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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P
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In connection with the articles prepared by WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE, which have appeared in "Look" magazine, certain investigation has been conducted by offices receiving this Airtel, The Memphis Division, as office of origin, requests that results of investigation conducted by the various offices be furnished in the form of either FD-302 or investigative insert so that all results can be incorporated in a report. This material should be submitted so that it reaches Memphis no later than December 4, 1968.

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Airtel

To: SAC'S, Chicago (44-1114)
 Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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Re Chicago airtels 4-13 and 4-15, submitting major case prints of Susan L. Harris Flikeld, Thomas Martin Flikeld, and Ginger Nance.

Latent prints previously reported on Mustang recovered in Atlanta are not identical with the submitted major case prints.

Submitted major case prints being retained temporarily in Latent Fingerprint Section.

1 - Mr. Rosen

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Chicago and Birmingham are requested to expedite the submission of FD-302's regarding investigation of information appearing in the "Look" magazine articles, as Memphis is now preparing a report concerning this phase of the investigation.

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TO: SAC, JACKSONVILLE
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re San Antonio airtel to Chicago dated 8/26/68.

Continuous inquiry through the various Holiday Inn motels, Chicago area, developed that the motel where TURNTIDE was employed was the motel under construction at Halsted and Madison Streets, Chicago, Illinois.

After several contacts, Mr. DON SMITH, Construction Superintendent, Holiday Inn Motel, Halsted and Madison Streets, Chicago, Illinois, advised that CECIL TURNTIDE is presently employed at a Holiday Inn Motel construction located at Highway I-95 and Goldfair Road, Jacksonville, Florida. TURNTIDE is residing in the Holiday Inn Motel on Stockton Road.

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JACKSONVILLE

AT JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA. 1. Enclosed herewith for the investigative assistance of the Jacksonville Office is one copy of re airtel.

2. Will attempt to locate and interview CECIL TURNTIDE, above, for any information he may have concerning the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

Jacksonville note that TURNTIDE will leave employment for Christmas vacation on afternoon of 12/20/68.

2 - Jacksonville (Enc. 1) (AMSD)
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

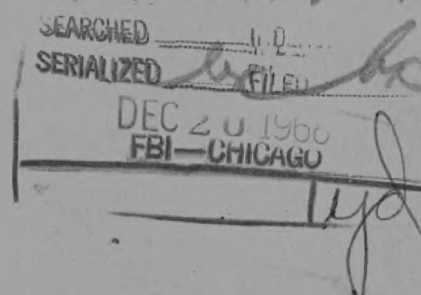
Springfield, Illinois
December 19, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

JAMES EARL RAY

Mr. James Tabor, Supervisor, Auto Registration Section, Secretary of State's Office, Springfield, Illinois, advised on November 27, 1968, that a check of records reflect that 1967 Illinois license LM-5942 was issued June 5, 1967, to John Larry Rayns, 507 Chestnut, Box 293, Winnetka, Illinois, for a 1959 Chrysler, two-door, VIN M331108240, which was purchased used June 5, 1967, from George Seymour Heller, 7102 North Sheridan Road, Chicago, Illinois. Certificate of Title Number B1178475 issued June 6, 1967, to Rayns for this vehicle with no lien. On August 8, 1967, above-mentioned 1967 Illinois license transferred to Rayns for a 1962 Plymouth, four-door, VIN 2921165934, which was purchased used July 14, 1967, from Bundy Oldsmobile, Inc., 711 Illinois Avenue, East St. Louis, Illinois. The application for this transfer reflects that above-mentioned 1959 Chrysler to be sold later. Certificate of Title Number B1604563 issued August 8, 1967, to Rayns for instant Plymouth with no lien.

On December 18, 1968, Tabor advised that a check of "Motor Files" and "Title Surrender Files" regarding Certificate of Title Number B1178475, for the above 1959 Chrysler, reflected no disposition of this automobile after its purchase by Rayns from Heller.



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

Re Bureau airtel to Springfield and Chicago dated
12/5/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and ten (10)
copies of a self-explanatory LHM regarding 1959 Chrysler two-
door, VIN M531108240. Also enclosed for Chicago and Memphis
are two (2) copies each of this LHM.

3-Bureau (44-38861) (Enc. 11)
②-Chicago (44-1114) (Enc. 2)
2-Memphis (44-1987) (Enc. 2)
2-Springfield (44-561)
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TO: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)
 FROM: SAC, SAVANNAH (44-1768) (RUC)
 RE: MURKIN
 OO: MEMPHIS

Re Chicago airtel to Savannah dated 12/3/68.

RE: RAYMOND LEE RUSSELL, SR., aka
 Raymond Russell,
 Ray Russell

Enclosed herewith for the Chicago Division are the following:

One (1) copy of an FD-302 indicating contact with Mr. LAMAR L. MCGREGOR, Record Clerk, Record Room, Georgia State Prison (GSP), Tattnall County, Ga., on 12/11/68.

One (1) copy of an FD-302 indicating contact with RAYMOND LEE RUSSELL, SR., GSP #55435, GSP, Tattnall County, Ga., on 12/11/68.

Enclosed herewith for the Memphis Division are the following:

Eight (8) copies of an FD-302 indicating contact with Mr. LAMAR L. MCGREGOR, Record Clerk, Record Room, GSP, Tattnall County, Ga., on 12/11/68.

Eight (8) copies of an FD-302 indicating contact with RAYMOND LEE RUSSELL, SR., GSP #55435, GSP, Tattnall County, Ga., on 12/11/68.

2 - Chicago (Enc. 2)
 2 - Memphis (Enc. 16) (44-1987)
 1 - Savannah
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date December 19, 1968

Mr. LAMAR L. MCGREGOR, Record Clerk, Record Room,
Georgia State Prison (GSP), furnished the GSP file on RAYMOND
RUSSELL, GSP #55435. A review of this file revealed the
following:

Name	RAYMOND RUSSELL
serial Number	A-62084
GSP Number	55435
Race	Negro
Sex	Male
Age	36 years
DOB	
POB	
Height	5'6"
Weight	155 pounds
Build	Medium
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Dark
Received in Penitentiary	10/13/65
Received in GSP	7/7/67
Violation	Burglary (2 counts)
Sentence	20 years (2 counts consecutive)
Wife	BERTHA MAE RUSSELL 1156 Simpson Road, N. W. Atlanta, Georgia
Occupation	Brickmason
Scars	Burn scar on left leg
Marks	1 gold crown on tooth
FBI Number	151 846 A
Father	CHARLIE RUSSELL 12 Holyoke, Massachusetts
Mother	MATTIE RUSSELL Atlanta, Georgia

On 12/11/68 at Tattnall County, Georgia File # Savannah 44-1768

by SA SYDNEY J. SMITH/fmeDate dictated 12/17/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date December 19, 1968

RAYMOND LEE RUSSELL, SR., Georgia State Prison (GSP), #55435, was contacted in the Visitors' Section of the prison, just off the rotunda, GSP. RUSSELL was advised that he was to be interviewed in regard to a letter that had been received by Mrs. DONNELLY, 2731 North Sheffield, Chicago, Illinois, from "RAY RUSSELL", "SEG-M-4-55435, Reidsville, Ga."

RUSSELL was given a rights and waiver form which he executed by signing it.

RUSSELL stated he did not desire to furnish a signed statement, however, he provided the following information orally:

In November, 1968, he read an article in Look Magazine. An issue of Look Magazine dated November 12, 1968, was displayed to RUSSELL, which had an article entitled "The Story of James Earl Ray and the Plot to Assassinate Martin Luther King" by WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE.

He especially took note of the part of the article in Look Magazine in which there was a reference to a rooming house located at 2731 North Sheffield, Chicago, Illinois, owned by a Mrs. DONNELLY. He recalled that several years ago while he was in jail he wrote a letter to a woman whose name and address had appeared in a newspaper article telling of the death of her son. On that occasion he told the woman that he had known her son and that her son had owed him (RUSSELL) \$200.00. As a result of this letter the woman had sent him \$200.00 to repay the alleged debt, when actually he was only playing on the sympathy of the woman and the memory of her son.

He is searching, at all times, for ways to play on the sympathy of other persons and when he read the article in Look Magazine, he immediately felt that here was a woman, Mrs. DONNELLY, who seemed to be ideal for the purpose of sending a request for money. The story had even given Mrs. DONNELLY's home address.

On 12/11/68 at Tattnall County, Georgia File # Savannah 44-1768

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He desired to get a radio and some money so when he read the JAMES EARL RAY story, he immediately thought of the scheme or plan to get the radio or some money from Mrs. DONNELLY. He had hoped that Mrs. DONNELLY would send him the radio and the money without notifying anyone. He was actually trying to "con" Mrs. DONNELLY out of the radio and money. He then wrote a letter to Mrs. DONNELLY, 2731 North Sheffield, Chicago, Illinois, in which he related that he had stayed in the back basement room and that he had left a radio in the room. He also related in the letter that it was a good radio and that he needed it so much. He also wrote that if Mrs. DONNELLY could not find the radio then he wanted her to get him one. He also related in the letter that he wanted Mrs. DONNELLY to help him get \$169.00 so that his lawyer could help him. He also wrote that he had some money but did not trust his lawyer and that he would tell her (Mrs. DONNELLY) where to go and pick up the money. In the letter he had written to Mrs. DONNELLY he had also mentioned the name, JOHN LARRY RAYNS, which name he had also obtained from the Look Magazine article.

He had never known JAMES EARL RAY, either by the name JAMES EARL RAY or JOHN LARRY RAYNS or any other name. He had never met RAY. He had never talked with anyone who knew RAY. He had never been in Chicago, Illinois, and had never lived at 2731 North Sheffield, Chicago, Illinois. He had never known Mrs. DONNELLY or even met her.

He is not involved and never has been involved in any conspiracy with any other individuals in a plot to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING.

He never told anyone about writing the letter to Mrs. DONNELLY and wrote the letter solely to "con" a radio or money out of Mrs. DONNELLY.

A description of RUSSELL as obtained by observation and interrogation is as follows:

Name	RAYMOND LEE RUSSELL, SR.
Also Known As	Raymond Russell
	Ray Russell

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Race	Negro
Sex	Male
Age	36 years
DOB	
POB	
Height	5'7"
Weight	163 pounds
Build	Medium stocky
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Dark
Military Service	None
Social Security	
Account Number	Unknown
Wife	BERTHA RUSSELL, nee Thomkins 1156 Sampson, Apt. #7 Atlanta, Ga. Telephone 758-7852
Children	Two RAYMOND LEE RUSSELL, JR., 6 years old JUANITA DENISE RUSSELL, 4 years old
Scars	1" scar at corner of left eye; 1/4" dent scar on end of nose; burn scar on calf of left leg; burn scar on left hip
Other	Gold crown on upper right tooth; one tooth missing in lower front
Received Sentence	1964

12/13/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Springfield airtels to Bureau dated 11/26 and 11/29/68, Bureau airtels to Springfield and Chicago dated 11/25 and 12/5/68, and Memphis airtel to Bureau dated 12/6/68.

Re 1959 Chrysler Purchased
By Subject at Chicago

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are three copies of an FD-302 interview of GEORGE SKYMOOR HELLER, setting forth information concerning the subject's purchase of a 1959 Chrysler in June, 1967, at Chicago, Illinois. Enclosed for the Memphis Division are 15 copies of the same FD-302. Enclosed for the St. Louis and Springfield Divisions are one copy each of same FD-302.

The investigation conducted to locate GEORGE SKYMOOR HELLER for interview is not being set forth in the interest of brevity and economy.

It is noted that HELLER advised that the manager of the Sunoco Gas Station, Lunt and Western Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, was present at time of sale and also observed JAMES EARL RAY. On 12/13/68, Mr. JENS JANSEN, Partner, aforementioned Sunoco Station, advised that MAURICE GIVANT, previous owner for six years, had left the station in about August, 1968, and has not been heard of since. JANSEN advised that the gas stations report to the Sun Oil Company

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 3)
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987) (Enc. 15)
- 1 - Springfield (44-361) (Info) (Enc. 1)
- 1 - St. Louis (44-775) (Info) (Enc. 1)
- ② - Chicago

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phone KS 8-3877. He further advised that numerous collection agencies, as well as the City of Chicago and the Illinois State Department of Revenue, have been to the gas station attempting to locate GIVANT. He said that the only information he knows of concerning GIVANT's whereabouts is that he supposedly is in California to avoid paying the Illinois state taxes wanted by the Department of Revenue. In view of this, no further attempt is being made to locate GIVANT for interview since it does not appear that he could add any additional information not obtained from WELLES, UACB.

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TO: All SAC's

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA
(OO: MEMPHIS)
BUFILE 44-38861

Re Memphis airtel to Albany dated 4/19/68, and
Memphis airtel to All SAC's, dated 7/16/68.

Discontinue the monthly submission to the Memphis
Division of the cost data requested in referenced airtels,
since the Bureau has agreed this submission can be discon-
tinued.

2-All SAC's
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SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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(P) SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)(RUC)

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Review of captioned file does not reveal
any outstanding investigation for the Chicago Division,
accordingly this matter is being placed in an RUC status

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

DATE: 2/1/69

FROM : SA DON E. STOKES

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Mr. C. WYLIE ALLEN, owner, Homestead Hotel, 1625 Hinman, Evanston, Ill., telephone GR5-3300, telephonically advised that that a former employee, AGNES JOHNSON, left the hotel and left behind some letters addressed to her from a JAMES RAY. ALLEN, who states that he was formerly with the Treasury Department, believes RAY may be identical with JAMES EARL RAY. ALLEN states that he has read the letters and would like to have an agent look at them.

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

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

All offices receiving copies of this airtel should note that the trial in instant case has been postponed from March 3, 1969, until April 7, 1969, in Division III of the Shelby County Criminal Court, Memphis, Tenn. In the event you receive inquiries from any witnesses who have been previously subpoenaed, you should advise them that their testimony will still be desired for the new trial on 4/7/69. If they have any need for further details, they should correspond directly with Attorney General PHIL A. CANALE, Shelby County Courthouse, Memphis, Tennessee.

The Bureau is requested to advise Legats London, Paris, and Ottawa of the postponement in order that they may be able to answer any inquiries from persons in their areas who may have been subpoenaed.

- 3 - Bureau
- 2 - Atlanta
- 2 - Birmingham
- ② - Chicago
- 2 - Kansas City
- 2 - Los Angeles
- 2 - Mobile
- 2 - New Orleans
- 2 - St. Louis
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Special Agent in Charge

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In view of plans being laid throughout the country for the observance of 4/4/69 as a memorial observance for MARTIN LUTHER KING, it is suggested that the Bureau consider requesting all offices to advise Memphis of any information they may receive which would indicate that militant groups or individuals plan to come to Memphis on 4/4/69 and who may remain to demonstrate or otherwise disrupt subject's trial on 4/7/69.

SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

2/20/69

SA ROBERT F. PEVAHOUSE

JAMES EARL RAY

Reference serial 789.

On 2/19/69, inquiry was made at the Homestead Hotel, 1625 Hinman, Evanston, Ill., in an effort to contact Mr. C. WYLIE ALLEN. It was determined he is presently in Florida and will not return to Evanston until after March 1, 1969.

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TO: SAC, CHICAGO (157-2520)

FROM: SA ROBERT A. CONNORS

RE: OPERATION BREADBASKET
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INFORMATION CONCERNING OPERATION

BREADBASKET AND JAMES BEVEL

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Remarks:

2 - Atlanta

1 - (COMINFIL - SCLC)
1 - (OPERATION BREADBASKET)

1 - Memphis

1 - (JAMES EARL RAY)

1 - Philadelphia

1 - (JAMES BEVEL)

8 - Chicago

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1 - 44-1114 (JAMES EARL RAY)
1 - 157-830 (JAMES BEVEL)
1 - 105-16238 (COMINFIL - SCLC)
1 - 157-3514 (RACIAL TENSIONS,
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Chicago, Illinois
February 25, 1969

JAMES BEVEL, official of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), was in Chicago over the weekend and attended the weekly Operation Breadbasket meeting on Saturday, February 22, 1969. BEVEL spoke before this group and stated he had talked to JAMES EARL RAY, accused assassin of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BEVEL stated that RAY is innocent of the murder of KING. BEVEL has offered to serve as co-counsel for RAY at his trial and, although PERCY FOREMAN, attorney for RAY, wanted BEVEL as co-counsel, the judge in the case has ruled out any possibility of this because BEVEL is not an attorney or member of the bar.

BEVEL has changed his appearance by growing a full beard and he no longer wears a skull cap as he has in the past. Several persons have expressed the opinion that BEVEL appears to be mentally disturbed or unbalanced and little credence is placed in what he says.

BEVEL's brother, CHARLES BEVEL, who now resides in Chicago, has been working for SCLC making preparations for SCLC to participate in support of black student demonstrations on college and university campuses. The form of this participation and the schools involved are unknown at this time.

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To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)
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For information of Offices receiving this communication, James Earl Ray on March 10, 1969, in Shelby County Criminal Court, Memphis, Tennessee, entered a plea of guilty to the state charge of murder in connection with the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., and was sentenced to a term of imprisonment for 99 years.

In the event you receive inquiries from any witnesses who have been previously subpoenaed in the state case, you should advise them of the above court proceedings. If any individuals who contact you desire any further details, they should be advised to correspond directly with Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County Courthouse, Memphis, Tennessee.

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Springfield airtel to Bureau 12/6/68.

On 3/25/69, DAVE BAIRD, Reporter for the newspaper "Commercial News", Danville, Illinois, advised that on 3/24/69, he was telephonically contacted by ROBERT H. STRADER, 1220 East Fairchild Street, Apartment 7, Danville, Illinois, and STRADER related that he had vital information concerning the assassination of Doctor MARTIN LUTHER KING. STRADER told BAIRD that prior to KING's death he was in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where he was approached by unknown individuals and these individuals attempted to hire STRADER to murder Doctor KING. STRADER said he refused the offer and related that since that date he had been followed and several attempts have been made on his life. STRADER told BAIRD that if the "Commercial News" newspaper was interested in his story that arrangements could be made through STRADER's attorney, DONALD FOLEY, Indianapolis, Indiana, for payment for this story. STRADER requested BAIRD to meet him in the near future, however, BAIRD said he felt that STRADER was a "nut" and he doubted if any action would be taken by this newspaper.

As noted in referenced communication, as well as other communications to the Bureau, STRADER has alleged he had information concerning the assassination of KING. In view of past information concerning STRADER, no action is recommended regarding contact with STRADER or his wife, MARGARET CARMICHAEL STRADER.

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5:50 PM URGENT 4/3/69 VSC

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, MOBILE, PHILADELPHIA AND
NEW YORK
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

MURKIN

RE MEMPHIS TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MARCH TWENTYEIGHT, 'SIXTYNINE.

ON APR. TWO, 'SIXTYNINE, [REDACTED]

ADVISED DURING PRESENT WEEK THERE WAS RUMORED AMONG MEMBERS SOUTHERN
CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE STAFF THAT JAMES BEVEL, DIRECTOR,
NON-VIOLENT EDUCATION, SOLC, HAD RECENTLY COMMITTED HIMSELF TO A
HOSPITAL IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A REST AND SEEK WHATEVER MEDICAL ATTEN-
TION MAY BE NECESSARY. SOURCE UNABLE TO SUBSTANTIATE THIS INFO
OR PROVIDE FURTHER DETAILS; HOWEVER, POINTED OUT MEMBERS OF SOLC
STAFF FROM TIME TO TIME IN PAST HAVE EXPRESSED OPINION BEVEL'S ACTIONS
SUGGEST HE IS IN NEED OF MEDICAL TREATMENT.

SOURCE HAS NO INFO BEVEL IS OR HAS RECENTLY BEEN IN ATLANTA.
WILL REMAIN ALERT TO INFO INDICATING WHEREABOUTS.

IN VIEW OF FOREGOING INFO, IT IS SUGGESTED CHICAGO, NEW YORK
AND PHILADELPHIA CONTACT SOURCES FOR INFO BEVEL MAY BE HOSPITALIZED
IN ONE OF THOSE CITIES.

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TO : DIRECTOR AND SAC'S MEMPHIS, MOBILE, PHILADELPHIA,
NEW YORK, AND ATLANTA (44-2386)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN.

RE ATLANTA TEL APRIL THREE LAST.

CONTACT WITH AVAILABLE SOURCES IN CHICAGO AREA FAILED
TO REFLECT JAMES BEVEL PRESENTLY IN CHICAGO. INVESTIGATION
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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)
 RE: MURKIN

Re Memphis teletype to the Bureau, 3/28/69.

Contact with available sources in Mobile Division, coverage of MARTIN LUTHER KING Memorial, 4/4-5/69, and demonstrations at Alabama State College, Montgomery, Ala., 3/29/69 to present, failed to reflect JAMES BEVEL presently in Mobile Div. Investigation continues.

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 1 - Atlanta (Info)
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9:35 a.m.

A woman who identified herself as Annie Lou Quinn phoned me and gave the following information, which I am forwarding to you for your investigation.

Her address was 1519 West Warren Boulevard, however, she recently moved to 4117 West 21st Street, where she lives with her sister, Mrs. Stafford. The phone number there is CR. 7-6018. Annie Lou Quinn also stated that she worked at 4425 West Montrose until recently, when she caught the flu and moved in with her sister. Her Physician is Dr. Shay at 25 West' Washington Street.

Annie Lou Quinn claimed that a Gloria Baker, she identified as the Manager of the Viceroy Hotel is involved in the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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EDWARD A. QUIGLEY

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR SEWERS

ROOM 408, CITY HALL

CITY OF CHICAGO

TELEPHONE: 744-7050

MAYOR
RICHARD J. DALEY

April 16, 1969

Lieutenant Paul Quinn
Administrative Assistant to
the Superintendent
Chicago Police Department
1121 South State Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Lieutenant:

The attached is forwarded to you for
your information and attention.

Sincerely yours,

Edward A. Quigley
WARD COMMITTEEMAN
27th WARD

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RICHARD J. DALEY, Mayor
JAMES B. CONLISK, JR., Superintendent

April 17, 1969

Mr. Marlin Johnson,
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
219 South Dearborn Street
Chicago, Illinois 60605

Dear Sir:

The attached information, un-evaluated, received by
the Detective Division, is being forwarded for whatever action
you deem necessary.

Sincerely,

Michael Spiotto
Michael Spiotto
Chief, Detective Division

Enclosures:
2 original letters

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TO: SAC, CHICAGO

FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (44-1368)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo of SA ROBERT A. CONNORS to SAC, Chicago
3/28/69.

Referenced memo was a report by CG 7116-R (PROB).
This report stated JAMES BEVEL of SCLC had been in and out
of Chicago.

By airtel dated 3/26/69 the Bureau instructed
Philadelphia to interview Reverend JAMES BEVEL for informa-
tion in his possession regarding his statement in the
"New York Times" on 3/18/69 that a letter was turned over
to the Memphis Police on approximately 4/3/68 which
contained information that MARTIN LUTHER KING was to be
assassinated while in Memphis.

Informants of the Philadelphia Division advised
that BEVEL was in a mental hospital in New York City.
The New York Office is currently checking out this information.

The Bureau has advised that BEVEL is not to be
interviewed before determining complete background concerning

2 - Chicago
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 1 - 44-1368 (MURKIN)
 1 - 157-2979 (JAMES BEVEL)

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his confinement in the hospital.

Chicago is requested to contact informants in SCLC and familiar with BEVEL in an attempt to determine where BEVEL is located in the New York City area.

Lawyer named in Ray suit

NASHVILLE (AP) — A prominent Tennessee attorney, John I. Hooker Sr., has been hired to represent Atty. Percy Foreman and Author William Bradford Huie in the suit filed against them by James Earl Ray. Ray, who pleaded guilty to killing the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., charged that Foreman, his former attorney, and Huie contracted to write a book about Ray and were more interested in making money than in protecting him. He also charged that they pressured him into pleading guilty.

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CHICAGO SUNDAY AMERICAN

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

DATE: 5/2/69

FROM : SA RICHARD G. STILLING

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re letter from Chicago Police Department, Chief of Detectives, MICHAEL SPIOTTO, Chicago Police Department, to Mr. MARLIN JOHNSON dated 4/17/69.

On 4/24/69, ANNIE LOU QUINN, 4117 West 21st Street, Chicago, Illinois, advised she had contacted her ward committeeman, 27th Ward, Mr. EDWARD QUIGLEY, and furnished information to him that GLORIA BAKER was involved in the death of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

[REDACTED]

QUINN further advised that she has been having personal problems with GLORIA BAKER, and she thought that this would be a good way to get back at GLORIA BAKER, who was the manager of the Viceroy Hotel. QUINN stated that all of the information pertaining to BAKER being involved with the death of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. is fictitious, and stated that she possesses no information whatsoever concerning the death of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. other than what she has read in the newspaper and heard through the news media.

On 4/24/69, ELSIE STAFFORD, 4117 West 21st Street, advised that she is the sister of ANNIE LOU QUINN,

[REDACTED]

She further advised that her sister has been having personal problems with GLORIA BAKER and that the story she furnished pertaining to GLORIA BAKER being involved with the death of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. is a complete fabrication.

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TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114) (RUC)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Atlanta teletype to Director, Chicago, Memphis, Mobile, Philadelphia and New York, dated 4/3/69; Chicago teletype to Director, Memphis, Mobile, Philadelphia, New York and Atlanta, dated 4/4/69; and Philadelphia airtel to Chicago, dated 4/25/69.

For the information of Philadelphia, [REDACTED] (Probation) has been closed per authority of the Bureau and present whereabouts of this individual unknown.

Investigation conducted by Chicago has failed to develop present whereabouts and activities of JAMES BEVEL.

Atlanta is Office of Origin in SCLC matters and therefore it is suggested that Philadelphia contact Atlanta in an attempt to develop whereabouts of BEVEL in New York City through SCLC informants.

Information copies of this communication being furnished to Atlanta, Philadelphia and New York in view of their interest in this matter.

In view of the above, Chicago conducting no further investigation.

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Date 4/24/69

Mr. DON M. STRICKLAND, Manager, Holiday Inn,
Highway 72 West, Corinth, Mississippi, made available
the motel registration records for the period March 29,
1968, through April 3, 1968. The following individuals
were registered during this period:

Mr. A. R. BOWMAN
3225 Bonny View Drive
Birmingham, Alabama
Alabama license 1-93262

CURTIS L. ANTHONY
2432 5th Place, N.W.
Birmingham, Alabama
Georgia license 1J44720, Plymouth

ROBERT T. JENKINS
1824 29 Avenue South
Birmingham, Alabama
Alabama license 1-56534, Oldsmobile

F. C. TANNA
9 E. Park
Sylacauga, Alabama

JACK P. VESTER
2193 Whiting Road
Birmingham, Alabama
Alabama license 1-82977, Chevrolet

C. E. KINCAID
1133 South 52 Street
Birmingham, Alabama
(Life of Alabama)
Alabama license 1-71067, Chevrolet

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On 4/14/69 at Corinth, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586
by SA JOHN S. CASTLES /bdb Date dictated 4/18/69

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Jemison, Alabama
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Alabama license 1-77420, Buick

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Alabama license 47-10059

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Birmingham, Alabama

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Birmingham, Alabama

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Michigan license CY6911, Dodge

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Huntsville, Alabama

B. S. MANLEY
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Birmingham, Alabama
Alabama 1-99549, Plymouth

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Route 1
Killen, Alabama

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Little Rock, Arkansas

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15 Hillcrest Drive
Paragould, Arkansas
Arkansas license ALA-628

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Arkansas license BAY-346

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PHILLIP MISLER
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CHESTER HUDSON
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W. M. Kerus

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Elgin, Illinois
(Armin Tool and Manufacturing Company)

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Armin Tool *Armin*

✓ DONALD E. KOONS *Armin*
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Quincy, Illinois

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Jaspier, Indiana
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