

5/4/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau teletype to Dallas and Memphis dated 5/4/68
relative to BERNARD WALFAIT.

STANISLAW SLAWIK (not STANISLAW FLAWIK as set forth
in referenced teletype) an established source of the Dallas
Office and owner of the Old Warsaw Restaurant, 3924 Cedar
Spring Road, Dallas, Texas, today advised that BERNARD WALFAIT
(not BERNARD WALEANT as set forth in referenced teletype) is
the assistant chef at his restaurant and has occupied that
position in excess of one year. SLAWIK stated he can account
for WALFAIT's whereabouts on a daily basis during that period
until the middle of April when WALFAIT went directly to Mexico
City with reservations at the Maria Cristina Hotel, Mexico
City, made by SLAWIK thereby preceding WALFAIT's departure
from Dallas.

Inasmuch as BERNARD WALFAIT has been eliminated as
a suspect in this case, no further action being taken in this
regard in Dallas.

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1-19PM URGENT 5/4/68 LCC
TO DALLAS AND MEMPHIS
FROM DIRECTOR 1P

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MURKIN.

LEGAT, MEXICO CITY, HAS ADVISED MRS. HELEN PAGE,
MARIA CRISTINA HOTEL, MEXICO CITY, ADVISED AN INDIVIDUAL WAS
GUEST AT HOTEL IN MID-APRIL LAST. DID NOT HAVE SUSPECT'S
CORRECT NAME, BUT ALLEGED HE RESEMBLED NINETEEN FIFTY-TWO
PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY, WHICH APPEARED IN RECENT ARTICLES OF TIME
AND NEWSWEEK MAGAZINES. INVESTIGATION DISCLOSED SUSPECT
REGISTERED AS BERNARD HALFANT, ONE FIVE ONE SIX N. PEACH STREET,
DALLAS, TEXAS. INDICATED HIS PROFESSION AS CHEF AND WAS
DRIVING AUTOMOBILE BEARING LICENSE KRY FOUR NINE (STATE NOT
LISTED). HE WAS REGISTERED FROM APRIL SIXTEEN TO TWENTY LAST.
HALFANT WAS RECOMMENDED TO HOTEL BY STANISLAW FLAWIK, ONE ZERO
ONE ONE TWO INWOOD ROAD, DALLAS, AN ESTABLISHED PATRON ON HOTEL.

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DALLAS CONDUCT NECESSARY INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY
HALFANT AND DETERMINE ANY POSSIBLE RELATIONSHIP TO SUBJECT
IN THIS CASE.

CORR LINE 12 WORD 10 SHOULD READ OF HOTEL.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : FILE (44-2649) (P)

FROM : SAC SHANKLIN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/3/68

On 5/3/68, at 3:40 PM, Supervisor ELMER TODD, Washington Field Office, advised that there was a manila envelope addressed to the Legat, Mexico City in custody of the Captain of Braniff Flight #15 that left Washington at 3:20 PM, Washington time, scheduled arrival at Dallas 5:14 PM, Dallas time.

The Bureau has requested that we meet this plane, pick up the envelope and place it on the first available flight to Mexico City. Check at Washington would indicate that this would indicate Flight 3 reaching Dallas at 7:20 PM, scheduled to arrive at Mexico City at approximately 10:30 PM. Legat, Mexico City should be called. 9:34

The Bureau advised that the Legat's telephone number in Mexico City is 25-9100 and that NAT FERRIS' home telephone number is 40-1723.

ADDENDUM:

At approximately 4:30 PM, I called Legat, Mexico City; in the absence of NAT FERRIS, I talked with Assistant Legal Attache JOHN FORD and advised him that unless I called him back, the package would be on Braniff Flight 3, leaving Dallas 7:00 PM, scheduled arrival Mexico City 9:36 PM, and that the chief stewardess would bring the package into the terminal manager. FORD's home telephone is 20-0216.

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FBI LOS ANG.

11:43 PM URGENT 5-3-68 NLB
TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND DALLAS
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN.

RE DALLAS TEL, MAY ONE LAST; AND PHONE CALLS BY SUBJECT
EN ROUTE LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS.

CALLS MADE FROM SANDERSON, TEXAS.

CALL TO FOUR NINE TWO DASH SEVEN THREE NINE SEVEN
WAS TO MRS. JON C. MANSUR, SAN CLEMENTE, CALIFORNIA, ON
DECEMBER SIXTEEN LAST FROM UNCLE RAYMOND WILKINSON,
SAN ANTONIO, RELATIVE TO CANCELLATION OF VISIT TO MANSUR.

CALL TO SEVEN THREE FOUR DASH SEVEN FOUR ZERO EIGHT
FROM VIRGILE COLLINS, LOS ANGELES TO ANNIE BARR, SANDERSON,
TEXAS, ON DECEMBER SEVENTEEN LAST.

CALL TO FIVE TWO NINE DASH ZERO ONE THREE THREE REPEAT
CALL COVERED IN LOS ANGELES TEL, MAY TWO LAST.

CALL TO FIVE TWO NINE DASH ZERO FOUR FOUR FOUR IS LISTED
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**TO ROBERT BARRERA, MEMBER OF FAMILY COVERED IN LOS ANGELES
TEL, MAY TWO LAST.**

**CALL TO NINE EIGHT FOUR DASH ONE FIVE NINE SIX WAS
TO MRS. RUBEN ACOSTA, ONTARIO, CALIFORNIA, FROM MOTHER
AMELIA TEYVA, ALPINE, TEXAS, ON DECEMBER SEVENTEEN LAST.**

SUBJECT UNKNOWN TO LOS ANGELES RECIPIENTS OF CALLS.

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FBI DALLAS

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Date: 5/1/68

Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (44-715) (P)
RE: MURKIN

Re telephone calls by subject RAY en route from Los Angeles to New Orleans.

Re Dallas teletype to Bureau, 4/30/68.

REX DEMPSEY, school teacher, 1515 Cortez, Hurley, New Mexico, phone subscriber 2537-2180 advised on 4/30/68 that he believes that they received a call on Sunday, 12/17/67, in the evening from their son-in-law, EDWARD KENNETH CHASON. DEMPSEY stated CHASON was a truck driver for a company at that time, name of company unknown. DEMPSEY believes CHASON now drives with uncle (name unknown) at St. Petersburg, Florida.

DEMPSEY stated CHASON makes a practice of phoning them, usually collect, when he passes through the Southwest area on Interstate U. S. 10. DEMPSEY advised that he usually drives from Hurley down to Deming, New Mexico, to meet CHASON after the call. DEMPSEY stated that these calls are usually received from Van Horn, Texas, or Lordsburg, New Mexico. DEMPSEY cannot recall specifically receiving a call from Marfa, Texas.

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Special Agent in Charge

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DEMPSEY stated he does recall making a trip to Deming to get CHASON during the December snowstorm, as school was closed Monday, December 18, and on the 18th, he was in Deming with CHASON.

Mrs. FRANCES DEMPSEY, wife, stated she believed the call came at the same time that her husband had stated.

CHASON presently lives at 875 22nd Avenue South, St. Petersburg, Florida.

CHASON is described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	23
Height	5' 7" - 8"
Hair	Blond
Wife	PHYLLIS DEMSEY CHASON

Marfa, Texas, is approximately 297 miles southeast of Deming, New Mexico.

FBI-HOUSTON

FBI NEW ORLS

712PM URGENT 5-2-68 CJC

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, AND HOUSTON
FROM NEW ORLEANS 157-10673

MURKIN.

RE: CALL MADE FROM COIN TELEPHONE, ALPINE,
TEXAS ON DEC. SIXTEEN LAST TO NINE
THREE EIGHT FIVE SIX THREE EIGHT, GREENWOOD,
LA.

TELEPHONE NUMBER NINE THREE EIGHT DASH FIVE SIX THREE EIGHT
IS LISTED TO R. L. HAMMETT, GREENWOOD, LOUISIANA. UPON INTERVIEW
HAMMETT ADVISES HE CAN NOT SPECIFICALLY RECALL WHO CONTACTED
HIM ON DEC. SIXTEEN LAST FROM ALPINE, TEXAS., HOWEVER, HAMMETT
STATES DURING DECEMBER NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN HE RECEIVED
NUMEROUS LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALLS FROM HIS UNCLE,
ED HUNSUCKER, INQUIRING ABOUT THE PHYSICAL CONDITION OF HAMMETT'S
FATHER WHO WAS IN POOR HEALTH. THESE CALLS WERE RECEIVED
FROM VARIOUS AREAS IN TEXAS INASMUCH AS HUNSUCKER IS A TRUCK
DRIVER AND TRAVELS EXTENSIVELY THROUGHOUT TEXAS. HAMMETT VIEWED
PHOTOGRAPHS OF JAMES EARL RAY AND STATES THAT RAY IS COMPLETELY
UNKNOWN TO HIM. NEW ORLEANS INDICIES CONTAIN NO INFO IDENTIFIABLE
WITH HAMMETT OR HUNSUCKER.

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RE NOEL GRAY, PROFESSOR, HISTORY DEPARTMENT, SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY, BATON ROUGE, LA.

IN JUNE, SIXTYFIVE, NEW ORLEANS POSSESSED INFORMATION CONCERNING REMARKS ALLEGEDLY MADE BY NOEL GRAY THAT THE NEGRO RACE NEEDED A "NEW MONUMENT," AS CHRIST HAD BEEN DEAD TWO THOUSAND YEARS AND IT WOULD BE BETTER IF KING OR JAMES FARMER WERE KILLED. THIS INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED FROM JACK N. ROGERS, THEN COMMITTEE COUNSEL FOR THE JOINT LEGISLATURE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES FOR THE STATE OF LOUISIANA. ROGERS IN JUNE, SIXTYFIVE, DECLINED TO REVEAL HIS SOURCE OF INFORMATION CONCERNING GRAY.

ON APRIL THIRTY, SIXTYEIGHT, DR. FELTON G. CLARK, PRESIDENT, SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY, BATON ROUGE, ADVISED GRAY IS PROFESSOR IN HISTORY DEPARTMENT AT SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AND RESIDES ONE ZERO SEVEN FIVE MAYHAW DRIVE, BATON ROUGE. FURTHER GRAY TEACHING AT SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY SINCE FIFTYTWO AND DURING
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THAT TIME HAS NOT ENGAGED IN ANY ACTIVITIES TO AGITATE MEMBERS OF THE STUDENT BODY OR ENGAGED IN ANY CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVITIES. CLARK STATED GRAY WELL RESPECTED ON CAMPUS AND LIKED BY BOTH STUDENTS AND FACULTY.

RECORDS, BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION, LSP, AS OF APRIL THIRTY, SIXTYEIGHT, DISCLOSED NOEL GRAY, BORN DECEMBER THIRTEEN, THIRTY SIX, AT NEW ORLEANS, ARRESTED BY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, BATON ROUGE, DECEMBER SEVENTEEN, SIXTYONE, ON CHARGE OF VAGRANCY, WHICH WAS SUBSEQUENTLY VOLUNTARILY DISPOSED.

JACK M. ROGERS, ATTORNEY, BATON ROUGE, LA., CONTACTED MAY ONE, SIXTYEIGHT, AT WHICH TIME ROGERS ADVISED HIS SOURCE OF INFORMATION CONCERNING GRAY IS NOW DECEASED. ROGERS STILL DECLINES TO DISCLOSE IDENTITY OF THIS SOURCE. ROGERS STATED HOWEVER, HIS SOURCE HAD ADVISED HIM ON MARCH FIVE, SIXTYFIVE, THAT GRAY HAD TOLD SOURCE THAT MOST NEGROES CONSIDERED JAMES FARMER A REVISIONIST AND CONSIDERED MARTIN LUTHER KING A MESSIAH. FURTHER, GRAY STATED THE NEGROES NEED A NEW

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MONUMENT AS JESUS CHRIST HAD BEEN DEAD FOR TWO THOUSAND YEARS. ROGERS STATED SOURCE TOLD HIM "THE ASSASSINATION OF FARMER HAD BEEN A MATTER OF OPEN CONJECTURE." ROGERS SAID NO MENTION WAS MADE OF ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, HOWEVER, IT WAS ROGERS' OPINION THAT PROBABLY ASSASSINATION OF BOTH FARMER AND KING A MATTER OF CONJECTURE.

APPROPRIATE RI-PROB SOURCE CONTACTED BATON ROUE AREA MAY ONE, SIXTYEIGHT, AND GRAY UNKNOWN TO SOURCE.

FILES OF NEW ORLEANS OFFICE CONTAIN NEWSPAPER CLIPPING OF BATON ROUGE MORNING ADVOCATE NEWSPAPER DATED JANUARY TWENTYNINE SIXTYTWO WHICH REVEALS THAT NOEL G. GRAY DESCRIBED AS A MEMBER OF FACULTY AT SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY IN BATON ROUGE WAS ONE OF ONE HUNDRED AND TWO FACULTY MEMBERS WHO HAD SIGNED A STATEMENT REGRETING ACTION TAKEN AGAINST SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION IN STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS IN REGARDS TO THE RACIAL QUESTION. NEW ORLEANS FILES CONTAIN NO OTHER INFO IDENTIFIABLE WITH GRAY. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE GRAY IS NOT NOT BEING CONTACTED FOR INTERVIEW.

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RE: TELEPHONE CALLS ORIGINATING FROM
PROVINCIAL MOTEL, NEW ORLEANS.
DEC. SEVENTEEN THRU NINETEEN ,
NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN.

RALPH BENNETT, DISTRICT PLANT MANAGER, SOUTHERN
BELL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY ADVISES THAT SOUTHERN BELL,
NEW ORLEANS, HAS NO TAPE OR IBM TYPE OF SYSTEM THAT WOULD ENABLE
THE TELEPHONE COMPANY TO KEEP ANY RECORD OF OUTGOING LOCAL CALLS
MADE FROM THE PROVINCIAL MOTEL.

RE: COOLEY (PH) OR COOLEY'S ORGANIZATION
NEW ORLEANS INDICIES CONTAIN NO INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE
WITH THIS INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANIZATION.

RE: JOHNNY VALENTI (PH)
KANSAS CITY OFFICE ADVISED MAY TWO INSTANT THAT
JOHNNY VELANTIE WAS PAROLLED ON MARCH TWENTY EIGHT, SIXTY
SEVEN AND WAS ORIGINALLY FROM ATLANTA, GA. IN VIEW
OF THIS NEW ORLEANS HOLDING LEAD AT BATON ROUGE IN ABEYANCE
IN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY AND LOCATE VALENTI UNTIL INFO RECEIVED
FROM PRISON RECORDS. NEW ORLEANS INDICIES CONTAIN NO INFO IDENTIFIABLE
WITH VALENTI OR VELANTIE.

RE: CONTACTS WITH MOTELS AND HOTELS

LOCATED IN FRECH QUARTER, NEW ORLEANS.

INASMUCH AS IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT JAMES EARL RAY
STAYED AT A FRENCH QUARTER MOTEL IN DEC. NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN AND THEN
WAS IN NEW ORLEANS AGAIN ON PROBABLY MARCH TWENTY ONE SIXTYEIGHT,
THE RECORDS OF MOTELS AND HOTELS IN FRENCH QUARTER HAVE BEEN

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CHECKED FOR REGISTRATION OF RAY UNDER HIS TRUE NAME AND KNOWN ALIASES. PERIOD CHECKED WAS FROM MARCH SEVENTEEN THRU TWENTY FOUR SIXTYEIGHT. RECORDS OF HOTELS AND MOTELS CONTAINED NO INFO IDENTIFIABLE WITH RAY.

HOUSTON OFFICE AT HOUSTON TEXAS. WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW ED MUNSUCKER THROUGH HILL AND HILL COMPANY AND DETERMINE IF HE PLACED CALL ON DECEMBER SIXTEEN LAST FROM ALPINE, TEXAS TO R. L. HAMMETT AT GREENWOOD, LA. AND EXHIBIT PHOTO OF RAY.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING AT NEW ORLEANS. AM COPIES TO MEMPHIS, KANSAS CITY, ATLANTA, DALLAS BIRMINGHAM, AND LOS ANGELES. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI-HOUSTON

5/2/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-759) (P)
SUBJ: MURKIN

Re Dallas teletype to Bureau, Jacksonville, Mobile, and New Orleans dated 5/1/68.

Re subject's calls made from coin telephone en route from Los Angeles to New Orleans.

Subscriber to telephone number 752-6468, Lake City, Fla., is ROBIN C. SHIVER, Westwood Acres, Lake City, Fla. SHIVER is in poultry business at Lake City and is owner of a Phillips '66 Service Station. He is reportedly reliable and a well respected citizen. SHIVER advised in December, 1967, exact date unknown, he received a telephone call from his partner, GARLAND STROBLE, age 35, from Texas regarding the poultry business. This was the only telephone call he received from the State of Texas.

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769) (P)
SUBJ: MURKIN

Re Dallas airtel to Jacksonville 4/20/68
regarding suspect at eating establishment U.S. 90,
Tallahassee, Fla., 4/1-2/68.

The description furnished by Mrs. JOHNSON in
referenced airtel indicates that this eating establishment
is the Dobbs House located at 685 W. Tennessee Street,
and this location is on U.S. 90 approximately 1/2 block
east of the FSU campus and located next to a large
building, that of the Travelodge Motel.

On 4/25/68, Mr. PHIL JOBE, employee, Dobbs House,
685 W. Tennessee Street, Tallahassee, Florida, was
contacted and exhibited WF #442-A. He advised that he
has previously seen a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY in
the local newspaper and has not observed him or anyone
meeting his description at that location to the best of
his knowledge. He advised that all of the other employees
of the Dobbs House are aware and have observed RAY's
photograph in the local newspapers as they have discussed
this matter amongst themselves and he stated he feels
sure that if anyone had observed anyone meeting the
description of RAY or appearing similar to RAY, they
would have contacted the local FBI or local authorities.
He advised that he was employed at the Dobbs House as
of 4/1/68 and could furnish no information concerning an
individual reportedly observed in that vicinity on or
about that date which resembled RAY.

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On 4/26/68, Mrs. JACQUELINE HOFFMAN, Travelodge Motel, W. Tennessee Street, located next door to Dobbs House Restaurant, was exhibited WF #442-A and advised that she had previously observed a photograph of RAY in the local newspaper and to the best of her knowledge no one meeting his description or appearing similar to him has ever stayed at that motel. She advised that all of her maids are aware of his status and she knows they have observed his photograph as he has been discussed amongst the employees at the motel and anyone meeting that description or appearing similar to RAY would have been reported to the FBI and/or local authorities.

It is to be noted that this is a business area and the complete block of this area is individual stores and businesses. The time related in re airtel of approximately midnight or after, would have meant that all of the stores and businesses in the area, with the exception of the Dobbs House and the Travelodge Motel, would have been closed as these are the only two business establishments in the area open after midnight. However, on 4/26/68, WF #442-A was exhibited to employees of numerous businesses in the area without effecting any identification or obtaining any additional information.

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FBI KAN CITY

FBI DETROIT

10:20PM URGENT 5/1/68 LPS

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY.

FROM: DETROIT (44-989)

MURKIN

RE DALLAS TEL FOUR THIRTY LAST.

PHONE NUMBER SEVEN SEVEN SIX- FIVE NINE FIVE ZERO ISSUED TO
A.B. BROOKS III, TWO TWO NINE FOUR ZERO GAUKLER, ST. CLAIR SHORES,
MICHIGAN.

MRS. BROOKS ADVISED THIS DATE PHONE CALL FROM MARATHON, TEXAS,
DECEMBER SIXTEEN LAST WAS MADE BY HER GRANDPARENTS MR. AND MRS.
JOHN MC CALLUM, RURAL RTE. ONE ROSCOMMON, MICH., WHO WERE VISITING
MRS. MC CALLUM'S BROTHER AND HAD RUN INTO AN ICE STORM. PHONE CALL
ADVISED MRS. BROOKS RE ICE STORM AND NOT TO WORRY ABOUT GRANDPARENTS.

MRS. BROOKS VIEWED PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY AND STATED RAY
NOT FAMILIAR TO HER AND SHE HAS NO INFO RE HIM.

AM COPY TO DALLAS (44-2649).

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FBI PHOENIX

2:05 PM URGENT 5-3-68 MPB

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), DALLAS (44-2649), AND LOS ANGELES
(44-1574)

FROM: PHOENIX (44-371) 4P

MURKIN

RE LOS ANGELES TEL MAY ONE LAST, AND DALLAS TEL MAY
TWO, LAST.

RE TELEPHONE BOOTH ST. FRANCIS HOTEL.

HARRY ELWOOD LUNSFORD, AKA WOODY, AGE FIFTYFOUR, PRESENTLY
RESIDING WITH SISTER, MRS. JOHN MEEDLES, THREE SEVEN ZERO NINE
YALE STREET, PHOENIX, ARIZONA, ADVISED HE LIVED AT ST. FRANCIS
HOTEL, LOS ANGELES, ROOM THREE THREE SIX, FOUR ZERO EIGHT OR
FOUR ZERO NINE, FROM APPROXIMATELY AUGUST, SIXTYSIX TO AUGUST
SIXTYSEVEN, AND DID PART TIME MAINTENANCE WORK AT HOTEL DURING
THIS TIME. AFTER THIS TIME HE LIVED AT OTHER HOTELS IN GENERAL
AREA INCLUDING ROXIE, WANDA APTS., AND MR. FRANK L. BUTTERLY'S
RESIDENCE, FIVE FOUR FIVE THREE CARLTON, LOS ANGELES.

LUNSFORD ADVISED HE SPENT FALL OF SIXTYSEVEN UNTIL
DECEMBER AT YALE STREET RESEDENCE IN PHOENIX AS WELL AS
LAST THREE WEEKS IN FEBRUARY, LAST, AND SINCE MARCH FIFTEEN,

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LAST TO PRESENT. LUNSFORD ADVISED THAT WHEN HE HAS NOT BEEN IN PHOENIX OR VISITING RELATIVES IN TEXAS, HE HUNG OUT AT ST. FRANCIS HOTEL EVEN THOUGH HE WAS LIVING AT OTHER HOTELS IN THE AREA.

LUNSFORD ADVISED IN FEBRUARY, LAST, HE AUTOED TO HIS SISTER'S RESIDENCE, THREE SEVEN ZERO NINE YALE STREET, PHOENIX WITH A BOB THORIN (PH), WHITE MALE, APPROXIMATELY FORTY, SHORT, WHO IS NOT SUBJECT RAY. LUNSFORD VIEWED NUMEROUS PHOTOS OF RAY WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

LUNSFORD STATED THAT NAME OF GALT IS FAMILIAR TO HIM AND HE BELIEVES THIS IS WHITE MALE, AGE FORTY TO FORTYFIVE, FIVE FEET TEN, HUNDRED NINETY POUNDS, WAVY BLACK HAIR, WITH SPANISH OR ITALIAN ACCENT, WHO SMOKES CIGARS, WHO WAS ASSISTANT MANAGER AT ST. FRANCIS HOTEL ABOUT THREE WEEKS IN DECEMBER, SIXTYSEVEN, UNTIL FIRED BY BERT DAVIDSON, GENERAL MANAGER OF HOTEL. HE ADVISED THIS ASSISTANT MANAGER HAD ASSOCIATE NAMED DAVE (LNU), A ST. FRANCIS HOUSEMAN, WHO WAS FIRED AT THE SAME TIME AS THIS ASSISTANT MANAGER FOR BREAKING AND ENTERING THE HOTEL ROOMS.

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LUNSFORD ADVISED THE ASSISTANT MANAGER HAD APARTMENT EIGHT OF THE HOTEL WHICH HE SHARED WITH AN UNMARRIED WOMAN, NO FURTHER DESCRIPTION.

LUNSFORD ADVISED THE FOLLOWING PERSONS WOULD BE FAMILIAR WITH RESIDENTS OF THE HOTEL:

BOB (LNU), RESIDENT OF THE HOTEL TWO YEARS, HOTEL ROOM FOUR ONE FIVE OR FIVE ONE FIVE.

UNKNOWN CRIPPLED MAN WHO HAS LIVED AT HOTEL ABOUT FIFTEEN YEARS.

JOE PETERS, ST. FRANCIS ROOM ONE ZERO ONE, ALLEGEDLY KNOWS ABOUT GAMBLING AND PROSTITUTES AT HOTEL.

GIL (LNU), OWNER SULTAN ROOM BAR, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL.

ANN SHELL (PH) AND BOB DUCE (PH), OWNERS OF NEW ANGELINA BAR, ONE SIX FIVE SEVEN WESTERN STREET, LOS ANGELES.

"MURF", OWNER OF PAMPERED PUP, CAFE LOCATED AT REAR OF ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, WHO ALLEGEDLY IS A FENCE.

NO LEADS BEING SET OUT FOR LOS ANGELES TO INTERVIEW ABOVE NAMED PEOPLE SINCE PHOENIX DOES NOT KNOW EXTENT OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY LOS ANGELES AT ST. FRANCIS HOTEL.

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**LUNSFORD STATED WHILE HE WAS RESIDING WITH MR. FRANK
L. BUTTERLY, HE MADE A LONG DISTANCE CAL TO HIS DAUGHTER
AT FORT WORTH, TEXAS.**

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MEMPHIS ADVISED AIRMAIL.

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FBI DALLAS

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5/3/68

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Re Dallas teletype, 4/27/68, containing results of interview of BILLY BROWN AEBY.

Enclosed herewith are nine copies of FD-302, setting forth results of interview of BILLY BROWN AEBY, at Dallas, Texas, on 4/27/68.

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1-Dallas
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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)
RE: MURKIN

ReDLtel 4/30/68.

Re: Telephone Calls by Subject En Route
Los Angeles to New Orleans

Houston telephone number 588-2884 registered to CURTIS JONES, a Negro, 5373 Highway 146, Baytown, Texas. JONES advised today that his son-in-law and daughter called him from Uvalde during this period while returning to Army camp.

Houston telephone 227-8991 registered to GEORGE W. DUNKIN, owner and operator Public Trailer Rentals, 3101 North Main. Mr. DUNKIN advised he could not recall instant telephone call but stated he had never seen subject RAY and he was not identifiable with anyone contacting his company by either himself or his wife, who assists him in operating the company. Mrs. DUNKIN confirmed the above.

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TO: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)
FROM: *JBA* SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO-MEMPHIS

Re Houston telephone call to Dallas, and Houston airtel to Dallas dated 4/24/68.

On 4/24/68, SA JOE B. ABERNATHY contacted following persons at Holiday Inn, Corsicana, Texas, re subject RAY allegedly having been seen in the coffee shop on 4/22/68, by SHARON ALLISON of Houston:

LENA BURTON, waitress
BARNIECE IVIE, office manager and part time cashier
RUBY DENN, cashier

Each was on duty at Noon on 4/22/68, and could not recall having seen anyone resembling subject RAY. Each recalled having seen RAY's photograph on television and in the newspapers recently.

Accordingly no further investigation is being conducted in this regard.

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1-Memphis (44-1987)
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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)
SAC ALBUQUERQUE AND
SAC EL PASO (157-186)

FROM: SAC DALLAS (44-2649) (4 P)

MURKIN.

RE TELEPHONE CALLS BY SUBJECT RAY EN ROUTE FROM LOS ANGELES
TO NEW ORLEANS.

RE DALLAS TELS APRIL THIRTY AND MAY ONE LAST.

THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL TELEPHONE CALLS HAVE BEEN DETERMINED
AND SHOULD BE HANDLED AS PREVIOUSLY INSTRUCTED:

ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION.

FOLLOWING CALLS MADE FROM COIN TELEPHONES LOCATED AT ALPINE,
TEXAS:

DECEMBER SEVENTEEN LAST, SEVEN TWENTYEIGHT PM, SEVEN FOUR FIVE -
THREE THREE EIGHT SIX, LOVINGTON, NEW MEXICO;

DECEMBER FIFTEEN LAST, SEVEN THIRTYSEVEN AM, FIVE TWO SIX -
TWO TWO FIVE EIGHT, LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO.

EL PASO DIVISION.

① - El Paso (AM) (CONF)
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FOLLOWING CALLS MADE FROM COIN TELEPHONES LOCATED AT ALPINE,
TEXAS:

DECEMBER FIFTEEN LAST, ELEVEN THIRTYSEVEN PM, FIVE SIX THREE -
TWO ONE ZERO ZERO, TERMINAL, TEXAS;

DECEMBER FIFTEEN LAST, ELEVEN FIFTY PM, FIVE FOUR FOUR -
ONE ONE EIGHT ONE, EL PASO, TEXAS;

DECEMBER SIXTEEN LAST, TWELVE TWELVE AM, FIVE FOUR TWO -
ONE THREE EIGHT FIVE, EL PASO, TEXAS;

DECEMBER SEVENTEEN LAST, TWELVE FORTY PM, SEVEN SEVEN TWO -
TWO EIGHT NINE ONE, EL PASO, TEXAS;

DECEMBER FIFTEEN LAST, EIGHT FORTYTHREE PM, THREE THREE SIX -
FIVE THREE ONE THREE, FORT STOCKTON, TEXAS;

DECEMBER FIFTEEN LAST, TWELVE TWENTYTHREE PM, THREE THREE
TWO - FIVE TWO ONE THREE, ODESSA, TEXAS;

DECEMBER FIFTEEN LAST, THREE THIRTYSIX PM, THREE SIX FOUR -
FIVE TWO FOUR ZERO, CALAMITY CREEK, TEXAS;

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DECEMBER SIXTEEN LAST, NINE ZERO TWO AM, FIVE THREE TWO -
THREE FIVE TWO EIGHT, EL PASO, TEXAS;

DECEMBER SEVENTEEN LAST, ELEVEN FORTYFOUR AM, FIVE THREE
THREE - ZERO FIVE ZERO TWO, EL PASO, TEXAS;

DECEMBER FIFTEEN LAST, NINE THIRTYTHREE PM, THREE SIX SIX -
ZERO SEVEN THREE THREE, ODESSA, TEXAS;

DECEMBER SIXTEEN LAST, FOUR ZERO THREE PM, SEVEN TWO NINE -
FOUR ZERO FOUR ONE, MARFA, TEXAS;

DECEMBER SEVENTEEN LAST, ELEVEN ZERO EIGHT PM, FIVE EIGHT
SIX - FIVE THREE NINE THREE, KERMIT, TEXAS;

DECEMBER FIFTEEN LAST, EIGHT FORTYONE PM, NINE FOUR THREE -
FOUR ONE ONE SIX, MONAHANS, TEXAS;

DECEMBER SEVENTEEN LAST, SEVEN FIFTYFOUR PM, FIVE EIGHT
SIX - SIX SEVEN FIVE EIGHT, KERMIT, TEXAS;

DECEMBER FIFTEEN LAST, SEVEN TWELVE PM, FIVE SIX THREE -
TWO ONE ZERO ZERO, TERMINAL, TEXAS;

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DECEMBER SEVENTEEN LAST, ONE FIFTYTWO PM, TELEPHONE NO.
TWO ZERO, OJINAGA, MEXICO, STATE OF CHIHUAHUA.

MEMPHIS ADVISED AM.

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Above info telephonically furnished to _____,
El Paso, on 5/3/68, at _____ m, by _____,
Dallas.

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

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GEFBI EL PASO

614 PM URGENT 5-2-68 LMT

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 MEMPHIS 44-1987 DALLAS 44-2549
FROM EL PASO 157-186

MURKIN

RE TELEPHONE CALLS BY SUBJECT RAY EN ROUTE FROM LOS ANGELES
TO NEW ORLEANS.

RE BUTEL, APRIL TWENTY FIVE, LAST, AND DALLAS TELETYPES APRIL
THIRTY AND MAY ONE, LAST.

RECORDS WEST TEXAS TELEPHONE COMPANY, PECOS, TEXAS, AND
SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY, LUBBOCK, TEXAS, REFLECT ABOUT
SEVENTY SEVEN TELEPHONE CALLS WERE MADE ON DECEMBER FIFTEEN, SIX
TEEN, AND SEVENTEEN, SIXTY SEVEN, FROM PHONE BOOTHS AND PAY STATIONS
ON INTERSTATE TEN AND HIGHWAY NINETY BETWEEN SIERRA BLANCA AND
SANDERSON, TEXAS, TO OTHER COMMUNITIES IN THE GENERAL AREA AND
BETWEEN COMMUNITIES ON THE ABOVE MENTIONED ROUTE. FOR EXAMPLE,
TEN CALLS WERE MADE FROM MARFA, TEXAS, TO ALPINE, TEXAS, SEPARATED
BY ABOUT TWENTY SIX MILES ON ROUTE.

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IT IS BELIEVED THESE TELEPHONE CALLS BETWEEN VARIOUS POINTS IN THE LOCALIZED AREA IN WEST TEXAS HAVE NO BEARING ON THIS CASE. THEREFORE, THESE CALLS WILL NOT BE CHECKED OUT, UACB.

DALLAS NOTE THAT MC KINNEY, TEXAS, MENTIONED IN DALLAS TEL MAY ONE LAST IS IN DALLAS TERRITORY.

AIRMAIL COPY BIRMINGHAM.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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ADDENDUM: SA WILKINSON was given this lead. He advised that the 5/3/68 telephone number was not for McKinney, Texas; then JGS:mff determined through contact with SA HARRISON that the word McKinney should have been McCamey, which is in El Paso territory. On 5/3/68, I advised SAC FAISST of the El Paso Office of the above, and he stated they would handle.

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FBI NEWARK

2300E URGENT 5-3-68 NAL
TO DALLAS
FROM NEWARK (44-854) (P)

MURKIN

RE DALLAS TEL TO NEWARK FIVE ONE LAST.

ROBERT E. FITZSIMMONS, PASSENGER AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT
THREE THREE EIGHT, FOUR SIX LAST DETERMINED TO BE EMPLOYED
WICKES INDUSTRIES, FOUR ZERO ZERO TOWERS SOUTH, TWO SEVEN
TWO ZERO STEMMONS FREEWAY, DALLAS TEXAS, TELEPHONE TWO ONE
FOUR-SIX THREE SEVEN-ONE NINE FOUR TWO. FITZSIMMONS
RESIDED EXECUTIVE INN MOTOR HOTEL, DALLAS, TEXAS. FITZSIMMONS
CAN BE LOCATED THROUGH EMPLOYMENT OR DALLAS RESIDENCE TO
EIGHT P.M. THIS EVENING. HE IS LEAVING DALLAS FOR CONVENTION
AT CHICAGO NEXT WEEK.

DALLAS ATTEMPT TO LOCATE FOR INTERVIEW, ADVISE NEWARK
ONLY IF NOT LOCATED.

MAIL COPY SENT TO MEMPHIS.

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)(P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA
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Set forth below are estimated items of cost in the Dallas Division during April, 1968:

1.	MANHOURS	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Overtime</u>	<u>Total</u>
	Agent	1629	331	1960
	Clerical	139	0	139
		<u>1768</u>	<u>331</u>	<u>2099</u>
2.	MILES DRIVEN	11,061		
3.	MAXIMUM NUMBER OF AGENTS	50		
4.	UNUSUAL EXPENSES:			
		Telephone	\$105.00	
		Teletype	205.00	
		Per Diem	<u>48.00</u>	
		TOTAL		<u>\$358.00</u>

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FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561) ONE PAGE

MURKIN; THREATS TO MARTIN LUTHER KING.

RE CHICAGO TEL TO DALLAS AND SPRINGFIELD MAY TWO, LAST.

MRS. EUGENE WALDEN, ROUTE THREE, WEST FRANKFORT, PROTECT
IDENTITY, MEDIZER'S MOTHER, ADIISED JOHN C. MEDIZER RESIDES
FIVE FIVE ZERO SIX E. R. L. THORNTON, POSSIBLE THORNTON, FREEWAY,
DALLAS, TEXAS.

DALLAS, HANDLE.

AIRMAIL COPY SENT BUREAU, MEMPHIS, AND KANSAS CITY.

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555PM URGENT 5-2-68 RMF

**TO DIRECTOR /44-38861/ MEMPHIS /44-1987/ DALLAS /44-2649/ SPRINGFIELD
/44-561/
FROM CHICAGO /44-1114/**

MURKIN OO: MEMPHIS

RE THREATS TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

RE JOHN C. MEDIZER

**RE CHICAGO TEL, APRIL TWENTY FIVE, SIXTY EIGHT TO DIRECTOR, AM
COPIES TO DALLAS, SPRINGFIELD; CHICAGO TEL, APRIL TWENTY SIX,
SIXTY EIGHT, TO DIRECTOR AND DALLAS.**

**VINCENT BURNELL, ROTOPRINT COMPANY, CHICAGO, MEDIZER'S FORMER
EMPLOYER, HAS ALSO ADVISED MEDIZER ATTENDED ST. JOHN'S GRAMMAR AND
HIGH SCHOOL AT WEST FRANKFORT, ILLINOIS, AND THIS IS PROBABLY HOME
AREA, ALTHOUGH COMPANY RECORDS DO NOT LIST ANY RELATIVES. MEDIZER
HAD INDICATED TO BURNELL HE HAD STUDIED FOR PRIESTHOOD, PLACE UNKNOWN.**

**FOR INFO DALLAS, COMPANY RECORDS ALSO SHOWED TEXAS MONOPLATE,
TWO THOUSAND S. ERVOY, DALLAS, AS FORMER EMPLOYER OF MEDIZER.**

**SPRINGFIELD AT WEST FRANKFORT CONDUCT INVESTIGATION RE MEDIZER'S
PRESENT LOCATION IN ORDER THAT INTERVIEW MAY BE CONDUCTED RE ANY
POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT MURKIN AND SUTEL LEADS.**

DALLAS HANDLE EMPLOYMENT.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/7/68

Mr. BILL DAVIDSON, Foreman with the Leroy Roberts Construction Company, 4031 Mission Street, Dallas, advised that his payroll records reflect that JOHN C. MEDIZER was employed by his company as an assistant fork lift operator continually from April 1, 1968, through April 12, 1968. He stated that he well recalls MEDIZER working there during the above period with a friend of his by the name of EDDIE CRANFIELD. Mr. DAVIDSON did not have any Social Security Number for MEDIZER and stated that he left his employment to go to work for the Texas Nameplate Company, Dallas.

On 5/6/68 at Dallas, Texas File # Dallas 44-2649 -419
Memphis 44-1987

by SAS JAMES W. ANDERTON
FRANCIS M. HENWOOD JWA/cc Date dictated 5/6/68

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Date 5/7/68

JOHN C. MEDIZER was located at his place of employment, Texas Nameplate Company, 1900 South Ervay Street, at which time he was interviewed.

MEDIZER stated that he left Chicago, Illinois, on March 31, 1968, by way of Greyhound Bus, directly to Dallas, Texas, with an approximate 2-hour layover at St. Louis, Missouri, on the same date. He stated that he arrived in Dallas early on the morning of April 1, 1968, and immediately contacted a friend of his by the name of EDDIE CRANFIELD, who lives at 5506 East R. L. Thornton Freeway.

MEDIZER stated before leaving Chicago he lived at 4601 Belmont and worked for the Rotoprint Company.

He stated that while in Chicago he was a member of the American Nazi Party (ANP) and plans to continue his membership with the ANP by paying his dues to the ANP headquarters in Arlington, Virginia. MEDIZER further stated he does not plan to contact any of the ANP members in Dallas, Texas, since he is becoming inactive in the ANP inasmuch as he is getting married shortly to a Dallas girl by the name of CHARLENE HARRIS, who works at the Coca Cola Bottling Company, Dallas.

MEDIZER stated that on April 1, 1968, he obtained a construction job through his friend, EDDIE CRANFIELD, with the Leroy Roberts Construction Company, 4031 Mission Street, Dallas. He stated that he worked continuously at this construction company with EDDIE CRANFIELD until approximately April 12, 1968, at which time he left that company because he did not like construction work. MEDIZER stated that he then began working for the Texas Nameplate Company on April 18, 1968, and has been so employed to the present date.

MEDIZER then stated that in regard to the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., he does not recall ever making any threats against the life of KING, however, since he is a member of the ANP, he does not agree at all with the policies followed by KING or his successors. He stated, however, that as a member

On 5/6/68 at Dallas, Texas File # Dallas 44-2649 - 420
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SAS JAMES W. ANDERTON &
by FRANCIS M. HENWOOD JWA/cc Date dictated 5/6/68

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of the ANP he does not believe in violence and the present policy of the ANP is against physical violence.

MEDIZER stated that since he is getting married in the near future, he plans to stay in the Dallas area and purchase a home and become inactive in the ANP.

He further stated that Mr. LEROY ROBERTS or his foreman, BILL DAVIDSON, could vouch for his whereabouts from April 1 to April 12, 1968.

The following is a description of JOHN C. MEDIZER as obtained from interview and observation:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Birth data	3/6/40, Chicago, Illinois
Height	5'10"
Weight	145
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Blond
Selective Service #	11-128-40-55 (Classified 1-A with the Benton, Illinois, Selective Service Board).

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
THREATS TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

RE: JOHN C. MEDIZER

Re Chicago teletypes to Bureau dated 4/25 and 5/2/68, Dallas teletype to Bureau dated 4/26/68 and Springfield teletype to Chicago and Dallas dated 5/3/68.

Enclosed for Memphis are 9 copies each of FD-302s setting forth interviews with JOHN C. MEDIZER and BILL DAVIDSON, his former employer.

In view of the fact MEDIZER has been in the Dallas area during period 4/1 - 12/68, no further investigation being conducted by Dallas regarding this suspect.

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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TO: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN

(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Dallas airtel to Atlanta, 4/22/68 and Atlanta airtel to Memphis, 4/30/68.

On 5/1/68, Major JOHN REXFORD, Operations Officer, Provost Marshal's Office, Ft. Benning, Ga., advised Sgt. RALEIGH D. STARK retired from military service approximately six months ago.

On 5/2/68, Mr. AUBREY OGLETREE, Clerk, USPO, Columbus, Ga. (protect), advised the USPO records reflect a forwarding address for RALEIGH D. STARK as of 4/9/68, from 3536 St. Mary's Road, Columbus, Ga., to 216 S. Grant Lane, Fort Worth, Texas.

LEADDALLASAt Fort Worth, Texas:

Handle lead as set forth in referenced Dallas airtel.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
THREATS TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

RE: JOHN C. MEDIZER

Re Chicago teletypes to Bureau dated 4/25 and 5/2/68,
Dallas teletype to Bureau dated 4/26/68, and Springfield
teletype to Chicago and Dallas dated 5/3/68.

A summary of investigation conducted at Dallas is
set out as follows:

On 5/6/68, JOHN C. MEDIZER was located at his place
of employment, the Texas Nameplate Company, 1900 S. Ervay
Street, Dallas. Records of that company as furnished by
Mrs. MARGARET ROSE, Personnel Department, reflected that
MEDIZER had been employed by that company as a printer since
4/18/68, with his residence shown as 5506 East R. L. Thornton
Expressway, Dallas. Personnel records of the above company
also reflected that MEDIZER sustained an injury while on duty
on 4/22/68, and at that time he gave the above address.

On 5/6/68, MEDIZER was interviewed at the Texas
Nameplate Company and stated that he left Chicago, Illinois,
on 3/31/68, by way of Greyhound Bus, directly to Dallas, Texas,
with an approximate 2-hour layover at St. Louis, Missouri, on
the same date. He stated that he arrived Dallas early on the
morning of 4/1/68, and immediately contacted a friend of his.

2 - Bureau
1 - Chicago (44-1114) (Info)
1 - Springfield (44-561) (Info)
2 - Memphis (44-1987)
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by the name of EDDIE CRANFIELD, who lives at 5506 East R. L. Thornton Freeway. MEDIZER stated that before leaving Chicago he lived at 4601 Belmont and worked for the Roto-Print Company. He stated that while in Chicago he was a member of the American Nazi Party (ANP) and plans to continue his membership with the ANP by paying his dues to the ANP headquarters in Arlington, Virginia. MEDIZER further stated that he does not plan to contact any of the ANP members in Dallas, Texas, since he is becoming inactive in the ANP inasmuch as he is getting married shortly to a Dallas girl by the name of CHARLENE HARRIS, who works at the Coca Cola Bottling Company, Dallas, Texas.

MEDIZER then stated that on 4/1/68, he obtained a construction job through his friend, EDDIE CRANFIELD, with the Leroy Roberts Construction Company, 4031 Mission Street, Dallas, Texas. He stated that he worked continuously at this construction company with EDDIE CRANFIELD until approximately 4/12/68, at which time he left that company because he did not like construction work. MEDIZER stated that he then began working for the Texas Nameplate Company on 4/18/68, and has been so employed to the present date.

MEDIZER then stated that in regard to the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR, he does not recall ever making any threats against the life of KING, however, since he is a member of the ANP, he does not agree at all with the policies followed by KING or his successors. He stated, however, that as a member of the ANP he does not believe in violence and the present policy of the ANP is against physical violence.

MEDIZER is described as white male; born 3/6/40, at Chicago, Illinois; 5'10"; 145 pounds, Selective Service No. 11-128-40-55 (Classified as 1-A with the Benton, Illinois Selective Service Board); blue eyes, blond hair.

MEDIZER stated that since he is getting married in the near future, he plans to stay in the Dallas area and purchase a home and become inactive in the ANP.

He further stated that Mr. LEROY ROBERTS or his foreman, BILL DAVIDSON, could vouch for his whereabouts from 4/1 to 12/68.

On 5/6/68, Mr. BILL DAVIDSON, Foreman with the Leroy Roberts Construction Company (supra), advised SA JAMES W. ANDERTON that his payroll records reflect that JOHN C. MEDIZER was employed

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by that company as a fork lift operator (assistant) from 4/1/68 through 4/12/68. Mr. DAVIDSON stated that in addition to his pay roll records he recalls MEDIZER working during that period with his friend, EDDIE CRANFIELD.

FD-302s regarding above interviews follow to Memphis.

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FBI EL PASO

615 PM URGENT 5-6-68 LMT
TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 DALLAS 44-2649
FROM EL PASO 157-186
MURKIN

RE DALLAS TEL TO DIRECTOR, MAY THREE LAST.

RE TELEPHONE CALLS BY SUB RAY EN ROUTE FROM LOS ANGELES TO
NEW ORLEANS.

LEAD, PAGE TWO, RETEL, RE TELEPHONE CALL FROM ALPINE, TEXAS,
DECEMBER FIFTEEN, LAST, ELEVEN FIFTY P.M., TO FIVE FOUR FOUR-
ONE ONE EIGHT ONE, EL PASO, DETERMINED TO BE TELEPHONE NUMBER OF
AMERICAN AIRLINES. AMERICAN AIRLINES REPRESENTATIVE, EL PASO,
ADVISED THIS DATE ABOVE TELEPHONE NUMBER ANSWERED ONLY AT AMERICAN
AIRLINES OFFICE, GREATER SOUTHWEST AIRPORT, FT. WORTH, TEXAS.

DALLAS HANDLE.

GAM COPIES MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM.

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947) (P)

RE: MURKIN
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OO: MEMPHIS

Re Dallas teletype to the Director and Louisville,
5/3/68.

Re telephone calls of subject RAY en route from
Los Angeles to New Orleans.

Louisville telephone 636-1053 is now disconnected and during 12/67 was issued to CHARLES E. HORNEY, formerly of 965 Charles St., Louisville. HORNEY, upon interview, states call made from Alpine, Tex., to Louisville around 12/15/67 was personal in nature and from his wife's parents, Mr. & Mrs. FRANK MIRANDA, who resided in Alpine, to his wife MARY. HORNEY's wife formerly resided at Alpine.

HORNEY stated that JAMES EARL RAY is unknown to him and that above call was not in connection with RAY or had anything to do with instant case.

In light of the above, no further action being taken.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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1- Memphis (44-1987)
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DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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SAC, DENVER (157-203)

MURKIN

Re Dallas teletype 5/1/68, concerning telephone calls by subject RAY enroute from Los Angeles to New Orleans.

Telephone Number 242-0720 is listed to W. E. MOON, 177 Glory View Drive, Grand Junction, Colorado. Mr. and Mrs. MOON, who have no children, both advised that they received no call from Alpine, Texas, the afternoon of December 17, 1967, and believe that there must have been some mistake in the records.

Telephone number 242-7412 is listed to Modern Roofing and Insulation Company, 2841 North Avenue, Grand Junction, Colorado. CHARLES and SANDRA McANALLY of Modern Roofing and Insulation Company advised that they had made the call on December 18, 1967, from Alpin, Texas. They were calling their parents in Grand Junction, because Mr. McAnally's father was in the hospital at the time.

Neither the MOONS nor the McANALLYs had any information concerning James Earl Ray.

Telephone Number 428-9207 is listed to RICHARD FOREMAN, 6980 Avrum Drive, Arvada, Colorado. Miss LINDA SANDLIN, granddaughter of Mrs. RICHARD FOREMAN, advised that she received a call from CHARLES HUGH HANAH, age 19, from Alpine, Texas, on or about December 15, 1967. She stated that HANAH is a boyfriend attending Sul Ross State College and has the address of Box 5R5743 in Alpine.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, DALLAS

FROM : SA STEPHEN G. BARNES

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY

DATE: 5/6/68

MARY ALICE COOGAN, giving her address as 3620 West Linvale Place, Denver, Colorado telephoned the Amarillo RA on this date from Sayre, Okla. and advised the writer she was traveling south from Denver and stopped at a Texaco Gas Station in Dumas, Texas/(on the right side of the road). She advised during the time she was in the rest room she believes the attendant stole two credit cards from her purse and that this man resembled JAMES EARL RAY. She decided to report this to the FBI as she thought he could use these cards to travel across the county.

Mrs COOGAN described this man as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5'7"
Hair	Dark Brown
Build	Medium
Scars	on forehead

Complainant advised the above incident took place on May 5, 1968.

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AT DUMAS, TEXAS. Conduct appropriate investigation at Service Station.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC

FROM : SA FORREST F. JOHN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5-8-68

One of the passengers shown for AAL flight 338 on 4-6-68 is MISS KATHY LYNN SMITH, telephone 713 MU7 2584.

Area Security Supervisor SW Bell Telephone, JAMES VAUGHAN/was contacted on 5-2-68 in an attempt to determine the location of this telephone in order to set forth a lead. He advised that this was not a good number ~~was~~ as there is no MU exchange in Area Code 713.

New York was requested to recheck the passenger manifest at AAL to verify the number or for any additional information. NY replied that no additional information was available and that the number had been reported correctly.

Numerous attempts to call 713 MU 7 2584 resulted in a ringing telephone, but no answer. Finally on this date the telephone was answered by a female who identified herself as MRS. FRANKIE THORNTON, Route 3, Grapeland, Texas, telephone 713 MU 7 2584. She explained that KATHY LYNN SMITH is her four-year-old granddaughter and that she went along on the flight in question to take care of her granddaughter.

MRS. THORNTON stated that she has not seen any pictures of JAMES EARL RAY, and she was advised that an agent would undoubtedly come by her home to exhibit a photo of Ray to her. She stated that she resides on the Farm to Market (number not known to her) 6.6 miles east of Grapeland, Texas.

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AT GRAPELAND, TEXAS, will interview MRS. FRANKIE THORNTON, 6.6 miles east of Grapeland on Farm to Market Road, telephone 713 MU7 2584, and will exhibit photos of RAY to her to determine whether she observed this individual on the flight.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

FROM : SPC JERRY D. PRICE

SUBJECT: MURKIN.

DATE: 5/2/68

At approximately 10:50PM this date, MRS. DIANE DULICAE, 1246 Peavy Road, Apt. 206, Dallas, Texas, telephone E DA8-7425, telephonically advised she had given dance lesson to an individual who closely resembles SUBJECT RAY. MRS. DULICAE advised she is an instructor at Riley's Dance Studio, Plymouth Park Shopping Center, Irving, Texas and gave ballroom dance lesson to this individual today at 2:45PM for a thirty minutes period. MRS. DULICAE advised individual had mid-western accent and stated he was originally from Missouri but had recently been in Atlanta, Ga. and Florida and had not resided in this area very long. MRS. DULICAE further advised that individual closely resembled physical lay-out given in issue of Life Magazine on SUBJECT RAY.

MRS. DULICAE advised that individual would not give an address where he resided but just stated he "lived around" and told her he could be contacted by calling a telephone number and leaving a message for a JAMES ALLSUP. MRS. DULICAE advised the number he gave her is at the studio and she will call this office on 5/3/68 and give the number to the case agent.

MRS. DULICAE advised she would like for her identify to be protected due to her job and also due to the fact that the JAMES ALLSUP is a customer.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC: DALLAS (44-2649)

DATE: 5/2/68

FROM : SA JOSEPH B. KILLGORE

SUBJECT: **MURKIN**
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Re memo of ASAC MOORE dated 4/9/68.

AT LUFKIN, TEXAS.

CHARLES SHIPWASH, 504 Culverhouse St., was interviewed on 4/9/68. He advised he met "Sandy" outside Slim's Beer lounge just across the Neches river on Hwy 94 about 1:30PM or 2:00 PM and had two beers in SHIPWASH's car. SHIPWASH was unable to give a clear account of what was said but stated he understood Sandy claimed to have been involved in the KING shooting and had been in Memphis and was going "South" and needed a place to hide out. SHIPWASH advised Sandy appeared to have been drinking or taking "pills" but was not intoxicated. Sandy gave no specific indication of having traveled a long distance and was familiar with the Lufkin, Texas area but did not appear to know the immediate area of Apple Springs or Erinity County. SHIPWASH advised he did not observe the license on Sandy's car and the only ~~XXXX~~ items he saw in the car were a rifle with scope, pair of tan leather engineers boots and plastic electricians gloves.

SHIPWASH advised he gave the man ~~XX~~ his address on Culverhouse St. and the man appeared to be familiar with the location and indicated he would visit or contact SHIPWASH later in the evening. SHIPWASH advised he would immediately notify the Agent if he has any further contact with Sandy.

On 4/9/68 a check of parking areas of beer taverns on Hwy. 94 west of the Neches River failed to locate a blue 1957 Chevrolet.

On 4/9/68 VESTER CULLINS, Slim's Beer, advised he had some recollection of seeing a blue or turquoise 1957 or 1958 Chevrolet turn around near the tavern about 1:30 PM or 2:00 PM and head back toward Lufkin, Texas. He did not see the driver and the car was not known to him. CULLINS advised he did not see two men drinking in a car near the tavern and recalled no stranger being in the tavern during the afternoon.



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