

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365)

FROM : SA EMANUEL R. JOHNSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/1/68

The following investigation was conducted by
SAs EMANUEL R. JOHNSON and EDWARD J. BRENNAN:

On April 28, 1968, records of the Charlotte, North
Carolina, Police Department were reviewed and the following
attached record was obtained:

*SA Hoyt
advised to contact
mother at Laurel
Hills 4/30/68
afm*

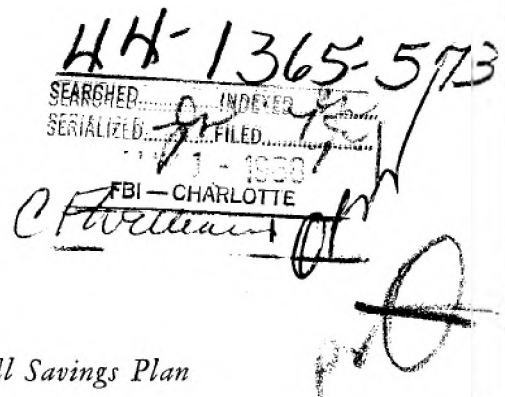
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NR
CHARLOTTE POLICE
ARREST REPORT FORM 4-1

15. CELL NO.		1. DEFENDANTS NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)		2. ARREST NO.	
		CAULDER, NICHOLAS NATHANIEL		2379	
16. EXTRA COPIES		17. ZONE		3. NICKNAME OR ALIAS	
		85-31-1			
18. LOCATION OF ARREST (ADDRESS OR BLOCK NO.)		5. DEFENDANTS RES. ADDRESS		4. ID NO.	
6300 S. BLVD.		RT. 1, LAUREL HILL, N.C.		82712	
19. DESCRIBE TYPE PREMISES		7. SEX RACE AGE DOB HT WT EYES		8. PLACE OF BIRTH	
LOWE'S HARDWARE		M W 29		511220 BLY BERRICK, NC	
20. DRINKING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		21. DAY OF WEEK		9. DATE/TIME ARRESTED	
		WEDNESDAY		0145	
22. WHERE DEFENDANT EMPLOYED/SCHOOL CITY		10. CHARGE		11.	
NONE		24 APR 68 S.B. & L			
23. OCCUPATION RES. PHONE BUS. PHONE		12. CHARGE CHANGED TO		13. F.P. CLASS	
ELECTRICIAN NONE					
24. COURT DOCKET NO.		14. FINAL DISPOSITION			
25. VEHICLE INVOLVED REG. NO. STATE YEAR		YEAR MAKE BODY COLOR(S)		26. DEF'S OPERATOR'S LICENSE STATE	
K4499 NC 68		1968 DODGE CONV.			
27. VEHICLE PLACED ON VEH. TOWED TO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		28. M.V. INVENTORY NO.			
CITY LOT					
29. NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN NOTIFIED (APPLIES TO JUVENILES AND TEEN-AGERS ONLY) NOTIFIED BY OFFICER				NO. DATE/TIME NOTIFIED	
30. NAME - LIST PROSECUTING WITNESSES		RESIDENCE ADDRESS		CITY	
F.P. TOOMEY CPD					
A.E. BURNETT CPD					
31. NARRATIVE: (1) IDENTIFY CO-DEFENDANTS BY NAME - SEX - RACE - AGE. (2) IDENTIFY ADDITIONAL WITNESSES (3) BRIEFLY INDICATE FACTS OF CASE					
<p>DEF. WAS FOUND INSIDE LOWE'S HARDWARE BUILDING AT 6300 S. BLVD. WHERE WE WERE RESPONDING TO A BURGLAR ALARM CALL. A HOLE WAS FOUND IN REAR WALL & AT LOADING PLATFORM. DEF. WAS WEARING A JACKET TAKEN FROM INSIDE BLDG, CARRYING A HATCHET PICKED UP IN OFFICE.</p>					
32. DEF. PROPERTY					
BILFOLD, BELT					
34. TRANSPORTING OFFICERS NOS.		35. ARRESTING OFFICER NO.		36. RELEASED	
		AE BURNETT 521 WW WHITAKER 371		PATROL	
36. DATE/TIME BOOKED		37. BOOKING OFFICER NO.		38. SEARCHED BY NO.	
24 APR 68 0300				WW WHITAKER 371	
39. COURT DATE/TIME		40. NOTATIONS RE - BOND - DISPOSITION - HOLD			
26 APR 68 0830		\$5,000.00			

CE 44-1365

NICHOLAS NATHANIEL CAULDER, inmate, Mecklenburg County Jail, Charlotte, North Carolina, advised that his trial with reference to his having in his possession burglar tools had been set aside for two weeks.

He stated on April 4, 1968, he was at his mother's residence in Laurel Hill, North Carolina. He identified his mother as ELOISE CAULDER and his mother can verify the fact that on April 4, 1968, he was with his mother at her residence. Further, on April 4, 1968, he was drinking in McCall, South Carolina. He stated he was at Fonzo Goins Grill in McCall, South Carolina, and this can be verified by bartender BUDDY CLARK.

CAULDER denied ever making a statement indicating that he would gladly take part in the killing of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

With reference to his whereabouts on March 28-29, 1968, and stated that he cannot recall where he was during that period of time. He denied killing Dr. KING or being a participant in the shooting of Dr. KING and denied purchasing a rifle at Birmingham, Alabama.

Three photographs of CAULDER are attached hereto.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (137-3195)

DATE: 4/30/68

FROM : SA SA WILLIAM J. O'NEILL

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: CE 2200-C

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Dates of Contact		
4/8/68; 4/29/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
MURKIN		44-1365
JOHN HENRY JONES, JR-FUG UEAP-BE&L		88-9083
ALEXANDER CARTER-FUG CRV		76-3101
BOB ALLEN HEATH, AKA-FUG PV		76-3165
Purpose and results of contact		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE	On each contact CI ^{queried} queried re Murkin, advised has absolutely nothing concerning this matter, and is negative re GALT or RAY(contact 4/29/68). CI also unable to furnish additional re whereabouts of JONES, CARTER, OR HEATH. Stated will inquire vicinity Elite Grill re HEATH, and attempt to determine his location thru HEATH's sister-in-law, MYRTLE HEATH. No copies 88-9083, 76-3101, or 76-3165 as each of these cases is assigned this Agent.	
<input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE		
<input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Good	Coverage Local Negro Fugitives
1-(137-3195) ①-(44-1365) WJO:wjo P(2)		

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CE (137-3431)

4-30-68

Lewis X. Bradshaw

X

Billy Hugh Michael
PCI

4-19-68 ; 4-29-68

Murkin

44-1365

Cecil Lesley Arrowood. Aka Fugitive 88-10187
UFAC - Forgery

X On 4-19-68 PCI advised that he
had no information re the slayer
of Martin Luther King, Jr.

On 4-29-68 PCI stated that as of this
time he was unable to develop any
info re Cecil Lesley Arrowood.

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Very Good

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Very Good

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 44-1365

X On 4-19-68 CI advised that he had no idea as to the identity of the slayer of Martin Luther King, Jr. On 4-29-68 CI stated that he had not developed any information concerning the whereabouts of Ramsey.

Franklin
 last body Ramsey aka Fugitive
 UFAC - Fugitive
 44-1365 88-10187

4-19-68, 4-29-68

CE 2183-C

AE (137-3097)
 4-30-68
James X Franklin
 X

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1365)

FROM : SA ROBERT M. STEVENSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/1/68

Re SAC memos # 148 and 162, dated 4/15/68 and 4/23/68.

RE: DANCE STUDIOS

Inquiries in Rockingham RA determined the only dancing school is located at Southern Pines, N.C. on 4/16/68 SA ALAN P. HOYT interviewed MRS. PAT STARNES, operator of STARNES Dancing Studio, So. Pines, and she advised that she operates a dancing school for ballroom dancing instruction infrequently, once about every 4 months, for local couples, and she does not have any information regarding ERIC STARVO GALT or his aliases.

On the dates shown, the following Criminal and Racial Informants contacted by the writer re GALT with negative results:

CE 2029-R

CF 2239-R (PROB)

CE 2195-C

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TO : SAC (44-1365)

DATE: 5-1-68

FROM : SA FRANK L. FAIRCHILD

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Rememo #177.

It is noted that no law enforcement agency in the area covered by the High Point RA maintains unidentified latent fingerprints.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC: 44-1365 (P)

DATE: 5/1/68

FROM : SA RICHARD A. CARR

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re ~~XXXXXX~~ LA tel to all offices 4/30/68.

On 4/30/68 it was determined that Pembroke, N.C. phone number 521-4689 is listed to ILA MAE PAUL, Box 656 Pembroke N.C.. On the same date it was determined that Mrs. PAUL was not available for interview.

On 4/30/68 GEORGIE CAROL PAUL, daughter-in-law of ILA MAE PAUL, same address, advised that WILLIE FREEMAN PAUL, son of ILA resides at 5540 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood 28, California and calls ILA regularly. She advised she was not living at this address during February, 1968 and did not know if WILLIE called during February.

On 5/1/68 ILA MAE PAUL, Box 656 Pembroke, N.C. advised that WILLIE FREEMAN PAUL calls her almost every week from California and stated she felt sure WILLIE called her on or about Feb. 15, 1968.

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AIRMAIL

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

ReBHTel to Bureau, 4/25/68 and Bureau airtel to Atlanta, 4/26/68.

Referenced Birmingham teletype suggested that Bureau consider having an article on JAMES EARL RAY prepared for publication in the publications captioned "Journeyman Barber," which is published monthly by the Journeyman Barbers, Hairdressers, Cosmetologists and Proprietors International Union of America (JBHCP), 1141 North Delaware St., Indianapolis, Ind., and "Master Barber and Beauticians Magazine," published monthly by the Associated Master Barbers and Beauticians of America (AMBB), 219 Greenwich Road, Charlotte, N. C.

It is felt that such an article would receive nationwide publicity with barbers and barbershop owners since the JBHCP publication is sent to each member of the International within the U. S. and AMBB publication is sent to each barbershop owner within the U. S.

The results of such publication may be of great value in determining whereabouts of subject since, in all probability, subject will use the services of a barber.

Since the above publications are printed by the JBHCP and the AMBB, the cost to the Bureau of having such

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1 - Indianapolis (Info)
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an article published would be nil. If the Bureau considers authorizing such an article to be published, arrangements for such publication can be made through JOSEPH N. DePAOLA, Managing Editor of the "Journeyman Barber," 1141 North Delaware Street, Indianapolis, Ind., and arrangements for publication in the "Master Barber and Beauticians Magazine" could be made by contacting the editor, THOMAS H. BROUGHTON, AMBB, 2199 Greenwich Road, Charlotte.

Information copies are being furnished to Charlotte and Indianapolis.

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Date: 5/1/68Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority)

SAC
 TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES
 FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365) SA ANTHONY PALMISANO
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

REFERENCE:

MR. J. NEWSOME, Manager, Southern Bell Telephone Company, 210 North William Street, Goldsboro, N.C. (Protect) advised SA ANTHONY PALMISANO on 4/30/68, that telephone number 735-4200 is subscribed to by JACK H. PENDLETON, 712 Maxwell Street, Goldsboro, N.C. He advised service was connected on 12/3/63 at which time PENDLETON gave his employment as United States Air Force, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, Goldsboro, N.C.

HAYWOOD LANE, Chief of Police, Goldsboro North Carolina Police Department advised SA PALMISANO on 4/30/68 that records of his department contain no record for a JACK H. PENDLETON.

JOHN FLOYD, Manager, Credit Bureau of Goldsboro, Goldsboro, North Carolina, advised SA PALMISANO on 4/30/68 that records of his bureau contain the following information concerning a JACK HAROLD PENDLETON, wife, CAROL:

Address: 712 Maxwell Street, Goldsboro, N.C.

Previous address: 580 Seymour Johnson Homes, Goldsboro, N.C.

Age: 33 (in 1962)

Employed: United States Air Force, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, Goldsboro, N.C.

Credit rating: satisfactory

CAROL RAE PENDLETON, 712 Maxwell Street, Goldsboro, N.C. was interviewed by SA ANTHONY PALMISANO, on 4/30/68. She advised she is married to S/Sgt. JACK HAROLD PENDLETON, who is employed by the United States Air Force, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, Goldsboro, N.C., and that their home telephone number, for the past five years, has been 735-4209.

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Date:

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MR3. PENDLETON stated that on or about [REDACTED] she received a telephone call from her father-in-law, MR. EDGAR JOHN PENDLETON, from Los Angeles, California. She advised the reason she remembered this call was that her daughters birthday was [REDACTED] and MR. PENDLETON had called to wish her happy birthday. She stated MR. PENDLETON ~~has~~ recently had an operation on his hip and is presently in the Orthopedic Hospital, 2400 South Flowers Street, Los Angeles, California, and that his home address, ~~is~~ since the first week in March, 1968, is the Saint Francis Hotel, 553 Hollywood Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif., room 209. She stated he previously lived at 1278 Wilton Place, Hollywood, Calif.

MRS. PENDLETON stated her father-in-law is 64 years old, and he has had trouble with his hip for a number of years, and must walk with a cane. She stated to the best of her knowledge her father-in-law always calls her from his hotel, and that she and her husband have no other relatives living in California.

After viewing a copy of I.O. 4182 Mrs. PENDLETON stated she knows of no one who even resembles JAMES EARL RAY, and that she knows of no one by that name, or any of his aliases.

LEAD:

Los Angeles, at Los Angeles

1-Interview EDGAR JOHN PENDLETON presently a patient at Orthopedic Hospital, 2400 South Flowers Street, for any information he might have concerning JAMES EARL RAY.

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Special Agent in Charge

CE 137-3393

4-30-68

Francis X. Bradshaw

R. A. Jolley
PCI

4-19-68

Murkin

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X

PCI stated that he had no
idea who the slayer of
Martin Luther King, Jr. might
be.

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4-30-68

Francis X. Bradshaw

Charles Lindberg Moore
PCI

4-19-68 ; 4-29-68

Murkin
Unsub: Northwestern Bank
Greensboro, N.C. 8-25/26-66
BB

44-1365
91-2587

x On 4-19-68 PCI stated that he
had no info re the slayer of
Martin Luther King, Jr.

On 4-29-68 PCI stated that he had
developed no new info re captioned BB.

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Routing Slip
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Date **5-1-68**

RE: **MURKIN**

RE: **JERRY WAYNE TREXLER**

☐ For information ☐ Retention optional ☒ For appropriate action ☐ Surep, by _____
☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.
☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA _____ dated _____

Remarks: **Reurairtels 4-23-68 and 4-29-68 and Buairtel 4-26-68.**

Arrest date by Salisbury, North Carolina, Police Department is shown on page 2 in paragraphs 2 and 4 as 4-8-63. Be certain your copies are correct.

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C. F. Williams

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Date: 5/2/68

Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
FROM: CHARLOTTE (44-1365)

MURKIN.

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE APRIL TWENTYNINE LAST.

RE: TELEPHONE BOOTHS, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS ANGELES.

TELEPHONE SEVEN THREE FIVE - FOUR TWO ZERO NINE,
GOLDSBORO, N. C., LISTED IN NAME JACK H. PENDLETON. ON
APRIL THIRTY LAST PENDLETON'S WIFE ADVISED ON OR ABOUT MARCH
[REDACTED] LAST SHE RECEIVED CALL FROM HER FATHER-IN-LAW,
EDGAR JOHN PENDLETON, WHO RESIDES AT ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, FIVE
FIVE THREE HOLLYWOOD BLVD., LOS ANGELES.

TELEPHONE FIVE TWO ONE - FOUR SIX EIGHT NINE, PEMBROKE,
N. C., IS LISTED TO ILA MAE PAUL WHO ADVISED ON MAY ONE LAST
THAT HER SON WILLIE FRENCH PAUL CALLS HER ALMOST EVERY WEEK
FROM CALIF. AND STATED SHE FEELS SURE WILLIE CALLED HER ON
OR ABOUT FEBRUARY FIFTEEN LAST. HE RESIDES AT FIVE FIVE FOUR
ZERO HOLLYWOOD BLVD., HOLLYWOOD, CALIF.

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1-Memphis (44-1987) (AM)

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**IN VIEW OF ABOVE, NO FURTHER ACTION BEING TAKEN. INSERT
BEING FURNISHED MEMPHIS SEPARATELY.**

MEMPHIS ADVISED BY AIR MAIL.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END.

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Special Agent in Charge

CE 44-1365

DWW:cbw

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Re OTIS MILTON MC NEILL

The following investigation was conducted by SA
DAVID W. WATSON at Wilmington, North Carolina:

On April 25, 1968, Detective Sergeant WILLIE LEWIS, Detective Division, Wilmington Police Department, advised that his department received a telephone call from an unknown individual advising that one OTIS McNEILL, who resided at 1819 Ann Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, an employee of Rea Construction Company on the Hercules Plant Job on Highway 421 North of Wilmington, appeared to resemble JAMES EARL RAY.

On April 25, 1968, Mr. JIM SIMMONS, Personnel Department, Rea Construction Company, Hercules, Incorporated, Plant, Highway 421, Wilmington, North Carolina, advised that their files reflect that OTIS MILTON McNEILL, white male, born [redacted] Harnett County, North Carolina, was an employee at Rea Construction Company. According to Mr. SIMMONS, OTIS MILTON McNEILL is described as being five feet seven inches, 160 pounds, gray eyes, brown hair, Social Security Number [redacted].

Mr. SIMMONS advised that McNEILL's former residence was listed as 308 Wrightsville Avenue, Wilmington, North Carolina, and that McNEILL now resides at 1819 Ann Street, Wilmington, North Carolina.

According to Mr. SIMMONS, Mr. McNEILL is a pipefitter's helper but presently is doing messenger work driving a company trunk as he was recently hurt on the job.

Mr. SIMMONS advised that McNEILL is personally known to him and that McNEILL has been employed with them from August 21, 1967, to the present time, and now earning \$2.15 per hour.

Mr. SIMMONS advised that McNEILL works the 7:30 A. M. to 4:30 P. M. shift, and reviewed the time sheets for early April, 1968, and advised that on the dates indicated, McNEILL worked the following hours:

April 1	-	ten hours
April 2	-	ten hours
April 3	-	ten hours
April 4	-	ten hours
April 5	-	five hours.

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Mr. SIMMONS advised that his company works only one-half day on Friday in order to give their employees a long weekend off and pointed out that a good number of their employees live a good distance from Wilmington, North Carolina.

5/2/68

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P)
MURKIN

Enclosed for Memphis are nine copies of insert
regarding OTIS MILTON MC NEILL.

In view of the information developed concerning
MC NEILL and the fact that he was employed at Wilmington,
N. C., on 4/4/68, no further investigation is being
conducted.

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① - Charlotte

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AIRTEL

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM : SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Memphis airtel to all offices 4/19/68, regarding
MURKIN costs.

Following are the costs for the Charlotte Division
for April, 1968:

1. MAN HOURS SPENT ON CASE

	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Overtime</u>	<u>Total</u>
(a) Special Agent	1165	198	1363
(b) Clerical	235		235
			<u>1598</u>
2. TOTAL MILEAGE 9650 miles
3. UNUSUAL OR OUT OF ORDINARY COSTS
Telephone Calls (Toll) \$ 7.60
Film and Processing Photographs 46.00
\$53.60
4. PEAK NUMBER OF SPECIAL AGENTS WORKING
ON CASE IN APRIL: 75 Agents

2 - Memphis
② - Charlotte
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C.F. Williams

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC: Charlotte (44-1365) - P- DATE: 5/3/68

FROM : SA George J. Klein

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On May 1, 1968 COP A. A. Mauney, Monroe, N. C. was contacted and asked to compare fingerprints of James Earl Ray, as set forth in IO with unidentified latents in possession of Monroe, P.D.

Mauney ^{stated} ~~advised~~ he would have this done ~~as~~ as soon as possible and advise the F. B. I. if of any similarities.

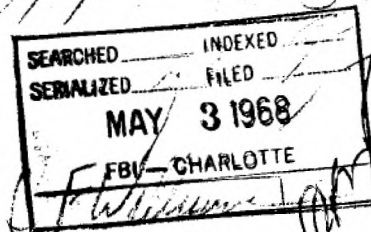
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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM : SAC, ALBANY (44-493)(P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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(OO:MEMPHIS)

Re Charlotte airtel to Albany dated 4/18/68,
Boston airtel to Bureau dated 4/22/68, and Bureau
teletype to Albany dated 4/26/68.

Above communications of Charlotte and Boston
were not previously answered because Albany desired
direction from the Bureau or Memphis regarding the
extent to which further investigation should be conducted
re laundry marks.

The Bureau by referenced teletype advised
that inasmuch as unequivocal identification has not been
made by the laboratory identifying the laundry machine
responsible for the laundry marks on the tee shirt
and shorts specifically those bearing the code 02B-6,

CC: 3-Bureau
1-Memphis (44-1987)
2-Boston (157-644)
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and the possibility still exists that a similar mark could have been produced by any such machine. Albany should continue to handle appropriate leads.

On 5/1/68, Mr. DONALD BROTON, Textile Marking Machine Company, Syracuse, New York, advised that with regard to thermo-seal machine SN 33441 purchased by Talley Laundry Machine Company, Greensboro, North Carolina, this was ordered under their number 23050 dated 1/5/65 and billed under invoice number 49658 on 1/11/65. Their records show nothing regarding the laundry to which it was destined but showed that the machine had requisitioned "Johnson".

Regarding Thermo-Seal Machines shipped to Pantex-Prosperity Textile Marking Machine Company, records disclosed nothing regarding the following Thermo-Seal Machines:

Serial Numbers 32146, 32151, 31992, 31430, 31437, 31331, 31656.

Mr. DONALD BROTON, Textile Marking Machine Company advised that most of these machines were purchased in connection with sales of complete laundry facilities by Pantex-Prosperity and therefore their contract records should show what happened to these machines. Textile Marking Machine records which would show names other than Pantex-Prosperity on these machines have been destroyed because of age. These records show the following regarding the following Thermo-Seal Machines:

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SERIAL #	PANTEX-PROSPERITY ORDER NUMBER	DATE	IDENTITY OF COMPANY FOR WHOM PURCHASED
32068	406	1/8/62	JESS A. HILAND
32307	544	4/12/68	T&C Cleaners, Huntington, (no state shown)
32368	688	7/27/62	Budget Cleaners
32440	753	8/15/62	Francine
32449	509	No date	Ron Hil, Plainview, (no st.)
32695	1154	5/3/63	Country Squire Drive-In Cleaners In addition, the name Meadowlark is also noted.
33495	1106	10/27/68	New-Clear

Mr. BROTON further advised that these machines may have been installed by Delta Cleaners and Equipment Company, 875 Prospect Avenue, Westbury, Long Island, who installed the majority of the machines for Pantex-Prosperity. He stated however that Delta Cleaners and Equipment Company is believed to be now out of business or in bankruptcy and those records particularly those prior to 1962 may not be available.

Mr. BROTON further suggested that if none of these avenues disclosed the locations of these machines he suggested contact with ANDY DOBOS, 301 Fycke Lane Teaneck, New Jersey, the Textile Marking Machine Company repairman who did the majority of repair work on machines installed by Pantex-Prosperity.

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AT GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA

Recontact Talley Laundry Machine Corporation and furnish above information for identification of location of Thermo-Seal machine Serial # 33441.

BOSTON

AT SOUTH PORTLAND, MAINE

1. Recontact Ametec, Inc., and furnish the above information for location of machines set forth,

2. Review records suggested by Mr. BROTON if available regarding machines received in 1959-61 and set forth appropriate leads.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365)

DATE: 5/3/68

FROM : SA DONALD M. MURRAY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re All Agents Memo number 177.

On 5/1/68, STEVE JONES, Identification Division, SBI, and RUDY PIERCE, City-County Bureau of Investigation, Raleigh, N. C., advised they maintain unidentified latent fingerprint impressions in their files, and will attempt to compare these with the prints of JAMES EARL RAY, IO 4182, and if an identification is effected, they will immediately notify this office.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHARLOTTE

DATE: 5/2/68

FROM : SA ANTHONY PALMISANO

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Agents memo # 177, dated 4/30/68

The following departments were contacted on 5/1/68, all advised that they have no fingerprints on file identifiable with JAMES EARL RAY:
Holdsboro Police Department (COP H. LANE)
Wayne County Sheriffs Office (Sheriff W. ADAMS)

The following departments were contacted by SA JAMES G. AKERS:
Kinston Police Department (Capt. WALTER THOMAS)
Lenoir County Sheriffs Office (Sheriff FRED BOYD)
Greene County Sheriffs Office (Sheriff P.L. BARRELL)
Snow Hill Police Department (COP WALTER HEATH)



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Francis X. Bradshaw

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CE 2275-A
(Prob. Sheth)

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Racial Matters
Charlotte Office

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X Informant stated he had no
idea who murdered Martin Luther
King, Jr. He also stated that there had
been no racial disturbances in the
Shelby, N.C. area since King's death
and he did not expect any trouble

Very Good

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JAMES EARL RAY, also known as Eric Starvo Galt, Harvey Lowmyer, John Willard, James McBride, James Walton, W. C. Herron and James O'Conner.

James Earl Ray, a Missouri prison escapee, sought under the alias Eric Starvo Galt in connection with the gunshot slaying of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is one of the FBI's "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives." FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover ordered the special addition of Ray to the "Top Ten" list to insure widespread dissemination of Ray's photograph and description to speed his location.

Ray has been intensively sought since the murder of Dr. King on April 4, 1968, as he stood on the balcony of a Memphis, Tennessee, motel. An exhaustive FBI fingerprint search, comparing latent fingerprints uncovered in the Dr. King case against fingerprints of over 53,000 persons on whom wanted notices were posted, determined that Galt and Ray are identical.

A Federal warrant, issued at Birmingham, Alabama, on April 17, 1968, charges Ray, under the alias of Galt, with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a citizen. Ray, who escaped on April 23, 1967, from the Missouri State Penitentiary, is also sought for unlawful flight to avoid confinement for robbery. His long criminal record also includes convictions for burglary and forging U.S. Postal Money Orders.

A white American, born in Alton, Illinois, on [redacted] Ray is 5'10" tall, weighs 163 to 174 pounds, has blue eyes and short brown hair. He has a nervous habit of tugging at an ear lobe and his left ear protrudes noticeably. Known as a "loner" and "drifter," Ray has worked as a baker, laborer and color matcher. He has taken dancing lessons and completed a course at a school of bartending.

Consider Ray armed and extremely dangerous. Report any information concerning him to the nearest FBI office.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 44-1365

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
1120 Jefferson Standard Life Building
Charlotte, North Carolina
May 2, 1968

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a newspaper mat and proof concerning
James Earl Ray.

It is requested that your newspaper, if possible,
carry this article and photograph of Ray in an effort to bring
about the prompt apprehension of this badly sought fugitive.

It would also be most helpful if the same article
and photograph could be run in future issues in the event the
publicity received is unproductive.

The cooperation of the nation's press in assisting
in this matter is deeply appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Robert M. Murphy
Robert M. Murphy
Special Agent in Charge

Enclosures

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RE: [REDACTED]

By communication of April 25, 1968, the Atlanta Office advised that Eastern Airlines (EAL), Miami, Florida, furnished the name of [REDACTED] as a passenger aboard EAL Flight 915 on April 6, 1968, New York to Atlanta to New Orleans to Mexico City. The ticket was purchased at the Atlanta Airport on March 23, 1968, paid for in cash, with origin at Greensboro, North Carolina. The ticket was for EAL Flight 629 on April 6, 1968, to Atlanta and transfer to EAL Flight 915 on that same date.

B. M. CRITTENDEN, Assistant Terminal Services Manager, EAL, Atlanta, Georgia, advised on April 25, 1968, that records reflect the contact address for [REDACTED] as care of W. T. FOISTER, telephone 882-2751, High Point, North Carolina.

The following investigation was conducted by SA DANIEL P. BRADY at High Point, North Carolina:

On April 26, 1968, Mrs. PEGGY FOISTER, 416 Rock Spring Road, advised that [REDACTED], age 15, resided at her residence from the early part of November, 1967, until he flew back to Mexico City from High Point on April 6, 1968. Mrs. FOISTER said that [REDACTED] was invited by her and her husband, WILLIAM FOISTER, to come to the United States and stay at their residence during this period of time. She said she and her husband have known [REDACTED] and his family for a number of years and felt this visit would be a good opportunity for the boy to learn America and to improve his English. He came to High Point on a student visa and attended Northeast Junior High School.

On April 26, 1968, Mrs. MARIE SECHREST, Secretary, Northeast Junior High School, High Point, advised that [REDACTED], born [REDACTED] was residing at the residence of [REDACTED] Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM FOISTER, having arrived in this Country during early November, 1967. He attended classes at Northeast Junior High School from approximately November 24, 1967 until April 5, 1968.

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P)

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Re Atlanta aleteype 4/25/68 and Charlotte teletype
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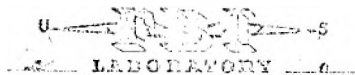
Enclosed herewith are 9 copies of investigative
insert reflecting information concerning one [REDACTED].

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REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 1, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-561857 JK

D-561858 JK

D-561817 JK

Specimens received 4/29/68, from FBI, Jacksonville

K212 Piece of cloth containing fourteen samples of laundry
tape obtained from Tillman Laundry and Cleaners,
Jacksonville, Florida

Specimen received 4/29/68, from FBI, Charlotte

K213 Eight sample laundry tapes obtained from two
Thermo-Seal machines located at Canton Laundry,
Canton, North Carolina

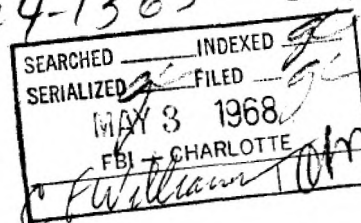
Specimen received 4/29/68, from FBI, Tampa

K214 Three sample laundry tapes obtained from Winter Park
Laundry, Winter Park, Florida

Result of examination:

Differences were noted between the laundry tags represented by K212, K213 and K214 when compared with the laundry tags appearing on Q97 and Q89, but the lack of significant characteristics precluded a definite determination regarding these specimens.

K212, K213 and K214 have been retained.





FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 1, 1968

Re: MURKIN
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OO: Memphis

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

Examination requested by: Tampa, Charlotte,
Jacksonville

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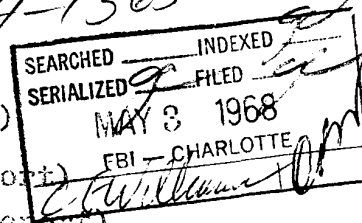
Reference: Airtels, 4/26/68
Examination requested: Document

Remarks:

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

- 1 - Tampa (157-3231) Enclosure (Lab report)
- ① - Charlotte (44-1365) Enclosure (Lab report)
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Date May 3, 1968

RE:

MURKIN

☐ For Information ☐ Retention optional ☐ For appropriate action ☐ Surep, by _____

☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.

☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA _____ dated _____

Remarks:

Enclosed are copies of another
photograph taken of James Earl Ray, aka
Eric S. Galt in Fall of 1967.

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Charlotte teletype to the Bureau dated
4/29/68.

JOHN FRANCIS SMALLWOOD

Records, Jacksonville Shipyards, Jacksonville, Florida, examined on 4/30/68, by SA CHARLES J. HONETOR, disclosed SMALLWOOD, Social Security Number [REDACTED] was employed as a welder by Aero-Jet Corp., Jacksonville, from June, 1964 to June, 1965, when he voluntarily left for other employment. SMALLWOOD was rehired by the Jacksonville Shipyards and except for short periods was regularly employed as a welder from August, 1966 to date. SMALLWOOD, on 4/15/68, went on an official leave of absence until 5/14/68. His reason for desiring a leave was shown to improve his financial status. Records show SMALLWOOD was continuously employed at the Jacksonville Shipyards during the period from 1/7/68 through 4/12/68. He was employed eight hours on 4/4/68 and eight hours on 4/5/68.

JOHN FRANCIS SMALLWOOD, residing 10710 Wake Forest Road, Jacksonville, Florida, was interviewed 4/30/68 by SAs CHARLES J. HONETOR and GEORGE A. MC BRIDE. SMALLWOOD advised he has been in Jacksonville almost continuously since leaving North Carolina. He stated he has visited with relatives in North Carolina once in 1965 and again at Christmas time in 1966. He stated he has received no information indicating any of his wife's

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relatives or others had part in instant matter. He said he is of the opinion that the incident which occurred in 1963 and which he reported was caused by racial tensions at that time. He said that since he has been in Jacksonville his wife has had cancer and he has been financially hard pressed. He said that he has been working as a welder at the Jacksonville Shipyards since coming to Jacksonville. He said that during this period he was also employed as a welder with Carco Research and Engineering Incorporated, 4120 Haines Street, Jacksonville. He advised that he took a leave of absence at the Jacksonville Shipyards to attempt to improve his financial situation. He said that during his absence from the shipyards he is working at Bellingers Boat Yard located Atlantic Boulevard and Intracoastal Waterway. He said that he can make more money in this job and he may not return to the Jacksonville Shipyards. He advised that he does not believe in violence now any more that he did in 1963 when he informed on his relatives. He stated he will cooperate with the FBI and any information coming to his attention concerning instant matter will be promptly furnished.

Since no evidence of conspiracy on part of SHALLWOOD, no further action regarding him being taken.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Charlotte (44-1365)

DATE: 5/3/68

FROM : Robert S. Moore

SUBJECT: MURKIN.

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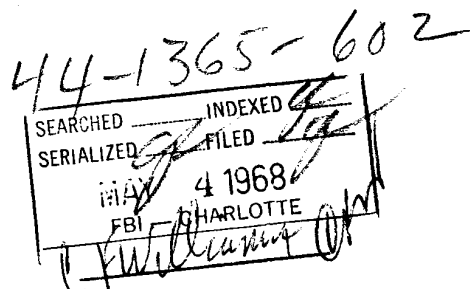
On 5/1/68 Mr. Cecil Masters, Buncombe County Bureau of Identification, and Sgt. James Robinson, Asheville PD B of I, Asheville, N.C. were requested to check all/latent fingerprints developed since 4/23/67 with fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY.

On 5/2/68 Mr. Masters and Sgt. Robinson advised they had checked all unidentified fingerprints since 4/23/68 with the fingerprints of Ray and no identification was made.

RSM.



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1365)

DATE: 5/3/68

FROM : SA ROBERT M. STEVENSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: SUSPECT NICHOLAS NATHANIEL CAULDER, aka Nick, Sonny

Following inv. conducted by SA ROBERT M. STEVENSON
AT LAURELHILL, N. C.

On 5/2/68 Mr. DAN CAULDER and his wife, ELOISE CAULDER, mailing address Rt 1, Box 228, residence Springfield Mill village, were interviewed separately and they both advised substantially the same ~~same~~ information, which is as follows:

Their son, NICHOLAS NATHANIEL CAULDER, who they refer to as Nick and Sonny, had been working as an electrician for the Bryant or Bryan Construction Co. on the construction of the Hercules Plant at Wilmington for about one year until he was "laid-off" during the latter part of February or first part of March, 1968, when he returned to their home to stay and seek employment in the vicinity. He was unsuccessful in getting local employment and he then traveled to an unknown place in the State of Mississippi to get employment at an unknown ~~company~~ ~~place~~ Company. They ~~xxxxx~~ furnished him sufficient money for his travel to Mississippi, which he performed in his personally owned auto. He stayed away from home about three days and returned saying that he found that the Company/~~xxxxxx~~ employees were on strike and he did not want to cross the picket lines. They could not furnish



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dates he made this trip but thought it was during the middle part of March, 1968.

They advised that CAULDER was at their home the evening that MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. was shot and killed because they specifically recalled that MR. DAN CAULDER and SUSPECT CAULDER were watching television the evening of 4/4/68 and shortly after the news broadcast from 6:30 to 7 PM they saw a special bulletin flash on the screen that KING had been shot and DAN CAULDER and suspect CAULDER called for MRS. CAULDER to come from the kitchen to watch the TV. They said several minutes later they saw on TV that KING had died.

MR. and MRS. CAULDER were emphatic that suspect CAULDER, their son, was at their home the ~~xxxxxx~~ evening of 4/4/68 and stated further that he stayed at their home continuously for at least two ~~xxxxxx~~ weeks prior to 4/4/68 but could not state definitely as to his specific whereabouts on 3/29-30/68, other than the fact that he was at their home at nights on these dates.

They advised that their son has never been in trouble before and they are completely heartbroken to learn that ~~he~~ ^{he} had been arrested in Charlotte for burglary.

They both advised they ~~xx~~ they work at the Springfield Textile mill near Laurel hill. Mrs CAULDER works on the first shift and her husband works on the third ~~xxxxxx~~ shift.

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RE: JIMMY RAY BUNDY

By communication dated April 23, 1968, the San Diego Office of the FBI advised as follows:

On April 22, 1968, a Mrs. WILLIAMS telephonically advised that approximately one and one half weeks previously a male cousin of a neighbor and another male individual named JIMMY RAY BUNDY visited a neighbor of hers. The cousin was driving a car bearing North Carolina license. Mrs. WILLIAMS stated that she and her husband thought that BUNDY bore a striking resemblance to ERIC STARVO GALT and that his actions while at the neighbor's home were mostcircum-spect. She said that BUNDY had a peculiar reluctance to converse and that he left rather unexpectedly, hitchhiking his way south.

Upon contact, Mrs. WILLIAMS advised that the neighbor to whom she referred is Mrs. MARJORIE GREGG, who resides directly across the street from her home at 138 Quail Drive, Chula Vista, California. The neighbor's cousin was driving a 1957 Chevrolet bearing North Carolina license HJ-7057.

Mrs. WILLIAMS said that she had determined that JIMMY RAY BUNDY was taken to Alpine, California, by Mrs. GREGG several days previously and was let out at which time he began hitchhiking back to North Carolina.

MILTON GRAY MANNING, temporary resident at 138 Quail Drive, advised he is the cousin of MARJORIE GREGG, the owner of that residence. He said about April 9, 1968, he and a friend, JIMMY RAY BUNDY, left Greenville, North Carolina in his Chevrolet en route to California. He said they were in California for about one and one half weeks, and when BUNDY departed he was hitchhiking to Greenville, North Carolina or Portsmouth, Virginia.

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BUNDY was employed by his father, who operates his own real estate company in Portsmouth. His mother, Mrs. IDA SAWYER, lives in the Village Grove Section of Greenville, North Carolina, and is married to RUDELL SAWYER.

Mrs. MARJORIE GREGG verified the information furnished by MANNING and advised that she took BUNDY to Alpine, California, on April 19, 1968, where he began hitchhiking to North Carolina.

Mrs. GREGG advised she has known BUNDY and his family for many years, and when shown a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, she stated there was no resemblance between BUNDY and RAY.

MANNING also advised that there is no resemblance between BUNDY and RAY.

They described BUNDY as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	31 years
Height:	5 feet 10 inches to 6 feet
Weight:	180 pounds
Hair:	Dark
Eyes:	Blue
Marks:	Knot on back of neck.

By communication dated April 26, 1968, the Norfolk Office of the FBI advised as follows:

JAMES L. BUNDY, owner of Bundy Realty Company, 5000 Portsmouth Boulevard, Portsmouth, Virginia, advised that his son has not worked for him for some time and stated he has not seen his son for over a month. He said that his son has moved to Greenville, North Carolina, to live with his mother.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA JAMES G. AKERS at Greenville, North Carolina:

On April 26, 1968, Mrs. RUDELL SAWYER, 410
West Village Drive, Greenville, North Carolina, advised
that her son, JIMMY RAY BUNDY, returned to Greenville
on that date from Chula Vista, California.

On April 26, 1968, JIMMY RAY BUNDY advised
that he left California on April 19, 1968, and hitch-
hiked to Greenville, North Carolina. He advised he
is not acquainted with JAMES EARL RAY, has no information
concerning him, and was in no way implicated with RAY
or anyone else in the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING,
JR.

5/6/68

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re San Diego airtel 4/23/68; and Norfolk airtel
4/26/68.

There are being furnished Memphis herewith
an original and eight copies of an insert regarding
JIMMY RAY BUNDY.

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RE: JOSEPH LUNCEFORD

By communication dated April 9, 1968, the Savannah Office of the FBI advised that information had been received to the effect that one JOSEPH LUNCEFORD was in Darien, Georgia, on that date and closely resembled the artist's conception of the assassin of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. The information also revealed that LUNCEFORD was in contact with someone at Clinton, North Carolina, telephone number 592-9345. He was accompanied by a white female and a small child and was driving a pink Nash or Rambler with a light colored top, bearing 1968, North Carolina license HF-7050.

LUNCEFORD was described as a white male, age 30 to 35, 5 feet 8 inches tall to 5 feet 10 inches tall, medium build, sandy, receding hair.

The following investigation was conducted by IC MARION E. HILLIARD:

AT RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

On April 11, 1968, SARA WATSON, Registration Section, North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles, advised that MONNIE MATHIS PETERSON, Route 2, Box 150-A, Clinton, North Carolina, is the registered owner of a 1962 Rambler, bearing 1968 North Carolina license HF-7050.

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN S. SALSBERG:

AT CLINTON, NORTH CAROLINA

On April 11, 1968, Mrs. MAMIE MATHIS, Route 2, Box 245, Clinton, North Carolina, advised that her daughter, MONNIE LEONE PETERSON, is the owner of a 1962

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Rambler, bearing 1968 North Carolina license HF-7050. She said that on April 5, 1968, her daughter told her she was leaving Clinton in search of employment and said she would call home when she was settled. Mrs. MATHIS stated she believes her daughter is in the company of an individual named JOSEPH LUNCEFORD, and that her daughter has one of her children, a five-year-old boy, with her. She said that on April 6, 1968, she received a telephone call from her daughter, at which time she was in a town near West Palm Beach, Florida.

Mrs. MATHIS said her daughter has talked about JOSEPH LUNCEFORD for the past two or three weeks, and to the best of her knowledge, LUNCEFORD has been employed somewhere in Clinton as a mechanic. He is believed to be originally from Durham, North Carolina. She advised that she never saw LUNCEFORD and knows very little concerning him. Mrs. MATHIS advised that her telephone number is 592-3495.

On April 19, 1968, Mrs. MATHIS advised that she had received no information concerning her daughter's whereabouts or the whereabouts of JOSEPH LUNCEFORD.

On April 24, 1968, Mrs. MATHIS advised that on that date she had received a letter from her daughter, MONNIE, showing her return address as 26-A Garden Apartments, Boca Raton, Florida. She advised that her daughter did not mention JOSEPH LUNCEFORD in the letter.

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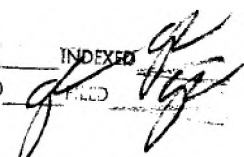
RE: JOSEPH LUNCEFORD

The individual who furnished the information regarding JOSEPH LUNCEFORD at Darien, Georgia, on April 9, 1968, is [REDACTED], Boyd's Hardware Store and Western Union Office, whose identity should be protected.

[REDACTED] advised that LUNCEFORD inquired about a Western Union money order which was to be forwarded to him at New Smyrna, Florida. He asked [REDACTED] if he could contact the appropriate Western Union office in Florida to determine if this money order had been received, and if so to have the money order forwarded to Darien, Georgia. [REDACTED] telephonically contacted New Smyrna, Florida, and ascertained that the money order had not been received by that office.

LUNCEFORD then placed two calls to Clinton, North Carolina, concerning this money order with directions to have it sent elsewhere. [REDACTED] believed the second number LUNCEFORD called may have been 592-9345.

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Savannah airtel to Charlotte dated 4/9/68;
Charlotte teletype to Miami dated 4/24/68; and Miami
teletype dated 4/25/68.

There are being furnished Memphis herewith an
original and eight copies of an administrative insert and
the original and eight copies of an investigative insert
regarding JOSEPH LUNCEFORD.

By referenced teletype of 4/25/68, Miami advised
that JOSEPH LUNCEFORD was located at Boca Raton, Florida,
on 4/25/68, and eliminated as a suspect through
fingerprints.

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RE: JAMES EARL RAY

By communication dated April 6, 1968, the Washington Field Office of the FBI advised as follows:

Doctor NORMAN FORRESTER, Dentist, 212 M Street, Southwest, Washington, D. C., advised that the artist's sketch of the suspect in the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., which appeared in a local newspaper, looks like an individual who accompanied a patient of his by the name of RONNIE CHRISTBERRY, 202 27th Street, Hickory, North Carolina, whom he treated on April 6, 1968.

He described the individual he considers a suspect as being a white male, 20 years of age, blond hair, and wearing a red sweater.

The following investigation was conducted by SA J. RALPH JONES:

AT HICKORY, NORTH CAROLINA

On April 8, 1968, Mrs. JEAN CHRISTENBURG, 202 27th Street, Southwest, Hickory, North Carolina, advised she is the mother of RONNIE CHRISTENBURG, who left home on April 2, 1968, leaving no word as to his whereabouts. She said in the past RONNIE has associated with JOHN POWELL, who lives in Burke County, North Carolina, and that on April 2, 1968, POWELL jumped from the courthouse in Morganton, North Carolina, where he was to be tried for drunk driving and hit and run.

On April 9, 1968, Deputy Sheriff GERALD POTEAT, Sheriff's Office, Morganton, North Carolina, advised that JOHN POWELL did jump and run from the courthouse on April 2, 1968, and his whereabouts are unknown.

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