his actions immediately after leaving Baxter Springs, Kansas.

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Mr. and Mrs. GARLAND CLEVELAND, 701 Main Street, Palmer, Texas, arrived at the Joplin, Missouri Police Department to assume custody of their son, LYNN RAY CLEVELAND.

Mr. CLEVELAND, who stated he had been manager of the Barron Brick Company, Palmer, Texas, for the past 32 years, furnished the following information:

His son, LYNN RAY CLEVELAND, was born on [] at Palmer, Texas. His son is an ordained Baptist minister, having been ordained at Palmer, Texas. Approximately seven or eight years ago LYNN RAY CLEVELAND suffered a nervous breakdown and lacked only three months graduating from Baylor University. After suffering the nervous break-down, his son lost his church, and began a rather unstable existence with no permanent employment. He was placed in the Terrill State Hospital, Terrill, Texas, on three different occasions, during 1965 and 1966 due to his break-down and general mental condition. During the first part of 1967, his son walked away from the hospital and for the past year had been away from home, and apparently traveling over the country with no permanent residence or employment. He noted his son had not been in Palmer, Texas for the past year, and they in no way could verify his whereabouts on any given day during the past two weeks. He stated his son had never been known to carry a gun, and was considered completely harmless.

Mr. CLEVELAND noted the last word they had from their son was on or about March 26, 1968, when they received a Western Union Telegram from him requesting \$20 be sent to him at 1871 N. Broadway, Springfield, Missouri in care of RICHARD RUBLE. They sent this \$20 on March 29, 1968, from Ennis, Texas and had not seen or heard from LYNN RAY CLEVELAND since receiving the telegram. They advised this was not unusual as this was the only time they had contact with their son, that being when he needed money, and would either send them a telegram or telephone them, requesting same.

Mr. CLEVELAND stated their son had never been married, nor had he ever been in the Military Service.

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Mr. CLEVELAND advised he was extremely upset, due to the publicity the arrest of his son had received. He stated he had already contacted an attorney and planned on suing the responsible persons for the news releases which had indicated that his son had been arrested as a suspect in the slaying of the Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Mr. CLEVELAND was advised that his son was not in Federal custody, had not been arrested by the FBI, nor had any comment been made by the FBI at Joplin, Missouri, to any news media whatever.

Mr. CLEVELAND was interviewed in the presence of ADRIAN MEACHAM, Chief of Police, Joplin, Missouri.

On the evening of April 10, 1968, LYNN RAY CLEVELAND was released in custody of his father, GARLAND CLEVELAND for travel back to Palmer, Texas.

Mr. CLEVELAND advised that if it was necessary to contact his son in the future, contact could be made through him at Palmer, Texas.

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Officer D. A. MC AFEE, Joplin, Missouri Police Department, furnished the following information:

At 4:24 PM, on April 9, 1968, he was instructed by the Police Dispatcher to contact one VIRGINIA UHLER, Corral Motel, 3040 E. 7th Street, for information concerning a hitchhiker. He requested the description of the hitchhiker, and en route to the Corral Motel, observed a hitchhiker at 18th and Range Line. He checked this individual for information as to his identity and ascertained he was one LYNN R. CLEVELAND. He left the individual on the highway and proceeded to the Corral Motel, and contacted VIRGINIA UHLER, Manager of the motel.

Mrs. UHLER stated LYNN R. CLEVELAND had walked into the motel office and inquired as to directions to Tulsa, Oklahoma. While he was in the motel office, she had the television on, at which time a broadcast was being made of the MARTIN LUTHER KING funeral procession. CLEVELAND inquired as to whether or not it was the MARTIN LUTHER KING funeral, and according to UHLER, CLEVELAND appeared to be very interested in the television broadcast. After CLEVELAND departed, she telephonically contacted the Joplin, Missouri Police Department, as she felt CLEVELAND resembled an artist's conception of the individual who was being sought for the killing of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. She observed this artist's conception was recently published in the Joplin Globe Newspaper.

Due to the fact MC AFEE had not observed the artist's conception in the newspaper, he requested assistance to further check out the hitchhiker, and was assisted by officer B. W. FORNEY.

Officers FORNEY and MC AFEE arrested LYNN RAY CLEVELAND while he was hitchhiking at 31st and Range Line, and at the time of arrest, all that CLEVELAND had in his possession for identification was a library card on a Springfield, Missouri library. He also had a torn Social Security application card which was barely legible, showing Social Security Number CLEVELAND stated he was en route to Tulsa,

On 4/9/68 at Joplin, Missouri File # KC 44-760

by SA ROBERT E. HICKAM:ENV Date dictated 4/13/68

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Oklahoma from Springfield, Missouri, and had been traveling around in Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri, and Tennessee. Found in his possession was one piece of religious material with the address, Memphis, Tennessee stamped on the back, which he stated he obtained from a bus station. At the time of arrest, CLEVELAND was carrying a top-coat, sports coat, and had a tie in his pocket.

It was observed CLEVELAND fit the description of the artist's conception which had appeared in the Joplin Globe, and he was therefore taken to the Joplin, Missouri Police Department, and booked on a charge of "Hold for Investigation - Homicide other cities".

At time of arrest, CLEVELAND had only five cents in his possession, and a billfold containing numerous cards from various churches.

When booked at the City Jail, CLEVELAND furnished the following information:

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| Name | LYNN RAY CLEVELAND |
| Race | White |
| Sex | Male |
| Age | 33 years |
| Date of birth | |
| Place of birth | Palmer, Texas |
| Height | 5'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ " |
| Weight | 157 pounds |
| Hair | Brown |
| Eyes | Blue |
| Build | Slender |
| Complexion | Medium |
| Occupation | Musician |
| Father, | G. T. CLEVELAND Box 9263, Palmer, Texas |
| Marital status | Single |
| Address | 2387 Witmore Place, St. Louis, Missouri |

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CLEVELAND was booked in at the City Jail at 4:50 PM, to be questioned further by Detective Captain WALTER FLENNER.

Officer MC AFEE noted that neither he nor Officer FORNEY had any information whatever linking CLEVELAND with the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., other than the fact CLEVELAND resembled the artist's conception of KING's assassin as set forth above.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/18/681

Mrs. VIRGINIA E. UHLER, Owner and Manager, Corral Motel, 3040 East 7th Street, furnished the following information:

On the evening of April 9, 1968, an unknown individual, later identified as LYNN RAY CLEVELAND, walked in to her motel office and requested directions to the Tulsa, Oklahoma Turnpike. She furnished him the directions, and he then asked a question pertaining to the program that was on the television set in the motel office. She recalled at the time there was a program concerning the funeral procession of Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and CLEVELAND inquired if the program was about KING's funeral. She then recalled CLEVELAND making some sort of comment that not only KING, but BILLY GRAHAM, should devote more of their time toward other things than their own religious purposes. She stated she could not directly quote him, but felt he meant that no one should become wrapped up in their own thoughts to the exclusion of all other matters.

She stated CLEVELAND was alone, did not ask for any handouts, and she did not observe him carrying any luggage.

Mrs. UHLER advised he stayed in the motel office less than ten minutes and when he left the motel, she telephonically contacted the Joplin, Missouri Police Department, as she felt CLEVELAND resembled the artist's conception of KING's slayer which recently appeared in the local newspaper. She advised she had absolutely no reason at all to suspect CLEVELAND other than the fact he resembled the artist's conception, and he made no comment whatever indicating he had been in Memphis, Tennessee, or any comment even remotely indicating he was connected with the murder of Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Mrs. UHLER advised she did recall CLEVELAND mentioning he was hitchhiking. This was the only time she had ever observed this person who was later identified as LYNN RAY CLEVELAND.

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On April 23, 1968, FRANCIS MURPHY, Sheriff, Laclede County, Lebanon, Missouri, advised his records reflect DAVID L. WILSON was booked into the jail on August 5, 1967, by the Missouri State Highway Patrol, and released August 12, 1967. WILSON is described in the record as a white male, age 35 years, height 6'3", brown hair, blue eyes, medium complexion, residence - Dade City, Florida.

On April 23, 1968, records of the Magistrate Court, Laclede County, Lebanon, Missouri, revealed WILSON appeared there on August 7, 1967, and pled guilty to charge of driving intoxicated. He was fined \$100.00 and \$14.20 costs. His residence was listed as 1001 Lock St., Dade City, Florida. and he had Florida driver's license G172074 and was driving a Willis Shaw truck from Springdale, Arkansas.

On April 23, 1968, Sheriff FRANCIS MURPHY, Deputies VIRGIL DAVIS and RALPH WATKINS, along with Missouri State Highway Patrol Officers Sergeant CLAUDE ARNOLD, JIM MORELAND, GLENN WILSON, and S.I. DAVID were exhibited a photo of subject, but none could give any information concerning him or make any identification.

Sheriff MURPHY advised there are only two taverns in Lebanon, Missouri--City Tavern and Mary's Tavern.

On April 23, 1968, LOUISE MUSSELMAN, City Tavern, 120 $\frac{1}{2}$ W. Commercial, and MARY SPARKS, Mary's Tavern, 107 North Madison, both Lebanon, Missouri, observed photos of subject and stated they were unable to recall him as ever being a patron in their respective taverns. Both said he is not a regular or occasional customer and they were unable to give any additional information.

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 RE: M U R K I N

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Ex-con DONALD GARFIELD COX has advised he was in the MSP, 9-60 to 9-63. He recognized the photo of subject as being a prisoner who knew slightly there. He stated RAY was a "loner", did not associate with other prisoners, and was not generally well liked by other inmates. RAY was not known to him to gamble.

COX was unable to recall a prisoner named ALLEN, but thought he might recognize a photo of such an individual if it is available.

He recalled fellow inmate JAMES BROWN as being a notorious liar and teller of tall tales who always had "some big deal" going for which reason he shunned BROWN whenever possible.

The Bureau and Memphis have previously been advised of the above by TT.

Ex-con JOHN PAUL VELANTI has steadfastly maintained he does not know subject other than being generally aware subject was a fellow inmate at MSP during the time he was incarcerated there. VELANTI states he never held conversations with subject, does not recall ever having been housed in the same hall with him. VELANTI has admitted running a poker game and lottery at the prison in which he had numerous other inmates working for him. He is positive he never employed RAY in any of these undertakings. He has specifically denied ever planning or executing a burglary or robbery of any oil

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He admitted/with an unidentified prisoner outside the Catholic Chapel following President KENNEDY's assassination, due to ~~the~~ derogatory remark about KENNEDY being a Catholic. He stated such prisoner could not have been subject. No charges were filed as a result of this instant.

He recalled an inmate named JIMMY RAYE who was somewhat active in gambling activities at the prison. This individual was a white male, doing 25 years for rape. RAYE also played basketball at the prison. VELANTI also recalled RAYE was in trouble with an inmate gambler, TEX MARTIN, due to a gambling debt. VELANTI persuaded MARTIN to "lay off" RAYE.

VELANTI recalled BROWN as a good friend with whom he "celled" and also "took care of" at MSP. He first met BROWN at the prison although they were in the Kansas City, Mo. jail at the same time in different tanks. He associated with BROWN both at the MSP and at the Minimum Security Prison at Moberly. He described BROWN as a friend who would have no reason to lie about him.

SL does not contemplate further questioning of VELANTI, concerning BROWN's allegations.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, (44-1740)

FROM : SA WILLIAM H. LEE

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

DATE: 6/12/68

On 5/31/68, D. R. GRAVES, Sheriff, Cullman County, Cullman, Alabama, advised he received information on this date from EARL MAYHALL, owner, Mayhall Construction Company, Cullman, that he had observed an individual, a couple of days previous, who was a guest at the Anderson Motel, who very much resembled JAMES EARL RAY, assassin of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

On 5/31/68, photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were displayed to EARL MAYHALL, owner, Mayhall Construction Company, Highway 31, North, Cullman, at which time he advised on or about 5/29/68, he observed an individual at the Anderson Motel Restaurant, whom he believed is identical with RAY. He again advised after observing this photograph of subject RAY, that he felt sure this individual is identical, and pointed out this individual is occupying Room 35 at the Anderson Motel. MAYHALL stated that Mr. and Mrs. ANDERSON are good friends of his who are owner and operator of this motel and he made a subsequent check with them and determined that the individual was registered under the name MYRICK, and both Mr. and Mrs. ANDERSON stated to him this individual does resemble the photograph of subject RAY.

On 5/31/68, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. ANDERSON, owners and operators of the ANDERSON MOTEL, Cullman, advised after observing a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, that the photograph does resemble the individual using the name SID MYRICK, who was a guest in Room 35, from 5/26 - 29/68. Both stated they did not feel this individual is identical with RAY, however, as he filled out his own guest card as SID MYRICK of 1232 Winnetka Way, Birmingham, Alabama, listing his license number as 1C-2085, and representing the Goodall-Brown Company of Birmingham. Both Mr. and Mrs. ANDERSON advised they are well acquainted with the Goodall-Brown Company, as they have purchased motel supplies from this company during the

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past several years, and they feel the company is very reliable and certainly feel this individual by the name of SID MYRICK is a salesman for this company.

Mrs. ANDERSON furnished a guest card under date of 5/29/68, in the name SID MYRICK, as set out above, pointing out this individual filled out this card in her presence and in his own handwriting.

On 5/31/68, this above information was telephonically furnished to SA HENRY A. SNOW for possible confirmation through the Birmingham City and Telephone Directories, concerning SID MYRICK and the company Goodall-Brown, which he represented.

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In the event SA SNOW has not verified above information, will contact the Goodall-Brown Company and determine if SID MYRICK is a representative of this company in order to determine that he is not identical with subject RAY.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1740)

DATE: 6/14/68

FROM : SA STEPHEN L. CRABBE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The following investigation was conducted at Athens, Ala., on 5/17/68, by SA STEPHEN L. CRABBE:

A review of the guest registration records for April 1-3, 1968, of the Mark Motel, U. S. Highway 31 North, HERCHEL MIZE, owner; Athens Motel, U. S. Highway 31 North, J. L. LEWTER, owner; Tourways Inn, U. S. 31 and 72, W. G. THOMPSON, Manager, and Davids Motel, U. S. 31 South, JAMES BIGGS, owner, failed to reveal any registration which could be identifiable with the following individuals:

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JAMES EARL RAY
EDDIE WILBURN
SAMUEL LEWIS



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

FROM : SA NORMAN D. MIDDLETON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 6/14/68

Re telephone conversation with SA NEIL
MARTIN, 5/31/68.

Re Analysis of Financial Transactions

Mr. ALBERT FIORENZANO, 1902 Maple Avenue,
Florence, Alabama, withdrew \$3,200 on 1/24/68 from
American Express Company, 65 Broadway, New York,
New York.

On 5/31/68, Mr. JAMES EATON, Credit
Bureau of Muscle Shoals, Inc., Florence, Alabama,
advised his records reflect Mr. FIORENZANO moved
to Florence, Alabama, from 13 Rue Sadi, Carnot
Autetie, France. The records reflect he is 70 years
old and retired. Mr. EATON advised that it is his
recollection that this individual moved from France
to be with his daughter, who is married to an individual
from Florence, Alabama. He advised his records reflect
FIORENZANO has a checking account at the First National
Bank of Florence, Alabama.

On 5/31/68, Mr. BILL MITCHELL, President,
First National Bank of Florence, advised his records
reflect a checking account was opened on 1/29/68 with
\$3,000 cash and only small checks have been written
since that time. He advised the checking account was
opened in the name of ALBERT E. FIORENZANO.

OSCAR JOHNSON, JR., P. O. Box 348,
Tuscumbia, Alabama, cashed a check at the First National
Bank of Tuscumbia on 4/26/68 in the amount of \$6,000
and received cash.

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On 6/3/68, Mr. JAMES EATON, Credit Bureau of Muscle Shoals, Inc., Florence, Alabama, advised his records reflect OSCAR JOHNSON, JR., is employed at Robbins Floor Products Company, Tuscumbia, Alabama, and resides at 1123 Hillendale Drive, Tuscumbia, Alabama.

On 6/3/68, a check was made at the residence at 1123 Hillendale Drive, Tuscumbia, Alabama, and a mailbox reflected the name of C. GUY JEFFREYS.

On 6/4/68, the records of the Probate Office, Colbert County, Alabama, were reviewed and reflected that CECIL GUY JEFFREYS and wife, FRANCIS B. JEFFREYS, purchased Lot 13, Block A, Mountainview Subdivision, City of Tuscumbia, Colbert County, Alabama, from OSCAR JOHNSON, JR., and wife ESTRELLA KAY JOHNSON for the sum of \$6,000 and assumption of an existing mortgage.

On 6/4/68, Mr. JERRY WAGES, Assistant Vice President, First National Bank of Tuscumbia, Tuscumbia, Alabama, advised his records do not reflect a checking account in the name of OSCAR JOHNSON, JR. He advised he is unable to determine what disposition may have been made of the check which was cashed at his bank.

On 6/4/68, Mr. JAMES H. SPARKS, Robbins Floor Products, Tuscumbia, Alabama, (former SA) advised that OSCAR JOHNSON, JR. resigned his position at Robbins Floor Products on 5/10/68 and he has purchased a motel in Florida. SPARKS advised that he would presume the proceeds from the sale of the JOHNSON residence was used as an investment in the motel.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM

DATE: 6/15/68

FROM : SA RS MUGAVIN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

SA Gordon, at Bureau, called and Advised Division 5 had a call from Bob Johnson in the office of Deputy Director, Passport Division, US Dept of State.

Art Hanes, Sr and Art Hanes, jr had talked to duty agent in Passport Division. Hanes, Sr said he had been contacted by an Unid British attorney re representing RAY.. Hanes mentioned he had been in touch with a Mr Pollock at USDJ (CR Division?).

Hanes has been informed the Passport Office, New York City, will issue passports to Hanes, Sr -DOB [REDACTED], Alabama- and Hanes, Jr DOB [REDACTED] Texas - on Monday.

Above for information.

SA Gordon also requested SAC, Birmingham's airtel be sent on teletype at request of Mr Rosen.



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RE BIRMINGHAM TELCALL TO BUREAU THIS DATE TWELVE FIFTEEN P.M.

ATTORNEY ARTHUR J. HANES TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED THE SAC AND ADVISED THAT HE WAS RETAINED TO REPRESENT JAMES EARL RAY. HE STATED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED A LETTER FROM RAY AND FROM THE ATTORNEYS REPRESENTING RAY IN LONDON. HE INDICATED THAT HE HAS BEEN ATTEMPTING TO TELEPHONICALLY CONTACT ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK TO EXPEDITE HIS OBTAINING A PASSPORT TO TRAVEL TO LONDON TO INTERVIEW RAY. HE SAID THAT IT WAS HIS INTENTION TO RETURN RAY TO THE UNITED STATES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HE WANTED TO KNOW WHETHER IT WAS POSSIBLE FOR THE BIRMINGHAM OFFICE TO CONTACT MR. CLARK. HE WAS ADVISED THAT HE SHOULD MAKE HIS OWN ARRANGEMENTS DIRECTLY WITH MR. CLARK AND THAT THE BUREAU COULD NOT ASSIST HIM IN THIS MATTER.

THE BUREAU'S ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO THE FACT THAT MR. HANES REPRESENTED THE KLANSMEN IN THE CASE ENTITLED EUGENE THOMAS.
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)
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Reference Birmingham telephone call to Bureau this date 12:15 p.m.

Attorney ARTHUR J. HANES telephonically contacted the SAC and advised that he was retained to represent JAMES EARL RAY. He stated that he had received a letter from RAY and from the attorneys representing RAY in London. He indicated that he has been attempting to telephonically contact Attorney General RAMSEY CLARK to expedite his obtaining a passport to travel to London to interview RAY. He said that it was his intention to return RAY to the United States as soon as possible. He wanted to know whether it was possible for the Birmingham Office to contact Mr. CLARK. He was advised that he should make his own arrangements directly with Mr. CLARK and that the Bureau could not assist him in this matter.

The Bureau's attention is directed to the fact that Mr. HANES represented the Klansmen in the case entitled EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL; VIOLA GREGG LIUZZO, ET AL - VICTIMS, CR, EL (BUfile 44-28681).

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TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

DATE: 6/8/68

FROM : SA NEIL P. SHANAHAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 1:15 p.m. this date, the writer accepted collect telephone call from Mr. JOHN DeSHAZO, primary identification witness of JAMES EARL RAY, from Eldora, Colorado.

Mr. DeSHAZO advised that he had just heard the news concerning RAY's capture and wished to advise the FBI of his present whereabouts if needed. DeSHAZO stated that he is in the company of VERNON S. McGRAW, a recent graduate of the Air Force Academy, and preparing to embark on a wilderness boat trip down the Colorado River. DeSHAZO stated he expects to be back in Birmingham by 6/20/68 following this trip.

DeSHAZO advised he felt it necessary to call because he will be necessarily out of touch with everybody for days at a time. He stated he would leave a "broad trail" if we need to find him prior to his return to Birmingham.

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TO : File (44-1740)

DATE: 6-17-68

FROM : SAC, Birmingham

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 12:00 noon, 6-17-68, Supervisor CLEM McGOWAN, Bureau, telephonically requested that all hotel and motel records be photographed for 3-29-68 to determine whether RAY might have registered under an unknown alias on that date, also to determine whether the name of a motel or hotel guest may also be similar to the name that appeared on the register of the Rebel Motel at the same time RAY was registered.

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Honorable S. Vincent Townsend
Vice President and Assistant to
the Publisher
The Birmingham News
Post Office Box 2553
Birmingham, Alabama 35202

Dear Mr. Townsend:

Special Agent in Charge Gamble has furnished me a copy of the editorial entitled "The Pursuit and Capture of Ray" which appeared in the June 11th edition of your newspaper.

It is most reassuring to know that the work of this Bureau in the case involving James Earl Ray has merited your approval. I appreciate your high regard not only for the work of the FBI but also for the other law enforcement agencies which gave such splendid cooperation in this investigation.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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RE: **MURKIN**

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TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

DATE: 6/17/68

FROM : SA RALPH N. BUTLER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Atlanta airtel to Birmingham, 6/3/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA RALPH N. BUTLER at Gadsden, Alabama, on 6/7/68:

WILLARD GRAMLING, Identification Bureau, Gadsden PD; Mrs. BEATRICE BRILES, Clerk, Etowah County SO; and Mrs. VERA MARTIN, City Clerk, Attalla, Alabama, PD; all advised they could locate no record for JERRY MOSELEY or JERRY MOSLEY.

A check of the 1968 Gadsden and Attalla telephone directory and the 1968 City Directory for Gadsden, Alabama, failed to reflect the name JERRY MOSLEY or JERRY MOSELEY.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

CALVIN DAY, Domestic Operations Division, Passport Office, United States Department of State, advised SA KENNETH E. HASKER, on 6/17/68, that Mr. ARTHUR J. HANES, Sr., called him from Birmingham, Ala., at 11:30 am, 6/17/68, to advise that Mr. HANES and son ARTHUR J. HANES, Jr., will come to Washington, D.C. to get passports. They will appear at the Passport Office on morning of 6/19/68, to file application and the passports will be issued immediately. They plan to depart for London from Dallas airport at 7:00 pm, 6/19/68.

It is noted that Mr. HANES has previously informed Mr. DAY that he has been asked to serve as counsel for JAMES EARL RAY. Mr. DAY also recalled that in previous conversation Mr. HANES mentioned having received a letter from RAYMOND GEORGE SNEYD from London recently.

For information of Bureau, Memphis, and Birmingham.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (66-572- SP-R)

DATE: 6/19/68

FROM : SA SNOW

SUBJECT: **HAILING LISTS
BEER AND LIQUOR LICENSEES,
STATE OF ALA.**

During the Murkin investigation SAC Gamble has furnished a list of several thousand beer and liquor licensees with complete addresses. These may be of material assistance in the future in circularization of I.O. s and Wanted Flyers in major cases upon Bureau authority.

A separate sub-file is being opened as above but due to the volume of the lists they will be maintained in a brown manila envelope in a cabinet in the office of the #3 Supervisor.

*Removed from Sub above. and placed
in 66-572-R 7-15-68 per instruction #3*

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

June 19, 1968

**ARTHUR JACKSON HANES;
ARTHUR JACKSON HANES, JR.**

The files of the Passport Office, Department of State, reviewed by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, on June 19, 1968, disclosed that Arthur Jackson Hanes was issued Passport J 684736 at Washington, D.C., on June 19, 1968, for a proposed travel for five days to England, Scotland, and Ireland on business-to see client. In his application dated June 19, 1968, at Washington, D.C., he stated that he intended to depart by unnamed airline and expected to take another trip abroad within the year. This passport was valid for three years' travel to all countries except Cuba, Mainland China, North Korea, and North Vietnam.

This individual stated that he was born on [redacted], at Birmingham, Alabama, and his file reflects that his delayed birth certificate showing a filing date of February 7, 1923, and based upon an affidavit by his mother has been seen by passport authorities. He gave his permanent residence as 565 Rutherford Circle, Birmingham, Alabama, and arranged to pick up his passport in Washington. He listed his father as James Oscar Hanes, born at Birmingham, Alabama, on [redacted], and his mother as Emma Barton, born at Birmingham on [redacted]. He stated that he was last married on December 12, 1935 to Eleanor Bernhard Hanes, who was born at Birmingham, Alabama, on [redacted] marriage not terminated. In the event of death or accident he requested that Eleanor B. Hanes, his wife, be notified at the home address.

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**ARTHUR JACKSON HANES;
ARTHUR JACKSON HANES, JR.**

The following description appeared in his file:

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| Height: | 5 feet 9 3/4 inches |
| Hair: | Brown |
| Eyes: | Blue |
| Occupation: | Attorney |

The passport files also show that Arthur Jackson Hanes, Jr., was issued Passport J684737 at Washington, D.C., on June 19, 1968, for a proposed travel for one week to Great Britain, Scotland, and Ireland on business. In his application dated June 19, 1968, he stated that he intended to depart by unnamed airline and that he expected to take another trip abroad within the year. This passport had the same validity and restriction as his father.

Mr. Hanes, Jr., stated that he was born on [redacted] at El Paso, Texas and his file reflects that his birth certificate has been seen by passport authorities. He gave his permanent residence as 401 Meadow Brook Lane, Birmingham, Alabama, and originally requested that the passport be mailed to him at Room 617, Frank Nelson Building, Birmingham, Alabama, telephone 324-9336, but he later arranged to pick up his passport in Washington. He listed his father as Arthur J. Hanes, born in Birmingham on [redacted] and his mother as Eleanor Bernhard born in Birmingham on August 5, 1917. He stated that he was last married on August 22, 1964, to Patsy Green, who was born at Birmingham on [redacted], marriage not terminated. In the event of death or accident he requested that Patsy G. Hanes, his wife, be notified at his residence address.

The following description of Mr. Hanes, Jr., appeared in his file:

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| Height: | 5 feet 8 inches |
| Hair: | Blond |
| Eyes: | Hazel |
| Occupation: | Lawyer |
| Social Security Number: | [redacted] |

**ARTHUR JACKSON HANES;
ARTHUR JACKSON HANES, JR.**

**Each of these individuals identified himself with an
Alabama driver's license.**

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

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Enclosed for the Bureau are 6 copies, for Memphis two copies, and for Birmingham one copy of an LHM captioned "ARTHUR JACKSON HANES; ARTHUR JACKSON HANES, JR."

Investigation reflected in instant LHM was conducted by SA KENNETH J. HASER. This information has been set forth in this memorandum without the property stamp for the possible assistance of Legat, London.

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