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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), AND SACS MEMPHIS AND NEWORLEANS
FROM SAN ANTONIO (44-1242) 3P

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RE MY PHONE CALLS TO DALLAS, MEMPHIS, AND NEW ORLEANS, TODAY.
RE DALLAS PHONE CALL INDICATING ATTU AGENT JOE KALISTER RECEIVED
INFORMATION FROM SHERIFF, CENTERVILLE, TEXAS, THAT INDIVIDUAL IN
JAIL MADE STATEMENTS CONCERNING KING ASSASSINATION.

ON THIS DATE SHERIFF ROYCE WILSON, CENTERVILLE, TEXAS, ADVISED
THAT ON APRIL SEVENTEEN, LAST, HE PICKED UP HERMAN PETER KACKENMESTER
WHITE MALE, SIX FOOT TWO INCHES, TWO THIRTY POUNDS, BROWN HAIR AND
EYES, DOB [REDACTED] MOLE ON RIGHT CHEEK, WEARS
GLASSES, HOME ALLEGEDLY NEW JERSEY, OCCUPATION AUTHOR, ENGINEER
FOR QUESTIONING IN CONNECTION WITH SALE OF NEW BOAT AND MOTOR AT
CENTERVILLE. KACKENMESTER DRIVING LIGHT BLUE SIXTYFOUR CHEVROLET
WIDE SIDE PICKUP, SIXTYEIGHT LOUISIANA LICENSE EIGHT ZERO DASH
SEVEN FOUR FIVE, WITH IRON, WOOD BURNING STOVE IN BACK. HE HAD NO
IDENTIFICATION PAPERS OR DRIVERS LICENSE, CLAIMED THESE HAD BEEN
STOLEN. HE WAS RAMBLING, MADE NO SENSE IN HIS CONVERSATION. SHERIFF
NOTICED KACKENMESTER HAD WRITTEN IN RED PENCIL ON HOUSTON POST
NEWSPAPER WORDS TO THE FOLLOWING EFFECT.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442100) FROM NEW YORK (100-100000) 4P

RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU, APRIL NINETEEN LAST.

RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU, APRIL NINETEEN LAST.

On April nineteen last, the New York Office received information from a confidential source that a certain individual, who has been identified as a member of the Black Panther Party, had been seen in the company of a certain individual, who has been identified as a member of the Black Panther Party, in the New York City area. This information was obtained from a confidential source who has provided reliable information in the past. The New York Office is currently conducting an investigation into the activities of the Black Panther Party in the New York City area, and this information is being provided to the Bureau for your information and guidance.

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CKM MOVEMENT, THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING, JOHN F. KENNEDY, DATE, MR. X, DATE, MRS. X, DATE, AIRPLANE CRASH, DATE, AIRPLANE CRASH AGAIN, DIFFERENT DATE, MR. KING, APRIL SIXTYEIGHT. BY THE WAY THERE WERE FIVE MEN KILLED IN PRISON LAST NIGHT. I PAID TWENTYSIX CENTS FOR THIS NEWSPAPER AND LEFT IT IN A LAUNDRY. DRAWN ON THE BOTTOM OF NEWSPAPER WAS PICTURE OF GARBAGE TRUCK BACKING OVER A LIGHT POLE.

BASED ON ABOVE SHERIFF QUESTIONED KACKENMESTER REGARDING KING ASSASSINATION. KACKENMESTER SAID HE DID NOT KILL KING BUT SAID HE WAS INVOLVED, LATER SAID HE KNEW WHO DID KILL KING. HE RAMBLED IN CONVERSATION MAKING NO SENSE. SHERIFF ASKED HIM WHAT CKM MOVEMENT WAS AND KACKENMESTER TOLD HIM IT WAS "HYPOTHETICAL." HE ALSO TOLD SHERIFF IN RECENT PAST HE TOOK BUS FROM NEW JERSEY TO SAN FRANCISCO, WENT TO SLEEP, WOKE UP IN CORPUS CHRISTI AND WORKED HIS WAY BACK TO NEW ORLEANS AND BOUGHT A PICKUP TRUCK FOR SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS. HE HAD NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY DOLLARS; SEVEN HUNDRED DOLLARS WAS IN AMERICAN EXPRESS MONEY ORDERS. HE HAD LETTER WRITTEN TO FOREIGN MINISTER IN CANADA AND A LETTER STATING HE HAD FILED SUIT AGAINST PENTAGON IN AMOUNT OF TEN THOUSAND

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DOLLARS PLUS ONE DOLLAR AND A QUARTER FOR CAUSING PRESIDENT JOHNSON TO SEND TROOPS TO VIETNAM.

SHERIFF FEELS KACKENMESTER IS A QUOTE NUT END QUOTE AND RELEASED HIM NINE FIFTEEN A.M. THIS DATE RETURNING ALL PAPERS TO HIM.

KACKENMESTER DID NOT SAY WHERE HE WAS GOING BUT ASKED DIRECTIONS TO DALLAS, TEXAS. SHERIFF HAS SEEN ERIC STARVO GALT'S PHOTOGRAPH. STATES KACKENMESTER DEFINITELY NOT GALT.

NEW ORLEANS CHECK INDICES, MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FOR ABOVE PICKUP, TO IDENTIFY KACKENMESTER AND DETERMINE IF KACKENMESTER INVOLVED IN KING'S ASSASSINATION.

OBTAIN IDENTIFYING NUMBER TO COMPARE WITH FINGERPRINTS. DETERMINE HIS WHEREABOUTS DURING PERTINENT PERIOD.

AIRMAIL COPY FURNISHED DALLAS FOR INFORMATION.

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FROM HOUSTON (44-1509)

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RE MEMPHIS TEL, APRIL FIVE, LAST AND HOTEL TO MEMPHIS,
KC AND SF, APRIL TEN, LAST.

RE SUSPECTS W. DAVIS, B. CHIDLOW, VICENT WALKER AND
LAWRENCE RAND.

AIRLINE HOSTESSES, TRANSPORTATION DRIVERS, HOTELS,
CRIMINAL AND CREDIT RECORDS, STREET AND TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES,
HOUSTON, CHECKED TO IDENTIFY AND LOCATE SUSPECTS. ALL CHECKS
NEGATIVE.

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TO DIRECTOR AND MIAMI (44-1854) PLAINTEXT
FROM NEWARK (44-854)

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RE MIAMI TEL TO BUREAU, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS,
NEWARK AND NEW YORK, FOUR NINETEEN LAST.

RE ERIC STARVO GALT. FLIGHT CREW MEMBERS OF EASTERN
AIRLINES (EAL) FOREIGN BOUND FLIGHTS OUT OF ATLANTA, ^{GEORGIA} ~~36, 4~~,
APRIL FIVE DASH SIX LAST .

PAGES THREE AND FOUR RE TEL SET OUT LEAD RE FLIGHT ATTENDANT
CYNTHIA LOUISE BRONSON, EIGHTY THREE-NINETY SIX ONE HUNDRED
EIGHTEENTH ST., APT. TWO D, KEW GARDENS, NEW YORK, FOR FLIGHT
ONE ZERO SIX.

EAL, JFK AIRPORT, NYC, ADVISES BRONSON NOW IN MIAMI
AREA AND SCHEDULED TO DEPART MIAMI ON FLIGHT TWO TWO ZERO
ONE, TEN FORTY PM, FOUR TWENTY INSTANT, TO ARRIVE JFK, NYC,
ONE AM FOUR TWENTY ONE NEXT.

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PAGE THREE LIST UNDER CAPTAINS AND PILOTS, T. R.

CRANE, FOURTEEN AVALON LANE, MATAWAN, N. J., FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX. SAME SOURCE ADVISES CRANE DEPARTED JFK, NYC, SEVEN TWENTY AM, THIS DATE, ON FLIGHT TO MONTREAL, AND DEPARTED MONTREAL AT NINE FIFTY AM, THIS DATE, RETURN JFK AND IMMEDIATELY DEPART FOR MIAMI, FLIGHT SEVENTEEN, TO ARRIVE MIAMI AT TWO THIRTY NINE, THIS DATE. MIAMI HANDLE BRONSON AND CRANE AND EXHIBIT PHOTOS, 3

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~~GEORGIA~~

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) KANSAS CITY LOS ANGELES (44-1574) AND

MEMPHIS (88-1987)

FROM LOUISVILLE (44-947)

MURKIN. CR. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE APRIL NINETEEN, LAST.

RECORDS BMV, LOUISVILLE, REVEAL KENTUCKY LICENSE
L FOUR FIVE SIX FORTY REGISTERED TO FRANK W. WHITE, FOUR
NINETEEN MONTANA, LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY, FOR PONTIAC AUTOMOBILE.

INSTANT DATE, BEULA DRYE, FOUR NINETEEN MONTANA,
LOUISVILLE, ADVISED HER GRANDSON, FRANK WILLIAM WHITE,
OWNS A LIGHT GREEN SIXTYSEVEN PONTIAC, TWO-DOOR HARDTOP,
VIN TWO SIX TWO EIGHT SEVEN SEVEN P ONE ZERO ONE NINE
FOUR NINE. SHE ADVISED WHITE RESIDES WITH HER FROM TIME
TO TIME; IS ON THE ROAD A GREAT DEAL OF TIME AS CHAUFFEUR
FOR BUSINESSMEN, FIRMS UNKNOWN. SHE ADVISED NO KNOWLEDGE
RE WHEREABOUTS STATING IN ADDITION TO CHAUFFEUR, HE
GAMBLES HEAVILY AND OFTEN CARRIES LARGE AMOUNTS OF CASH.
SHE ADVISED HE ENLISTED AT AGE SEVENTEEN WITH USAF;

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HONORABLY DISCHARGED IN SIXTYSIX.

SHE DESCRIBED GRANDSON W/M, TWENTYTHREE, SIX FEET,
ONE FORTYFIVE POUNDS, THIN, DARK BLOND HAIR, BALDING ON
TOP, COMPLEXION - ACNE.

SHE ADVISED GRANDSON AT HER RESIDENCE AT TIME OF
SHOOTING OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

SHE STATED NO RESEMBLANCE BETWEEN GRANDSON AND
PHOTOS OF SUBJECT.

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TO DIRECTOR, WFO, PITTSBURGH AND MEMPHIS
FROM CLEVELAND (44-565) 3 P

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MR. STANFORD KOBLENTZ, MANAGER, AKERS FOLKMAN TRAVEL AGENCY,
ONE NINE ZERO THREE EAST NINTH STREET, CLEVELAND, OHIO, PHONE M A
ONE - NINE THREE TWO THREE, AND MISS LINDA WANTZ, ONE THREE ZERO
WEST BOULEVARD, APARTMENT FIVE ZERO THREE - C, CLERK, TRAVEL AGENCY,
STATED A MAN, WHO APPEARED TO BE IDENTICAL WITH JAMES
EARL RAY, WAS IN THEIR OFFICE APRIL EIGHTEENTH, LAST, AT NINE FORTY
FIVE A.M. USING THE NAME CHARLES MOATS. THEY STATED PHOTOGRAPHS IN
NEWSPAPER AND PHOTOGRAPHS EXHIBITED TO THEM BY AGENTS OF RAY
APPEARED TO BE IDENTICAL WITH THE INDIVIDUAL USING THE NAME CHARLES
MOATS. THEY STATED MOATS STATED HE WANTED TO GO TO CLARKSBURG, WEST
VIRGINIA, IN A HURRY, AND DID NOT CARE HOW MANY STOPS THE PLANE
MADE EN ROUTE.

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MOATS WAS GIVEN A TICKET FOR NORTHWESTERN FLIGHT NUMBER THREE
TWO SIX, WHICH FLIES NON-STOP TO NATIONAL AIRPORT, WASHINGTON, D.C.,
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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) FROM NEW YORK (44-1987) 1P

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY, AKA; FUGITIVE; RE: MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU APRIL TWENTY LAST.

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ON APRIL TWENTY LAST, NEW YORK POLICE DEPARTMENT (NYPD) ADVISED THAT IT HAD RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM A SOURCE THAT JAMES EARL RAY, AKA, FUGITIVE, RE: MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., HAD BEEN OBSERVED IN NEW YORK CITY ON APRIL TWENTY LAST. THE SOURCE STATED THAT RAY HAD BEEN OBSERVED IN THE AREA OF THE NEW YORK CITY OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, AND THAT HE HAD BEEN OBSERVED IN THE COMPANY OF AN INDIVIDUAL WHOSE NAME THE SOURCE DID NOT KNOW. THE SOURCE STATED THAT RAY HAD BEEN OBSERVED IN THE COMPANY OF THIS INDIVIDUAL FOR A PERIOD OF APPROXIMATELY FIVE MINUTES. THE SOURCE STATED THAT RAY HAD BEEN OBSERVED IN THE COMPANY OF THIS INDIVIDUAL IN THE AREA OF THE NEW YORK CITY OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, AND THAT HE HAD BEEN OBSERVED IN THE COMPANY OF THIS INDIVIDUAL FOR A PERIOD OF APPROXIMATELY FIVE MINUTES. THE SOURCE STATED THAT RAY HAD BEEN OBSERVED IN THE COMPANY OF THIS INDIVIDUAL IN THE AREA OF THE NEW YORK CITY OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, AND THAT HE HAD BEEN OBSERVED IN THE COMPANY OF THIS INDIVIDUAL FOR A PERIOD OF APPROXIMATELY FIVE MINUTES.

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LEAVING AT ELEVEN TEN A.M. ON APRIL EIGHTEENTH, SIXTYEIGHT, AND WAS GIVEN A TICKET FOR TRANSFER OUT OF WASHINGTON ON LAKE CENTRAL AIRLINES FLIGHT NUMBER FIVE THREE FOUR FROM D.C. NATIONAL AIRPORT AT ONE FIFTY FIVE P.M., ARRIVING CLARKSBURGH THREE TWELVE P.M..

WANTZ STATED MOATS INDICATED HE ARRIVED IN CLEVELAND, OHIO, VIA BUS ON THAT A.M. AND THAT HIS LUGGAGE WAS AT SOME UNKNOWN TERMINAL.

WANTZ AND KOBLENTZ DESCRIBED MOATS AS FOLLOWS:

HEIGHT: FIVE FEET, ELEVEN INCHES.

WEIGHT: ONE SIXTY-FIVE TO ONE SEVENTY.

HAIR: DARK BROWN.

BUILD: MEDIUM.

AGE: MID-THIRTIES.

CHARACTERISTICS: CLEAN SHAVEN

SCARS: ONE-HALF INCH SCAR IN MIDDLE OF FOREHEAD
FOREHEAD CURVED TOWARDS LEFT EYE STOPPING
APPROXIMATELY ONE INCH ABOVE EYE.

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THEY STATED HE WAS ATTIRE IN A DARK TWEED SPORTS JACKET WITH SPORT SHIRT OPEN AT NECK, AND NOT HAT. THEY STATED SPORTS JACKET LOOKED LIKE HE MAY HAVE SLEPT IN IT AND WAS IN NEED OF CLEANING AND PRESSING. THEY STATED HE TALKED WITH A HILLBILLY ACCENT, BUT USED GOOD ENGLISH. BOTH STATED SUBJECT APPEARED TO BE EXTREMELY NERVOUS.

CHECK WITH NORTHWEST AIRLINES SERVICE SUPERVISOR, MISS SHIRLEY ERRIES, CLEVELAND, OHIO, REFLECTS RESERVATION MADE BY CHARLES MOATS FOR FLIGHT NUMBER THREE TWO SIX EN ROUTE NATIONAL AIRPORT, WASHINGTON, D.C., NON-STOP.

WFO, AT NATIONAL AIRPORT, WILL ASCERTAIN IF MOATS CONTINUED TO CLARKSBURG AND WILL ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL WITH RAY BY CONTACTING LAKE CENTRAL AIRLINES.

PITTSBURGH, AT CLARKSBURG, WILL CONTINUE INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY AND LOCATE CHARLES MOATS TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL WITH RAY.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING AT CLEVELAND.

COPY SENT KANSAS CITY BY MAIL.

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12-17 PM URGENT 4-21-68 WHS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)

MURKIN.

RE BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL TO SAN ANTONIO APRIL TWENTY LAST.

INSURANCE COMPANIES MENTIONED IN REFERENCE TELEPHONE
CALL ARE CLOSED. RECORDS WILL BE EXAMINED AM APRIL TWENTYTWO
NEXT AND THE BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED.

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RE NY TEL TO BUREAU, FOUR NINETEEN LAST, AND NK TEL TO BUREAU FOUR NINETEEN LAST, AND BUREAU TEL CALL TO NK, FOUR TWENTY LAST.

RE INFORMATION FROM CURTIS WAY TO TIME, INC., NYC.

ON FOUR NINETEEN LAST, GAIL WILLIAMS, NINE SOMERSET ST., NEWARK, N.J., AN EMPLOYEE OF NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH CORPS, TEN SIXTY BROAD, NEWARK, AND AN ACQUAINTANCE OF CURTIS AND GLORIA WAY, WAS INTERVIEWED AND ADVISED THAT ON FOUR EIGHTEEN LAST SHE WAS SHOWN PHOTO BY CURTIS WAY, OF GROUP INCLUDING AN UNKNOWN W/M, WHICH WAY SEEMED TO THINK WAS IDENT TO NEWSPAPER PHOTO OF ERIC STARVO GALT. WILLIAMS STATED THAT SHE IMMEDIATELY RECOGNIZED THE W/M IN WAY'S SNAPSHOT AS BEING PERSON SHE HAD SEEN AROUND NEWARK FOR SEVERAL PAST MONTHS AND PERSON WHO ESCORTED FRIEND OF HERS, THERESA BRAYE. A N/F, AND EX-SCHOOL TEACHER IN NEWARK, TO MAYOR'S BALL, TWO EIGHTEEN LAST, IN NEWARK. WILLIAMS UNABLE TO FURNISH ADDRESS FOR BRAYE. SHE ALSO RECALLED THE SAME W/M, AS HANDING OUT FLOWERS AT MAYOR'S BALL. WILLIAMS NOT PRESENT AT PARADE, MARCH TWO FOUR LAST, OR AT DR. KING'S APPEARANCE AT ABYSSINIAN

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK
SUBJECT: [Illegible]

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BAPTIST CHURCH, MARCH TWO SEVEN LAST. SHE DESCRIBED W/M AS SIX FOOT FOUR, OVER TWO HUNDRED LBS., DARK BROWN OR BLACK CURLY HAIR, GREYING AT TEMPLES, AND FAVORING WESTERN STLYE STRING TIES, VERY POLITE, AND HAVING SOUTHERN ACCENT.

WILLIAMS STATED THAT IN HER OPINION THE W/M IN WAY'S SNAP-SHOT IS DEFINITELY NOT IDENT TO ERIC STARVO GALT AND THAT WAY IS GROSSLY IN ERROR IN THIS MATTER. SHE ADVISED THAT SHE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND WHY WAY WOULD START SUCH A THING, NOR WHY HE WOULD EVEN STATE THAT THE W/M IN THE SNAP-SHOT RESEMBLED GALT.

MRS. ANN CRUMIDY, THREE FIVE QUITMAN ST., NEWARK ALSO EMPLOYED AT NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH CORPS, ADVISED SHE HAD SEEN PERSON REFERRED TO BY GAIL WILLIAMS AS THE FLOWER MAN, AT THE MAYOR'S BALL AS WELL AS OTHER PLACES IN THE NEWARK AREA. SHE ADVISED THAT HE IS DEFINITELY NOT IDENT TO ERIC STARVO GALT, AND THAT CURTIS WAY MUST BE OUT FOR A REWARD, AND WAS CRAZY FOR STARTING SUCH A THING.

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ON FOUR NINETEEN LAST, JOHN PATRICK O'ROURKE, WMA, SIX FOOT FOUR AND ONE-HALF INCHES TALL, TWO HUNDRED TWENTY EIGHT POUNDS, FORMER WEST ORANGE, N.J. POLICE SERGEANT FOR SIXTEEN YEARS, RESIDING ROOM ELEVEN EIGHTEEN, YMCA, SIX HUNDRED BROAD, NEWARK, N.J., WAS INTERVIEWED. HE ADVISED THAT HE KNEW THERESA BRAYE, AND HAD HANDED OUT FLOWERS TO THE LADIES. HE ALSO ADVISED THAT HE WAS A PARTICIPANT IN THE PARADE FROM LINCOLN PARK TO WASHINGTON PARK ON MARCH TWENTY FOUR LAST AND HAD ATTENDED A DANCE AT THE TERRACE BALLROOM, NEWARK, EVENING OF MARCH TWENTY FOUR LAST, WHERE HE DANCED WITH SEVERAL NEGRO LADIES.

O'ROURKE ADVISED THAT ON EVENING OF MARCH TWENTY SEVEN LAST HE ATTENDED THE APPEARANCE OF DR. KING AT THE ABYSSINIAN BAPTIST CHURCH, NEWARK, AND WAS SUMMONED TO FRONT OF CHURCH BY AN UNRECALLED NEGRO MINISTER FRIEND OF HIS. HE SAT ON RIGHT SIDE OF DIAS DURING SPEECH BY DR. KING AND OTHERS AND RECALLED SEVERAL FLASH TYPE PHOTOS BEING TAKEN DURING THIS AFFAIR. HE RECALLED THAT AS HE TOOK SEAT NEAR DIAS HE SHOOK HANDS WITH SEVERAL NEGRO MINISTERS WHO WERE ALREADY SEATED IN THAT AREA.

ON FOUR NINETEEN LAST, OLIVER LOFTON, FIFTY ONE CLIFTON ST., NEWARK, DIRECTOR OF NEWARK LEGAL SERVICES, AND FORMER AUSA, NEWARK, INTERVIEWED AND ADVISED THAT HE DEFINETLY RECALLED A TALL WHITE MALE, WEARING A WESTERN TYPE STRING TIE, AS BEING PRESENT AT THE ABYSSINIAN BAPTIST CHURCH ON MARCH TWENTY SEVEN LAST. LOFTON VIEWED PHOTO OF ERIC STARVO GALT, AS FURNISHED BY BUREAU, AND ADVISED THAT ALTHOUGH

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THERE MAY BE SOME SIMILAR CHARACTERISTICS TO GALT'S FACIAL FEATURES, THAT THE WHITE MALE HE OBSERVED AT THE CHURCH WAS NOT IDENTICAL TO THE PHOTO OF GALT. LOFTON STATED PERSON HE IS SPEAKING OF WAS BECKONED TO COME DOWN TO FRONT OF CHURCH BY A NEGRO MINISTER, WHOM LOFTON DOES NOT KNOW, BUT WHOM HE HAS SEEN AROUND NEWARK AREA NUMEROUS TIMES, AND KNOWS MINISTER TO BE ACQUAINTED WITH REV. HORACE SHARPER, PASTOR OF ABYSSINIAN CHURCH. WHEN WHITE MALE APPROACHED DIAS, HE SHOOK HANDS WITH LOFTON AND ONE OR TWO OTHER NEGRO MINISTERS NEAR DIAS, AND THEN TOOK SEAT TO SIDE OF DIAS NEAR THE PIANO.

ON FOUR TWENTY LAST, O'ROURKE RE-CONTACTED AND FURNISHED TWO RECENT PHOTOS OF HIMSELF AND HIS OLD WEST ORANGE PD UNION CARD WITH PHOTO. SUBSEQUENT EFFORTS TO CONTACT GAIL WILLIAMS WERE NEGATIVE THROUGHOUT THE DAY AND AS OF TEN PM THAT DATE SHE WAS NOT AT HOME.

ON FOUR TWENTY LAST, CURTIS WAY; THEODORE ROSE, AND MRS. ROSE, RECONTACTED AND SHOWN PHOTOS FURNISHED BY O'ROURKE. MR. AND MRS. ROSE ADVISED THAT PHOTOS ARE BELIEVED BY THEM TO BE IDENTICAL TO THE WHITE MALE SHOWN IN THE PHOTOS TAKEN BY MR. WAY AT THE ABYSSINIAN BAPTIST CHURCH MARCH TWENTY SEVEN LAST.

CURTIS WAY ADVISED THAT HE IS OF SAME OPINION, AND ADDED THAT PHOTOS OF O'ROURKE ALSO BEAR RESEMBLANCE TO HIM OF THE ERIC STARVO GALT PHOTOS AS PUBLISHED IN NEWSPAPERS AND AS SEEN ON WANTED FLYERS.

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IN VIEW OF ABOVE NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED
RE WAY'S INFORMATION OR PHOTOS. IDENTITIES OF MR AND MRS WAY AND
MR AND MRS ROSE NOT DISCLOSED TO O'ROURKE, AND O'ROURKE'S IDENTITY
NOT DIVULGED TO ABOVE NAMED INDIVIDUALS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen *BR*

DATE: April 21, 1968

FROM : C. L. McGowan *CLM*

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long

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At 11:45 a. m., 4-21-68, Agent Taylor Rudd, Intelligence Unit of Secret Service (Government Code 184-2481) stated that one Francis Dorsey Harris, a white male, born [redacted] Montgomery County, Maryland, five feet ten inches, 150 pounds, social security number [redacted] was referred to them by the Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C., in view of the fact that Harris told the Metropolitan Police Department that James Earl Ray was in his house previously and admitted to killing King. According to the police, Harris stated that Ray told him that if the President was ever in Mexico he would probably be killed.

Agent Rudd stated that Harris is presently at the Secret Service Field Office at 1825 H Street, N. W., being interviewed and there is a possibility that they may commit Harris in view of the fact that he appeared to be mentally disturbed.

Donald R. Gochour, Supervisor on duty, Washington Field Office, was immediately advised of above and he was requested to dispatch an Agent to the Secret Service Field Office for the purpose of interviewing Harris to protect the Bureau interest.

Agent Rudd was called and advised that an Agent would be out there to interview Harris and he stated that they would handle the matter concerning the comment allegedly made by Harris regarding the President.

ACTION: For information.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440891)
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-158741) (P)
SUBJECT: MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.;
RE: NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU, APRIL TWENTY, SIXTYEIGHT.
ON APRIL TWENTY, SIXTYEIGHT, THE NEW YORK OFFICE RECEIVED
A TELEPHONE CALL FROM AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF
AS "JOHN DOE" AND STATED THAT HE HAD INFORMATION CONCERNING
THE MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. THE INDIVIDUAL STATED
THAT HE HAD BEEN CONTACTED BY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO OFFERED HIM
A LARGE SUM OF MONEY TO ASSIST IN THE ATTEMPTED MURDER OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. THE INDIVIDUAL STATED THAT HE HAD
REFUSED THE OFFER AND WANTED TO REPORT THE MATTER TO THE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION. THE NEW YORK OFFICE
ADVISED THE INDIVIDUAL THAT HE WOULD BE IN CONTACT WITH HIM
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE NEW YORK OFFICE IS CURRENTLY
CONDUCTING AN INVESTIGATION OF THE MATTER AND HAS REQUESTED
THE BUREAU TO ADVISE THE NEW YORK OFFICE OF ANY DEVELOPMENTS
WHICH MAY BE OF ASSISTANCE IN THE INVESTIGATION.

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Miss Holmes	_____
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TO DIRECTOR, LOS ANGELES, KANSAS CITY, ST. LOUIS, BIRMINGHAM,
ATLANTA, NEW ORLEANS

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 1P

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RE RE FOR REVIEW AT FBIHQ AND ON DELIVERY
TO HSCA RE REQUEST DATED 5-2-78
(SEE BUFILE 62-117290)

MURKIN

IN CONNECTION WITH IDENTIFICATION JAMES EARL RAY AS SUBJECT
INSTANT MATTER, THE SOURCE OF HIS FUNDS BECOMES OF PARAMOUNT
INTEREST. PAST BACKGROUND OF RAY IS WELL KNOWN TO OFFICES RECEIVING
THIS TELETYPE. EACH OFFICE SHOULD REVIEW ITS UNSUB BANK
ROBBERY AND BANK BURGLARY MATTERS AND WHERE LATENTS WERE RECOVERED
SHOULD IDENTIFY THE CASE IN QUESTION AND REQUEST BUREAU SEARCH
THESE LATENTS AGAINST THE LATENTS RECOVERED IN MURKIN CASE.

POSSIBILITY ALSO EXISTS THAT RAY MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN
BURGLARY OR ROBBERY NOT WITHIN FBI JURISDICTION AND MAY BE MATTER
OF INTEREST TO LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS. RECEIVING OFFICES SHOULD

CONTACT MAJOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES WITHIN THEIR DIVISIONS AND
DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT ANY ARMED ROBBERIES OR BURGLARIES
PERPETRATED IN WHICH LATENTS RECOVERED OR IN WHICH UNSUB MAY FIT
GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT RAY.

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~~PARA TWO, LINE THREE IS OF INTEREST TO LOCAL POLICE~~
~~DEPARTMENTS. RECEIVING OFFICES SHOULD.~~

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM: SAC OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686) (P)

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TO HSCA RE REQUEST DATED 5-3-76.
(SEE BUFILE 62-117290)

Re San Francisco tel to Director, Memphis, and
Oklahoma City 4/18/68.

Re: ERIC STARVO GALT

The following investigation was conducted by SA
DELMER R. EXON on 4/19/68.

At Tulsa, Oklahoma

BARRY J. GALT, Attorney, First National Bank Building,
Tulsa, Oklahoma, advised that he was born [redacted] at Ardmore,
Oklahoma, and grew up in that area. He graduated from the
University of Oklahoma Law School in 1960 and since that time
has been in private practice in Tulsa, Oklahoma. His father,
MONROE GALT, presently resides at Shawnee, Oklahoma, where he
is an official of Oklahoma Gas and Electric.

GALT said his grandfather came to Oklahoma before
statehood from Georgia and settled near Ardmore. He said he
did not know ERIC GALT and was not aware of any family
relationship.

During the past several months he has made several
business and pleasure trips. He and his wife visited Las Vegas,
Nevada, from February 2, to February 8, 1968. During March 10-13,

- 3 - Bureau
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 1 - San Francisco (173-65) (Info)
- 2 - Oklahoma City

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1968, they visited San Francisco, California, and stayed at the Fairmont Hotel. On March 14, -15, 1968, they stayed at the Del Monte Lodge at Pebble Beach, California. During March 27 to March 29, 1968, BARRY GALT stayed at the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco. His wife did not accompany him on this trip.

The following physical description was obtained:

Name	BARRY J. GALT
Race	White
Sex	Male
Birth	[REDACTED] at Ardmore, Oklahoma
Age	34
Height	6'2"
Weight	190
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Dark brown

BARRY J. GALT advised he has no information about ERIC STARVO GALT.

Armed and Dangerous

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Birmingham teletype to Bureau, et al, dated
4/11/68.

On 4/11/68, investigation at Atlanta by SAs JOHN F. LEUCK and KENNETH R. HEINEMAN reflected that there are three persons in Atlanta and surrounding vicinity who may possibly be identical with the DANIEL or DAVID LEE SMITH who may have resided at Economy Room Housing at Birmingham during October of 1967. It is to be further noted there is no such address as 708 South 80th Street in Atlanta which is the address listed by SMITH at which time he resided at Economy Room Housing in Birmingham.

The following persons were contacted by SAs LEUCK and HEINEMAN:

On 4/11/68, Mrs. DANIEL SMITH, Route #2, Box 969, White City Road, Atlanta, Georgia, advised that her husband, who is a Negro male, has not been out of Atlanta for the past two years.

- 3 - Bureau (RM)
 - 2 - Birmingham (44-1740) (RM)
 - 2 - Memphis (44-1987) (RM)
 - 2 - Atlanta
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AT 44-2386

On 4/11/68, Mr. DANIEL J. SMITH, 2328 Campbellton Road, Apartment D-8, S. W., Atlanta, advised that he has been teaching music in an Atlanta High School since 1964 and was not in Birmingham, Alabama, during October of 1967. He further advised he has never heard of Economy Room Housing in Birmingham and has never resided there.

On the same date, Mr. DANIEL B. SMITH, JR. was contacted at the phone number of 284-5565 as he has moved from the address of 2324 Glenrock Drive, Decatur, Georgia, where he formerly resided. He advised that he apparently is not the correct SMITH as he has never resided at Economy Room Housing in Birmingham, Alabama.

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MR. EARL SMITH, APPLANCE DEPT., WESTERN AUTO STORE,
NASHVILLE, TENN., TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED NASHVILLE RA ON
APRIL ELEVEN, SIXTYEIGHT, AND REQUESTED HE BE INTERVIEWED RE
INFORMATION HE HAD CONCERNING MURDER OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

SMITH INTERVIEWED ON SAME DATE AND FURNISHED FOLLOWING
INFORMATION: SMITH CLAIMED HE WAS FORMERLY AIRMAN FIRST CLASS,
AFSN TWO FOUR FIVE SEVEN THREE SIX FOUR ZERO. STATED WAS IN
AIR FORCE SIX YEARS AND HAD DUTY AT SEYMORE JOHNSON SAC AIR FORCE
BASE AND HIS JOB WAS EXPLOSIVES ORDNANCE DISPOSAL TECHNICIAN.
SAID IN AUGUST, SIXTYSIX, HE WAS EMPLOYED AT WESTERN AUTO STORE
ON SUMMER AVENUE IN MEMPHIS, TENN. AT THAT TIME HE LIVED IN
ROOMING HOUSE AT ONE TWO FIVE SEVEN PEABODY. SMITH SAID HE
FREQUENTED TAVERN ON BELLEVUE ST., DOES NOT RECALL LOCATION OR
NAME OF TAVERN. REPORTEDLY OWNER OF THIS TAVERN IS WHITE FEMALE,
FIRST NAME POSSIBLY ANN. SMITH CLAIMS WHILE IN THIS TAVERN HE
ENGAGED IN CONVERSATION WITH ANOTHER PATRON AND TOLD THIS PATRON

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAC, NEW YORK (100-100000)

SUBJECT: MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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HE HAD BEEN IN AIR FORCE AND WHAT HIS MILITARY SPECIALTY HAD BEEN.

THIS OTHER PATRON SAID HE HAD A NEPHEW WHO HAD BEEN IN THE AIR FORCE AND HAD THE SAME ASSIGNMENT. SUPPOSEDLY THIS NEPHEW HAD BEEN AT SAME BASE WITH SMITH IN NINETEEN SIXTYTWO.

SMITH CLAIMED HE RECOGNIZED THIS SO CALLED NEPHEW BY NAME. TWO DAYS AFTER INITIAL CONVERSATION AND IN SAME TAVERN AGAIN, SMITH RECONTACTED BY SAME INDIVIDUAL HE MET IN TAVERN BEFORE. SMITH CLAIMS CUSTOMER TOLD HIM THAT SINCE SMITH FORMERLY IN AIR FORCE SMITH WOULD HAVE CONTACTS GIVING HIM ACCESS TO MUNITIONS AND EXPLOSIVES. HE THEN REQUESTED SMITH GET FOR HIM FIFTY HAND GRENADES AND PULLED OUT FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS IN CASH WHICH HE LAID ON TABLE AND SAID, "THIS IS YOURS IF YOU GET ME THE GRENADES." THIS UNIDENTIFIED PATRON THEN EXPLAINED TO SMITH THAT HE AND FOUR OTHER MEN IN MEMPHIS HAD VOWED THAT ONE OF THEM WOULD KILL DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER AND THIS WAS REASON FOR WANTING THE HAND GRENADES. SMITH CLAIMED HE ASKEDN THIS PERSON IF HE WERE MEMBER OF THE KKK AND THE INDIVIDUAL TOLD HE WAS NOT. SMITH CLAIMED HE DECLINED TO ACCEPT OFFER AND WAS THEN TOLD, "IF YOU CAN'T GET THEM FOR ME YOU HAD BETTER FORGET IT." SMITH SAID
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HE CONSIDERED THIS TO BE A THREAT AND THIS WAS LAST CONTACT HE EVER HAD WITH THIS INDIVIDUAL AND DOES NOT NOW REMEMBER HIS NAME OR THE NAME OF HIS NEPHEW, THE AIRMAN WHO SUPPOSEDLY WAS STATIONED WITH HIM AT SEYMORE JOHNSON AFB. SMITH SAID THE INDIVIDUAL IN THE BAR WAS WM, FORTYFIVE YEARS OF AGE, FIVE SEVEN, GRAY HAIR, HEAVY BUILD, TWO HUNDRED TWENTY LBS., AND DROVE A NEW CORVETTE. SMITH SAID HE HAD NO OBJECTION TO HAVING HIS IDENTITY REVEALED IN CONNECTION WITH THIS INVESTIGATION.

FOLLOWING ABOVE INTERVIEW, SMITH AGAIN RECONTACTED NASHVILLE RA AND SAID HE HAD BEEN FIRED FROM HIS JOB. AFTER RECEIPT THIS INFORMATION, C.E. WEAVER, GENERAL MANAGER, WESTERN AUTO STORE, WAS CONTACTED. WEAVER SAID HE HAD NOT FIRED EARL SMITH BUT HAD TOLD SMITH TO GO HOME AS SMITH WAS DRINKING ON THE JOB. WEAVER FURTHER STATED SMITH WAS SUPPOSED TO BE AT MEETING OF EMPLOYEES AT SIX THIRTY A.M., APRIL ELEVEN, SIXTYEIGHT, BUT FAILED TO ARRIVE. WEAVER SENT MAN TO LOCATE SMITH AT SMITH'S RESIDENCE. THIS MAN REPORTED TO WEAVER THAT SMITH WAS DRUNK PREVIOUS EVENING AND OVERSLEPT, MISSING MEETING. WEAVER SAID HE CONSIDERS SMITH DECEITFUL, UNRELIABLE, AND PROBABLY A HEAVY DRINKER, AND HAD BEEN CONSIDERING TERMINATING SMITH'S EMPLOYMENT.

AS RESULT OF RUMORS AND STATEMENTS OF THIS TYPE, WHICH
PRESS SEEMS TO HAVE PARTICULAR AFFINITY FOR FINDING INQUIRY
WAS MADE OF NASHVILLE OFFICE FOR DATA RE EARL SMITH. ALL PRESS
INQUIRIES HAVE BEEN ANSWERED WITH GENERAL STATEMENT THAT FBI HAD
NO COMMENT TO MAKE RE INVESTIGATION INSTANT CASE. REPRESENTATIVE
OF NASHVILLE TENNESSEAN, WAYNE WHITT (PHONETIC), REPORTEDLY A LIFE
CORRESPONDENT OR STRINGER IN NASHVILLE, TENN., ADVISED HE HAD TALKED
TO MAN IN A BAR WHO TOLD HIM STORY ABOUT FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR
FIFTY HAND GRENADES AND A SO CALLED PLOT TO KILL DR. KING. THE
REPORTED^R REPORTEDLY TOLD THE MAN IN THE BAR THAT THE FBI HAD
REFUSED TO MAKE COMMENT REGARDING ANY SO CALLED^A INTERVIEW OR ANY
INFORMATION CONCERNING HIM, WHEREUPON THE MAN IN BAR TOLD
REPORTED, "THAT SHOWS HOW IMPORTANT MY INFORMATION IS. I'M HOLDING
OUT FOR MORE MONEY." IN VIEW OF APPRAISAL OF MR. SMITH BY HIS
EMPLOYER, ALLEGING HIS DRINKING, DECEITFULNESS, AND UNRELIABILITY,
IT IS APPARENT SMITH HAS SOLD BILL OF GOODS TO A NEWSPAPER
REPORTER WHILE IN A TAVERN.
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VARIOUS LOOK-ALIKES REPORTED AND ELIMINATED THIS DATE
MEMPHIS DIVISION. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

NO OTHER PERTINENT DATA DEVELOPED MEMPHIS DIVISION THIS
DATE.

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND RICHMOND
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

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CHECK OF PASSENGER MANIFEST DATA FOR DELTA AIRLINES,
ATLANTA, REFLECTS ONE NORM PERRY TRAVELING AS PARTY OF ONE,
GIVING PHONE NUMBER AS FOUR SIX TWO DASH TWO THREE EIGHT TWO,
BOARDED DELTA FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA, APRIL
SIX, LAST, FLYING UNDER TOURIST CLASS, WITH DESTINATION LISTED
AS LONDON, ENGLAND. FLIGHT FLEW DIRECT FROM ATLANTA, GEORGIA,
TO DULLES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, VIRGINIA, AND FROM THERE DIRECT
TO LONDON, AND SUBSEQUENTLY TERMINATING IN FRANKFURT, GERMANY.

CHECK WITH SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE REFLECTS NUMBER FOUR SIX TWO DASH
DASH TWO THREE EIGHT TWO UNDER AREA CODE FOUR ZERO FOUR WOULD BE
A RISING FAWN, GEORGIA, NUMBER AND UNDER AREA CODE NINE ONE TWO
WOULD BE A NAHUNTA, GEORGIA, NUMBER. ATTEMPTS TO CONTACT
INDIVIDUALS AT THIS NUMBER IN RISING FAWN AND NAHUNTA NEGATIVE;
HOWEVER, CONTACT WITH INFORMATION OPERATORS THOSE LOCATIONS
REFLECT NO PERRY LISTED IN THEIR PHONE DIRECTORIES. EFFORTS
CONTINUING ATLANTA TO MAKE CONTACT AT THESE PHONE NUMBERS.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442611)

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RICHMOND AT DULLES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, IMMEDIATELY
CONTACT CUSTOMS AGENTS AND EMPLOYEES, DELTA AIRLINES, TO
DETERMINE IF PERRY FLEW TO LONDON FROM DULLES ON APRIL SIX
LAST AND ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP ALL BACKGROUND INFORMATION CON-
CERNING THIS INDIVIDUAL.

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