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2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

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Date: 5/1/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AM
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

MURKIN

Enclosed for information of the Bureau is letter received at Memphis FBI addressed to "Herrn Edgar Hoover," with return address Alois Buchner, Rentner, A 3195 Kernhof, Niederosterreich, Osterreich."

Bureau is requested to have enclosed letter translated to ascertain whether or not any pertinent material contained therein.

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ENCLOSURE

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44-38861-2645

25 MAY 3 1968

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Special Agent in Charge

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Is to ascertain whether or not any pertinent material contained
Bureau is requested to have enclosed letter trans-

mitted to the Bureau.

with return address Alton Buchner, Kentner, A 3122 Kohnhof,

letter received at Memphis FBI addressed to "Helen Edgar Hoover,"

Enclosed for information of the Bureau is

WORKIN

FROM:

SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1983) P

TO:

DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

VISLET

VA

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MURKIN

April 14, 1968

Dear Sir:

The accompanying drawings may be a portrait from the side and from the front of the assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King. I have reason to believe that he may be a native of Louisiana and may have returned there, possibly to Shreveport. It is also possible that he may try to hide out in a boat on the river there. This man may use various aliases including Foley and Evans. He may also have a connection with an eating establishment in Memphis at which Dr. King may have eaten. He may have a health defect, possibly a limp.

It is my hope that this information may lead to the arrest of the man who committed this dreadful crime. I expect that you will observe entire privacy as regards my name and address. ¹⁰¹ I have no personal knowledge of this criminal or anyone in any way connected

with the crime. I do strongly urge you to ¹⁵ MAY 3 1968

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Handled by Form:

Ad by form adu "Nps for O'Brien" Ed/ckp

4-23-68

[Signature]

A drawing which I produced in much the same manner

helped in the apprehension of a criminal last year and it linked him to another crime in a different town. The police were able to recognize the man on sight from my drawing. I had also no knowledge of the criminal and had never seen him. The likeness achieved in that drawing even included a scar on the left cheek and an unusual yellowish skin color. This leads me to hope that the enclosed drawings may be of help to you.

P.S. There is a possibility that the eyes of the criminal which appear brown in the drawing are either blue or at least a lighter color than is shown.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth * Bartlett

Post office

St. Anne-de-Bellefleur

Québec

Canada

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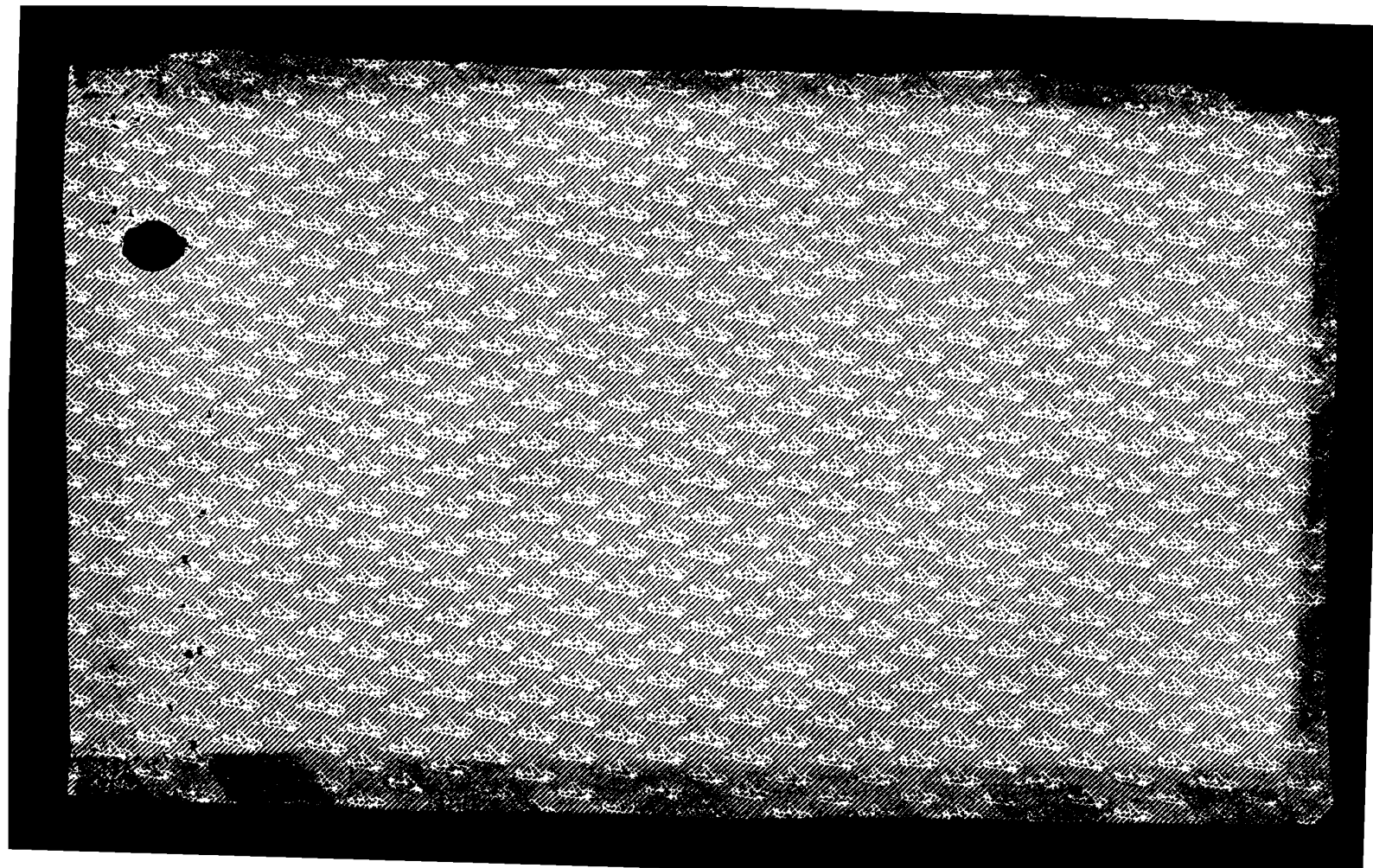
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Date: 4/22/68

Transmit the following in _____
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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
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Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM : SAC, NEWARK (44-854) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re: Cincinnati Teletype to the Bureau, with copy
to Newark, 4/19/68
Newark Teletype to the Bureau, 4/20/68

The following evidence is being furnished by
Newark to the Bureau under separate cover:

This evidence was furnished to the Newark Division
by GARY S. GOODMAN on 4/20/68.

One white shirt, Manhattan manufacturer, size
15½

On 4/20/68, GARY S. GOODMAN, age 17,
35 Birkendene Road, Caldwell, N. J., advised that on the
early morning of 4/19/68, at Port Columbus International
Airport, Columbus, Ohio, he and two traveling companions
encountered an unknown male individual who very closely
resembled the newspaper photo of ERIC STARVO GALT. The
unknown male approached a companion of GOODMAN, RONALD WEISZ,
and requested to buy a shirt from him whereupon WEISZ sold
the unknown male a brown yellow plain shirt. The unknown male
removed the white shirt he was wearing, discarded it in a
locker at the airport, and GOODMAN obtained the shirt, which
is enclosed.

1cc + encl. Not received with 44-38861-2647
4-Bureau (1-enclosure) (AirMail; Regis. Mail)
(1 - Package)
1-Cincinnati (Info.)
1-Memphis (Info.)
2-Newark
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25 MAY 3 1968

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Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

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

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**The enclosed shirt is furnished to the Laboratory
for any examination deemed necessary by the Bureau.**

Please furnish Cincinnati results of examination.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Mr. Bishop

DATE: 4-23-68

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE
I.O. #4182; W. F. #442-A
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;
INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ARMED ROBBERY
"TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES" PROGRAM
PROPOSED NEWSPAPER MAT

In an effort to secure the widest possible publicity in all sections of the country, it is being suggested that preparation of a newspaper mat be approved on captioned fugitive who became a special addition to the "Top Ten" list on April 20, 1968.

While Ray's photograph has prominently appeared in major newspapers, as well as on national and local television, many of the smaller daily and weekly newspapers, particularly those in remote and rural areas, do not have facilities or funds for reproducing photographs unless they are made available in mat form. Many of these smaller publications are most anxious to feature fugitive publicity material but their effectiveness is often limited to the availability of a mat which includes a photograph.

Such newspaper mats are prepared at the Government Printing Office and normally require a period of two to three weeks for processing. However, in view of the tremendous national interest and importance of this investigation, GPO will provide expedite service and give delivery of these mats in approximately 5 days. They are then immediately furnished to the various Field Offices and disseminated to the various newspapers in their territory.

Inquiry with the Government Printing Office has determined that the cost of 14,000 mats and proofs, containing the photograph and description of the subject, would cost \$1,000, approximately.

Enclosure

22 MAY 3 1968

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Bishop - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Gale - Enclosure - detached
- 1 - Mr. Rosen - Enclosure

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62 MAY 10 1968
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U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

M. A. Jones to Bishop memo
RE: James Earl Ray, aka - Fugitive

A proposed write-up for use as a newspaper mat is attached.

*detached
delivered
to GPO
4-2-68
JRM*

RECOMMENDATION:

Authority be granted for the preparation of a newspaper mat on James Earl Ray and that the attached proposed write-up be approved.

*JRM
JRM*

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JRM*

JRM

WANTED BY THE FBI

**JAMES EARL RAY, also known as
Eric Starvo Galt, Harvey Lowmyer,
John Willard, James McBride, James
Walton, W. C. Herron and James
O'Conner**

James Earl Ray, a Missouri prison escapee, sought under the alias Eric Starvo Galt in connection with the gunshot slaying of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is one of the FBI's "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives." FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover ordered the special addition of Ray to the "Top Ten" list to insure widespread dissemination of Ray's photograph and description to speed his location.

Ray has been intensively sought since the murder of Dr. King on April 4, 1968, as he stood on the balcony of a Memphis, Tennessee, motel. An exhaustive FBI fingerprint search, comparing latent fingerprints uncovered in the Dr. King case against fingerprints of over 53,000 persons on whom wanted notices were posted, determined that Galt and Ray are identical.

A Federal warrant, issued at Birmingham, Alabama, on April 17, 1968, charges Ray, under the alias of Galt, with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a citizen. Ray, who escaped on April 23, 1967, from the Missouri State Penitentiary, is also sought for unlawful flight to avoid confinement for robbery. His long criminal record also includes convictions for burglary and forging U. S. Postal Money Orders.

A white American, born in Alton, Illinois, on [redacted] Ray is 5'10" tall, weighs 163 to 174 pounds, has blue eyes and short brown hair. He has a nervous habit of tugging at an ear lobe and his left ear protrudes noticeably. Known as a "loner" and "drifter," Ray has worked as a baker, laborer and color matcher. He has taken dancing lessons and completed a course at a school of bartending.

Consider Ray armed and extremely dangerous. Report any information concerning him to the nearest FBI office.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: April 24, 1968

FROM : C. L. McGowan

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. McDonough
1 - Mr. Long
3 - Mr. Boyd

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In connection with investigation being conducted in the MURKIN case, the main Bureau file on Martin Luther King, Jr.'s activities (100-106670) was reviewed. It is to be noted that for several years numerous threats against King were brought to our attention. They are as follows:

ORAL THREATS:

By letter to the Director 12/23/63, (original filed in 77-51387-824) the Tampa Office reported that one RICHARD RUSSELL BALL made derogatory statements against the Attorney General and late President Kennedy. He allegedly stated that the Attorney General and Martin Luther King "would get theirs" within thirty days. He voluntarily appeared at the Tampa Office and said he made the statements while he was drunk, (Tampa file 62-462.) BALL is a white male, truck driver for Coastal Refrigeration Service, Tampa, Florida.

Ser. 2202, a Bureau airtel to Richmond 1/14/66, contains information from one FRANCIS PAUL DELUCY, WM, 70 yrs. West Jackson Street, Wilkes Barre, PA., advising he learned from a visit to the American Nazi Party Headquarters that King would be assassinated by ANP member JAMES BANKWORTH. DELUCY admitted drinking heavily prior to contacting the FBI, but insisted his story was true.

Ser. 2701 is a JN Office teletype, 9/17/66, entitled, "Unsub; Alleged Plan to Kill Reverend Martin Luther King, Grenada, Mississippi, Racial Matters." The Reverend EMMETT BARFIELD, Pastor First Presbyterian Church, Grenada, Mississippi, who requested his identity be concealed, claimed an Attorney in his parish told him two white male residents of Grenada stated they planned to assassinate King on 9/19/66, at Grenada. The men allegedly wanted to retain the Attorney, if they were charged.

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*Tel call
4/24/68
BK*

Ser. 1122 is a Baltimore airtel to Director 4/2/65, and refers to the arrest of one CARLOS LEE BILLINGS (FBI # 368 794 A) by local police. Allegation by BILLINGS of an offer by unknown persons to kill King for \$50,000. BILLINGS reportedly has a mental discharge from USMC.

*Tel call
JN - 4/24/68
BK 4/26/68*

SAM HOLLOWAY BOWERS, JR., AKA SAM reportedly made a statement on 11/15/64, at a Klan meeting near Harrisville, Mississippi, that two men requested his permission to shoot King. (Original in 157-1654-4). BOWERS reportedly told the men not to take any chances and stated that any American citizen would consider it his patriotic duty to shoot King if given the opportunity. BOWERS is the Imperial Wizard of the WKKKOM.

*TT KX
4/26/68*

On 3/30/65, JACK WILLIAM BROWN, Imperial Wizard of Dixie Klans, was interviewed by SAs Herbert C. Mays and James H. Rike at Chattanooga, Tennessee. (Original filed in 105-65374-332, P. 37). BROWN stated he was surprised that King had not been killed in Alabama to date. He said if King ever came to the Chattanooga area and did the same things he was doing in Alabama, someone would kill him. He did not comment as to who would kill King.

*TT CG
4/26/68*

Ser. 1018 Chicago teletype to Director reflects that one ROBERT C. BUXTON, 3102 S. Wallace, Chicago, Illinois, had called the Chicago Office on 3/17/65, and said he would kill King if King got in his way. BUXTON sounded drunk.

*TT SV
x call
4/26/68*

NICHOLAS NATHANIEL CAULDER (file 157-2970) of Camden, South Carolina, is the Imperial Klexter for the UKA. According to SV 472-RAC (PROB), advised that on 4/15/65, CAULDER was an avid segregationist with great hatred for Negroes. He allegedly stated in presence of the source, that he would gladly participate in the assassination of King.

*TT
CR
4/26/68*

In a memorandum behind serial 2582, JAMES W. COLE, AKA "Catfish," the Grand Wizard of North Carolina, Knights of the KKK on June 9, 1966, gave a reporter a written statement that he was going to Mississippi for the purpose of killing King; that he had funds to finance the venture and would die happy if necessary. The reporter was identified as AP Representative BRYAN SEYMOUR of Kinston, North Carolina. (CE file 157-3134).

*TT CG
4/26/68*

Ser. 2758 concerns one THOMAS E. CREAMER, AKA, Thomas E. Cramer of Chicago, Illinois, who advised the

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Chicago Office on 9/6/66, that he had been given the assignment to kill King when he returned to Chicago. CREAMER said he was a Veteran of the 101st Airborne Division and claimed he went to a meeting in the 1900 block of West School Street in Chicago, on 9/5/66, and that three unidentified persons at the meeting gave him the assignment to kill King in return for a guarantee for (CREAMER's) family's safety. CREAMER described himself as an expert varmint shooter and indicated he had a high powered rifle. His date of birth is listed as [redacted] Lima, Ohio. He had an arrest in Chicago for assault on 7/30/62.

Ser. 2596 is a DE teletype to the Director on 6/18/66, reporting an anonymous caller had alleged a plot to kill King and that plotters were connected with KKK and employed by Cadillac Plant #1, Detroit, Michigan, and also that Grand Dragon of this Klan was possibly involved. The "Grand Dragon" was identified by the DE Office as JOHN HOLLIS DAVIS, AKA Jack Davis of 13022 Helen, South Gate, Michigan, who was a pipe fitter at Cadillac Motor Company. (DE file 100-31418).

Ser. 2761 is a teletype dated 11/3/66, from Chicago advising that the Chicago NAACP on that date received an anonymous telephone call at 9:40 a.m. threatening King. The caller stated that one "TOMMY DEXTER" a City of Chicago employee working for the City of Chicago Asphalt Company, is aware of a person who is offering \$10,000 for the assassination of King, if King returns to Chicago. This anonymous call was of a local nature and no extortion case was opened, and Chicago had no references in its indices on TOMMY DEXTER. (CG file 100-35356).

Ser. 2872 is a Chicago airtel 3/31/67, reporting information received from Army Intelligence that one JOSEPH JOHN GAFFNEY who claimed to be a minuteman, reportedly told another soldier that he and another minuteman comprised a sabotage team which would undertake assassination of King. GAFFNEY was interviewed and denied membership or association with the minutemen, but considered one ORVILLE BRETTMAN of Elgin, Illinois, reportedly in USMC at Camp Pendleton, California, to be a minuteman; BRETTMAN had given him literature. No threats reportedly made against King by BRETTMAN.

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LA
4/24/68

Ser. 926 is an article and photograph from the "Harald Examiner," Los Angeles, California, dated 2/26/65, (LA file 100-57229) which refers to heavy security precaution concerning threats on King's life. The article alludes to a search for one KEITH D. GILBERT, 27, 419 Western Avenue, Glendale, California. The article states GILBERT is known as a racist and involved in theft of dynamite, which was found in his apartment along with minuteman literature. MM airtel to Director 3/5/65, entitled, "Richard Cotton, RM, Minutemen, Information Concerning - IS," (MMfile 157-1268) refers to one GILBERT, not further identified, who reportedly had the dynamite to be used on King. One EARL LINDER, 2521 N. W. 23rd St., MM, Florida, on 3/5/65, told MM 607-R that they would not make the same mistake again and next time suggested use of a high powered rifle on King. An LHM dated 3/2/65, at LA concerning one KEITH DWAYNE GILBERT related an incident where GILBERT shot at Negroes in a car and was arrested by LAPD 9/18/64, for attempt to commit murder. GILBERT reportedly a co-owner fo a gun shop. LHM also refers to one GEORGE WILLARD, who had been under pyschiatric treatment and was a member of the John Birch Society. (174-1-26-18).

TT
NO
4/24/68

Ser. 1498 is an LHM from NO dated 6/16/65, reports a remark made by one NOEL GRAY, South University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, that Negro race needs a new "monument" as Christ has been dead 2,000 years and it would be better if King or James Farmer were killed.

TT
TP
4/26/68

Ser. 1696 TP teletype to Director 8/2/65, reports that TP 221 R (PROB) reported on 8/2/65, that JOHN D. HAGAN, Florida Pioneer Club, (independent Klan group) claimed an unknown male at an unspecified place in Alabama, was allegedly appointed to "do away" with King at St. Augustine, Florida or Washington, D. C. on an unknown date.

TT DN
4/29/68

Ser. 2158 AT teletype 12/13/65, reported that an assistant of King received a telephone call from a male individual who stated he was Mr. CHEW (phonetic) 1800 Washington Street, Denver, Colorado. "CHEW" told King's assistant that King should be careful as someone was going to assassinate him. A notation on Ser. 2158 indicates the caller may be one HOLT CHEW, a Denver realtor who has several local arrests for intoxication.

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TT KC
4/26/68
Ser. 862 airtel from KC 2/16/65, (KC 100-11958) reflects that WILLIAM THOMAS JACOBS claimed he was approached by unknown party on 2/15/65, to kill the President and King. JACOBS reportedly an alcoholic.

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RH
4/29/68
A news clipping from the Birmingham Newspaper, Birmingham, Alabama, dated 9/28/62, is an article stating that ROY JAMES, 24, 6150 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia, reportedly struck King twice and received \$25 fine and 30 days in jail. JAMES reportedly a Lieutenant in the American Nazi Party. He is also said to have a long police record in demonstrations and other incidents.

TT LA
MM, 4/24/68
Ser. 1062 reports information on 3/26/65, that one WILLIAM HOWARD JAMISON, 10133 San Antonio Street, South Gate, California, a former John Bircher, allegedly considered King a Communist tool. He is reported to have said, "I am going to get Martin Luther King, he is mine." JAMISON admitted bombing the Progressive Bookshop in Los Angeles.

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N.I. by
SF
In an LHM dated 2/27/68, at San Francisco, information is reported concerning one HAL NICHOLS who reportedly made extreme anti-Negro, anti-left, and anti-liberal statements in November and December, 1967. NICHOLS allegedly named numerous persons he considered traitors and said they should be disposed of, meaning they should be killed. He specifically mentioned President Johnson, Senator Robert Kennedy, H. Rap Brown, Stokely Carmichael, and Martin Luther King.

TT
CV
4/26/68
Ser. 324 CV radiogram to Director 3/18/64, reflects that Deputy Sheriff Charles Ross, Stark County, SO, Canton, Ohio, reported one FRANK G. NILES asked him where he could obtain a sniper's rifle. NILES made the comment he would kill King if he thought it would prevent integration. A photograph of NILES, his description as well as description of his vehicle, believed available in CV file. Bureau airtel 6/15/67, (Bufile 157-1552-254) captioned, "Alleged Offer of \$100,000 by White Knights of KKK, JN, Mississippi, to Anyone Who Kills Martin Luther King, Jr., - Victim, Racial Matter," refers to information received from Dallas that one DONALD JAMES NISSEN, FBI #607-320 A, inmate County Jail, Sherman, Texas, reportedly knew of an offer of \$100,000 to kill King which had been made by the KKK. (See also Ser. 3023).

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to JN
4/24/68
TT JN &
DL
4/26/68

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TT NY
4/29/68
On 2/21/65, Jack Shanahan, City Desk, Associate Press, NYC, advised that known OAAU members in NYC were going to Chicago to kill Elijah Muhammad and had plans to kill King. (See 100-399321-283, P. 10; set out in NY teletype 2/22/65, reporting shooting of MALCOLM "X"; NY 105-8999).

TT
SK
4/29/68
Unnumbered serial behind Ser. 2714 is copy of SF teletype 9/27/66, reporting that one (FNU) OWENS threatened to kill Senator Robert Kennedy and King. One MICHAEL MOUNT, 1009 Pacific Avenue, Half Moom Bay, California, had picked up OWENS as a hitchhiker, and OWENS claimed he had been beaten up in the past by three black Muslims in Washington, D. C. while an Army Intelligence Officer and a member of NBC staff. Additional information may be available through Army Intelligence in California.

TT No
4/24/68
Ser. 754; alleged/^{that} on 1/18/65, JAMES PAFFORD of Springhill, Louisiana made a threat. The source of the allegation was COP, Reuben O'Neal, Springhill, LA. Police Department, who would not give any credence to the report. PAFFORD allegedly a gun collector, but has a good reputation and residing in Cullen, Louisiana.

TT
SL
4/26/68
BENNY PINKSTON, Sikeston, MO., FBI #314-7431, Negro, allegedly threatened King's life. (Original in 100-442529-199).

TT
MO
4/26/68
JIMMY GEORGE ROBINSON, formerly with NSRP in Selma, Alabama, previously struck King on 1/18/65, at the Hotel Albert, allegedly on orders of J. B. STONER. ROBINSON reportedly hates Negroes and is subject of the case entitled, "Jimmy George Robinson, et al; SA Daniel D. Doyle, LR Division Victim, AFO; TGP."

AT to JN. DL
4/26/68
Ser. 2936 reports information from JN 265-R (PROB) who advised 4/28/67, that L. C. BLALOCK, owner of Curley's Place, Winona, Mississippi, had indicated that one JULIO ROMEO of Jacksonville, Florida, would pay the source \$100,000 cash to kill King. Jacksonville Office was unable to identify ROMEO and Bureau files, at that time, were negative on BLALOCK and ROMEO.

TT CE
4/24/68
Ser. 1096 is CE teletype of 3/25/65, reflecting that JACK MAYNARD RAY, 1814 Vale Street, Durham, North Carolina, FBI #864-684, claims he was approached to shoot

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King and James Farmer by GEORGE MC LAMB, reportedly President of the Durham City Council. RAY is reportedly an ex-con and probably alcoholic.

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Tel call
4/24/68
Ser. 2660 reports a threat made on 3/13/66, by one ALFRED SCHNEIDER, 5054 Leavitt Street, Chicago, Illinois, who called the Chicago PD and stated he wanted to be on record, should King be killed in Chicago. Ser. 2666 describes SCHNEIDER as a white male, age 54.

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NF
4/26/68
JOHN FRANCIS SMALLWOOD, Suffolk, Virginia, reported that three white men of Tyner, North Carolina, offered him a shot gun and rifle to shoot King when he spoke at Suffolk, Virginia, on 6/28/63. It was indicated that SMALLWOOD was considered intelligent, fairly independent and believed to be truthful. (original in 157-6-56-150).

No TT part
Being handled
per BS TT
4/26/68 to
DIR, CG, ME,
IP, & NY.
S. 2710 is copy of BS airtel 9/23/66, re one DONALD STOUT reportedly a "car jockey" who travels about the country delivering automobiles. One THOMAS SHEEHAN, manager National Car Rentals, Logan International Airport, reportedly has frequent contact with STOUT. SHEEHAN said he contacts STOUT through IP telephone number WA 5-8965, which is reportedly jointly listed to American Insurance Company and Ford Motor Company, 3231 North Meridian Street, Indianapolis. A Pittsburgh airtel 9/7/66, reported that STOUT had allegedly made a statement he was going to shoot King.

TT Col.
4/26/68
Ser. 3042; Chief of Police, Charleston, South Carolina, advised on 7/26/67, that one MICKEY TELEGAS, white male, 20's, 540 A Rutledge Avenue, Charleston, South Carolina, had told several persons he planned to kill King when he comes to Charleston.

TT
LA
4/26/68
Ser. 3152 an airtel to Bureau from AT on 11/15/67, advising that one HAROLD J. THOME of Tujunga, California, (possible mental) had been attempting to have a audience with King in Atlanta. THOME has reportedly threatened neighbors in the past with a shotgun. LA airtel 11/20/67, advised THOME resides 10520 Hill Haven Street, Tujunga, California, and is a machinist at Photosonics Company, 820 Mariposa, Burbank, California.

TT to
AT 4/29/68
On 10/8/64, an informant said 13 Klansmen and 50 others attended a public cross burning and JAMES VENABLE stated Klan was opposed to violence, but would be a good idea if someone would do away with King. (see 105-65374-324,

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P. 5; AT file 105-773). Ser. 835 reports allegations made 2/8/65, that JAMES VENABLE and other leaders of National Knights of KKK planning to assassinate King. J. B. STONER was also implicated.

TT SL
4/26/68
Ser. 2053 DELANO ELMER WALKER was allegedly approached by an unsub with proposition to kill King for \$5,000. Unsub reportedly gave WALKER \$50 with instructions to proceed to AT for further orders. Local police believed WALKER'S tale was manufactured although he did have \$50 on his person. (Information from SL airtel to Director 11/12/65, SL file 100-17801).

TT NK
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Ser. 1197; RICHARD WERNTZ reported in NK airtel of 3/31/65, as having expressed a desire to shoot King.

TT DE
4/26/68
JIM WHITE, AKA James A. Wallington, 13592 Berwyn, Detroit, Michigan, allegedly threatened King (from information in Detroit airtel 4/12/65, entitled, "Minutemen, Information Concerning, Internal Security.") (Original in 62-107261-1017).

TT MA
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Ser. 2687 MM airtel 9/9/66, reflects that MM 1145-R (PROB) advised on 9/5/66, that JAMES WHITE a barber of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, had inquired of an official of the UKA, KKK, how much money the Klavern would pay to kill King. WHITE reportedly applied for membership in the Klavern at Fort Lauderdale, but was rejected.

TT CE
4/26/68
Ser. 13 CV teletype to AT 5/26/61, reports that one MERRILL WILLIAMS (Negro) telephonically advised CV Office he had received a call from a friend who is white and who he had known in the service, that his friend knew for a fact of a plot to kill King. WILLIAMS' friend reportedly called from Montgomery, Alabama, and WILLIAMS said he promised not to disclose his friend's identity.

TT CG
4/26/68
Ser. 2431 CG teletype 4/18/66, reports that one MORTON L. ZASLAVSKI, 6240 N. Drake Avenue, Chicago, had allegedly put up \$3,000 to have King killed. ZASLAVSKI identified as an Attorney and owner of Public Currency Exchange, 820 N. Avenue, Chicago. This information was received from LAVERNON CORNELIUS of the "Deacons for Defense" in Chicago, who said he got a letter from a JAMES WATTS, address unknown, identity not known to CORNELIUS, who made allegation against ZASLAVSKI and also alleged ZASLAVSKI had killed two other Negroes. Allegation was referred to Chicago

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PD and Chicago Office followed this matter with the PD.
(CG file 105-16238).

SV 4/26/68
Ser. 1054 SV airtel 3/18/65, contains allegation that FRED ZEIGLER of Vidalia, Georgia, a white male, age 15, run-away problem child, had allegedly threatened to kill King to help the country.

WRITTEN THREATS:

Copy of letter from "Harry Sawyer" to "Harry Sawyer" in "Harry Sawyer" file. Material in this letter is being used with the FBI. It has been placed in the "Harry Sawyer" file. It is being used with the FBI. It has been placed in the "Harry Sawyer" file.
On 7/7/64, and 3/26/65, anonymous letters were sent to the editor of the "Charlotte Observer," Charlotte, North Carolina, critical of President Johnson, Vice President Humphrey, Chief Justice Warren and King. The first letter expressed opposition to integration and was highly critical of the Kennedy and Johnson administration and included King, and indicated a grave might be a good place for them. The later letter also highly critical contained a statement, "Old Martin Luther King should get his brains blown out. . ." These letters were examined by the FBI Laboratory and searched through the anonymous letter file without success. See Bufile 157-1815.

Bufile 95-110865, Ser. 59 and 60 report a threat to bomb Orchestra Hall, Chicago Illinois, on 3/14/65. The threat was made in a letter postmarked Chicago, PM, 3/10/65, and was signed, "White Citizen Council." A photograph of the envelope and the letter was furnished the Bureau by the Chicago Office, which advised that the Chicago PD had processed the letter and found no latent fingerprints. (CG 9-3719).

✓ Bufile 9-44085 entitled, "Unsub; Governor Edmund G. Brown - Victim, Extortion - RM," reports an anonymous postcard was received by the Governor's Office and stated King would be shot by "one of his" to create havoc. The card was postmarked at LA, California, 8/17/65. No suspects were developed.

100-446080-709
✓ In Bufile 100-446080-709, on Stokley Carmichael, a letter is set out in an LHM dated 11/30/67, containing allegations of possible violence against Carmichael, H. Rap Brown and King by BERT COLLEY and SID BUCHER. The letter was reportedly written by ANNA MAY (COLLEY) MOBLEY of Covington, Kentucky. In her letter, MOBLEY indicated her brother BERT COLLEY, was originally from Decker, Alabama, and that he had a device powerful enough to kill a person or animal with an electric current. (Her description of the

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device appears to describe a cattle prod).

On 6/24/63, the mail room of the "Los Angeles Times" received a letter that threatened to bomb the newspaper building and also threatened the life of President Kennedy and King. The letter indicated the writer had an offer of \$10,000 on King's life. The letter was signed, "KKK." This letter was examined by the FBI Laboratory and no latent fingerprints found. It was searched through the Anonymous Letter File without making an identification. (157-929).

On 6/22/65, one CARROL JORDON, 3076 Street, Monroe, Louisiana, turned in a wallet to the PD that he allegedly found at the A & W Drive-In Restaurant, Cypress Street, West Monroe, Louisiana, on 6/22/65. A Louisiana driver's license was found in the wallet, which had been issued to WILLIAM R. DAVID, Route #1, Calhoun, Louisiana, whose date of birth was indicated as [redacted]; a social security card was also found in the name of BILLY BOB DAVID, SSN [redacted]. A letter was found in the wallet addressed to the Imperial Wizard of the KKK indicating the writer was willing to exterminate Mr. Johnson's boss, Martin Luther King, for five million dollars. It was signed, "BILLY BOB DAVID and associates." (DALE TAYLOR, G. E. JOHNSON, DICKIE MC INTOSH, KENT HALE.) The Chief of Police at Monroe, Louisiana, could find no information in his files identifiable with any of these persons.

Ser. 2449 reflects that on 4/22/66, the Springfield, New Jersey, PD received a hand ink printed letter dated 4/21/66, at Newark, New Jersey, which stated that King would be shot by professionals while picketing. The NK Office also received a similar letter which indicated King would be shot in SI, New Jersey, with a mail order gun. (This letter is probably filed in NK file 9-0).

ACTION:

For information. Appropriate leads obtained from the above review of the King file are being set out by separate communications and will be coordinated with other investigation being conducted.

VIA TELETYPE

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URGENT 4-25-68 MS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

(LOS ANGELES VIA WASH)

FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) 2P

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MURKIN

By W Date 10/30/03

RE DR. THEODORE L. EVANS, ETC.

RE LOS ANGELES TEL APRIL TWO FOUR LAST.

FILES, SAN FRANCISCO, CONTAIN NO INFORMATION WHICH CAN BE IDENTIFIED WITH DR. THEODORE L. EVANS AND WIFE, DOLORES, AKA, IN VIEW OF FACT NO BACKGROUND DATA AVAILABLE.

SAN FRANCISCO FILES REFLECT TELEPHONE NUMBER SEVEN THREE ONE DASH ONE SIX FOUR ZERO IS LISTED TO BETTY BRANDON, EIGHT FIVE TWO PACHECO ST., SAN FRANCISCO. DETAILS REGARDING BRANDON FURNISHED LOS ANGELES IN SAN FRANCISCO LETTER DATED APRIL NINE, LAST (LOS ANGELES FILE ONE ZERO ZERO DASH FIVE SEVEN TWO TWO NINE). THE ONLY REFERENCE TO BETTY BRANDON IN SAN FRANCISCO FILES IS PREVIOUS COMMUNICATION FROM LOS ANGELES TO SAN FRANCISCO REGARDING PREVIOUS TELEPHONE CALL FROM KING.

SAN FRANCISCO FILE REFLECTS THAT LOS ANGELES LHM, DATED MARCH THREE, SIXTYSEVEN, INDICATES THAT KING DURING HIS STAY IN LOS ANGELES CONTACTED ONE BETTY BRANDON.

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LOS ANGELES LET, DATED MARCH NINETEEN, LAST, REFLECTED THAT DR. KING CONTACTED AREA CODE FOUR ONE FIVE DASH SEVEN THREE ONE DASH ONE SIX FOUR ZERO. SAN FRANCISCO CITY DIRECTORY LISTS EVERETT P. BRANDON EIGHT FIVE TWO PACHECO ST., SAN FRANCISCO, AS THE SUBSCRIBER TO SEVEN THREE ONE DASH ONE SIX FOUR ZERO. EVERETT BRANDON IS LISTED AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL.

SAN FRANCISCO INDICES REFLECT THE FOLLOWING RE EVERETT P. BRANDON.

SAN FRANCISCO FILE ONE SIX ONE DASH THREE FOUR ZERO SHOWS A PEACE CORPS INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED BY THIS OFFICE WHICH WAS ALL FAVORABLE TO HIM. SAN FRANCISCO FILE ONE FIVE SEVEN DASH FOUR ZERO ZERO DASH FIVE NINE ZERO REFERS TO BRANDON AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE LOCAL ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL. SAN FRANCISCO FILE ONE FIVE SEVEN DASH TO FOUR THREE DASH THREE SIX NINE REFERS TO AN ARTICLE IN THE "SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE," A DAILY NEWSPAPER, DATED DECEMBER NINETEEN, ONE NINE SIX THREE, WHICH STATES BRANDON HAD OPENED AN ORGANIZATION TO HELP FIND JOBS FOR NEGROES. ~~THAT~~ ONLY REFERENCES TO BETTY BRANDON IN

SAN FRANCISCO INDICES ARE PREVIOUS COMMUNICATIONS FROM LOS ANGELES TO SAN FRANCISCO IN REGARD TO ABOVE TEL CALLS.

JAMES EARL RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI REC-12 44-38861-2651

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RECHICAGO TEL APRIL TWENTYFIVE LAST.

AB LAWRENCE DONALD STOUT, AKA DONALD LAWRENCE STOUT, WITH FBI
NUMBER FOUR NINE FIVE NINE THREE EIGHT NAUGHT. MARCH TWELVE FIFTY-
FIVE, FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION SEAGOVILLE TEXAS, VIOLATION
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT, ONE YEAR ONE DAY. LATEST ARREST
RECORD IDENTIFICATION DIVISION FILES APRIL TEN FIFTYEIGHT, POLICE
BERLIN NEW HAMPSHIRE, THEIR NUMBER FOURTEEN., DRIVING NON - REGISTERED
MOTOR VEHICLE, FIVE DOLLARS FINE PAID. COPIES OF RECORD AND PHOTO
TAKEN IN NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE BEING MAILED AMSD THIS DATE. UNABLE TO
DETERMINE OUR FILES WHERE RECENT PHOTO OF SUBJECT MAY BE OBTAINED.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) ATTN: IDENT. DIV.

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FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) (P)

FBI # 4-959-380

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RE THREATS TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

PITTSBURGH SUBMITTED LHM DATED SEPT. SEVEN, SIXTYSIX
CONCERNING DONALD STOUT, WM, FIVE SEVEN OR EIGHT, TWO HUNDRED TEN
POUNDS, DARK HAIR WITH WAVE IN FRONT.

HARRY P. STEWERT, US. SECRET SERVICE REPORTED HIS
NEPHEW, STEWART LINDH, TWO TWO ZERO SIX, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.,
CLAIMED HE AND TWO OTHERS THROUGH NEWSPAPER AD OBTAINED RIDE
WITH STOUT. AT KANSAS CITY, MO., STOUT DISAPPEARED WITH THEIR
EFFECTS. BEFORE STOUT DISAPPEARED HE TOLD THEM HE WAS GOING TO
SHOOT KING.

RECORDS FBI, CHICAGO, REFLECT SIMILAR MODUS OPERANDI

BY DONALD LAWRENCE STOUT, AKA LAWRENCE DONALD STOUT. FBI NO.
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WORKED AS MERCHANT SEAMAN.

Lawrence Donald Stout

BUREAU SUTEL RECENT ARREST RECORD DONALD LAWRENCE

X STOUT AND LOCATION LATEST POLICE PHOTOGRAPH IN ORDER PHOTO MAY
BE OBTAINED AND SHOWN TO STEWART LINDH. FURNISH CG, PG, SF.

Texas
N.H.

PITTSBURGH DETERMINE LOCATION HARRY P. STEWART

FOR ANY ADDITIONAL DATA HE RECEIVED AND PRESENT LOCATION HIS
NEPHEW, STEWART LINDH.

S.B.I # 4959380

SAN FRANCISCO LOCATE STEWART LINDH FOR ANY ADDITIONAL
DETAILS AND SHOW HIM PHOTO DONALD LAWRENCE STOUT TO DETERMINE
WHETHER HE IS DONALD STOUT WITH WHOM HE RODE TO KCMO.

CHICAGO CONTINUING INVESTIGATION DESIGNED TO
DETERMINE IDENTITY DONALD STOUT FOR ULTIMATE PURPOSE OF
LEARNING WHETHER HE COULD BE CONSPIRATOR MURKIN.

ALL OFFICES HANDLE IMMEDIATELY AND SUTEL LEADS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: April 27, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. DeLoach 1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. Rosen 1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Malley 1 - Mr. Conrad
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This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Ray is known to have checked out of his Los Angeles hotel, 3/17/68, and checked into an Atlanta rooming house, 3/24/68. He delivered a package of clothing in New Orleans for Marie Martin sometime between these two dates at 10:30 p.m. Dale Rodriguez, who received the package in New Orleans, now recalls that it was raining the night the package was delivered. Weather Bureau records show it rained heavily in New Orleans throughout the day and evening of 3/21/68 and in the early morning hours of 3/22/68. No other rainfall was recorded from 3/17/68 to 3/24/68.

Major Bernard J. Poiry, Custodial Officer, Missouri State Penitentiary, advised he has information from the prison grapevine, no source identifiable, that Ray made contact with Walter Nolan, St. Louis, a former inmate, and that Nolan was possibly the brains behind the King murder. Nolan has previously been interviewed and alleged Ray escaped from Missouri State Penitentiary thirty days before the escape was reported. Additional inquiries are being made concerning Nolan.

James Z. Bradley, serving a life sentence at Missouri State Penitentiary, advised that Ray has very small veins making it difficult for him to "main line" his amphetamine shots.

Neal Edgar Aeby, now in a Texas prison, furnished the following information. He knew Ray in Missouri State Prison for five years prior to Ray's escape in April, 1967. Aeby was chief cook and Ray worked for him as a slicer in the bread room. In 1962 Ray attempted to escape but his ladder broke. In 1966 he again attempted to escape but a rope broke and he fractured his arm when he fell. Aeby did not discuss Ray's

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actual escape because he claimed the method used by Ray can still be used by other prisoners. He did say the smart thing to do would be to have a man waiting outside to assist the escapee but he would not state whether or not Ray had assistance.

According to Aeby, Ray liked to tinker and built an air-conditioner for his cell out of various spare parts. He also repaired radios. Ray handled minor narcotics to get cash for commissary items but Aeby never knew Ray to use "hard" narcotics.

Aeby described Ray as very deadly and said he had a nervous breakdown in 1963 or 1964 and developed stomach trouble; consequently, he needed special foods and quit smoking, possibly because of his stomach.

In a Louis Lomax story published 4/25/68, it was stated that Jerri, alleged by Lomax to be a mysterious blonde girl friend of Ray, had been at the Royal Hotel, Milwaukee, using the name Dennis and had mysteriously disappeared.

Dennis has been identified as Dyrell Dennis, a narcotic addict who was confined to a State hospital in California from 5/4/67 to 1/6/68 when she was placed in a half-way house at Vinewood Center. When she failed to maintain required daily contacts, a warrant was issued for her arrest on 3/28/68 but California will not extradite. *WIS*

Dyrell Dennis has been located at Towne Hotel, Milwaukee. She states she left Los Angeles about two weeks ago by Greyhound Bus to visit her seventeen-year-old son in Milwaukee and will remain in Milwaukee if she can find employment; otherwise, she will return to Los Angeles. Dennis denies any knowledge of the subject. She was registered at the Royal Hotel, Milwaukee, 4/14/68 - 4/21/68. The hotel management suspects she was engaged in prostitution or narcotics activity.

Ray reportedly escaped from Missouri State Penitentiary, 4/23/67, although it has been alleged that he actually escaped thirty days before the escape was reported. Records of the penitentiary show that John Ray, brother of the subject, visited Ray at the prison on 4/22/67. His last prior visit was 11/13/66.

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Everett Collier, vice president and editor, Houston "Chronicle," advised that Louis Lomax and Charles Stein arrived in Houston on the afternoon of 4/25/68 and spent five hours searching for the telephone allegedly used by Ray on 12/16/67 when he was en route to New Orleans with Stein. They were accompanied by a "Chronicle" reporter who was to photograph the telephone booth if it was located. The reporter told Collier that Stein was very vague and not sure of the area from which the call was made.

If a further search on 4/26/68 was nonproductive, Lomax and Stein planned to fly to San Antonio, rent a car, and drive back to Houston on Interstate 10 looking for the telephone.

Collier also advised that the North American Newspaper Alliance was trying to get in touch with Lomax for a story about Stein's association with Ray and his trip to New Orleans with him in December, 1967.

Delores Evans was interviewed by our Los Angeles Office and she stated that Martin Luther King, Jr., was "very close and intimate friend." She stated she had known him since November, 1966, he was responsible for saving her marriage and King was a very close friend of her husband and other members of her family. Evans stated that she had no idea regarding anyone who would have wanted to kill King but if any such information comes to her attention, she will advise the FBI at once. Delores Evans praised the FBI for the action it was taking in this matter.

ACTION:

Vigorous investigation is continuing.

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(KING)

PITTSBURGH--THE REV. A.D. WILLIAM KING, BROTHER OF THE SLAIN CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER, SAID FRIDAY HE FELT "THERE WAS A CONSPIRACY" IN HIS BROTHER'S DEATH.

KING REFUSED TO DISCUSS THE MATTER BUT HE SAID HE HAD RECEIVED A NUMBER OF THREATENING TELEPHONE CALLS AND LETTERS FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF HIS BROTHER, DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. KING NOTED THAT HIS HOME IN BIRMINGHAM, ALA., WAS DESTROYED BY A BOMB IN 1964 AND THAT HE WAS SHOT AT TWICE.

"I MUST LIVE MY LIFE," HE SAID.

KING, HERE TO PREACH SERVICES AT ST. JOHN BAPTIST CHURCH IN NEARBY WILMERDING SUNDAY, ALSO SAID BURNING AND LOOTING BY NEGROES "WON'T ANSWER OUR PROBLEMS OR CREATE ANY ECONOMIC GAINS." "WE HAVE TO FOLLOW A POLICY OF NON-VIOLENCE," HE SAID.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Re: SUSPECT GRAHAM ROBERT SMITH

ReLegat, Mexico phone call, 4/27/68.

SMITH was a passenger on bus departing Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, April 6, 1968 enroute Monterrey, Mexico.

On 4/29/68, Mrs. ATKINSON, Secretary, Dean of Men, Rice University, advised GRAHAM ROBERT SMITH is an Abraham Scholar and a British exchange student studying Econ, Rice University, terminating study June, 1968. University records reflect SMITH at Rice University through 4/4/68 departing Houston 4/5/68 on mountain climbing trip to Mexico over the Easter holiday and has returned to Rice University.

Re phone call described SMITH as single, 22, student, British passport from Houston.

SMITH, Rice University student, identical with SMITH, Legat call and eliminated as suspect.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) -P-

MURKIN

Enclosed for the Bureau, Chicago, Memphis, and St. Louis is one copy each of FD-302 reflecting interview with M. J. STEWART, Treasurer, Missouri State Penitentiary, Inmates' Bank, regarding JAMES EARL RAY's financial transactions at this institution.

Copies being furnished Chicago and St. Louis because brothers of subject reside in those areas.

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BIRMINGHAM FILES SHOWS THAT RAY DURING HIS PERIOD OF RESIDENCE BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, FROM AUGUST TWENTYSIX, SIXTYSEVEN, THROUGH OCTOBER FIVE, SIXTYSEVEN, UTILIZED THE SERVICES OF A LOCAL CLEANING ESTABLISHMENT ON FIVE DIFFERENT OCCASIONS, THESE BEING ON A WEEKLY BASIS. RAY HAD HIS PERSONAL EFFECTS CLEANED, WHICH CONSISTED OF COATS, TROUSERS, SHIRTS, TIES AND UNDERCLOTHING. IN THIS CONNECTION, IT IS ALSO NOTED RAY, WHILE IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, UTILIZED THE SERVICES OF THE HOME SERVICE LAUNDRY ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS DURING THE MONTHS OF JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND MARCH, SIXTYEIGHT, FOR CLEANING OF HIS PERSONAL EFFECTS. HE ALSO UTILIZED THIS SAME TYPE SERVICE AT ATLANTA, GORGIA, LEAVING DRY CLEANING AT THE PIEDMONT LAUNDRY ON APRIL ONE, SIXTYEIGHT, AND PICKING UP HIS LAUNDRY ON APRIL FIVE, SIXTYEIGHT, THE DAY HE ABANDONED HIS MUSTANG. INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED TO DATE SHOWS THAT RAY IS ALWAYS CLEAN SHAVEN,

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