

Mrs. EURE, who appears to be a reasonably successful business woman, neat in appearance, and well spoken, said she now recalls how this alleged offer all started.

She said she recalls that in 1964 when she first met MC MANAMAN, he was out on some kind of a bond waiting for an appeal. At the same time the murder of the three civil rights workers in Neshoba County, Mississippi, was at the height of publicity. Sheriff RAINEY of Neshoba County was presumed to be, at the time, an official in the Klan in Neshoba County. At least the newspapers, radio and television news stories indicated this much. During the same period her real estate business was in minor financial difficulty and she recalls casually mentioning that if she approached the Sheriff of Neshoba County she could probably get \$100,000.00 to kill KING. She said she now feels in all probability that MC MANAMAN took her casual statement seriously. She said she now realizes the seriousness of such a statement since KING's murder.

Mrs. EURE stated that she is an outspoken business woman and often passes remarks of this nature more to attract some prospective customers than anything else. She said she believes that this is the basis for MC MANAMAN's information concerning the offer of money by the Klan in Mississippi to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

In attempting to determine the circumstances concerning her meeting MC MANAMAN in 1964, Mrs. EURE said she met him through a mutual business friend. Her association with MC MANAMAN was business. She said in her opinion MC MANAMAN had a world of knowledge

in real estate business and that if he ever gets out of prison she will always be willing to hire him as an assistant in her real estate business.

After his appeal was denied in 1964, MC MANAMAN was returned to Kansas and began serving his sentence. She said she went out to the Penitentiary on two occasions in 1964, the first time to pick up MC MANAMAN's automobile which she financed for him. All other visits, two or three times in 1965 and once in 1966, were just friendly visits. She said the last time she visited him was early in 1966 and that she has not seen him or heard from him since that time. She said as far as she knows he is still in prison.

Mrs. EURE was very apologetic, very cooperative, and stated that she has no information whatsoever concerning the person or persons responsible for the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. If, in the event she receives any information which may be of help in this matter she will immediately contact the FBI.

Mrs. EURE is a white female, approximately 5 feet 9 inches, slender, moderately attractive, approximately 50 years of age.

A further review of the Leavenworth Penitentiary Classification Sheet for MC MANAMAN discloses that his nine year sentence was in nonoperative status for 375 days due to an appeal. The Classification Study form of MC MANAMAN, Register Number 81371-L indicates that MC MANAMAN was received at Leavenworth Penitentiary in April, 1964 after his appeal had been denied.

The Bureau, through FBI Identification Division records, may wish to compare the records of DONALD JAMES NISSEN, FBI Number 607320A; LEROY BASIL MC MANAMAN, FBI Number 1244125 (as indicated in prison records) with the known arrest record of JAMES EARL RAY to determine if they were ever confined in the same prison at the same time with subject RAY.

JN 157-9586

The above information is being furnished to offices designated for information purposes. No leads are being set out in view of information furnished by Mrs. EURE.

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Agent's Memo No. 201
Series 1968
Charlotte, North Carolina

MEMO ALL AGENTS

RE: MURKIN

By airtel to all SACs dated May 10, 1968, the Bureau advised as follows:

"For your information and investigative assistance, subject JAMES EARL RAY took a bartending course in Los Angeles, California, during the early part of 1968, and prior to his departing from Los Angeles in March, 1968, he made several telephone calls to country clubs in an effort to obtain employment.

"This should be borne in mind in covering leads in connection with this and other cases.

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All agents are instructed to adhere to instructions from the Bureau.

ROBERT M. MURPHY
SAC

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

By communication dated April 29, 1968, the Los Angeles Office of the FBI advised as follows:

The following numbers have been determined to have been called from telephone booths located in the St. Francis Hotel, Los Angeles:

On February 15, 1968, a call was placed to Pembroke, North Carolina, at 7:53 p.m., to telephone number 521-4689.

On March 17, 1968, at 9:13 a.m., a telephone call was placed to Goldsboro, North Carolina, telephone number 733-4209.

The following investigation was conducted by SA RICHARD A. CARR at Pembroke, North Carolina:

On April 30, 1968, it was determined that Pembroke telephone number 521-4689 is listed to ILA MAE PAUL, Box 656, Pembroke, North Carolina. On that date, GEORGIE CAROL PAUL, daughter-in-law, who resides at the same address, advised that WILLIE FRENCH PAUL, son of ILA, resides at 5540 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, California, and calls his mother regularly. She advised she was not living at that address in February, 1968, and does not know if WILLIE called on February 15, 1968.

On May 1, 1968, ILA MAE PAUL advised that her son, WILLIE FRENCH PAUL, calls her almost every week from California, and she is sure he called her on or about February 15, 1968.

The following investigation was conducted by SA ANTHONY PALMISANO at Goldsboro, North Carolina:

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On April 30, 1968, CAROL RAE PENDLETON, 712 Maxwell Street, Goldsboro, advised she is married to Staff Sergeant JACK HAROLD PENDLETON, who is in the United States Air Force, at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, Goldsboro. She advised their home telephone number for the past five years has been 735-4209. Mrs. PENDLETON stated on or about March 17, 1968, she received a telephone call from her father-in-law, EDGAR JOHN PENDLETON, from Los Angeles, California. The reason she remembered this call was that her daughter had a birthday on March 18, 1968, and Mr. PENDLETON had called to wish her a happy birthday. Since the first week of March, 1968, Mr. PENDLETON has been residing at the St. Francis Hotel, 553 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles.

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AIRTEL

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

Re Los Angeles teletype to Bureau and other offices
4/29/68, and Charlotte teletype 5/2/68.

There are being furnished Memphis herewith an
original and 14 copies of an investigative insert regarding
telephone calls from the St. Francis Hotel, Los Angeles, Calif.

On 4/30/68, Mr. J. NEWSOME (protect identity), Manager,
Southern Bell Telephone Co., Goldsboro, N. C., advised SA
ANTHONY PALMISANO that telephone number 735-4209 is listed
in the name of JACK H. PENDLETON, 712 Maxwell St., Goldsboro.
He advised the service was connected on 12/3/63, and that
PENDLETON's employment is listed as the U. S. Air Force.

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RE: ERIC STARVO GALT

The following investigation was conducted by IC's and SA's assigned to the Charlotte Office of the FBI throughout the State of North Carolina:

No record of ERIC STARVO GALT was located at the North Carolina State Selective Service Headquarters or at the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles, Raleigh, North Carolina. All telephone and city directories in the State of North Carolina, were searched with negative results. Contacts with financial institutions, Credit Bureaus and Police Departments were made with negative results.

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AIRTEL

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

Re Bureau teletype to all continental offices 4/10/68.

There are being furnished to Memphis herewith an original and 14 copies of an investigative insert regarding ERIC STARVO GALT.

State Selective Service Headquarters and N. C. Department of Motor Vehicles, Raleigh, N. C., were contacted by IC MARION E. HILLIARD. All telephone directories in the state were searched by IC CRAIG W. SMITH, JR. Indices of the Charlotte Office were searched by Assistant Chief Clerk HERMAN MORGAN. City directories, financial institutions, Credit Bureaus and Police Departments were contacted by SA's of the Charlotte Office.

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RE: HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER

The following investigation was conducted by IC's and SA's of the Charlotte Office of the FBI in the State of North Carolina:

All telephone and city directories in the State of North Carolina, were searched concerning the name, HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER, with negative results. North Carolina State Selective Service Headquarters and North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles, Raleigh, North Carolina, were contacted, and records were searched with negative results. Voter registration records in the State of North Carolina, were searched with negative results. No record was located at Credit Bureaus, Police Departments and Sheriff's Offices throughout the State of North Carolina.

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

Re Bureau teletype to all continental offices 4/8/68.

There are being furnished Memphis herewith an original and 14 copies of an investigative insert concerning HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER.

Records of the State Selective Service Headquarters and N. C. Department of Motor Vehicles, Raleigh, N. C., were searched by IC MARION E. HILLIARD. All telephone directories were searched by IC CRAIG W. SMITH, JR. Assistant Chief Clerk HERMAN MORGAN searched the indices of the Charlotte Office with negative results.

SA's of the Charlotte Office contacted Credit Bureaus, Police Departments and Sheriff's Offices with negative results.

SA DONALD M. MURRAY, Raleigh Resident Agency, contacted the State Voter Registration Office, through which arrangements were made to have all voting registrations checked.

Where information was obtained concerning an individual with the surname LOWMEYER or a close variation, independent investigation was conducted to eliminate that individual as being identical, and results have been furnished Memphis by separate communication.

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RE: LAUNDRY TAGS BEARING MARKINGS "02B-6" OR "D2B-6"

The following investigation was conducted by SA's of the Charlotte Office of the FBI throughout the State of North Carolina:

All laundries in the State of North Carolina, including those which use Thermo Seal machines manufactured by the Textile Marking Machine Company, Syracuse, New York, were contacted; and no information was developed indicating that the laundry marks "02B-6" or "D2B-6" were made by any of the machines at any of the laundries contacted.

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AIRTEL

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

Re Bureau teletype to all continental offices 4/9/68.

There are being furnished to Memphis herewith an original and 14 copies of an investigative insert regarding laundry tags bearing markings "02B-6" or "D2b-6".

Investigation concerning laundries was conducted by SA's throughout the entire State of North Carolina.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC 44-1365

DATE: 5/17/68

FROM : SA JOHN VANDER GAST, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 5/14/68, Sheriff J.B. ROBERTS, Cabarrus Co., N.C., SO advised a review of his records failed to disclose any fingerprints identical to those of JAMES EARL RAY.

On 5/15/68, Lt. GEORGE SMITH, Concord, NC, PD & Lt. HOLLY TUCKER, Kannapolis, NC, PD advised after a review of their respective records that they were unable to locate any fingerprints identical to those of JAMES EARL RAY.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1365)

FROM : SA J. RALPH JONES

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/16/68

Contacts of Dance Schools.

Hickory, N.C. has two schools, both private and unlisted, for students. Teachers there have no knowledge of subject.

Statesville, N.C. has one school, Betty's, and contacts of officials there reveal no possibilities as to subject.

Other areas of territory have individuals who give instruction in dancing, not as public instructors.

In substance there are no facilities in area for adults to take dancing, publicly, instructions are given at irregular intervals to couples through the Country Club or Community Center, both being private facilities.

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8:42PM URGENT 5-17-68 SMS

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY, MIAMI, LAS VEGAS,
DETROIT AND KNOXVILLE AND CHARLOTTE
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) 9P

MURKIN.

RE LOS ANGELES PHONE CALL TO BUREAU MAY SEVENTEEN INSTANT.

RE LOS ANGELES TIMES INFORMANT - "BOB" LNU.

WILLIAM THOMAS, CITY EDITOR, LOS ANGELES TIMES,
TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED SAC LOS ANGELES TODAY AND
ADVISED PAPER HAD INFORMATION WHICH THEY FELT MIGHT BE OF
ASSISTANCE TO FBI IN THIS MATTER. SAC WESLEY G. GRAPP
AND SUPERVISOR WILLIAM JOHN NOLAN CONTACTED MR. THOMAS
AND REPORTER JERRY COHEN AT LOS ANGELES TIMES OFFICE. THEY
ADVISED EARLY IN THE WEEK, MONDAY OR TUESDAY, THE PAPER
HAD BEEN TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED BY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO SAID HE
HAD INFORMATION CONCERNING WHAT ACTUALLY HAD TAKEN PLACE IN
CONNECTION WITH THE DEATH OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. THOMAS
ADVISED THERE WERE THREE OR FOUR TELEPHONE CALLS, AND HE
MADE NOTES DURING THE CALLS, AND ON THE EVENING OF MAY SIXTEEN,
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SIXTY EIGHT, HE AND JERRY COHEN MET THIS INDIVIDUAL. (PH) IN BAR. HE ADVISED THE INDIVIDUAL GAVE THE NAME QUOTE "BOB" UNQUOTE, NO LAST NAME, DESCRIBED AS IN MIDDLE THIRTIES, DECENT LOOKING FELLOW, AND APPARENTLY HAD BEEN IN SEVERAL PENITENTIARIES, AS HE KNEW THE LANGUAGE VERY WELL. THOMAS ADVISED THE PAPER HAD TAKEN NO OVERT STEPS IN ATTEMPTING TO VERIFY THE STORY BUT DID HAVE REPORTERS IN KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS, MONTGOMERY, MIAMI AND BIRMINGHAM, AND HE HAD INSTRUCTED THE REPORTERS TO CONTACT THE LOCAL FBI OFFICE AND MAKE THIS INFORMATION, AS SET FORTH IN HIS NOTES, AVAILABLE. HE ADVISED FURTHER HE CONTEMPLATED MAKING THIS INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK. HE ADVISED HIS SOLE PURPOSE WAS TO GET A STORY OUT OF THE MATERIAL, BUT DID NOT WISH TO INTERFERE IN ANY FBI INVESTIGATION.

HE ADVISED DURING HIS MEETING WITH QUOTE BOB UNQUOTE HE GOT FROM BOB A BUS TICKET DATED APRIL SEVEN, SIXTY EIGHT, ON A GREYHOUND BUS FROM KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, TO LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, WHICH TICKET WAS ISSUED BY SOUTHERN GREYHOUND AT KNOXVILLE ON APRIL SEVEN SIXTY EIGHT AND HAD THE NUMBERS THREE SPACE ZERO ZERO ZERO EIGHT TWO TWO TWO NINE SPACE FOUR
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TWO. TRANSPORTATION WAS FROM KNOXVILLE TO MEMPHIS, MEMPHIS TO EL PASO, THEN TO LOS ANGELES. HE ADVISED HE HAD GIVEN QUOTE BOB UNQUOTE ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR THE TICKET AND THIS INFORMATION AND DID NOT EXPECT TO HEAR FROM HIM AGAIN, AS QUOTE BOB UNQUOTE SAID HE NEEDED THE MONEY TO LEAVE TOWN.

SET FORTH FOR THE INFORMATION OF RECEIVING OFFICES ARE THE NOTES AS TYPED UP BY THOMAS CONCERNING HIS INTERVIEW OF "BOB".

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ONE. THE DAY BEFORE THE SHOOTING, RAY WAS PICKED UP IN ATHENS, ALABAMA, AND WAS TAKEN TO MEMPHIS.

TWO. HE REGISTERED IN ROOMING HOUSE. ANOTHER MAN REGISTERED AS SAMUEL LEWIS. PAREN LEWIS WAS SUPPOSED TO BE BACKUP MAN, KILL KING AT RALLY THAT NIGHT IF RAY MISSED HIS CHANCE ON THE BALCONY. PAREN

THREE. AFTER SHOOTING KING, RAY WALKED TWO OR THREE BLOCKS TO THE GETAWAY CAR, ACCOMPANIED BY A GIRL AND A BOY. THE CAR IS A NEW BLUE BUICK, WITH ALABAMA PLATES. FIRST DIGITS ARE BELIEVED TO BE ONE FOUR. CAR IS OWNED AND WAS DRIVEN BY EDDIE MILBURN OF HUNTSVILLE, ALA. IT IS EQUIPPED WITH A POLICE
END PAGE THREE

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RADIO. PAREN SECOND MAN STAYED OVERNIGHT, TOOK EARLY BUS TO KNOXVILLE. PAREN

FOUR. RAY, TWO GIRLS AND A CHILD WERE DRIVEN OUT OF MEMPHIS BY WILBURN IN THE BLUE BUICK. WENT TO KANSAS CITY. TRIP TOOK SIX AND ONE HALF HOURS. GIRLS, CHILD, WILBURN ALL FROM HUNTSVILLE.

FIVE. IN KANSAS CITY, RAY STAYED OVERNIGHT AT A HOME. IT IS A SMALL, GRAY, SHINGLED, ONE-BEDROOM HOUSE ABOUT THREE MILES FROM CENTRAL KANSAS CITY. PAREN LE HAVE ROUGH LOCATION. PAREN

SIX. AT DUSK THE NEXT DAY PAREN APRIL FIVE PAREN RAY WAS FLOWN TO BELLE GLADE, FLORIDA, IN A PRIVATE PLANE. TOOK OFF FROM PRIVATE FIELD, ALSO USED AS TRAINING FIELD FOR MILITARY. RAY ARRIVED EARLY APRIL SIX.

SEVEN. PLANE IN WHICH RAY WAS FLOWN IS OWNED BY A WILLIAM PIERCE, A WEALTHY MAN WHO OWNS OR OPERATES AN AIRPORT IN BELLE GLADE, AND ONCE OWNED A CONTRACTING COMPANY IN CUBA. NOT KNOWN WHETHER PIERCE FLEW THE PLANE. PIERCE ALSO OWNS MOTEL IN BELLE GLADE AND COTTAGES ON THE LAKE IN NEARBY OKEECHOBEE PAREN OR MAYBE ON NEARBY LAKE OKEECHOBEE PAREN. PIERCE SAID
END PAGE FOUR

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TO BE KKK MEMBER.

EIGHT. THEORY: RAY STAYED IN MOTEL OR IN COTTAGE. MAY BE STILL THERE. OR IN CUBA.

NINE. ON APRIL ELEVEN, RAY GOT ON YACHT PAREN PROBABLY CHARTER BOAT PAREN IN KEY WEST. BOAT OWNED BY BEN THOMPSON. PAREN A BEN THOMPSON OF MIAMI OWNS THREE FISHING BOATS. PAREN.
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ONE. PIERCE OFTEN FLIES OWN PRIVATE PLANE TO NEW ORLEANS. SAID TO KNOW DA JIM GARRISON. ALSO MIGHT CHECK POSSIBLE FLIGHTS IN DIRECTION OF CUBA.

TWO. PIERCE AND WILBURN SAID TO BE RELATED.

THREE. LEAD TO WILBURN MIGHT BE VFW CLUB IN HUNTSVILLE, WHERE HE IS SUPPOSED TO BE A MEMBER.

FOUR. RIFLE IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN LEFT IN FURNACE OF MEMPHIS ROOMING HOUSE, AND IS BELIEVED STILL THERE. MUST REFER TO BACKUP MAN'S WEAPON.

FIVE. RAY NOW WEARING BIFOCALS.

SIX. WHITE MUSTANG BELONGING TO RAY WAS NOT IN MEMPHIS ON THE DAY OF KING SLAYING, AND HE DID NOT ESCAPE IN IT. PRESUMABLY IT NEVER LEFT GEORGIA IN APRIL.
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SEVEN. ON THE DAY OF THE KILLING PAREN APRIL FOUR PAREN RAY MADE PHONE CALLS FROM MEMPHIS TO BELLE GLADE. CALLS BELIEVED TO BE MADE FROM A BUS STATION.

EIGHT. IN THE WEEKS BEFORE THE KILLING, RAY STAYED SOMEWHERE IN BELLE GLADE.

NINE. STORY OF PAYOFFS VERY COMPLICATED. MILBURN SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN PAID OFF IN RENO. NIGHT BEFORE KILLING. SOMEBODY HIT A KENO TICKET FOR TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS IN CAL-NEVA LODGE. RIGGED, TO PASS THE MONEY. DONE WITH KNOWLEDGE OF CHARLIE GATE, SIX EIGHT EIGHT ZERO PEBBLE BEACH DRIVE, RENO, WHO RUNS A SHIFT AT CAL-NEVA. THEN THERE IS BEN PAREN OR JACK PAREN STURGIS OF ST. LOUIS, WHO USED TO WORK BAR ON SECOND STREET, RENO. CAME INTO MONEY. ANOTHER QUOTE CONTACT. UNQUOTE.

PAGE THREE - LOS ANGELES.

ONE. RAY SOMEBODY STAYED IN CLARK HOTEL, ROOM SEVEN ZERO ZERO, ON APRIL SEVENTEEN DASH EIGHTEEN.

TWO. LAMONT WHITE, WHO WORKS FOR WESTERN UNION IN LOS ANGELES. HAS SENT MONEY TO LOUISIANA. BOUGHT TWO PISTOLS UNDER HIS NAME. THEY REALLY WENT TO FRANK BRICKLEY OF CHATANOOGA, END PAGE SIX

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YENN., WHO WAS IN PRISON WITH RAY. BRICKLEY SUPPOSED TO BE HERE.

THREE. HAROLD'S CAFE PAREN FIVE FIVE FIVE SOUTH MAIN PAREN. RAY BARTENDER THERE FOR WEEK OR SO. QUEER BAR. GUY NAMED CONNIE KNOWS HIM THERE.

WILLI SHEA. ONCE WORKED TOP RAIL BAR, SEVENTH AND ALVARADO. RAY SUPPOSEDLY MARRIED TO HER ONCE. SHE FROM MISSOURI, NOW LIVES IN NORTH HOLLYWOOD. HAS MONEY. MOTHER MARRIED, LIVES IN COMPTON, DRIVES A PURPLE PONTIAC CONVERTIBLE. NOW LIVES AT EIGHT ONE TWO SOUTH WESTLAKE, LOS ANGELES, WITH MAN WHO OWNS A BAR. SHE IS BLOND, ABOUT THIRTY EIGHT.

PAGE FOUR - MORE SUPPLEMENTAL DATA:

ONE. TELEPHONE CREDIT CARD SUPPOSEDLY USED BY RAY WAS ISSUED TO RIDELL CATERING, U. S. RUBBER, DETROIT. EITHER IN NAME OF RIDELL PAREN NO FIRST NAME PAREN OR A ROBERT BRINKLEY. RIDELL REPORTER LIVES IN HARPER WOODS, MICH. CALLS ON CARD REPORTED MADE FROM MEMPHIS TO BELLE GLADE, FLA., AMONG OTHERS.

TWO. SAMUEL LEWIS, SECOND MAN IN ROOMING HOUSE, DISCHARGED NINETEEN SIXTY THREE FROM MILAN, MICH. ALSO SERVED TIME IN CHILLICOTHE AND TERRE HAUTE. PAREN WARDEN AT MILAN SAYS NO
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RECORD OF LEWIS. PAREN

THREE. LEWIS TOOK BUS TO LOS ANGELES FROM KNOXVILLE ON APRIL SEVEN. CAME THROUGH MEMPHIS AND EL PASO.

THOMAS ADVISED THAT IN RELATION TO ITEM FIVE, PAGE ONE, OF HIS NOTES, THIS HOUSE IS LOCATED OFF A MAIN STREET STARTING FROM DOWNTOWN KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, DIRECTION UNKNOWN, AND FROM THE MAIN STREET A SMALLER STREET GOES TO THE LEFT, WHICH STREET HAS A WESTERN UNION BUILDING LOCATED ON IT AND GOES OFF FROM THE MAIN STREET IN THE FORM OF A STEEP HILL. TWO TO THREE MILES UP THE HILL ON THE LEFT ARE LOCATED NICE LOOKING APARTMENTS, BROWNISH IN COLOR, WHERE STUDENTS FROM SOME SCHOOL LIVE, AND JUST PRIOR TO THIS ON THE RIGHT IS THE LOCATION OF A MOVING COMPANY, NO NAME KNOWN, AND A GROCERY STORE IS LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF THE MOVING COMPANY ON THE SAME SIDE. ABOUT TWO BLOCKS BEYOND THE GROCERY STORE THERE IS A NARROW STREET WITH RAMSHACKLE HOUSES ON ONE SIDE AND VACANT LOTS ON THE OTHER. TURNING RIGHT ON THIS STREET, THE THIRD HOUSE ON THE LEFT WOULD BE THE CORRECT HOUSE INVOLVED, WHICH IS OCCUPIED BY AN INDIVIDUAL QUOTE WHO SELLS BEER AND BOOZE AFTER HOURS AND HIDES GUYS OUT. UNQUOTE. THE HOUSE IS DESCRIBED AS ONE BEDROOM, END PAGE EIGHT

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NO GARAGE, DIRT DRIVEWAY, SINGLE STORY AND HAS A LARGE FREEZER
IN THE LIVING ROOM.

THOMAS ADVISED FROM THE STORY RECEIVED, IT IS A
POSSIBILITY QUOTE BOB UNQUOTE IS THE SAME AS THE SAMUEL LEWIS
MENTIONED IN HIS NOTES.

EACH RECEIVING OFFICE SHOULD CAREFULLY REVIEW THE NOTES
AND IMMEDIATELY ATTEMPT TO VERIFY ANY OF THE INFORMATION SET
FORTH AND ADVISE BUREAU, MEMPHIS AND LOS ANGELES.

LOS ANGELES WILL IMMEDIATELY PURSUE EFFORTS TO PROVE OR
DISPROVE THE ALLEGATIONS SET FORTH FOR LOS ANGELES AREA.

ABOVE INFO FURNISHED TO CHARLOTTE AS MIAMI WILL REQUEST
INVESTIGATION BY CHARLOTTE IN TEL TO BE SUBMITTED FROM MIAMI
MOMENTARILY.

AIR MAIL COPIES BEING FURNISHED CINCINNATI, NEW ORLEANS,
ST. LOUIS AND INDIANAPOLIS IN VIEW OF INFORMATION FURNISHED
IN THE NOTES.

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103AM URGENT 5-18-68 REF

TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY, MIAMI,
LAS VEGAS, DETROIT, MOBILE, KNOXVILLE, ALBANY AND CHARLOTTE
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (P) 6P

MURKIN

RE LA PHONE CALL TO BUREAU AND LA TEL MAY SEVENTEEN
INSTANT, RE LOS ANGELES TIMES INFORMANT - "BOB" LNU.

FOR INFO ATLANTA, MOBILE AND ALBANY, LA TIMES HAS HAD
CONTACT WITH ONE BOB LNU WHO SAID HE HAD INFO CONCERNING WHAT
ACTUALLY HAD TAKEN PLACE IN CONNECTION WITH DEATH OF DR. KING.
IN ADDITION TO OTHER INFO FURNISHED BY BOB LNU, HE STATED
FOLLOWING REGARDING ASPECTS OF CASE INVOLVING LOS ANGELES AREA:

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ALSO WILLI SHEA. ONCE WORKED TOP RAIL BAR, SEVENTH AND ALVARADO. RAY SUPPOSEDLY MARRIED TO HER ONCE. SHE FROM MISSOURI, NOW LIVES IN NORTH HOLLYWOOD. HAS MONEY. MOTHER REMARRIED, LIVES IN COMPTON, DRIVES A PURPLE PONTIAC CONVERTIBLE NOW LIVES AT EIGHT ONE TWO SOUTH WESTLAKE, L.A., WITH MAN WHO OWNS A BAR. SHE'S BLOND, ABOUT AGE THIRTY EIGHT.

FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED LA AREA THIS DATE.

JACK HERD, DAY MANAGER TOP RAIL BAR ADVISES WILLI SHEA ENTIRELY UNKNOWN. NO COCKTAIL WAITRESSES EMPLOYED BY THIS BAR, EXCEPT ON RARE OCCASIONS LIKE NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY. ON THOSE OCCASIONS, HIS OWN GIRL FRIEND OR GIRL NAMED BERNICE DOUGLAS WHO DOES NOT FIT DESCRIPTION OF WILLI SHEA HAS HELPED OUT AT BAR. MRS. NANCY BURGDORF, MANAGER FOR LAST SEVENTEEN YEARS AT EIGHT ONE TWO SOUTH WESTLAKE, REPORTS NO WILLI SHEA HAS OR IS RESIDING AT THAT ADDRESS.

LEAMONT ANDERSON WHITE, EFFEMINATE THIRTY SIX YEAR OLD NEGRO MALE, EMPLOYED BY WESTERN UNION, WHO RESIDES AT THREE EIGHT ONE SEVEN GIBRALTAR AVENUE, APT. FIVE, LOS ANGELES
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TELEPHONE TWO ONE THREE DASH TWO NINE FOUR DASH NINE FIVE THREE NINE, REPORTS HAS KNOWN FRANK BRICKLEY AND HIS BROTHER BOB BRICKLEY FIVE OR SIX YEARS. DURING THAT TIME FRANK HAS BEEN IN AND OUT OF ONE JAIL AFTER ANOTHER. BOTH FRANK AND BOB ARE HEAVY DRINKERS AND WHEN IN LA AREA HAVE FREQUENTED SKIDROW BARS NEAR FIFTH AND MAIN IN DOWNTOWN LA AND SEVENTH AND ALVARADO NEAR BEULAKE PARK. THEIR PARENTS RESIDE IN ROSSVILLE, GEORGIA AND WHEN IN LA DURING JUNE SIXTY SEVEN THEY MADE CALLS FROM WHITE'S HOME TO FOLLOWING NUMBERS, ONE OF WHICH IS THEIR PARENTS NUMBER:

ROSSVILLE AREA CODE FOUR ZERO FOUR

TWO TWO NINE DASH TWO ONE FIVE FIVE

EIGHT SIX SIX DASH SEVEN THREE ONE ZERO

KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE CODE SIX ONE FIVE

FIVE TWO FOUR DASH ONE THREE ONE FIVE

SMOKY MOUNTAIN, TENNESSEE CODE SIX ONE FIVE

THREE THREE SEVEN DASH SEVEN SEVEN SEVEN FIVE

CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE CODE SIX ONE FIVE

SIX TWO TWO DASH NINE ZERO SIX SEVEN

WHITE ALSO FURNISHED TWO RECEIPTS FOR PURCHASE OF GUNS BY HIM FROM WEATHERBY SPORTING GOODS, TWO SEVEN EIGHT ONE EAST FIRESTONE

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BLVD., SOUTH GATE, CALIFORNIA FOR ONE BAYARD THIRTY TWO CALIBER, SERIAL NUMBER TWO FIVE TWO TWO ONE; AND BERETTA TWENTY-FIVE AUTOMATIC PISTOL, SERIAL NUMBER EIGHT EIGHT SEVEN TWO EIGHT ZERO, PLUS AMMUNITION FOR EACH WEAPON.

CLAIMS WHEN FRANK BRICKLEY WAS LAST IN LA AREA ABOUT SUMMER SIXTY SEVEN BOTH OF THESE WEAPONS DISAPPEARED FROM HIS RESIDENCE, AND HE SUSPECTED EITHER FRANK OR BOB BRICKLEY OR THEIR COUSIN, WHOSE NAME HE CAN NOT NOW RECALL, STOLE THEM. SAID HE HAS NEVER FILED A STOLEN REPORT. SAID ABOUT TWO MONTHS AGO HE GOT COLLECT CALL FROM FRANK SEEKING MONEY, AT WHICH TIME FRANK INDICATED HE HAD JUST GOTTEN OUT OF HOSPITAL WHERE WAS RECOVERING FROM UNDESCRIBED WOUND. WAS UNABLE AT THIS TIME TO FIND TELEPHONE COMPANY CHARGES FOR THIS CALL, BUT BELIEVES IT WAS FROM KNOXVILLE OR NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE. SAID HE IS SURE THAT NO ONE OTHER THAN FRANK OR BOB BRICKLEY OF POSSIBLY THEIR COUSIN, COULD HAVE BEEN IN POSSESSION OF INFO THAT HE HAD PURCHASED ABOVE DESCRIBED WEAPONS OR THAT HE HAD RESPONDED TO CALL FOR MONEY BY SENDING TWENTY OR THIRTY DOLLARS TO FRANK. CLAIMS LAST SAW BOB BRICKLEY LESS THAN TWO MONTHS AGO, AT WHICH TIME BOB SAID FRANK WAS IN PRISON, BUT DID NOT INDICATE SPECIFIC CHARGE OR LOCATION.

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FRANK BRICKLEY APPEARS IDENT TO FRANK WILLIAM BRICKLEY, AKA, SUBJECT OF BUFILE SEVEN SIX DASH TWO THREE SEVEN THREE FOUR; ATLANTA FILE SEVEN SIX DASH TWO FOUR ONE TWO; MOBILE FILE SEVEN SIX DASH ONE ZERO EIGHT ONE, WHO ACCORDING TO MOBILE AIRTEL JANUARY TWO FOUR SIXTY SIX APPREHENDED AUSTIN TEXAS ONE TWO FOUR SIXTY SIX.

LAPD RECORDS INDICATE LEAHONT A. WHITE ARRESTED JULY SIXTY FIVE LEAD CONDUCT IN VICINITY OF FOURTH AND MAIN, L.A.

PERSONNEL CLARK HOTEL ADVISE ONE RAY YOUNG, WHO GAVE HOME ADDRESS OF ONE FIVE ONE BEACH ST., MASSENA, NEW YORK, WAS REGISTERED ROOM SEVEN HUNDRED APRIL SEVENTEEN DASH LAST. PHOTOS OF SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY EXHIBITED TO PERTINENT HOTEL PERSONNEL WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

CONRAD TORRONEO, NIGHT MANAGER, HAROLD'S BAR, FIVE FIVE FIVE SOUTH MAIN, WHO IS KNOWN AS CONNIE, OBSERVED ALL PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY AND ADVISES NEVER EMPLOYEE OR CUSTOMER. PHOTO DISPLAYED TO OTHER PERSONNEL, INCLUDING DAY SHIFT, WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

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FOR INFO ALL OFFICES, BUREAU HAS INSTRUCTED ALL LEADS
IN THIS MATTER RECEIVE IMMEDIATE AND CONTINUOUS ATTENTION.

ALBANY WILL CHECK OUT RAY YOUNG, MASSENA, N.Y. TO
ELIMINATE AS SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY, AND TO DETERMINE IF
WOLFE BRICKLEY BROTHERS OR LEAMONT ANDERSON WIFE, BEARING
IN MIND POSSIBLE HOMOSEXUAL INVOLVEMENT.

ATLANTA REQUESTED TO CONTACT BRICKLEY'S PARENTS AT
ADAMSVILLE, GEORGIA TO SECURE CURRENT PHOTOS OF BOB BRICKLEY WHO
MAY BE AKA RAY BRICKLEY, JR. FORWARD PHOTO TO LA TO SHOW TO LA
TIMEL REPORTERS WHO CONTACTED BOB LNU, TO DETERMINE IF HE IS
INFORMANT IN THIS MATTER.

IDENT DIVISION REQUESTED TO ADVISE LA AND INTERESTED
OFFICES OF ANY CURRENT INCARCERATION OF FRANK BRICKLEY FROM
RECORDS OF FBI NUMBER ONE NINE SEVEN SEVEN NINE SIX C:

INVESTIGATION LA CONTINUING. AIR MAIL INFO COPIES
FURNISHED CINCINNATI, INDIANAPOLIS, NEW ORLEANS AND ST. LOUIS.

CHARLOTTE RECEIVING COPY FOR INFO PER INSTRUCTION MIAMI.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) , LOS ANGELES , MEMPHIS (44-1987), AND
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FROM: MIAMI (44-1984) 3P

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RE LA TEL TO DIRECTOR DATED MAY SEVENTEEN SIXTYEIGHT.

ON FIVE DASH SEVENTEEN LAST DAVID LARSEN AND JOHN D. KENDALL,
LOS ANGELES TIMES REPORTERS APPEARED AT THE MIAMI FBI OFFICE,
STATING THEY HAD VITAL INFORMATION TO FURNISH REGARDING
CAPTIONED MATTER. THEY THEN RELATED INFORMATION SET FORTH IN
REFERENCED TELETYPE. AT CONCLUSION OF INTERVIEW DAVID LARSEN
STATED HE DESIRED UP TO THE MINUTE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION WITH
FBI MIAMI. WHEN INFORMED THAT NO PROMISES COULD BE MADE HE
RELATED THAT QUOTE SHOULD HE BE FROZEN OUT OF ANY UP TO THE
MINUTE INFORMATION HE WILL CREDIT YOU AND QUOTE. IT WAS RELATED
TO LARSEN THAT NO PROMISES WOULD BE MADE.

MIAMI INDICES REGARDING WILLIAM LINCOLN PIERCE NEGATIVE AND
CONTAIN NO IDENTIFIABLE REFERENCE REGARDING BEN THOMPSON.

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ON MAY SEVENTEEN LAST, GWENDOLYN PIERCE, WIFE OF WILLIAM LINCOLN PIERCE, FIVE ZERO ZERO NORTH EAST EIGHTYTHIRD STREET, APARTMENT FIVE, MIAMI, FLA., ADVISED SHE AND HUSBAND TOGETHER AT CONCH KEY, FLA., ON NIGHT OF APRIL FOUR, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT. LATE THAT NIGHT RETURNED TO MIAMI WHERE THEY REMAINED FOUR OR FIVE DAYS AT WHICH TIME HUSBAND LEFT MIAMI WITH HIS MOTHER DOLLY PIERCE IN OLD MODEL GREEN MERCURY COMET FOR WAYNESVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA.

PIERCE OWNS ROCKY WATERS MOTEL, WAYNESVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA, TELEPHONE NUMBER NINE TWO SIX DASH ONE FIVE EIGHT FIVE, WHERE HE HAS BEEN SINCE LEAVING MIAMI. PIERCE HAS PRIVATE PILOTS LICENSE WHICH HE OBTAINED ABOUT ONE YEAR AGO AT ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA AIRPORT. LAST FLEW A PRIVATE PLANE ABOUT OCTOBER NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN IN NORTH CAROLINA. FLIES ONLY FOR PLEASURE, DOES NOT OWN A PLANE, AND WIFE KNOWS OF NO CLOSE ASSOCIATE IN A POSITION TO LOAN PLANE TO HUSBAND.

HUSBAND HAS NOT BEEN IN KANSAS CITY OR NEW ORLEANS AND TO HER KNOWLEDGE HUSBAND NOT ACQUAINTED WITH JIM GARRISON OR EDDIE WILBURN. HUSBAND NEVER BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH ANY KKK ORGANIZATION AND OWNS NO PROPERTIES SUCH AS AIRPORTS OR LAND. HUSBAND BORN IN
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ARIZONA, SEPT. SEVEN, NINETEEN THIRTEEN.

INVESTIGATION AT FOUR TWO TWO ZERO N. W. TWENTYTHIRD AVE., MIAMI, RE BEN THOMPSON DISCLOSED THROUGH A NEIGHBOR THAT BEN LARNARD THOMPSON WHO LIVED AT THIS ADDRESS FOR TWENTY YEARS DIED ABOUT NOVEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN. THOMPSON WAS SPONGE FISHERMAN IN FLORIDA KEYS AND HAD SMALL BOAT. THOMPSON HAS A SON, BENJAMIN L. THOMPSON JR. REPORTEDLY RESIDING MIAMI AREA AND ALSO BELIEVED TO BE TO HAVE BEEN FORMERLY EMPLOYED BY COMMERCIAL FISHERMAN IN FLORIDA KEYS.

EFFORTS CONTINUING TO LOCATE BEN THOMPSON JR. INVESTIGATION INDICATED IN RETEL IN MIAMI DIVISION BEING PURSUED.

CHARLOTTE WILL HANDLE INTERVIEW OF WILLIAM LINCOLN PIERCE, WAYNESVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA.

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LAS VEGAS DETROIT MOBILE KNOXVILLE ALBANY CHARLOTTE
FROM DIRECTOR 1P.

MURKIN

RE LA TEL MAY SEVENTEEN LAST.

LATEST ARREST RECORD IDENTIFICATION DIVISION FILES FOR FRANK
WILLIAM BRICKLEY, FBI NUMBER ONE NINE SEVEN SEVEN NINE SIX C.
JUNE TWENTYFOUR SIXTYSIX, UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY, TERRE HAUTE,
INDIANA, PV, YCA, NAVTA AND ESCAPE FROM FEDERAL CUSTODY, TRANSFERRED
FROM FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA,
EXPIRATION OF GOOD TIME JANUARY SIXTEEN SIXTYSEVEN.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI, LOS ANGELES, MEMPHIS AND MIAMI

FROM: CHARLOTTE (44-1365)

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RE TELETYPE FROM THE DIRECTOR DATED MAY EIGHTEENTH INSTANT.
 WILLIAM LINCOLN PIERCE, ROCKY WATERS MOTEL, MAGGIE VALLEY,
 RFD, WAYNESVILLE, N. C., INTERVIEWED MAY EIGHTEEN, INSTANT.
 PIERCE DENIES ANY KNOWLEDGE OF KILLING. HE DENIES KNOWING
 JAMES EARL RAY AND AFTER VIEWING RAY'S PHOTO, STATED ACQUAINTED
 WITH NO ONE WHO COULD BE IDENTICAL WITH RAY. PIERCE CLAIMED
 HE WAS ON CONCH KEY, FLA., ALL WINTER, LEAVING APRIL FIFTH,
 LAST, GOING TO RESIDENCE IN MIAMI, FLA., WHERE HE STAYED UNTIL
 COMING TO WAYNESVILLE, N. C., APRIL TEN, LAST, TO PREPARE
 HIS TOURIST COURT FOR OPENING. HE DOES NOT OWN AN AIRPLANE
 OR AIRPORT AND HAS NO FINANCIAL^{INTEREST} IN EITHER, NOR DOES HE
 OWN PROPERTY AT BELLE GLADE, FLA., OR VICINITY OF LAKE
 OKECHOBER, FLA. HE DENIED KNOWING SAMUEL LEWIS, EDDIE WILBURN,
 DAN THOMPSON OR JIM GARRISON, AND HAS NO RELATIVES NAMED WILBURN.
 HE HAS NEVER BEEN A MEMBER OF OR ASSOCIATED WITH MEMBERS OF THE
 KKK.

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MR. PIERCE VOLUNTEERED INFORMATION THAT SEVERAL YEARS AGO, A SMALL JUDGMENT WAS FILED AGAINST HIM IN MIAMI, FLA., ON A DEBT OF ANOTHER WILLIAM PIERCE, WHO WAS IN THE CATTLE BUSINESS IN BELLE GLADE, FLA., AND PAHOKEE, FLA., AREA, BOTH LOCATED NEAR LAKE OKEECHOBEE. HIS ATTORNEY, THOMAS TEASLEY, CORAL GABLES SAVINGS AND LOAN BUILDING, CORAL GABLES, FLA., MAY HAVE THE ADDRESS OF THAT WILLIAM PIERCE.

LOS ANGELES FURNISHED INFORMATION THAT WILLIAM PIERCE, BELLE GLADE, FLA., WAS PERSON REFERRED TO BY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT "BOB."

MIAMI ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY WILLIAM PIERCE OWNING PROPERTY IN BELLE GLADE, FLA., OR VICINITY OF LAKE OKEECHOBEE, FLA., AND CONDUCT REQUESTED INVESTIGATION.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHARLOTTE

DATE: 5/9/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM HARRIS

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SUBJECT: CE 1926-C

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Dates of Contact 4/19/68, 4/24/68 and 5/2/68	
Titles and File #s on which contacted	
LOWYN E. SUMMERFORD	166-117
ITAR - GAMBLING	
MURKIN	44-1365
Purpose and results of contact	
<input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC	
On 4/24/68, informant advised he could furnish no information regarding subject in MURKIN. (44-1365).	
On 5/2/68, informant advised that LOWYN E. SUMERFORD and FRED SNYDER had been operating a crap game near Fayetteville, N.C. and that JACK PHILLIPS and PETE BURGESS of Raleigh, N. C. apparently discovered that SUMMERFORD and SNYDER were cutting into their business and they allegedly set someone to hold up the game near Fayetteville; however, this was unsuccessful. According to informant, PHILLIPS and BURGESS then sent someone to SUMMERFORD's apartment in Charlotte approximately 2 1/2 to 3 weeks ago and while SUMMERFORD was away from his apartment it was burglarized; however, very little money was obtained and SUMMERFORD did not report the burglary to the Police Department. The informant stated he does not know the exact location of SUMMERFORD's apartment in Charlotte. According to the informant after being unsuccessful in the attempted robbery and the	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating EXCELLENT
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burglary, apparently PHILLIPS and BURGESS had the house in which the crap game was being operated burned down during the week of April 21, 1968. He advised that he does not know for certain that PHILLIPS or BURGESS had the crap game burned out but suspects that they did.

Informant further advised that SUMMERFORD has been playing cards at the VFW in Gaffney, S. C. on occasion.

Informant further advised that HAIRCUT HUFFSTETTER and GLENN CUNNINGHAM of Greensboro-High Point area are operating a gamblinggame in Austin, Texas.

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EDUCATION OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
B. of I., Pr. Div., Raleigh, N. C. #33646	Jack Ray, Camp #305, Durham, N. C.	3-27-34	larc.	2 yrs.; escaped 9-25-34; recap- tured 9-26-34
B. of I., Pr. Div., Raleigh, N. C. #33646-D	Jack Ray, Camp #217, Goldsboro, N. C.	FP to N.C. 11-28-34	larc.	sent. 11-26-34, 2 yrs.; escaped 1-19-35; recap- tured 6-11-35; escaped 9-23-35; recaptured 2-4-37 6-19-40 exp.
PD, Wash., D. C.	Maynard Ray #52618	6-3-35	inv.	
PH, Charlotte, N. C.	Jack Ray, #4094	1-28-36	escaped convict	ret'd. to Gang
B. of I., Pr. Div., Raleigh, N. C.	Jack Ray #33201	FP 2-5-37	larc.	sent. 2-1-37 5-8 yrs. 6-19-40 exp.
USM, Baltimore, Md.	Jack Ray #12373	8-4-42	bank rob.	8-7-42 sent. to 18 yrs. USP Atlanta Ga.
USP, Atlanta, Ga.	Jack Ray #62355	9-21-42	armed bank robbery	18 yrs.
USP, Leavenworth, Kans.	Jack Ray #5960	11-30-42 in trans. from USP, Atlanta, Ga.	bank robbery - armed	18 yrs.
US Pen Atlanta Ga	Jack Ray #62355	3-21-53 in trans. from USP Pen Leavenworth Kans	Robbery of bank Insured by FDIC	18 yrs. 11/4/53 cond rel; viol C.R.; warn issue 3-23-56.
USP Leavenworth Kans	Jack Ray #59602-L	4-9-56	CRV bank robb	2467 das 5-7-57 re-cond rel; viol of CR warn iss 6-19-58
PD Durham NC	Jack Maynard Ray #9865	5-25-58	pub dck	5-28-58

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
USP Atlanta Ga	Jack Ray #62355	7-12-58	Re-CKV Bank Robbery	2,056 das 12-6-61 MIA
PD Charlotte NC	Jack Maynard Ray #4094	7-29-64	obtaining motor veh-by fraud	
PD Ft Lauderdale Fla	Jack Maynard Ray #ID-42499	4-4-66	public intox	\$25 fine
PD Ft Lauderdale Fla	Jack Maynard Ray #ID-42499	9-3-66	(1)pub intox (2)vag ss	(1)3 das (2)15 das susp
PD West Palm Beach Fla	Jack Ray #33355	9-16-67	(1)vag (2)drk (3)fail obey officer (4)DP (prof & obsc)	\$255 B/Est
PD Daytona Beach Fla	Jack Maynard Ray #ID 52945	3-14-68	petty pilfering (shoplifting)	\$75/25 days
PD Ormond Beach Fla	Jack Maynerd Ray #2720	3-23-68	petty larceny (shoplifting)	\$50 B Estr

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CONTINUATION OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED ON RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	Additional aliases: Jack Ryan, Ray Maynard.			
*	WANTED BY BUREAU: As Jack Ray, charge not given. If apprehended immediately notify Bu. Field Div., Washington, D.C. (by telephone), per instructions rec'd therefrom 11-13-41.			
*	STILL WANTED BY BUREAU: As Jack Ray, for bank robbery (robbery); Prince Georges Bank and Trust Company, Hyattsville, Maryland (FOIC), 9-25-41. Notify Bu. Field Div., Washington, D.C., refer to their file #91-365 and Bu. Field Div., Baltimore, Maryland, per inf. rec. former 11-19-41, Bu. File #91-2939.			
	NO LONGER WANTED BY BUREAU: As Jack Ray, apprehended 7/25/42 at Kingston NC per inf rec BFD Wash DC 1/29/43 Bu file #91-2939.			
	WANTED BY BUREAU: As Jack Ray, wa, Maynard Ray and Jack Ryan, fugitive index #12018, Bu file #91-2939, OO, Baltimore, Md., per inf rec 1/6/42.			
	NO LONGER WANTED BY BUREAU: As Jack Ray, fug index #12018, located at Kingston NC, 7/25/42 per memo 7/25/42.			
FBI Baltimore Md	John Maynard Ray	7-25-42	bank robbery	
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To: DIRECTOR, FBI		Attention: Identification Division		Date <u>5/9/68</u>	
Re <u>MURKIN</u>					
Field File No. <u>44-1365</u>					
Furnish The Known Identification Record of the Following:					
Name <u>JACK MAYNARD RAY</u>		FBI No. <u>864-684</u>			
		Other No.			
Aliases <u>JACK RAY, MAYNARD RAY, JACK RYAN</u>					
Sex <u>M</u>	Race <u>W</u>	Birth Date <u>3/8/11</u>	Birthplace <u>FRANKLIN CO, N.C.</u>	Residence <u>UNKNOWN</u>	
Height <u>5'10"</u>	Weight <u>158</u>	Build <u>MED.</u>	Hair <u>LT. BRO</u>	Eyes <u>GRAY</u>	Complexion
Fingerprint Classification		Age <u>57</u>			
Scars, marks and tattoos					
Also Furnish:					
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Identification Division's Reply <u>5-16-68</u>		Return Reply to: <u>SAC, CHARLOTTE</u>			
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Charlotte (44-1365)

DATE: 5-17-68

✓ FROM : Director, FBI (44-38861)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO: MEMPHIS

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Approval granted to publicize James Earl Ray in "Master Barber and Beautician Magazine" published at Charlotte, North Carolina.

Charlotte has additionally recommended publicizing Ray in "Men's Hair Stylists," 16 West 46th Street, New York, New York, and "Professional Barber," 54 West 46th Street, New York, New York, and authority also granted for contact with these publications by the New York Office. Write-ups and glossy photographs available in each Bureau office can be utilized in this publicity.

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Re Los Angeles teletypes to Bureau, Memphis, and Auxiliary Offices 5/17 and 18/68; Miami teletype to Bureau, Memphis, and Auxiliary Offices 5/18 and 19/68, concerning one WILLIAM PIERCE of Belle Glade, Florida, being involved in flying JAMES EARL RAY from Kansas City, Missouri, to Florida on April 5, 1968. Also, reference Charlotte teletype to Bureau, Memphis, and concerned Auxiliary Offices 4/18/68.

Transmitted herewith to Memphis are eight copies of FD-302 reflecting interview with WILLIAM LINCOLN PIERCE of Miami, Florida, who operates the Rocky Waters Motel, Rural Free Delivery, Waynesville, North Carolina, during the summer months.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 21, 1968

Mr. WILLIAM LINCOLN PIERCE, Rocky Waters Motel, Rural Free Delivery, Waynesville, North Carolina, was advised of his rights as to making a statement by SA ROBERT S. MOORE and the rights, as set out on the waiver of rights form, were explained to him. He stated he knew nothing concerning the matter under investigation and he declined to sign a waiver of rights form. He stated he was willing to discuss his activities in view of the fact he was not involved in this matter.

He viewed a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and stated that he knew no one who could be identical with this individual. He stated he knew no one by the name of JAMES EARL RAY or any of his aliases.

He said he was from Miami, Florida, and has lived there since 1952, except during the last ten years, when he has spent approximately five months during the spring and summer operating the Rocky Waters Motel, Waynesville, North Carolina.

Mr. PIERCE stated he does not own an airplane, has no airport, nor does he have a financial interest in an airplane or airport. He stated he did not own a tourist court or any property at Belle Glade, Florida, nor did he own property on or near a lake named Okeechobee, Florida.

Mr. PIERCE stated he knows no one by the name of SAMUEL LEWIS or EDDIE WELBORN or WILBURN or JIM GARRISON, the latter from Louisiana (New Orleans). He stated he has no relatives by the name of WILBURN. He said he does not know a DAN THOMPSON, operator of a fishing boat in Florida, has never been a member of or associated with members of the Ku Klux Klan. He said he has had a private pilot's license for two or three years; however, he does not own an airplane and just flies occasionally for pleasure. He stated he has never been in business in Cuba or had any business connections in Cuba. However, he was formerly in the building contracting business in Miami, Florida, and the surrounding vicinity.

Mr. PIERCE stated that several years ago, a judgment was filed against him in Miami, Florida, on a financial obligation of a WILLIAM PIERCE, who he does not know personally.

On 5/12/68 at Waynesville, North Carolina File # Charlotte 44-1365-708
 by SA JOHN M. QUIGLEY and
SA ROBERT S. MOORE: RSM:lrf Date dictated 5/20/68

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He stated the WILLIAM PIERCE who incurred this obligation was identified by his attorney, Mr. THOMAS TEASLEY, Coral Gables Savings and Loan Building, Coral Gables, Florida, as a WILLIAM PIERCE who was in the cattle business at or near Belle Glade and Pahokee, Florida. He stated this WILLIAM PIERCE reportedly owns property on and in the vicinity of Lake Okeechobee, Florida. Mr. PIERCE stated on April 4, 1968, he and his wife were at their cabin on Conch Key, Florida, where they had resided most of the winter. He stated he first heard of MARTIN LUTHER KING's death on the news report the night of April 4, 1968, and he and his wife went to Miami, Florida, on April 5, 1968, where they maintained an apartment, Apartment 5, 500 Northeast 83rd Street, Miami, Florida. He said he stayed in Miami, Florida, until coming to Waynesville, North Carolina, to get his tourist court ready for opening on April 10, 1968.

DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

5/21/68

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(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Bureau letter 5/17/68.

On 5/20/68, THOMAS H. BROUGHTON, Editor, "Master Barber and Beautician" magazine, 219 Greenwich Road, Charlotte, North Carolina, was furnished a glossy photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and a copy of the newspaper mat and proof as furnished all offices by the Bureau. Mr. BROUGHTON advised he would make every effort to include the article and photograph of RAY in the June issue of his magazine which will be printed around June 1, 1968. He advised in the event he is unable to include the article in this month's issue, he will include it in the following month's issue. He advised that the normal deadline is the Fifteenth of the month preceding date of issue.

- 2 - Bureau
2 - Memphis (44-1987)
1 - Birmingham (44-1740) (Info)
1 - New York
2 - Charlotte (44-1365)

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Date: 5/22/68

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TO: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365)
FROM: SAC, COLUMBIA (44-299) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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On the night of 5/18/68, BILL REID, former officer at Greer, S. C. Police Department, who now resides at Tryon, N. C., telephonically contacted SA JACK C. WARD, Greenville, S. C., and advised that he, REID, had that day observed an individual at Tryon Plaza Motel, Tryon, N. C., who fits description of and bears resemblance to subject. REID stated he did not know name being used by this individual but he was occupying room at Tryon Plaza Motel which is third room east of office.

REID presently residing at 124 Carson Street in Tryon and his telephone number there is 859-6871.

LEAD:

CHARLOTTE DIVISIONAT TRYON, N. C.

Will contact REID and thereafter conduct such investigation as appears logical to determine identity of suspect.

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2 - Memphis (44-1897)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Albany

DATE: May 20, 1968

JW
FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: MURKIN
PUBLICITY ON REWARDS OFFERED

Each Special Agent in Charge and Legal Attache is instructed to promptly remind their established cooperative news sources, in a discreet and tactful manner, of the existence of substantial reward money for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the killer of Dr. Martin Luther King. This money now totals at least \$100,000. The FBI should not, however, be publicized as the source of this reminder.

While the Bureau's continuing policy is to encourage the public to furnish information to law enforcement authorities as a matter of good citizenship, without expectation of financial reward, it is fully recognized that monetary rewards are often necessary to motivate some individuals. The knowledge of the existence of the substantial rewards available in the Murkin case could possibly prove of value in the solution of this major investigation.

1 - Copies to all Special Agents in Charge and Legats

*Following advised
7/23/68
SA Pearson - Jim McRae
SA Carlson - Gamm - WEST
SA Freeman - Don Hight - WPA
SA Moore - Pennell - Tim (Graham)
SA Korus - Diego (Gale) - Armas*



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TO: ALL SAC'S

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

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MURKIN

INASMUCH AS RAY IS KNOWN TO STAY AT QUOTE FLOPHOUSES UNQUOTE AND LOWER CLASS ROOMING HOUSES, ALL OFFICES WILL FURNISH COPY OF IDENTIFICATION ORDER REGARDING RAY TO SALVATION ARMY AND OTHER CHARITABLE TYPE MISSIONS.

ALL OFFICES COVERING STATE CAPITALS, IF NOT ALREADY DONE, WILL AT DRIVERS LICENSE BUREAUS CHECK ALL DRIVERS LICENSE APPLICATIONS FOR MONTHS OF APRIL AND MAY, 1968, CONCERNING ALL MALE CAUCASIANS OVER THIRTY YEARS OF AGE AND UNDER FIFTYFIVE YEARS, IN VIEW OF FACT IT IS POSSIBLE SUBJECT SECURED DRIVERS LICENSE USING ANOTHER NAME OTHER THAN ALIASES KNOWN. AS RESULT OF REVIEWING THESE APPLICATIONS, YOU SHOULD CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF ANY SUCH INDIVIDUAL IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

*SA Murray
IC Sullivan
advised 5/23/68
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