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Date: 8/9/68

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

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)(P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO:Memphis

Re Birmingham airtel dated 7/19/68.

~~RE: WILLIE JAMES MC GUIRE~~

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA THEODORE J. A'HEARN:

There is no such street in Los Angeles County  
as Central Parkway.

CLIFFORD MOORE, Dispatcher, Transcon, Inc.,  
7745 South Paramount, Pico Rivera, California, advised  
MC GUIRE is not an employee of that company. Transcon  
has neither leased their equipment to another carrier  
nor leased equipment from another carrier in over two  
years. They have no lease truck drivers in Los Angeles.

Personal observation at 627 South Alameda  
Street, Los Angeles, reveals the entire 600 block to be  
utilized by gasoline stations, a bank and parking lots.

- 3 - Bureau
- ② - Birmingham (44-1740)(AM)
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)(AM)
- 2 - Los Angeles

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FBI

Date:

LA 44-1574

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Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_

There are no inhabitable structures within this block. What would be the equivalent of 600 South Alameda Street, Los Angeles, is the Hollywood Freeway, its over-crossing and access roads.

The records of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company reveal that telephone number 827-3581 does not exist in the entire code 213, which encompasses all of the City and County of Los Angeles.

The records of the Los Angeles Police Department and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office, as caused to be reviewed by IC MERTON R. ANDERSON, JR., on 8/7/68, contain no record for WILLIE JAMES MC GUIRE based on descriptive information available.

Indices of the Los Angeles Office are negative regarding MC GUIRE.

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Special Agent in Charge

8/12/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
OO: MEMPHIS

On 8/12/68, HUGH EGERTON, until recently Postal Inspector and now Assistant Postmaster, Birmingham, (protect identity), advised the Birmingham Post Office is returning to the sender as undeliverable a letter postmarked 8/8/68, addressed to ERIC GALT, 2608 Highland Ave., Birmingham, Ala. The letter bears the return address, DeLangre & Mortensen Screens, 7557 Sunset Blvd., Hollywood, Calif. 90046, and, according to EGERTON, appears to be an advertising brochure pertaining to Mortensen Texture screens, textbooks and dark room printing material. He stated apparently the company sending the brochure to ERIC GALT deals primarily in photographic equipment. EGERTON said the address on the letter appeared to be the type of address which would be taken from a mailing list.

Los Angeles, if not already done, will contact DeLangre & Mortensen Screens, 7557 Sunset Blvd., Hollywood, and determine whether this company has had previous dealings with subject as ERIC GALT and, if so, the details of their transactions with GALT.

- 3 - Bureau
- 2 - Los Angeles (44-1574) (AM)
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 2 - Birmingham

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : File (44-1740)

FROM : SAC, Birmingham

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 8-9-68

At 2:15 p.m. this date, Mr. BOB WOOD, owner of Aeromarine, telephonically advised that he and his son have been receiving threatening telephone calls for the past several months, (especially since an article appeared in "The Birmingham News" recently (under TOM LANKFORD's byline, wherein he) indicated his son DONNIE was to be the Government's principal witness. He stated that his son had received calls since the publication of this article indicating "You will not live to testify in this trial" and "You will not live to go to court." A few minutes ago an employee of Aeromarine received a telephone call from an unknown individual, whom she believes to be a Negro. The caller asked if Aeromarine sold sawed-off shotguns, and she replied in the negative. He stated that he was a member of the "Black Pamphlets" (presumably Panthers), which was "black power." He stated "You better stock up with sawed-off shotguns because we are going to burn you out." Mr. WOOD indicated that he wanted this to be made a matter of record and indicated that he was not fearful for his own safety or that of his son.

He was advised to contact the local police, and he requested that I contact COP MOORE and request that his patrols be alert while in the vicinity of his place of business.

This information was telephonically furnished to Supervisor LONG at the Bureau, with the suggestion that Bureau authorization might be granted to have this matter discussed with the AUSA to determine whether or not he may care to place the WOODS under subpoena in order that they may be protected by the Obstruction of Justice Statute. Supervisor LONG indicated he would advise.

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*S.G. also alerted.*



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Birmingham, Alabama  
August 12, 1968

RE: JAMES EARL RAY;  
REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
Civil Rights

On August 9, 1968, Mr. Bob Wood, Owner of Aeromarine Supply Company, advised the Birmingham Office of the FBI that he and his son have been receiving threatening telephone calls for the past few weeks, especially since an article appeared in the "Birmingham News" under Tom Lanford's byline wherein he indicated that Don Wood was to be the government's principal witness in the trial of James Earl Ray.

Wood stated that since the publication of this article, his son has received several telephone calls of an anonymous nature wherein the caller states, "You will not live to testify in this trial" and "You will not live to go to court."

Wood stated also that earlier this date one of his employees received an anonymous telephone call from an individual whom, she believed to be a Negro, who advised that he was a member of the "Black Pamphlets" (presumably Panthers) which was "black power". The caller stated, "You'd better stock up with sawed-off shotguns because we are going to burn you out."

Wood indicated that he did not fear for the personal safety of either his son or himself, but he did want to make these threatening calls a matter of record. He advised that he had already reported these calls to the local authorities.

5 - Bureau  
2 - Birmingham  
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RE: JAMES EARL RAY;  
REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
Civil Rights

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nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property  
of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and  
its contents are not to be distributed outside  
your agency.

8/12/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

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

MURKIN

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OO: BH

Enclosed are five copies of letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination, setting forth information received from Mr. BOB WOOD, owner of Aeromarine Supply Company, Birmingham, Alabama.

Information contained in this letterhead memorandum has been furnished to Chief of Police, Birmingham, and Sheriff, Jefferson County, Alabama.

3 - Bureau (Enc. 5)

② - Birmingham

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**Birmingham, Alabama, 35303**

**August 13, 1968**

**Re: James Earl Ray;  
Reverend Martin Luther King - Victim**

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**Mr. Don Wood, Aeromarine Supply Company, Birmingham, Alabama, telephonically contacted Special Agent Neil P. Shanshan of the Birmingham office of the FBI and furnished the following information:**

5-Bureau (RM)  
1-Memphis (RM)(Info.) (44-1987)  
1-Birmingham (44-1740)  
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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 8/12/68

Mr. DON WOOD, Acromarine Supply Company, Birmingham, telephonically contacted Special Agent NEIL P. BERNHARDT and furnished the following information:

WOOD stated that at approximately 5:15 or 5:30 p.m., on August 11, 1968, ARTHUR MINKS, Attorney, appeared at the Acromarine Supply Company and requested to speak with him. WOOD advised that he was busy and when he had completed his sale, he spoke with Mr. MINKS, who made small talk for a few minutes and then said "Well, my son is on check up, he can't remember exactly what time he was in this store on that Friday and Saturday afternoon. Can you remember what time he was in here?" WOOD advised that he told MINKS that "he was in here sometime in the afternoon."

WOOD stated that following this exchange, MINKS thanked him very much and then left the store. At no time did MINKS refer to his client, JAMES EARL RAY or anyone else by name but left no doubt in his (WOOD's) mind that he was referring to his client, JAMES EARL RAY.

WOOD stated also that MINKS came in his store about two or three weeks ago and purchased two .38-caliber Colt Detective Specials from him and stated at the time that he needed them for protection for both he and his son because of increasing telephone calls.

On 8/12/68 at Birmingham, Alabama File # ME 44-1740  
ME 44-1507  
 by SA NEIL P. BERNHARDT:cto Date dictated 8/12/68

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August 12, 1968

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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

MURKIN;  
CR  
OO:ME

Re Birmingham telephone call to Bureau August 13, 1968.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination, setting forth information received from Mr. DON WOOD, witness, this case.

One copy of the above-mentioned letterhead memorandum is being designated for the Memphis Division for information purposes.

3-Bureau (Enc.5)(AM)  
1-Memphis(44-1987)(Info.)(AM) (Enc.1)  
1-Birmingham  
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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

Date 8/13/68

Mr. DON WOOD, Aeromarine Supply Company, Birmingham, telephonically contacted Special Agent NEIL P. SHANAHAN and furnished the following information:

WOOD stated that at approximately 5:15 or 5:30 p.m., on August 12, 1968, ARTHUR HANES, Attorney, appeared at the Aeromarine Supply Company and requested to speak with him. WOOD advised that he was busy and when he had completed his sale, he spoke with Mr. HANES, who made small talk for a few minutes and then said "DON, my man is so shook up, he can't remember exactly what time he was in this store on that Friday and Saturday afternoon. Can you remember what time he was in here?" WOOD advised that he told HANES that "he was in here sometime in the afternoon."

WOOD stated also that HANES came in his store about two or three weeks ago and purchased two .38 caliber Colt Detective Specials from him, and stated at the time that he needed them for protection for both he and his son because of harassing telephone calls.

On 8/12/68 at Birmingham, Alabama File # BH 44-1740 - 2044  
by SA NEIL P. SHANAHAN:rte ME 44-1987  
8/13/68 Date dictated \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: 8-19-68

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To: SAC, Birmingham (44-1740)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Birmingham airtel dated 8-13-68.

If not already done, you should advise appropriate Birmingham officials of the fact that Arthur Hanes, Attorney for James Earl Ray, purchased two .38 caliber Colt Detective Specials from Aeromarine Supply Company, Birmingham, Alabama, and stated that he needed them for protection for both him and his son because of harassing telephone calls.

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COP Moore  
& Sher. Bailey  
Cognizant  
Has

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-370)  
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (105-722) (P)  
SUBJECT: UHA, INC.,  
KING  
RM (KLAN)  
OO: RM

On 8/19/68, RM 418-B furnished the following information:

Source advised on 8/18/68 ROBERT N. SHELTON placed a telephone call to ARTHUR HANES in Birmingham, Alabama, concerning the recent upholding of SHELTON's contempt conviction in the Circuit Court of Appeals. Source advised that HANES told SHELTON that he was too busy with the KING case and felt that the possibility in his filing any brief for SHELTON would damage both SHELTON and JAMES EARL RAY. Source advised that HANES recommended to SHELTON a Mr. ED BLANTON, an attorney in Birmingham, Alabama, to handle SHELTON's appeal. Source stated that BLANTON traveled to Tuscaloosa, Alabama, on the evening of 8/16/68 and met with SHELTON and MELVIN SEXTON at the Holiday Inn in Tuscaloosa. Source advised that it was learned that BLANTON discussed the case and a retainer fee with SHELTON and that SHELTON gave BLANTON a check for \$1,000. Source advised that BLANTON has 14 days from August 14, 1968, to file a new brief with the Supreme Court of the United States.

- 3 - Bureau
- 1 - Charlotte (Info)
- 4 - Birmingham (2 - 105-722)
- (1 - 170-180-27)
- (1 - 44-1740)

ELN:jaw  
(8) *jan*

*I believe this  
is lawyer in 2121 case  
that wrote appeal brief  
in his 30 case*

*Fried Blanton  
Aug. 2121- Bldg  
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Source also advised that SHELTON placed a telephone call to LISTER CHALMER, Raleigh, North Carolina, who was the original attorney in SHELTON's contempt case. It was determined that SHELTON told CHALMER that he was no longer needed in this regard and was requested to send all the necessary papers back to the National Office.

It was also determined that a defense fund will be started for SHELTON's appeal in the Supreme Court and that SHELTON has told SHELTON that it will take \$5,000 for this appeal. Source advised that the National Office is in the process of composing a letter to be sent to all Klansmen in the United States and other interested parties in an effort to raise the \$5,000 defense fund.

The above is being furnished for the information of the Bureau and this matter will be closely followed by Birmingham for any future developments.

CAUTION: EXTREME CARE SHOULD BE USED IN ANY DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS Airtel IN AN EFFORT TO PROTECT SOURCE WHO IS IN A VERY SENSITIVE POSITION. AT THIS TIME, ONLY SOURCE, THE NATIONAL OFFICERS OF THE KKK, SHELTON, AND HARRIS, ARE AWARE OF THE ABOVE-DISCUSSED ARRANGEMENT.

8/19/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)  
MURKIN

On 8/19/68 ME 313-R advised that while in attendance at a rally of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA) at Ridgetop, Tenn., on 8/17/68 he met and spoke with ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, concerning JAMES EARL RAY.

Source stated that SHELTON took him aside and questioned him regarding the men in the Memphis area within the Klan that he could trust and also whether or not members of the Klan within Tennessee would be amenable to donating money for RAY.

SHELTON told source that he was approached by ARTHUR HANES, lawyer for RAY, and allegedly told SHELTON that RAY had no money. Source stated that SHELTON told him he was coming to Memphis in the near future, time not specified, to look at a jury list that would be given him by HANES. Source advised that SHELTON asked source to look over this list with him when he comes to Memphis.

SHELTON stated he would contact source to give him further details "in the near future."

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3 - Bureau (RM)  
1 - Birmingham (105-722) (RM)  
3 - Memphis (2 - 44-1987)  
(1 - 170-154) (ME 313-R)

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105-560

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)(P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
OO: MEMPHIS

Re Birmingham airtel 8/12/68.

Mr. JACQUES DE LANGRE, 7557 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, was interviewed on 8/19/68 and advised that the name ERIC GALT was unfamiliar to him. He reviewed his records and advised that an address card with the name ERIC GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, was contained therein. No legend appeared on the card, but he stated he felt, because of the color of the card, the inquiry was made at least six months ago.

He stated that GALT probably made inquiry of their concern from an advertisement in "Modern Photography", "National Professional Photography", "Popular Photography" or "PSA Journal", as his firm advertises in these magazines. He stated that the Mortensen Texture Screens are darkroom aids. He felt that a person interested in this type of equipment would be one who was either a professional photographer or had his own darkroom setup.

He stated that records of his firm contain no indications of any additional correspondence with ERIC GALT.

3 - Bureau (AM)  
2 - Memphis (44-1987)(AM)  
① - Birmingham (44-1740)(AM)  
1 - Los Angeles  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

Date 8-2-68

Name and F.P.C.	FBI No.	A.O.	I.O.	W.F.	CC	Cancellation
George William Tyree, Jr. 20 L 1 U OIO 16 S 1 U OOO	4, 714, 268	3337	3780			Federal process dismissed. (8-2-68)
Don Ferris McCall, Jr. 21 M 1 U 15 L 3 Wr	327, 089 B	3338	4092			Located Northridge, Calif., 7-17-68. (8-2-68)
James Earl Ray 16 M 9 U OOO 12 M 4 W IOI	405, 942 G	3339	4182	442 442A		Extradited London, England to Memphis, Tenn., 7-19-68.
John Michael Walton 17 I 30 W OMI I 32 W IOI	356, 640 E	3340	4200			Located Lowndes Co., Alabama, 8-2-68. (8-2-68)
Robert Vance Walton 14 M 13 U OOM 12 Ref: 13 I 25 U OOO 26	361, 075 E	3341	4201			Located Lowndes Co., Alabama, 8-2-68. (8-2-68)
James Joseph Scully 2 M 21 W 19 Ref: 21 I 17 Ra 19	1, 170, 115	3342	4202			Located Arcadia, Calif., 7-23-68. (8-2-68)
Jimmie Johnson 20 L 1 Ut 6 Ref: U M 1 U T	11, 215 F	3343	4203			Located St. Louis, Missouri, 7-15-68. (8-2-68)

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If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent: Date _____ Dictated _____ to _____ Transcribed _____ Authenticated by Informant _____		Date of Report 8-19-68 Date(s) of activity 8-16-68
Brief description of activity or material Informant furnished report concerning conversation between SHELTON & ART HANES, Birmingham, Ala; meeting between SHELTON & ED BLANTON, Birmingham, Ala.		File where original is located if not attached 170-189-SF 1-246

Remarks:

Informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished the following report:

All necessary action has been taken on information furnished.

CAUTION: EXTREME CARE SHOULD BE USED IN THE DISSEMINATION OF ANY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS REPORT IN ORDER TO PROTECT SOURCE: ONLY SOURCE, THE NATIONAL OFFICERS, HAYNES & BLANTON KNOW OF THE ABOVE MEETING.

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1 - 170-189  
1 - 105-722  
1 - 105-560  
① - 44-1740  
1 - 157-1132  
1 - 157-2972

(COVER PAGE ONLY)  
(UKA, Inc., KKKK)  
(ROBERT M. SHELTON)  
(MURKIN)  
(MELVIN SEXTON)  
(COY NEAL)

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August 19, 1968

Information was received at Tuscaloosa, Alabama that on August 16, 1968 ROBERT M. SHELTON, MELVIN SEXTON & COY NEAL worked in the National Office. During this time it was learned that SHELTON placed a phone call to ART HANES, a Birmingham, Ala. attorney. The purpose of the phone call was to secure HANES' service in SHELTON's appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States concerning ~~XXXXXX~~ the recent upholding of SHELTON's contempt ~~xxxxxxx~~ conviction. It was learned that HANES told SHELTON that he was too busy in the JAMES EARL RAY case in Memphis, and could not handle SHELTON's appeal. HANES also mentioned that the publicity involved ~~xxxxx~~ would hamper both the case in Memphis, and SHELTON's appeal, and he would recommend another attorney ~~xx~~ in Birmingham. ~~xxx~~ HANES then recommended ED BLANTON, who is ~~xxxxxx~~ allegedly a research specialist, who is familiar with appeals to the Supreme Court. It was also determined that a call was placed to BLANTON, and later that evening he traveled to Tuscaloosa, Alabama, staying at the Holiday Inn, where he, SHELTON & MELVIN SEXTON met in his motel room. It was ~~xxxxxx~~ learned that the contempt case was discussed, and that SHELTON gave BLANTON a check for \$1,000.00 as a retainer. BLANTON has 14 days ~~xxxx~~ from 8/14/68 to file a motion of appeal in this matter. It was also learned that SHELTON placed a call to LESTER CHALMERS, An attorney in Raleigh, North Carolina who was the original lawyer in this matter, and told him that he was no longer needed, and to send the necessary papers back to BLANTON.

It was also learned that SHELTON is setting up a National Defense Fund for this appeal in order to raise \$6,000.00. The National Office is sending out letters to all Klansmen, and other

persons contacted in the past, requesting money to be sent to the National Office for the Defense Fund.

It was also learned that letters are in the process of being sent out to all Units, advising them of the National Klonvocation to be held in Tuscaloosa, Alabama ~~mm~~ in October, 1968. All Grand Dragons & Imperial Representatives havebeen notified already, but now the Units themselves are being notified, and told to become current on their dues, if not already done. It was laos learned that SHELTON is going down this week to make certain of the lease at the Ramada Inn.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>MEMPHIS</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>MEMPHIS</b>	DATE <b>8/22/68</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>4/12/68 - 8/16/68</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>JAMES EARL RAY, aka; DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA JOE C. HESTER</b>	TYPED BY <b>WP</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>CR - CONSPIRACY</b>	

REFERENCE

Report of SA JOE C. HESTER dated 6/10/68 at Memphis.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

The report of SA JOE C. HESTER dated 6/10/68 at Memphis reported pertinent investigation up to and including subject's arrest at London, England, on 6/8/68. The investigation conducted by New Scotland Yard to locate the subject, as well as statements taken after his arrest, is contained in a report dated 7/22/68, prepared by the Flying Squad (C-8 Branch), Criminal Investigation Department of New Scotland Yard. Inasmuch as the Bureau, the Justice Department, and Mr. PHIL CANALE,

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED <b>None</b>						ACQUIT- TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:  PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
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APPROVED						SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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ME 44-1987

District Attorney, Memphis, Tennessee, have received copies of the New Scotland Yard report, it is not being reported herein.

The period of this report pre-dates the period of the last report submitted by the Memphis Office as this report contains the results of investigation conducted in Mexico during the period 4/12/68 - 7/12/68.

INFORMANTS

The first confidential source abroad mentioned in LHM dated 7/24/68 is SA RICHARD S. CLARK.

The second confidential source abroad is SA RUSSELL JEAN GRAY, JR.

The third confidential source abroad is MEX-24, who has furnished reliable information in the past.

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MEMPHIS

AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

Will maintain liaison with the District Attorney General's Office and will report prosecutive action taken in this case by Tennessee authorities.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: **1 - U. S. Attorney, Birmingham, Alabama**

Report of: **SA JOHN C. HEDYER**  
Date: **August 22, 1968**

Office: **Memphis**

Field Office File #: **ME 44-1987**

Bureau File #: **44-38861**

Title: **JAMES EARL RAY;  
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM**

Character: **CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY**

Synopsis: **Following subject's arrest on 6/2/68 by officers of New Scotland Yard, London, England, extradition proceedings were begun by the United States Department of State, and on 7/12/68 subject was released to FBI Agents for return to the United States via military aircraft. Subject landed, United States Naval Air Station, Millington, Tennessee, on 7/19/68, and was released to custody of Sheriff, Shelby County, Tennessee. Subject now lodged Shelby County Jail, Memphis, Tennessee, awaiting trial for murder. Investigation in Mexico not forth.**

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**DETAILS:**

**Following the subject's arrest on June 8, 1968, at London, England, by officers of New Scotland Yard, extradition proceedings were begun by the United States Department of State. On July 12, 1968, the subject was released by English authorities to the custody of FBI Agents JOHN HENRICH, GEORGE KIRBY, HAROLD LIGHT, and WILSON MARTINDALE. Subject was placed aboard a military aircraft of the United States and was flown to the United States Naval Air Station, Millington, Tennessee, where at 4:00 a.m. on July 19, 1968, while still aboard the aircraft, he was turned over to Sheriff WILLIAM MORRIS, Shelby County, Tennessee. Subject was then taken to the Shelby County Jail, Memphis, Tennessee, where he is being held awaiting trial for murder.**



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Information set forth below covers the  
established activities of captioned individual who, as  
ERIC STARVO GALT, visited Mexico during October and  
November, 1967.

MEXICAN GOVERNMENT RECORDS

On April 11, 1968, at Atlanta, Georgia, a 1966  
white Mustang bearing Alabama license 1-38993, was  
recovered. This car had vehicle identification number  
6T07C190647, and on the car was Mexican tourist sticker  
bearing Folio number H294486, showing that the car had  
crossed the border at Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas.

Investigation at Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, on  
April 12, 1968, showed that this automobile crossed the  
border on October 7, 1967. Documents for the automobile  
were issued to ERIC S. GALT, who had tourist card number  
7475449 and listed his address as 2608 Highland,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

At Mexico, D.F., Mexico

On April 24, 1968, a confidential source abroad  
advised that contact with an official of the Inspection  
Service of Mexican Immigration in Mexico City disclosed  
that this agency had searched records for all departures



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by land from Mexico during the second half of November, 1967. This search included all exit points from the Pacific to the Gulf of Mexico, and no record was located of the departure of GALT bearing tourist card mentioned above.

On July 18, 1968, the source advised that the same official was contacted on that date and reported that efforts to locate the Mexican tourist card, which should have been surrendered by GALT upon his departure from Mexico, had been unsuccessful. The official stated that his office had directly contacted every exit point along the border between Mexico and the United States, in an attempt to locate this card, with negative results. He stated, therefore, that GALT probably left Mexico without surrendering his tourist card, which is a fairly common occurrence because of the volume of traffic at all of the border crossing points.

On July 18, 1968, this same source advised that contact had been maintained on a regular basis, since April 12, 1968, with headquarters of the Mexican Federal Automobile Registration Bureau at Mexico, D.F., the agency where all documents issued to vehicles of tourists are eventually received and filed. Officials of this agency have advised that, despite extensive review of their records, the tourist importation permit for the 1966 Mustang which was issued to GALT at the border on October 7, 1967, had not been returned to that agency from any border crossing point. It was the conclusion of these officials, therefore, that GALT left Mexico in the Mustang without surrendering this document.

HOTEL RECORDS

At Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco

A second confidential source abroad advised on April 14, 1968, that on that same date EDUARDO MARROQUI, owner, Hotel Rio, Morelos 86, advised that ERIC S. GALT was a guest in that hotel from October 19, 1967, through November 5, 1967. MARROQUI stated that,

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according to his recollection, GALT was alone, and MARROQUI did not recall anything concerning GALT's car or possible friendships with other guests.

On April 15, 1968, ROBERTO WONG, clerk, Hotel Rio, furnished the registration card for ERIC S. GALT, giving his address as 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama. He occupied Room 212 at the rate of 60 pesos (\$4.80 U.S.) per day. The card shows his arrival on October 19, 1967, and that he checked out on November 6, 1967. It also bears the signature "ERIC S. GALT."

The Document Section of the FBI Laboratory examined two photostatic copies of the registration card of the Hotel Rio in the name of ERIC S. GALT and concluded that the questioned writings on the registration card were prepared by the writer of other specimens received in this matter which have been attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

ROBERTO WONG also advised on April 15, 1968, that there were no long-distance telephone calls charged to GALT's room.

On April 17, 1968, WONG stated that he remembered GALT as a "loner" at the hotel. He said GALT was never seen around the hotel during the day and did not stay around the hotel in the evening. He did come in to eat. He was always alone, with the exception of one occasion on which LUIS GARCIA, a bartender from another hotel, came to the Hotel Rio one morning trying to find GALT since he, GARCIA, stated he had left some important papers in GALT's car.

On May 9, 1968, a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY taken in California in early 1968 was shown to WONG. He identified this photograph as the same person who had lived in the Hotel Rio as ERIC S. GALT.

The source advised that MARIA DE GUADALUPE DIAZ, Calle Galeano 127, was interviewed on April 25, 1968, and stated that she was formerly employed as a maid at the Hotel Rio. She recognized photographs of RAY as an individual who had been a hotel guest some

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months ago and recalled that he had a white sports car. She said he was friendly but never asked her for a date. She said she did not recall ever seeing anyone visiting the Subject and could not recall the type of luggage he was using. She said she never observed any weapons in his room, but did recall that there were several nights when he apparently had not slept in his bed. She said she mentioned this to the hotel owner, but that there are no records kept concerning incidents of this nature and she was unable to recall the dates when GALT did not spend the night in his room.

The same source advised that the records of the Hotel "Tropicana" were reviewed on April 15, 1968, and showed that ERIC GALT, with an address of 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, registered there on November 7, 1967, and departed on November 13, 1967. He occupied Room number 417 and paid 90 pesos (\$7.20 U.S.) per day. Accountant CARLOS MANZO, made these records available for review and stated that there were no long-distance telephone charges appearing on this account.

On May 10, 1968, OSCAR MENDIOLA, clerk, Hotel "Tropicana," advised the source that, according to the hotel accounting department, GALT probably checked out between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. on November 13, 1967.

The Document Section of the FBI Laboratory examined two photostatic copies of the registration card of the Hotel "Tropicana" in the name of ERIC GALT. It was reported that although handwriting characteristics noted indicate the common authorship of the questioned "Galt" signature on this item and the other signatures in this name, a definite conclusion was not reached, partly because of the indistinctness of the photocopies and partly because of the presence of some variations.

On April 23, 1968, FELICITAS ZAVALA, Supervisor, Telefonos de Mexico, Central Exchange, advised the source that all toll tickets for long-distance calls made by anyone from the Central Exchange in Puerto Vallarta during the period from October 15, 1967, through November 20, 1967, had been forwarded to the company's offices at Mazatlan, Sinaloa, Mexico, and were kept on file there.

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At Mazatlan, Sinaloa, Mexico

On May 17, 1968, a third confidential source abroad advised that a review had been made of over twelve thousand toll tickets on file at the Telefonos de Mexico offices in Mazatlan. These toll tickets represented long-distance telephone calls made from the Central Exchange in Puerto Vallarta during the period in which GALT is known to have resided there. The source stated that no record was located of any calls in the name of GALT.

BANK RECORDS

At Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco

On April 19, 1968, the second source caused the records of the Banco Industrial de Jalisco, S.A. to be reviewed and no account was located for ERIC S. GALT, JOHN WILLARD or HARVEY LOWMYER. Employees of this bank were unable to recognize a photograph of the Subject.

On April 19, 1968, the same source was advised by PASCUAL MORAN GONZALEZ, Manager, Banco de Comercio de Guadalajara, S.C., that no record could be located in the files of that bank for any transactions by ERIC S. GALT, JOHN WILLARD or HARVEY LOWMYER. Employees of this bank were unable to recognize a photograph of the Subject.

On April 25, 1968, MARCO ANTONIO ROMO, Assistant Manager, Banco de Comercio de Guadalajara, S.A., advised the source that no record is kept in that bank of travelers checks issued or cashed there. He said that he had personally reviewed the files of all Americans opening accounts in the bank for the past year without encountering the name of any individual who might be identical with GALT.

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At Mexico, D.F., Mexico

On June 28, 1968, an official of the Special Investigations Department of the Bank of Mexico advised the first source that there is only one bank in Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, with safety deposit boxes, and this is the Banco Industrial de Jalisco, S.A. This official determined that no safety deposit boxes had been rented at that bank in the second half of October or the first fifteen days of November in 1967. He also determined that the bank has no safety deposit boxes rented to anyone but Mexican citizens.

ASSOCIATES AND GIRLFRIENDS

At Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico

On April 15, 1968, LUIS GARCIA, bartender, Hotel Oceano, advised that he knew ERIC GALT when the latter was staying in Puerto Vallarta. He said that GALT came to the Oceano Hotel bar several times. He said GALT told him he had served nine years in the U. S. Army, but never went anywhere and was now just traveling around. He said GALT spoke little Spanish, had a serious demeanor, and his walk was slow and very erect. He also described him as an individual who was dark from sunburn, had a sharp nose, and wore his hair in a crew cut.

GARCIA said that he and GALT had gone out together on two separate occasions after GARCIA finished work. He said GALT always drank screwdrivers, but only one or two at a time. He said GALT was not a big spender and recalled that GALT once paid a bill with a U.S. five dollar bill, but usually paid in pesos.

GARCIA told of a night when he and GALT were at the Posada Vallarta to see a floor show and, upon leaving, saw a girl named ELISA waiting for a bus to return to downtown Puerto Vallarta. They offered this girl a ride and the three went to the Club Los Lobos where GALT became drunk or a little ill and went

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out to sit in the car. Afterwards, GALT took GARCIA to the latter's home and said he wanted to stay with the girl.

GARCIA described the car as a white Mustang with automatic transmission and a red interior. He said the car had blue license plates with letters of another color. He said he told GALT that the plates said "La Habana," and joked with him about FIDEL CASTRO. GALT corrected him, replying that the plates were from Alabama. GARCIA also recalled that GALT complained that one tire on the car was too large.

GARCIA said that he went to GALT's room at the Hotel Rio on the morning after he and GALT had picked up ELISA. He said he saw a portable typewriter there, but no firearms.

On May 9, 1968, the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY which was taken in California in early 1968 was shown to LUIS GARCIA, and he told the source that this photograph was identical with ERIC GALT.

On April 23, 1968, MARGARITA MONTES MEZA, a prostitute employed at the Casa Susana, Matamoros 503, advised the second source that she recalled the Subject, but could not remember his name. She said she also uses the name "La Chilindrina." She said the first night that Subject came to this house, which she estimated as being in October or November, 1967, he told her he was on a forty-day vacation in Puerto Vallarta, but did not say where he came from or where he was going. She explained that she has a very limited capability in the English language and that he could speak hardly any Spanish. She said he told her he had a car outside and wanted to take her to the Posada Vallarta where they could spend the night. She refused to leave the Casa Susana, and told him he could spend the night in her room, which he did, leaving the following morning at about 8 a.m.

Continuing, MARGARITA MONTES said that she was absent from the city about eight days, and that

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when she returned, the Subject was going with "IRMA," another girl employed at the Casa Susana. She recalled that one day when the Subject came in, IRMA was drunk and Subject tried to renew his association with MARGARITA. She told him he had better stay with IRMA, but he replied that he was through with IRMA. He then left the Casa Susana and she never saw him again.

On May 9, 1968, a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY taken in California in the early part of 1968 was shown to MARGARITA MONTES MEZA, and she stated that this was the same individual about whom she had furnished the above information.

On April 23, 1968, ARCELIA GONZALEZ, another prostitute employed at the Casa Susana, advised the second source that she remembered the Subject as having come to the Casa Susana in about November, 1967, but did not recall his name. She said she saw him at least three times in one week, and that she slept with him on one occasion, but that he was mainly interested in IRMA. She recalled that he had a white Mustang automobile and invited her to go to Yelapa, a nearby recreation area on the coast, but she refused to go. She recalled that he was using both pesos and U.S. dollars in paying his bar bills, but was not able to remember the denominations of the bills he used.

On May 10, 1968, ARCELIA GONZALEZ examined one photograph of JAMES EARL RAY in which the Subject was wearing sunglasses, and a second photograph which was taken in California in early 1968. She said she recognized the photograph with sunglasses as the person about whom she furnished the foregoing information, but she did not think the second photograph was a very good likeness.

On April 23, 1968, RODIMIR BISCARA, bartender, Casa Susana, advised the second source that he recalls the Subject and that at one time he was talking about buying the Subject's Mustang. He said that he did not have sufficient money for the car and had discussed trading some land for it. He said he went out in the car with the Subject and IRMA, and the three of them went

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to see some lots which BISCARA owned. He said that they looked at the lots, but that no serious discussion regarding the trade ever took place. He said the Subject invited him to go to Mismaloya, a beach area near Puerto Vallarta. He said that he and the Subject and IRMA all went there and spent some time at the beach.

BISCARA also stated that, while at the Casa Susana, Subject usually drank tequila and Squirt, or a drink made from Bacardi rum. He did not recall that the Subject smoked, and stated that he knew nothing about the Subject seeking or using marijuana.

On April 23, 1968, the second source was advised by JOSE MANUEL GUZMAN GARCIA, Boca de Mismaloya, that GUZMAN and his brother, ELENO, operate a cantina and beach-front recreation area. He recalled the American with the white Mustang who came to the beach with IRMA, a cabaret girl, and "RODI," a bartender from Puerto Vallarta, several months earlier. He said he did not get a good look at the American because the latter stayed on the beach, but that "RODI" said that the American was spending a great deal of money on IRMA.

GUZMAN said the American came back two more times and that he had a different American girl with him on each occasion. He did not know these girls and presumed they were tourists. He said all of this activity was within the space of about one week's time, and took place several months ago.

On May 3, 1968, ELENO GUZMAN GARCIA, Boca de Mismaloya, advised the second source that he immediately recognized the photograph of the Subject with sunglasses as a man who had been at this beach several months earlier in a white Mustang, accompanied by IRMA, a bar girl, and a Mexican whom he believes was RODIMER from the Casa Cusana in Puerto Vallarta. He stated that this man had a noticeable scar on his forehead. He recalled that the Subject was fully dressed at all times and did not wear sunglasses that day. He said that the Subject spoke very little Spanish.



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On April 17, 1968, RODOLFO GONZALEZ, photographer, Posada Vallarta, advised the second source that ELISA had been a cigarette girl at the Posada Vallarta and also worked as a camera girl. He remembered that she told him that she had an American boyfriend with a nice car, some kind of Ford. He said this man gave ELISA enough money to get a place to live by herself so he could visit her but, instead, she took the money and left for Guadalajara.

On May 3, 1968, FRANCISCO PEREZ GOMEZ, captain of the main bar, Posada Vallarta, stated to the second source that he recalled the Subject only vaguely and knew very little about him or his activities. He said he did recall that the Subject was dating a girl named ELISA who worked in the bar selling cigarettes. PEREZ stated that one evening ELISA asked him to write a note for her in English to the Subject, whose name PEREZ could not recall. He said it seemed that ELISA had accepted some 500 pesos (\$40 U.S.) from the Subject to rent an apartment for them, but that she had used the money to take two of her children to Guadalajara. The note was to explain to the Subject how she had spent his money and to ask his pardon. He recalled that the Subject came into the bar, perhaps that same evening, and PEREZ delivered the note to him. PEREZ said all this took place about four or five months ago, and that he did recall the Subject had a white Mustang. He did not remember ever seeing him again, and was not certain that he could even recognize him if they should meet.

On April 18, 1968, the second source was advised by Mr. and Mrs. SALVADOR MEZA, proprietors of a cheap motel at Playa la Gloria, that they remembered an American who drove a white Mustang and came to the hotel in about November, 1967, with ELISA, who was the girlfriend of the photographer at the Posada Vallarta. They said he came to the hotel once with ELISA and twice alone, and on the latter occasions took a corner room. He left about dawn and returned sometime later, locking himself in the room all day. They stated that they considered this very strange behavior.

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Mrs. MEZA also stated that she recalls the same individual coming back a fourth time with a prostitute whose name she did not know. She said this woman had left Puerto Vallarta for Tijuana, Baja California, some time ago.

At Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico

On April 18, 1968, the third source advised that ELISA ARELLANO TORRES, age 20, was located at Guadalajara on the night of April 17, 1968. She was living at Apeninos 1764, Colonia Independencia, and stated that she was born on [redacted] at Durango, Durango, Mexico.

ELISA ARELLANO said that she had been employed as a cigarette girl and photographer at the Posada Vallarta at Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, in November, 1967. She said that one night after work she was offered a ride back to the central part of town by the bartender of the Oceano Hotel and a white male American, who later identified himself to her as ERIC STARVO GALT. She said that GALT at that time lived at the Hotel Rio, but later moved to the "Tropicana" Hotel. She recalled his automobile as a white Mustang with Alabama license plates. She stated that after this first meeting she had marital relations with GALT for about five days at a place she identified as the Hotel Las Glorias, which is located on the road to the airport from Puerto Vallarta.

ELISA ARELLANO said that she parted company with GALT because he wanted her to buy marijuana, which she refused to do. She said he told her he had made various trips to Yelapa in order to buy marijuana. She said she saw him around Puerto Vallarta for about fifteen days after they parted company. She described him as a white male American, about 36 years old, five feet eleven inches tall, regular to slender build, brown hair and a thin nose.

On April 18, 1968, ELISA ARELLANO told the third source that while she and GALT were going together, he had asked her to rent an apartment. She said he gave

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her 600 pesos (\$48 U.S.) and was to get more money from the bank. She said she went to a person called "CHICO" PEREZ in the main restaurant of the Posada Vallarta, and asked him to write a letter to GALT apologizing and stating that she could not see him again.

Continuing, ELISA ARELLANO said that she recalled that GALT only had two or three drinks during the time she spent with him, and recalled that he had a screwdriver or a vodka and tonic. She said he did not smoke, and she never saw him smoking marijuana. He told her that he had gone to Yelapa several times and he seemed to have a lack of energy, and it appeared to tire him to carry on a conversation. She described him as a complete introvert. She said he did not like noisy crowds or sounds, and stated that he did not like children. One of his favorite expressions was that he was very tired, and she thought that he might be a mental case. She said that he had no scars on his body and appeared to have thin legs with a heavy upper trunk.

On June 6, 1968, ELISA ARELLANO advised the third source, after examining photographs of the Subject wearing sunglasses and the photograph taken in California in early 1968, that she recognized both of these photographs as being the same individual whom she knew in Puerto Vallarta, but that in the California photograph he appeared heavier than when she knew him.

On April 21, 1968, the third source advised that IRMA MORALES, the prostitute who was formerly employed at the Casa Susana in Puerto Vallarta, had been identified as MANUELA AGUIRRE MEDRANO. She was born on [redacted] at Rancho San Isidro, which is in the municipality of Atotonilco, Jalisco, Mexico.

At Atotonilco, Jalisco, Mexico

On April 22, 1968, MANUELA AGUIRRE MEDRANO advised the third source that she was formerly employed at the Casa Susana in Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, as a

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prostitute. She identified a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY as the individual known as ERIC GALT whom she had met one night at the Casa Susana. She said she could not be certain of the date, but thought it might have been about October 24, 1967. She recalled that during this first visit, GALT spent the evening with another prostitute called "La Chilindrina."

The next day, GALT came to the house looking for "La Chilindrina," who was out of town. He then began his friendship with MANUELA and, she stated, slept with her nearly every night for the next several days during his visits to the house.

She recalled that GALT was very methodical and had allowed himself 100 pesos (\$8 U.S.) for drinking money and another 100 pesos each day for a girl. She recalled that he drank beer during the daytime and gin at night. She said he invited her to go to Mismaloya, a nearby beach, and that, after postponing the trip for two or three days, they did go to Mismaloya with RODIMIR BISCARA, the bartender. She described GALT's automobile as a white automobile with Alabama license plates, and as having a red interior with reclining seats. She said this was a two-door automobile, but she could not remember the make. She said that after swimming, drinking beer and having a seafood lunch, they began the return trip to Puerto Vallarta at about 4 p.m. About half-way along the distance from Mismaloya to Puerto Vallarta, GALT stopped the car and took what appeared to be a new Polaroid camera from an ice chest in the back. He said that this was one of the first rolls of film in the camera and that there were only two pictures left. He mentioned that the camera had cost him a little less than \$80. He took a photograph of MANUELA seated at the steering wheel of the car with her skirts up. This photograph was bad and he destroyed it. A little farther on, they stopped at a place called Punta Negra, where GALT took another photograph which was also bad, and he tore it up. She recalled that this was a Saturday and that they arrived back at the Casa Susana about 5 p.m. and GALT departed saying that he would not return that night.

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On the next day, a Sunday, MANUELA stated that GALT arrived at the Casa Susana about 9 p.m. She believed that this might have been on October 29, 1967. GALT drank with MANUELA and noted that there were four Negroes and some white people seated at a nearby table. These were sailors from a yacht or private boat which had stopped at Puerto Vallarta.

She said that one Negro was very tall and another was short and fat, about five feet four inches tall. The latter was very drunk, and the whole group was rowdy and having a good time. GALT appeared angry at the Negroes and said insulting things concerning them. He said he hated Negroes. He left his table, said something insulting to the short Negro and returned to his table. All of the individuals at the other table appeared to be talking about GALT.

MANUELA AGUIRRE said that GALT then went to his car and came back to the table. He went again to the table where the Negroes were seated and insulted them and returned to his own table. He asked her to feel his pocket and she felt what appeared to be an automatic-type pistol. She believed it to be something similar to a Walther .380 automatic. GALT said he was going to kill them. The tall Negro came to GALT's table and said something in a peaceful manner, but GALT replied in an insulting manner. The tall Negro then returned to his table and took the shorter Negro in his arms and took him out of the house. GALT wanted to go after them, but MANUELA told him this would not be a good idea since it was about 10 p.m. and the police were scheduled to visit the house momentarily. GALT said he wanted nothing to do with the police.

MANUELA AGUIRRE said that GALT visited the house again on the following day and told her that he would not see her for several days. He said he wanted to rest and would only sleep and eat. He next returned on what MANUELA recalled as a Thursday of the same week and told her that he planned to move to the "Tropicana" Hotel. He spent more than 200 pesos (\$16 U.S.) for drinks and left about midnight.

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On the following day, according to MANUELA AGUIRRE, GALT arrived between 8 and 9 p.m. and she, MANUELA, was drunk and said that she did not want to go to bed with him. GALT remained to drink at one of the tables and there was a photographer present, causing MANUELA to request that a photograph be taken of GALT with her. GALT did not want his photograph taken, but she insisted. He told her that he planned to go to Yelapa on Saturday or Sunday, and that he did not like to go out in Puerto Vallarta on Saturday or Sunday because there was so much noise and so many people around.

She said that GALT arrived at the house between 8 and 9 p.m. on the following Monday. He invited MANUELA for one drink and was very serious and impolite. He was angry with her for her actions on the previous Friday. He asked her to marry him and she refused. She said that he had previously asked her to marry him. He said that if she would not marry him he was going to invite out some of the other girls. He spent the rest of that evening with ARCELIA and went to bed with ARCELIA.

MANUELA AGUIRRE said that she saw GALT again about three days later, but did not talk with him. She said she did not believe that he saw ARCELIA or any of the other girls again, and that she herself did not see him again.

She recalled that GALT drank gin or whatever other drink the bartender at the Casa Susana served him. He did not smoke, and sometimes stated that he did not smoke anything except marijuana. She stated, however, that she never saw him smoke marijuana.

MANUELA AGUIRRE said that GALT spoke practically no Spanish and the bartender interpreted for him. She said that GALT had an old pair of sandals that he liked very much and which he said had been bought in Europe. She said she told him to throw the sandals away and buy new ones, but he did not want to get rid of them. She recalled that he definitely could not dance.

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MANUELA AGUIRRE made available the photograph of GALT wearing sunglasses, which had been taken at the Casa Susana in Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, on or about November 3, 1967. She said the photograph was taken by a traveling group known as "Foto Rapida."

At Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco

On April 22, 1968, CARLOS PEREZ, Foto Taurino, Hotel Oceano, advised the second source that Foto Rapida was a concern made up of four or five men who came to Puerto Vallarta in the fall of 1967 and were there less than a month. This group spent most of its time in the nightclubs, bars and other places frequented by tourists. They used only Polaroid cameras, and there were no negatives or records kept of the photographs taken. He said all members of this group had left Puerto Vallarta and that their current whereabouts was unknown.

On April 24, 1968, LEOPOLDO CISNEROS, Assistant Manager, Dairy Queen Shop, Main Plaza, advised the second source that in the fall of 1967 this shop was known as the Discotheque Cafe. He recognized a photograph of the Subject immediately as an almost daily customer for a period during the fall of 1967. He said that Subject came in for three or four weeks about 3 p.m. each day and had a hamburger and a Pepsi Cola. He said that the Subject, in the beginning, usually ate a half-dozen small green chilies with his hamburger. After he stopped ordering these chilies, he told CISNEROS that a doctor had advised him to stop eating them.

CISNEROS recalled that the Subject drove a white Mustang which he parked outside the shop. He said he had also seen the Subject around the Hotel Rio. He said that on two occasions, the Subject was accompanied by a heavy-set Mexican man whose name was not known to CISNEROS. CISNEROS said this man had been a regular customer in the past and is believed to be a United States citizen. When CISNEROS asked the Subject whether he had known this man in the United States, the Subject replied that he was just someone he had met on the beach.

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With regard to the information that the Subject may have consulted a physician in Puerto Vallarta, the second source contacted the following doctors on the dates indicated with negative results:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>
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24	Dr. ERNESTO CORDOVA IBARRA, Director Public Health Juarez 71
24	Dr. ALFONSO RODRIGUEZ G. Physician for Hotel "Tropicana" Morelos 74
24	Dr. ANTONIO R. SAHAGUN Juarez 178
26	Dr. AGUSTIN LOPEZ Y ALCALA Juarez 259
26	Dr. ANTONIO TOPETE PALERMO Zaragoza 30
26	Dra. A. ELIZABETH ORTIZ M. Public Health Clinic and Hospital
26	Dr. LIZANDRO NAVARRO PORTILLO Hotel Rosita Building
29	Dr. PABLO MORRIS and Dra. ANA JOSEFA RAMIREZ Clinic of Las Glorias



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FIRESTONE DELUXE CHAMPION TIRE, SIZE 7.50 X 14

In connection with the recovery of the white 1966 Mustang at Atlanta, Georgia, on April 11, 1968, it was discovered that the right front tire on this car was a Firestone Deluxe Champion, size 7.50 x 14, six-ply rating. Stamped on the tire were the words "Hecha en Mexico," with the following identifying numbers: 2-ME-2; BD-33595; N20Z031154. The tube of this tire had a stamp thereon: "G7, General Popo 7.50 x 14. Made for Helke Poc, General Popo, S.A., Mexico D.I."

At Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico

On May 7, 1968, JUAN MANUEL FREGOSO GUTIERREZ, Avenida Mexico 50, advised the second source that he operates a gasoline station at the corner of 31 de Octubre and 31 de Mayo, and that his wife operates a Firestone tire store which he owns at Avenida Mexico 50.

On May 7, 1968, Mrs. GENOVEVA CURIEL DE FREGOSO, proprietor of the Firestone Store, advised the second source that she did not personally recall seeing the Subject or his car since she was upstairs in her apartment at the time of the transaction. She did recall that an American came in several months earlier to buy a 7.45 x 14 tire and, since they did not have one in stock, the clerk sold him a 7.50 x 14. Mrs. FREGOSO said that this man asked for a discount because the tire was the wrong size, and the clerk called up to the apartment for authority to give the discount. Mrs. FREGOSO said she authorized a ten percent discount on the sale.

Mrs. FREGOSO could recall nothing further about the actual sale, and stated that her brother had mounted the tire on the car, but could recall nothing of the incident. She said the store kept no record of tire serial numbers except to note them on the sales slip at the time of the sale for guaranty purposes. She searched invoices of tires received by the store from the Firestone factory and noted that there were no serial numbers in these invoices. She was, therefore, unable to state whether a particular tire had ever been in their inventory.

JAMES EARL RAY, aka

TERESA FERNANDEZ, clerk, Firestone Store, Avenida Mexico 50, advised the second source on May 7, 1968, that the photograph of the Subject wearing sunglasses was immediately recognizable as a man who came into the store one morning to buy a tire. She said he had apparently come from the General Popo Tire Store two doors away. She could not recall the date, but believed that it was in January, 1968.

Miss FERNANDEZ remembered that the Subject's white Mustang had a tire which was badly road-damaged and he asked for a replacement, size 7.45 x 14. Since there were none of this size in stock, she said, he took a size 7.50 x 14 Firestone tire, but requested a discount since it was the wrong size. Miss FERNANDEZ said she spoke to Mrs. FREGOSO, who was in the upstairs apartment, and a ten percent discount was authorized. She said that, since the tire was slightly larger, and because the use of tubes is always recommended due to the difficult terrain, the Subject walked to the General Popo Store and came back with a tube which he had purchased himself. The tire was mounted outside the store by Mrs. FREGOSO's brother.

Miss FERNANDEZ searched for the sales slip recording this transaction, but was unable to locate it. She said that the Subject did not give her his name, and that, since he was not a Mexican, she did not bother to ask his name or to note the serial number of the tire on the sales slip, since this is only done for guaranty purposes.

Continuing, Miss FREGOSO said she lives near the Casa Susana and, after she sold the tire, she remembered seeing the same white Mustang parked on Calle 31 de Octubre around the corner from the Casa Susana. The car was parked in front of a vacant lot and she thought this strange since she saw it there about 8 in the morning on several occasions while she was walking to work. On one occasion as she was on her way to lunch, she saw the Subject park his car and walk up and turn into Matamoros Street. She said she never saw him with any other person and that he was alone the day he came to the store to purchase the tire.

JAMES EARL RAY, aka

On May 7, 1968, ANA MARIA MADERO, clerk, General Popo Tire Store, Avenida Mexico 32, advised the second source that the code "G7" indicates that a tube with this marking will fit a 7.50 x 14 tire. She said she did not recognize the photograph of the Subject or recall his car. She could find no record of a sale of any item to ERIC GALT from October 7, 1967, to May 7, 1968.

Miss MADERO stated that if she did not know the name of the person to whom she made a sale, but knew that the sale was connected with a purchase made at the Firestone Store, she normally put the name of MANUEL FREGOSO on the sales slip. In this connection, a review of the sales slips showed that a G7 tube was sold for cash to MANUEL FREGOSO on October 26, 1967, and on January 13, 1968. In each case, the price was 57 pesos (\$4.56 U.S.).

SAC, Atlanta

8-23-68

Director, FBI

**REQUEST FOR HUMAN INTEREST  
ITEMS ON ASSASSINATION OF  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
RESEARCH (CRIME RECORDS)  
BUDED: 9-20-68**

In order to have available a backlog of human interest data, all offices receiving this communication are requested to furnish the Bureau items of unusual interest regarding our investigation of the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. The information particularly sought is that which has not been previously incorporated in official reports and may deal with any aspect of our investigation, including personal recollections by investigative personnel. Submit the results using above caption to reach the Bureau not later than 9-20-68.

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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 August, 1968:

1.	MAN HOURS SPENT ON CASE:	<u>REGULAR</u>	<u>OVERTIME</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
	A. SPECIAL AGENTS	5032:15	2405:15	7437:30
	B. CLERICAL	<u>1759:55</u>	<u>340:00</u>	<u>2099:55</u>
	TOTALS	<u>6792:10</u>	<u>2745:15</u>	<u>9537:25</u>
2.	TOTAL MILEAGE BUCARS:			27,603
3.	OTHER COSTS: Transportation (Common Carrier)			\$416.00
	Per Diem			<u>494.00</u>
				\$910.00
4.	PEAK NUMBER SPECIAL AGENTS WORKING ON CASE:			1

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
(OO: MEMPHIS)

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By <u>MKS</u>	Date <u>12/13/2011</u>

On 9/1/68, WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE, Author, Hartselle, Alabama, was contacted by SAs WILLIAM H. LEE and STEPHEN L. CRABER at his home in Hartselle upon his request. HUIE requested that this contact be kept in confidence for reasons depicted in the information furnished. He stated as follows:

While JAMES EARL RAY was incarcerated in London, England, he (HUIE) entered into a contract with RAY to write the true account of RAY's activities and background concerning the assassination of Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING. This contract is also of interest to RAY's attorney, ART HANES, inasmuch as the cost of the trial, including attorney fees, is dependent upon the commercial success of the contract. HUIE advised that to date he has invested approximately \$20,000 in this venture. He advised that he is in constant contact with RAY through Attorney HANES in the form of written questions and answers by RAY, which includes names of cities, states, places, maps and individuals contacted by RAY, as well as activities from the date of his escape from prison to his apprehension in England.

He stated that to date he has been refused personal contact with RAY by Judge W. PHEMION BATTLE, Trial Judge, State of Tennessee, Memphis. Also, he highly desires obtaining current non-publicized photographs of RAY of character type rather than mug shots or those depicting RAY in manacles.

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HUIE further advised he would be most willing to divulge all information he has received to date to the Bureau on a confidential basis, as well as all information he may receive in the future on a current basis, provided the two above requests could be met.

He requested that he be contacted at his residence in Hartselle, Alabama, to avoid divulging his contact with the Bureau in this matter. It was suggested to Mr. HUIE that the Bureau does not attempt to influence, interfere, or suggest action taken by state officials or courts.

The above is being furnished to the Bureau and Memphis for information and/or action deemed advisable.

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

TO: SAC, BIRMINGHAM

FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627)(P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
(OO: ME)

On 8/30/68, JIM LOCKHART, a W/M, 3307 - 15th Ave., Little Shawmut, Ala., stated he was furnishing the following information with the understanding his name would be protected, that he would not have to testify and his name would not be divulged outside the Bureau. LOCKHART has not been in trouble in the past three years and is supporting his family at this time.

LOCKHART said that approximately five years ago during the spring of 1963 he was incarcerated at the Birmingham County Jail, Birmingham, Ala., where he was serving time on a worthless check charge. At this time Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING was in the Birmingham area.

LOCKHART said that he (LOCKHART) was treated as a trusty in that he had the privilege of traveling anywhere in the prison including the maximum security section; he also worked in the hospital section. LOCKHART advised that while he was in prison he learned by "the grapevine" that a contract was being put out for Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. The individual who accepted the contract would be represented by ROBERT PRATT, a lawyer who would get this individual out of jail, and the individual would receive \$10,000 for assassinating Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

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LOCKHART further advised that an individual (LOCKHART would not divulge his identity) had him deliver the details of this contract to an inmate who was being detained in the maximum security section. LOCKHART said he did not know this man's name, but only knew him as "ACE". LOCKHART said he delivered this message concerning the contract on Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING to "ACE" and that he heard "ACE" was contacted at a later date by ROBERT PRATT.

LOCKHART said he had nothing else to do with this matter and could not furnish any other details.

LOCKHART stated he had heard ROBERT PRATT had been arrested by the Birmingham PD in 1963 or early 1964 for concealing stolen goods in an apartment he had leased. LOCKHART said he heard PRATT is or has served time in Kilby Prison for the above violation.

Birmingham, will identify ROBERT PRATT and "ACE", and will evaluate information furnished by LOCKHART.

9/5/68

AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Birmingham Airtel to the Bureau, 9/2/68.

The Memphis Office is of the opinion that WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE should not dictate circumstances under which he furnishes information to the Bureau. Memphis Office also is of the opinion that no contact should be made with Judge W. PRESTON BATTLE to secure any favor whatsoever for WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE nor should any photographs of JAMES EARL RAY be made available.

No further action in this matter being taken by Memphis Division.

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