

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC 44-1365

FROM : SA DONALD M. MURRAY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/22/68

Rebusairtel 5/9/68

On 5/20/68 Cecil Lloyd, Director, and Glenn Flinchum, Section Chief, N.C. Bureau of Vital Statistics, Raleigh, N.C., advised this agency maintains records of unidentified deceased, only after burial of same, and currently there is only one such record, and that concerns a wf found murdered in Wake Co., N.C. several weeks ago.

The identities of bodies not buried, would be known only to the Coronor of the various counties throughout N.C.

On 5/22/68 Chief Tom Davis, Raleigh, N.C. PD, and Sheriff Bob Plessants, Wake Co., Sheriff's Office, Raleigh, N.C. advised they are aware of no male unidentified bodies recovered in their areas.

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Date 5-22-68

RE: **MURKIN**
PUBLICITY ON REWARDS OFFERED

- ☐ For information ☐ Reason ☐ optional ☐ optional
- ☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in report, please use all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.
- ☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA dated _____

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Remarks: ReBulet 5-20-68.

In the event of inquiries regarding the identity of the sources of the reward money offered in the Murkin case, you may confidentially advise established sources that according to a compilation set forth in the April 27th edition of the "Commercial Appeal," Memphis, Tennessee, \$25,000 each has been offered by the "Commercial Appeal" and Scripps-Howard newspapers and that in addition, businessmen and citizens in Memphis have offered several thousands more and the Memphis City Council has under-written the reward up to a total of \$100,000.

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Date: May 21, 1968

Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority)

To: All SACs
LEGATS, Mexico City
Ottawa

[Signature]
From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN ✓

For your information and investigative assistance, subject James Earl Ray has been known to consort with prostitutes and "street bums." A photograph of subject was obtained from a prostitute in Mexico. This photograph showing subject wearing sunglasses was previously forwarded to your office.

This should be borne in mind in your daily contact with informants, officers of vice squads and prostitutes in covering leads in connection with this and other cases.

Armed and dangerous.

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UNITED CAMPUS CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

NORTH CAROLINA COLLEGE AT DURHAM
Box 754 - Telephone 682-2171 Ext 219
Durham, North Carolina 27707

HERBERT H. EATON, Director

May 20, 1968

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

This letter comes to report to you conversations that were overheard on the eve of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The conversation might be a lead into the solution of this murder.

This conversation was overheard in a community in Granville County, North Carolina. A Negro overheard two white men talking. One of the white men was considered as being rich and both were known as being members of the Klu Klux Klan. One man was heard saying to the other, "That big mouth down there won't live to carry out what he aims to do the day after tomorrow. We have a man on the way down there to take care of that guy and he don't miss. The bullets he use really do the job".

The day after the assassination the Negro recalled overhearing the conversation and reported it to me, not knowing what else to do. He did not hear them mention the name of Martin Luther King, nor did he understand them to have been referring to a Negro.

The person will talk to FBI officials only in my presence and at night, for he is afraid for the safety of his family if it is known that he fingerpointed any individual in his community. ||

If you think that this has any merit, your agents may contact me for further exploration.

Very truly yours,

Herbert H. Eaton
Herbert H. Eaton

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Date: 5/22/68

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✓ To: SAC, Charlotte (44-1385)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Herbert H. Eaton - complainant.

Enclosed are two copies of a letter from complainant dated 5/20/68, indicating he may be in possession of information which is pertinent to this case.

You should immediately interview Mr. Eaton and orally acknowledge receipt of his letter at that time. Conduct necessary interviews and set out appropriate leads.

Enclosures (2)

1 - SAC, Memphis (44-1987) (info)

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AGENTS' MEMO NO. 209
SERIES 1968
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

MEMO ALL AGENTS:

RE: MURKIN

By airtel to all SACs dated 5/9/68, the Bureau advised as follows:

In order to cover the possibility that subject, JAMES EARL RAY, may have died since commission of the crime, each office covering state capitals should check to ascertain if any record of unidentified dead is maintained and if so, records should be checked for the period from 4/5/68, to date, for any information which might possibly identify subject RAY with an unidentified deceased person. If no central record repository is maintained, you should in connection with your contacts with law enforcement agencies, make appropriate inquiry relative to unidentified dead.

On 5/20/68, contact was made with officials at the North Carolina Bureau of Vital Statistics, Raleigh, N. C., who advised that agency maintains records of unidentified deceased, only after burial of same. Currently, there is only one such record which concerns a white female found murdered in Wake County recently. The officials advised that the identities of bodies not buried would be known only to the coroner in various counties throughout North Carolina.

Coroners in all counties should be contacted upon the next visit by an Agent to that county.

By letter to all offices dated 5/20/68, the Bureau advised all SACs should promptly remind established, cooperative news sources in a discreet, tactful manner of the existence of

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RE: MURKIN

substantial reward money leading to the arrest and conviction of the killer of KING. This money now totals at least \$100,000. The FBI should not, however, be publicized as the source of this reminder.

Contacts with cooperative news sources is being handled separately. However, the Bureau by routing slip dated 5/22/68, advised, "in the event of inquiries regarding the identity of the sources of the reward money offered in the MURKIN case, you may confidentially advise established sources that according to a compilation set forth in the 4/27/68, edition of the "Commercial Appeal", Memphis, Tenn., \$25,000 each has been offered by the "Commercial Appeal" and "Scripps Howard newspapers", and that in addition, businessmen and citizens in Memphis have offered several thousands more and the Memphis City Council has underwritten the reward up to a total of \$100,000.

By airtel dated 5/21/68, to all SACs, the Bureau advised as follows:

"For your information and investigative assistance, subject JAMES EARL RAY has been known to consort with prostitutes and 'street bums'. A photograph of subject was obtained from a prostitute in Mexico. This photograph showing subject wearing sunglasses was previously forwarded to your office.

"This should be borne in mind in your daily contacts with informants, officers of vice squads, and prostitutes in covering leads in connection with this and other cases."

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

Robert M. Murphy
SAC

5/22/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Publicizing Subject RAY in "Men's Hair Stylists"
and "Professional Barber."

Re Bureau letter to Chicago dated 5/17/68.

On 5/22/68, FRANK MILHAFT, President, Professionelle
Inc., which company publishes "Professional Barber" and Miss
ANN CHARLES, Editor, "Men's Hair Stylists", both accepted
photographs and narrative data concerning Subject JAMES EARL
RAY and agreed to publish same in the near future.

Both magazines are monthly magazines, however,
"Professional Barber" mails 70,000 free copies whereas "Men's
Hair Stylists" has 65,000 paid subscribers.

SUBJECT RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHARLOTTE (170-650)

DATE: 5/24/68

FROM : SA GUY B. SODEN

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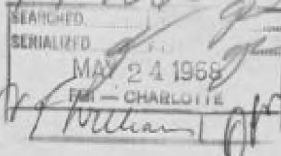
SUBJECT: EDDIE B. BATTLE

☒ PRI GHETTO

Dates of Contact	
4/19, 30/68; 5/2/68, 5/9/68.	
Titles and File #s on which contacted	
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POCAM	157-5541
Purpose and results of contact	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC	
Informant stated that he has heard nothing concerning any planned retaliation in connection with the death of MARTIN LUTHER KING and further advised he has heard nothing concerning any individuals or groups of individuals attempting to cause trouble in connection with the Poor People's March.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Same
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

FROM : SA CRAWFORD F. WILLIAMS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/24/68

By radiogram dated 5/22/68, to all SACs, the Bureau advised as follows:

"Inasmuch as RAY is known to stay at 'flophouses' and lower class roominghouses, all offices are to furnish copy of Identification Order regarding RAY to Salvation Army and other charitable-type missions."

Each Senior Resident Agent is requested to have the Salvation Army and other charitable-type missions contacted as instructed by the Bureau. For use in this regard, there are attached two (2) I.O.s and 2 Wanted Flyers concerning subject RAY. In the event additional I.O.s or Wanted Flyers are needed, Charlotte should be advised in order that same can be obtained from the Bureau.

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①9 - Charlotte (44-1365)

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Date: MAY 22, 1968

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Via TeletypeURGENT

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND SAC Memphis:

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

RE: MURKIN

RE LA PHONE CALL TO BUREAU AND LA TELSMAY SEVENTEEN
LAST CONCERNING LA TIMES INFORMANT - "BOB" LNU.

INFORMATION DEVELOPED WHICH INDICATES INDIVIDUAL
KNOWN TO LEAMONT ANDERSON WHITE, EMPLOYEE OF WESTERN UNION,
LOS ANGELES, AS BOB BRICKLEY (ALLEGED TO BE BROTHER OF
FRANK BRICKLEY) IS IN REALITY LESTER EDWARD PACKETT FBI
NUMBER EIGHT TWO SEVEN ONE SEVEN ZERO A, SUBJECT OF BUFILE
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EIGHTY SEVEN DASH TWO EIGHT SEVEN EIGHT; ME FILE EIGHTY
SEVEN DASH FOUR NINE ZERO ZERO; MM FILE EIGHTY SEVEN DASH
ONE ZERO FOUR NINE NINE. ALSO SUBJECT OF KX FILE TWENTY SIX
DASH ONE THREE FOUR FOUR EIGHT, LA FILES EIGHT SEVEN DASH

AIR MAIL COPIES TO FOLLOWING OFFICES:

2 - ALBANY (Encl. 1 photo) 1 - DETROIT
1 - ATLANTA 1 - MOBILE
1 - BIRMINGHAM 1 - KNOXVILLE
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NINE FOUR ZERO ZERO, AND TWENTY SIX DASH THREE THREE NINE SIX ZERO.

PHOTO OF LESTER PACKETT EXHIBITED TO LEAMONT ANDERSON WHITE WHO IDENTIFIED IT AS INDIVIDUAL HE KNEW AS BOB BRICKLEY. NANCY BURGDORF, APT. MANAGER, EIGHT ONE TWO SOUTH WESTLAKE, L.A., IDENTIFIED SAME PHOTO AS FORMER RESIDENT THAT APT. WITH ODELA A. PACKETT WHO IS IDENT WITH FBI NUMBER THREE NINE ZERO EIGHT SEVEN SEVEN A; AND SHE IS CURRENTLY SERVING THIRTY DAYS FOR PROSTITUTION IN L.A. PHOTO OF LESTER PACKETT WAS TAKEN BY KNOXVILLE PD DECEMBER SEVENTEEN, NINETEEN FIFTY EIGHT.

POLAROID COPY OF PHOTO OF LESTER PACKETT BEING FORWARDED AMSD TO AL FOR EXHIBITION TO RAY ANDREW YOUNG, MASSENA, N.Y., TO DETERMINE IF THIS WAS INDIVIDUAL WHO APPROACHED HIM WHILE HE WAS STAYING AT CLARK HOTEL APRIL SEVENTEEN LAST.

JERRY COHEN, LA TIMES NEWSPAPER, ADVISES PAPER PROMISED THEIR INFORMANT "BOB" LNU, THEY WOULD NOT REVEAL HIS IDENTITY OR HOW TO LOCATE. COHEN DID HOWEVER TELL THIS OFFICE HE WOULD ADVISE IF ANY PHOTOS EXHIBITED WERE NOT IDENTICAL WITH INFORMANT. COHEN STATED PHOTO OF FRANK BRICKLEY NOT IDENT, BUT QUOTE DECLINED TO COMMENT END QUOTE, WHEN PHOTO LESTER PACKETT EXHIBITED TO HIM.

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WIFE, ODELA PACKETT, INTERVIEWED AT LENGTH IN LA COUNTY JAIL. STATES FILED FOR DIVORCE FROM PACKETT TWO MONTHS AGO THROUGH ATTORNEY PHIL CLOUGH ON GROUNDS OF DESERTION, CRUELTY, AND NONSUPPORT. LEGAL FEES PAYED BY HER RELATIVES. SAID SHE WAS SO MAD AT PACKETT AT TIME OF FILING FOR DIVORCE THAT SHE TORE UP ALL PHOTOS SHE HAD OF HIM. DESCRIBED HIM AS SHIRTLESS DRIFTER, WHO NEVER HELD JOB DURING THEIR FIVE YEAR MARRIAGE. SHE DOES NOT KNOW HIS PRESENT WHEREABOUTS.

REVIEW OF LA FILES RE LESTER PACKETT AND INTERVIEW WITH ODELA PACKETT INDICATES HE HAS SPENT TIME IN BELLE GLADE, FLORIDA; RENO, NEVADA; VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN TENNESSEE; CHICAGO AND KANSAS CITY. LEAMONT WHITE BELIEVES HE IS INDIVIDUAL WHO TOOK HIS TWO GUNS, AND IS ONLY INDIVIDUAL OUTSIDE OF FRANK BRICKLEY AND PERSON HE KNEW AS BRICKLEY'S COUSIN (WHOSE NAME HE CAN NOT RECALL) THAT WOULD HAVE KNOWN HE EVEN OWNED THE GUNS.

IT WOULD APPEAR PACKETT BILKED LA TIMES OUT OF AT LEAST ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS. OTHER THAN SHOWING HIS PHOTO TO RAY ANDREW YOUNG, MASSENA, N.Y., TO WRAP UP THIS ASPECT OF CASE, ~~IT~~ NO FURTHER INVESTIGATIVE EFFORT BEING CONDUCTED IN LA RE "BOB" LNU.

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AIRMAIL COPIES BEING SENT FOLLOWING OFFICES; WITH PHOTO
ENCLOSED FOR ALBANY TO DISPLAY AS INDICATED ABOVE:

ALBANY, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY, MIAMI, LAS VEGAS,
DETROIT, MOBILE, KNOXVILLE, CHARLOTTE.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING LA.

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5/28/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: HERBERT H. EATON - COMPLAINANT

Re Bureau airtel dated 5/22/68.

On 5/24/68, HERBERT H. EATON, 1001 Plum St., Durham, N. C., N. C. College Chaplain, was contacted by SA CHARLES S. MILLER re contents of letter to Bureau dated 5/20/68. EATON stated he would make contact with his source on Sunday, 5/26/68, and arrange for a meeting with SA CHARLES S. MILLER.

On 5/27/68, EATON reported arrangements for contact with source that night.

On 5/27/68, CLARENCE ROYSTER, Rt. 1, Box 110B, Clarksville, Va., Oxford, N. C. Telephone Number 919-693-5205, a Negro male, approximately 47 years old, who requested his identity protected, advised on 4/3/68, at approximately 9:00 p.m., he went to the Puckett Grocery and Drug Store at Stovall, N. C., where he awaited the return of a druggist to fill a prescription. He waited for approximately 30 minutes. During part of this time, he heard the grocer, MELVIN PUCKETT, a white male, in his 60's, talking with a white farmer, also in his 60's, approximately 6' and medium size, in overalls. PUCKETT was discussing the recent declaration of ROBERT KENNEDY as a candidate for President.

ROYSTER said he had not paid close attention to the conversation until he heard PUCKETT say something about a man "carrying on down yonder." He then continued saying in effect "that big mouth down there won't live to carry out what he aims to do the day after tomorrow." He continued to say "they have a man on the way down to take care of him who wouldn't miss because he was a good shooter."

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ROYSTER stated that from previous acquaintance with PUCKETT, he was aware PUCKETT did not like the late President KENNEDY or his brother. At no time did ROYSTER hear any mention of the name of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and he did not have any specific information as to the identity of the intended victim nor the name of the person "they" sent to shut him up. ROYSTER emphasized that he had reported the information to his minister, FLOYD EATON, Creedmoor, N. C., on a confidential basis on the possibility that it might have bearing on the assassination of Rev. KING, but he, ROYSTER, had no additional information in the matter whatsoever. ROYSTER added further that he had been the only other individual present in the store at the time of the conversation. At about the time the above comments were made, MELVIN PUCKETT'S brother, ULYSSES C. PUCKETT, came to the store and filled the prescription and ROYSTER left.

ROYSTER expressed the opinion that PUCKETT was a member of the local unit of the KKK. He based this opinion on the fact PUCKETT has a Citizens Band Radio in the store and one of the numbers on his list was that of the KKK.

ROYSTER further reported that three PARHAM brothers operated a garage at Bullock, N. C., known as the Bullock Garage. He understood DAVE PARHAM left Bullock, N. C., about two days prior to 4/4/68, driving a red Mustang. He was gone for approximately one week before returning driving a light blue Mustang. He stated DAVE, a white male, in his 30's or 40's, who, insofar as he knew, had moved to the vicinity of Bullock during the summer of 1967. ROYSTER stated that he thought possibly DAVE PARHAM could have been the person referred to by PUCKETT although he was unaware of any association whatsoever between PUCKETT and PARHAM. Furthermore, he had heard some conversation indicating DAVE PARHAM had been gone during the week of 4/4/68, on duty with the National Guard.

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LEAD:

CHARLOTTE

AT STOVALL AND BULLOCK, N. C.

Will conduct appropriate investigation re PUCKETT
and PARHAM and keep the Bureau advised.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365)

DATE: 5/28/68

FROM : SA ANTHONY PALMISANO

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Memo of SA CRAWFORD P. WILLIAMS dated 5/24/68.

On 5/27/68 Mrs. E.M. DANIELS, Secretary, Salvation Army, 1001 East King St., Kinston, N.C., was furnished with a copy of I.O. 4182. On 5/28/68 Mrs. M. ELLIS, Secretary, Salvation Army, 610 North William St., Goldsboro, N.C., was also furnished with a copy of I.O. 4182.

Both Mrs. DANIELS and Mrs. ELLIS were advised of the fugitive status of JAMES EARL RAY and both stated they would be alert for his presence, should he appear at either of the above establishments. Both stated they would advise the FBI if they received any information concerning the whereabouts of RAY.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReBuairtel to Charlotte 5/22/68, re HERBERT H. EATON,
and CE airtel to Bureau 5/28/68.

Murkin
On 5/28/68, MELVIN PUCKETT, Puckett's Grocery Store, Stovall, N. C., advised that he and his brother, ULYSSES, operate a combination drug store and grocery store in the Stovall Community, of Granville County, N. C. PUCKETT stated that he cannot recall any conversation in which he was alleged to have participated on 4/3/68, concerning the announced candidacy of BOBBY KENNEDY nor could he recall making any statement to the effect that "That man won't live to carry out what he aims to do, we have a man on the way to get him." PUCKETT advised that he often discusses current events with customers and that he would be unable to even guess the identity of the farmer with whom he was speaking on 4/3/68. PUCKETT advised that the statement as described above, does not sound familiar to him and that he could not imagine any conversation where he would have made or even recall hearing such a statement.

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PUCKETT stated that the only group that he is a member of is the Stovall Baptist Church. He stated he had no further information which could shed any light on the conversations in referenced Bureau airtel.

On 5/28/68, ROBERT HYLER, Grocery store owner, Bullock, N. C., advised he is acquainted with the PARHAM Brothers who own and operate the Bullock Garage. HYLER advised that the PARHAM brothers have operated this garage since 2/68; to the best of his knowledge are law-abiding citizens. He advised he believes there are three brothers, D. A. PARHAM, LEWIS PARHAM and GRAHAM PARHAM. HYLER advised that all three brothers reside in Granville County, N. C.

On 5/28/68, DAVID A. PARHAM, JR. was contacted at his place of employment, the Bullock Garage, Bullock, N. C., and he advised that he and his brothers have been operating the garage since early in 1968, and that he is the mechanic, LEWIS is employed by IBM Corporation in Durham, N.C., and his brother, GRAHAM is a farmer in Granville County, N.C.

PARHAM advised he does not nor ever has owned a Mustang of any color; however, he was driving a red Camaro, Chevrolet, around the beginning of April, 1968, for a couple of days. He advised that he did not leave Granville County, N. C., during April, 1968, until he was called up as a member of the N. C. National Guard on 4/5/68, as a result of the racial disturbances at that time.

The following description was obtained from interview and observation:

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Name	DAVID ALGER PARHAM, JR.
Race	White
Sex	Male
DOB	10/31/43
POB	Granville Co., N.C.
Height	5'9"
Weight	180 lbs.
Eyes	Hazel
Hair	Sandy blond
Build	Husky
Marital Status	Married
Occupation	Mechanic

In view of the foregoing information, the Charlotte Division is conducting no further investigation regarding this matter.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC(44-1365)

FROM : SA WILLIAM HARRIS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/28/68

Re Agent's Memo dated 209

On 5/24/68 Dr. JOHN L. WILLIAMS, Coroner, Stanly County, Albemarle, N.C. advised that he had no unidentified dead.

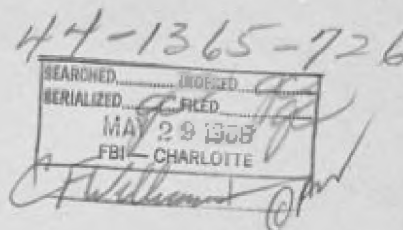
On 5/28/68 Rufus Honeycutt, Coroner, Rowan County, China Grove, N.C. advised that there are no unidentified dead in county.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (137-3129)

FROM : SA David W. Watson

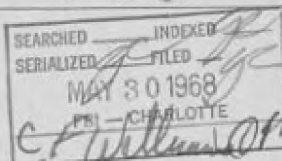
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Dates of Contact May 4 and 28, 1968		
Titles and File #s on which contacted 87-11694- UNSUB-Theft of \$6,870.00 in Jewelry and 1 Bulova Portable Stereo-Roy's Jewelry, 175 N. Main St., Mooreville, N.C. March 23-24, 1968- ITSP 87-11716- UNSUB- Theft of \$45,000. in Watches, Rings and Diamonds from Curtis Jewelers, Rutaw Shopping Center, Fayetteville, N.C. April 14, 1968- ITSP 44-1365- MURKIN		
Purpose and results of contact <input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE Informant advised he had no information on any of the above three listed cases. <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC		
Since Informant has not furnished any pertinent information for long period of time it is recommended instant case be CLOSED.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating V. Good	Coverage No Change

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1- 87-11716
1- 44-1365 DWW



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5/31/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
FROM: SAC, ALBANY (44-493) (P)
RE: MURKIN
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Re Los Angeles airtel to Bureau 5/22/68.

RAYMOND ANDREW YOUNG was recontacted 5/29/68, at Docktor's Pet Center, Fairmount Shopping Center, Syracuse, N.Y., and he identified the photograph of LESTER EDWARD PACKETT, FBI #827170A as being the individual he met at the bar in the vicinity of the Clark Hotel on 4/17/68. He stated that he recalled this individual had a southern accent and made some comment about being from Tennessee.

In view of this identification no further investigation being conducted regarding this aspect of case.

2-Los Angeles
2-Memphis (44-1997)
1-Atlanta (44-2386) (Info)
1-Birmingham (44-1740) (Info)
1-Charlotte (Info)
1-Detroit (Info)
1-Kansas City (Info)
1-Knoxville (Info)
1-Las Vegas (Info)
1-Miami (44-1864) (Info)
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CF Williams

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1365)

DATE: 6/3/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM HARRIS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Memo of SA C.F. WILLIAMS dated 5/24/68

On 5/29/68 Sheriff Ralph McSwain, Albemarle, N.C. advised that there was no Salvation Army Mission or Transit Home in Stanly County.

On 5/29/68 Capt. Richard Jones, Salvation Army, Brinkle Ferry Road, Salisbury, N.C. was alerted as to the subject and furnished an I.O.

SA Vander Gast covering lead in Cabarrus County.

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William Harris

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (137-3328)

FROM : SA David W. Watson

SUBJECT: Stephen F. Janco

DATE: May 29, 1968

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Dates of Contact		
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44-1365- KUBARK		
<input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC	Informant advised he had no information re the above three listed cases.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating: V. Good	Coverage No Change

Alternate Agent- SA Inness R. Carlson

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1- 44-1365

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C. F. Williams

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AIRTEL

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

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

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

1. MAN HOURS SPENT ON CASE

	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Overtime</u>	<u>Total</u>
(a) Special Agent	244	35	279
(b) Clerical	112		112
			391

2. TOTAL MILEAGE 2,150 miles

3. UNUSUAL OR OUT OF ORDINARY COSTS

Telephone Calls (Toll)	\$125.00
Photographs and photographic Supplies	43.00
	\$168.00

4. PEAK NUMBER OF SPECIAL AGENTS WORKING
ON CASE IN MAY

13 Agents

2 - Memphis
② - Charlotte

CLW:jw
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6/4 12:45 pm Forwarded to
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RE: INDIVIDUAL RESEMBLING
JAMES EARL RAY,
TRYON PLAZA MOTEL,
TRYON, NORTH CAROLINA

By communication dated May 22, 1968, the Columbia Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation advised as follows:

On the night of May 18, 1968, BILL REID, a former officer of the Greer, South Carolina, Police Department, who now resides at Tryon, North Carolina, advised that he had observed an individual at the Tryon Plaza Motel at Tryon, North Carolina, on May 18, 1968, who fits the description of and bears a resemblance to JAMES EARL RAY. REID stated he did not know the name of this individual but he was occupying the third room east of the office at the motel.

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN C. HENNIGAR at Tryon, North Carolina:

On May 27, 1968, Mrs. RUTH GORDON, Tryon Plaza Motel, Tryon, North Carolina, advised that she recalls May 18, 1968, as her daughter, Mrs. THELMA BURGESS, worked part of the day on Saturday. Mrs. GORDON advised that three doors east of the office would be Room 9 at the Tryon Plaza Motel. Mrs. GORDON advised that her registration cards reflect that Room 9 on May 18, 1968, was occupied by J. FLEETWOOD SIEMER, 148 East Seventh Street, Jacksonville, Florida, representing the Massey Company. Mrs. GORDON advised that the registration card indicates he drove a Plymouth with Florida license 2-66110.

Mrs. GORDON further advised that Room 9 was occupied by R. L. BONE, 2103 South Main Street, Greenwood, South Carolina, on May 19, 1968. This card indicated that Mr. BONE represented the Saco Lowell Shops and was driving a 1966 Chevrolet with South Carolina license E-131608. Mrs. GORDON advised that she has always been an avid detective story reader and has been following the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING very closely. Mrs. GORDON advised that she has not seen anyone at the motel who resembles the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY which appeared in the local paper.

Mrs. GORDON advised that she and her daughter, Mrs. THELMA BURGESS, have talked about the assassination and no mention of any individual in the motel resembling RAY has been discussed.

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On May 27, 1968, Mrs. THELMA BURGETT, Tryon Plaza Motel, advised that she recalls working part-time on Saturday, May 18, 1968. Mrs. BURGETT advised she does not recall anyone resembling the photograph of RAY registering at the motel.

Mrs. BURGETT advised there was an incident at the motel at that time as an individual had come to the motel, registering as a single and later she found out he had a woman in the room. Mrs. BURGETT advised she approached this individual and told him to come to the office, and pay the additional price for a second person in the room. Mrs. BURGETT advised that when he got to the office, she discovered he had not registered and asked him to register at that time. Mrs. BURGETT advised that this individual refused to register, stating that it was too late. Mrs. BURGETT advised that this individual was a nice-looking man; however, he did not fit the description or photograph of JAMES EARL RAY which appeared in the local paper.

6/5/68

AIRTEL

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

There are being furnished Memphis herewith 15 copies of an insert concerning an individual who reportedly fits the description of subject RAY observed at the Tryon Plaza Motel, Tryon, N. C.

BILL REID, mentioned in the enclosed insert, furnished the information telephonically to SA JACK C. WARD at Greenville, S. C., on 5/18/68.

2 - Memphis (44-1987) (Encl. 15)
① - Charlotte (44-1365)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365)

FROM : IC MARION E. HILLIARD

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 6/4/68

Re Bureau radiogram to all SACs dated 5/23/68.

Mr. EDWARD WADE, Director, Driver's License Section, North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles, Raleigh, North Carolina, on May 23, 1968, advised that if possible, he would be happy to furnish the FBI a list of all driver's license issued from April 1 through May, 1968.

Mr. WADE further advised that Mr. LAERON ROBERTS is the programmer of the Data Processing Unit of the Driver's License Section and that this job would have to be performed by Mr. ROBERTS.

On May 23, 1968, Mr. ROBERTS advised Mr. WADE and IC MARION E. HILLIARD that he would be happy to do this job for the FBI; however, it would take him some time to program and run the magnetic tape as the magnetic tape for all driver's licenses issued in the State of North Carolina would have to be screened.

On May 31, 1968, Mr. ROBERTS was recontacted, at which time he advised that he was working on this project and that it was very possible that he would finish this project by June 7, 1968.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, ⁽⁴⁴⁻¹³⁶⁵⁾~~MEMPHIS (44-1987)~~

FROM : SA JOHN C. HENNIGAR
~~SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)~~ (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 6/4/68

Re Columbia airtel to Charlotte dated 5/22/68.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1365)

FROM : SA CRAWFORD P. WILLIAMS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 6/4/68

On the afternoon of 6/3/68, JOHN GRIMES, U.S. Secret Service, Charlotte, telephonically advised that he had just received a telephone call from a Mrs. FITCH, Mt. Holly, N.C., telephone 827-5679 who advised that she thinks she was in a taxi cab with JAMES EARL RAY in Mt. Holly just prior to the time his photograph appeared in the newspapers.

GRIMES stated that while talking with the writer CLAUDE DAVIS had come into the office and had informed him that Mrs. FITCH is a mental case. He said in view of this we may desire to forget the matter entirely.

On the morning of 6/4/68, Mrs. JOE FITCH, Route 1, Mt. Holly, telephonically advised that the day following the shooting of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., she was at Jones' Market on the main street of Mt. Holly shopping for groceries. As she came out of the store she observed a man with a beard. Both she and the man with the beard took the same taxi cab with the bearded man sitting in the front seat with the driver. The driver took her to her residence where the man with the beard helped her carry her groceries in the house. He then left with the cab driver. She stated that several days later she saw a photograph of the subject who shot KING in the paper and believes this was the bearded man. She described this man as a white male, age about 35, brown eyes, long brown hair, brown beard, small build, ~~5'7"~~ 5'7", 140 pounds. She stated that he walked with a very noticeable limp.

In view of the possible mental condition of Mrs. FITCH and the obvious discrepancy between her description of this man and RAY no further action is being taken.

For file.

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FBI Probe Near Sensational Turn: Agents Now Eye King's Red Friends

By PAUL SCOTT

WASHINGTON — The Federal Bureau of Investigation's massive probe of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King is taking a possibly sensational turn.

With James Earl Ray, the suspected assassin, apparently either outside the U.S. or now dead, FBI agents have increased their surveillance of several American Communists known to have been closely associated with King, including one who wrote speeches for him in the past.

This new development was triggered by evidence gathered by the more than 1,000 agents who have worked on the mysterious King shooting and by several "tips" and letters sent to the FBI.

One of the most interesting of these "tips" came from an airtel TV viewer and concerns the now famous "Mountain Top" speech King made on April 3, the night before his slaying, showing a premonition of his impending death.

"If the speech was truly made in Memphis on April 3 as reported," the letter pointed out, "then how can one account for King stating his age as 35 (instead of 39) and why did he speak of demonstrating in Alabama twice during the speech?"

UNANSWERED QUESTIONS — After checking out the time and location of King's final speech, several of the black FBI agents assigned to the case decided to begin seeking answers to a number of their own questions, includ-

"If King had personally written that speech, why would he make mistakes like those contained in it—especially the one involving his age?"

"If the speech was written by someone other than King, who was the author and when was it written?"

The answers to these questions are considered highly important to the investigation since, if another person was concerned in the preparation of that speech, the writer might be able to shed new light on it—especially those mistakes.

Also, if King had received help with the speech, the passages dealing with the civil rights leader's premonition of death would probably have been fully discussed. King's request to the Detroit police department for protection

when he visited that city a few weeks before his death indicated he feared for his life then.

Information gathered by the FBI on King, prior to his assassination, showed that a secret member of the Communist Party's executive committee was one of King's closest advisers and speech writers.

This ghost writer for King prepared many of his most famous speeches, according to testimony given by FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover during a closed door meeting of a House Appropriations subcommittee.

Since Ray during his trips prior to King's assassination visited the same city in which this ghost writer lived, the FBI is now investigating to deter-

mine if the two met covertly. **WIDENING THE INVESTIGATION** — Recent evidence in one of the most massive probes in the nation's history has forced serious investigation of three possibilities:

—That somebody close to King or within his own organization tipped off his assassin as to the civil rights leader's routine on the day of his slaying.

—That Ray was hired directly by certain black nationalists who paid him with money made available by foreign sources.

—That an international Communist "assassin squad" was involved in the slaying.

Because of Ray's mysterious trips to Mexico and Canada shortly before the assassination, the entire U.S. intelligence operation ranging from the Central Intelligence Agency to the Defense Intelligence Agency, has been pressed into the hunt for King's killer.

One CIA report indicates that Ray, who is linked to the murder weapon by fingerprints and ballistic data, may have visited Cuba during his Mexican trip, according to information furnished by a Mexican airline official.

The FBI assumption is that, if there was a conspiracy to kill King, those involved made arrangements to spirit their hired killer out of the U.S. to Cuba via either Mexico or Canada.

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C.F. Williams

THE DANCING TIMES

Probably the greatest irony of the probe of King's assassination is that FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, one of the civil rights leader's severest critics when he was alive, is doing everything in his power to solve the case.

On the other hand, King's closest aides in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference are shouting ill-de or so interest in whether the killer is found.

When Rev. Ralph Abernathy, King's successor as president of the SCLC, presented a series of demands to Attorney General Ramsey Clark for the "Poor People's" campaign none of these called for more intensive effort to solve King's assassination.

According to persons who attended the meeting, nothing was said about King's death

or the FBI investigation, although a number of the poets in "Resurrection City" had urged Abernathy to press for a more vigorous probe.

Congressional supporters of Hoover say there are a number of compelling reasons for Abernathy's silence. Most important of these is King's instruction to key aides of his Southern Christian Leadership Conference not long before his death that no verbal attacks were to be made against Hoover or the FBI for fear of counter action by the FBI director.

The last time King blasted Hoover and the FBI publicly, those lawmakers pointed out, the FBI director called the Negro leader the "most notorious liar" that he had ever known — a statement Hoover has never retracted.

At the time, the King-Hoover exchange resulted in a White House arranged meeting at which the veteran FBI director did most of the talking.

According to an unpublished account given to House Appropriations subcommittee members, Hoover frankly told King that if King ever repeated his unfounded charges against the FBI, everything he knew about King would be made public.

After that blunt warning, King refrained from ever repeating his attack against either Hoover or the FBI. Rev. Abernathy, who accompanied King to Washington for that meeting with Hoover, adopted the same policy.

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A NORMAL DAY IN THE ASYLUM

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JUNE 6, 1968

☒ Radio☐ Teletype

TO: ALL SAC'S

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

U R G E N T

MURKIN.

FOR INFORMATION ALL OFFICES AND NOT TO BE DISCLOSED TO ANYONE OUTSIDE OF OFFICE IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THROUGH INVESTIGATION THAT SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY RESIDED IN CANADA FROM APRIL 8, 1968 UNTIL MAY 6, 1968 UNDER NAMES PAUL BRIDGMAN AND RAMON GEORGE SNEYD. SUBJECT DEPARTED CANADA FOR LONDON, ENGLAND, ON MAY 6 LAST AS SNEYD AND IS BELIEVED USING CANADIAN PASSPORT IN THAT NAME. SUBJECT BELIEVED TO BE WEARING GLASSES.

IN VIEW OF ABOVE DEVELOPMENTS REVIEW OF DRIVER'S LICENSE BUREAU RECORDS AS REQUESTED IN BUREAU RADIOGRAM MAY 21 LAST MAY BE DISCONTINUED.

OFFICES COVERING POINTS OF ENTRANCE INTO U.S. SHOULD PLACE APPROPRIATE STOPS WITH BORDER AND CUSTOM AUTHORITIES UNDER NAME OF RAMON GEORGE SNEYD. NO INDICATION WHATSOEVER SHOULD BE GIVEN THAT THERE IS ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN SNEYD AND KING ASSASSINATION. YOU MAY ADVISE AUTHORITIES THAT INDIVIDUAL USING NAME SNEYD IS BEING SOUGHT BY FBI FOR UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT FOR CHARGE OF ROBBERY.

FOR INFORMATION OF BORDER OFFICES THERE IS ACTUAL PERSON RESIDING IN TORONTO, CANADA, WHO IS EMPLOYED BY TORONTO POLICE DEPARTMENT NAMED RAMON GEORGE SNEYD. THIS INDIVIDUAL'S NAME AND

If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

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USED BY SUBJECT IN OBTAINING PASSPORT. THIS IS FOR YOUR INFORMATION
IN EVENT BORDER STOPS DISCLOSE THAT INDIVIDUAL NAMED SNEYD IS
ENTERING YOUR TERRITORY. COPIES MAILED WFO.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

TOR: 2:49PM QNH
TOD: 3:24PM QNH

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT
UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE

P. O. Box 1424
Charlotte, N. C. 28201

June 5, 1968

Mr. Robert M. Murphy
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Jefferson Standard Building
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Murphy:

This letter will confirm telephone conversation with Special Agent Crawford Williams of your office on June 3, 1968. At that time Special Agent Williams was advised that a Mrs. Fitch, not further identified, of Mount Holly, N. C., telephone 827-5679, alleged that she had information concerning the individual believed to have been responsible for the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King.

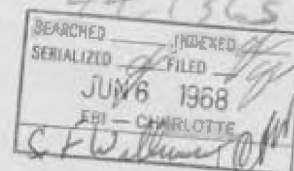
Mrs. Fitch was informed that I would have a representative of your Bureau contact her rather than have her furnish the information to me and then have it repeated to you.

Special Agent Claude E. Davis, Jr., of this office, has advised that he is acquainted with Mrs. Fitch and that it is his opinion that she may be eccentric; however, indices of this office do not reflect she has ever officially come to the attention of this Service.

Should additional information come to our attention, you will be advised.

Sincerely,

John H. Orimes, Jr.
Special Agent in Charge



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