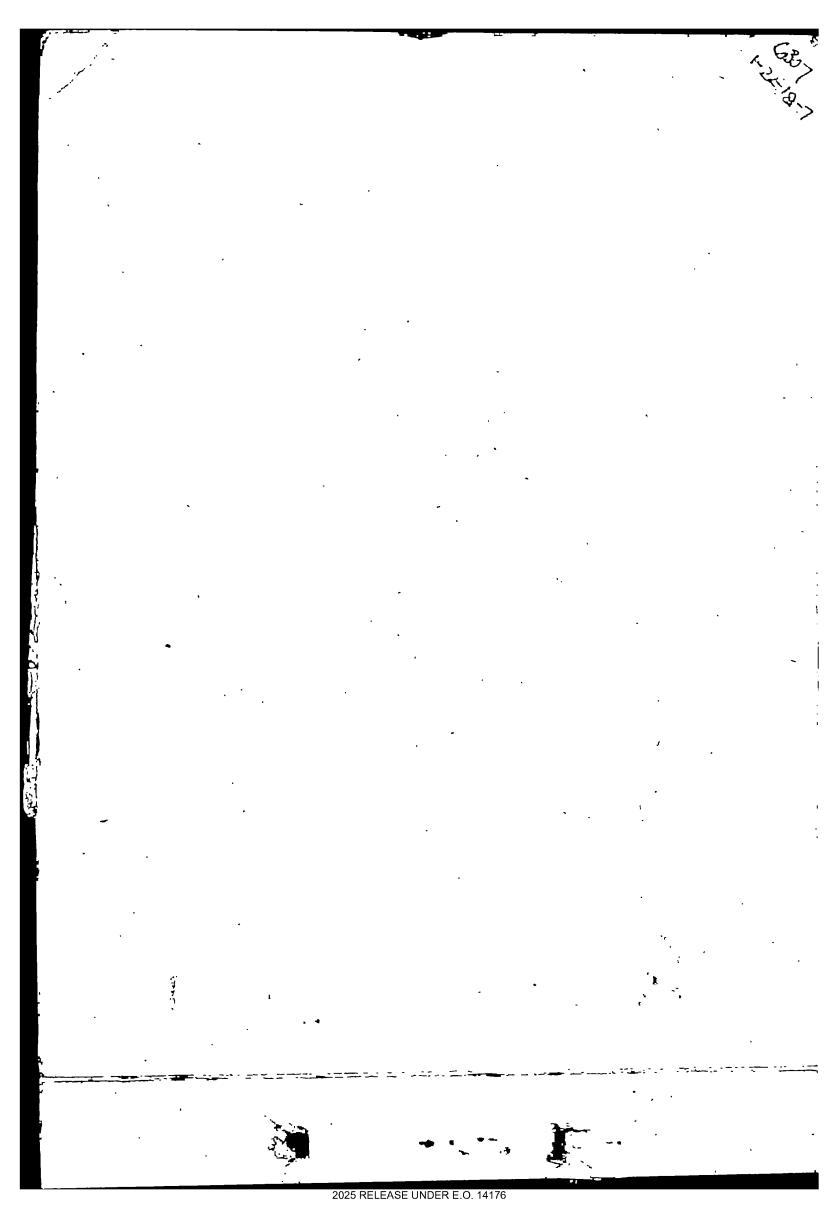
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MURKIN COST DATA

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Set forth below are estimated items of cost in the Dallas Division during October, 1968:

1; Man Hours	None
2. Miles driven	None
3. Maximum # of Agents	None
4. Unusual Expenses	None

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Memorandum

TO

SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

DATE: 11/13/68

FROM

SPC CLINTON B. BROWN

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

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On 11/13/68, JOE MEYER telephonically contacted this office, stating he is presently attending a computer class, Research Row (a new road), Dallas. MEYER advised he previously resided in Mississippi, and believes he has information about a location where JAMES EARL RAY may have been. MEYERS stated he did not wish to discuss the matter over the phone, and requested he be contacted personally by an agent on 11/14/68, at 11:45 AM.

MEYER stated his location could be found by taking Harry Hines north until Research Row, turn right on Research Row, and stop at last building on right (short street). MEYER stated he gets out of class at 11:45 AM, and could be identified by his bald head, glasses, about age 50. He requested the agent stand beside his car, and he would contact the agent and identify himself.

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JOSEPH C. MEYER, Lemonwood Inn, 3515 Inwood Road, employed as a field engineer for Recognition Equipment Company, Dallas, advised he is attending a computer school in Dallas sponsored by the Recognition Equipment Company. He formerly resided at 300 North Haugh Avenue, Picayune, Mississippi. While residing in Picayune, an incident occurred about two weeks prior to the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING in Memphis. The details of that incident are as follows:

He and his son went fishing near Picayune on a Sunday morning between about 8:00 AM and 9:30 AM. They were approaching a small fishing lake on Ridge Road when they noticed a man laying behind a light colord Ford Mustang shooting a rifle into a target on a tree about 40 yards away. He and his son parked their car at the small lake nearby and began fishing. The man with the rifle, which he observed to be a lever action and either new or very well taken care of, came up to them and started talking to him. The man said he was bore sighting the rifle, but he wished his brother was there because he was more experienced at this. They talked of fishing, hunting and general topics. The man did not talk with an accent and gave the impression of not being from that area.

The man was dressed in canvas field hunting clothes. He was about 5'10" to 11" tall, 175 pounds, dark wavy hair, well groomed. MEYER has observed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and he stated that some of the photographs definitely do not look like the man he saw, but one of the photograhs he recently saw in Look Magazine, the one without glasses, in some ways resembles the man he saw firing the rifle. He said he does not believe he would be able to identify the man he saw even if he saw him again.

MEYER thought nothing of theincident until he heard of the shooting of MARTIN LUTHER KING. Then he thought there might possibly be some connection, but he did not report the matter to the local police because he was afraid they would only laugh at him. He said he went back to the area that the man was firing and was unable to find any cartridges. He looked at the tree that had been

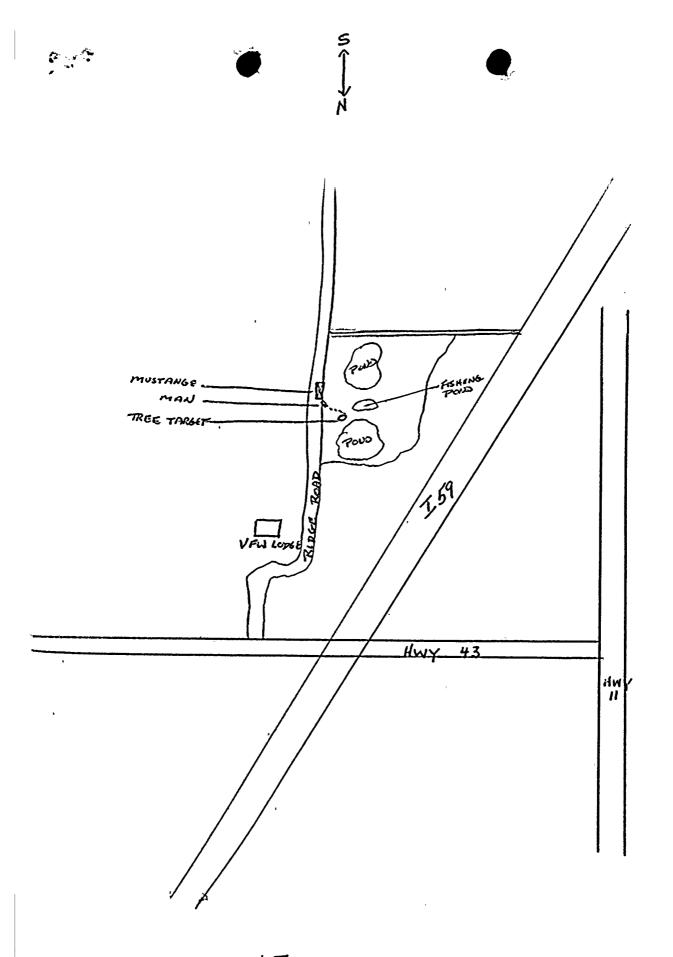
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by	SA WILLIAM B. HOLLOMAN/pd	Date dictated11/18/68

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shot at and noted that the places where the bullets hit indicated that a high powered cartridge was used because large chunks of the tree bark were torn away.

MEYER furnished a sketch of the area where the man was firing the rifle and it is attached hereto.



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SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

11/21/68

SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (RUC)

MURKIN

00: MEMPHIS

On 11/14/68, JOSEPH C. MEYER, Field Engineer for Recognition Equipment Company, Dallas, temporarily residing at the Lemonwood Inn, 3515 Inwood Road, Dallas, Texas, advised he is attending a computer school sponsored by Recognition Equipment Company, after which he does not know where he will be stationed. He said that he formerly resided at 300 North Haugh Avenue, Picayune, Mississippi. He related an incident which occurred while he was residing in Picayune. The details of that incident are set out in enclosed FD-302.

A copy of the FD-302 of interview of MEYER is enclosed for Jackson in the event Memphis requests investigation of this matter by Jackson at Pacayune.

Any additional investigation is left to the descretion of the Office of Origin.

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SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (RUC)

MURKIN COST DATA

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Set forth below are estimated items of cost in the Dallas Division during November, 1968:

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TO: SAC, DALLAS

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

Special Agent in Charge

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed for Dallas are two photographs of an unknown individual.

Mr. WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE, the author who holds an exclusive contract with the subject JAMES EARL RAY, has advised Executive Assistant State Attorney General ROBERT K. DWYER that he believes the FBI is regularly showing the photograph of an unknown individual who, according to HUIE, the FBI believes identical with RAOUL. Dallas is reminded that RAOUL is the individual about whom HUIE has written in his "Look" magazine articles and with whom the subject RAY is alleged to have had contact prior to the murder of KING.

HUIE has furnished Mr. DWYER two photographs, copies of which are enclosed for Dallas. HUIE does not know the identity of this individual and the Memphis Office is at a loss to understand why HUIE feels that the FBI is showing this photograph. You will note that this individual is in the custody of the Dallas Police, and these photographs, according to HUIE, were taken the same day that President KENNEDY was assassinated in Dallas.

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TO:

SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: (ASAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (RUC)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Memphis airtel dated 2/13/69 to Dallas with two photos enclosed of unknown individual.

Memphis should refer to Dallas airtel to Baltimore dated 8/21/68 and Baltimore airtel to Dallas dated 5/3/68, copies of which were furnished to Memphis.

As set forth in Dallas airtel dated 8/21/68, the person appearing in the photographs enclosed with reairtel has been identified as one of many persons picked up by the Dallas PD and Dallas County SO immediately following the assassination of President KENNEDY. Investigation disclosed that the person in the photos was not booked and no record of his identity was located at the Dallas PD or Dallas SO. Most of the persons were interviewed and released. The officers who picked up this man recall he had been found with two other men in a boxcar about a mile from the assassination scene, had been brought in and turned over to a Deputy Sheriff, but they do not recall the name of the man or of the Deputy Sheriff.

The photos have not been displayed by the Dallas Office during the investigation of the MURKIN case.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Atlanta, Georgia March 11, 1969

ANONYHOUS ACCUSATION ALLEGING PARTICIPATION OF RAYMOND POLACCO IN ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING. JR.

On Harch 7, 1969, Mr. Jin Rankin, City Desk, "The Atlanta Constitution" newspaper, Atlanta, Georgia, furnished a letter, contained in an envelope, postmarked Amarillo, Texas, Harch 2, 1969. The letter, which was typewritten and unsigned, states as follows:

"March 1. 1969

"The Constitution
Atlanta Newspapers, Inc.
10 Forsythe St., N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30030

"To Whom it may concorn:

"I am sure this is some information that you would appreciate. I have been keeping up with what you publish about the Martin Luther King Jr. case. That whole thing was plotted in Atlanta, Ga. One of the key pay-off men is a Cuban, 27 years of age, his name is Raymond Polacco and uses telephones, concerning his pay-off at 4550 Ridgecrest and 834 C Confederate Courts S. E. He is also shacking with a little red headed girl at the Confederate Courts address. This little red-headed girl is Debbie Blackman. They make a lot of trips together to New Orleans, La.

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"I live in New Orleans and know this girl real well. She does not know that this Cuban is the pay-off man. She is a teen-ager and should not be involved in this crime."

The current Atlanta City Directory reflects there is no address such as 4550 Ridgecrest Drive in Atlanta. The current suburban directory for the Atlanta, Georgia, area reflects 4550 Ridgecrest Drive, Forest Park, is occupied by Mr. Alf Calalay.

On March 10, 1969, Miss Doborah Diano Blackman. 834 Confederate Court, Apartment C, age 19, advised she net Raymond or Raymon Polacco about four months ago at The Scene. a nightclub in Atlanta, Georgia. She advised she dated Polacco several times after that and he came to her apartment on numerous occasions where she lives with her sister, Judy Griffin. advised she has not seen Polacco for about one month. although she dated him quite steadily during the period that she knew him. Hiss Blackman advised that according to Polacco he was narried and separated from his wife and he worked at the First National Bank in Atlanta, Georgia, and attends Georgia State College in She said that according to Polacco he is half Italian and half Spanish. Hiss Blackman advised that Polacco is from She believes he is from the Los Angeles area but California. She advised he called his home in California on is not sure. two or three occasions during the period of time she knew him from her and her sister's apartment. She advised she heard that Polacco has been reconciled with his wife and is living with her again.

Miss Blackman advised that she and a girl friend have made two trips to New Orleans, Louisiana, the first one being made in December, 1968, and the second in February, 1969. The girl who accompanied her was Charlotte Majure. She stated these

ANONYMOUS ACCUSATION

were short weekend trips, the latter being to attend the Mardi Gras. She denied that Polacco ever went with her to New Orleans or to any place outside of Atlanta. Hiss Blackman advised during the time she knew Polacco, he never mentioned James Earl Ray nor does she recall that he ver mentioned the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Hiss Blackman advised that Polacco is a white nale, about 25 years old, about 5' 9" tall, nedium build, black hair, black eyes, olive complexion, and wears expensive clothing.

Miss Blackman advised that her sister, Judy, married to, separated from, and in the process of getting a divorce from Joe Griffin, who resides at 1918 North Manhattan Street, Amarillo, Toxas. She advised he is a house painter by trade and is about 50 years old. Hiss Blackman stated that Judy and Joe Griffin have three children, who are living with Judy, and that Joe Griffin is attempting to obtain custody of the children. During his attempts to obtain custody of the children, he has attempted to prove that Judy is an unfit nother. In making these allogations, he has accused Judy of having illicit affairs with Raymond Polacco. She advised that on at least one occasion, Joe Griffin called a neighbor of Polacco's and told the neighbor that Polacco was running around with Judy and told Judy that from that conversation with the neighbor, he determined that Polacco is actually a Cuban. She advised that Joe Griffin and Raymond Polacco have never actually met to her knowledge but that Griffin seems intent upon proving an illicit relationship between Polacco and Judy Griffin.

On March 10, 1969, Mrs. Judy Griffin, 834 Confederate Court, Apartment C, S. E., Atlanta, Georgia, confirmed the above information furnished by Deborah Blackman, her sister, and stated that Joe Griffin, her husband, appears to be attempting through

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tolephone calls, to prove that she and Raymond Polacco have been too intimate. She advised that Polacco has been to her and her sister's apartment on numerous occasions but that actually her sister, Deborah Blackman, has been dating Polacco.

Judy Griffin advised that the telephone call allegedly made by Griffin to a neighbor of Polacco's was made to a family by the name of Calalay. She does not know where the Calalay family lives and neither Judy Griffin nor Deborah Blackman admitted knowing the residence of Raymond Polacco.

Deborah Blackman advised that during the time Polacco was allogodly separated from his wife he claimed to have an apartnent in Atlanta, but she does not know where it was located.

3/11/69

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AIRMAIL

TO:

DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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

44-2649

MURKIN

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are five (5) copies of LHM, captioned "ANONYMOUS ACCUSATION ALLEGING PARTICIPATION OF RAYMONE POLACCO IN ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR."

Two copies of the LHK are being enclosed for Memphis and one copy for Dallas.

Atlanta indices negative concerning RAYMOND POLACCO and Debbie or Deborah Blackman.

Records of the Atlanta Police Department contain no record of RAYMOND POLACOO.

The enclosed LHM is self-explanatory.

The anonymous letter, which was apparently written by JOE GRIFFIN, 1918 N. Manhattan St., Amarillo, Tex., would appear to be a violation of blackmail statutes within the investigative jurisdiction of the Post Office Department. In view of the subject matter, however, the letter is not being furnished to the local Postal Inspector without specific instruction to do so by the Bureau.

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Dallas Office is being furnished one copy since the writer of the letter apparently lives within that division.



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Date: 3-14-69					
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	From: Director, FBI (44-38861)				
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	MURKIN				
	ReATairtel to the Bureau dated 3-11-69.				
	Dallas should immediately locate and interview Joe Griffin, 1918 N. Manhattan St., Amarillo, Texas, concerning any information he may have in his possession regarding the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. You should also determine location of Raymond Polacco through interview of Griffin and set forth leads to have him interviewed.				
	Atlanta should continue efforts to locate Raymond Polacco in an effort to interview him and completely resolve this allegation. It is noted that Polacco was allegedly employed at the First National Bank in Atlanta, Georgia, and allegedly attends Georgia State College in Atlanta. Your efforts to locate Polacco should not be limited to his alleged place of employment and school as all avenues must be exhausted to locate and interview him.				
	Based upon available information, Bureau indices contain no information identifiable with Raymond Polacco or Joe Griffin.				
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Only the Truth

ALTHOUGH JUSTICE presumably was served, two recent trials—one in New Orleans, another in Memphis—have left the public's desire for the whole truth ill-served. One was disgusting, the other disappointing.

There were high hopes that New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison really had something. The Warren Commission's report on President Kennedy's assassination left too many loose ends.

It was obvious from the outset that Garrison's real prey was the report, and the alleged conspirators were only an excuse to put the Warren Commission's findings on trial. The findings do deserve to be questioned, but not in proceedings that masquerade as a criminal case.

The only evidence of an assassination attempt to surface in New Orleans concerned that of the defendant's character. The jury took a few, minutes to confirm that Garrison had presented no real case, and the public's hopes for new data on the assassination were dashed just as quickly.

Meanwhile, in Memphis, James Earl Ray was going on trial for the slaying almost a year ago of Martin Luther King. A blockbuster series of magazine articles had whetted the public's appetite for testimony by Ray under oath.

Ray's revelations in the press stoked strong suspicions of a conspiracy: Who were the mysterious persons allegedly directing Ray around the country? Where did he get the \$10,000 he spent traveling to Toronto, Montreal, Atlanta, Birmingham, New Orleans, Mexico, Los Angeles, Memphis, Portugal and London?

We may never know. Ray pleaded guilty to murder in a brief statement that precluded the presentation of prosecutors' case. Ray, who said he didn't agree with the theory that there was no conspiracy, seemed on the verge of blowing the whistle when his lawyer interrupted. Percy Foreman reminded the judge that Ray was pleading guilty only to murder, not to conspiracy charges, and that was that.

Ray has been shipped off to a maximum security cell in Nashville. Because he can't be tried twice for the same crime, it is unlikely that the public again will get the chance it had in Memphis to learn the full Ray story.

The guilty plea and the prison sentence, however, need not close the books on King's assassination. Investigating commissions have been appointed for infinitely more trivial reasons.

The truth is that Ray admitted killing King. But that's not the whole truth. Unless the case against Ray is presented, and Ray himself testifies for the record, the public will know only a third of "the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the fruth."

The Dallas Morning News"
Dallas, Texas
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Date: 3/13/69 Edition: Author: Editor: Jack B. Kruger Title:
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Dallas, Texas March 19, 1969

ANHONYMOUS ACCUSATION ALLEGING PARTICIPATION OF RAYMOND POLACCO IN ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Reference is made to the memorandum, entitled as above, submitted by the Atlanta Office on March 11, 1969.

A check of the City Directory of Amarillo, Texas, failed to reveal an address of 1918 Morth Manhattan Street or the name of JOE GRIFFIM. The City Directory did reveal a J. E. Griffin, Painter, residing at 1913 North Manhattan Street,

Operator No. 20, Amerillo Credit Association, 912 Taylor Street, on March 17, 1969, advised that Johnnie E. Griffin, 1913 North Manhattan Street, had been known to their files since July of 1966, and was reportedly employed as a house painter. The name of his wife was shown as Judy but file also contained information that Griffin had filed for divorce from Judy on January 9, 1969.

On March 17, 1969, Mr. Johnnie Ernest Griffin, 1913 North Manhattan Street, Amarillo, Texas, was interviewed at his place of employment, the Astoria Park Apartments, Amarillo, Texas, Griffin advised that on

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ANNONYMOUS ACCUSATION ALLEGING PARTICIPATION OF RAYMOND POLACCO IN ASSASINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

January 6, 1968, his wife's sister, Mrs. Charlie (Wanda) Johnston, came to Amarillo, and lived with them until May of 1968. He advised that she has now returned to her husband and that they reside at 812 - Apartment B, Eloise Courts, Atlanta, Georgia, and that the husband, Charlie Johnston, is employed as a fireman for the City of Atlanta, Georgia.

He advised that the mother of Charlie Johnston is Mrs. R. H. Johnston, 594 Hill Street, Atlanta, Georgia. He stated that one time at Amarillo while Wanda Johnston was drunk, she stated that her hisband, Charlie Johnston, had run over a Negro boy and killed him. She stated that her husband had killed a Negro for free but that her mother in law got \$10,000.00 for shooting Martin Luther King. He stated that he did not know whether this was true or not, but that Mrs. Johnston did about that time send Wanda Johnston about \$2,000.00 to pay for a car.

Griffin advised that all of his wife's family call him Joe Griffin. He stated that his wife, Judy Griffin, left him about October, 1968, and returned to Atlanta, Georgia, where she resides with a sister, Deborah Blackman, at 834-C Confederate Courts, Atlanta, Georgia. He advised that there is presently a court fight soing on for the custody of their three children.

Griffin advised that he was in Atlanta just before Christmas of 1968, and that Deborah Blackman told him that Mrs. Johnston had received another "big pay off" in the Martin Luther King case, and that this "pay off" had been made by Raymond Polacco. He advised that he had never met this Raymond Polacco but that he was going with Deborah Blackman at the time that he was in Atlanta.

ANNONYMOUS ACCUSATION ALLEGING PARTICIPATION OF RAYMOND POLACCO IN ASSASINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Griffin advised that he returned to Amarillo, Texas, and that on January 28, 1969, he received a telegram which read as follows:

"Dear Sir: I would like to get in touch with you concerning your family. It is important. I would like for you to reply back to the Atlanta Main Office, sending your telephone number. Please answer one way or the other. BRUCE MARKS."

Griffin advised that he sent a telegram back furnishing his phone number and the next day received a telephone call from Raymond Polacco from Atlanta, Georgia. Polacco advised that he understood that Griffin was looking for evidence to indicate that his wife was morally unfit to have the children and stated that he would secure pictures of his wife in the nude or in bed with some man if Griffin would pay him \$500.00. He indicated to Griffin that he was an investigator and told Griffin that he could be reached at Atlanta telephone number 404-361-7297.

Griffin advised that he called Polacco back at this number and talked with a woman whose name he understood to be "Calloway". She advised that Polacco did not live at that address but that she babysat for the four year old daughter of Polacco. She said that Polacco lived "down the street" and advised that she lived at 4550 Ridgecrest Drive. She stated that Polacco was a Cuban, 27 years of age, was not employed, but had a wife who worked in a drug store. She said that Polacco was attending school somewhere in Atlanta.

Griffin was then asked if he wrote a letter to the Atlanta Constitution, Atlanta, Georgia, about this matter and emphatically denied writing such a

ANNONYMOUS ACCUSATION ALLEGING PARTICIPATION OF RAYMOND POLACCO IN ASSASINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

letter. He stated that all that he knew about the Martin Luther King assassination had come from members of his wife's family and that he knew nothing of his own knowledge about the matter.

On March 17, 1969, Mr. Dee Miller, Attorney at Law, Fisk Building, Eighth and Polk Streets Amarillo, Texas, advised that he represented Johnnie E. Griffin in a divorce and child custody suit against his former wife, Judy Griffin, of Atlanta, Georgia. He advised that he did receive a call from a man named Raymond, last name not given, from Atlanta, Georgia, advising that he would secure compromising photographs of Judy Griffin for use in the child custody matter for \$500.00. Miller advised that this caller claimed to be an investigator but stated that it was immediately apparent to him that the caller was not an investigator since he did not even have a camera and wanted an advance so that he could buy a camera. Miller told this caller that they were not interested in such a proposition.

Mr. Miller advised that there was a hearing at Amarillo, Texas, on January 24, 1969, in the child custody matter and that Griffin had furnished him some letters from an "Aunt Ella" from Decature, Georgia, which letters described the immoral behaviour of Judy Griffin while in Atlanta. He advised that he subpoensed this person to the hearing and attempted to introduce the letters but "Aust Ella" denied writing such letters and stated she convinced him that she did not write the letters. He stated that he accused Griffin of preparing the letters from "Aunt Ella" but he denied it. Mr. Miller advised that in view of this, he was seriously considering asking permission of the court to withdraw from the case.

3/19/69

AIRTEL

TO:

DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM:

SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (RUC)

MURKIN SUBJECT:

Re Bureau airtel to Dallas dated 3/14/69.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are five copies of LHM captioned "ANONYMOUS ACCUSATION ALLEGING PARTICIPATION OF RAYMOND POLACCO IN ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.", dated 3/19/69, at Dallas, Teras.

Two copies each are also enclosed for the Atlanta and Memphis offices.

The interview of JOHNNIE ERMEST GRIFFIN also known as Joe Griffin, was conducted by SAs WILLIAM R. JENKINS and LARRY J. STEGING. The interview of Attorney DEE MILLER was by SA WILLIAM R. JENKINS.

LEADS

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AT POREST PARK, GEORGIA. 1. Will interview Mrs. ALF CALALAY, 4850 Bidgecrest Street, since this is apparently the person that GRIFFIN talked with by phone and who said that she was a babysitter for RAYMOND POLACCO and kept his four year old daughter.

2. Will determine holder of Atlanta phone number 404-361-7297, and if not listed to ALF CALALAY will interview them for information concerning POLACCO.

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Memorandum

TO : FILE (44-2649) (RUC)

DATE: 4/16/69

FROM

SAC, J. GORDON SHANKLIN

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

On 4/7/69 I called SAC JENSEN at Memphis regarding the attached routing slip, and he stated that in view of the fact that the Judge who had accepted RAY's plea had died and there was at this time considerable speculation as to whether or not RAY might receive a new trial, he felt it might be better to ask the Telephone Company to retain any toll calls.

I so advised SA STEPHENS and he stated he would advise BOB METTS.

4/18/69.

I appraised ROBERT METTS of the above and he stated he would retain the records until the ultimate outcome of the RAY trial.

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