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Deputy Sheriff POTEAT described POWELL as a white male, six feet tall, 145 pounds, dark skin and hair, one slightly cocked eye, and about 20 years of age.

On April 12, 1968, AVERY C. ERVIN, North Carolina Probation Officer, advised that JOHN POWELL is on probation under his supervision. He said information had been received indicating that POWELL, after he ran from the courthouse on April 2, 1968, went to Virginia looking for employment. He advised that POWELL was born [REDACTED].

On April 18, 1968, Sergeant BILL PAYNE, Hickory Police Department, advised that RONNIE CHRISTENBURG had returned to Hickory, and it was learned that he had been in the company of JOHN POWELL.

On April 24, 1968, North Carolina Probation Officer AVERY ERVIN advised that POWELL had been with RONNIE CHRISTENBURG and was reported to have returned to that county. He said he has known POWELL for several years and is aware of his family and background. He said POWELL could not be identical with or involved with JAMES EARL RAY in connection with the assassination of KING.

On April 24, 1968, HUGH HUTCHINS, Valdese, North Carolina, Police Department, advised that POWELL is a native of that city, is married to a local girl, and is well known to the police, who have arrested him on numerous occasions. He said POWELL does not resemble in any respect the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY.

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AIRTEL

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

Re WFO teletype 4/6/68, and Charlotte teletype
4/12/68.

There are being furnished Memphis herewith the
original and eight copies of an insert regarding JAMES
EARL RAY.

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RE: EARL FREEMAN DAVIS

By communication dated April 26, 1968, the Richmond Office of the FBI furnished the following information:

Chief of Police ROBERT ELLISON, Colonial Heights, Virginia, advised on April 26, 1968, that he had received a telephone call from EARL DAVIS, Route 1, Box 265, Wilson, North Carolina, telephone number 234-5967. He said that DAVIS desired that he (ELLISON) travel to Wilson, North Carolina and take him (DAVIS) into custody for the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Chief ELLISON described DAVIS as a white male, about 45 years of age, who is employed as a road grader operator, and who is a heavy drinker. ELLISON said some time ago DAVIS was employed in the Colonial Heights, Virginia, area and was arrested several times by the Colonial Heights Police Department during that time.

The following investigation was conducted by SA JAMES E. CALLAHAN, JR., at Wilson, North Carolina:

On April 26, 1968, JOHN TEAL, Identification Officer, Wilson Police Department, made available the arrest record for EARL FREEMAN DAVIS indicating numerous arrests from 1945 to date for drunkenness. He was shown as a white male, age 25 (1945), Route 1, Wilson, North Carolina, 5 feet 11 inches tall, 150 pounds, brown hair, and blue eyes.

On April 26, 1968, BERNICE DAVIS, the brother of EARL DAVIS, advised that EARL is presently employed by the S. T. Wooten Construction Company of Stantonsburg, North Carolina.

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On April 26, 1968, Mrs. MQORING, Wooten Construction Company, advised that DAVIS is presently working on a road project in Nash County, North Carolina. She advised that her records show that DAVIS was employed by that company and was at work on April 3, April 4, and April 5, 1968.

EARL FREEMAN DAVIS advised that on April 24, 1968, he made a telephone call to an unknown dispatcher at the Colonial Heights, Virginia, Police Department. He explained that on that date it was raining, and for this reason he did not go to work, and as usual when he is not employed, he got drunk. He said he formerly worked for seven years for the city of Colonial Heights, Virginia. He denied recollection of any mention of the MARTIN LUTHER KING assassination and stated to the best of his knowledge he had never killed anyone in his life. He said he could not recall having made any statements regarding killing anyone and does not recall having spoken to Chief of Police ROBERT ELLISON. He advised he has no information which would assist in identifying the assassin of KING.

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AIRTEL

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

Re Richmond telephone call and airtel dated
4/26/68.

There are being furnished Memphis herewith
an original and eight copies of an insert regarding
EARL FREEMAN DAVIS.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Re NICHOLAS NATHANIEL CAULDER

By teletype dated 4/26/68, the Columbia Office advised as follows:

For information of Charlotte, NICHOLAS NATHANIEL CAULDER, who resided at Camden, South Carolina, in 1966, was formerly SV 472-R (PROB), CO 48M-4, and RH 294-R. In 1965 he was described as Imperial Klexter of UKA, Inc., KKKKK, and was dropped as an informant when he left the Klan. He told a Special Agent in 1965 that he hated Negroes and would gladly take part in the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., which information was reported to the Bureau.

CAULDER's last known address in February, 1967, was Route 1, Laurel Hill, North Carolina. Charlotte was instructed to conduct investigation to determine if CAULDER might be indicated as a conspirator in the assassination of KING.

The following investigation was conducted at Charlotte, North Carolina:

On April 24, 1968, Lieutenant C. Y. ROSS, Charlotte Police Department, advised that NICHOLAS NATHANIEL CAULDER had been arrested by the Charlotte police earlier on that date while in the process of burglarizing Lowe's Hardware Store. He gave his address as Route 1, Laurel Hill, North Carolina, and was driving a 1966 Dodge convertible.

The following investigation was conducted by SA EMANUEL R. JOHNSON at Charlotte, North Carolina:

On April 28, 1968, CAULDER was interviewed at the Mecklenburg County Jail, at which time he stated that on April 4, 1968, he was at his mother's residence in Laurel Hill, North Carolina. He said his mother, ELOISE CAULDER, can verify the fact that he was there on that date. He stated he could not recall where he was on March 29 and 30, 1968. He denied killing MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. or being

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a participant in connection with the shooting. He denied purchasing a rifle at Birmingham, Alabama. CAULDER also denied ever making a statement indicating that he would gladly take part in the killing of KING.

The following physical description of CAULDER was obtained from the records of the Charlotte Police Department and through observation and interview:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	29
Born	
Height	5'11"
Weight	220 pounds
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown

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The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT M. STEVENSON at Laurel Hill, North Carolina:

On May 2, 1968, Mr. DAN CAULDER and his wife ELOISE CAULDER, mailing address Route 1, Box 228, residence Springfield Mill Village, were interviewed separately and they both advised substantially the same information, which information is as follows:

Their son, NICHOLAS NATHANIEL CAULDER, whom they refer to as "Nick" and "Sonny," had been working as an electrician for the Bryant or Bryan Construction Company 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 the 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. They furnished him sufficient money for his travel to Mississippi, which he performed in his personally owned automobile. He stayed away from home about three days and returned saying that he found

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the company employees were on strike and he did not want to cross the picket lines. They could not furnish specific dates on which 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 their son were watching television the evening of April 4, 1968, and shortly after the news broadcast from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m., they saw a special bulletin flash on the screen that KING had been shot and DAN CAULDER and their son called for Mrs. CAULDER to come to watch the television. They said several minutes later they saw on television that KING had died.

Mr. and Mrs. CAULDER were emphatic that their son was at their home the evening of April 4, 1968, and stated that he stayed at their home continuously for at least two weeks prior to April 4, 1968, but could not state definitely as to his specific whereabouts on March 29-30, 1968, other than the fact that he was at their home at night on these dates.

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

They both advised they work at the Springfield Textile Mill near Laurel Hill. Mrs. CAULDER works on the first shift and her husband works on the third shift.

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

Re Columbia teletype 4/26/68.

Enclosed for Memphis are nine copies and for the Bureau and Columbia one copy each of an administrative insert concerning NICHOLAS NATHANIEL CAULDER.

This insert is being designated as administrative inasmuch as CAULDER is a former informant of the Columbia, Savannah and Richmond offices.

- 2 - Memphis (Encs 9)
- 1 - Bureau (44-38861) (Info) (Enc 1)
- 1 - Columbia (Information) (Enc 1)
- ① - Charlotte

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AIRTEL

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

ReBumairtel 4/25/68.

At the time Charlotte was originally requested to conduct investigation to determine the manufacturer of the bedspread found abandoned at Memphis, Tennessee, the identity of the subject had not yet been determined and investigation was being requested which would have assisted in identifying the man who was known as GALT.

Since it is now known that GALT is JAMES EARL RAY, and since investigation regarding the bedspread would not in all likelihood assist in determining RAY's present whereabouts, Charlotte should disregard leads to further identify the manufacturer of the bedspread.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, NORFOLK (44-258)(P)
MURKIN
RE: SUSPECT JOHN FRANCIS SMALLWOOD

Re Charlotte teletype to Bureau, 4/29/68

On 4/30/68, Mrs. MYRA DODD, Personnel Manager, Lipton Tea Company, Holland Road, Suffolk, Virginia, was contacted by SA JOHN B. MCNABB regarding HORACE WILLARD MODLIN. She stated that MODLIN has been employed at their plant since 6/2/64, in the Production Department. She further advised that MODLIN, according to company records, has been present for work on every work day during March and April, 1968.

3- Bureau
① Charlotte (44-1365)(info)
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Date: 5/3/68

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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ReButel 4/25/68 to El Paso, Houston, San Antonio, advising that each office should determine from telephone company long distance calls placed at each public telephone on Interstate 10 over which subject and CHARLES STEIN allegedly traveled 12/15-17/67.

Set forth by field division are telephone calls made from the Houston Division, 12/15-17/67. Recipient offices will determine from the subscriber, or person receiving call, the identity of caller. If caller was JAMES EARL RAY, aka, obtain all available information.

- 3 - Bureau
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 2 - Atlanta
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- 2 - Boston
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*SA C.S. Miller
advised 5/6/68 @pm*
*SA Moore
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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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<u>ATLANTA:</u>			
12/17/67	835-8273 (Beaumont, Texas)	404-876-5551	Atlanta
<u>ALBUQUERQUE:</u>			
12/17/67	682-9177 (Houston, Texas)	505-243-1331	Albuquerque
12/15/67	468-9836 (Houston)	505-864-8204	Belen, N.M.
<u>BOSTON:</u>			
12/16/67	468-9009 (Houston)	617-944-1569	Reading, Mass.
12/16/68	835-9546 (Beaumont, Texas)	401-723-1085	Pawtucket, R. I.
<u>CHARLOTTE:</u>			
12/15/67	673-9255 (Houston)	919-599-9083	Roxboro, N.C.
12/15/67	886-9976 (Orange, Texas)	704-667-4670	Enka, Candler, N. C.
<u>CHICAGO:</u>			
12/15/67	769-9108 (Vidor, Texas)	312-832-4895	Elmhurst, Ill.
12/17/67	835-8273 Beaumont, Texas	309-786-1824	Rock Island, Ill.
<u>CINCINNATI:</u>			
12/17/67	892-9963 (Beaumont, Texas)	513-681-2839	Cincinnati
12/16/67	453-9015 (Houston, Texas)	614-551-2363	Bartlett, Ohio
12/17/67	468-9844 (Houston, Texas)	513-653-6666	Urbana, Ohio

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<u>CLEVELAND:</u>			
12/17/67	468-9727 (Houston, Texas)	614-389-3058	Marion, Ohio
12/17/67	468-9727 (Houston, Texas)	614-389-3058	Marion, Ohio
12/15/67	682-9317 (Houston, Texas)	216-641-1461	Cleveland
<u>DETROIT:</u>			
12/17/68	673-9872 (Houston, Texas)	616-861-2456	Shelby, Mich.
<u>EL PASO:</u>			
12/16/67	673-9501 (Houston, Texas)	915-532-9146	El Paso
12/16/67	682-9348 (Houston, Texas)	915-362-4789	Odessa, Texas
12/17/67	468-9878 (Houston, Texas)	915-682-3697	Midland, Texas
<u>JACKSON:</u>			
12/15/67	453-9611 (Houston, Texas)	601-582-3734	Hattiesburg, Miss.
12/16/67	453-9015 (Houston, Texas)	601-372-3537	Jackson
12/15/67	453-9611 (Houston, Texas)	601-722-4497	Seminary, Miss.
12/16/67	886-9011 (Orange, Texas)	801-684-6794	McComb, Miss.
12/17/67	468-9731 (Houston, Texas)	601-428-8829	Laurel, Miss.
12/17/67	835-9023 (Beaumont, Texas)	601-625-8547	Forest, Miss.

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>CALLING NUMBER</u>	<u>CALLED NUMBER</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
<u>JACKSONVILLE:</u>			
12/15/67	673-9050 (Houston, Texas)	904-623-2008	Milton, Fla.
12/15/67	673-9419 (Houston, Texas)	904-675-4970	Jay, Fla.
<u>LAS VEGAS:</u>			
12/17/67	835-9587 (Beaumont, Texas)	702-384-7271	Las Vegas

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC CHARLOTTE (137-3448)

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA LEON F. ANDREWS, JR.

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: LARRY CAUDLE, Aka.
"Fat Dog"

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Dates of Contact 4/8/68 and 4/12/68, 4/17/68, 4/24/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted MURKIN, CE 44-1365		(Memo submitted)
WALTER PAUL ANUSHEVITZ, Aka. "Yank"		
UFAP-ROBBERY		CE 88-10488
CHARLES LEONARD HUMPHRIES, Aka. -		
FUGITIVE, PV		CE 76-3375
UNSUBS, THEFT OF 51 CARTONS NYLON HOSIERY, HELMS MOTOR TRANSPORT, 11/25/67 - TFIS		CE 15-6537
Purpose and results of contact		
<input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC		
Memo re informant contacts in "MURKIN" case submitted. Memo re ANUSHEVITZ showing positive information submitted.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Very Good	Coverage UFAP, TFIS, AR, IGA, ITWI, ITSP

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1107PM URGENT 5-6-68 GRS

TO BUREAU, ST. LOUIS, MEMPHIS, NEW ORLEANS, AND CHARLOTTE
FROM LITTLE ROCK (157-1215) P

MURKIN.

RE LITTLE ROCK TEL TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS, ST LOUIS FOUR
TWENTYFOUR SIXTYEIGHT.

PCI [REDACTED] (PROTECT IDENTITY) FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING
INFORMATION.

HE WAS IN ST LOUIS FIVE FOUR - FIVE SIXTYEIGHT AND CONTACTED CARL
DRAKE WHO WAS DESCRIBED AS GOOD FRIEND OF RAY WHEN BOTH IN MISSOURI
STATE PRISON. STATED DRAKE LIVES SOUTH ST LOUIS, IS A NARCOTIC ADDICT
AND PUSHER. HE GOT DRAKE'S TELEPHONE NUMBER FROM ST LOUIS TELEPHONE BOOK.
HE STARTED CONVERSATION WITH DRAKE BY STATING HE WAS SHOCKED ON
LEARNING THAT RAY KILLED KING. DRAKE ANSWERED BY STATING RAY CALLED HIM,
DRAKE, THREE SINCE KING WAS KILLED, ONCE FROM NEW ORLEANS, LA., AND ONCE
FROM NORTH CAROLINA. HE STATED DRAKE ALSO TOLD HIM THAT RAY WAS NOW
DRIVING WHITE CHEVROLET CAMARO AND HAD SUB-MACHINE GUN. DRAKE ALSO
STATED RAY TOLD HIM HE HAD PLENTY OF MONEY.

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PCI TOLD DRAKE IF RAY CALLED AGAIN TO TELL HIM TO CONTACT PCI.
PCI GAVE DRAKE HIS ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER IN BLYTHEVILLE, ARKANSAS.

IN VIEW OF INFORMATION FURNISHED PCI REQUEST DRAKE NOT BE
INTERVIEWED AS HE FEELS DRAKE COULD KNOW SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

RELIABILITY PCI NOT KNOWN AS HE HAS ONLY BEEN CONTACTED FOR TWO
WEEKS HOWEVER HE HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION REGARDING NARCOTICS.

LEAD PREVIOUSLY SET FORTH IN RE TEL FOR ST LOUIS TO INTERVIEW CARL
DRAKE, RESULTS OF WHICH NOT KNOWN TO LITTLE ROCK.

DRAKE SHOULD NOT BE INTERVIEWED AT THIS TIME IN VIEW OF INFORMATION
OBTAINED BY PCI AS PCI MAY BE ONLY PERSON DRAKE HAS TOLD.

WHEN DRAKE IS INTERVIEWED IN WEEK OR TEN DAYS INFORMATION FURNISH-
ED BY PCI SHOULD IN NO WAY BE DIVULGED TO DRAKE.

CONTACT WILL BE MAINTAINED WITH PCI.

NO SPECIFICS BEING SET FORTH FOR NEW ORLEANS AND CHARLOTTE, HOW-
EVER THESE OFFICES BEING FURNISHED THIS COMMUNICATION TO ALERT THEM OF
THE POSSIBILITY RAY MAY HAVE BEEN IN THEIR DIVISION INDICATED HEREIN.

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FBI ST LOUIS

11:42AM URGENT 5-7-68 JJR

TO: DIRECTOR AND SACS, MEMPHIS, LITTLE ROCK,
NEW ORLEANS, CHARLOTTE

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775) 3P

MURKIN.

RE LITTLE ROCK TEL MAY SIX LAST AND ST. LOUIS AIRTEL TO
BUREAU, SPRINGFIELD, AND MEMPHIS, APRIL TWENTYNINE LAST.

RE: ~~REDACTED~~ AND CARL BENTON DRAKE.

CARL BENTON DRAKE, SELF-EMPLOYED CONTRACTOR, INTERVIEWED
BY ST. LOUIS APRIL TWENTYNINE LAST. STATED ACQUAINTED WITH RAY AS
FELLOW INMATE MSP NINETEEN SIXTY ONE UNTIL DRAKE
RELEASED SIXTYFIVE. MAIN ASSOCIATION WAS TALKING TOGETHER IN
PRISON YARD. DRAKE FEELS HE WAS AS CLOSE A FRIEND TO RAY AS ANY
OTHER PRISONER. RAY WAS LOOSE, CLOSE MOUTHED, KEPT OWN COUNCIL,
NEVER DISCUSSED PRISON ESCAPE PLANS. HAD FEW FRIENDS, BUT MIXED
WELL WITH OTHER INMATES, BOTH BLACK AND WHITE. NEVER DISPLAYED
PROPENSITY FOR VIOLENCE OR RACIST SENTIMENTS. NEVER INVOLVED
IN RACIAL DIFFICULTY AT PRISON.

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OFTEN MENTIONED INABILITY TO COMPLETE SENTENCE, BUT NEVER MENTIONED ESCAPE PLANS OR OUTSIDE CONTACTS. ONLY VISITOR WAS BROTHER, JOHN RAY. MENTIONED HE HAD SERVED TIME IN MENARD PRISON, THAT ANOTHER BROTHER WAS KILLED IN CAR ACCIDENT, BUT OTHERWISE DID NOT DISCUSS BACKGROUND.

RAY NOT ADDICTED TO DRUGS, BUT NEARLY ALL INMATES USED ANY DRUGS AVAILABLE.

TWO WEEKS FOLLOWING DRAKE'S RELEASE HE VISITED JOHN RAY AT SUBJECT'S REQUEST. CONVERSATION CONCERNED SUBJECT'S WELFARE AT PRISON.

DRAKE UNAWARE OF SUBJECT'S ESCAPE UNTIL RECENT PUBLICITY. REGARDS SUBJECT AS SMALL TIME ROBBER MENTALLY INCAPABLE OF PLANNING ASSASSINATION WITHOUT INTELLIGENT OUTSIDE GUIDANCE. BELIEVES SUBJECT CAPABLE OF BEING HIRED FOR KILLING AND WOULD NOT BE ALONE IN MATTER. BELIEVES WHOEVER HIRED SUBJECT HAS DISPOSED OF HIM, AS WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO HIDE WITH HEAT ON AND REWARDS ADVERTISED.

DRAKE INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE WITH FBI IN ANY MANNER POSSIBLE SHOULD ANY INFORMATION REGARDING SUBJECT COME
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TO HIS ATTENTION.

 DRAKE APPEARED FRANK, STRAIGHT FORWARD AND SINCERELY
WILLING TO FULLY COOPERATE.

 UACB REQUEST WILL BE MADE FOR DRAKE'S TOLL CALLS FROM
APRIL FOURTH, AND FOLLOW UP INTERVIEW WILL BE CONDUCTED TODAY
TO LEARN IF ANY NEW INFORMATION CONCERNING SUBJECT'S WHEREABOUTS
HAVE COME TO HIS ATTENTION. [REDACTED] WILL NOT BE MENTIONED.

 LITTLE ROCK IS REQUESTED TO ATTEMPT RESOLUTION OF RELIABILITY,
MENTAL CAPACITY, AND REPUTATION FOR VERACITY OF PCI [REDACTED]
[REDACTED].

 SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1365)

DATE: 5/6/68

FROM : SA JAMES J ROCHE JR

SUBJECT: MURKIN

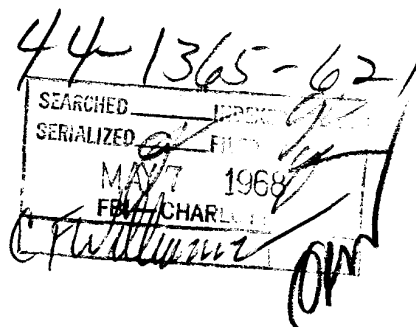
Re memo of SA CHARLES S MILLER, 4/24/68

On 4/23/68 LELAND CLAYTON, employee, The Sportsman's Club, 219 S. Garnett St. Henderson N.C. advised that their pool hall is located directly across the street from the Roses Store and he further advised that on Saturday, 4/20/68, in the morning he was working at the Club. CLAYTON advised that there were only two people in the club at all on Saturday morning who he did not personally know and both of these individuals said that they were from Durham NC. CLAYTON described one of these individuals as a w/m, age in early 40's, ht about 6', wt about 200, with short brown hair and glasses wearing a brown shirt and pants. ~~and the shirt had a yellow patch on it.~~ According to CLAYTON the other individual was a w/m age early 30's about 6'1, 185 lbs with long brown hair wearing a brown shirt with a yellow patch on it and the patch had a bulldozer on it. CLAYTON was exhibited to ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ IO # 4182 and WF 442-A and he stated that there wasn't anyone in the Sportsman's Club on 4/20/68 who resembled the subject.

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JJR



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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P)

FROM : SA LEONARD D. BOGATY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/6/68

On 5/3/68, Mr. FRIEDMAN, Laundry Machine Co., Greensboro, N. C., advised a check of his records and his Invoice # 23050 dated 1/5/65, indicates that a laundry marking machine purchased from the Textile Marking Machine Co., SN 33441 was subsequently sold by this company to "Quick-As-A-Wink" laundry, Asheville, N. C.

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*Quick As A Wink
Laundry - Asheville (Serial no)
previously checked
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C. Friedman

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1365)

DATE: 5/7/68

FROM : SA CHARLES S. MILLER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReButel to CE, 4/26/68, concerning JACK MAYNARD RAY.

The following investigation at Durham, NC, was conducted by SA CHARLES S. MILLER:

On 4/26/68, HORACE H. HALLETT, Durham, reported that GEORGE E. MC LAMB was still employed by the telephone company but was now in the purchasing dept. Employment records reflected that he was at work at Durham, NC, 4/3-5/68 & worked 9, 10, and 9 hours respectively these dates.

On 4/29/68, HALLETT, supra, advised his records reflected GEORGE E. MCLAMB was currently a division plant supervisor of the Material & Supplies Div. He resided at 2819 Way Cross Rd., Tel #682-2881. Records reflected MC LAMB was born [redacted] Sampson Co., NC. He was hired by the telephone co. 6/1/53, SSN [redacted].

He stated MC LAMB was now a part of management & no longer a member of the IBW Union although he was believed to retain a close friendship with the present president of this organization, BUDDY HOLLAND.

HALLETT stated MC LAMB had an excellent work record & no info concerning financial difficulty, instability, or unusual obsessions was noted in file.

On 5/2/68, GEORGE E. MC LAMB, 2819 Way Cross Rd., was interviewed at the General Telephone Co. of Southeast Maintenance Plant. MC LAMB advised he had had no contact whatever with JACK MAYNARD RAY since the previous reported contact in March, 1965.

MC LAMB noted as previously reported he never had in fact had in significant contact with RAY.

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He did recall that at that time RAY had made a false allegation that the Citizens Council had tried to hire RAY to assassinate MARTIN LUTHER KING but this had not been true.

MC LAMB stated since that time he, MC LAMB, had discontinued completely his affiliation with Durham County Citizens Council. He never had belonged to any Klan Unit. Also, he had become a part of management & given up all affiliations with the TWU.

MC LAMB stated he had no info whatever concerning the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING. As previously stated, MC LAMB stated he was opposed to acts of violence & would not uphold in any fashion the shooting of KING.

On 4/26/68, Det. Lt. RICHARD MORRIS, Durham PD, advised he had made a check of his dept. & none of the officers were aware of any info to indicate that JACK MAYNARD RAY had been in Durham NC over the past 2 years.

MORRIS stated he had requested all officers to contact their informants for info as to the whereabouts of RAY.

On 4/27/68, MORRIS stated officers of the Durham PD had been unable to develop any specific info as to the whereabouts of JACK MAYNARD RAY.

omit On 4/27/68, CE 1990-C & CE 1772-R were contacted for information as to whereabouts of RAY with negative results.

On 4/30/68, ED MARKS, 1841 Vale St., advised he understood JACK RAY had previously resided at that address with his sister, SUSIE WHITT, but that he had not seen or heard anything as to the whereabouts of RAY for well over a year.

On 4/30/68, MELVIN BARBEE, 1810 Vale St., advised he had known JACK RAY for many years as the brother of his next door neighbor, SUSIE WHITT. BARBEE stated he had last seen RAY in about 1965. He said that the FBI had talked to RAY at that time & immediately after this, RAY had left Durham without notice stating he was never going to come back.

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BARBEE stated RAY's sister, SUSIE WHITT had moved to the Hocutt Rd. in Durham, NC, but she had recently indicated she did not know RAY's whereabouts.

On 4/30/68, SUSIE WHITT, Hocutt Rd, Durham Tel #596-7487, advised JACK MAYNARD RAY was her brother. She stated she had not seen him since 1965 when the FBI came to see him. She stated at that time he had been continually drunk. After talking with the FBI, RAY left Durham, stating he was never coming back. He indicated an intention of visiting his wife, MAE RAY MAE HELMS in CE, NC.

Mrs WHITT advised she never knew Mrs. RAY's address but recalls she had worked at the CE Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. WHITT stated her brother would say anything when drunk. She doubted very seriously any intention on his part to harm anyone. She noted further that he was born over 55 years ago & no one would mistake him for being under 45.

omit [On 5/3/68, CE 1990-C & CE 1772-R advised they had been unable to develop any info as to the whereabouts of RAY.

On 5/6/68, Det. R.D.RAY, Durham PD, advised he had known JACK RAY but could furnish no info as to his current whereabouts. The only relative he knew RAY to have was his sister, SUSIE WHITT & she denied any knowledge as to his whereabouts. RAY noted that when JACK RAY had previously been in Durham in 1965 he had been suspected of getting his nephew, the son of SUSIE WHITT, in trouble. JACK RAY himself was regarded as a drunk.

RAY stated the Durham PD records reflected RAY, Durham PD #9865, had FBI 864 684, & was born in Franklin Co., N.C.

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AT CE NC

Will at CE Memorial Hospital endeavor to locate JACK MAYNARD RAY's wife, MAE RAY, nee HELMS, & interview her

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as to whereabouts of her husband.

2. Will, if deemed necessary, submit FD 9 re JACK
MAYNARD RAY, FBI #864 684.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (131 3014)

FROM : SA [unclear] [unclear]

SUBJECT: [unclear] [unclear]

DATE: 4/15/68

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Dates of Contact 4/11/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted 72-30319 [unclear] [unclear] 42-29793 [unclear] [unclear] (31N) 44-1365 [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]		
Purpose and results of contact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC To obtain any info re whereabouts of decedent + any info re Markham. PCI Sub not know decedent + did not info re situation.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Good	Coverage Same

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Memorandum

TO : SAC

DATE: 5/3/68

FROM : SA JOHN JOSEPH QUINN

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: JOE HARGUS

Dates of Contact		
4/24/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
MURKIN - Charlotte file 44-1365		
Purpose and results of contact		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC		
PCI contacted to ascertain if he has any knowledge re subject JAMES EARL RAY.		
PCI advised he had no information concerning whereabouts of subject RAY nor has he heard any mention of subject. PCI advised he would remain alert for any information concerning the subject and would notify the FBI Office in Asheville, N. C.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Good	Coverage ITSP, ITSMV, TFIS, FIDES, ITOM, IMPERSONATION
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LEGATS OTTAWA AND MEXICO ADVISED.

THE ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY WERE RELEASED TODAY
TO NEWS MEDIA IN WASHINGTON. PHOTOGRAPH NUMBER ONE SHOULD
BEAR CAPTION "JAMES EARL RAY (PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN NINETEEN
SIXTY-SEVEN IN MEXICO)." THIS IS THE PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY IN DARK
GLASSES AND SPORT SHIRT. PHOTOGRAPH NUMBER TWO SHOULD BEAR
CAPTION "JAMES EARL RAY (PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN LATE JANUARY ON
EARLY FEBRUARY NINETEEN SIXTY-EIGHT IN CALIFORNIA)." THIS IS
HEAD SHOT OF RAY IN BUSINESS SUIT WHICH SHOWS MARKED CLEFT IN
CHIN. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO REPRODUCE COPIES OF THESE TWO
PHOTOGRAPHS LOCALLY AND YOU SHOULD INSURE THEY RECEIVE WIDE-
SPREAD DISTRIBUTION THROUGH ALL MEDIA CONTACTS. FIVE COPIES OF
EACH OF THESE PHOTOGRAPHS PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED ALL OFFICES.

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FROM DIRECTOR 1P

TO ALL SACS RELAY MESSAGE PLAN

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7:52 PM

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10:47PM URGENT 5-7-68 LGS

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, CHARLOTTE, AND SAVANNAH
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

MURKIN

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION MAY SEVEN INSTANT.

EXPANDED AIRLINE CHECKS FOR DATES APR. SEVEN THROUGH APR.
TEN SIXTYEIGHT CONTINUING. SOUTHERN AIRLINE COMPLETED AND NEGATIVE.
DELTA AIRLINE CHECKS CONTINUING. TELETYPE SENT MIAMI TO CONDUCT
EASTERN AIRLINE.

PIEDMONT AIRLINE RECORDS REFLECT (FNU) RAY ON EASTERN AIRLINE
FLIGHT SIX EIGHT THREE ORIGINATING NASHVILLE ON APR. SIX LAST TO
ATLANTA. RAY BOOKED THROUGH TO FAYETTEVILLE, N.C., ON APR. SEVEN;
HOWEVER, PASSAGE CANCELED AND PIEDMONT HAS NO RECORD OF HOW RAY
LEFT ATLANTA.

PIEDMONT RECORDS ALSO REFLECT (FNU) MC BRYDE BOOKED PASSAGE
MAR. TWENTYSEVEN SIXTYEIGHT FAYETTEVILLE, N.C., TO ATLANTA ON
FLIGHT EIGHT FOUR SEVEN APR. FIVE LAST; EASTERN AIRLINE FLIGHT ONE
ONE ONE, ATLANTA TO BIRMINGHAM, AND RETURNED VIA UNITED AIRLINE
FLIGHT FOUR SEVEN ZERO ON APR. EIGHT LAST. SCHEDULED TO RETURN
TO FAYETTEVILLE ON APR. EIGHT; HOWEVER, PIEDMONT RECORDS REFLECT
ONLY PASSAGE FROM FAYETTEVILLE TO ATLANTA ON APR. FIVE LAST.

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*SA Lewinstein
advised 5/8/68
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*SA Schubert
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MRS. JOSEPH HERTELL, ATLANTA, ADVISED THAT ON MAY FOUR SHE AND HER HUSBAND WERE IN STUCKEY'S CARRIAGE INN, JEKYLL ISLAND, AND CHECKED OUT THIS DATE AND NOTED ONE OF THE BELLHOPS, A WHITE MALE ABOUT THIRTY, BROWN HAIR, AND BLUE EYES, RESEMBLED SUBJECT RAY. HE DID NOT WEAR UNIFORM AND APPARENTLY WAS NOT EXPERIENCED AS A BELLHOP. HE WAS EVASIVE WHEN ASKED QUESTIONS BY MR. HERTELL CONCERNING AN EMPLOYMENT IN ATLANTA.

MRS. ESTELLE PETERS, PIEDMONT LAUNDRY, ONE ONE SIX EIGHT PEACHTREE ST., NE, ATLANTA, SHOWN LATEST PHOTO OF SUBJECT BUT BELIEVES PHOTO OF SUBJECT WITH BOWTIE THE BEST.

CHARLIE STEPHENS, UNITED CAB CO., ATLAANTA, SHOWN LATEST PHOTO OF SUBJECT AND STATED DOES NOT RESEMBLE ANY PASSENGERS HE HAS HAD IN HIS CAB.

ONE JAMES EDWARD HILL, EMPLOYED BY SOUTHERN DETECTIVES, ATLANTA, AS GUARD AT FIRST NATIONAL BANK, PULLED A GUN ON A DOCTOR IN THE DOCTOR'S OFFICE IN AN EFFORT TO OBTAIN NARCOTICS. HILL WAS ARRESTED AND INTERVIEWED IN ATLANTA CITY JAIL. HE ADMITTED BEING ADDICTED TO DEMEROL AND STATED HE WAS IN DIRE NEED OF A FIX AT THAT TIME AND ATTEMPTED TO OBTAIN IT FROM THE DOCTOR. HILL IN NO WAY FITS DESCRIPTION OF THE SUBJECT. HE WAS SHOWN PHOTOS OF SUBJECT AND DENIED KNOWING SUBJECT BY PHOTO, NAME, OR KNOWN ALIASES. HILL STATED HE IS UNFAMILIAR WITH AMPHETAMINE NARCOTIC.

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CHARLOTTE, AT FAYETTEVILLE. ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY (FNU) MC BRYDE.
MEMPHIS, AT NASHVILLE. ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY EASTERN AIRLINE
PASSENGER RAY.

SAVANNAH, AT JEKYLL ISLAND. IDENTIFY BELLHOP DESCRIBED BY
MRS. JOSEPH HERTELL, EMPLOYED AT STUCKEY'S CARRIAGE INN.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, Charlotte 44-1365

DATE: 5/6/68

FROM : Robert S. Moore

SUBJECT: MURKIN.

RE: ENKS-CANDLER, N.C. TELEPHONE # 667-4670

The following investigation was conducted by SA Robert S. Moore.
On 5/6/68 Miss Carrie Jackson, Rt. 1, Pisgah Highway, Candler, N.C.,
Enka-Candler/telephone exchange # 667-4670, advised that she has an
unlisted telephone number, that she knows no one in Orange, Texas,
and that she does not recall receiving a telephone call from anyone
in Orange, Texas on or about 12/15/68. She said very few people have
her telephone number, that only she and her elderly mother are the
only ones who ever use this telephone, and she does not know how a
call could have been made to this telephone without her knowing about
it. Miss Jackson was shown a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and she sta-
ted she knew no one who resembles this subject.

ADMINISTRATIVE.

The Asheville, N.C. cross reference directory did not list a
667-4670
number/in the Enka-Candler, N.C. area. ~~for~~

On 5/6/68 Mr. Mike W. Carson, City Mgr. Southern Bell Telephone Co.,
Asheville, N.C. confidentially advised that # 667-4670 has been listed to
Miss Carrie Jackson, Rt. 1, Candler, N.C. since 1959, and is a non-listed #.

On 5/6/68 Mr. Landry Thrash, USPO, Candler, N.C. confidentially advised
ed Carrie Jackson, an old maid living with her mother on Pisgah Highway
has been known to him more than 30 years. He knows of no criminal
connections of Miss Jackson, or her family.



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TO : SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365) DATE: 5/8/68

FROM : SAs EDWARD J. BRENNAN and EMANUEL R. JOHNSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: JACK MAYNARD RAY

The following investigation was conducted by SA EDWARD J. BRENNAN and SA EMANUEL R. JOHNSON in an effort to locate JACK MAYNARD RAY:

AT CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

Records of the Charlotte Police Department were reviewed and numerous references to RAY were located. Lead information from these records were obtained. The records reflected residences of 1915 Thomas Avenue and 1919 Thomas Avenue, and employment at Renfrow Distributing Company. [SA CRAWFORD F. WILLIAMS advised that his wife was MAE RAY, nee Helms, and had been employed at Charlotte Memorial Hospital.] *omit*

Neighborhood investigations reflected that Mr. RAY had last been seen in the Charlotte area some four years prior to 1968.

Mrs. SUZIE HUFFMAN, Secretary to the Personnel Director of Charlotte Memorial Hospital, advised that she could locate no record for MAY RAY, nee Helms as an employee of the Hospital.

Mrs. ANNE HOWELL, Medical Records Librarian, advised the only record of a patient named MAE HELMS which might in any way be connected with one MAE HELMS in this matter, expired in April of 1963. She had a former address of 1619 Parsons Street, Charlotte. Neighborhood investigation in the vicinity of that location revealed that this particular MAE HELMS had never been married to JACK MAYNARD RAY.

Police Records reflected that JACK MAYNARD RAY had been confined at Wilmuth Hospital; therefore Mrs. BONNIE KNOWLES, Superintendent of Nursing, was contacted at Wilmuth Hospital, an Alcoholics Anonymous institution. No record of RAY was located; however, Mrs. KNOWLES reported he could have

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entered the hospital under any name he might choose to give; therefore, his photograph was circulated among members of the staff and patients, most of whom are repeaters. They related his face was familiar; however, they could not identify him.

omit [A review of Charlotte file 137-509 on JACK MAYNARD RAY revealed that he had advised that he had a wife named FRANCES PREDDY, a nurse, employed at Memorial Hospital. Recontact with Mrs. SUZIE HUFFMAN, Personnel Office, Charlotte Memorial Hospital, revealed no record for FRANCES PREDDY. Mrs. HUFFMAN noted, however, that personnel records are maintained only for five years.

Contact with personnel of Renfrow Distributing Company failed to reveal anyone who knew the current whereabouts of RAY. Mr. JACK RENFROW advised that RAY remarried one MAE HELMS, who worked as a practical nurse. Canvass of all local hospitals revealed that MAE HELMS worked as a private duty nurse at the Wesley Nursing Center; however, her current whereabouts were not known inasmuch as her mother had recently suffered a heart attack and confined to another local hospital. A review of the records of the United States Probation Office at Charlotte revealed RAY listed his in-laws as Mrs. CORA HELMS, 1409 Pecan Street. Inquiry in the vicinity of 1409 Pecan Street revealed that Mrs. CORA HELMS was critically ill in a local hospital having suffered a heart attack. MAE HELMS, her daughter, resides at 1401 Pecan Street, and MAE HELMS was contacted.

She advised that she divorced JACK MAYNARD RAY approximately two years ago and the last contact she had with him was through his sister in Durham, North Carolina, who contacted her in January, 1967, stating that JACK MAYNARD RAY was confined to a hospital in Daytona Beach, Florida, suffering from convulsions. She related he was an alcoholic and she believed he ~~was~~ possibly dead.

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906PM EST 5-8-68 URGENT RGT

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) ATLANTA (44-2886) MEMPHIS (44-1987)

DETROIT MOBILE JACKSON TAMPA SAVANNAH AND CHARLOTTE
FROM MIAMI (44-1354) 4P

MURKIN

RE EASTERN AIRLINES (EAL) FLIGHTS OUT OF ATLANTA,
APRIL FIVE THROUGH TWELVE, LAST.

RE ATLANTA TEL TO BUREAU, MAY SEVEN, LAST.

REVIEW OF ALL EAL TICKETS AND RESERVATIONS ON FLIGHTS OUT
OF ATLANTA ON ABOVE DATES COMPLETED. FOLLOWING LEADS SET TO
DEVELOP FURTHER INFORMATION ON PASSENGERS WITH NAMES SIMILAR
TO ALIASES OF SUBJECT RAY, AND WHO COULD NOT BE ELIMINATED
ON BASIS OF AVAILABLE INFORMATION:

RESERVATION RECEIVED APRIL TWO BY EAL, ATLANTA, FROM
DELTA, DETROIT, FOR ONE RAYE FOR EAL FLIGHT ONE TWO FOUR Y
ON APRIL FIVE FROM ATLANTA TO PHILADELPHIA. PASSENGER TO
TRAVEL DETROIT TO ATLANTA ON DELTA FLIGHT SEVEN SIX ONE Y
ON APRIL TWO. DETROIT CONTACT POINT SHOWN TELEPHONE EIGHT
SEVEN THREE THREE ZERO ZERO ZERO, EXTENSION SEVEN, ROOM
THREE TWO FOUR. NO EAL TICKET FOUND, INDICATING DELTA TICKET

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USED. DETROIT CONDUCT NECESSARY INVESTIGATION TO
ELIMINATE.

RESERVATION MADE EAL, ATLANTA, APRIL FIVE, AND TICKET
PURCHASED ATLANTA, APRIL SIX, FOR TRAVEL BY W. J. WALTON,
MOBILE TO ATLANTA ON EAL FLIGHT SIX ZERO FOUR F ON APRIL TWELVE,
ATLANTA TO AUGUSTA ON DELTA FLIGHT FOUR ONE ZERO A ON APRIL TWELVE,
AUGUSTA TO ATLANTA ON DELTA ONE SIX ZERO NINE T ON APRIL
FIFTEEN, AND ATLANTA TO MOBILE ON EAL SIX ZERO ONE F ON APRIL
FIFTEEN. MOBILE CONTACT HAS HOME TELEPHONE THREE FOUR TWO
FIVE FIVE FOUR TWO, BUSINESS THREE FOUR FOUR ZERO TWO EIGHT
TWO. MOBILE CONDUCT NECESSARY INVESTIGATION TO ELIMINATE.

RESERVATION MADE EAL, ATLANTA, APRIL FIVE, AND TICKET
NUMBER THREE NINE SIX DASH SEVEN ONE EIGHT DASH NINE FIVE
SEVEN PURCHASED APRIL FIVE AT TRAVEL AFFILIATES, TWO TWO ZERO
WEST LIVE OAK, PASCAGOULA, MISSISSIPPI, FOR TRAVEL BY JACK
WALTON FROM MOBILE TO ATLANTA ON EAL FLIGHT SIX SIX FOUR Y
ON APRIL FIVE, AND ATLANTA TO CHICAGO ON EAL FOUR THREE FOUR
YN ON APRIL SIX, AND CHICAGO TO SEATTLE ON UNITED ONE FOUR
THREE Y ON APRIL SIX. JACKSON AT PASCAGOULA CONDUCT NECESSARY
INVESTIGATION TO ELIMINATE.

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RESERVATION RECEIVED FEB. SEVENTEEN SIXTYEIGHT, BY EAL, ATLANTA, FROM DELTA, TAMPA, FOR TRAVEL OF J. WALTON FROM ATLANTA TO TAMPA ON EAL FLIGHT TWO SEVEN THREE Y ON APR. TWELVE SIXTYEIGHT. RESERVATION CANCELED. NO TICKET LOCATED. TAMPA CONDUCT NECESSARY INVESTIGATION AT DELTA TO ELIMINATE.

DELTA MESSAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER WAS ZERO EIGHT SEVEN ONE SIX SEVEN ZERO ONE.

RESERVATION RECEIVED EAL ATLANTA FROM TLA ST. LOUIS, DATE NOT SHOWN, FOR TRAVEL BY ONE HEERAN FROM ATLANTA TO ST. LOUIS ON EAL FLIGHT FIVE ONE ZERO, APR. TEN SIXTYEIGHT. PASSENGER GAVE ATLANTA CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER FIVE TWO FIVE - TWO SEVEN SEVEN ONE. NO TICKET LOCATED, INDICATING TLA TICKET USED. ATLANTA CONDUCT NECESSARY INVESTIGATION TO ELIMINATE.

RESERVATION RECEIVED EAL ATLANTA, MAR. TWENTYNINE SIXTYEIGHT, FROM DELTA, SAVANNAH FOR TRAVEL BY JOHN HILLARD FROM ATLANTA TO MIAMI ON EAL FLIGHT TWO SEVEN SEVEN Y ON

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APR. ELEVEN SIXTYEIGHT. DELTA, SAVANNAH MESSAGE IDENTIFI-
CATION NUMBER ONE EIGHT SEVEN NINE FOUR ZERO ZERO SIX.
RESERVATION CONFIRMED BY DELTA, SAVANNAH MESSAGE NUMBER
ONE EIGHT SEVEN NINE FOUR ZERO ZERO SIX ON APR. ONE SIXTYEIGHT.
PASSENGER CONTACTED EAL ATLANTA ON UNSPECIFIED DATE AND GAVE
CONTACT POINT DOWNTOWNER, ATLANTA. ATLANTA AT DOWNTOWNER
AND SAVANNAH AT DELTA AIRLINES, CONDUCT INVESTIGATION TO
ELIMINATE.

RESERVATION MADE AT EAL ATLANTA VIA EAL CHARLOTTE ON
APR. FIVE SIXTYEIGHT FOR TRAVEL OF J. C. (OR T.C.) GALT
FROM ATLANTA TO RICHMOND ON EITHER EAL FLIGHT SIX ONE SIX T
OR UNITED FLIGHT SIX FOUR ZERO A ON APR. TEN SIXTYEIGHT. NO
TICKET LOCATED. CHARLOTTE CONTACT TELEPHONE GIVEN AS TWO
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SIX FIVE - EIGHT TWO ONE ONE. RESERVATION ORIGINALLY MADE
THROUGH TRAVEL AGENCY SIX ONE FIVE BY EMPLOYEE PAT. CHARLOTTE
CONDUCT NECESSARY INVESTIGATION AT ABOVE TELEPHONE TO ELIMINATE.

MIAMI OBTAINING OFF - LINE TICKET INFORMATION RE ONE
ADDITIONAL PASSENGER. SUPPLEMENTAL TELETYPE FOLLOWS RE THIS
ON MAY NINE NEXT. SUBJECT RAY ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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RE: JACK MAYNARD RAY

The following investigation was conducted by
SA JAMES M. UNDERHILL:

About 11:35 A.M., March 24, 1965, an individual identifying himself only as JACK RAY telephonically contacted the Durham, North Carolina, Resident Agency of the FBI and asked whether information concerning killing of MARTIN LUTHER KING would be of interest. The caller inferred he himself had just finished serving a long prison sentence. He declined to furnish his whereabouts or any more details but agreed to come immediately to the Durham Resident Agency, which he failed to do.

About 2:35 P. M., March 24, 1965, an individual identifying himself as GEORGE MC LAMB, telephone repairman for General Telephone Company of the Southeast, President of the Durham County Citizens Council, and the local Telephone Workers Union, all Durham, North Carolina, contacted the Durham Resident Agency. MC LAMB stated that at about 7:15 P. M. on March 23, 1965, he received a telephone call at his residence from an individual identifying himself as JACK RAY. RAY had said that a former member of the Citizens Council, whose name was not given, gave him MC LAMB's name. RAY, according to MC LAMB, stated he was on his way to Alabama and was wanting the help of the Citizens Council. RAY further said he was calling about MARTIN LUTHER KING and his associates. RAY asked whether the Citizens Council would help him if he were caught after doing what he was going to do.

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MC LAMB stated he informed RAY the Citizens Council would not enter into any conspiracy and asked RAY what he intended to do. RAY replied he was going to "bust KING wide open." MC LAMB said he then advised RAY they had nothing to talk about and terminated the conversation.

MC LAMB said he had made some inquiries among members of this Citizens Council at Durham but failed to develop anyone knowing RAY. MC LAMB said he would immediately notify the FBI in the event he was contacted by RAY or received any further information about him.

Efforts through the Durham Police Department and the Durham Credit Bureau to identify RAY were unsuccessful on March 24, 1965.

On March 25, 1965, JACK MAYNARD RAY of 1814 Vale Street, Durham, North Carolina, was interviewed by Special Agents of the FBI at Durham. RAY related as follows:

On Tuesday, March 23, 1965, he was at the "Country Kitchen" at Durham, North Carolina, operated by a Mr. GREEN. RAY got in conversation with GREEN and then GREEN introduced RAY to GEORGE MC LAMB, President of the Durham County Citizens Council and the local Telephone Workers Union. MC LAMB took RAY to a car believed to have been a Ford Station Wagon. There MC LAMB expressed hatred of Negroes and asked RAY if RAY would shoot JAMES FARMER, Executive Director of Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) and/or MARTIN LUTHER KING. RAY said he would do so if the price were right and the money was "on the line." RAY claimed MC LAMB asked whether RAY would try to get a shot at KING or FARMER in Selma, Alabama, for \$5000 and said that MC LAMB exhibited a photograph of FARMER.

RAY stated MC LAMB had pointed out it was unlikely that a person shooting either FARMER or KING in Alabama, Louisiana, or Mississippi, would be convicted of any serious crime.

RAY continued that MC LAMB again met him in the station wagon near the "Country Kitchen" on the evening of

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March 24, 1965. He mentioned sending RAY to Jackson, Mississippi, to contact an undisclosed person there. MC LAMB also indicated he would arrange to secure a rifle for RAY, since all RAY had was a long barrel .38 caliber Smith and Wesson pistol. RAY said MC LAMB gave him \$20.

RAY acknowledged he was the individual who had telephoned the Durham Resident Agency of the FBI on March 24, 1965, and said he had not kept the appointment because of rain.

RAY stated that he has no intention of harming FARMER or KING and will notify the FBI if he receives any further request along this line.

RAY stated he himself had served approximately 25 years for a robbery in 1942 of a bank in Hyattsville, Maryland. He stated since he was released he has been making liquor in the vicinity of North Wilkesboro, North Carolina, and that he recently paid a fine at Charlotte, North Carolina, for public drunk and carrying a concealed weapon, a pistol. During this interview RAY was in possession of a quart bottle of wine with the larger portion of it gone.

RAY described MC LAMB as follows:

Race:	White
Age:	37
Height:	About 5 feet 8 inches
Features:	Round face

RAY is described as follows:

Race:	White
Born:	<div data-bbox="973 1566 1216 1605" style="border: 1px solid black; width: 140px; height: 18px;"></div>
	Franklin County, North Carolina
Height:	5 feet 10 inches
Weight:	158 pounds
Hair:	Light brown
Eyes:	Gray
Residence:	1814 Vale Street

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The following investigation was conducted at Durham, North Carolina, by SA CHARLES S. MILLER:

On April 26, 1968, HORACE H. HALLETT, Durham, reported that GEORGE E. MC IAMB was still employed by the telephone company but was now in the purchasing department. Employment records reflected that he was at work at Durham, North Carolina, April 3-5, 1968 and worked nine, ten, and nine hours respectively these dates.

On April 29, 1968, HALLETT, supra, advised his records reflected GEORGE E. MC IAMB was currently a division plant supervisor of the Material and Supplies Division. He resided at 2819 Way Cross Road, telephone number 682-2831. Records reflected MC IAMB was born [redacted] at Sampson County, North Carolina. He was hired by the telephone company June 1, 1953, under Social Security number [redacted].

He stated MC IAMB was now a part of management and no longer a member of the ISW Union although he was believed to retain a close friendship with the present president of this organization, BUDDY HOLLAND.

HALLETT stated MC IAMB had an excellent work record and no information concerning financial difficulty, instability, or unusual obsessions was noted in the file.

On May 2, 1968, GEORGE E. MC IAMB, 2819 Way Cross Road, was interviewed at the General Telephone Company of Southeast Maintenance Plant. MC IAMB advised he had had no contact whatever with JACK MAYNARD RAY since the previously reported contact in March, 1965.

MC IAMB noted he never had in fact had any significant contact with RAY.

He did recall that at that time RAY had made a false allegation that the Citizens Council had tried to hire RAY to assassinate MARTIN LUTHER KING but this had not been true.

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MC LAMB stated since that time he, MC LAMB, had discontinued completely his affiliation with Durham County Citizens Council. He never had belonged to any Klan unit. Also, he had become a part of management and given up all affiliations with the Teamsters Workers Union.

MC LAMB stated he had no information whatever concerning the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING. As previously stated, MC LAMB stated he was opposed to acts of violence and would not uphold in any fashion the shooting of KING.

On April 26, 1968, Detective Lieutenant RICHARD MORRIS, Durham Police Department, advised he had made a check of his department, and none of the officers were aware of any information to indicate that JACK MAYNARD RAY had been in Durham, North Carolina, over the past two years.

MORRIS stated he had requested all officers to contact their informants for information as to the whereabouts of RAY.

On April 27, 1968, MORRIS stated officers of the Durham Police Department had been unable to develop any specific information as to the whereabouts of JACK MAYNARD RAY.

On April 30, 1968, ED MARKS, 1841 Vale Street, advised he understood JACK RAY had previously resided at that address with his sister, SUSIE WHITT, but that he had not seen or heard anything as to the whereabouts of RAY for well over a year.

On April 30, 1968, MELVIN BARBEE, 1810 Vale Street, advised he had known JACK RAY for many years as the brother of his next door neighbor, SUSIE WHITT. BARBEE stated he had last seen RAY in about 1965. He said that the FBI had talked to RAY at that time and immediately after this, RAY had left Durham without notice, stating he was never going to come back.

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BARBEE stated RAY's sister, SUSIE WHITT had moved to the Hocutt Road, Durham, North Carolina, but she had recently indicated she did not know RAY's whereabouts.

On April 30, 1968, SUSIE WHITT, Hocutt Road, Durham telephone number 596-7487, advised JACK MAXHARD RAY was her brother. She stated she had not seen him since 1965 when the FBI came to see him. She stated at that time he had been continually drunk. After talking with the FBI, RAY left Durham, stating he was never coming back. He indicated an intention of visiting his wife, MAE RAY, nee MAE HEINS in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Mrs. WHITT advised she never knew Mrs. RAY's address but recalls she had worked at the Charlotte Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. WHITT stated her brother would say anything when drunk. She doubted very seriously any intention on his part to harm anyone. She noted further that he was born over 55 years ago, and no one would mistake him for being under 45.

On May 6, 1968, Detective R. D. RAY, Durham Police Department, advised he had known JACK RAY, but could furnish no information as to his current whereabouts. The only relative he knew RAY to have was his sister, SUSIE WHITT, and she denied any knowledge as to his whereabouts. RAY noted that when JACK RAY had previously been in Durham in 1965, he had been suspected of getting his nephew, the son of SUSIE WHITT, in trouble. JACK RAY himself was regarded as a drunk.

RAY stated the Durham Police Department records reflected RAY, Durham Police Department number 9865, had FBI number 864 684, and was born [redacted] in Franklin County, North Carolina.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA EDWARD J. BRENNAN and SA EMANUEL R. JOHNSON in an effort to locate JACK MAYNARD RAY:

AT CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

Records of the Charlotte Police Department were reviewed and numerous references to RAY were located. The records reflected residences of 1915 Thomas Avenue and 1919 Thomas Avenue, and employment at Renfrow Distributing Company.

Neighborhood investigations reflected that Mr. RAY had last been seen in the Charlotte area some four years prior to 1968.

Mrs. SUZIE HUFFMAN, Secretary to the Personnel Director of Charlotte Memorial Hospital, advised that she could locate no record for MAE RAY, nee Helms as an employee of the hospital.

Mrs. ANNE HOWELL, Medical Records Librarian, advised the only record of a patient named MAE HELMS which might in any way be connected with one MAE HELMS in this matter, expired in April of 1963. She had a former address of 1619 Parsons Street, Charlotte. Neighborhood investigation in the vicinity of that location revealed that this particular MAE HELMS had never been married to JACK MAYNARD RAY.

Police records reflected that JACK MAYNARD RAY had been confined at Wilmoth Hospital; therefore, Mrs. BOHIE KNOWLES, Superintendent of Nursing, was contacted at Wilmoth Hospital, an Alcoholics Anonymous institution. No record of RAY was located; however, Mrs. KNOWLES reported he could have entered the hospital under any name he might choose to give; therefore, his photograph was circulated among members of the staff and patients, most of whom are repeaters. They related his face was familiar; however, they could not identify him.

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Contact with personnel of Renfrow Distributing Company failed to reveal anyone who knew the current whereabouts of RAY. Mr. JACK RENFROW advised that RAY remarried one MAE HELMS, who worked as a practical nurse. Canvass of all local hospitals revealed that MAE HELMS worked as a private duty nurse at the Wesley Nursing Center; however, her current whereabouts were not known inasmuch as her mother had recently suffered a heart attack and confined to another local hospital.

A review of the records of the United States Probation Office at Charlotte revealed RAY listed his in-laws as Mrs. CORA HELMS, 1409 Pecan Street.

Inquiry in the vicinity of 1409 Pecan Street revealed that Mrs. CORA HELMS was critically ill in a local hospital having suffered a heart attack. MAE HELMS, her daughter, resides at 1401 Pecan Street, and MAE HELMS was contacted.

She advised that she divorced JACK MAYNARD RAY approximately two years ago and the last contact she had with him was through his sister in Durham, North Carolina, who contacted her in January, 1967, stating that JACK MAYNARD RAY was confined to a hospital in Daytona Beach, Florida, suffering from convulsions. She related he was an alcoholic and she believed he is possibly dead.

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SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau teletype to Charlotte 4/26/68; and
Bureau teletype to all SAC's 4/26/68; and Charlotte
teletype to Jacksonville 5/8/68.

There are being furnished Memphis herewith
an original and eight copies of an insert concerning
JACK MAYNARD RAY. Two copies of the insert are being
furnished Jacksonville inasmuch as that office has
leads at Daytona Beach, Florida.

On 4/27/68 and 5/3/68, CE 1990-C and CE 1772-R
were contacted concerning the whereabouts of JACK RAY
with negative results.

Efforts are continuing at Charlotte to locate
RAY for the purpose of interviewing him concerning threat
reportedly made against MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. in 1965.

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RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO CHARLOTTE APRIL TWENTY-SIX LAST,
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IN REFERENCED TELETYPE TO CHARLOTTE, BUREAU ADVISED
 MAIN FILE ON KING WAS REVIEWED AND IT WAS NOTED THAT
 IN CHARLOTTE TELETYPE MARCH TWENTY-FIVE, NINETEEN SIXTY-
 FIVE, IT WAS REPORTED THAT JACK MAYNARD RAY, DURHAM,
 N. C., FBI NUMBER EIGHT SIX FOUR - SIX EIGHT FOUR, CLAIMED
 HE WAS APPROACHED TO SHOOT KING AND JAMES FARMER BY GEORGE
 MC LAMB, REPORTEDLY PRESIDENT OF DURHAM CITY COUNCIL.
 RAY IS REPORTEDLY AN EX-CON AND POSSIBLY AN ALCOHOLIC.

INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED AT DURHAM, N. C. REVEALS
 JACK RAY HAS NOT BEEN SEEN SINCE NINETEEN SIXTY-FIVE
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 WIFE, MAE HELMS, WAS LOCATED AT CHARLOTTE, N. C., AND
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