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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)

RE: MURKIN
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OO: ME

Re Dallas airtel to Bureau, 6/18/68.

On 6/25/68, MARY BASS, 410 West Colorado, Groesbeck, Texas, wife of LLOYD GENE BASS, SR. states the last address she has for her husband is care of Arnold Meat Company, 4008 Commerce, Dallas, Texas. BASS is supposed to be living with BILL (LNU), Dallas, Texas, whom she knows nothing about. She expects a telephone call from BASS this weekend, which is 6/29-30/68, and is to advise him to contact the Dallas FBI Office. She will obtain his address and furnish to FBI. She stated BASS was, to her knowledge, still employed in the boning of meat with Arnold Meat Company.

On 6/25/68, HENRY COX, Limestone County Sheriff's Office, Groesbeck, Texas, stated he has known LLOYD GENE BASS, SR., for about 30 years. He stated BASS' wife, MARY, and children live at 410 West Colorado, Groesbeck, Texas; however, BASS lives and works in Dallas and is thought to run a meat company in Dallas.

3-Bureau
2-Dallas (44-2549)
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LEADS

DALLAS

AT DALLAS, TEXAS Will attempt to locate LLOYD GENE BASS, SR., thought to be living with a man named BILL (LNU) in Dallas.

SAN ANTONIO

AT GROESBECK, TEXAS Will maintain contact with MARY BASS for information to locate her husband. LLOYD GENE BASS, SR.

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
 (Priority)

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

For information of Chicago and Springfield, on 5/17/68, the Los Angeles Times had contact with one BOB (LNU), who said he had information concerning what actually had taken place in connection with the death of Dr. KING. The following is a summary of the allegations made by BOB:

1. The day before the shooting, RAY was picked up in Athens, Alabama, and was taken to Memphis.

2. He registered in a rooming house. Another man registered as SAMUEL LEWIS. LEWIS was supposed to be the backup man and kill KING at the rally that night if RAY missed his chance on the balcony.

3. After shooting KING, RAY walked two or three blocks to the getaway car, accompanied by a girl and a guy. The car was a new blue Buick, with Alabama license plates. The first digits of the license are believed to be one four. The car was owned and driven by EDDIE WILBURN of Huntsville, Alabama. It is equipped with a police radio. The second man stayed overnight and then took an early bus to Knoxville.

- 3 - Bureau - Reg. airmail
 ② - Chicago - Reg. airmail
 2 - Springfield - Reg. airmail
 1 - Los Angeles

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4. RAY, two girls and a child were driven from Memphis by WILBURN in the blue Buick. They went to Kansas City and the trip took six and one half hours. The girls, the child, and WILBURN are all from Huntsville, Alabama.

5. In Kansas City, RAY stayed overnight at a home, described as a small gray, shingled, one bedroom house about three miles from central Kansas City.

6. At dusk the next day, 4/5/68, RAY was flown to Belle Glade, Florida in a private plane. The plane took off from a private field, also used as a training field for the military. RAY arrived early 4/6/68.

7. The 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. It is not known if PIERCE flew the plane. PIERCE also owns a motel in Belle Glade and cottages in nearby Okeechobee, or maybe on nearby Lake Okeechobee. PIERCE is said to be a Klu Klux Klan member.

8. RAY is believed to have stayed in the motel or in a cottage. He may still be there or in Cuba.

9. On 4/11/68 RAY boarded a yacht, probably a charter boat in Key West, Florida. The boat was owned by BEN THOMPSON. A BEN THOMPSON of Miami owns three fishing boats.

10. PIERCE often flies his own private plane to New Orleans and is supposed to know District Attorney JIM GARRISON.

11. PIERCE and WILBURN are said to be related.

12. WILBURN is possibly a Veterans of Foreign Wars club member in Huntsville, Alabama.

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13. The rifle was supposedly left in the furnace of a Memphis rooming house, and is believed still there. This is believed to refer the rifle of the backup man.

14. RAY is now wearing bifocals.

15. The white Mustang belonging to RAY was not in Memphis on the day of the KING slaying, and he did not escape in it. Presumably it never left Georgia in April.

16. On the day of the killing, 4/4/68, RAY made a telephone call from Memphis to Belle Glade and it is believed to have been made from a bus station.

17. In the weeks before the killing, RAY stayed somewhere in Belle Glade, Florida.

18. WILBURN is supposed to have been paid off in Reno. The night before the killing when somebody hit a keno ticket for \$25,000 in Cal-Neva Lodge, which was rigged to pass the money. The rigging was done with the knowledge of CHARLIE CATE, 6880 Pebble Beach Drive, Reno, California, who runs a shift at the Cal-Neva. JACK STRUGIS of St. Louis, who formerly worked in a bar on Second Street, Reno, Nevada, came into a lot of money and allegedly was a contact in this operation also.

19. RAY stayed in the Clark Hotel, Room 700, on 4/17-18/68.

20. LAMONT WHITE, who works for Western Union, Los Angeles, sent money to Louisiana and bought two pistols. The pistols really went to FRANK BRICKLEY of Chatanooga, Tennessee, who was formerly in prison with RAY. BRICKLEY is allegedly in Los Angeles.

21. HAROLD's Cafe, 555 South Main Street, Los Angeles is a "queer" bar where RAY formerly worked and a guy named CONNIE, who works there, allegedly knows RAY.

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22. WILLIE SHEA, who once worked the Top Rail Bar, Seventh and Alvarado Streets, Los Angeles, was allegedly formerly married to RAY. SHEA is from St. Louis and now lives in North Hollywood, California. SHEA's mother lives in Compton, California. SHEA is married and now lives at 812 South Westlake Avenue, Los Angeles, with a man who owns a bar. SHEA is blond, about 38 years of age.

23. A telephone credit card supposedly used by RAY was issued to Ridell Catering, U. S. Rubber Company, Detroit, either in the name of FNU RIDELL or ROBERT BRICKELY. RIDELL reportedly lives in Harper Woods, Michigan. Calls on credit card reportedly made from Memphis to Belle Glade.

24. SAMUEL LEWIS, the second man in the rooming house, was discharged in 1963 from the penitentiary at Milan, Michigan, and previously served time in Chillicothe and Terre Haute. The Los Angeles Times reported the Warden at Milan had no record of LEWIS.

25. LEWIS took a bus from Knoxville to Los Angeles on 4/7/68, and travelled en route through Memphis and El Paso.

26. The house in Kansas City is described as follows: It 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 or 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, name unknown, 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 who sells beer and booze after hours and

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hides guys out. The house is described as one bedroom, no garage, dirt driveway, single story, and has a large freezer in the living room.

The information contained above has been checked out and investigation to date has failed to substantiate any of the above allegations. The Los Angeles Times has declined to further identify the source of their information; however, investigation indicates it is probably LESTER EDWARD PACKETT, FBI No. 827-170A. ODELA A. PACKETT, his estranged wife, advised that she believes LESTER has probably returned to Chicago, where he was living earlier this year.

The Bureau has instructed that reasonable effort be expended to locate LESTER EDWARD PACKETT and resolve the above allegations.

LEAD

CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS: Will conduct credit and arrest checks, and other reasonable investigation to attempt to locate and interview PACKETT concerning the above allegations.

SPRINGFIELD

AT SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS: Will examine records of Illinois State Department of Motor Vehicles for any record of automobile drivers license issued to LESTER EDWARD PACKETT; or any current automobile which may be registered to him which would aid in locating him.

TO: CHIEF, CLERK

Subject

LESTER EDWARD POKETT, Jr. (C) 4/1/68

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LESTER POKETT, LESTER EDWARD POKETT, Jr. (C) 4/1/68

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6/27/68

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)
 FROM: *jm* SAC, CINCINNATI (157-1893) (P)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Chicago airtel to Springfield, dated 6/25/68.

Re laundry marks on clothing related to Alton, Illinois bank robbery.

On 6/27/68, Mr. WILLIAM S. GECKS, Sales Administrator, National Marking Machine Co., (NATMAR, Inc.), 4026-30 Cherry St., Cincinnati, Ohio, was contacted relative to type of specific information needed concerning the laundry marks found on the clothing related to the Alton, Illinois bank robbery on 7/13/67.

Mr. GECKS advised it would be best to have color photos of the laundry markings taken alongside a ruler or other fine measuring device. GECKS stated from the information furnished him from Chicago airtel that the markings appear to have been made by a 16 digit machine which can be coded by the user for his own specific purposes. With the use of color photos, GECKS may be able to identify the size of the type used by the machine and other details which would possibly identify the model of the machine used to make the markings. NATMAR can then furnish a list of laundries or dry cleaners in a specific area that are utilizing NATMAR machines that could possibly have made these markings. GECKS stated it would not be possible to identify the markings with a specific location around the country.

2-Springfield (RM)
 2-Chicago (44-1114) (RM)
 1-Memphis (44-1987) (Info) (RM)
 1-Indianapolis (Info) (RM)
 1-St. Louis (Info) (RM)
 2-Cincinnati (1-157-1893)
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GECKS is willing to make every effort to be of assistance in this matter.

LEADS:

SPRINGFIELD

AT SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

Along with complete description of the laundry markings in question, furnish color photographs for viewing by Mr. GECKS.

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
 (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) -P-
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Los Angeles airtel to Director dated 6/25/68.

The following investigation was conducted by
 IC JOSEPH D. HAMMITT:

Mr. JAMES TABOR, Supervisor, Auto Registration Section, Secretary of State, Springfield, Illinois, advised on 6/28/68 that a check of records for 1967 and 1968 failed to reflect any vehicles registered or titled to a LESTER EDWARD PACKETT.

Mrs. MARIE DICKENSON, Supervisor, Driver's License Section, Secretary of State, Springfield, Illinois, advised on 6/28/68 that a check of records failed to reflect any driver's or chauffeur's license issued to a LESTER EDWARD PACKETT.

3 - Bureau (44-38861) (RM)
 ② - Chicago (44-1114) (RM)
 2 - Los Angeles (44-1574) (RM)
 2 - Memphis (44-1987) (RM)
 2 - Springfield (44-561)
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (PP. 1)
MURKIN
RE SI TEL JUNE TWENTYSEVEN, LAST.

SI ONE SIX ONE FOUR - C ADVISED TODAY HE HAS DEVELOPED
INFORMATION HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON RESIDED WITH ROBERT COATES,
ONE THREE THREE ZERO A - FOURTH STREET AND WITH CAROLYN
BLANKENSHIP, ONE FOUR TWO SIX - FOURTH STREET DURING NINETEEN
SIXTYSEVEN, EXACT PERIODS UNKNOWN.

INFORMANT STATES RONNIE BELL, BILL AVERY, ART THATCHER AND
WILLIE LEE STATE COVINGTON OWNED DARK BLUE NYLON WINDBREAKER
TYPE JACKET SIMILAR TO THAT RECOVERED AFTER ROBBERY THE BANK
OF ALTON. FURTHER COVINGTON GAVE DELMAR GRINDSTAFF SET OF
LIGHT BLUE AIR FORCE TYPE COVERALLS, SIZE FORTY, STATING AN
UNKNOWN FRIEND COULDN'T WEAR THEM.

ABOVE INFORMATION BEING FOLLOWED UP TODAY TO VERIFY.

AM COPIES SENT CHICAGO, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS. P.

1 - Springfield (44-561)
1 - Chicago (44-1114) (AM)
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)
1 - St. Louis (44-775) (AM)
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AIRTEL

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

Re Chicago airtel to Memphis dated 6/3/68.

The following information, compiled or estimated through 6/30/68, reflects cost incurred by Chicago Office on MURKIN:

1. TOTAL MAN HOURS

A. SPECIAL AGENTS

Regular Hours	-	254
Overtime Hours	-	98
Total Man Hours	-	352

B. CLERICAL EMPLOYEES

Regular Hours	-	164
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2. TOTAL MILEAGE TRAVELED BY BUREAU CARS ON THIS CASE

612

2 - Memphis (AMSD)

3 - Chicago

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3. OUT OF ORDINARY COSTS

TOTAL

A. COST OF TELETYPES SENT - 12
at average estimated cost of
\$1. 50 each

\$ 18.00

TOTAL OUT OF ORDINARY EXPENSES

18.00

4. PEAK NUMBER OF SPECIAL AGENTS WORKING
ON CASE DURING MONTH

8

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

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MURKIN.

TODAY.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU ~~JULY FIVE LAST.~~

HAZEL DREW, MOTHER OF PAMELA SCHNEIDER, EX WIFE OF JOHN MC CLINTOCH, ADVISED SCHNEIDER IN KENTUCKY ON VACATION AND DUE TO RETURN ON JULY TWELVE NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT.

DENNIS NICHOLS, DEPUTY, MADISON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, SO, ADVISED WILLIE LEE ASSOCIATE OF JOHN MC CLINTOCH AND HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON, SEPARATED FROM WIFE AND AT PRESENT TIME HAS NO FIXED ADDRESS. EFFORTS TO LOCATE LEE TO DEVELOP INFORMATION ON COVINGTON'S RESIDENCE AND ASSOCIATES CONTINUING. WILL KEEP BUREAU ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

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1 - Springfield (44-561)
① - Chicago (44-1114) (AM)
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)
1 - St. Louis (44-775) (AM)
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SAC, ATLANTA (26-43489)

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SAC, ST. LOUIS (26-32047) (P)

MURKIN
(OO: Memphis)

UNSUB;
1968 DODGE
VIN LH41D8B323249
1968 GEORGIA LICENSE 1D482S3
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(OO: St. Louis)

Re Jacksonville airtel to Memphis, 6/8/68; and
Kansas City airtel to Bureau, 5/23/68.

In reviewing this file, it is noted that at the time captioned vehicle was recovered at the St. Louis Municipal Airport on 5/16/68, Trooper ROBERT SCHURE, Missouri State Highway Patrol, advised that this vehicle had been rented at Atlanta, Ga., 4/2/68, from National Car Rental utilizing stolen credit cards in the name of SAMUEL SCHNEIDERMAN, 6535 Noad Rd., Richmond, Ill., and that these credit cards were alleging stolen from SCHNEIDERMAN in an armed robbery in Kansas City, Mo. X

Investigation to date has determined that no record could be located with the Kansas City, Mo. Police Department regarding a robbery of SAMUEL SCHNEIDERMAN, and investigation at Richmond, Ill., has indicated there is no such address as 6535 Noad Rd., and no record of a SAMUEL SCHNEIDERMAN.

Based on this information on 6/18/68, Trooper SCHURE was recontacted to determine where he had obtained the information regarding SCHNEIDERMAN having been robbed at Kansas City, Mo. Trooper SCHURE stated that he was not positive since he had obtained this information from the radio dispatcher of Troop C Headquarters, Missouri State Highway Patrol, at Kirkwood, Mo., although Trooper SCHURE was of the opinion

2 - Atlanta
1 - Chicago (Info)
1 - Indianapolis (44-563) (Info)
1 - Kansas City (Info)
1 - Memphis (Info)
2 - Jacksonville
2 - St. Louis (1 - 26-32047)
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that this information had originally been obtained from the Georgia State Police out of Atlanta.

In view of the above, Atlanta might consider contacting the Georgia State Police to determine if they have information regarding the manner in which credit cards were obtained by UNSUB so that investigation regarding MURKIN in this matter might be resolved.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (2 PP)

MURKIN.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU DATED JUNE TWENTY-EIGHT, LAST.

JOHN MC CLINTOCK ADVISED HE NEVER KNEW HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON TO HAVE CLOTHING SIMILAR TO THAT RECOVERED AFTER BR AT BANK OF ALTON. HE STATED COVINGTON DID LIVE ON FOURTH STREET, ALTON, AT VARIOUS APARTMENTS AND ONCE WITH HIM DURING NINETEEN SIXTY-SEVEN. HE STATES HE DOES NOT BELIEVE COVINGTON INVOLVED IN BR.

PCI HELEN GRABLE STATES SHE CANNOT DETERMINE IF COVINGTON EVER OWNED OR WORE CLOTHING SIMILAR TO RECOVERED CLOTHING IN PAST.

SI SIXTEEN FOURTEEN DASH C NOT AVAILABLE FOR CONTACT TODAY; IN QUINCY, ILLINOIS, ATTEMPTING TO VERIFY PREVIOUS INFORMATION.

1 - Springfield (44-561)
 ① - Chicago (44-1114)
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 1 - St. Louis (44-775)
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DRIVERS LICENSE AND DMV RECORDS, SPRINGFIELD, BEING
CHECKED REGARDING AUTOMOBILE AND DRIVERS LICENSE HISTORY
OF COVINGTON.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)
 RE: MURKIN
 CR

OO: Memphis

Re Dallas airtel to the Bureau dated 6/18/68 and San Antonio airtel to the Bureau dated 6/25/68.

The following information was furnished telephonically to CLINTON B. BROWN, Dallas Division, on 7/1/68.

On 7/1/68, LLOYD GENE BASS, SR., telephonically contacted the Waco, Texas, Resident Agency from Dallas pay phone number 214 TA 3-0854.

BASS stated he had learned from his wife MARY that he was to contact the Waco RA. He stated he is living with JIM and MARY POLLARD, Apartment 109, 3320 Marvin D. Love Freeway, Dallas, and is working as a jobber for Arnold Meat Company servicing Sam and Pete's Cafe (Main Street), Medical and Surgical Clinic, and Gaston Hospital, all in Dallas.

Nature of the matter to be discussed with BASS was not disclosed.

LEAD:DALLAS

AT DALLAS, TEXAS Will at Apartment 109, 3320 Marvin D. Love Freeway, interview LLOYD GENE BASS, SR., re information furnished by anonymous caller per Bureau request.

3 - Bureau	2 - Memphis (44-1987)
2 - Dallas (44-2649)	① - Chicago (44-1114)(Info)
2 - SA	1 - Seattle (44-371)(Info)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

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MURKIN.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU JULY ONE LAST.

SI ONE SIX ONE FOUR - C ADVISED HE LEARNED THROUGH
INQUIRY QUINCY, ILLINOIS, HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON IN QUINCY
WITH ASSOCIATE JOE HEINTZ (PHONETIC). COVINGTON AND HEINTZ
FREQUENTED CANNON'S BAR AND THE BARN IN QUINCY. INFORMANT
ENDEAVORING TO DEVELOP MORE INFORMATION ON ACTIVITIES IN
QUINCY AND ON HEINTZ.

DRIVER'S LICENSE RECORDS REFLECT DRIVER'S LICENSE #C ONE
FIVE TWO - THREE FIVE SIX THREE - SEVEN TWO ZERO EIGHT ISSUED
JUNE FIFTEEN NINETEEN SIXTYONE TO HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON
TWO FOUR FIVE WEST NINETEENTH STREET, ALTON, ILLINOIS. THIS
LICENSE EXPIRES JULY TWENTYTWO NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR AND DESCRIBES
HIM AS FIVE FEET EIGHT, ONE HUNDRED SIXTY POUNDS, DATE OF
BIRTH BROWN HAIR AND

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BLUE EYES. RECORDS ALSO REFLECT COVINGTON ARRESTED MARCH NINETEEN, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, FIFTEEN MILES EAST OF GRANTS, NEW MEXICO ON U. S. ROUTE SIXTYSIX FOR HAVING NO DRIVER'S LICENSE.

A CHECK OF MVB RECORDS FOR NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN AND SIXTY-EIGHT FAILED TO REFLECT ANY VEHICLES REGISTERED OR TITLED TO HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON.

ALBUQUERQUE LEADS BEING HANDLED BY SEPARATE COMMUNICATION RE COVINGTON'S CITATION MARCH, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN

RE SI TEL TO BU JULY TWO LAST.

SI ONE SIX ONE FOUR DASH C ADVISED HE HAS BEEN UNABLE
TO DEVELOP FURTHER INFORMATION RE JOE HEINTZ (PHONETIC)
BUT IS CONTINUING EFFORTS ALONG THESE LINES.

CAROLYN WYATT STATED SHE DOES NOT RECALL HAROLD RICHARD
COVINGTON OWNING OR HAVING ACCESS TO ANY CLOTHING SIMILAR
TO THAT RECOVERED AFTER ROBBERY THE BANK OF ALTON.

INQUIRY AT RESIDENCE OF COVINGTON'S MOTHER DISCLOSES
SHE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE WHEREABOUTS OR ACTIVITIES OF COVINGTON.
STATES SHE BELIEVES HE IS "ON THE RUN" SINCE SEVERAL POLICE
AGENCIES SEEKING INFORMATION ON HIS WHEREABOUTS.

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TO DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)
SAC BALTIMORE

FROM SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) -P-

MURKIN, CR. (OO: MEMPHIS)

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE JULY THREE, LAST.

ATTEMPTED CONTACT WITH WILLIE LEE, ASSOCIATE
OF JOHN MC CLINTOCH, AND HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON, AND
PAMELA SCHNEIDER, EX-WIFE OF MC CLINTOCH, TO DEVELOP INFORMA-
TION ON COVINGTON'S RESIDENCE AND ASSOCIATES UNPRODUCTIVE.
SI ONE SIX ONE FOUR - C ADVISED JULY FOUR, LAST, CONTINUING
EFFORTS TO POSSIBLY IDENTIFY JOE HEINTZ (PHONETIC). WILL
KEEP BUREAU ADVISED OF RESULTS.

AIRMAIL COPY CHICAGO, ST. LOUIS AND MEMPHIS
FOR INFORMATION.

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TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Cleveland airtel to Chicago dated 6/26/68.

As Memphis is aware, all United Air Lines flights from Atlanta from 4/5 - 12/68, have previously been checked by Buagents, Chicago, for names and known aliases of subject, this case, with negative results. Included in that chart was Flight 396, as set forth in referenced airtel.

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FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

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MURKIN.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU, JULY EIGHT LAST.

CAROLYN LEE, WIFE OF WILLIE LEE, ASSOCIATE OF JOHN MC CLINTOCH AND HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON, ADVISED SHE IS SEPARATED FROM WILLIE LEE; HOWEVER, SHE KNEW COVINGTON AND MC CLINTOCH DURING AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER OF NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN. SHE SAID SHE BELIEVED COVINGTON WAS LIVING WITH HIS MOTHER IN EAST ALTON, ILLINOIS, DURING THIS TIME, NAME AND ADDRESS UNKNOWN. SHE ADVISED SHE NEVER KNEW COVINGTON OR MC CLINTOCH TO CARRY A GUN OR PULL BIG JOBS SUCH AS BANK ROBBERIES OR BANK BURGLARIES. SHE FURTHER ADVISED THEY WERE USUALLY BROKE AND HAD NEVER KNOWN EITHER OF THEM TO CARRY MUCH MONEY IN THEIR POSSESSION.

SI ONE SIX ONE FOUR - C ADVISED JULY FIVE LAST CONTINUING EFFORTS TO POSSIBLY IDENTIFY JOE HEINTZ (PHONETIC). EFFORTS

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TO DATE HAVE BEEN UNPRODUCTIVE. WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO
LOCATE AND INTERVIEW WILLIE LEE AND PAMELA SCHNEIDER.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN, CR.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE JULY NINE, LAST.

DEMIS NICHOLAS, DEPUTY, MADISON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, SHERIFF'S
 OFFICE, ADVISED HE HAD TALKED TO WILLIE LEE, ASSOCIATE OF
 JOHN MC CLINTOCK AND HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON, AND INFORMED
 LEE THAT THE FBI WAS INTERESTED IN TALKING TO HIM, AT WHICH
 TIME LEE STATED HE WOULD GET IN TOUCH WITH THE FBI IN ALTON,
 ILLINOIS, IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY JOE HEINTZ (PHONETIC) HAVE BEEN UN-
 PRODUCTIVE IN THE ALTON AREA. WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO
 IDENTIFY JOE HEINTZ AND INTERVIEW WILLIE LEE.

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REGISTERED MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (44-669) P
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Chicago teletype to the Bureau, dated 6/27/68.

Mrs. CECIL BONAS, National Institute of Dry Cleaners, 909 Burlington Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland, was contacted on 7/3/68 at which time she advised that she could have a list of cleaning establishments made up as requested; however, due to the scope of the list, and the mechanical operations involved, it may take approximately a week.

On 7/10/68, Mrs. BONAS advised that the list would be available on Tuesday, 7/16/68.

LEAD:

BALTIMORE DIVISION

AT SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND

Will obtain requested list from Mrs. CECIL BONAS, National Institute of Dry Cleaners, 909 Burlington Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland, 7/16/68 as requested in re teletype.

3-Bureau
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN.

REFERENCE IS MADE TO SI TEL TO BUREAU JULY TEN LAST.

PAMELA JANE SCHNEIDER, EX-WIFE OF JOHN MCCLINTOCK
 ADVISED JULY TEN SIXTYEIGHT MC CLINTOCK AND HERSELF LEFT FOR
 CALIFORNIA APPROXIMATELY JULY FIFTEEN SIXTYSEVEN AND RETURNED
 TO ALTON, ILLINOIS IN NOVEMBER, SIXTYSEVEN. SHE ADVISED SHE
 BELIEVED HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON WAS LIVING WITH WILLIE LEE
 IN THE ELEVEN HUNDRED BLOCK OF EAST FOURTH STREET, ALTON,
 ILLINOIS, IN JULY AND AUGUST, SIXTYSEVEN. SHE SAID SHE
 NEVER KNEW COVINGTON OR LEE TO WEAR A HAT OR COVERALLS. SHE
 SAID SHE HAD HEARD COVINGTON HAD A GUN BUT DID NOT KNOW WHAT
 KIND AND HAD NEVER SEEN IT. SHE DID NOT ASSOCIATE WITH
 COVINGTON VERY MUCH AND HAD NEVER HEARD HER HUSBAND SPEAK OF
 ANY BANK ROBBERIES IN HER PRESENCE. SHE FURTHER STATED SHE

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NEVER KNEW OF EITHER OF THEM TO POSSESS VERY MUCH MONEY.

SPRINGFIELD WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO INTERVIEW WILLIE
LEE AND KEEP BUREAU ADVISED. P.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN; RM

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE DATED JULY ELEVEN LAST.

CHIEF WILLIAM PETERSON, ALTON, ILLINOIS PD, ADVISED JULY TWELVE, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT, HIS RECORDS CONTAINED NO INFORMATION PERTAINING TO JOE HENITZ (PHONETIC).

LEADS FOR QUINCY, ILLINOIS CONCERNING ASSOCIATE OF HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON HAVE BEEN SET OUT UNDER SEPARATE COVER. ATTEMPTS TO CONTACT SI ONE SIX ONE FOUR C FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON JULY TWELVE NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT HAVE BEEN NEGATIVE TO DATE. WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO INTERVIEW WILLIE LEE AND HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON AND WILL KEEP BUREAU ADVISED.

AIR MAIL COPIES ARE BEING SENT TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, AND ST. LOUIS.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

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MURKIN.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU JULY TWELVE LAST.

GENE ZIMMERMAN, MANAGER, ALTON CREDIT BUREAU, ALTON, ILLINOIS, ADVISED THIS DATE HIS RECORDS CONTAIN NO INFORMATION PERTAINING TO JOE HENITZ (PHONETIC) OR ANY NAME SIMILIAR.

SI ONE SIX ONE FOUR - C ADVISED JULY TWELVE LAST EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY JOE HENITZ HAVE BEEN UNPRODUCTIVE. SPRINGFIELD WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO INTERVIEW WILLIE LEE AND HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON. WILL KEEP BUREAU ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

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TO: SAC, CHICAGO

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Subject's brother, JERRY RAY, was arrested by the Memphis PD on 7/9/68 and charged with being drunk. Notes and papers found in his possession were copied by the police and copies were then made available to the Memphis Office.

Office's receiving copies of this airtel are requested to conduct necessary investigation to insure that persons listed below have no particular significance to this investigation.

LEADS

BALTIMORE

AT BALTIMORE, MD. Will contact Central Magazine Sales, Box 42, Baltimore, to determine the nature of their business and to determine whether or not JERRY RAY or the subject are known to that company.

2. Also, identify the subscriber to Telephone 327-3144, it being noted this number was written on the same scrap of paper as was the address for Central Magazine Sales.

- ② - Chicago
- 2 - Baltimore
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- 2 - Memphis

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Will verify that 3803 Sheridan Rd., Zion, Ill., is a present or past address for JERRY RAY's ex-wife, GJERDIS OLSEN.

2. Will identify GLEN E. TIBBS, Telephone 729-3921, a guard in the Glenbrook Patrol Service, Glenview, Ill., and interview regarding his knowledge of the RAY family.

ST. LOUIS

Will identify and interview JOHNNY LEE LUCAS, BR 1-9949, who JERRY RAY claims is a friend.

2. Will identify and interview MARTY (LNU), 1514 Lee Shores Drive, Apt. B, reportedly a girl friend of JERRY RAY.

3. Will identify and interview BARBARA (LNU), FO 1-2011, who is employed in a restaurant.

Mr.

Mr. Peter Urhates

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Who is employed in a restaurant.

3. Will identify and interview BARBARA (LNU), PO F-3011,

Shore Drive, Apt. B, reportedly a girl friend of JERRY RAY.

5. Will identify and interview MARY (LNU), 1514 Lee

who JERRY RAY claims is a friend.

Will identify and interview JOHNNY LEE MCGEE, PO 1-3044,

ST. LOUIS

Interview regarding his knowledge of the RAY family.

a friend in the Glenbrook Patrol Service, Glenview, Ill., and

3. Will identify CLEN E. FIRBS, Telephone 480-3937,

present or past address for JERRY RAY's ex-wife, GLENDE OLSEN.

Will verify that 3803 Sheridan Rd., Evanston, Ill., is a

CHICAGO

ME 44-1983

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No longer working for Air
Operation in foot - I quit
left - June 1, 1968,

~~at Spaulding~~ at Spaulding

Dinner - Went there - 3 times
a night.

Couple years

Sunset Trailer Park

Northbrook, Ill.

- 3/22/1968 - Dinner - Spaulding

6 days a week - 1 1/2 years

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN

"CHICAGO DAILY NEWS" BLUE STREAK EDITION, JULY FIFTEEN INSTANT CARRIES FRONT PAGE HEADLINE "RAY ADMITS HE IS SNEYD!" ARTICLE RELATES PAPER OBTAINED COPY OF TWO PAGE HANDWRITTEN LETTER FROM RAY TO A MARRIED SISTER WHO LIVES IN ST. LOUIS SUBURB SIGNED "LORD R. G. SNEYD." UNDATED LETTER SENT FROM LONDON'S HEATHFIELD ROAD PRISON WHERE RAY INCARCERATED. LETTER WAS IN RESPONSE TO A LETTER SENT TO THE PRISON BY JOHN RAY, A BROTHER, ADDRESSED TO JAMES EARL RAY AT HEATHFIELD ROAD PRISON. JOHN RAY IS CONVINCED LETTER IS GENUINE AND WAS SENT BY RAY DESPITE THE SIGNATURE BASED ON HANDWRITING, LANGUAGE OF THE LETTER AND PERSONAL COMMENTS. LETTER WRITTEN ON BLUE-RULED STATIONERY BEARING PRISON LETTERHEAD. PUBLISHED PORTION OF LETTER IS AS FOLLOWS: "DEAR JOHN, I WILL JUST WRITE YOU A

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FEW LINES TO LET YOU KNOW EVERYTHING IS ALLRIGHT. I WILL
PROBABLY BE BACK SHORTLY.

ANYWAY, DON'T COME OVER, FOR ONE, YOU COULDN'T GET
IN, ATTORNEY HANES COULDN'T, AND TWO, IT'S TOO EXPENSIVE.

ABOUT JUDGE CASEY WANTING TO REVERSE MY CASE, I DON'T
WANT IT REVERSED I WILL EXPLAIN LATER, BUT YOU KNOW THEIR
THINGS ARE NOT DOING ANYTHING TO BENEFIT ME.

IF YOU COULD, I WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO GIVE THE ATTORNEY
ARTHUR HANES SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS YOU CAN GET SOME OF IT OFF
JERRY AND I WILL STRAIGHTEN IT UP WITH YOU WHEN I GET BACK.

YOU MENTION PERCY FOREMAN. HE IS A GOOD ATTORNEY BUT I
WILL WAIT UNTIL I GET BACK AS I WANT SOME ATTORNEYS WHO CAN
WORK TOGETHER, SO I WILL LET HANES DECIDE ON SOMEONE HE THINKS
WOULD BE BEST.

I COULD APPEAL MY EXTRADITION HEARING BUT I AM GETTING
TIRED OF LISTENING TO THESE LIARS, SO I MIGHT CLOSE IT UP
ABOUT TUESDAY.

LORD R. G. SNEYD."

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SECTION OF LETTER REFERRING TO PERSONAL FAMILY MATTERS
DELETED AT REQUEST OF FAMILY.

JOHN RAY FEELS LETTER CONSTITUTES "STRONG EVIDENCE"
HIS BROTHER DID NOT KILL DOCTOR KING FOR HE WOULD NOT CON-
SIDERRSIGNING EXTRADITION PAPERS.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-3886)
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Chicago teletype to Director dated 7/15/68, air mail copies to Memphis and St. Louis re let mailed from R.C. SNEYD to sister, St. Louis, Missouri.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau and offices designated are copies of the original letter as set out in referenced teletype. Included in this enclosure is the part of the letter that was deleted by the Chicago "Daily News" when publishing.

A copy of this letter was furnished by DON BARLETT (protect) Chicago "Daily News". He advised that the crossed out section of the letter reads as set out on the third page of enclosure. He also advised that JOHN RAY claimed that he did not understand this part of the letter.

The Bureau may desire to compare handwriting of enclosure with the known handwriting of the subject.

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- 2 - Memphis (Enc. 1) (44-1987)
- 2 - St. Louis (Enc. 1) (44-775)
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LETTER TO BROTHER

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JS Dumaine
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July 15, 1968

Vince Inserra,

Attached is a copy of a letter from James
Earl Ray to his brother, John,

The four-typewritten lines are the lines
that were crossed out in the letter. John Ray
claimed he didn't understand them.

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identity)
Chgo Daily News

In replying to this letter, please write on the envelope

Number 059184 Name SNEYD

H. M. PRISON
HEATHFIELD ROAD
WANDSWORTH
LONDON, S.W.

Dear John

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a few lines to let you
know everything is alright
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shortly. my money don't come
over for me you could if
get in, attorney Horne can't
and two life to exposure
about judge Carey writing
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don't want it reverse I
will explain later but
you know these things
are not doing anything
to benefit me I expected
I would like for you to
give the attorney Arthur Horne
£6000 you can get some
of off Jerry and I will
over

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I might not be up with
you this when I get back
you mention pay. I know
there is a good attorney but
I will wait until I get back
as I want some attorney
who can work together
so I will let Hanes
decide on someone he thinks
would be best.

I could appeal my situation
having but I am getting
tired of listening to their
lies so I will close
it up about Tuesday.

~~Don't want to put up with
any more of this
I don't want to be bothered
with any more of this
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with any more of this
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with any more of this~~

Lord R. E. Snijder

att. address.

Arthur J. Hanes

617 Bank Union Bldg

Birmingham Alabama 35203

TELEPHONE 3-1111

Don't discuss any part of this case with anyone until I
get back especially the libel part. I think pity will have a good
thing. If you see in ranch or the temple tell them an O. K. Take it
easy.

In replying to this letter, please write on the envelope.

Number 059184 Name SNEYD

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