

The following tavern operators were interviewed with negative results concerning a blue 1957 Chevrolet or person by the name of "Sandy" being in the area during the afternoon of 4/9/68:

GARNER SPRING, Pete's Liquor Store.

JIMMY TULLY, " " "

PAUL WALKER, Son's Place.

LILLIAN MIMS, Tiger Lounge.

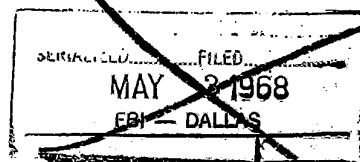
ROY SMITH, Smith's Beer.

WALTER SMITH, " "

On 4/9/68 and 4/10/68 Sgt. JOHNNY OATES, Lufkin PD, advised a check with persons who frequent the beer places on Hwy 94 in Trinity County failed to identify anyone known as "Sandy" or the owner of a 1957 blue Chevrolet.

Recontact with CHARLES SHIPWASH on the night of 4/9/68 disclosed he had heard nothing further from "Sandy".

It is noted that the area of Trinity County on Hwy. 94 immediately west of the Neches River is the only place in the vicinity of Lufkin where sale of beer and liquor is legal and the customers of taverns there are largely from Lufkin and Angelina County. It appears that the conversation between SHIPWASH and "Sandy" was nothing more than "beer talk" and no further investigation is warranted.



5/1/68

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AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686) P

MURKIN

OO:Memphis

Re Dallas airtel to Memphis, 4/23/68, re info furnished by NATB, Dallas.

On 4/24/68, Mrs. JESSIE HENRY HACKNEY, 421 S.W. 23rd Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, viewed current photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and advised SA DONALD P. KYTE that the individual known to her as JIMMIE RAY who was employed by her husband and listed as suspect in the theft of their 1967 Chevrolet, VIN. 138177K198773, is not identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

Mrs. HACKNEY advised that her husband was currently out of town on a business trip and was due to return about 4/29/68.

On 4/30/68, JESSIE HENRY HACKNEY, 421 S.W. 23rd St., Oklahoma City, viewed current photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and advised SA KYTE that the individual employed by him using the names JAMES RAY whom he listed as suspect in the theft of his 1967 Chevrolet was not identical to the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and these two individuals bore no resemblance to one another.

Mr. and Mrs. HACKNEY, 4/30/68, both advised that they had never seen JAMES EARL RAY and could furnish no information regarding his whereabouts.

2 - Memphis
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/26/68

MYRTIS RUTH HENDRICKS, also known as JITTERBUG, 873 Mesquite Street, who requested her identity be kept confidential, furnished the following information:

She went to work on March 31, 1968, for an individual known to her as DEVILISH NICK, owner and operator of John's Restaurant located just off First Street before the underpass in Laurel, Mississippi, and worked there until April 9, 1968.

She worked as a cook and on the day after she started working for him, DEVILISH NICK had sexual relations with her. He then started her working at a place he had outside of town. On April 2, 1968, she overheard NICK say, "I got a call on the King", but did not hear any more of the conversation.

On the evening of April 3, 1968, two neatly dressed men with stocky builds came to NICK's place, where she started work at 3 p.m., and worked nights.

While going to the bathroom, she observed a rifle with a telescopic sight in NICK's office. Later, the two men took the rifle and a long box which took three men to carry out and put them in a 1964 maroon Dodge with a fake "Continental kit" on the back.

On April 4, 1968, while on duty, she overheard NICK receive a telephone call on his phone which is close to the kitchen. After this call, NICK said, "MARTIN LUTHER KING is dead". This was before the news came over the radio.

NICK had meetings every night in his office, and she was told by other employees that NICK is the head of the Ku Klux Klan in that area.

A white man known to her only as "Big WILL ADAMS' son" was in on the activity at the restaurant. FROSTENE (phonetic), a large fat Negro girl who works for NICK, and two white waitresses, who are associated with the two men who took the gun, knew of the activities of NICK.

On 4/22/68 at Abilene, Texas

File # Dallas 44-2649 - 432

Memphis 44-1987

by SA URAL E. HORTON, JR./pw

Date dictated 4/22/68

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From what she overheard, she feels that NICK had some part in the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, but she has no definite proof of this.

She became so frightened, she told NICK she had a very sick relative in Abilene, Texas. She left on April 9, 1968, and came to Abilene where she met THOMAS McGEE. She has been going with McGEE for four years and he came to Abilene shortly before Christmas to look for work. She could not identify the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY as ever being at John's Restaurant or having ever seen him.

She described DEVILISH NICK as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	About 33
Height	5'11"
Weight	200
Hair	Black
Characteristics	Red-faced, drinks a lot
Marital Status	Married to blonde wife about 33 years old.

The following is a description of MYRTIS RUTH HENDRICKS as obtained through observation:

Race	Negro
Sex	Female
Age	About 25
Height	5'7"
Weight	185
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Characteristics	Light brown skin
Residence	Rooming at 873 Mesquite Street, Abilene, Texas, phone 677-6434.

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Date 5/1/68

THOMAS McGEE, 873 Mesquite Street, advised that TRUMAN WEBBER ROGERS is the individual he had reference to. He stated that he grew up with ROGERS and feels that ROGERS could furnish some pertinent information in this matter and that he might know where the house is located at which MYRTIS RUTH HENDRICKS was working as a prostitute in Laurel, Mississippi.

He stated that he could furnish no further information in this matter but would be willing to return to Laurel and assist the FBI on a strictly confidential basis. He stated that he is on probation, however; and this would probably be a barrier.

He could furnish no further information in this matter.

On 4/25/68 at Abilene, TexasFile # Dallas 44-2649 - 433
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MYRTIS RUTH HENDRICKS, also known as JITTERBUG, 873 Mesquite Street, advised that she would be unable to advise as to the location of the house at which she worked for NICK as a prostitute, as they always went there at night. She advised that this work was before she started working at the restaurant. She started working for him as a prostitute shortly before Christmas and worked a number of times, exact amount unrecalled.

She advised that the only thing she recalls about the house is that it was on the outskirts of Laurel where there are some large homes which are not too close together. There was a gaslight in the front yard and she recalled a chimney which was for a mock fireplace in the house. She advised she did not know how many rooms were in the house, but it was fairly nice inside. She could furnish no further information on the residence, except that she believed it was a one-story house and had a large room which was always kept locked, which she believed was the meeting place for the Ku Klux Klan. She knew none of the men who frequented the place. She advised she worked from about 9 p.m., to midnight.

She advised that when NICK made the statement, "I got a call on the King", she was upstairs in the restaurant going to the bathroom and this was the same time that she saw the gun in the room upstairs on April 2, 1968. She advised she thought NICK was talking to the man who lived upstairs at the restaurant, name unrecalled.

She advised that at the time she overheard NICK state, "MARTIN LUTHER KING is dead", NICK was standing in the little booth where food is served to persons at the drive-in. She advised that NICK was called to the telephone and upon his return he made the statement to someone there, whom she does not recall. She advised as she recalled, this was early in the evening, the exact time she does not recall. She advised that at the time she overheard this, she was cooking and leaning over, listening for an order.

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She was unable to furnish any further information, but again requested that her identity be protected and the information she furnished be kept strictly confidential.

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Date 4/26/68

THOMAS McGEE, 873 Mesquite Street, furnished the following information, which he requested be kept strictly confidential and his identity be protected.

He worked at John's Restaurant about a year ago for a month as carhop. He was told the restaurant was a meeting place for the Ku Klux Klan (KKK), and DEVILISH NICK, the proprietor of the restaurant, was the head of the KKK in that area. He also determined that the women employees worked as prostitutes for NICK on off hours and the two white women who work as waitresses, one brunette and one blonde, live in the most expensive hotel in Laurel, Mississippi, name unknown.

NICK beat up certain employees while he was there and McGEE decided to leave. When he learned that MYRTIS RUTH HENDRICKS was working for NICK, who was making a prostitute out of her, he had her come to Abilene.

He admitted that he is on probation out of Gulfport, Mississippi, for "moonshining", and has previously furnished information to the FBI through a one-legged man who runs a barbershop next door to Kitchen's Grocery in Seminary, Mississippi. This man could vouch for his reliability.

He feels that should DEVILISH NICK know that he and MYRTIS have talked to the FBI, he would have them located and killed, and would take some action against their friends and relatives in Laurel, Mississippi. He, therefore, requested that their identities be protected and kept very confidential. He intimated that if investigation by the FBI reflects that the information on DEVILISH NICK is of any value, he would be willing to return to Laurel and obtain information for the FBI on a paid basis.

He advised he and HENDRICKS will maintain contact with the FBI.

The following is a description of DEVILISH NICK as furnished by McGEE:

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Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	About 33
Height	5'11"
Weight	200
Hair	Black
Characteristics	Red-faced, drinks a lot
Marital Status	Married to blonde woman about 33.

The following is a description of THOMAS McGEE
as obtained through observation:

Race	Negro
Sex	Male
Age	35
Height	5'11"
Weight	150
Hair	Black, curly
Eyes	Brown
Characteristics	Light brown skin; wooden right leg
Scars	2½" deep scar diagonally across left cheek
Residence	Rooming at 873 Mesquite Street, Abilene, Texas, phone 677-6434

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TELETYPE

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)
SACS, CLEVELAND
MEMPHIS (44-1987)
RICHMOND - *Norfolk*

FROM KNOXVILLE (44-696)

MURKIN; CR. OO: MEMPHIS

RE BOSTON TEL TO BUREAU, KNOXVILLE AND MEMPHIS,
MAY ONE LAST, WHICH REFERENCED RICHMOND TEL TO BOSTON
APRIL THIRTY LAST, RE SUSPECT FRANK G. NILES.

INVESTIGATION AT CHATTANOOGA, TENN. DETERMINED
FRANCIS HENRY NILES, AKA. FRANK H. NILES, WM, BORN
FEBRUARY TWENTY-FOUR NINETEEN HUNDRED TWO, IS FATHER
OF MRS. FRANKLIN EDWARDS (CECILIA NILES) LEWIS, FIVE
FIVE ZERO NINE PINE LAWN AVE., CHATTANOOGA. LEWIS' HIGHLY
RESPECTED FACULTY MEMBER AT PROMINENT PRIVATE PREP SCHOOL,
THE MC CALLIE SCHOOL, CHATTANOOGA, TENN.

LEWIS STATED NILES IS CHRONIC ALCOHOLIC, PSYCHOPATHIC
SCHIZOPHRENIA WHO HAS RECEIVED TREATMENT FOR MENTAL
DISORDER PAST TWENTY YEARS OR MORE. NILES DIVORCED HIS
WIFE TWENTY YEARS AGO AND NOT REPORTED TO HAVE HAD ANY

② Dallas (AIR MAIL)

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CONTACT WITH DIVORCED WIFE, MRS. MILDRED (R.J.) AUSTIN, ROUTE SEVEN, PENSACOLA, FLA.; DAUGHTER, MRS. FLORIS (LNU), PHOENIXVILLE, PA., OR SON, ROBERT HARVELLE, ADDRESS UNKNOWN. HE HAS MADE VERY LIMITED IRREGULAR VISITS WITH DAUGHTER, MRS. CECILIA LEWIS, OVER PAST SEVERAL YEARS. THESE VISITS LAST FROM A FEW HOURS TO NO MORE THAN TWO OR THREE DAYS.

NILES BECAME MEMBER OF AMERICAN NAZI PARTY (ANP) ABOUT NINETEEN SIXTY TWO AND ASSOCIATED CLOSELY WITH GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL FROM THAT DATE UNTIL ABOUT TIME OF ROCKWELL'S DEATH. NILES WAS GENERAL FLUNKY OF ANP AND SERVED AS ROCKWELL'S VALET AND COOK. NILES LEFT ANP, ARLINGTON, VA., WHERE HE HAD BEEN LIVING IN SPRING OF NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN. NILES WAS CONFINED SHIELDS NURSING HOME, OBERLIN AVENUE, LORAIN, OHIO, FOR PSYCHIATRIC TREATMENT ENTIRE SUMMER OF SIXTY SEVEN. CHIEF PSYCHIATRIST DURING THIS PERIOD WAS DR. (FNU) FIECKS OF LORAIN, OHIO.

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ON RELEASE FROM SHIELDS NURSING HOME, LATE AUGUST, SIXTY SEVEN, NILES VISITED LEWISES IN CHATTANOOGA FOR TWO OR THREE DAY PERIOD. LEWISES DID NOT HEAR FROM NILES FROM AUG. SIXTY SEVEN, UNTIL HE APPEARED UNANNOUNCED CHATTANOOGA ON JAN. TEN LAST. NILES REPORTED HE HAD BEEN LIVING AT ANP HEADQUARTERS, DALLAS, TEXAS. NILES REMAINED IN DRUNKEN STUPOR AT HOTEL PLAZA, CHATTANOOGA, TENN., JAN TEN. TO NIGHT OF JAN. THIRTEEN LAST, WHEN MR. LEWIS PAID HIS HOTEL BILL, PURCHASED BUS TICKET AND PLACED NILES ON BUS ENROUTE ARLINGTON, VA. WITHIN FEW DAYS FOLLOWING HIS DEPARTURE, LEWISES RECEIVED INFORMATION NILES CONFINED TO PSYCHIATRIC WARD, EASTERN STATE HOSPITAL, DRAWER A, BUILDING TEN, WILLIAMSBURG, VA., WHERE HE REPORTEDLY WAS STILL CONFINED AS OF MAY TWO INSTANT.

LEWIS ADVISED HE AND WIFE RESIDED GRAND BAY, ALA., MAY, NINETEEN SIXTY-THREE UNTIL SEPT. SIXTY-SIX, WHERE LEWIS EMPLOYED AS TEACHER. ON FEW OCCASIONS DURING THIS

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PERIOD, ROCKWELL, NILES AND CURRENT LEADER OF ANP, KAYLE (PHONETIC), WOULD STOP BY LEWIS' RESIDENCE FOR NILES TO HAVE BRIEF VISIT WITH HIS DAUGHTER. LEWIS STATES DOES NOT BELIEVE NILES CAPABLE OF RESORTING TO PHYSICAL VIOLENCE BUT HAS INDICATED REPEATEDLY HE WANTS TO BE MARTYR. LEWIS FIRMLY BELIEVES NILES WANTS TO BE KILLED AS MARTYR FOR SOME CAUSE. NILES HAS THREATENED SUICIDE ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS OVER PAST SEVERAL YEARS.

LEWIS AND WIFE HAVE CONTINUALLY BEEN EMBARRASSED BY NILES FOR NUMBER OF YEARS AND ON LAST VISIT, JAN., SIXTY-EIGHT, WOULD NOT PERMIT HIM IN THEIR RESIDENCE. LEWIS COULD ONLY FURNISH GENERAL INFORMATION RE NILES ACTIVITIES. ALTHOUGH LEWIS MARRIED CECILIA NILES IN NINETEEN FIFTY EIGHT, HE DID NOT MEET NILES UNTIL ABOUT SIXTY-TWO OR SIXTY-THREE. LEWIS STATES ANY DISCUSSION WITH HIS WIFE, NILES' DAUGHTER, PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY DISTRESSES HER. LEWIS REQUESTED THAT HIS WIFE NOT BE

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INTERVIEWED RE NILES. LEWIS VERY COOPERATIVE BUT DOES NOT WANT TO CAUSE HIS WIFE ANY MORE GRIEF OVER ACTIVITIES OF HER FATHER AND DEFINITELY DOES NOT WANT INQUIRY AT CHATTANOOGA THAT WOULD BE HARMFUL TO THEIR GOOD REPUTATION AND HIS EMPLOYMENT.

LEWIS STATED NILES HAD PHOTOGRAPHIC SHOP IN UNKNOWN CITY DURING WORLD WAR II, THEN SPENT CONSIDERABLE TIME IN ALASKA FOLLOWING WORLD WAR II. ALSO REPORTED TO BE LEADING SALESMAN IN U. S. FOR AMERICAN CORPORATION, SELLING ENCYCLOPEDIAS IN VICINITY OF CLEVELAND AND CINCINNATI, OHIO, NINETEEN SIXTY-ONE OR SIXTY-TWO. HE THEN SUFFERED ONE OF HIS MORE SEVERE MENTAL DISORDERS, FOLLOWING WHICH HE JOINED ANP ABOUT NINETEEN SIXTY-TWO OR SIXTY-THREE.

REGISTRATION CARD, HOTEL PLAZA, CHATTANOOGA, TENN., REFLECTS NILES REGISTERED AS FRANK H. NILES, THREE FIVE ZERO SIX LINDERWOOD AVE., DALLAS, TEXAS, ARRIVING NINE TWENTY-EIGHT P.M., JAN. TEN LAST AND DEPARTING TEN THIRTY TWO P.M., JAN. THIRTEEN LAST.

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CLEVELAND AT LORAIN, OHIO, REVIEW RECORDS AT SHIELDS NURSING HOME AND INTERVIEW DR. (FNU) FIECKS RE NILES. ^{Non Folk} RICHMOND AT WILLIAMSBURG, VA., WILL VERIFY FACT FRANK H. NILES HAS BEEN PATIENT AT EASTERN STATE HOSPITAL, WILLIAMSBURG, FROM JAN. LAST TO PRESENT. DETERMINE FROM ATTENDING PHYSICIANS AND REVIEW OF RECORDS ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION RE BACKGROUND AND MENTAL CONDITION. NOTE; REFERENCED BOSTON TELETYPE ADVISED BUREAU INSTRUCTS CURRENT WHEREABOUTS AND ACTIVITIES OF NILES FOR PAST FEW MONTHS BE DETERMINED AND CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN RE POSSIBILITY NILES COULD BE CO-CONSPIRATOR THIS CASE.

NO INVESTIGATION REQUESTED OF DALLAS.

BASED ON FACT NILES HAS BEEN CONFINED MENTAL HOSPITAL JAN. LAST TO PRESENT, NO ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED KNOXVILLE DIVISION RE THIS MATTER. UACB, MRS. CECILIA NILES WILL NOT BE INTERVIEWED RE HER FATHER AS REQUESTED BY MR. LEWIS.

AIR MAIL COPIES TO DALLAS.

NILES HAS SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

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And Norfolk

FOR INFORMATION DALLAS, IN MARCH, NINETEEN SIXTY-FOUR,
CHARLES ROSS, SHERIFF, KENTON, OHIO, STATED FRANK G.
NILES MADE INQUIRY CONCERNING PURCHASE OF SNIPER'S RIFLE
AND ALSO COMMENTED HE WOULD KILL KING IF IT WOULD PREVENT
INTEGRATION. FRANK G. NILES BELIEVED IDENTICAL WITH
FRANK H. NILES, FORMER ANP MEMBER, WHO WAS EXPELLED
BECAUSE OF EXCESSIVE DRINKING.

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Date: 5/3/68

Transmit the following in _____
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TO: SAC, DALLAS

FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (44-669)

SUBJECT: MURKIN RAY

Enclosed for Dallas is photo of newspaper artist's sketch of KING's assassin and photo of UNSUB lookalike.

The enclosed photographs were obtained from ROBERT HARPER, City Editor, Frederick Post and has been given to him by HAROLD WEISBERG, Route 8, Old Receiver Road, Frederick, Maryland.

Mr. WEISBERG in discussing the above photographs stated that the photo of the sketch appeared in the newspaper and allegedly represents a composite sketch of the assassin of MARTIN LUTHER KING. He said the photo of the other individual was taken from a group photograph of individuals who were waiting by a police car after the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY in Dallas and was apparently the photograph of a group of persons being taken into custody by the Dallas, Texas PD for questioning just after the assassination of the President occurred. The group photo from which the individual blow-up was taken, was allegedly made by WILLIAM ALLEN, a photographer for one of the Dallas newspapers.

It is to be noted that HAROLD WEISBERG is the author of the books, "Whitewash" and "Whitewash Number 2" which are critical of the Warren Commission Report and of the investigation conducted into the assassination of President KENNEDY.

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The Dallas Office will, through inquiry at the Dallas, Texas PD, attempt to ascertain the identity of the individual who was allegedly photographed in Dallas on the date of KENNEDY's assassination.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Sac (44-2649)

DATE: 5-7-68

FROM : ROBERT J. STEVENS & ALAN L. MANNING

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 5-3-68 Sgt. I. W. HAYS, Marshall Police Department, Marshall, Texas telephonically advised he received information that on the previous morning an individual, similar to RAY, had been observed entering the Michaels Beauty Salon in Marshall, after getting out of a cab. He checked with the cab driver, ERVIN HURD, and learned HURD picked the man up at the Hotel Marshall, delivered him to Michaels, and about 2 hours later, picked him up at Michaels and took him to the bus station. HURD, a Negro, was unable to identify this man as closely resembling the WF on RAY.

On 5-3-68 both Mr. and Mrs. BILL CLARK, operators of Michaels Beauty Salon, Marshall, advised the man referred to above had called on the phone to make an appointment to get his hair dyed, but on arrival, had his hair bleached by Mr. CLARK. This man was wearing slacks and sportshirt, no coat or hat, and was carrying attache case, which he kept with him all the time. This man was in his 40s, 5' 5" 10, very thin, and had a full head of sandy hair. He claimed to have a relative in Marshall, and was passing through, and was to catch a bus at 1:30 PM that day. He did not give his name.

Mr. and Mrs. CLARK both viewed the WF on RAY, and both individually advised the man referred to above bore no resemblance to RAY.

On 5-3-68 LILLY MAE BLACKMON, Manager, Hotel Marshall advised that MRS. ODIS D. SUMMERLIN was the clerk on duty at 11AM 5-2-68, and NELLIE COLE was the elevator operator on duty.

On 5-3-68 NELLIE COLE advised that about 11AM 5-2-68 she observed a man enter the hotel lobby from the street, carrying a small thin grip. He had some conversation with Mrs. SUMMERLIN about getting his hair dyed, and Mrs. SUMMERLIN made several calls for him before he got an appointment. He then took a cab from the hotel, and did not return. He was not a guest of the hotel.

NELLIE COLE viewed the WF on RAY, and said there is no resemblance to the man referred to above.

Efforts to contact Mrs. SUMMERLIN 5-3-68 met with negative results.

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On 5-3-68 BRUCE BERGER, Manager, Bus Station, Marshall, advised the police had shown him the WF on RAY, but he was unable to identify him as having been a passenger on a bus leaving Marshall 5-2-68.

ON 5-7-68 Mrs. ODIS D. SUMMERLIN, Desk Clerk, Hotel Marshall, advised she was on duty at 11AM 5-2-68, and she confirmed the information previously supplied by NELLIE COLE. She described him as a WM, 32-35, 5'11, very slender, with sandy hair.

Mrs. SUMMERLIN viewed the WF on RAY, and said there is no resemblance with the man referred to above.

On 5-3-68 BRUCE BERGER advised at 2:25 PM that at 2:15PM a man dressed in a yellow shirt and blue jeans boarded the bus in Marshall, and bought a ticket to Tyler, Texas. This bus was scheduled to arrive in Longview, Texas at 2:45PM. BERGER thought this man bore a resemblance to the photo of RAY on the WF.

Lt. EARL CLAXTON, Longview PD, was contacted by phone and requested to meet the above bus in Longview. Lt. CLAXTON later advised he met the bus in Longview when it arrived at 2:45PM. He easily located the man dressed in the yellow shirt and blue jeans who had boarded the bus in Marshall. This man is a WM, age 34, bore no resemblance to RAY, and a check of his fingerprints eliminated him as being possibly identical with RAY.

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Date: 5/7/68

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT
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TO: SAC, NEW YORK
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

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REURTEL TO BALTIMORE, ETC., CONCERNING PASSENGERS ON AAL
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SAN ANTONIO ADVISED BY TELETYPE TO DALLAS TODAY THAT PHONE
FIVE ONE TWO, CL EIGHT DASH TWO FIVE FIVE ONE FOR DEAN BRIGHT IS
NOT A WORKING NUMBER AND EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY BRIGHT AT JOLLYVILLE,
SMALL COMMUNITY NORTHWEST AUSTIN, TEX., COVERED BY THIS PHONE
EXCHANGE, UNPRODUCTIVE. SAN ANTONIO REQUESTED A RECHECK OF FLIGHT
INFO TO DETERMINE IF PHONE NUMBER CORRECT.

NEW YORK RECHECK FLIGHT INFO AND ADVISE SAN ANTONIO.

AM COPY SAN ANTONIO AND MEMPHIS.

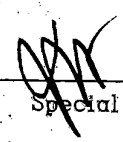
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Special Agent in Charge

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8:10PM URGENT 5-8-68 DPK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), INDIANAPOLIS, AND DALLAS
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

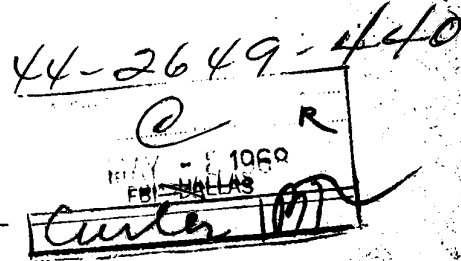
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REBUTEL TO LOS ANGELES APRIL TWENTY SIX LAST, LOS ANGELES
TEL TO BUREAU MAY ONE LAST.

REBUTEL ADVISED HAROLD J. THOME, MENTAL CASE, HAD BEEN
ATTEMPTING TO HAVE AUDIENCE WITH MARTIN LUTHER KING IN ATLANTA IN
NOVEMBER LAST. THOME REPORTEDLY THREATENED NEIGHBORS IN PAST
WITH SHOTGUN. BUREAU INSTRUCTED ALTHOUGH RAY HAD BEEN IDENTIFIED
AS ASSAILANT, INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE CONDUCTED TO DETERMINE IF
THOME IMPLICATED AS CONSPIRATOR.

LOS ANGELES FILES REFLECT IN SEPTEMBER LAST, SON STEPHEN
THOME STATED FATHER HAD WRITTEN PRESIDENT JOHNSON AND POPE
NUMEROUS OCCASIONS OPPOSING WAR IN VIETNAM AND HAD BEEN ARRESTED
FOR PULLING GUN ON POLICE OFFICERS. FORMER WIFE CONSIDERS THOME
ALCOHOLIC IN ADDITION TO MENTAL PROBLEMS.

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SECRET SERVICE, LOS ANGELES, ADVISED SEPTEMBER LAST THOME INVESTIGATED FOR WRITING LETTER TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON STATING HE WAS "IN GRAVE DANGER", AND OPPOSING WAR IN VIETNAM. THOME INCARCERATED TWICE CAMARILLO STATE HOSPITAL AS SCHIZOPHRENIC PARANOID. THOME ARRESTED MARCH, NINETEEN SIXTY SIX FOR THREATENING NEIGHBOR WITH GUN AND IN JUNE SIXTY SEVEN FOR DRUNK DRIVING, WHEN HE HAD UNLOADED SHOTGUN IN CAR.

SON, STEPHEN J. THOME, GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA, STATED APRIL TWENTY NINE LAST FATHER HAD BEEN TRAVELING THROUGHOUT UNITED STATES SINCE LATE SIXTY SEVEN. PRESENT WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN, BUT FATHER HAD CALLED HIM COLLECT IN MARCH OR APRIL FROM UNKNOWN LOCATION.

THOME ADVISED MAY EIGHT INSTANT THAT FATHER WOULD HAVE HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH ASSASSINATION AS VERY SYMPATHETIC TO NEGRO CAUSE.

INVESTIGATION ESTABLISHED THOME WAS IN ATLANTA JANUARY FIFTEEN LAST. CREDIT INVESTIGATOR ADVISED THOME BOUGHT GASOLINE ON UNION OIL CREDIT CARD MARCH EIGHT OR NINE LAST FOR NINETEEN SIXTY FOUR PONTIAC, CALIFORNIA LICENSE KDT SIX FIVE FOUR, REGISTERED TO JAMES E. SIMS, TWO FIVE FOUR AND ONE EIGHTH CORONADO STREET, LOS ANGELES.

END PAGE TWO

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MISS KAREN VANDERFORD, AT CORONADO STREET ADDRESS, ADVISED MAY SEVEN LAST SIMS HER STEPFATHER, WHO HAD BEEN IN TEXAS, AND HAD SOLD PONTIAC POSSIBLY IN HOUSTON. SIMS AND WIFE RESIDING FOR TWO WEEKS AT TWO TWO THREE FOUR EAST MICHIGAN, NUMBER THREE, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA.

RECORDS, PACIFIC TELEPHONE COMPANY, REFLECTED MAY SEVEN LAST PUBLIC TELEPHONE COLLECT CALL TO STEPHEN THOME ON APRIL TWELVE LAST FROM PUBLIC TELEPHONE COLLECT CALL TO STEPHEN THOME ON APRIL TWELVE LAST FROM ARLINGTON, TEXAS.

INDIANAPOLIS INTERVIEW MR. AND MRS. SIMS, DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS PONTIAC SOLD IN TEXAS AND IF THEY KNOW THOME. FURNISH RESULTS LOS ANGELES AND APPROPRIATE TEXAS OFFICE TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW THOME.

DALLAS CHECK CREDIT, CRIMINAL AND GENERAL DELIVERY AT ARLINGTON TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW THOME.

THOME ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS ADVISED AIR MAIL.

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PLAINTEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND
SAC, LOS ANGELES

FROM: SAC, EL PASO (157-166) (P)

MURKIN.

RE EP AIRTEL TO DIRECTOR, COPIES TO LA, DATED APRIL
THIRTY, LAST.

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

DALLAS TEL TO DIRECTOR, MAY ONE, LAST, SET OUT INFO
FROM RECORDS, SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE CO., LUBBOCK,
TEXAS, THAT TELEPHONE CALL WAS MADE FROM ALPINE, TEXAS,
DECEMBER SIXTEEN, LAST, SEVEN ZERO SIX PM, TO FIVE THREE
THREE DASH FIVE FOUR ONE ONE, EL PASO.

THIS NUMBER BELONGS TO CONTINENTAL AIRLINES. CONTINENTAL
AIRLINES REPRESENTATIVE, EL PASO, ADVISED THIS DATE THAT
ABOVE TELEPHONE NUMBER ONLY ANSWERED BY CONTINENTAL HOME
OFFICE, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

LOS ANGELES CHECK OUT ABOVE CAR PER BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS
SET OUT IN REFERENCED AIRTEL.

AIR MAIL COPIES BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS, AND DALLAS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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AIRTEL

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

Re telephone calls by subject RAY enroute to New Orleans from Los Angeles and Dallas teletype to Bureau dated 4/30/68.

Re telephone call made from coin telephone at Alpine, Texas on 12/16/67, 6:09 PM, to telephone number 626-7559, Fort Worth, Texas.

MRS. INA M. JONES, widow of LEON JONES, 1956 Prairie Avenue, Fort Worth, has telephone number 626-7559. MRS. JONES is employed by Margos Dress Shop, 612 Main Street, Fort Worth, Texas. On May 3, 1968, MRS. JONES stated that her daughter, MRS. TROYANNA (LUCIANO) MALDONADO resides at Alpine, Texas where her son-in-law is attending Sul Ross College. She stated that she received a call from her daughter on 12/16/67. She examined the photograph of subject RAY and stated that she had never seen any individual resembling RAY and knew nothing about him.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/3/68

BILLY JOE FAULKNER, Apartment H, 2002 Kirby Street, Dallas, furnished the following information:

The only time he has been in Atlanta, Georgia, during recent years was from November, 1966, through February, 1967, when he resided at an unrecalled address on Piedmont Street. Then he resided for about two weeks at what he believes was 107 14th Street, N.E. It was the first building on 14th Street off Peachtree. He lived in a first floor apartment in the rear near the kitchen door.

He was injured on March 21, 1967, and left Atlanta on March 24, 1967, and went to live with his father in Midland City, Alabama. He stayed there until sometime in August, 1967, when he went to New Orleans and began working for Edwards Transportation Company on a tugboat. He worked on the tugboat for about six weeks. Then he went to Local 513, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Galveston, Texas, and they got him a job with Lummus Company as a wireman and journeyman electrician on a construction job in Texas City, Texas. While in Texas City, he resided at Colonial Courts which is behind the main Post Office. He was laid off this job because of a reduction in force.

In November and December, 1967, and January and February, 1968, he was in Midland City, Alabama, with his father. In February, 1968, he went to work for Olympia Golf Course, Dothan, Alabama, and was fired in mid-March, 1968.

From the middle of March, 1968, until he came to Dallas on April 3, 1968, he lived with SUE KELLY at My Place, a beer bar on Route 4, Graceville, Florida. This bar is located 3½ miles north of Graceville on Slocum (phonetic) Highway. He spent four or five days a week at this bar and the rest of the time he spent in Midland City, where he stayed with his father or in a trailer he rented from Mr. and Mrs. CHARLES WOODHAM. The only traveling he did during this time, except back and forth between

On 4/24/68 at Dallas, Texas
by SAs WILLIAM B. HOLLOWAY and
RICHARD L. SLOAN:WBH:pw

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Midland City and Graceville, was one trip he made to Pensacola, Florida, to pick up a girl to work at the bar. He went to Pensacola and returned the same day.

During the time he was at My Place bar, two girls worked there, JACKIE MOLINE and JACKIE (last name unknown), who is now employed at the Busy Bea Cafe in Dothan, Alabama.

LARRY BURCH, an insurance salesman for Independent Life Insurance Company, was in the bar almost daily and can vouch for his being there.

He arrived in Dallas on April 3, 1968, and rented the apartment at 2002 Kirby on that date. On April 4, 1968, he recalls going to see WALTER (last name unknown), who operates Galaxie One on Live Oak Street, and paying him \$3.00 for a telephone call he had made to WALTER in January. On April 5, 1968, he had lunch with DALE KNOTTS, General Director of the Tuberculosis Association in Dallas.

JERRY NED MILLER, who formerly resided near My Place bar on Route 4, Graceville, has been his constant companion for the last two months and is now residing with him at Apartment H, 2002 Kirby Street, Dallas.

SUE KELLY came to Dallas with him in his car and was living with him at this address. She is currently working as a waitress at the Mandarin Restaurant on Gaston Avenue.

He stated he did not know anyone who resided at 107 14th Street, or anyone in any of the adjoining apartment buildings in Atlanta. He recalls talking to a man about 57 years old who resided at that address who was a carpenter and he believes he returned to his home in Carrollton, Georgia, on weekends.

He was shown a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and he stated he has never seen this person at any time. He said the name is not familiar to him, nor is the name ERIC STARVO GALT.

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He knows nothing whatever about the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING and had no hatred of KING. He would never have considered participating in any way in a plot to kill KING. He admitted having been a member of the Ku Klux Klan in 1965 but said he ceased being a member in about March, 1965, after he was stopped by police in some small town in North Carolina at which time he had his klan robes on. He claimed he was only in the klan for about four months and held no position of responsibility.

He displayed a current Florida driver's license No. H181739D, which shows it was issued March 25, 1958, and expires on his birth date in 1970. It is issued to BILLY JOE FAULKNER, Route 4, Graceville, Jackson, Florida, born February 27, 1928, white, blue eyes, 5'10", 165 pounds, an electrician.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/3/68

WALTER PRICE, Manager and operator of Galaxy One, Live Oak and Skiles, advised he has been acquainted with BILLY JOE FAULKNER for several years. He said FAULKNER comes into the Galaxy One lounge whenever he is in Dallas.

On or about April 4, 1968, FAULKNER came into the lounge and paid him \$3.00 for a telephone call FAULKNER had made to him collect several months ago.

During April, FAULKNER has been in the Galaxy One on several occasions.

On 4/26/68 at Dallas, Texas

File # Dallas 44-2649 - 444
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by SA WILLIAM B. HOLLOMAN/pw

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Date 5/3/68

SUE KELLY, 4817 Tremont, employed as a waitress at the Mandarin Restaurant, 4822 Gaston, related the following:

She first met BILLY JOE FAULKNER in early December, 1967, in Pensacola, Florida. He was working as an electrician there and she was employed as a barmaid. They were residing at the Pace Park Motel on Pace Boulevard in Pensacola. After meeting him, he remained in Pensacola for about a week before going back to his home in Midland City, Alabama. He returned in the latter part of January or early February, stayed with her in Pensacola two or three days. They then traveled together to Midland City and began living together in a trailer FAULKNER rented.

She soon began operating My Place bar near Graceville, Florida. She and FAULKNER lived at the bar Mondays through Fridays and returned to Midland City for the weekends. From the time they left Pensacola in late January or early February, 1968, until about April 16, 1968, she and FAULKNER were together every day. He would occasionally go to Midland City from Graceville for the day, but was never away from her overnight.

On about April 16, 1968, she and FAULKNER had an argument which resulted in her moving from Apartment H, 2002 Kirby Street, to her present address. She knows FAULKNER is a homosexual and suspects there is a homosexual relationship between FAULKNER and JERRY NED MILLER, who has been with FAULKNER since they left Graceville and came to Dallas.

She was shown a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and she said this person was completely unfamiliar to her.

On 4/26/68 at Dallas, Texas

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by SA WILLIAM B. HOLLOMAN/pw

Date dictated 4/30/68

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Date 5/3/68

JERRY NED MILLER, Apartment H, 2002 Kirby Street, advised he has been an almost constant companion of BILLY JOE FAULKNER from about mid-March, 1968, until the present time. He has not been out of the presence of FAULKNER for over a few hours during that time. He knows that FAULKNER has been in Graceville, Florida, and Midland City, Alabama, during the time they have been together except for a one-day trip to Pensacola.

MILLER was shown a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and he claimed he has never seen this person.

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Memphis 44-1987
by SA WILLIAM B. HOLLOMAN/pw Date dictated 4/29/68

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JA
SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (P)

MURKIN

OO-MEMPHIS

Re Rooming House, 107--14th Street NE, Atlanta, Georgia.

Re Dallas teletype dated 4/25/68.

Enclosed herewith are nine copies each of FD-302s, reporting interviews of BILLY JOE FAULKNER and JERRY NED MILLER on 4/24/68, and interviews of WALTER PRICE and SUE KELLY on 4/26/68.

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Date: 5/7/68

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(Priority)

TO: SAC DALLAS (44-2649)
FROM: SAC SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)

MURKIN.

REURTEL MAY SIX LAST CONCERNING PASSENGER INFO AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE THREE EIGHT, APRIL SIX LAST, WITH ONE TOURIST PASSENGER IDENTIFIED AS DEAN BRIGHT, TELEPHONE FIVE ONE TWO - CL EIGHT - TWO FIVE FIVE ONE.

EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY BRIGHT AT JOLLYVILLE, TEXAS, SMALL COMMUNITY NORTHWEST AUSTIN, UNPRODUCTIVE. TELEPHONE SOURCE ADVISED CL EIGHT - TWO FIVE FIVE ONE NOT WORKING NUMBER AND NO RECORD DEAN BRIGHT.

DALLAS RECHECK FLIGHT INFO TO DETERMINE IF TELEPHONE NO. CORRECT AS SET FORTH RETEL.

AM COPY MEMPHIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P

Above info telephonically furnished to Janice Climer, Dallas, on 5/7/68, at 2:30 PM, by David Wall, San Antonio.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

DATE: 5/6/68

FROM : SA JAMES J. SPERMAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: Memorandum of SPC JERRY D. PRICE dated 5/2/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA above and SA WILLIAM B. HOLLOMAN, on 5/3/68.

AT DALLAS, TEXAS

Mrs DIANE DULICAI, 1246 Peavy Rd., Apt 266, Tel DA 8 7425, furnished substantially the same information as reflected in re'd memo, and added that the individual known to her as JAMES ALLSUP, was approximately 5'11", very slim, deepset eyes, Medium brown hair, receding, parted low on the left side; between 35 and 40 yrs; and had rough hands as if he had been working construction.

She advised this individual had never been a customer before, and no one but her had seen this person, as the arrangements for the dancing lesson had been made by telephone, and there was no one else in the studio when the lesson was given.

She stated this person was at least 20 pounds lighter than the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY which were exhibited to her. She said she could not rule out the possibility of identity however, since the features were very similar. She stated ALLSUP gave the following telephone number where he could be reached; BL 4 7062.

A check of the Dallas area Gris - Cross Directory indicated BL 4 7062 was listed to 734 Nursery, Irving, Texas.

AT IRVING, TEXAS

A check with the manager of the apartments at 734 Nursery, revealed ALLSUB resides at that address, apartment 117. He is employed at International Optical Company, 11362 Reeder Road, Dallas, CH 1 3161.

AT DALLAS, TEXAS

JAMES A. ALLSUP, 734 Nursery, Irving, was interviewed at his employment address, 11362 Reeder Road. He advised he was employed in the maintenance department of International Optical Company.



-Dallas

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

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

OO-MEMPHIS

Re El Paso airtel to Bureau, 4/30/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT A. DAVIDSON:

AT EULESS, TEXAS

On 5/6/68, MR. ROBERT BOGASH, District Claims Supervisor, Allied Van Lines, Pipe Line and Highway 157, advised that telephone No. 817-283-1541 is the number for this Allied Van Lines office, which is the check point and dispatching office for a five-state area which includes New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Texas. He advised there are no records kept of incoming calls and he would therefore have no way of knowing the details of a call made to the above number on 12/16/67.

He further stated that drivers for Allied Van Lines are required to check in once a day at the nearest check point, and that the drivers pay for these calls at the time they are made, and that it is generally customary to place the call person to person in order for them to speak to a specific dispatcher. In view of the above, BOGASH concluded that the call made on 12/16/67 from either Van Horn, Valentine or Sierra Blanco, Texas was probably a routine check-in by one of their drivers.

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SAC LOS ANGELES

FROM: SAC DALLAS (44-2649)

MURKIN.

REBUTEL TO LOS ANGELES, APRIL TWENTYSIX LAST; AND LOS
ANGELES TEL TO BUREAU, MAY ONE LAST.

RE: HAROLD J. THOME

FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION MADE TODAY:

CREDIT CHECKS ARLINGTON AND FORT WORTH, TEXAS, NEGATIVE.
CRIMINAL CHECKS AT ARLINGTON AND FORT WORTH PDS AND SO, FORT
WORTH, NEGATIVE.POSTMASTER R. O. DEWS (PROTECT), ARLINGTON, TEXAS, STATES
NO RECORD GENERAL DELIVERY FOR HAROLD J. THOME AND POSTMASTER
HAS ALERTED ALL HIS CLERKS FOR ANY MAIL THAT MIGHT BE RECEIVED
BY THOME. IF SUCH MAIL RECEIVED, DEWS WILL IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY
FORT WORTH RA.

MEMPHIS ADVISED AM. P

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(Dallas only)

Postmaster, Arlington, Texas, contacted by SA CARTER.

Creditand criminal checks at Fort Worth and Arlington,
Texas handled by IC JAMES VON WHITE.Fort Worth

W. M. YOUNG, SO;

CLIFFORD LADUCER, Identification Division, PD;

MRS. IDA OWEN, Records Bureau, PD.

Arlington

BILL WILLS, Identification Division, PD

Credit

Operator 6, RMA, Fort Worth;

Operator 11, RMA, Arlington.

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Special Agent in Charge

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

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

RE: SUSPECT JAMES ALLEN SMITH

Re Dallas airtel to Bureau, 4/16/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA
EARLE HALEY:

AT FORT WORTH, TEXAS

On 4/25/68, MR. FRED FICK, Attorney, 202 Burk Burnett Building, furnished the following information:

He has known JAMES ALLEN SMITH for about two years. SMITH has been in a lot of trouble and has a long arrest record. In the summer of 1967 SMITH was in the Tarrant County Jail on four charges of burglary, forgery, and theft. He contacted FICK on several occasions to represent him and get him out on bond. SMITH could not raise any money and finally raised a total of \$400. FICK had set a fee of \$700. SMITH told FICK he owned some property in Houston and had some assets in Houston and if he could get out he could easily raise the other \$300 and pay him in full. FICK finally agreed to make the bonds and SMITH was released. He talked to SMITH after he was released from jail. SMITH was going to Houston and liquidate some assets and pay FICK the balance of his fee for making his bonds. FICK never saw or heard from SMITH until 2/29/68, when he read in the paper that SMITH was arrested with WALKER MARK PLANAGAN, well known Fort Worth police character, in Dallas. SMITH and

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FLANAGAN were immediately taken to Houston, Texas, to face a number of burglary charges. FICK went to the District Attorney's Office in Fort Worth to get off the bonds of SMITH and learned that SMITH had been cooperating with law enforcement officers to get evidence on MARK FLANAGAN. FICK did not plan to make any bond for SMITH in Houston, Texas. The District Attorney in Fort Worth and Houston, along with state officers asked his assistance in this matter, and he made bond for SMITH in Houston on or about 3/4/68. He has not seen nor heard from SMITH since then. He has tried to locate SMITH through all known contacts in Fort Worth but has not been successful. He had heard rumors that SMITH might have been killed for cooperating with officers regarding MARK FLANAGAN. He has also heard that SMITH is using this as an excuse to lay low. FICK related that SMITH is a chronic liar, boastful, and exaggerates stories about himself. He stated SMITH is a low-life police character and will do most anything to raise a few dollars. FICK had never heard of SMITH having any dealings with MARTIN LUTHER KING and never heard SMITH mention "South Christian Conference." He has talked about everything else but this matter to FICK. SMITH claimed he could do nearly anything on earth. FICK did not trust or believe SMITH very much prior to last time he made bonds for him. He stated at this time he would not believe SMITH "on a stack of Bibles." SMITH has been involved in car thefts but FICK never heard of him being involved in Georgia or deep South. FICK is still trying to locate SMITH, as they have indicated they would call his case in Houston, Texas, in the near future. FICK related if he should receive any information as to the whereabouts of SMITH, he would notify the Fort Worth RA.

MR. H. J. COBB, Deputy Sheriff, was contacted on 4/29/68 and furnished the following information:

He is well acquainted with JAMES ALLEN SMITH and has handled him for auto theft in the past. SMITH is wanted by his attorney and bondsman at this time. SMITH is also wanted for questioning in Oklahoma, but they have not issued a warrant. COBB believes SMITH is hiding due to the fact he cooperated with law enforcement officers in arresting WALTER MARK FLANAGAN. COBB stated SMITH might have been buried but he had not learned any definite information to sustain this belief.

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MR. G. W. BURKS, Texas Ranger, advised on 5/2/68, he had not heard from SMITH and had not been able to develop any information as to his whereabouts. He stated SMITH might have been knocked off by some friends of MARK FLANAGAN. BURKS knows SMITH well and has talked to a number of contacts of SMITH but has not been able to locate SMITH. He stated SMITH talks big, brags, tells big stories, and is one of the biggest liars in the world.

MR. GLEN HAWKINS, Detective, Fort Worth PD, was contacted on 5/6/68. He advised he is well acquainted with JAMES ALLEN SMITH. He has made inquiries through all his sources but has not turned up any information on SMITH. He related SMITH could be buried by some friends of MARK FLANAGAN or SMITH might be taking advantage of the situation, has left Fort Worth, and is laying low. HAWKINS had never heard of SMITH being involved in anything in Georgia or Alabama. He further related he would not believe SMITH or any of the big stories he tells.

MR. FRED FICK was recontacted on 5/7/68, at which time he advised he had not received any information as to the whereabouts of SMITH. The case at Houston has been called but he obtained a postponement for 60 days.

No further investigation being conducted to locate SMITH.

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5/8/68

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: SAC, SAN ANTONIO
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

MURKIN

REGARDING AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE THREE
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REFERENCE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BALTIMORE, ETC.
APRIL THIRTY, LAST WITH LEAD FOR DALLAS REGARDING DEAN BRIGHT;
DALLAS TELETYPE TO NEW YORK, MAY FIVE, LAST.

INFORMATION REPORTED CORRECT ACCORDING TO
RECORDS OF AMERICAN AIRLINES REGARDING DEAN BRIGHT. NO
ADDITIONAL INFO AVAILABLE CONCERNING THIS INDIVIDUAL.

DALLAS AND MEMPHIS ADVISED BY AIR MAIL.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

- ① - Dallas (44-2649) (AM)
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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, EL PASO
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (P)
RE: MURKIN
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OO: Memphis

Re Houston airtel 5/8/68, setting forth telephone calls to be checked out regarding the trip of subject and CHARLES STEIN Dec. 15-17, 1967. It is noted that on page 3, the following calls were made:

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12/16/67	Beaumont 835-9162	915-694-3806 Midland, Texas
12/15/67	Beaumont 835-9162	915-694-3606 Midland, Texas

Since Midland is in the El Paso Division, El Paso will handle.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)(P)

RE: MURKIN
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RE CARS STOLEN FROM STATE OF GEORGIA

Re Atlanta airtel to Bureau and all offices
4/25/68; San Antonio airtel to Bureau 4/25/68.

The files in the 26 classification of the
San Antonio Division, in which San Antonio is origin and
which were opened between 3/23/68 and 4/4/68, were reviewed
with negative results concerning cars recovered which were
stolen in Georgia.

San Antonio is conducting no further investigation
in this phase of this case.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

3 - Bureau (RM)
2 - Atlanta (44-2386)(RM)
① - Dallas (44-2649)(Info)(RM)
1 - El Paso (Info)(RM)
1 - Houston (44-1509)(Info)(RM)
2 - Memphis (44-1987)(RM)
1 - Savannah (Info)(RM)
2 - San Antonio
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Special Agent in Charge

EL 44-2649

ME 44-1987

ALM:mc

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA ALAN L. MANNING:

AT LONGVIEW, TEXAS

On May 2, 1968, RALPH B. ANDERSON, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, advised that he was at the Hotel Rio, room on the second floor, room number not recalled, Morelos 86, Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico, for about three days, October 24 - 27, 1967. He stated he does not drink so therefore his contact with people at the hotel was very limited as he spent most of his time on the beach. He stated he was alone on his visit to Mexico.

ANDERSON viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and advised he does not recall seeing anyone at the Hotel Rio who resembled RAY and that he does not know such a person.

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5/2/68

AIRTEL

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

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Re Legat, Mexico airtel dated 4/23/68.

RALPH B. ANDERSON advised on 5/2/68, he stayed at the Hotel Rio, Morelos 86, Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico, for about three days, October 24 - 27, 1967. He stated he spent most of his time on the beach and had little contact with persons at the hotel. He viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and stated he does not recall seeing anyone at the Hotel Rio who resembled RAY.

Investigative insert concerning interview of ANDERSON enclosed for Memphis.

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1-Dallas
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Date: 5/6/68

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN
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ReButel, 4/25/68 to El Paso, Houston, San Antonio, advising that each office should determine from telephone company long distance calls placed at each public telephone on Interstate 10 over which subject and CHARLES STEIN allegedly traveled 12/15-17/67.

Set forth by field division are telephone calls made from the Houston Division, 12/15-17/67. Dallas will determine from the subscriber or person receiving call, the identity of caller. If caller was JAMES EARL RAY, aka obtain all available information.

DATE	CALLING NUMBER	CALLED NUMBER	PLACE
12/16/67	Houston 673-9369	214-421-9971	Dallas, Texas
12/16/67	Beaumont 835-8079	214-391-1429	Dallas
12/16/67	Houston 673-9564	214-374-9446	Dallas
12/17/67	Houston 682-9208	817-831-1487	Fort Worth

3 - Bureau
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DATE	CALLING NUMBER	CALLED NUMBER	PLACE
12/17/67	Beaumont 835-9631	817-534-1645	Fort Worth, Texas
12/16/67	Houston 468-9875	817-926-5947	Fort Worth
12/17/67	Houston 468-9020	817-926-5947	Fort Worth
12/17/67	Houston 468-9020	817-927-2086	Fort Worth
12/15/67	453-9555 Houston	817-335-5871	Fort Worth
12/16/67	"	"	"
12/17/67	"	"	"
12/17/67	Beaumont 835-9631	806-744-4431	Lubbock, <i>missed</i> Texas
12/16/67	Houston 468-9838	806-742-8991	Lubbock
12/17/67	Houston 468-9838	806-742-8991	Lubbock
12/16/67	Orange 886-9776	806-744-4739	Lubbock
12/17/67	Beaumont 835-9065	713-634-3184	Lufkin
12/16/67	Houston 468-9898	713-634-7454	Lufkin
12/15/67	Houston 468-9076	713-634-3317	Lufkin
12/15/67	Houston 673-9720	214-286-0702	Rylie, Texas
12/16/67	Houston 673-9535	214-286-1199	Rylie

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DATE	CALLING NUMBER	CALLED NUMBER	PLACE
12/17/67	Houston 673-9604	214-286-0702	Rylie
12/17/67	Beaumont 835-8273	817-387-9623	Denton, Texas
12/17/67	Houston 682-9123	817-382-9163	Denton
12/17/67	Houston 682-9123	817-382-9163	Denton
12/16/67	Houston 468-9903	817-387-4511	Denton
12/16/67	835-9162 Beaumont	915-694-3606	Midland, Texas
12/15/67	Beaumont 835-9162	915-694-3606	Midland
12/16/67	Houston 673-9757	214-723-7173	Palestine, Texas
12/16/67	Houston 673-9757	214-723-7173	Palestine, Texas
12/15/67	Houston 682-9310	214-759-1955	Longview, Texas
12/17/67 (two calls, same date)	Beaumont 892-9054	214-759-9808	Longview
12/17/67	673-9171 Houston	713-598-9358	Center, Texas
12/17/67	Beaumont 835-9571	713-598-3889	Center, Texas
12/16/67	Houston 682-9123	806-224-6992	Plainview, Texas

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DATE	CALLING NUMBER	CALLED NUMBER	PLACE
12/16/67	Houston 673-9822	806-224-9069 (This may not be a <u>6</u> - illegible)	Plainview
12/15/67	Houston 468-9139	817-692-3812	Wichita Falls, Texas
12/16/67	Houston 468-9796	817-767-1746	Wichita Falls
12/15/67	Beaumont 825-9041	214-794-7101	Texarkana, Texas
12/15/67	Beaumont 835-9041	214-794-7439	Texarkana
12/15/67	Houston 452-9294	713-687-4641	Grapeland, Texas
12/17/67	Houston 673-9716	214-542-9116	McKinney, Texas
12/15/67	Houston 468-9814	214-247-9006	Farmersbranch
12/16/67	Houston 673-9829	713-544-3800	Crockett, Texas
12/16/67	Houston 673-9535	214-279-3661	Crystal, Texas
12/15/67	Beaumont 835-9631	214-639-2361	Hughes Springs, Texas
12/16/67	Vidor 769-9126	214-455-5449	Greenville, Texas