



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

San Antonio, Texas

May 14, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

LEE HARVEY OSWALD

On April 27, 1968, SA T-1 telephonically contacted the San Antonio FBI Office to say that he had information relative to assassins. He did not wish to talk over the telephone and requested an Agent contact him in the lobby of the Gunter Hotel, 205 East Houston Street, San Antonio, Texas.

Upon personal contact, SA T-1 described himself as a rancher specializing in Hereford cattle and as a partner in important developing oil property in Hemphill County, southeast of Canadian, Texas.

SA T-1 and his wife stayed about four months prior to the death of President Kennedy in Dallas, Texas, at the Statler-Hilton Hotel. Learning of the arrival of the President at that time in Dallas, SA T-1 and his wife left town because of expected crowds.

At some time prior to departure from the Statler-Hilton, another guest using the name John Foster engaged SA T-1 in talk from time to time. Foster, who bore a physical resemblance to Ray, principal suspect in the murder of Martin Luther King, showed SA T-1 a deposit slip for \$7,500, explaining to SA T-1 that this was a fee for arranging matters regarding four persons holding cotton land rights benefiting from Billy Sol Estes' operations around Pecos, Texas. The money, \$7,500, had been deposited to Foster's account at the bank across the street from the Statler-Hilton.

SA T-1 described John Foster as similar to the description of Ray in this case, but could not be more specific, except to say that Foster had a mannerism of clicking his heels together European or Continental style when being introduced to someone.

Foster told SA T-1 of owning a souped-up P-38 plane with which he could beat Government officials to the Capitol, Washington, D. C., from Dallas.

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Foster reportedly attempted to interest another guest of the Statler-Hilton of this period, Michael Stack, and similarly described as to age and appearance as Foster, in a deal whereby with above plane they would transport gold internationally, presumably through Mexico. Foster proposed to pay off Stack for his complicity in gold, according to SA T-1.

During this same period, about four months prior to the death of President Kennedy, Foster and Stack were to be seen in Dallas, as was Jack Ruby. Ruby also about this same time met SA T-1 at the Shamrock Hotel in Houston and then tried to interest SA T-1 in buying an expensive diamond ring.

SA T-1 speculated that the assassination of Kennedy occurring while the above three were frequenting the Statler-Hilton at Dallas might have arisen over complicity between a man like Foster, with his fast plane, and Ruby.

SA T-1 went on to speculate that the Memphis murder of Martin Luther King, having equally high national significance, may have been done through conspiracy involving such as John Foster, described above.

SA T-1 stated that the above vein of thought arose upon seeing present with his wife and family at the Gunter Hotel one Joseph R. Cavagnaro, Sales Manager in Dallas currently of the Statler-Hilton. Cavagnaro, according to SA T-1, was to be seen frequently drinking coffee with John Foster and Michael Stack and would accordingly be able to identify them.

SA T-1 recommended that an Agent make personal contact with Cavagnaro, and not disclose SA T-1's identity, but ask Cavagnaro to identify Foster and Stack, the two having frequented the Statler-Hilton the four months prior to the death of John Kennedy in Dallas.

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Foster was suspected by SA T-1 of having been, possibly implicated in the death of a Government man, an expected witness in the forthcoming Billy Sol Estes prosecutions, based on his seeming willingness to enter dangerous and shady ventures, his fast airplane, and his strange or foreign mannerisms.

Joseph R. Cavagnaro, Sales Manager, Statler-Hilton Hotel, Dallas, Texas, in response to a written note left for him at the Gunter Hotel desk, contacted the San Antonio FBI Office telephonically on April 27, 1968. Mr. Cavagnaro said he was in San Antonio with his wife and children to see Hemisfair. He stated that he did not recognize by name or description either of the persons above named, John Foster or Michael Stack. Mr. Cavagnaro advised that across the street from the Statler-Hilton is the Mercantile Bank of Dallas. None of the circumstances as related by SA T-1 bore resemblance to anything which Mr. Cavagnaro could recall. The identity of SA T-1 was not disclosed to Mr. Cavagnaro, since the former had requested such anonymity.

It is to be noted that James Earl Ray could not be identical with John Foster described by source above inasmuch as Ray was in jail in Missouri in 1963.

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Title LEE HARVEY OSWALD

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Reference San Antonio memorandum dated
and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

Insufficient contact has been had with SA T-1 to determine his reliability.

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Date: 5/14/68

Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (105-2909)

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka
IS-RUSSIA-CUBA

OO: DALLAS

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are ten copies of an LHM reflecting information received as indicated below. Two copies of this LHM are being furnished Dallas, office of origin; Houston, in view of source's residence in that division; and Memphis.

Due to the nature of the information furnished, no further action is being taken by the San Antonio Office.

San Antonio Office indices were searched with negative results concerning the source.

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SA T-1 is RAY HOSTUTLER, P. O. Box 3147, Corpus Christi, Texas, with whom insufficient contact has been had to determine reliability.

He described himself as a partner with his brother, GLENN HOSTUTLER, in developing oil property, Hemphill County, southeast of Canadian, Texas.

Mr. HOSTUTLER indicated he could usually be reached through Corpus Christi, Texas telephone TU 3-2222.

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TELEPHONE CALLS PLACED FROM PUBLIC
TELEPHONE ON INTERSTATE 10

By communication dated May 3, 1968, Houston Office of the FBI advised that on December 15, 1967, a telephone call was placed from Houston, Texas, telephone 673-9255 to Roxboro, North Carolina, telephone 599-9083. On December 15, 1967, a telephone call was placed from Orange, Texas, telephone number 886-9976, to Enka-Candler, North Carolina, telephone 667-4670.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent ROBERT S. MOORE at Enka-Candler, North Carolina:

On May 6, 1968, Miss CARRIE JACKSON, Route 1, Candler, North Carolina, who has telephone number 667-4670 on the Enka-Candler Exchange, advised that she knows no one in Orange, Texas, and does not recall having received a telephone call from anyone in Orange, Texas, on or about December 15, 1967. She advised that she has an unlisted telephone, that very few people know her telephone number and that she and her elderly mother are the only persons who use her telephone.

She advised that she does not know how a call could have been made to her telephone without her being aware of it.

Miss JACKSON was shown a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and advised that she knows no one by this name or anyone who resembles RAY.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent CHARLES S. MILLER at Roxboro, North Carolina:

On May 7, 1968, REVIS CARVER, PEARLIE CARVER, and JANIE BLAYLOCK, employees of the Thomas and Oakley Drugstore, Main Street, Roxboro, North Carolina, where pay telephone 599-9083 is installed, were interviewed concerning the receipt of a long distance call from Houston, Texas, on December 15, 1967.

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These employees advised that the pay telephone at the store is used by any number of individuals both customers and non-customers, Negroes and Whites, and have no idea who may have received a call from Houston, Texas, at that pay telephone.

They advised that the drugstore also has a listed regular telephone number 599-3712 which is the telephone normally used to call employees at the store.

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (RUC)
MURKIN

ReHOairtel 5/3/68.

There are being furnished Memphis Division herewith original and 14 copies of an insert concerning telephone calls placed from public telephone on Interstate 10. One copy of the insert is being furnished to Houston Division for information.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

On 5/6/68, [REDACTED] (Protect Identity), advised that telephone number 667-4670 had been listed to Miss CARRIE JACKSON, Rt. 1, Candler, N.C., since 1959.

On 5/6/68, [REDACTED] (Protect Identity), advised that CARRIE JACKSON is an old maid who lives with her mother and has been known to him for more than 30 years.

On 5/7/68, [REDACTED] (Protect Identity), [REDACTED] advised that telephone number 599-9083 is a pay telephone located at the Thomas and Oakley Drugstore on Main St., Roxboro, N.C.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, BOSTON (157-644)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Houston airtel to Director, 5/3/68.

On 5/7/68, records of the New England Telephone Company, Boston, Massachusetts, reflected telephone number 617-344-1569 is listed to JAMES BARNES, 15 Nelson Avenue, Reading, Massachusetts.

On 5/7/68, Mrs. JAMES BARNES advised that on or about 12/16/67 she received a telephone call from her son from the vicinity of Houston, Texas. She stated that her son is in military service and called her to tell her that he would be home for the Christmas season. Mrs. BARNES advised she has never at any time received a telephone call from JAMES EARL RAY and that she is well aware of his fugitive status.

On 5/9/68, a review of Providence, Rhode Island telephone directories reflected the telephone listing 723-1095 is subscribed to by the Friendly Tap and Grill, 216 Columbus Avenue, Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

On 5/9/68, Captain VINCENT HERGEN, Detective Division, Pawtucket, Rhode Island Police Department, advised a retired Lieutenant of the Pawtucket Police Department, WILLIAM BIANCHINI, is the owner and operator of the Friendly Tap and Grill and is a man of excellent reputation who is held in high esteem in the community.

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On 5/9/68, WILLIAM BIANCHINI, owner of Friendly Tap and Grill, 216 Columbus Avenue, Pawtucket, advised he can recall a long distance telephone call in December, 1967, exact date unrecalled, from what he believed to be the city of Houston, Texas, from a cousin, AL DEPASQUALE, who is engaged in the restaurant business in that city. He stated that he is aware of the fugitive status of JAMES EARL RAY and that this individual has never frequented his establishment nor called anyone connected with it, to his knowledge.

5/18/68

AIRTEL

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

ReBUairtel to HO, 5/16/68.

RE: BEN RAYE

The following investigation was conducted by
SA PENROD W. HARRIS:

AT PORT ARANSAS, TEXAS

On 5/17/68, TOMMY FISHER, Nueces County Deputy Sheriff, Port Aransas, advised as follows:

BEN RAY has resided in this area continuously for approximately one year. Since about September, 1967, he has been employed as a bartender at the Malibu Room, Port Aransas.

BENNETT HAMER RAY was located on 5/17/68, at the Malibu Room and advised he receives mail at P. O. Box 677, Port Aransas. He displayed Uniformed Service Identification Card and other documents identifying him as RAY with photographs and right index fingerprint not identical with subject. Also, his fingerprints are not identical.

RAY is white male, born 2/24/36, Fayetteville, North Carolina, 5'8", 140 pounds, blue eyes, brown hair, served in U. S. Navy, 10/6/54, to 4/25/58, under Navy Serial #468-73-11, scar on left forearm wheretattoo removed, 3" scar over left eye, 1" scar under left eye, 1" scar right side of face; claims no arrests.

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)

RE: MURKIN
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Re HO airtel to Bureau 5/6/68.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA WILLIAM S. HANSEN.

On 5/14/68 HARVEY PANTEMUEHL, residing Star Route 2, Box 20, New Braunfels, Texas, telephone number 512-964-3382 (Sattler, Texas, exchange), advised that he has no personal recollection regarding a call made to his residence from Houston on or about 12/15/67; however, if such a call was received it was very probably made by the boy friend of his wife's niece, who is currently residing with the family while attending high school in New Braunfels. According to PANTEMUEHL, this girl's boy friend, currently residing in Houston, calls her approximately once a month and is believed to make such calls from a pay station inasmuch as he does not have his own phone. PANTEMUEHL stated that he has no knowledge regarding JAMES EARL RAY and failed to identify photos of RAY.

On 5/15/68 Mr. and Mrs. EUGENE HENDERSON, residing 421 S. Oak Street, Luling, Texas, telephone number 512-875-2730, advised that they have no personal recollection

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-3861)

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Houston airtel dated 5/6/68 setting forth telephone calls to be checked out regarding the trip of subject and CHARLES STEIN 12/15 - 17/67. It is noted that the following call were made:

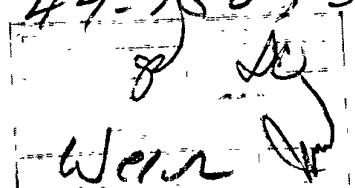
Date	12/15/67
Calling No.	Houston 682-9307
No. Called	917 238-8098
Place	Eagle Mountain Lake

The following investigation was conducted by SA B. TOM CARTER at Eagle Mountain Lake located few miles north of Fort Worth, Texas:

On 5/10/68, PAUL TOMLINSON, Indian Creek Camp, stated that he had never seen anyone resembling JAMES EARL RAY at the camp. He stated he did not recall who called the camp on 12/16/67. He stated that JACK DOUGLAS is the manager and will be back at the camp on 5/13/68, and DOUGLAS will probably know who received the call.

JACK DOUGLAS, Manager, Indian Creek Camp, on 5/13/68, stated that he and his wife have a friend named LORAIN PRITCHETTE and they received a call from her about 12/16/67. He explained that they receive a call from LORAIN about once every two weeks. He stated that the camp has not received any calls from Houston except those from LORAIN. She usually calls from a pay phone, but he has no idea as to the number of the phone. After viewing the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, he stated he has not seen anyone resembling RAY around the camp.

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FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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No. Called	817 238-8088
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TO : SAC (44-1509) ATT: SA WEIR

DATE: 5/11/68

FROM : SA ROBERT E. WIATT

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Rememo SA WEIR, 5/7/68.

AT BRYAN, TEXAS

On 5/11/68, Mrs. CURTIS A. BECKHAM, Tel. # 823-5560, advised she received a call from her daughter who was driving from Ft. Smith, Arkansas, to George West, Texas, on about 12/15/67. This call was made from Houston, Texas.

On 5/11/68, Mrs. FRANK KOKOTHALO, Tel. # 846-8573, recalled that her husband telephoned her from Houston, Texas, on about 12/16/67.

On 5/11/68, BILLY PICKARD, Tel. # 823-8418, advised he recalled telephoning his wife from Houston, Texas, on about 12/15/67.

AT HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS

On 5/11/68, Mrs. BEN WOLVERTON, Tel. # 425-3680, stated she could not recall receiving a call from Houston on about 12/15/67. She stated that her teen age grandson possible called her from Houston although she can not remember this. She advised she does not know the subject.

On 5/11/68, Mrs. LOUELLA CARSON, Nurse, Fair Park Nursing Home, Tel # 425-9012, advised neither she nor other employees know the subject. She stated their business received numerous collect calls from relatives of patients and no one can recall who might have called them on 12/15/67.

AT PORTER, TEXAS

On 5/11/68, Mr. and Mrs. JAMES C. HAWKINS, Tel. # 577-5789, advised they do not know the subject. Both were unable to recall who called them from Houston on 12/15/67, although they are of the opinion that it was their teen-age son since he was in Houston at about this time and was playing in his high school band.

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NOTE: It is noted that the following telephone numbers were reported on 5/11/68, to be out of service and are no longer operating numbers:

425-5626, Huntsville, Texas.

653-3667, Coldspring, Texas.

ATTEMPTS TO CONTACT THE SUBSCRIBERS OF THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS THROUGHOUT 5/11/68, REFLECTED NO ONE AT HOME:

425-3106, Huntsville, Texas.

577-5341, Porter, Texas.

Further attempts will be made on 5/12,13/68, to contact the above subscribers and this information will be furnished to SA WEIR.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1509) ATT: SA WEIR

DATE: 5/13/68

FROM : SA ROBERT E. WIATT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Reurmemo, 5/7/68, and mymemo, 5/11/68.

On 5/13/68, Mrs. HAROLD R. LAWSON, Tel. # 577-5341, Porter, Texas, advised she does not know the subject and cannot recall specifically who might have called her number on 12/15/67. She advised that her husband was working in Houston, Texas, during this period of time and did make calls to her but she was under the impression he called her from an office phone, although she is not certain of this.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1509) ATT: SA WEIR

FROM : SA ROBERT E. WIAT

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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DATE: 5/18/68

RE: Mymemos 5/11/68.

On 5/17/68, SARAH BARRSTONE, Tel # 425-3106, Huntsville, Texas, advised she was not the subscriber to the above number in December, 1967.

On 5/17/68, O.J. CLEMENTS, District Supervisor, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Huntsville (CONCEAL) advised that his company does not maintain records for former subscribers to telephone numbers by numerical filing. He stated that the current number is listed with the current subscriber, however, if that subscriber had a previous number it would then be listed along his name on the above card. It would therefore require a review of all current listings to note whether a current subscriber held a previous number. He stated his office covers Coldspring, Texas, as well as Huntsville.

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