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HE HAD KNOWN AS A DRINKING COMPANION IN SIXTYONE. WILLIAMS ADVISED THAT HE NEVER KNEW THIS INDIVIDUAL BY NAME, WHERE HE WAS EMPLOYED, OR ANY BACKGROUND INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS MAN. WILLIAMS ADVISED THAT THIS INDIVIDUAL, ALTHOUGH HE HAD TALKED WITH HIM ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS HAD ONLY MENTIONED THE PLOT TO KILL KING ONCE. WILLIAMS STATED THAT ON RECOLLECTION HE IS NOT SURE IF THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS SERIOUS AT THAT TIME OR NOT. WILLIAMS STATED THAT HE HAD ONLY SEEN THIS INDIVIDUAL AT THE CARNEGIE BAR IN CLEVELAND, AND BELIEVES HE HAS SEEN HIM AS RECENTLY AS FOUR MONTHS AGO.

INVESTIGATION CLEVELAND CONTINUING TO IDENTIFY THIS
UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.
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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

4-26-68

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS
FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565) (P)
RE: MURKIN

Re PG tel to CV and CI, 4-10-68, CV airtel to ME, 4-11-68, and PG airtel to CV, 4-23-68.

RE: INVESTIGATION REGARDING SURNAME LOWMEYER

Referenced PG tel, 4-10-68, advised that one P. F. LOHMEYER formerly resided Pittsburgh and currently resides 2344 Ardleigh Dr., Cleveland Heights, Ohio. Investigation at Cleveland reflects PAUL FRANCIS LOHMEYER resided above address and was employed as Vice President, Carling's Brewery Co. It was determined that LOHMEYER left Carling's about one year ago and is currently residing 33 Crows Nest, Bronxville, N.Y., and is employed by Continental Can Co., 100 Park Ave., NYC, telephone 972-7722. Records Drivers' License Division, Ohio Motor Vehicle Bureau, reflect PAUL FRANCIS LOHMEYER described: WM, DOB [REDACTED] 6'4", 215 lbs., brown hair, grey eyes.

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In view of variance of physical description, no additional investigation being requested to check LOHMEYER's whereabouts during pertinent period.

- 2 - Memphis
- 1 - New York (Info)
- 2 - Pittsburgh (44-578)
- ② - Cleveland

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Complaint Form
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NOTE: Hand print names legibly; handwriting satisfactory for remainder.

Indices: ☐ Negative ☐ See below

Subject's name and aliases MURKIN				Character of case 44-565		
				Complainant HENRI BOUFFARD		
				Complaint received <input type="checkbox"/> Personal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telephonic Date 4-26-68 Time 10:20AM		
Address of subject				Complainant's address and telephone number 6127 Christman, North Olmstead, O. (777-6681)		
Subject's Description	Race	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Height	Hair	Build	Birth date and Birthplace
	Age		Weight	Eyes	Complexion	
	Scars, marks or other data					
Facts of complaint <p>Complainant stated that while the TV presentation of KING's funeral was on the air, he believed he saw a suspicious person who was white walk alongside the casket. Complainant stated that this white male disappeared all of a sudden. Complainant wanted to know who this person was.</p> <p>Complainant was advised that RAY has been identified as the murderer and a warrant has been issued for his arrest. He was also advised that an intensive investigation has been conducted and wanted flyers have been sent to all PDs in the country.</p> <p>Complainant stated his curiosity has been bothering him as to the identity of above male and that he may even try to ascertain this from CBS TV.</p> <p>Complainant was advised he is free to do so on his own, but the FBI has identified RAY as the killer and now the job is to find out where he is.</p>						
Action Recommended				Harold A. Latukka 44-565-271-A SEARCHED.....INDEXED..... SERIALIZED.....FILED..... APR 26 1968 FBI - CLEVELAND McLann		
(Agent)						

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Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT
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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: CLEVELAND (44-565)

MURKIN.

RE LOUISVILLE TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS AND CLEVELAND,
APRIL TWENTYSIX, INSTANT.

CLAUDE CHARLES COFFEY, WHITE MALE, BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] RD FIVE, UPPER SANDUSKY, OHIO, STEADILY EMPLOYED
AT GALLON IRON WORKS MANUFACTURING COMPANY, NORTH SANDUSKY
STREET, BUCYRUS, OHIO, SINCE AUGUST TWELVE, SIXTYFIVE, AS AN
ASSEMBLER. EMPLOYER'S TIME CARD RECORDS SHOW COFFEY EMPLOYED
ON PERTINENT DATES AND ON APRIL FOUR, LAST, ON DUTY FROM
SIX FORTYSEVEN AM TO THREE THIRTY PM. SUPERINTENDENT OF PLANT
STATES NATURE OF COFFEY'S JOB IS SUCH HE COULD NOT BE AWAY
FROM HIS SPECIFIC JOB ANY LENGTH OF TIME AND NOT BE MISSED.
COFFEY'S WORK RECORD IS EXCELLENT AND IS HIGHLY REGARDED BY
SUPERINTENDENT. COFFEY IN U.S. ARMY ON ACTIVE DUTY FROM MAY
FOURTEEN, FIFTYFOUR TO APRIL TWENTYSEVEN, FIFTYSEVEN, AND FROM
EARLY SIXTYTWO TO JUNE TWENTYSEVEN, SIXTYFIVE.

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(3)**ARMED & DANGEROUS**1 - Los Angeles (AM)
1 - Kansas City (AM)Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

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COFFEY INTERVIEWED BY BUAGENTS THIS DATE AT WORK AND
ELIMINATED BY FINGERPRINTS AND PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION.

AIRMAIL COPIES TO LOS ANGELES AND KANSAS CITY.

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END.

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565)

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SA EDWARD M. HARGRAVE

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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*Re memo SA. J. W. Wertz 4/22/68
- See Ser # 217*

This date, BILL MC KIBBEN, Ticket Agent, Youngstown Greyhound Bus Terminal, home address - 104 Decker Drive, New Castle, Pa., advised after reviewing his records there were no refunded tickets on 4/18/68, and only one ticket was changed. The individual who changed the ticket was well known to MC KIBBEN, and bore no resemblance to GALT. He was exhibited ~~an wanted flyer~~ identification order for JAMES EARL RAY. He advised the photograph depicted was not familiar to him. After being advised that another driver had advised an individual, white male, 35 years old, wearing a brown topcoat and yellow sport shirt had been left in Youngstown on the 18th, he advised he was at work all day on the 18th, including the time around 4:15 PM. He recalled seeing one man around the terminal without luggage, who appeared having trouble making connections, but the man bore no resemblance to the photograph.

Same date, CHARLES CLAYPOOL, RD#4, Ainsley Road, East Liverpool, Ohio, advised that he drives the only bus between Youngstown and Salem, Ohio. The bus goes through to Wheeling, West Virginia, daily. After viewing the photograph, he advised he could not recall the man ever having been on the bus to Salem. He advised he did drive the bus to Salem on April 18 and 19, 1968, and every ~~xx~~ day the bus is in operation.

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Airtel

To: SAC'S, Miami (44-1854)
Memphis (44-1987)

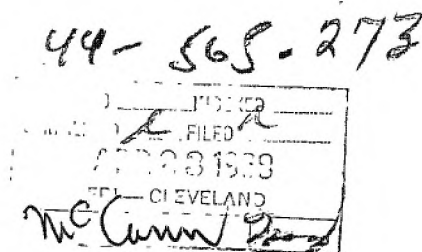
From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Miami airtel 4-17-68, submitting palm prints of SA David N. Jellison and fingerprints and palm prints of Kathryn Hobson for elimination purposes.

Latent prints previously reported on the evidence submitted by the Miami Office, Q124 through Q126, are not identical with the palm prints of SA Jellison or the fingerprints and palm prints of Hobson. The palm prints of SA Jellison are being retained permanently in Latent Fingerprint Section. Fingerprints and palm prints of Hobson are being retained temporarily in the Latent Fingerprint Section.

- 1 - Birmingham (44-1740)
- ① - Cleveland (44-565)



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-565)
ATTN: SA MC CANN

FROM : SA JOHN WALLACE WERTZ

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/25/68

Re SAC memos to all agents, 4/8 and 4/23/68.

Since the assassination of KING on 4/4/68, periodic contact has been maintained with CV 811-R (PROB) and CV 771-S, both of whom are familiar with membership and activities of the Ku Klux Klan groups active, or formerly active, in the Akron, Ohio area. These sources have been able to furnish no positive information to date on MURKIN suspects, however, they will continue to remain alert for pertinent information and will immediately furnish same to contacting agent.

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TO DIRECTOR (MAIL) (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND CHICAGO
(44-1114)
FROM CLEVELAND (44-565) 3P
MURKIN.

RE: THREATS TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

RE CHICAGO TEL TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS AND CLEVELAND, APRIL
TWENTYSIX LAST.

DONALD L. CRAMER AND HIS WIFE, ELAINE, INTERVIEWED TODAY AT
TWO THREE FOUR N. PROSPECT ST., FREMONT, OHIO. THOMAS E. CRAMER,
BROTHER OF DONALD, LEFT FREMONT AREA TWO TO THREE YEARS AGO AND
HAS NOT BEEN IN CONTACT WITH DONALD. DONALD OF OPINION THOMAS
SEPARATED FROM GLINDA, AKA., DINK, WHO CAN BE LOCATED AS
BEAUTICIAN AT HOUSE OF SALLY, THREE FOUR ZERO ZERO BLOCK,
BROADWAY, CHICAGO. GLINDA'S MOTHER IS INNA WADDLE, ONE NINE
THREE FOUR N. DRAKE, CHICAGO, TELEPHONE THREE EIGHT FOUR DASH
EIGHT FIVE FIVE THREE.

THOMAS HAS HALF-BROTHER, ROBERT SHANAHAN, ADDRESS UNKNOWN,
EMPLOYED STEWART-WARNER CO., CHICAGO, AND HAS FRIEND BILL
BUCHANAN, POSSIBLE STEWART-WARNER EMPLOYEE, LIVING IN THE DAMON
AND DEVERSEY AREA, CHICAGO.

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ME: 1:44P
CA 1:38P

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DONALD TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED HIS MOTHER AT FINDLAY, OHIO TODAY WHO ADVISED THAT THOMAS HAS LEFT GLINDA, DATE UNKNOWN, AND WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN. NEITHER MRS. CRAMER NOR DONALD KNOW GLINDA'S HOME ADDRESS IN CHICAGO ALTHOUGH FORMER ADDRESS WAS SCHOOL STREET AS NOTED IN RETEL. BOTH OF OPINION THOMAS IS IN THE CHICAGO AREA, HOWEVER.

DONALD CLAIMS THOMAS IS AN ALCOHOLIC AND LEAVES FAMILY REGULARLY. HE RECALLS HEARING FROM UNKNOWN PERSONS THAT TWO TO THREE YEARS AGO THOMAS TELEPHONED FBI CHICAGO AND AS JOKE SAID HE WAS GOING TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ACTUALLY, HE WAS DOING THIS BECAUSE HE WAS ANGRY AT SOME NEGROES AT STEWART-WARNER CO.

ALSO THOMAS TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED DONALD SEVERAL YEARS AGO FROM CHICAGO AND SAID HE HAD STRANGLED HIS WIFE AND SHE WAS LYING DEAD IN BED AT THAT TIME AT THEIR HOME AND THAT HE HAD CALLED THE POLICE. DONALD TALKED TO POLICE BY TELEPHONE AT THOMAS' HOME WHO STATED GLINDA WAS NOT INJURED AND THAT THOMAS WAS APPARENTLY DRUNK. DONALD CLAIMS THOMAS HAS LONG HISTORY OF MAKING UP SUCH STORIES.

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DONALD WILL CONTACT FBI SHOULD HE LEARN OF THOMAS' WHEREABOUTS IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

LEAD: IT IS SUGGESTED THAT IF THOMAS E. CRAMER NOT LOCATED THROUGH ABOVE INFO, CHICAGO PLACE STOP WITH FBI IDENTIFICATION DIVISION.

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Via _____
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TO LOUISVILLE (44-947)

FROM CLEVELAND (44-565)

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE LOUISVILLE TEL TO CLEVELAND, APRIL TWENTYSIX LAST.

ON APRIL TWENTYSEVEN INSTANT, MR. DUTCH FOLK, DUTCH FOLK, INC., THREE SEVEN ZERO W. MARKET ST., AKRON, OHIO, AGENT FOR VEHICLES TRANSPORTATION, MAIN OFFICE, NYC, ADVISED SIXTYEIGHT FORD GALAXIE, VIN EIGHT W FIVE SIX F ONE THREE EIGHT THREE NINE ONE, WAS LEASED FROM VEHICLE TRANSPORTATION BY SANDOZ PHARMACEUTICALS, DIVISION OF SANDOZ, INC. OF NEW JERSEY, RT. TEN, HANOVER, NEW JERSEY. AT TIME LEASE WAS SIGNED, SANDOZ PHARMACEUTICALS REQUESTED VEHICLE BE DELIVERED DIRECT TO MR. JAMES LITTY, THREE SEVEN FIVE ZERO RAMONA DRIVE, PADUCHA, KENTUCKY, THEIR REPRESENTATIVE IN THAT AREA. CAR DELIVERED BY FOLK AGENCY TO PADUCHA ADDRESS END OF JAN. SIXTYEIGHT.

LOUISVILLE HANDLE.

AIRMAIL COPY FURNISHED MEMPHIS.

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RGP/mls
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1 - Memphis (AM)

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Approved: CBC/RNG
Special Agent in Charge

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44-38661
4/24/68

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, KANSAS CITY
FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565) (P)
RE: MURKIN

On 4/22/68, one MARY CHORTOS telephonically contacted this office and advised that she had observed a male resembling subject RAY in the parking lot at the Fulton Shopping Center. She stated at the time he was sitting on the passenger side of a 1966 blue Cadillac, bearing Missouri license plates starting with PS 6. She stated she could not recall the other numerals of the plate.

It is requested that Kansas City check State Bureau of Motor Vehicles to identify all Missouri Cadillacs with licenses starting with PS 6. Advise Cleveland and OO and set out appropriate leads.

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- 2 - Kansas City
- 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info)
- ② - Cleveland

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AIR TEL

44-565-277

4/27/68

AIRTEL

TO: Director, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565) (P)
RE: MURKIN

Re Cleveland airtel to Kansas City, 4/24/68 (IO),
and Bureau telephone call to Cleveland, 4/26/68.

MARY CHORTOS was personally contacted on 4/26/68
and receipt of her letter at the Bureau was acknowledged.

On 4/23/68 CHORTOS advised that she had observed a
white male resembling subject RAY the previous day sitting in
a 1966 blue Cadillac bearing Missouri license plates which
was parked in the Fulton Shopping Center at Fulton and Memphis
Roads. She stated that the license plate bore numbers PS 6
and that she could not remember the other numbers. She
stated that this individual was sitting on the passenger side
of the car and as the complainant looked at him he slouched
in the seat. At the time of the telephone call, she stated
that she was quite excited and could not remember what
apartment she lived in; whether it was 231 or 213. She stated
she had no other information to furnish and did not indicate
that she desired to see an Agent.

On both 4/24 and 25/68, the parking lot at the
Fulton Shopping Center was checked between the hours of
11:00 a.m. and 12 noon, the time that she had indicated she
had seen the automobile. Fulton-Memphis Shopping Center is
a large shopping area and the traffic is very considerable

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- 1 - Kansas City
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- ② - Cleveland

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throughout the day.

Mrs. CHORTOS was interviewed on 4/26/68, at which time she stated that after she had thought about this matter and visualized the car she realized from her visualization that the car had not been blue at all but was green and further that the license plate number was PS 633 or PS 655 followed by an additional four digits. According to CHORTOS, this made the plate two letters and seven digits. She stated that ~~there~~ was a Missouri plate and that the color was white on green.

Mrs. CHORTOS stated that her only glimpse of the subject was when she drove by the car and observed a portion of his profile from eyes down and for a moment full face when he looked in her direction. She did not see all of his face but she stated she did see his nose and that part of his face. She recalled that there was a long strand of hair hanging down by his eye. She could furnish no other description except to state that she thought he was quite handsome and could not guess his age as she "can't tell ages." She stated that her attention was drawn to this matter because of the fact that there was a Missouri license plate on the car and the next day she observed the picture of subject RAY in the Life magazine and because he slouched down in the seat. As Mrs. CHORTOS stated, she could not understand why he would slouch down in the seat when she looked at him.

Mrs. CHORTOS stated that she had written to the Bureau rather than call the Cleveland Office of the FBI because she realized that the Agents were so busy. She stated she had never met an FBI Agent before and really wanted to talk to one. She said she was very disappointed when an Agent did not come out to her house right after she had called and in fact she "cried a little."

The Agents explained to Mrs. CHORTOS that they were most appreciative of her information and had not realized that she expected to be personally contacted and that the Agents had acted in accordance with the value of the information, in immediately checking out the area indicated by her. Mrs. CHORTOS indicated that she was very pleased to have been of some assistance and was quite thrilled to have met some representatives of the FBI and indicated that if she had anything ^{to furnish}, she would immediately call the Cleveland Office of the FBI.

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Mrs. CHORTOS resides with a lady companion, both of whom are about 50 years of age. Mrs. CHORTOS has very heavy masculine features and was wearing a man's black sweatshirt and black pants when contacted by the Agents. It is the impression of the Agents that Mrs. CHORTOS was undoubtedly sincere in calling the Bureau, but may be experiencing some emotional problems. In view of the vague and highly questionable accuracy of the information furnished by her, Cleveland is hereby resending the lead set out to Kansas City by re IO airtel to check the Bureau of Motor Vehicles for Cadillacs bearing PS 6 plates.

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NOTE: Hand print names legibly; handwriting satisfactory for remainder.

Indices: ☐ Negative ☐ See below

Subject's name and aliases MURKIN				Character of case 44-565		
				Complainant Anonymous male		
				Complaint received <input type="checkbox"/> Personal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telephonic Date 4-29-68 Time 12:45PM		
Address of subject				Complainant's address and telephone number Unknown		
Subject's Description	Race	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Height	Hair	Build	Birth date and Birthplace
	Age		Weight	Eyes	Complexion	
	Scars, marks or other data					

Facts of complaint

Complainant stated he would rather not give his name, but in conversation did describe himself as employed by American Bridge company, working for National Tube Co., Lorain, Ohio, and in past was stationed Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri and now out of work because of a broken arm which is in a cast.

Compl. believes he has spoken to RAY at above company. He stated that when he worked for American Bridge as an iron worker he met RAY while working for National Tube in October of 1967. At that time RAY was supposedly a "detail ~~man~~ man", one who would fasten and tighten bolts.

Compl. stated male used the name RAY, (doesn't know whether it was his first or last) and both spoke of Missouri. Compl. had been there and RAY stated he was from there.

Compl. hasn't seen RAY in about 1½ months.

Compl. stated if he notices anything in the paper re this matter, he would identify RAY, but otherwise would not give his name.

Compl. stated to check with General Foreman KEITH WOODICKER (ph) of American Bridge at National Tube re subject described above.

SA MC CANN advised.

Harold A. Latukka

Action Recommended

(Agent)

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Date April 26, 1968

RE:

MURKIN

☐ For Information ☐ Retention optional ☒ For appropriate action ☐ Surep, by _____
☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.
☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA _____ dated _____

Remarks:

Enclosed are copies of photographs taken by a woman companion of the subject while he was in Mexico in the Fall of 1967.

These are for your further assistance in connection with efforts to locate the subject.

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TO ALL SACS - RELAY MESSAGE PLAN

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 2P

MURKIN

CONTACTS SHOULD BE MAINTAINED WITH ALL MASS COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA IN YOUR TERRITORY TO INSURE THAT THERE IS FREQUENT REFERENCE TO RAY AND HIS CONNECTION WITH THIS CASE.

SINCE YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN ADVISED THAT JAMES EARL RAY IS IDENTICAL WITH ERIC STARVO GALT AND YOU HAVE BEEN FURNISHED IO'S AND WANTED FLYERS ON RAY, YOU ARE TO BE CERTAIN THAT ALL APPROPRIATE STOPS HAVE BEEN RENEWED ON JAMES EARL RAY AND UNDER ALL OF HIS KNOWN ALIASES AS SET FORTH ON THE IO'S AND WANTED FLYERS. THIS IS TO INSURE THAT THE BUREAU WILL BE IMMEDIATELY NOTIFIED IF THE SUBJECT IS ARRESTED OR COMES TO THE ATTENTION OF AUTHORITIES WITH WHOM STOPS PLACED.

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OFFICES COVERING DEPARTURE OR ARRIVAL OF OVERSEAS FLIGHTS SHOULD HAVE RENEWED STOPS AND SUBJECT'S PHOTOGRAPH SHOULD BE DISPLAYED APPROPRIATELY.

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*advised 4-24-68
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ALL OFFICES SHOULD CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION
AT ALL "HIPPIE" ROOMING HOUSES AND SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS TO
OBTAIN ANY INFORMATION WHATSOEVER CONCERNING RAY.

APPROPRIATE LEGATS BEING ADVISED SEPARATELY.

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END

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754PM URGENT 4/26/68 LCC

TO ALL SACS RELAY MESSAGE PLAN
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

MURKIN.

THE MAIN FILE ON KING HAS BEEN REVIEWED AT THE BUREAU
AND LEADS ARE BEING SENT OUT CONCERNING PERSONS INVOLVED IN
PRIOR THREATS AGAINST KING. THESE LEADS AS WELL AS LEADS
CONCERNING ANY OTHER SUSPECTS DEVELOPED FROM ANY SOURCE
MUST BE GIVEN IMMEDIATE AND THOROUGH HANDLING ON A TOP PRIORITY
BASIS. PROCESS HAS BEEN OBTAINED AGAINST JAMES EARL RAY AND
EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION IS CONTINUING TO LOCATE RAY AND TO
ESTABLISH MOTIVE OF CRIME. YOU HAVE BEEN AND WILL BE
FURNISHED INFORMATION RELATING TO OTHER POSSIBLE CONSPIRATORS.
THESE MUST ALL BE THOROUGHLY RESOLVED NO MATTER HOW REMOTE.

END

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to all apts*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Cleveland (137-1314)

DATE: 4/26/68

FROM : SA JAMES O. LANG

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: CV 595-C

Dates of Contact	
Titles and File #s on which contacted	
	157-258 (SA LANG)
CRIMINAL CONDITIONS CLEVELAND DIVISION	92-718 (SA LANG)
JAMES RAY, aka., ET AL	44-565 (SA MC CANN)
Purpose and results of contact	
<input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC	
<p>CI advised that he had not been in contact with [REDACTED] and had no idea as to where to reach this individual. CI advised that he had put on feelers relative to guns but had not received any response indicating that any guns were available for sale in [REDACTED] Ohio.</p> <p>CI said that he has been in touch with [REDACTED] who is still passing numbers in [REDACTED] Ohio. [REDACTED] commented on the racial situation and did not expect any trouble in [REDACTED]. CI said that other than this information he had not received any concerning any racial disturbance and had no information indicating there was to be one.</p> <p>CI said he had not been in touch with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] nor had he been at the [REDACTED]</p>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Excellent
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CI said that he had not had an opportunity to visit the [REDACTED] Ohio and did not know whether or not there was gambling at this place.

CI viewed the photograph of RAY, aka., GALT and said that he had never seen this individual.

CI viewed the photograph of HELEN JACOBS and stated that he did not recognize this person.

CI said that [REDACTED] had a colored girl who was working at the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] took this girl from the [REDACTED] to some place in the south end of [REDACTED] but CI could not furnish the exact location.

CI said that [REDACTED] had been operating in [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]. CI said that he suspects [REDACTED] is booking horses but he did not know exactly where [REDACTED] was getting his information as to the race results other than possibly the newspapers or the racing forms. CI thought that [REDACTED] may lay off bets with [REDACTED] on occasion. CI said that he would endeavor to place a bet with [REDACTED] to determine whether or not the race results are obtained on the same day as the races or whether it is necessary to wait another day.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (170-86)

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA JOHN WALLACE WERTZ

☐ CI ☐ SI ☒ R (Prob)
☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R
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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Dates of Contact		
3/1, 3/15, 3/28, 4/5, 4/19		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
44-565 MURKIN		
157-222 RM, Akron RA		
Purpose and results of contact		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC	Source contacted 4/5 for any info of MURKIN suspects and/or local plans of Negroes for acts of reprisal, but could furnish no positive information. Otherwise, source being contacted on regular basis for info re racial conditions in Akron and knowledge of incidents, rumors, plans, etc. in ghetto area to ferment racial unrest. He has no positive info to report re organization of trouble makers, etc., but will remain alert for such info.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Good	Coverage Ghetto
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Memorandum

TO : SAC (170-84)

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA JOHN WALLACE WERTZ

☐ CI ☐ SI ☒ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Dates of Contact		
#2 3/11, 3/25, 4/2, 4/5, 4/19		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
44-565	MURKIN	
157-222	RM, Akron RA	
157-1412	Alleged Police Brutality, Akron PD	
Purpose and results of contact		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC	On 4/1/68 source telephonically advised of a meeting to be held on 4/1 by one [REDACTED] File 157-1412 was opened and a LHM submitted to Bureau on the results of this meeting. Source was contacted 4/5 re MURKIN suspects and/or local plans of Negroes for acts of reprisal, but could furnish no information. Source remaining alert for rumors, plans, etc. in the ghetto area of Akron re possible violence in the future. He states there are, of course, many dissatisfied youthful hoodlums in the area, but there is no indication they are organizing, gathering arms, etc. He will continue to remain alert for any information denoting unrest among the Negro population.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating V. Good	Coverage Ghetto
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- 1 - 170-84
① - 44-565 MURKIN
1 - 157-222 RM, Akron RA
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (170-85)

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA JOHN WALLACE WERTZ

☐ CI ☐ SI ☒ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Dates of Contact		
3/8, 3/18, 4/3, 4/12, 4/25		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
44-565 MURKIN		
157-222 RM, Akron RA		
Purpose and results of contact		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC	Source was contacted 4/12 re MURKIN suspects and/or plans of local Negroes for acts of reprisal, but had no positive info to furnish. Source remaining alert for rumors, plans, etc. of Negroes in ghetto area of Akron re possible violence in the future. He has learned of no indications of stockpiling of arms, ammo, fire-bombs, etc., and of no attempts of Negroes to organize violent movements.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Good	Coverage Ghetto
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1 - 170-85
① - 44-565 MURKIN
1 - 157-222 RM, Akron RA
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (170-92)

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA JOHN WALLACE WERTZ

☐ CI ☐ SI ☒ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Dates of Contact		
3/14, 3/26, 4/5, 4/19		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
44-565	MURKIN	
157-222	RM, Akron RA	
Purpose and results of contact		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE	<p>Source was contacted 4/5 re MURKIN suspects and/or plans of local Negroes in the Kent, Ohio area for acts of reprisal, but could furnish no positive info.</p> <p>Source remaining alert for rumors, plans, etc of Negroes in Kent ghetto re possible violence in the future. He has learned em of no indications of organized activity among Negroes, such as stockpiling of arms and ammo, etc.</p> <p>He furnished the following background info: Height: 5'11"; weight 150 lbs.; hair black; eyes brown; marital status - single; phone number - [REDACTED] born [REDACTED] at Birmingham, Alabama; military - U. S. Army, as corporal, 6/25/41 to 10/16/44, SN [REDACTED] received honorable discharge; admits prior arrests for drunk, drunken driving, received two years probation at CV for a gas station robbery.</p>	
<input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE		
<input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating V. GOOD	Coverage GHETTO
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① - 44-565 MURKIN
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A I R T E L

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (44-657) - P -
SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Cleveland teletype to Bureau and Richmond,
4/22/68.

AT CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA:

The following investigation was conducted by
SAs FRANKLIN R. WASHEURG and JOHN G. MC CARTHY:

On 4/22/68, MERVIN L. MC ALLISTER, Arthur's Grill, East Main St., Charlottesville, Va., advised that he is the owner and operator of the restaurant. MC ALLISTER advised that he is the only male Caucasian employed at the grill and that he most frequently operates as the counter-man. MC ALLISTER was observed to have the same physical stature of JAMES EARL RAY, but did not possess any of the facial, physical attributes of RAY and did not have any scar on the center of his forehead or on the palm of his right hand.

MC ALLISTER stated that his lifelong residence is Charlottesville, Va., and had opened Arthur's Grill in 5/67.

Judge ALLEN SPITZER, Municipal Court Judge, Charlottesville, Va., a patron in the restaurant at the time, advised that he has known MC ALLISTER as a local.

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resident for many years.

On 4/23/68, Assistant COP G. O. DURHAM, Charlottesville, Va. PD and Deputy Sheriff M. W. SANDRIDGE, Albemarle Co. SO, Charlottesville, Va., both advised that MERVIN L. MC ALLISTER, owner of Arthur's Grill, has been a life-long resident of Charlottesville, Va. and has operated the restaurant on East Main St. for a period of about one year.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, CV (44-565) *attention: SA McCann*

DATE: 4-26-68

FROM : SA Morris E. Eller

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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(OO: Memphis)

Re: Atlanta Airtels to Director, 4/22/68, 4/25

a review of all pending 26 cases which have been opened since ^{3/23/68} ~~4/1/68~~ disclosed that none of these cases involved stolen cars from the State of Georgia, where the transporter can not be accounted for.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND
ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Atlanta airtel to Director, 4/22/68.

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For information those offices not receiving reairtel, it was pointed out therein that Subject JAMES EARL RAY, aka. was last known to be in the Atlanta, Georgia, area on 4/5/68. Intensive investigation by Atlanta to date has not established mode of transportation RAY may have used after 4/5/68. Receiving Offices were requested in reairtel to check cars recovered their division that were stolen from the State of Georgia subsequent to 4/4/68, and where the transporter of same was not identified or otherwise accounted for, investigation should be conducted to determine if RAY was person who may have stolen and transported same.

Investigation reflects Subject RAY can be placed in the Atlanta, Georgia, area 3/24/68.

In view of the above, all Continental Offices are requested to review car recoveries within their respective territories of cars stolen from the State of Georgia subsequent to 3/23/68, and where the transporter of same is not otherwise eliminated or accounted for, consider Subject RAY as suspect. Where there is any remote indication that Subject RAY may have been person transporting such a car, exhaustive and intensive investigation should thereafter be conducted.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565) (P)

DATE: 4/27/68

FROM : SA ROBERT A. BILGREEN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re. memo of SPC MICHAEL BACA.

On April 24, 1968, HOWARD and MYRTLE PORTER were contacted at their residence, 1329 North Route #7, Pierpont, Ohio.

They advised that on April 19, 1968, between 2:30 p.m., and 3:30 p.m., they observed a person hitchhiking on Route #7 in front of their home. When they observed him he was about 100 to 150 yards away from their home and part of him was hidden by an embankment. The writer looked out of this window and noted that it would not be possible to observe more than the upper portion of the subject's body from this point. It would not be possible to distinguish any facial characteristics. Although Mr. PORTER did not show the effect of alcohol at the time of the contact he admitted to being an alcoholic, as he stated the man in front of his home looked like an alcoholic and he knew what they looked like since he was one.

MR. & MRS. PORTER advised that after this person left the area they observed a news broadcast on TV and thought that the person in front of their home resembled the photo of GALT shown on the TV set. They described the person in front of their home as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	45-57 - Looked older than Mr. PORTER who is age 50 but looks older due to hard life as an Alcoholic.
Height:	5'6" - 5'8"
Weight:	160-180 #
Build:	Stocky
Complexion:	Ruddy
Hair:	Dark brown, possibly curly & Grey sideburns
Clothing	Brown suit coat and blue or grey work pants, no hat.

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Upon further questioning they stated that they had to guess at the height and weight since they could not see the portion of the persons body below the middle of his chest. They were shown a photograph of GALT. and advised that this person was definitely older than GALT, his shoulders were larger suggesting a stocky build.

Due to the distance involved it is felt that they could not possibly identify anyone. It is also noted that items of identification furnished by them would not be possible to observe from the distance ~~may~~ involved between their observation point and the place they indicated he stood at the time of their seeing him, therefore no further investigation is being conducted.

4-25-68

TO: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565)
FROM: SA LAWRENCE A. WESTCOTT
SUBJECT: MURKIM
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On 4-22-68 Vic Lytle, 314 Dickens Street, Toledo, advised that he filled out some income tax returns at the the South & Wayne Street temporary office of the Merchants Accounting Company for one ELWOOD DAVID SHANNON and one MURRAY STREETER. He stated that Shannon lived at 1032 Gordon Street, Toledo, but he did not have the present address for Streeter.

Mr. Shannon explained that he thought that Streeter might be identical with the subject who killed Dr. Martin Luther King. Mr. Shannon stated he believed the whereabouts of Streeter could be obtained from Shannon.

On 4-22-68 Mrs. Elwood Shannon, 1032 Gordon Street stated that Elwood David Shannon was her son. She stated that she did not know Streeter.

In the late PM of 4-22-68 Murray Streeter telephonically contacted the Toledo RA and advised that he understood the FBI had made an inquiry concerning him. He stated that he would

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be available at 10:50 AM on the following day, 4-23-68 at the Standard Oil Plant where he is a welder.

On 4-23-68 Murray Streeter was contacted at the Sohio Refinery, Cedar Point Road at which time he exhibited a State of New Mexico Driver's license bearing the name of MURRAY ALLEN STREETER, 339 E. Main Street, Farmington, New Mexico. The license bore # 378644 and Social Security Number He was described on the license as 5' 8½", 190 lbs, black hair, blue eyes, and DOB of

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Streeter is employed as a welder by the Nooter Company where his work badge number is 2479.

Streeter is a member of Local 132 at Galveston, Texas, where his Serial # is 586123 B.

Streeter did not fit the description of James Earl Ray. Streeter did not have any whorl pattern in his fingerprints.

Streeter was informed that he was merely one of a number of individual being eliminated during an investigation; however, he did not know which investigation.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565)

DATE: 4-28-68

FROM : SPC BRICE A. WESTHOVEN

SUBJECT: MURKIN;

At approximately 12:13 am above date a GEORGE W. CLINARD 112 West Mansfield St. room #430 Weaver Hotel Bucyrus, Ohio telephone number 562-1256 telephonically contacted this office and relayed the following information.

CLINARD advised that he works part time tending bar in PLAZA CAFE telephone number 563-1726 which is located in the Weaver Hotel. CLINARD stated that about two weeks ago an individual came into the PLAZA CAFE and ordered a Imperial & ginger and sipped the same drink for about 40 minutes. CLINARD advised that during the time unsub was in the cafe he appeared to be extremely nervous watching him and everyone in the cafe continually. CLINARD advised that unsub had the habit of pulling on his left ear with his left hand frequently. CLINARD advised that subject is "a twin brother" of the person he saw in the papers if he isn't the same person. CLINARD stated that he called this office re the first time he saw subject but as of the present time this office has been trying to get in touch with him but have been unable to do so because he is frequently out of town.

CLINARD advised that at approximately 11:45 pm 4-27-68 last he was tending bar at the Plaza Cafe and he saw the same individual as before look in the door and window of the Plaza Cafe then leave without entering. CLINARD advised that he went outside to see where the man went but claimed that he "vanished".

CLINARD described the ~~man~~ man as follows, 5ft. 9inches 160 lbs., short wavy hair brown, three inch scar on left cheek, dark brown suit, white shirt and light brown tie.

CLINARD requested that someone contact him sometime on 4-28-68 either at the hotel or after 2pm at the cafe.

Indices is negative re GEORGE W. CLINARD.



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565)

DATE: April 29, 1968

FROM : SA HAROLD E. WEIDA

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Retel of Bureau to all continental offices dated 4/14/68 requesting a check of all dancing schools be made for any record of prior attendance of the subject. In connection with this request, the following dance studios were contacted:

Arthur Murray Studio
Canton, Ohio

Reynold's-McIlvain Dance Studio
Canton, Ohio

Wanda Scott School of Dance
Canton, Ohio

Margaret Appells Dancing School
Canton, Ohio

Shirley Hothem Dance School
North Canton, Ohio

Cassidy Dance School
Canton, Ohio

The above-described agencies had no information to indicate the subject had ever been in attendance at their schools.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CV (44-565)
Att'n : SA McCANN

DATE: April 25, 1968

FROM : SA VINCENT R. NAPOLI

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Reference: MM airtel to Bureau dated 4/11/68
re shipment from A.L. Garber Co, Ashland,
Ohio to Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co, Miami.

On 4/24/68, DEAN STEWART, VP in charge of Administration, A.L. Garber Co, Union St, Ashland, Ohio made available the original yellow copy of the packaging slip pertaining to order No. 52360. He verified the fact the order as described on the slip was sent to the shipping department on 4/4/68 and shipped from the company on 4/5/68.

STEWART explained all orders are written up on such packaging slips, pointing out the original copy maintained at the company is yellow. The copy is perforated so that after the order is filled by a packer, the bottom half of the copy can be torn off and sent along with the order to the customer. The top half of the packaging slip copy is also kept at the company in the shipping dept.

In the lower left hand corner of the original and the bottom half of the copy is a space provided for the packers clock number. However, in viewing the original copy of this shipment, he noted the clock number does not appear. STEWART stated the employees in the shipping department have been careless as of late in writing in their clock numbers and only recently orders have been issued to these employees to be sure they write in their respective numbers when packing an order.

In examining the xerox copy of the packaging slip as provided by Miami Division, STEWART felt the clock number that appeared thereon was 463. In checking, this clock number was found to be that of GEORGE CHARLES GRAY, age 19, born [redacted] *Loc 01, Ohio*, who was hired on 5/10/67. He noted GRAY has been working in the bindery department as a packer since 2/26/68. When hired he lived at RD 2, Jeromesville, Ohio and was single. He is now married and *Loc 01, Ohio* lives at 514 Ohio St, Ashland. His SSN is [redacted] he is 5'7½", 150 lbs, and quit school after attending Hillsdale H.S., Ashland County, Ohio for 2 years. He formerly worked at the Ashland Car Wash. He married on 8/6/67 and lists 2 dependents. He is rated as an average employee

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In examining the application for employment as filled out in GRAY's handwriting and printing, it was observed by the writer that there appeared to be several letters which had some similarities with that printing as appears on the note in question.

After determining the information as shown above, it was determined by STEWART that GRAY had gone home after completing his shift, but it was expected he would return on 4/25/68.

Efforts made by the writer on 4/24/68 to locate GRAY at his home. 514 Ohio St, met with negative results.

On 4/25/68, GRAY was contacted and interviewed at the A.L. Garber Co. Upon being shown the original copy of the packaging slip in question, he readily admitted the handwriting thereon itemizing the items shipped was written by him, and also admitted the order was filled and packaged by him. He was then shown the copy of the note ~~xxxx~~ written on the small piece of paper apparently torn from the copy of the packaging slip that was shipped with the package, and he readily admitted writing the note. This note reads: "DR REV. MARTIN L. KING will be dead by 4/14/68".

When asked why and when he wrote the note, GRAY said he wrote the note on 4/5/68, the day after the assassination, during his first break period about 10:00 AM. He said he planned to play a joke on his fellow worker, ROGER DOVE, who also works in the bindery dept, by showing him the note, hoping DOVE had not yet heard of the murder. He said he planned to say at the time he would have shown DOVE the note he knew the murder was to take place, and make it appear to DOVE he was "really in the know". However, he did not go through with this prank as he was side-tracked by someone else calling him and thus he never approached DOVE. He said he had torn the note from the copy of the packaging slip, and did not intend to send the note with the package. He said he did not realize he had sent the note with the package until the time of the interview. He said he would never have sent the note along with the package on purpose as he realized this would have caused some reaction. He insisted he did not know the note was in the package and was at a loss to understand how it got in the package. He suggested the note probably got stuck to one of the inside packages without his noticing it.

GRAY insisted he did not send the note along with the package on purpose to see what reaction it would cause as he would not do such a thing. He said he was sorry for any trouble or time consumption his backfired prank caused and said he definitely did not have any advance knowledge of KING's murder. He said he does not know the suspect, RAY, and has spent all of his life in the Ashland area.

Memo, SAC
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When asked if he had ever been in trouble with the law previously, GRAY admitted that when he was 14 or 15 years of age, he was arrested for stealing property from the grade school he was attending. He was given one year probation and placed on a farm in West Salem, Ohio (12 miles from Ashland). He noted he no longer is on probation.

Further, he also admitted that when he was 17 he was picked up by the Mansfield, Ohio PD on suspicion of burglary. However, he claimed he was cleared of the suspicion after his fingerprints were taken and eliminated as being identical with those prints found at the scene. GRAY denied any other arrests.

On 4/25/68, Sgt DONALD MULLIN, Ass't Identification Officer, Mansfield, Ohio PD stated GRAY was arrested under Mansfield PD No. 13236 on 10/22/66 for investigation of ransacking cars. He was fingerprinted and mugged and released the same date, noting he was a juvenile, age 17. Sgt MULLIN pointed out it was the practice at that time of the Mansfield PD under supervision of former Ident'n Officer CARL E. BEARD, to print and mug juveniles, but to not forward the prints to the FBI, unless some specific reason arose to do so. In checking further, MULLIN located the prints of GRAY on file at the Ident Bureau of the Mansfield PD and stated they would be made available if needed.

In view of the above, and since there appears to be no violation of FBI jurisdiction, no further investigation is being conducted re this matter unless ~~specifically instructed to do so.~~

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4/29/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY)
FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565) (P)
RE: MURKIN
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Miami airtel to Director, 4/11/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA VINCENT R. NAPOLI in connection with a note found by KATHRIN HOBSON, Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company which stated "Dr. Rev. MARTIN L. KING will be dead by 4/4/68.", referred to in above referenced airtel.

This note was found by Mrs. HOBSON in a package of stationery supplies from the A. L. Garber Company Printing, Ashland, Ohio.

Investigation is set forth as follows:

On 4/24/68, DEAN STEWART, VP in charge of Administration, A. L. Garber Company, Union Street, Ashland, Ohio, made available the original yellow copy of the packaging slip pertaining to order No. 52360. He verified the fact the order as described on the slip was sent to the shipping department on 4/4/68, and shipped from the company on 4/5/68.

STEWART explained all orders are written up on such packaging slips, pointing out the original copy maintained at the company is yellow. The copy is perforated so that after the order is filled by a packer, the bottom half of the copy can be torn off and sent along with the order to the customer. The top half of the packaging slip copy is also kept at the company in the shipping department.

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- 2 - Cleveland

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In the lower left hand corner of the original and the bottom half of the copy is a space provided for the packer's clock number. However, in viewing the original copy of this shipment, he noted the clock number does not appear. STEWART stated the employees in the shipping department have been careless as of late in writing in their clock numbers and only recently orders have been issued to these employees to be sure they write in their respective numbers when packing an order.

In examining the xerox copy of the packaging slip as provided by Miami Division, STEWART felt the clock number that appeared thereon was 463. In checking, this clock number was found to be that of GEORGE CHARLES GRAY, age 19, born [redacted] PII Lodi, Ohio, who was hired on 5/10/67. He noted GRAY has been working in the bindery department as a packer since 2/26/68. When hired he lived at RD #2, Jeromesville, Ohio, and was single. He is now married and lives at 514 Ohio Street, Ashland. PII His SSN is [redacted] he is 5'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", 150 lbs., and quit school after attending Hillsdale High School, Ashland County, Ohio, for 2 years. He formerly worked at the Ashland Car Wash. He married on 8/6/67, and lists 2 dependents. He is rated as an average employee.

In examining the application for employment as filled out in GRAY's handwriting and printing, it was observed by the writer that there appeared to be several letters which had similarities with that printing as appears on the note in question.

After determining the information as shown above, it was determined by STEWART that GRAY had gone home after completing his shift, but it was expected he would return on 4/25/67.

Efforts made by the writer on 4/24/68, to locate GRAY at his home, 514 Ohio Street, met with negative results.

On 4/25/68, GRAY was contacted and interviewed at the A. L. Garber Company. Upon being shown the original copy of the packaging slip in question, he readily admitted the handwriting thereon itemizing the items shipped was written by him, and also admitted the order was filled and packaged by him. He was then shown the copy of the note written on the small piece of paper apparently torn from the copy of the packaging slip that was shipped with the package, and he readily admitted writing the note. This note reads: "Dr. Rev. MARTIN L. KING will be dead by 4/14/68".

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When asked why and when he wrote the note, GRAY said he wrote the note on 4/5/68, the day after the assassination, during his first break period about 10:00 AM. He said he planned to play a joke on his fellow worker, ROGER DOVE, who also works in the bindery department, by showing him the note, hoping DOVE had not yet heard of the murder. He said he planned to say at the time he would have shown DOVE the note he knew the murder was to take place, and make it appear to DOVE he was "really in the know". However, he did not go through with this prank as he was side-tracked by someone else calling him and thus he never approached DOVE. He said he had torn the note from the copy of the packaging slip, and did not intend to send the note with the package. He said he did not realize he had sent the note with the package until the time of the interview. He said he would never have sent the note along with the package on purpose as he realized this would have caused some reaction. He insisted he did not know the note was in the package and was at a loss to understand how it got in the package. He suggested the note probably got stuck to one of the inside packages without his noticing it.

GRAY insisted he did not send the note along with the package on purpose to see what reaction it would cause as he would not do such a thing. He said he was sorry for any trouble or time consumption his backfired prank caused and said he definitely did not have any advance knowledge of KING's murder. He said he does not know the suspect, RAY, and has spent all of his life in the Ashland area.

When asked if he had ever been in trouble with the law previously, GRAY admitted that when he was 14 or 15 years of age, he was arrested for stealing property from the grade school he was attending. He was given one year probation and placed on a farm in West Salem, Ohio (12 miles from Ashland). He noted he no longer is on probation.

Further, he also admitted that when he was 17 he was picked up by the Mansfield, Ohio Police Department on suspicion of burglary. However, he claimed he was cleared of the suspicion after his fingerprints were taken and eliminated as being identical with those prints found at the scene. GRAY denied any other arrests.

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On 4/25/68, Sergeant DONALD MULLIN, Assistant Identification Officer, Mansfield, Ohio PD, stated GRAY was arrested under Mansfield PD #13236 on 10/22/66, for investigation of ransacking cars. He was fingerprinted and mugged and released the same date, noting he was a juvenile, age 17. Sergeant MULLIN pointed out it was the practice at that time of the Mansfield PD under supervision of former Identification Officer CARL E. BEARD, to print and mug juveniles, but to not forward the prints to the FBI, unless some specific reason arose to do so. In checking further, MULLIN located the prints of GRAY on file at the Identification Bureau of the Mansfield PD and stated they would be made available if needed.

In view of the above and since there appears to be no violation of FBI jurisdiction, no further investigation is being conducted re this matter, UACB.

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Date: 4/25/68

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(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) -P-
RE: MURKIN
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Re ME airtel to All Continental Offices, 4/19/68, requesting that all laundries determined to be using Thermo-Seal laundry marking machines be contacted in effort to locate laundry marking "20R-3", and LA teletype to Bureau, 4/18/68.

All offices discontinue efforts to locate inasmuch as laundry mark identified as coming from laundry in Culver City, California, per Los Angeles teletype to Bureau, 4/18/68.

- 1 - Each Continental Office
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Approved: RG Jensen
Special Agent in Charge

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565)

DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : SA JAMES F. KELLY

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS

OO: Memphis

Re Memphis airtel to all office, 4/19/68 to re-contact laundries using Thermo-Seal Marking Machines to identify code "20 R-3".

The following investigation was conducted on April 24, 1968:

The following individuals were re-contacted:

JACK HOFFMAN
Menh Brothers Laundry
643 E. 103, Cleveland
(formerly Laundromatic, 8315 Euclid)

WALTER BESSING
Plant Manager
Swift Cleaning and Laundry, Inc.
89th Euclid Avenue

BEN LICHTMAN
Checker Cleaners
1570 E. 105

HENRY WILLIAMS
Cleveland Laundry
2934 Carnegie Avenue

Mrs. ETHEL FOSSBERG
BMS Laundry Machinery Company
10516 Morison Avenue

LUTHER PETTRY,
Laundry Manager
YMCA
E. 22 and Prospect

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The above individuals advised that code "20 R-3" was not their code and they were unable to identify it being used by any other local laundry.

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TO : SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565)

DATE: April 29, 1968

FROM : SA HAROLD E. WEIDA

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On April 18, 1968, DAVID H. FOSTER, Funeral Director, Spikers Funeral Home, 710 West Tuscarawas Street, Canton, Ohio, advised that on the previous evening he had met with his stock club at Dick Logan's Restaurant in Canton and at about 9:45 p.m., he and another member, Attorney DON STEINER, had proceeded to the Cabaret Bar located across the street from Logan's Restaurant. As they were sitting at the bar, another patron, whom he described as 36 to 38 years of age, white male, brown wavy hair, good looking, well dressed, wearing cuff links and a black onyx ring on his right hand and a wedding band on his left hand with neat appearing nails and hands, who was approximately 5 feet 10 inches, 160 pounds, struck up a conversation with them and stated that he was a psychologist teaching at Kent State University (KSU), and further stated that he was from the Akron, Ohio, area and subsequently stated the Alliance, Ohio, area. Mr. FOSTER stated that the man introduced himself as Dr. ORDIN T. PILT or TILT (ph). He stated he noted the man was drinking VO and water and further commented that he had received his B.S. degree from Toledo University and his Doctor's degree from the University of Michigan.

FOSTER stated that the following morning he had observed a photograph in the newspaper of ERIE STARVO GALT and thought there was some similarity in the appearance of the photograph and the man he had seen in the bar.

Mr. FOSTER was questioned as to whether he noted any special peculiarity and he stated he did not, that the man's conversation indicated that he was probably a midwesterner or a native of that vicinity. He added that the barmaid, LINDA, had served this patron and also suggested that Mr. STEINER may have made some observation regarding this individual.

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LINDA FARKAS, 1220 Wertz Avenue, SW, Canton, Ohio, was contacted at the Cabaret Bar and stated that she had had a telephone call from Mr. FOSTER regarding the patron who had been in the bar the previous night. She stated that she did not feel that he resembled the photograph she had seen of ERIC STARVO GALT which appeared on TV the previous night. She stated that she recalls the man had said his name was ORDWAY T. PELT (ph) and had insisted that he be called DOC. She said that he had asked her to dance; however, she had refused and he had also asked her for a date to go bowling, but she again refused. He inquired as to where "the action was in Canton", indicating that he was not familiar with the area, however, he also mentioned that he was from the Alliance and Akron, Ohio, areas. She said that she recalled that he drank VO and water and left after a short time in the bar. She described him as approximately 30 years of age, white male, light brown hair, blue eyes, 5 feet 8 inches, slight build, wearing a shirt open at the neck and a suit, wearing a wedding band, and she did not think that he appeared identical to the photograph of GALT.

On April 18, 1968, DONALD STEINER, Attorney, was contacted at his office in the Harter Bank Building and stated that he had been in telephonic contact with DAVID FOSTER, a member of his stock club, and they had discussed the individual they had seen at the Cabaret Bar the previous evening, and what resemblance he may have had to ERIC STARVO GALT. Mr. STEINER stated that he was embarrassed to have had Mr. FOSTER suggest that possibly the patron was identical with GALT inasmuch as he did not feel that the person was identical although there was some similarity in his appearance. He stated that during the conversation that this patron had introduced himself as Dr. PEEL (ph) and that he was a psychiatrist and teaching psychology at KSU. He stated he was in the presence of this man approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ hour and described him as a white male, 40, dark hair, medium to slight build, 5 feet 10-11 inches, 170-175 pounds, and no noticeable rural accent to his speech. This patron indicated that he was familiar with the writings on psychiatry and Mr. STEINER questioned him about special writings and he acknowledged that he was familiar with them. He also