

K2 + K3 - Tape fabric sin. - 1/4" wide - wry - 20 - "2"

Lat file

Mr. Conrad

April 12, 1968

W. D. Griffith

MURKIN - CR

The handwritten documents attributed to Eric Galt in MURKIN have been compared with documents in the cases listed below. In each case where comparable material was involved, it was determined that the writing was not written by the same person, or that nothing significant was found to indicate that the same person was involved.

- ** 9-45382 (serial 1) not ident
- * 9-47441 (Q1, Q2, K2) not ident
(K1) Limited writing, nothing significant
- * 9-47597 (Q1, Q2) Distorted writing, nothing significant
- * 9-43553 (Q1, Q2) Mostly hand printing, nothing significant
- * 9-41768 (Q1, Q2) Mostly hand printing, nothing significant
- *** 105-167683 (enclosure) barely visible, nothing significant
- * 9-43486 (Q1-Q4) All hand printed, not comparable
- * 9-46124 (Q1, Q2) Typewritten, not comparable

- * Unsub, Martin Luther King, Jr., VIKEX
- ** Georgia Elizabeth McGuire, Martin Luther King, Jr., VIKEX
- *** Unsub, wa John Wilson, IS

ACTION: None. For information.

44-38861

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Griffith
- 1 - Mr. Thompson
- ① - Mr. Mortimer

CET/eks (9)

Unsub, wa

JOHN WILSON

Bufile 105-167683

Xerox copies barely visible

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Shyrogen Born Benton ⁺Truhf
Shylerh Vullin N Navajo ⁺King County
Connie Alahan ⁺Harmon ⁺Lynwood Route
Curtis Robin Voyage ⁺Starfighter ⁺Belgian force

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NC)

Unsub;
M.L.K. JR
VIKEX -

9-41768

mostly H.P. Q1-2

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⁺

(NC
NS)

Georgia Elly. McGuire
Martin L.K. - VIKEX
9-45382

serial 1

⁺Dearest ⁺Best ⁺Rabbin
Chryse ⁺Making ⁺For your
Russia ⁺

(NI)

Unsub
M.L.K. JR
VIKEX
9-43553

mostly H.P. Q1-2

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Charles ⁺Brith

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NC)

Unsub.
M.L.K. Jr VIKEX

9-47597

Q1-2

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NC - NS

Unsub -
MLK. JR
VIKEX
9-47441

Q1-2

NI

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must House wrath of

NC
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K1

Shirley Baker Baker

NI

K2

Missouri Bapt work Typing Hospital
Dut Ppms food Laid Saint Louis
G. H. Heden

Unsub -
Pres. L.B.J. & M.L.K. Jr
VIKEX
9-46124

Q1-2

TYPEWRITTEN

Unsub -
MLK. JR
Ashley S. Dudley, Jr.
VIKEX
9-43486

Q1-4

HP

NC



**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

1 - Mr. Mortimer
1 - Lab File
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Rosen
(Mr. Long Rm. 2260)

To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Date: **April 12, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

Examination requested by: **Memphis, Birmingham,
Mobile**

Reference: **Airtels, 4/9/68**

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**

Remarks:

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-560411 JK
D-560412 JK
D-560413 JK**

For information, the general overall appearance of the known writings of GALT in addition to some handwriting similarities indicate he is a good suspect. The very limited nature of comparable writings precludes a stronger "leaning."

You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination.

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

2 - Birmingham (44-1740) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

2 - Mobile (157-2627) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

JHM:AW (8)

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**REPORT
of the**



**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**
Re: **MURKIN
CR**

Date: **April 12, 1968**
FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-560411 JK
D-560412 JK
D-560413 JK**

Specimens received **4/10/68, from FBI, Memphis**

**Q86 Registration card of New Rebel Motor Hotel in the
name "Eric S. Galt"**

K6 One bar of Cameo toilet soap

Specimen received **4/10/68, from FBI, Mobile**

**Kc4 Photocopies of transfer of 1967 Alabama license form,
#1A 88354, tag receipt for 1968 Alabama license
#1-38993 and application for Alabama driver's license
dated 9/6/67 bearing the known signatures of
ERIC S. GALT (printed from submitted FX 135-20 film)**

Specimen received **4/10/68, from FBI, Birmingham**

**K5 The following documents bear known handwriting of
ERIC S. GALT:**

Record of Access to Safe Deposit Box No. 5517

Contract for Safe Deposit Box

**Ledger Card (rental record) for Safe Deposit
Box No. 5517**

Undated letter on ruled paper

Result of examination:

**Because of the limited nature of the questioned
"Harry Lowmyer" signature on the Q72 invoice and the presence
of unexplained characteristics, it could not be determined
whether the same individual was responsible for the preparation
of this signature and the material in the Eric S. Galt
name represented by Q86, Kc4 and K5.**

The K6 bar of soap and wrapper were found to be similar in all observable characteristics with the Q48 bar of "Cameo" soap previously submitted.

The evidence submitted is temporarily retained. Photographs were made.

It was determined that the "Eric S. Galt" signatures on Q86, Kc4 and K5 were prepared by one individual.

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D-560411 JK
D-560413 JK

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

LAB FILE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

File # 44-38861
Lab. # D-560411 JK
D-560412 JK
D-560413 JK

Examination requested by: Memphis (44-1987) Airtel 4/9/68

Examination requested: Document, Fingerprint

Date received: 4/10/68

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Mortimer *4/10/68*

Bec. of him, not of the g. "HARRY LOWMYER" sig on the Q72 invoice and the pres. of unexp. chas. N.C. whether they came in hand upon for the pres. of their sig. and the material in the ELL S. GALT name up by Q86, Kc 4 and K5.

The K6 bar of soap found to be sim. in all observ. chas. to the Q98 bar of "CAMEO" soap given sub. ^{& wrapping} ind. sub. being ret.

For info, the gen'l. overall appearance of the K. w/ps. of GALT in add. to same has same ind. he is a good suspect. The very thin not. of soap w/ps. precludes a stronger "banning."

Specimens submitted for examination

Q86 Registration card of New Rebel Motor Hotel in the name
"Eric S. Galt"

K6 One bar of Cameo toilet soap

FPEsep.

CC: 2 - BH (44-1740)
2 - MO (157-2627)

1 - Lab. file

1 - Tech. Mortimer

*Lab. rpt.
John Law
4/10/68*

Q72 Harry Lowmyer

Q86 One S. Galt - 2608 Highland Ave
Birmingham Alabama - Ala - Mustang

KC4FK5 Earl Galt - 2518 Lafayette St
St Louis Missouri - Dear Sir, - making
my - destroy - two -

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICELaboratory Work Sheet

LAB FILE

Re: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis (44-1740)

File # 44-38861
Lab. # D-560413 JK

Examination requested by: SAC, Mobile (157-2627)

Airtel 4/9/68

Examination requested: Document

Date received: 4/10/68

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Mortimer

Specimens submitted for examination

Photocopies

Kcl ~~Photocopy~~ of transfer of 1967 Alabama license form, #1A 88354,
tag receipt for 1968 Alabama license #1-38993 and application for
Alabama driver's license dated 9/6/67 bearing known signatures of
ERIC S. GALT (printed from submitted FX 135-20 film)

Lab. rpt.
John aw
4/10/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICELaboratory Work Sheet

LAB FILE

Re: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis (44-1740)

File # 44-38861
Lab. # D-560412 JK

Examination requested by: SAC, Birmingham (44-1740)

Examination requested: Document, Fingerprint

Date received: 4/10/68

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Mortimer

Specimens submitted for examination

K5 The following documents bear known handwriting of ERIC S. GALT:

Record of Access to Safe Deposit Box No. 5517

Contract for Safe Deposit Box

Ledger Card (rental record) for Safe Deposit Box No. 5517

Undated letter on ruled paper

*Lab. rpt.
Jhm:aw
4/10/68*

4/9/68

AIRTEL AIRMAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY - REGISTERED

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
Attention: Identification Division
Latent Fingerprint Section

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)(P)

MURKIN
CR
OO: MEMPHIS

Enclosed for the Bureau for examination are the following documents:

1. Record of Access to Safe Deposit Box No. 5517 of ERIC S. GALT.
2. Contract for Safe Deposit Box with ERIC S. GALT.
3. Ledger Card (rental record) for Safe Deposit Box No. 5517 in name of ERIC S. GALT.
4. Undated letter from ERIC S. GALT to Birmingham Trust National Bank.

The Laboratory is requested to examine the above documents for latent fingerprints and make necessary comparisons of latents and handwriting specimens previously submitted.

③ - Bureau (Enc. 4)(SD-RM)
2 - Memphis
2 - Birmingham
JHK:sms
(7)

4/9/68

AIRTEL

AM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P
MURKIN

Submitted herewith for assistance of Bureau is the original registration card received from Miss KELLY, Resident Manager, Rebel Motel, 3466 Lamar Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee. Suspect in instant case did in his own handwriting fill out this registration card. It is his writing that appears after the word "Name," after the word "State," and after the word "City."

Mrs. HENRIETTA HAGEMASTER, Assistant Manager, Rebel Motel, with whom this guest registered, stated that the numbers appearing under car license, the "Ala" appearing under "State", and the make of car "Mustang" were also written in by the guest. Mrs. HAGEMASTER stated the other writing in the lower portion of this card is her own. The writing on the reverse side of the card is also Mrs. HAGEMASTER's. This card was received by SAC JENSEN from Miss KELLY, Resident Mgr., on April 9, 1968.

It is requested that the Document Section compare writing on this registration card with handwriting which appears on material submitted by the Birmingham Division.

Also submitted herewith for assistance of the Laboratory is one bar of Cameo toilet soap which is the brand used by the Rebel Motel. Laboratory is requested to confirm that this is identical with what appears to be one bar of Cameo soap in photograph previously submitted to Memphis reflecting contents of blue bag submitted in this case.

Enclosed
3 BUREAU (Enc. 2)
1 MEMPHIS
RGJ:BN
(4)

*Recd
4-10-68*

4/9/68

AIRTEL

K4
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
Attn: FBI Laboratory
FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627)(P)
RE: MURKIN
to BH
Re Bureau call 4/9/68

Enclosed herewith for Laboratory are the following items:

- 1) Two zerox copies of the transfer of 1967 Alabama license #1A-88354 dated 8/30/67 which bears signature of ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Ave., Birmingham, Ala.
- 2) Two zerox copies of the tag receipt for 1968 Alabama license #1-38993, which bears signature of ERIC S. GALT.
- 3) Two zerox copies of application for Alabama driver's license dated 9/6/67, which bears signature of GALT.
- 4) One package of exposed FX 135-20 film containing photographs of the above-described documents.

These items were forwarded direct from Montgomery, Ala RA after being obtained from Motor Vehicle Division, Alabama Department of Revenue and Driver's License Division, Alabama Department of Public Safety, Montgomery, Ala. on 4/9/68. Original copies of these documents could not be obtained.

Laboratory is requested to conduct handwriting comparison between these signatures of GALT with the specimens of handwriting obtained in captioned case.

3-Bureau (Encls 7)
1-Mobile
DOS/

Recd
4-10-68

1-Mr. Long
1-Mr. Conrad

4/12/68

1-Mr. Griffith, Att: Mr. Mortimer

URGENT

Lab. Files
1-Mr. Clark, 7132
1-Office, 7133

PLAINTEXT

TELETYPE

TO SACS MEMPHIS (44-1987)
ATLANTA

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN.

RE ATLANTA LETTER APRIL ELEVEN CONCERNING ITEMS
FROM MUSTANG.

A WHITE LAUNDRY TAPE BEARING "TWO O R THREE" IS
ON THE PILLOWCASE AND ONE BEARING THE SAME CHARACTERS IS
ON ONE OF THE SHEETS. CONCLUDED THAT THE MARKS ON THESE
TAPES NOT MADE BY SAME MACHINE THAT MARKED TAPES ON
UNDERSHORTS AND T SHIRT FROM BLUE ZIPPER BAG.

NO OTHER VISIBLE LAUNDRY MARKS AND NO INVISIBLE
LAUNDRY MARKS FOUND ON ANY OF CLOTH ITEMS.

SWEATSHIRT IS MEDIUM SIZE. NO LABEL ON SWEATSHIRT.

RUBBER SANDAL HAS LABEL "MEN'S - M SHOE SIZE
SEVEN - EIGHT ONE HALF JAPAN."

BLACK AND WHITE SHIRT JACKET IS MEDIUM SIZE AND
HAS "MONTICELLO" LABEL.

MSC:fch
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TELETYPE TO SACS MEMPHIS (44-1987)
ATLANTA

MURKIN

BLACK SHORT-SLEEVED SPORT SHIRT IS LARGE SIZE AND
HAS "ARTURO ROSETTI" LABEL.

PAIR OF MEN'S OLIVE GREEN WALKING SHORTS HAS
THIRTYFOUR INCH WAIST. LABEL IN SHORTS HAS "DIPLOMAT HONG
KONG."

LIGHT PINK COTTON RUG FROM TRUNK TWENTYFOUR
INCHES BY FIFTYSIX AND ONE HALF INCHES. NO LABEL.

PILLOW HAS SPECIFICATION TAG. BACK OF TAG HAS
DATE STAMP "NINE NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN."

STYROFOAM BOX IS CONTAINER FOR POLAROID CAMERA,
POSSIBLY MODEL TWO THREE ZERO.

NO LABEL ON PAIR OF MEN'S BROWN STRETCH SOCKS.

HUNTING KNIFE RUSTY. BLADE BEARS "GESCO JAPAN."

NO BUTTONS MISSING FROM GARMENTS FOR COMPARISON
WITH BUTTONS FROM BLUE ZIPPER BAG.

LARGE NUMBERS OF BROWN COTTON, GREEN COTTON AND
GREEN RAYON FIBERS LIKE THOSE COMPOSING BEDSPREAD FROM SCENE
FOUND ON ONE OF BEDSHEETS. THESE FIBERS COULD HAVE COME
FROM THE BEDSPREAD.

EXAMINATIONS CONTINUING. FINGERPRINT REPORT SEPARATE.

1-Mr. Rosen
1-Mr. Long, Rm. 2260
1-Mr. Conrad

4-12-68

PLAINTEXT

TELETYPE

1-Mr. Griffith
URGENT (Attn: Mr. Mortimer)
1-Mr. Clark
①-Dab Files
1-Office, 7133

TO SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN. REURAIRTELS APRIL FOUR AND BUTELCALL APRIL ELEVEN.

PAUL CANTER, MANAGER, LUGGAGE DEPARTMENT, IRVING'S SPORT SHOP, WASHINGTON, D. C. ADVISED APRIL ELEVEN THAT BLUE ZIPPER BAG IS "TEL-STAR" MODEL MADE IN JAPAN. CANTER SAID IMPORTER IS UNITED PRODUCTS CORPORATION, TWO FIVE ZERO ZERO GENNESSEE, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI. CANTER ALSO SAID THAT JOSEPH PECHTER, EIGHT TWO ONE WELLEN AVENUE, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, TELEPHONE GLADSTONE FIVE-FOUR ZERO ONE SIX IS A MANUFACTURER'S REPRESENTATIVE FOR "TEL-STAR."

SINCE CHANNEL MASTER RADIO HAS NO SERIAL NUMBER AND IS WIDELY DISTRIBUTED IT IS UNLIKELY THAT ANY VENDOR COULD IDENTIFY IT AS SOLD BY HIM. SCRATCHES INTERPRETED TO BE "ZERO ZERO FOUR ONE SIX" IN OUTSIDE OF RADIO CASE. PHOTOGRAPHS OF SCRATCHES HAVE BEEN FURNISHED SEPARATELY.

REPORT FOLLOWS.

MSC:NLB (9)

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LB

1 - Mr. Mortimer
*Lab File*REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: SAC, Miami

April 11, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis
John Edgar Hoover, DirectorYOUR NO. 44-1354
FBI FILE NO. 44-38861
LAB. NO. D-560410 JK

Reference Airtel dated April 9, 1968

The material described below has been searched in the following file without effecting an identification: **Anonymous Letter File**

Copies have been added to this file for future reference.

The submitted material is **temporarily retained**.

MATERIAL SUBMITTED:

- Q87 Air Mail envelope postmarked "MIAMI BEACH FL 5A 7 April 1968" bearing the address "F. B. I. Miami Fla"
- Q88 Slip of paper bearing handwritten message beginning "Get Tommy Nash..." and ending "...Kings Killer"

Remarks: A separate report will be forwarded concerning the fingerprint examination and disposition of the submitted evidence. Physical characteristics of the evidence have been taken and will be maintained in Bureau file.

- 1 - Atlanta
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 1 - Birmingham (44-1740)

JHM:AW (7)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

LAB FILE

Re: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis (44-1740)

File # 44-38861
Lab. # D-560410 JK

Examination requested by: SAC, Miami (44-1854)

Airtel 4/9/68

Examination requested: Document, Fingerprint

Date received: 4/10/68

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Mortimer

7-4. Evid. temporarily retained ^{1 cc for all} office listed in letter
Remarks: A separate report will be
forwarded concerning the fingerprint examination
and disposition of the submitted evidence.
Physical characteristics of the evid. have been taken and
will be maintained in Bureau file. JHM/ak

Specimens submitted for examination

Q87 Air Mail envelope postmarked "MIAMI BEACH FL 5A 7 April 1968"
bearing address "F. B. I. Miami Fla"

Q88 Slip of paper bearing handwritten message beginning "Get Tommy
Nash....." and ending "...Kings Killer"

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J. H. M.
4/11/68

PHOTOGRAPHED

APR 10 1968

Q 87 Air mail envelope with Laid Lines.
No watermark.
Measures 3.65" x 3.65" x .0032
No stamp

Q 88 Portion of what appears to be
Advertising matter of a life insurance
Company. Portion of text - "VER
\$4 BILLION - FED INSURANCE
- NATIONAL LIFE COMPANY
(Black letters on blue background,
white letters on red background -
orange-red strip across one edge)

4/9/68

AIRTEL

REGISTERED MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-1854) (P)

MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Miami teletype to Bureau, 4/9/68.

Enclosed for the FBI Laboratory is one airmail envelope addressed to FBI, Miami, Fla., and a scrap of paper containing, "Get Tommy Nash, Jr., in Le Grange, Ga. You will have King's killer."

This envelope containing the note was received in the Miami Office on 4/9/68. The envelope was postmarked Miami Beach, Fla., PM, 7 April, 1968.

Miami indices negative re TOMMY NASH, JR.

FBI Laboratory requested to compare writing contained on note and envelope with anonymous letter file and process for fingerprints for possible comparison with any other submissions made in connection with this case.

Atlanta Division was requested in referenced teletype to attempt to identify TOMMY NASH, JR., and eliminate as possible suspect.

3 - Bureau (Enc-1) (RM)
2 - Atlanta
2 - Memphis
2 - Birmingham
1 - Miami
HAN:jth
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1 - Mr. Mortimer
1 - Lab File
21 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. ROSEN
(Mr. Long Rm. 2260)



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 11, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

44-38861
FBI File No. D-560449 JK
Lab. No.

Examination requested by: Buffalo
Reference: Airtel 4/8/68
Examination requested: Document
Remarks:

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

- 1 - Atlanta Enclosure (Lab report)
- 1 - Birmingham (44-493) Enclosure (Lab report)
- 1 - Jacksonville Enclosure (Lab report)
- 1 - Buffalo (44-374) Enclosure (Lab report)

Tolson _____
DeLoach _____
Mohr _____
Bishop _____
Casper _____
Callahan _____
Conrad _____
Felt _____
Gale _____
Rosen _____
Sullivan _____
Tavel _____
Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
Holmes _____
Gandy _____

JHM:AW (10)

MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐ ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

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F B I

Date: 4/8/68

Transmit the following in _____

(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL

AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: FBI LAB

FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (44-374)

MURKIN
CR
(OO Memphis)

Re Buffalo tel, dated 4/8/68.

Transmitted herewith to Lab, Birmingham, and Memphis is one Xerox copy each of Liberty National Bank Dealer Plan-Purchaser Statement, obtained from former SA BIRL WILSON. The copies furnished were Xeroxed from a Xerox in the possession of former SA WILSON. The handwriting on the document is reportedly that of suspect Dr. ALVIN EUGENE FRENCH.

For the information of the Laboratory, Dr. ALVIN EUGENE FRENCH has been travelling through the Southern states, passing true name checks and obtaining rental cars through the use of credit cards, some of which have been cancelled. He has a poor financial history with a number of Buffalo area financial institutions.

Dr. FRENCH reportedly served for several years in Africa as a Missionary, during which time he contracted brain fever. He has been under treatment as a mental patient

- ③ - Bureau (Enc. 1) (AM-SD)
 - 2 - Atlanta (AM-SD)
 - 2 - Birmingham (Enc. 1) (AM-SD)
 - 2 - Jacksonville (AM-SD)
 - 2 - Memphis (44-1987) (Enc. 1) (AM-SD)
 - 1 - Buffalo
- RGE:cah
(12)

CARBON COPY
deed
4-10-68

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____

BU 44-374

at Gowanda State Hospital, Gowanda, New York, and most recently at Rochester State Hospital, Rochester, New York, leaving the latter institution in 9/67.

On 4/3/68, Dr. FRENCH was staying at a Holiday Inn in Williston, Florida. On 4/5/68, he called a girl friend at a Rochester, New York banking institution from Memphis, Tennessee, at which time he said he was going to Atlanta, Georgia, where he would stay at a Holiday Inn. At Atlanta, he said he planned to confer with some of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING's successors.

Former SA WILSON had verified Dr. FRENCH's presence in Atlanta on 4/8/68, at which time Dr. FRENCH indicated he planned to stay in Atlanta until 4/10/68.

Buffalo does not know whether any handwriting of unsub in captioned case available. If available, it should be compared with Dr. FRENCH's handwriting.

UNSUB ARMED AND DANGEROUS.



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 11, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-560449 JK

Specimens received 4/10/68

Kc7 Photocopy of Liberty National Bank Dealer Plan-
Purchaser Statement bearing purported known hand
printing and signature of DR. ALVIN EUGENE FRENCH

Result of examination:

Because Kc7 is almost entirely hand printed and
not adequate for comparison with the questioned writings,
it could not be determined whether the material in this
matter was prepared by DR. ALVIN EUGENE FRENCH, Kc7.
However, the style of writing of FRENCH differs from the
other writings which have been submitted in this matter.

Kc7 has been retained.

JHM:AW (10)

Tolson _____
DeLoach _____
Mohr _____
Bishop _____
Casper _____
Callahan _____
Conrad _____
Felt _____
Gale _____
Rosen _____
Sullivan _____
Tavel _____
Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
Holmes _____
Gandy _____

MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

LAB FILE

Laboratory Work SheetRe: MURKIN
CR
OO: MemphisFile # 44-38861
Lab. # D-560449 JK

Examination requested by: SAC, Buffalo (44-374) Airtel 4/8/68

Examination requested: Document

Date received: 4/10/68

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Mortimer
4/10/68
JK

*Bec. Kc7 al. ent HP, not adg. for comp. & Q. wtz. However, the style of
wtg. of FRENCH differs from the other wtz. which have been sub. this matter.
Kc7 retained.*

Specimens submitted for examination

Kc7 Photocopy of Liberty National Bank Dealer Plan - Purchaser Statement
bearing purported known hand printing and ~~handwriting~~ of DR. ALVIN
EUGENE FRENCH *Signature*

Rept. to ME (44-1987)

*cc: AT
BH (44-493)
JK
BU (44-374)*

TICK. - MR. CONRAD.

" - MR. ROSEN (MR. LONG - 2260)

072 Harry Lemmer

Kc7 - Allen E. French



**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Date: **April 9, 1968**

Re: **UNKNOWN SUBJECT, also known
as John Willard;
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -
VICTIM;
CIVIL RIGHTS**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-560301 JK**

Examination requested by: **Birmingham**

Reference: **Memo 4/8/68**

Examination requested: **Firearms (G&A) - Toolmarks -
Document - Fingerprint**

Remarks:

As pointed out in Bureau teletype to Columbia and Memphis dated 4/8/68, a limited number of handwriting similarities were noted between the signatures of BOBBY RAY GRAVES, FBI #410150D, and the questioned signature appearing on Q74 and Q75. However, because of the limited nature of the comparable material any significance of these few similarities could not be assessed. Other information regarding GRAVES was set forth in the above teletype.

The results of the other examinations will be furnished to you separately.

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

2 - Birmingham Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

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**REPORT
of the****FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535****To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)****Date: April 9, 1968****FBI File No. 44-38861****Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, also
known as John Willard;
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -
VICTIM;
CIVIL RIGHTS****Lab. No. D-560301 JK****Specimens received 4/6/68****Q72 .243 Winchester caliber Remington bolt-action rifle,
Model 700, Serial Number 283749 from Aeromarine
Supply Company****Q73 Telescope sight mount from .243 Winchester caliber
rifle****Q74 Original invoice dated 3/29/68, Number 2251A, covering
sale of rifle to Harvey Lowmeyer****Q75 Copy of invoice, Number 2251A****ALSO SUBMITTED: Factory box for .243 Winchester caliber rifle****Nine boxes of caliber .243 Winchester
ammunition****Elimination major case prints of Donald F.
Wood and U. L. Mathew Baker****Result of examination:**

The name and signature on Q74 and Q75 were searched through the National Fraudulent Check File and compared with signatures appearing on fingerprint cards located for the suspects who had been named in this matter, but no identification could be made.

Q74 and Q75 are temporarily retained.**JHM:AW (8)**

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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LATENT

Re:

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, also
known as John Willard;
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -
VICTIM;
CIVIL RIGHTS

File # 44-38861

Lab. # PC-A5524 BX

D-560301 JK
TELETYPE ANSWER

Examination requested by: FBI, Birmingham

Memo to Conrad 4/8

Examination requested: Firearms (G&A) -
Toolmarks - Document -
Result of Examination: Fingerprint

Date received: 4/6/68

Examination by: FRAZIER

4/5/68
Mortimer
JFK

The names of sig. 474547N and NCFP's compare to
one FPC located for subjects who have been named, but no id
Temp id?

11. Plaintiff TT & CO'SME, 4/8/68, a line # HWKins. BOBBY RAY GRACE,
410150 D and 3 in 474547N. However, line not. comp not. my sig of it is from same
could not be. other info re: Brown and forth in 474547N.
Other stains 502.

Specimens submitted for examination

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Model 700, Serial Number 283749 from Aeromarine
Supply Company
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Also Submitted: Factory box for .243 Winchester caliber rifle
Nine boxes of caliber .243 Winchester ammunition
Elimination major case prints of Donald F. Wood
and U. L. Mathew Baker

ME-44-1937 Sal. mpt.
cc
2-BH
2-CO

Mr. Conrad

R. A. Javens

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, also
known as John Willard;
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -
VICTIM; CIVIL RIGHTS

1-Mr. Conrad
1-Mr. Frazier
1-Office, 7133
4-8-68

1-Mr. Waples, 6129, IB
1-Mr. Griffith

560301

PC-A 5524

As a result of investigation, the Birmingham Office advised that the .30-06 Remington rifle involved in this case was sold to a person giving the name Harvey Lowmeyer on 3-30-68 by the Aeromarine Supply Company, 5731 Airport Highway, Birmingham, Alabama. The purchaser originally bought a caliber .243 Winchester rifle on 3-22-68 upon which he had mounted a Redfield telescope sight. The purchaser returned this rifle the following day and exchanged it for the .30-06 caliber Remington rifle, Serial Number 481476, which was recovered in Memphis immediately following the shooting of Martin Luther King, Jr. Aeromarine Supply Company transferred the telescope sight to this rifle, using a new mount.

The Birmingham Office submitted the following material for Laboratory and latent examination:

- Q72 .243 Winchester caliber Remington bolt-action rifle, Model 700, Serial Number 233749 from Aeromarine Supply Company
- Q73 Telescope sight mount from .243 Winchester caliber rifle
- Q74 Original invoice dated 3-29-68, Number 2251A, covering sale of rifle to Harvey Lowmeyer
- Q75 Copy of invoice, Number 2251A
- A/S Factory box for .243 Winchester caliber rifle

1-Mr. Tolson
1-Mr. Mohr
1-Mr. DeLoach
1-Mr. Rosen
1-Mr. Trotter
1-Mr. Bishop
1-Mr. Martindale

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FBI

U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

Memorandum to Mr. Conrad
Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, also
known as John Willard;
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -
VICTIM; CIVIL RIGHTS

AS

Nine boxes of caliber .243 Winchester
ammunition

A/S

Elimination major case prints of Donald F. Wood
and U. L. Mathew Baker

Birmingham requested the Laboratory determine whether
this .243 Winchester rifle had been fired. The Laboratory
determined it had not been fired.

Birmingham requested we determine whether we could
associate the telescope sight on the rifle recovered in
Memphis with the sight mount originally used with this sight
on the .243 Winchester rifle. The Laboratory determined there
were no marks left on the telescope sight by this mount and
therefore no association was possible.

A document examination is being made of the signature
appearing on the gun sale invoice and fingerprint examinations
are being made on all of the items listed above.

In this connection, the nine boxes of ammunition were
submitted since the Aeromarine Supply Company clerks stated
the purchaser of the rifle may have handled one or more of
these boxes.

Birmingham and Memphis will be advised of the results
of all examinations by teletype.

ACTION: For information.

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TELETYPE

1-Mr. Tolson
1-Mr. Mohr

1-Mr. DeLoach
1-Mr. Rosen
1 URGENT

4/5/68

1-Mr. Bishop
1-Mr. Martindale
1-Mr. Conrad
1-Office, 7133
①-Mr. Frazier,
7410

TO SAC MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

UNSUB.; AKA. JOHN WILLARD; MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,
VICTIM; CR.

REURAIRTELS APRIL FOUR.

SERIAL NUMBER ON RIFLE BOX WHICH ORIGINALLY
CONTAINED BROWNING RIFLE DETERMINED TO BE FOUR SEVEN FOUR
FOUR Z FIVE.

BULLET FROM VICTIM IS POINT THIRTY CALIBER METAL-
JACKETED SOFT POINT SPORTING TYPE BULLET OF REMINGTON -
PETERS MANUFACTURE. BULLET IS IDENTIFIABLE IN ALL
REMAINING PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS TO ONE FIVE ZERO GRAIN
BULLETS IN FIVE LOADED CALIBER POINT THIRTY - ZERO SIX
SPRINGFIELD REMINGTON - PETERS CARTRIDGES IN SUBMITTED
PETERS CARTRIDGE BOX WHICH ALSO CONTAINED FOUR U. S.
MILITARY CARTRIDGES OF REMINGTON MANUFACTURE CONTAINING
FULL-METAL JACKETED BULLETS.

A 5498 BX

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TELETYPE TO MEMPHIS

RE: UNSUB.; AKA. JOHN WILLARD; MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,
VICTIM; CR

BASED ON GENERAL RIFLING IMPRESSIONS, BULLET FROM
VICTIM COULD HAVE BEEN FIRED FROM POINT THIRTY - ZERO SIX
SPRINGFIELD CALIBER REMINGTON GAMEMASTER RIFLE, MODEL
SEVEN SIX ZERO, SERIAL NUMBER FOUR SIX ONE FOUR SEVEN SIX.
DUE TO MUTILATION OF BULLET, INSUFFICIENT MARKS OF VALUE FOR
IDENTIFICATION REMAINING AND NOT POSSIBLE TO DETERMINE
WHETHER OR NOT BULLET FIRED FROM SUBMITTED REMINGTON
RIFLE.

NO RECORD NSPI OR NCIC OF REMINGTON RIFLE; OF A
BROWNING POINT TWO FOUR THREE WINCHESTER CALIBER RIFLE,
SERIAL NUMBER FOUR SEVEN FOUR FOUR Z FIVE; OF A REDFIELD
TELESCOPIC SIGHT, SERIAL NUMBER A ONE SEVEN THREE FIVE ZERO;
OR BUSHNELL BINOCULAR, SERIAL NUMBER D Q FOUR ZERO EIGHT
SIX SIX FOUR.

FINE SMEARS AND DEPOSITS OF SILTY SOIL FOUND ON
LARGE GREEN AND BROWN CLOTH SUITABLE FOR COMPARISON
PURPOSES. SPECIFIC ORIGIN OF SOIL CANNOT BE DETERMINED BY
LABORATORY EXAMINATION.

BROWN AND GREEN CLOTH FOUND WITH RIFLE IS BEDSPREAD

TELETYPE TO MEMPHIS
RE: UNSUB.; AKA. JOHN WILLARD; MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,
VICTIM; CR

MEASURING ONE ZERO SIX AND ONE-FOURTH INCHES BY EIGHT FIVE
AND ONE FOURTH INCHES. BEDSPREAD COMPOSED OF SEVENTYFIVE
PERCENT COTTON AND TWENTYFIVE PERCENT RAYON AND SIMILAR
TO THOSE USED IN HOTELS AND MOTELS. NO MARKINGS FOUND TO
INDICATE ITS SOURCE OR MANUFACTURER.

BROWN COTTON FIBERS, GREEN COTTON FIBERS AND
GREEN RAYON FIBERS LIKE THOSE COMPOSING BEDSPREAD FOUND ON
RIFLE AND IN DEBRIS FROM RIFLE BOX.

SUITCASE, BLUE IN COLOR, CONTAINED NUMEROUS
TOILET ITEMS, MAPS, PAPER BAGS AND OTHER ITEMS. TOILET ITEMS
ARE ALL COMMON BRANDS. OF INTEREST ARE TWO CANS OF SCHLITZ
BEER, EACH BEARING TAX STAMPS INDICATING THEY WERE PURCHASED
IN MISSISSIPPI. NEW PAIR OF BINOCULARS, CASE AND CARTON FOR
BINOCULARS FOUND IN SUITCASE. CARTON INDICATED BINOCULARS
SOLD FOR THIRTYNINE NINETYFIVE AND COMPUTED ON CARTON WAS
THIRTYNINE NINETYFIVE PLUS ONE SIXTY, TOTALING FORTYONE
FIFTYFIVE. A GRAY BAG OF YORK ARMS COMPANY, MEMPHIS, WITH
COST REGISTRY RECEIPT IN AMOUNT OF FORTYONE FIFTYFIVE INSIDE
INDICATES BINOCULARS PURCHASED AT YORK ARMS COMPANY HAVING
FOLLOWING THREE LOCATIONS IN MEMPHIS: DOWNTOWN - ONE SIX

TELETYPE TO MEMPHIS

RE: UNSUB.; AKA. JOHN WILLARD; MARTIN LUTHER KING,
JR., VICTIM; CR

TWO SOUTH MAIN; EAST - POPULAR PLAZA AND SOUTH - WHITEHAVEN
PLAZA.

NUMEROUS BROWN HEAD HAIRS OF CAUCASIAN ORIGIN
FOUND ON BEDSPREAD, TOWEL AND HAIRBRUSH FOUND IN SUITCASE
AND LOOSE IN SUITCASE. HAIRS SUITABLE FOR COMPARISONS.
NUMEROUS BROWN TO BLACK BEARD FRAGMENTS OF CAUCASIAN
FOUND ON TWO SAFETY RAZORS FROM SUITCASE WHICH ARE SUITABLE
FOR COMPARISONS.

NO NEGROID HAIRS FOUND.

TRADENAME "HOMESTEAD" ON LARGE PAPER BAG WHICH
CONTAINED BEER REGISTERED TO GRAHAM PAPER COMPANY,
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI.

SMALL RADIO SUBMITTED BEARS SCRATCHES INTERPRETED
TO READ "T ZERO FOUR ONE FIVE" OR "T ZERO FOUR FOUR FIVE."
ANY SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS UNKNOWN. RADIO WILL BE RE-EXAMINED
AFTER LATENT EXAMINATION.

NO WRITING OR SIGNIFICANT INDENTED IMPRESSIONS ON
OTHER BAGS, MAPS, NEWSPAPER AND BINOCULAR BOX.

LATENT RESULTS AND COMPLETE LABORATORY REPORT
BEING FURNISHED SEPARATELY.

FBI

Date: 4/4/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AM (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

UNSUB; Aka. John Willard;
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS

OO: MEMPHIS

Submitted herewith is black box with caption "Browning Shotguns, Rifles, Pistols, Mauser Rifle" appearing on top of box. At end of box appears label bearing Number 30712 with marking "Caliber 243W." Further descriptive data on this label discloses it is Browning high-powered rifle, 22" barrel, light with sights, grade Safari, and SN 444915. Possibility exists that number may read "4Y44Z5."

Inside box is Remington Gamemaster rifle, Model 760. Number appearing on rifle is 461476. Rifle bears Redfield Tube Sight 2X7X. In addition, box contains clip which was removed from weapon by SA O. V. JOHNSON. Also contained in box is shell casing which was removed from weapon by SA O. V. JOHNSON and SAC R. G. JENSEN. Also in box is package of Peters high velocity center fire cartridges; nine cartridges in case, eleven empty slots.

This material recovered by Inspector N. E. ZACHARY (NA), Memphis Police Department, in area immediately in front of 424 South Main Street. This is location Canipe Amusement Co. Box in which rifle contained was partially obscured and covered by blanket of green herringbone type material. This blanket also recovered by Inspector ZACHARY. It is noted blanket has some mud stains thereon. Inspector ZACHARY advised blanket is not property of rooming house at which UNSUB stayed.

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1 MEMPHIS

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Approved: _____

Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____

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Per _____

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REQUEST OF LABORATORY

Laboratory requested to examine all possible places on rifle, scope, cartridges, and box for possible evidence of fingerprints.

In connection with enclosed blanket, Laboratory requested to submit to soil examination since evidence of soil appears thereon. Also determine, if possible, nature of composition of blanket, as to whether it is synthetic or animal fiber. If possible, determine percentage of content, if it is a mixed type composition, cotton fiber, woolen fiber, or synthetic fiber. Also advise if possible any knowledge available to Laboratory as to possible manufacturer of blanket. Any other appropriate examination in connection with this blanket should be conducted by the Laboratory.

FBI

Date: 4/4/68

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

UNSUB, Aka. John Willard;
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM
CR

AIRTEL #2

Re Airtel #1 submitted this date, Attn: FBI Laboratory.

In separate container there is submitted second item recovered by Inspector N. E. ZACHARY (NA), Memphis PD, in same area as rifle submitted in prior Airtel. This zipper bag was recovered in area in front of 424 South Main Street. Business located at this address is Canipe Amusement Co.

Individual items in blue zipper bag, 20 x 30 inches, have not been individually marked. They were all, however, recovered by Inspector ZACHARY. Contents of bag are as follows:

- (1) In outside zipper compartment is one small magnetic tack hammer.
- (2) Small needle-nose type pliers bearing sales tag, or identifying tag, on handle which reads either "Compag" or "Rompage" Hardware.
- (3) Georgia-Alabama Standard Oil map.
- (4) "Commercial Appeal," Memphis newspaper, first section only, issue of April 4, 1968.
- (5) Standard Oil U. S. map.

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When opened, blue bag has insert and enclosed in insert is one roll of toilet paper.

In bag proper is a set of binoculars, Banner by Bushnell, binocular case and a box in which binoculars in case belong. Binoculars carry magnifying 7 x 35 and No. DQ408664.

(2) Gillette shaving kit - razor, lotion, foamy cream. Right Guard, Heads Up - appears purchased from Oliver Rexall Drug Store, Whitthaven, Tenn., price \$1.89.

(3) Gray paper sack bearing York Arms Co. price tag \$41.55, dated 4/4/68. This appears to be bag in which binoculars purchased.

(4) One white and yellow checked towel.

(5) One white handkerchief, no laundry mark.

(6) Tube Colgate toothpaste

(7) Pair black socks

(8) 7 oz. can Right Guard

(9) 6-Transistor Channel Master Radio

(10) Bottle Bufferin

(11) String belt, gray in color.

(12) Brillcream

(13) Bottle of one-a-day Vitamins

(14) Cashmere Bouquet bar of soap

(15) Hair brush

(16) Dial Soap

(17) Head and Shoulders Shampoo bearing=Liggitt-Rexall #1678, Price \$1.10.

(18) Can Kiwi brown polish

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- (19) Palmolive Rapid Shave with Liggett Rexall #3478, 79¢
- (20) Loose button, maroon color
- (21) Tooth brush and safety razor
- (22) Mennin Afta
- (23) Cameo Small toilet soap
- (24) Two bobby pins
- (25) 2 cans Schlitz beer in paper sack.

REQUEST OF LABORATORY

Laboratory requested to arrange for appropriate latent fingerprint examination of all items contained herein, as well as exterior and interior of blue bag, various and sundry items enclosed inside bag, and various compartments. Consider all for possibility latent fingerprint examination.

In addition to latent examination, Laboratory should conduct any appropriate Laboratory examination that will assist Memphis in determining manufacturer and distributor of any of items enclosed in blue bag.

See next page for additional Request of Laboratory.

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REQUEST OF FBI LABORATORY

Laboratory requested to process all material within this outer compartment for fingerprints and conduct any other appropriate Laboratory examination to assist Memphis in ascertaining where this material came from.

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Special Agent in Charge

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FBI

Date: 4/4/68

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Via _____

AIRTEL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

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

SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka
John Willard;
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -
VICTIM
CR

(OO Memphis)

Submitted herewith under separate cover is the bullet which was removed from Dr. KING's body. It is requested the Laboratory perform the necessary examinations to determine if this bullet came from the rifle being submitted.

In addition to item mentioned above, there is submitted herewith 3 separate \$20 bills bearing the following serial numbers:

Federal Reserve Note
Series 1963 A SN F14002844A

Federal Reserve Note
Series 1963 A SN H16164663A

Federal Reserve Note
Series 1963 SN F06445143A

These were received from BESSIE RUTH BREWER at flop house in which captioned subject stayed. Mrs. BREWER advised subject paid her this date shortly after 3:00 P.M. with a \$20 bill. She does not know which of these \$20 bills subject used. Therefore, Laboratory requested to have necessary latent examination conducted on these \$20

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bills. Also enclosed herewith are prints of BESSIE RUTH BREWER for elimination purposes.



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

Mr. Rosen
1-Mr. Trotter
(Attn: Mr. Bonebrake)
1-Mr. Long
1-Mr. Conrad
1-Mr. Frazier
1-Mr. Griffith
(Attn: Mr. Mortimer)
① Lab Files
1-Office, 7133

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1937)

Date: April 11, 1968

Re: MURKIN

John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. PC-A5505 BX IZ

Examination requested by: Memphis
Reference: Airtel 4-6-68
Examination requested: Firearms - Fingerprint - Microscopic
Remarks:

The enclosed report confirms and supplements the teletype to the Memphis Office dated April 7, 1968.

You will be separately advised concerning the results of the latent examination requested and as to the results of the examination of the printing on the laundry tags on the undershorts and T shirt.

Specimens Q69 through Q71 are being temporarily retained in the Laboratory.

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

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REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: FBI, Memphis

Date: April 11, 1968

Re: MURKIN

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. PC-A5505 BX IZ

Specimens ~~received~~ personally delivered on 4-8-68 by SA Robert Fitzpatrick, Memphis

Q69 Undershorts

Q70 T shirt

Q71 Board from windowsill in bathroom

Results of examination:

The undershorts and the T shirt each bears a laundry tag with what appears to be the characters "02B-6." Only a portion of the first character is present on each tag. The Laboratory does not maintain a file of visible laundry marks. No invisible laundry marks were found on the undershorts or T shirt.

The pair of undershorts is small in size while the T shirt is large.

The pair of undershorts does not have a brand label. The T shirt has a "JOCKEY" brand label.

The T shirt label is held flat with a folded piece of 3/4" wide cellophane tape. The piece of tape is about 1" long. One end has been cut, and the other end has been torn.

The crotch seams of the undershorts have been repaired in two places with brown thread. The repaired areas are hand stitched.

No hairs were found on the undershorts or T shirt.

The Q71 board bears a recent dent which could have been produced by a light blow from the muzzle of a weapon such as the Remington rifle, Serial Number 461476

previously submitted in this case. The dent contains microscopic marks of the type which could be produced by the side of the barrel at the muzzle but insufficient marks for identification were left on the board due to the physical nature of the wood. The microscopic marks present are different from the type which would be produced by the duck-bill pliers or tack hammer which were in the blue zipper bag previously submitted. No other marks were found on the board.

No gunpowder or gunpowder residues were found on the Q71 board.

No wood, paint, aluminum or other foreign material was found on the rifle barrel nor were any significant marks found on the rifle barrel.

4/6/68

Lab File 48
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(T.T.ans)

[Signature]

PLAIN TEXT

AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI ATTN: FBI LABORATORY
FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS

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Clark

Q69 70, 71, 72

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Submitted herewith are additional items recovered in connection with the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.:

- Q69
- (1) One pair of men's shorts. (Waistband in unstretched condition, one side, measures approximately 11 3/4 inches, which would be waistband of approximately 23 1/2 inches. Fully extended waistband measures approximately 17 1/2 inches, one side or a total of 35 inches.
- Q70
- (2) T-shirt, size 42-44, designated "Jockey Power Knit" T-shirt, large size. It appears on visual examination that lower portion of T-shirt has been cut.

Laboratory requested to examine T-shirt and shorts for any hidden laundry marks and any other examination that may help to determine origin of garments. In connection with the laundry tape that appears on both the shorts and T-shirt, the number Q2B-6 appears. Since a portion of the left side of each of these tapes is missing, the possibility that the "O" might be the remnant of the letter "D" or some other combinations should not be overlooked.

Inquiry of the Albany Office discloses that the Textile Marking Machine Co., Syracuse, N.Y., has a representative, JOE COMBS, 5232 Devonshire Dr., Oxenhill, Maryland, Tel. 301-248-6123, in residence in Oxenhill. COMBS reportedly has the ability to determine on inspection of laundry marking tape as to whether or not this is type tape produced by his company and type of machine producing same.

- 3 - Bureau (Enc.-)
1 - Albany
1 - Birmingham
2 - Memphis

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*Evid personally delivered 4/6/68 by
SA Robt Fitzpatrick of Memphis office.*

all evidence