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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM LEGAT MEXICO CITY NO 229

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

MURKIN.

REMYCAB MAY NINE LAST.

UNKNOWN DECEASED AT ACAPULCO, GUERRERO:

BODY OF MAN BELIEVED TO BE AMERICAN DISCOVERED BURIED IN SAND ON BEACH AT ACAPULCO NEAR PIERRE MARQUEZ HOTEL MAY TEN INSTANT. POLICE CHIEF STATES MAN ABOUT THREE ZERO YEARS OLD AND WAS APPARENTLY SHOT AND BEATEN, ABOUT THREE DAYS AGO. THREE PERSONS BELIEVED TO BE AMERICANS AND WHITE CAR WITH TEXAS LICENSE PLATES REPORTEDLY SEEN NEAR SCENE AT THAT TIME. POLICE CHIEF IS ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN FINGERPRINTS AND WILL FORWARD TO THIS OFFICE SO THAT DETERMINATION CAN BE MADE WHETHER ANY CONNECTION WITH THIS CASE.

INVESTIGATION AT MONTERREY, NUEVO LEON:

CHECK OF HOTELS AND MOTELS AT SALTILLO, COAHUILA, MATENUALA, SAN LUIS POTOSI, MONTERREY, AND OTHER LOGICAL SPOTS WITHIN MONTERREY TERRITORY ON MAIN HIGHWAY BETWEEN BORDER AND MEXICO CITY HAS NOT TO DATE DEVELOPED ANY INDICATIONS THAT SUBJECT HAS BEEN IN THIS AREA RECENTLY OR ANY RECORD OF HIS TRAVEL AFTER CROSSING BORDER ON OCTOBER SEVEN LAST.

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INVESTIGATION OF MONTESSA, WREATH FROM:

AND CONNECTION WITH THIS CASE.

WIFT FORWARDED TO THIS OFFICE TO HAVE INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED AND RETURN

AT THIS TIME. POLICE CHIEF IS REQUESTING TO OBTAIN FINGERPRINTS AND

AND WHILE ONE WITH TEXAS LICENSE BEING RECORDED BY THE STATE

AND REVIEW. ABOUT THREE DAYS AGO. THREE PERSONS BELIEVED TO BE AMERICAN

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FROM LEGAL MEXICO CITY NO 100

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

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RE ANONYMOUS CALL TO MEMPHIS POLICE:

MEX-FIVE NINE HAS COMPLETED INVESTIGATION MADE MAY EIGHT, NINE, AND ONE ZERO INSTANT IN AREA FIVE ZERO MILES SOUTH OF CABORCA. SEARCH COVERED AREA OF APPROXIMATELY ONE ZERO ZERO SQUARE MILES. ENTIRE REGION ISOLATED, DESERT-LIKE LAND WITH ONLY INHABITANTS ON ONE TWO ISOLATED RANCHES.

SEARCH CONCENTRATED IN AREA ABOUT SIX ZERO MILES SOUTHWEST OF CABORCA WHERE CESSNA SUPER SKY MASTER BURNED APRIL FIVE LAST AS REPORTED IN BUFILE TWO SIX-THREE NINE SIX TWO NINE NINE UNDER CAPTION "UNSUB; ONE NINE SIX FIVE CESSNA THREE THREE SEVEN SUPER SKY MASTER, SN THREE THREE SEVEN-ZERO ONE ONE FOUR, FAA REGISTRATION NUMBER N TWO TWO ONE FOUR X, ITSA." ORIGINAL ALLEGATIONS THAT CASE SHOWED PLANE LANDED ON FARM ABOUT FIVE KILOMETERS SOUTH OF CABORCA BUT SUBSEQUENT INVESTIGATION SHOWS PLANE LANDED SIX ZERO MILES SOUTHWEST OF CABORCA, FOUR KILOMETERS FROM RANCH OWNED BY AMERICAN NATIONAL RAFAEL BLAND. BLAND NOT PRESENT DURING CURRENT CHECK BY MEX-FIVE NINE BUT INFORMANT INTERVIEWED SON, SERGIO BLAND, WHO TOOK INFORMANT TO PLACE WHERE REMAINS OF PLANE STILL EXIST. PLANE WRECKAGE LOCATED ON PRACTICALLY IMPASSABLE ROAD. SERGIO BLAND SAW A PLANE BURN FROM DISTANCE BUT OBSERVED NO OCCUPANTS OR ANYONE NEAR WRECKAGE, ALTHOUGH TWO SETS OF LANDING TRACKS INDICATED ANOTHER PLANE MAY HAVE LANDED. INFORMANT SEARCHED

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SUGGEST BUREAU THROUGH APPROPRIATE DOMESTIC OFFICES ASCERTAIN WHETHER PERSONS INVOLVED BUFILE TWO SIX-THREE NINE SIX TWO NINE NINE HAVE ANY PERTINENCE TO CAPTIONED CASE.

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ALL LEADS IN MEXICO RECEIVING EXPEDITE ATTENTION AND INVESTIGATION CONTINUES ON PRIORITY BASIS.

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AND ST. LOUIS

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

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RE MYTEL MAY FOUR LAST.

RE: JOSEPH ELMER AUSTIN, AKA; FORMER ASSOCIATE OF SUBJECT.
SPRINGFIELD DIVISION UNABLE TO VERIFY AUSTIN'S DEATH.

REVIEW OF MENARD STATE PENITENTIARY, ILLINOIS REVEALED AUSTIN,
AKA JAMES FREELEY, "SHARKEY", "BLACKKEY", FBI NUMBER EIGHT TWO
ONE SEVEN THREE THREE, DISCHARGED FEBRUARY TWENTY THREE NINETEEN
SIXTY FIVE TO ST. LEONARD'S HOUSE, TWO ONE ZERO ZERO WEST
WARREN AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS AND RECEIVED FINAL PAROLE
DISCHARGED ON JULY ELEVEN NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN THROUGH PAROLE
OFFICE ONE SIX ZERO NORTH LA SALLE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. AUSTIN
FURTHER DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, DATE OF BIRTH

 FIVE FEET TEN AND ONE HALF INCHES TALL,

ONE HUNDRED TWENTY NINE POUNDS, BLUE EYES, GREY HAIR, DARK

1 - Bureau
1 - Springfield (44-561)
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-441100) FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-100000) (P)
SUBJECT: MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; CIVIL RIGHTS
RE: CHICAGO TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MAY 12, 1968.
FOR INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THE
CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT'S (CPD) INVESTIGATION OF THE
MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ON APRIL 4, 1968, IN
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE. THE CPD HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT THE
MURDER OF KING WAS PLANNED IN CHICAGO AND THAT THE
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COMPLEXION, OCCUPATION FARMER, SCAR ON CENTER OF FOREHEAD. FAMILY INCLUDES BROTHER CHARLES, WAVERLY, ILLINOIS, BROTHER, BERT, SPRINGFIELD, NIECE, MRS. JOE REESE, ~~THREE~~ ONE SIX NORTH HOOSIER, BRAZIL, INDIANA, NEPHEW RALPH TANNEHILL, ONE FOUR THREE TWO FOURTH STREET, MADISON, ILLINOIS, SISTER MRS. DOROTHY SEYMOUR, FRANKLIN, ILLINOIS, COUSIN GERTRUDE WALLING, NINE ZERO FOUR LIND STREET, QUINCY, ILLINOIS. AUSTIN'S CORRESPONDENCE FILE ALSO REFLECTS THE FOLLOWING: ROBERT REED, CASE WORKER, AND FATHER DOUGLAS WOLFE, ~~BROTHER~~ FROM ST. LEONARD'S HOUSE, TWO ONE ZERO ZERO WARREN AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, ATTORNEY J. EDWARD JONES, ONE FOUR THREE TWO WEST HARRISON STREET, CHICAGO, A. A. FERRIS COMPANY, INC., ONE TWO TWO WEST LINCOLN, GOSHEN, INDIANA, ST. ANTHONY'S INN, INC., TWENTY NINE SOUTH LA SALLE STREET, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, GIRARD LETTMAN, WARREN CLINIC, TWO FOUR FOUR NINE WEST WASHINGTON BOULEVARD, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, MR. AND MRS. (FNU) MYRICK, CASEYVILLE NURSING HOME, CASEYVILLE, ILLINOIS, A. B. ROBERTSON, TWO ZERO ONE ONE ROAD STREET, MADISON, ILLINOIS, WAUKEGAN RESCUE MISSION, WAUKEGAN, ILLINOIS, WILLIE

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LOUIS, MISSOURI.

CHICAGO DIVISION AT CHICAGO AND WAUKEGAN, ILLINOIS,
INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION AT BRAZIL AND GOSHEN, INDIANA, AND
ST. LOUIS DIVISION AT ST. LOUIS, INVESTIGATE IN AN EFFORT TO
LOCATE AND INTERVIEW AUSSIN. SPRINGFIELD CONDUCTING INVESTI-
GATION AT MADISON, WAVERLY, CASEYVILLE, FRANKLIN, QUINCY, AND
SPRINGFIELD. MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY ADVISED BY MAIL. P.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (MAIL) AND SACS, CHICAGO, INDIANAPOLIS,
AND ST. LOUIS

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN.

RE MY TEL THIS DATE.

RE JOSEPH ELMER AUSTIN, AKA.

AUSTIN'S BROTHER, CHARLES, LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED, WAVERLY,
ILLINOIS, AND WAS IN RECEIPT OF LETTER MAY SEVEN FROM AUSTIN
WITH RETURN ADDRESS, TWO ZERO TWO THREE WARREN BOULEVARD,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. CHARLES AUSTIN WAS NOT SURE IF HIS
BROTHER IS EMPLOYED.

CHARLES AUSTIN INTERVIEWED RE SUBJECT RAY AND SHOWN
PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY BUT ADVISED HE WAS NOT ACQUAINTED WITH SUBJECT
NOR HAD HE EVER HEARD HIS BROTHER MENTION SUBJECT.

CHICAGO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW JOSEPH ELMER AUSTIN FOR ANY
INFORMATION RE SUBJECT RAY.

COPIES MAILED MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY.

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MAY 10 1968

1 - SI (44-561)

1 - Memphis (AM)

1 - Bureau (AM)

1 - Kansas City (AM)

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TO: SAC (C)
FROM: DIRECTOR (100-442888) (P)
SUBJECT: [Illegible]

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TO: SAC, [Illegible] (100-442888)
FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442888) (P)
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (P)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to Los Angeles dated 4/24/68;
 and Los Angeles airtel to Bureau dated 4/30/68 (ALMENA
 LOMAX - complainant).

On 5/9/68, after several unsuccessful attempts,
 Mrs. LOMAX was telephonically contacted and stated she had
 been so busy she had not found time to list the subscribers
 to the "Tuskegee Tribune" whom she believed to be white.
 She stated she would copy them on this date if she found
 time, prior to leaving for Berkeley, California, and would
 mail them to this office. Mrs. LOMAX declined the offer
 of an agent to come to her residence or copy the list for
 her.

COPIES MADE, DATE 5-14-78 BY
 RE: ...
 FOR REVIEW AT FBIHQ AND FOR DELIVERY
 TO HSCA RE REQUEST DATED 5-3-78
 (SEE BUFILE 62-117290)

- ② - Bureau
 1 - Atlanta (44-2386) (Info)
 1 - Birmingham (44-1740) (Info)
 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info)
 2 - Los Angeles

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- 3 - Los Angeles
- 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info)
- 1 - Birmingham (44-1110) (Info)
- 1 - Atlanta (44-5388) (Info)
- 3 - Bureau

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 TO DIRECTOR
 FOR INFORMATION
 RE: JAMES EARL RAY

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Ray.
 on an effort to come to her residence on 5/11/68 for
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 to the "packages" through which she believed to be white.
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LOWMY - complete).
 and Los Angeles stated to Bureau dated 5/13/68 (44-1987)
 as Bureau stated to Los Angeles dated 5/13/68:

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 TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, NORFOLK (44-268)(P)

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Re JAMES F. GREGORY.

Re Bureau airtel to Norfolk dated 5/2/68.

The following investigation was conducted on 5/7/68, by SA H. CURTISS BURRELL at Newport News, Virginia:

JAMES F. GREGORY was contacted at his residence at 608 Ellen Road, Newport News, Va. He advised that he is employed by the Newport News, Shipbuilding and Drydock Company. He advised that he is preparing a scrapbook in regard to the killing of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. He stated that his postcard to the FBI headquarters in Washington, D.C., whereby he requested wanted flyers #442 and #442a, was for the purpose of their inclusion in his personal scrapbook.

GREGORY advised that he has no personal knowledge of any of the principals in the instant matter.

He was furnished copies of the afore mentioned wanted flyers by SA BURRELL.

It is noted that during the course of the interview, GREGORY advised that he feels that Attorney General RAMSEY CLARK is a hindrance to the investigation of the instant matter. GREGORY advised that soon after sending the postcard to FBI headquarters, Washington, D.C., he sent a postcard to Attorney General CLARK stating that he was "a miserable failure as Attorney General of the United States." GREGORY stated that

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1 - Memphis (Info.) (44-1987)
1 - Norfolk
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-441100)
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-100000) (P)
SUBJECT: [Illegible]

RE: NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MAY 9, 1968.
[Illegible]

NEW YORK OFFICE IS CURRENTLY CONDUCTING AN INVESTIGATION
[Illegible]

IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU ADVISE THE BUREAU OF ANY
[Illegible]

VERY TRULY YOURS,
[Illegible]

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he felt that RAMSEY CLARK was just not competent in general and in essence his feelings toward Attorney General CLARK were not directed toward the instant investigation in particular, but just along a political line in general.

UACB no further investigation being conducted re GREGORY by Norfolk.

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GENERAL STAFF

GREGORY PA. MORTON

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INVESTIGATION IN BAPTIST, THE FIRST STONE & BOTTLE
GENERAL STAFF WERE NOT OFFERED FORMS THE INVEST
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HE TOLD THAT GENERAL STAFF WAS NOT COMBINED IN

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, KNOXVILLE (44-696) (P)
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(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Birmingham tel 5/9/68 to Bureau, Kansas City,
Memphis and Mobile.

Re BEATRICE BRITTON, wife of THOMAS BRITTON,
Jasper, Alabama. Current Chattanooga Telephone Directory
(September 1967) lists Chattanooga telephone number 266-1408
in name ARLIE DOWNEY, 203 Winchester St., Chattanooga, Tenn.

On May 10, 1968, Mrs. ALICE DOBBS, Electric Power
Board, Chattanooga, Tenn., advised records of that office
reflect P. ARLIE DOWNEY secured service in 1937. Applica-
tion contains no background information. His address for
1945 to 1965 was 203 Winchester St. Service disconnected,
no forwarding address. January 3, 1966, Power Board Service,
203 Winchester Street, lists name WILLIAM M. FELKINS and
continues service this address. In January 1966 FELKINS
employed as used car dealer for BENNIE WICK, Stringer St.
FELKINS wife listed as MINNIE, same address, niece - Mrs.
E. J. WEBBER, 201 Winchester St., and sister - Mrs. W. F.
MINTON, no number listed, Winchester St., both Chattanooga,
Tenn. No other information appeared re FELKINS.

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- 2 - Birmingham (44-1740)
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 2 - Knoxville

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BIRMINGHAM ALA. STATED AS BIRMINGHAM, BIRMINGHAM, ALA. - ALA.

TO NAME BIRMINGHAM, 301 MEMPHIS ST. BIRMINGHAM, ALA.
(BIRMINGHAM, ALA.) STATED AS BIRMINGHAM, BIRMINGHAM, ALA. - ALA.
BIRMINGHAM, ALA. STATED AS BIRMINGHAM, BIRMINGHAM, ALA. - ALA.
BIRMINGHAM, ALA. STATED AS BIRMINGHAM, BIRMINGHAM, ALA. - ALA.

MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM.
NO OTHER INFORMATION SUBMITTED TO BIRMINGHAM, ALA. - ALA.

(CC: MEMPHIS)
BIRMINGHAM

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-666) (B)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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On May 10, 1968, Mrs. MARGARET NANCE, Chattanooga Credit Bureau, advised files of that office reflect Mrs. ARLIE (JENNIE B) DOWNEY, last known address, 302 Winchester St., Chattanooga, Tenn. (1961), widow of ARLIE DOWNEY, who died December 17, 1958.

Credit Bureau files last report re WILLIAM MARSHALL FELKINS dated September, 1955. At that date wife listed as MINNIE, both resided 209 Winchester St., Chattanooga, Tenn. Known to files from 1940 to date of report. Employed 1953 to date of report by KEEFE Plumbing Co., Chattanooga, Tenn. Previously married to LILLIE MAE FELKINS. Unsatisfactory credit rating. Files describe FELKINS as white male, about 55 to 60 years of age. Divorce petitions filed by LILLIE MAE FELKINS vs. WILLIAM MARSHALL FELKINS September 12, 1952, and August 13, 1954. Divorce petitions filed by MINNIE HENRY FELKINS vs. WILLIAM MARSHALL FELKINS October 27, 1945, and February 21, 1949. It should be noted that 1967 Chattanooga City Directory lists MARSHALL FELKINS, wife MINNIE H. FELKINS, reside 203 Winchester St., Chattanooga, Tenn. No employment listed for either.

Newspaper clippings appearing in Credit Bureau files report arrest April 27, 1949, for MINNIE FELKINS, 801 West Sixth St., rear, Chattanooga, Tenn., for possession of illegal whiskey. Newspaper clipping appeared same file dated March 29, 1951, listed arrest of MARSHALL FELKINS, then 34 years of age, residence 446 Manufacturers Road, Chattanooga, Tenn., in connection with the death of ULES LANDRESS, same address. FELKINS first arrested for felonious assault for striking LANDRESS on head with stick of stove wood. After LANDRESS died following day, charge changed to murder.

May 10, 1968, TAGNER BAILER, Director, Identification Division, Chattanooga Police Department, advised MINNIE FELKINS, Chattanooga PD No. 16218, white female, DOB [REDACTED] POB Daus, Tenn., 5'1", 241 lbs., wife of WILLIAM MARSHALL FELKINS, same address, arrested 4/25/59, charge of possession of unstamped whiskey. This charge dismissed Chattanooga City Court April 27, 1959. Chattanooga PD unable to locate arrest record for WILLIAM MARSHALL FELKINS. Note Chattanooga PD files reorganized 2 to 3 years ago and not uncommon to be unable to locate particular file even though arrest known to have occurred.

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On May 10, 1968, Mrs. EDNA CAMP, Hamilton County Criminal Court Clerk's Office, Chattanooga, Tenn., advised files of that office reflect charges against WILLIAM MARSHALL FELKINS presented to Hamilton County Grand Jury 4/24/51 on charge of murder. Grand Jury returned no bill.

Chattanooga City Directories 1961 and 1964 through 1966 do not list any record for WILLIAM MARSHALL FELKINS or MINNIE FELKINS. Chattanooga City Directories 1962-63 list MARSHALL FELKINS, wife MINNIE, reside 209 Winchester St., Chattanooga, Tenn. No employment listed for either.

203 Winchester St., Chattanooga, is neighborhood of extremely low income white residents of buildings which are severely deteriorated. Limited anonymous inquiry on 5/10/68 in neighborhood failed to locate anyone who knew identity of residents at 203 Winchester St. or who had resided in the neighborhood in excess of two months.

BENNIE WICK, 107 Peerless Ave., North Chattanooga, formerly Stringer St., operates small used car lot, mostly junked automobiles. WICK has questionable reputation and not advisable to contact if desired to be kept confidential.

Anonymous inquiry was made by Special Agent on 5/10/68 at residence at 203 Winchester St. Inquiry was made re DOWNEY family, in whose name telephone is listed, and also specifically concerning a THOMAS DOWNEY who recently was involved in an automobile accident and currently resides 215 Winchester St.

Mrs. WILLIAM MARSHALL (MINNIE) FELKINS, 203 Winchester St., Chattanooga, advised the house at this residence is the property of Mrs. ARLIE DOWNEY, a widow who has no children. Mrs. DOWNEY was reported to have suffered a stroke some two years ago and was left with some mental damage. She is currently residing with her sister at another address in Chattanooga.

Mr. and Mrs. FELKINS are reported to have resided at 203 Winchester St. for the past two years. They maintain the telephone at this address under the name of ARLIE DOWNEY (deceased). FELKINS formerly employed by BENNIE WICK, used car dealer, but due to extremely poor health has not been employed in any capacity for the past 18 months or more.

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FELKINS was at residence at time of anonymous inquiry. He appeared extremely feeble, made no comment, and possibly senile.

Knoxville indices re all above-listed DOWNEYS and FELKINS negative. No additional inquiry being made re FELKINS pending Bureau, Memphis or Birmingham request.

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Date: 5-10-68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686) -P-
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to Oklahoma City 5-9-68, and
Tampa airtel 4-16-68.

Re: DONALD EUGENE SPARKS, FBI # 71618A.

The results of review of Oklahoma City files concerning DONALD EUGENE SPARKS was submitted to Bureau by airtel dated 4-24-68. A lead was set forth in this airtel for Birmingham Division to attempt to interview DONALD EUGENE SPARKS, and Birmingham teletype to Directr 4-27-68, reflects an attempt was made by Birmingham to interview SPARKS at the De Kalb County Jail, Fort Payne, Alabama, on 4-27-68, and SPARKS refused to be interviewed. E

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TO: SAC
FROM: DIRECTOR (44-38861) (P)
SUB: MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

RE: MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
ON 4-4-68, THE
FBI WAS ADVISED BY THE
FBI MEMPHIS OFFICE THAT
THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS
WERE IN CONTACT WITH
THE SUBJECT OF THE
CASE ON 4-4-68. A
LIST OF THESE INDIVIDUALS
IS BEING FURNISHED TO
THE MEMPHIS OFFICE FOR
YOUR INFORMATION.

RE: MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

DATE: 4-10-68

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TO: DIRECTOR

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-38861) -P-

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach *DL*

DATE: May 10, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen *R*

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. DeLoach	1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. Rosen	1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Malley	1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. McGowan	1 - Mr. Gale
1 - Mr. Long	1 - Mr. Sullivan
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SEE NOTE ON REVERSE SIDE

This case involves the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

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We have obtained from Modern Photo Bookstore, New York City, an undated order coupon signed Eric S. Galt. This apparently was mailed by Ray in September, 1967, when he was living in Birmingham. A latent fingerprint developed on this coupon is identical with the left thumb print of James Earl Ray. This is the first instance in which an Eric Galt signature has been directly connected to Ray by fingerprint identification, although Ray's fingerprints have been previously identified with latent fingerprints on various items of evidence recovered in this case.

The above order was for "Focal Encyclopedia of Photography" containing 2,000 entries by 197 experts covering every aspect of photography. By letter dated 9/26/67, Ray, as Galt, wrote that he was moving and the book should not be shipped until he furnished his new address. The company believes the book was never shipped although payment of \$8.95 was received with the order coupon.

Thomas Britton, Haleyville, Alabama, who knew Ray at Missouri State Penitentiary, has been reinterviewed and furnished the following information.

As "walk boy", Ray had free access to Britton's cell block. Ray was a representative for one of the daily cigarette lotteries in the prison, collecting bets and paying off winners. Britton never saw Ray handle narcotics or other contraband.

On the one occasion that Ray mentioned a "Business Mans Organization" that had allegedly offered \$100,000 to kill people like King, Britton asked Ray just what this organization was and Ray replied, "I don't know but I will find out." Ray told Britton he always worked alone to minimize the possibility of being caught and said he had a place picked out where he could hide.

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When Britton was in jail en route to Missouri State Penitentiary he met a four time loser named Craig who advised him to join Cooley's organization to obtain the protection they offered in prison.

Britton later saw Craig in the penitentiary and gave him \$10 for membership in Cooley's organization. That night Ray delivered a membership card and explained to Britton that it could also be used as a credit card for candy and similar items but not for betting.

On two or three occasions Britton had disputes with other prisoners over cigarette wagers. He appealed to Craig as a representative of Cooley's organization and Craig agreed to handle his complaints but told him there was a fee of 50% of the amount collected. Britton agreed and each time he filed a complaint with Craig, Ray later brought Britton his share of the cigarettes that had been collected.

Britton denies any knowledge of Ray subsequent to his escape but states that in any event he would have no interest in the posted rewards due to his fear of Cooley's organization.

On 5/9/68 John Acord, Chairman, American-Southern Africa Council, Washington, D. C., made available the following letter he received from the subject.

"12/28/67

"DEAR SIR,

"I RECENTLY READ AN ARTICLE IN THE L. A. TIMES ON YOUR CONCIL, THE LOCAL JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY PROVIDED ME WITH YOUR ADDRESS. MY REASON FOR WRITING IS THAT I AM CONSIDERING IMMIGRATING TO RHODESIA, HOWEVER THEIR ARE A COUPLE LEGAL QUESTIONS INVOLVED.

"ONE: THE U. S. GOVERNMENT WILL NOT ISSUE A PASSPORT FOR TRAVEL TO RHODESIA.

"TWO: WOULD THEIR BE ANY WAY TO ENTER

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"RHODESIA LEGALLY (FROM THE RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT POINT OF VIEW).
"I WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION YOU COULD GIVE ME ON THE ABOVE SUBJECT OR ANY OTHER INFORMATION ON RHODESIA.

"SINCERELY

ERIC S. GALT
1535-N. SERRANO
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
90027"

It is noted the letter is in error in stating the U. S. Government will not issue a passport for travel to Rhodesia. The United States has never limited travel to this country.

Acord advised he was in Rhodesia when the above letter was received and his secretary replied with a form letter enclosing Rhodesian literature.

Acord recalled that when he was in Los Angeles in November, 1967, a man asked him about emigrating to Rhodesia but after viewing Ray's photographs Acord said this man is not identical with the subject.

Acord advised in March, 1967, that the purpose of the American-Southern Africa Council is to convince the U. S. Government its African policy is incorrect and that more friendly relations should exist between the United States and Rhodesia, South Africa, Angola and possibly Gambia.

Ken H. Towsey, Rhodesian Information Officer, Washington, D. C., requested his identity be protected and advised he has a copy of the letter furnished by Acord. Towsey is reviewing his files for any further reference to the subject and will provide us with any additional information he may find.

Towsey offered all possible cooperation on behalf of his Government but asked that a formal request be made for any cooperation desired and requested that no publicity be given to either

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the request or any information provided by the Rhodesian Government. Towsey suggested the United States might wish to present its request through the American Consulate at Salisbury, Rhodesia, and requested he be advised as to the manner in which any request is made.

ACTION:

Liaison Section will arrange with the State Department for a supply of Wanted Flyers and Identification Orders to be forwarded the American Consulate in Salisbury, Rhodesia, with a request that it be determined from the Rhodesian Government whether the subject has been in that country, whether the Rhodesians have any further information concerning him and that appropriate stops be placed so that we will be immediately advised of any future information concerning the subject. The State Department will be specifically advised of Towsey's request that no publicity be given to our request for the cooperation of the Rhodesian Government or any information they may provide.

All other phases of this investigation continue to receive vigorous attention.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Re Birmingham teletype to Bureau, Memphis and
 Kansas City, 5/8/68.

Enclosed for Bureau and all receiving offices
 are two copies of an investigative insert reflecting
 the results of interviews with THOMAS BRITTON, a former
 inmate of Missouri State Penitentiary who is acquainted
 with JAMES EARL RAY and who furnished considerable
 information relative to RAY's prison activities.

The confidential ^{INFL} source referred to in enclosed
 insert is THOMAS BRITTON, 1710 Alabama Avenue, Jasper,
 Alabama, who is presently employed as a cabinet maker at
 Foster's Cabinet Shop, Haleyville, Alabama. After giving
 this matter careful consideration, the identity of BRITTON
 is being concealed at this time in view of his cooperative
 attitude coupled with the fact that he desires his
 identity be protected as he fears retaliation from the
 Cooley's Organization, Missouri State Penitentiary, should
 they learn he is cooperating or furnishing information

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to the FBI. Also, Birmingham feels that additional information may be furnished by BRITTON, noting that JAMES EARL RAY presently has his home address and telephone number and could possibly contact him in the future. Disclosure of his identity could possibly alienate this potential source of information.

THOMAS BRITTON was interviewed on 5/6/68 by SA JOHN H. KRESEK and was again interviewed on 5/7/68 by SA's JOHN H. KRESEK, ROBERT M. BARRETT and WILLIAM A. SAUCIER.

Information copies of this investigative insert are being furnished to the New Orleans, Mobile, St. Louis and Springfield Divisions in view of their investigative interest in this matter, coupled with the fact the results of this interview may be valuable when and if JOHNNY VALENTI is located, noting that he has been alleged to be in the New Orleans or St. Louis, Missouri, area. Also, Springfield has several relatives of RAY residing within their division.

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Confidential source, whose reliability has not been established, advised that he was received in the Missouri State Penitentiary during September, 1965, and was immediately placed in quarantine for a thirty-day observation period which is required of all new prisoners and thereafter he was assigned to Cell 188, Tier #8, J Hall, and scheduled to work in the carpenter shop. In this connection, the source stated that there is only one inmate to a cell and that the Missouri State Penitentiary has five halls within the prison wall which house prisoners.

The source said that while in J. Hall, during November, 1965, he first became acquainted with JAMES EARL RAY, who was already assigned to J Hall and who worked daily in J Hall as a "Walk Boy." The source explained that the duties of JAMES EARL RAY as a "Walk Boy" were to take orders for cigarettes, gum, candy, etc., which could be purchased within the prison and to bring hot water for shaving and instant coffee to the inmates. The source added that JAMES EARL RAY was the only "Walk Boy" in J Hall and further that he was free to contact any inmate and could move throughout the hall freely. He pointed out that this was RAY's only duty in the hall and that he could remain inside during working hours, having no other assignments.

The source said that his first conversation with RAY took place when RAY observed him reading a Birmingham, Alabama "Post-Herald" newspaper which he had a subscription to while in prison. The source advised that RAY asked him on this occasion if he was from the State of Alabama to which he replied he was from Walker County, Alabama. RAY said to the source that he knew where Walker County, Alabama, was located and further that this was a dry county, serving no alcoholic beverages, which gave the source the impression that RAY knew what he was talking about, especially since he mentioned beer joints like the All State Tavern, another beer joint which source believed was Rose's Place and Riverview Cafe.

ENCLOSURE

RAY said that he had visited or stayed in the Birmingham, Alabama, area in the past; however, RAY never mentioned any associates, acquaintances, friends, relatives or employments in the State of Alabama. The source advised that this conversation ended with RAY asking him if he could have his Birmingham, Alabama, "Post-Herald" newspaper when he finished reading them each day, which was agreeable to source. The source advised thereafter RAY would come by his cell each evening and pick up his newspaper which he would place between the cell bars.

The source said that RAY never discussed his family nor did he ever indicate from which part of the United States he came from, but the source believed that RAY was from the southern part of the United States only because RAY never indicated where he was from, coupled with his interest in a southern newspaper.

The source stated that he personally gave RAY his present home address and telephone number on one occasion, telling RAY to stop by his home sometime if and when he ever got released from prison and they would have a drink or two together. The source pointed out that RAY did not ask him for his address or telephone number and that he merely furnished this to RAY knowing that he was doing a 20 year prison sentence and more than likely he would never again see RAY after he left prison. He stated that when he gave RAY his address and telephone number, RAY replied "Don't be surprised if I call you up sometime" and thereafter placed this piece of paper in his pocket.

The source said that RAY was a very quiet individual, soft spoken, calm, clean, never laughed or enjoyed a good story, solemn face, and remained to himself most of the time. The source advised that he would often see RAY in the prison yard and on occasion attempted to strike up a conversation with RAY, but he never appeared interested so the source gave up trying to make conversation with RAY.

The source said that the only topic which would arouse RAY's interest was the subject of money. The source

stated that on one occasion during a conversation with RAY, RAY said "One of these days if I ever get out of here I am going to make myself a bunch of money." When source asked how he intended doing this, RAY replied he had contacts and there are more ways of making money than robbing banks. Source then asked RAY what his plan was, to which RAY replied "The Businessmen's Association has offered \$100,000.00 for killing MARTIN LUTHER KING and he's five years past due." The source stated he then asked RAY what the Businessmen's Association was, to which RAY replied "I don't know but I will find out." The source added that this was the first and last time RAY ever mentioned MARTIN LUTHER KING nor did he ever again mention the Businessmen's Association in his presence.

The source said that RAY told him that he always worked alone and therefore limited the possibility of being caught and said "I have got a place picked out where I can hide," never mentioning where the place was located.

The source stated there was a prison cigarette lottery going on almost daily in J Hall and that RAY was involved in this lottery, delivering wagering tickets as well as picking these up and would deliver the winnings to inmates each night. He said there were two separate lotteries in J Hall. One lottery was run by two inmates named JOHNNY VALENTI and another individual from St. Louis, Missouri, name unknown. The source described this individual as a white male, Italian, age 43 to 46, dark complexion with gunshot wound in face and nicknamed "Dago." The source said the other lottery in J Hall was run by an individual nicknamed "Boston," who was doing a 20 year sentence and described him as a white male, 45 years of age, very short and occupied either cell 23, 24 or 25 on the flag in J Hall, meaning the first floor.

The source said that he did not like VALENTI's wagering odds so he always placed his wagers with the individual nicknamed "Boston." The source stated that

RAY would always handle the wagers since he could talk to any inmates in the cellblock and was reimbursed by JOHNNY VALENTI and "Boston" for this service. Source estimated that there were approximately two dozen lotteries being operated in the Missouri State Penitentiary, which consisted of five separate halls housing the prisoners.

The source advised that he never saw RAY run narcotics or handle contraband at any time and on one occasion RAY showed him his arms to prove that he had never been addicted to narcotics. The source added that he never observed RAY with any large sums of money.

The source advised that there was an organization being operated at the Missouri State Penitentiary by the inmates and this organization was called "Cooley's Organization." The source said that this was a protection and enforcer organization and that while en route to the Missouri State Penitentiary he first became aware that such an organization existed. The source advised that he was at one time lodged at the County Jail in Springfield, Missouri, for several months and became acquainted with a prisoner, (FNU) CRAIG, whom he described as a "four time loser." The source said that CRAIG has a brother who is a detective on the Springfield Police Department and that CRAIG had previously served time at Missouri State Penitentiary and was being returned to this penitentiary. The source said that when CRAIG learned that he also was en route to the Missouri State Penitentiary, CRAIG advised him to join the Cooley's Organization at the Missouri State Penitentiary since he would need to get along with other prisoners and be being a member of this organization, he would obtain "special favors." The source said that CRAIG informed him that the Cooley's Organization would settle any grievances he may have while at Missouri State Penitentiary against other prisoners and that this was a very powerful organization, having influence with guards and could even, for a price, arrange "a murder."

The source advised that after his release from quarantine, he again observed CRAIG, who was then working in the mess hall at the Missouri State Penitentiary. The source advised that he then approached CRAIG and told CRAIG that he desired to join the Cooley's Organization and at this time gave him a \$10.00 canteen book, pointing out that the membership fee to join the Cooley's Organization was \$10.00 and that this membership fee would make an inmate a paid up member as long as he was in prison. The source advised that CRAIG told him that he would obtain his membership for him and the same night JAMES EARL RAY came to his cell and gave him a card saying "Here is your card," and nothing else, and therefore he always felt that RAY was a member of the Cooley's Organization since he was so trusted. However, RAY never said to him that he was a member nor did he ever ask him.

The source said that his membership card was type written with his name on it and had the heading "Membership Cooley's Club." The source said that this membership card was like a credit card and it could get an inmate credit on purchases of candy and other sundries but could not be used for credit purposes on lotteries.

The source advised that he had two or three differences with prisoners over wagers while in J Hall and upon getting no satisfaction, he personally contacted CRAIG in the mess hall at which time he displayed to CRAIG his membership card and filed his grievance with CRAIG. The source stated that CRAIG informed him that he would handle this complaint; however, the fee for handling his grievance was 50% of what was due a prisoner. The source added that subsequently RAY appeared at his cell in J Hall with his share of the cigarettes collected from his grievance.

The source stated that CRAIG was later transferred from the mess hall to the Church Farm, which is located outside the prison wall at Missouri State Penitentiary. The source said that prior to CRAIG's departure, CRAIG

contacted him and instructed him who to see in the future to take complaints should he have any additional grievances. At this point, the source pointed out that most grievances would be placed either at the mess hall or the prison yard, noting that only during these periods of time all the inmates from different halls could talk with each other. The source added that he was unable to furnish any description of name of the individual he was instructed to contact in the mess hall after the departure of CRAIG since he had no further complaints and was subsequently transferred to the Renz Farm, which is also located outside the prison.

The source stated that the Cooley's Organization was operating when he arrived at the Missouri State Penitentiary and was still doing business when he departed and he felt that this operation had been started and maintained by old cons who are now trustees and who reside in A Hall, which is the trustees' barracks. He added that he personally feared the power of the Cooley's Organization as did other inmates and in his opinion, he personally felt they could render retaliation regarding him if they became aware that he gave information concerning their organization.

The source said that during the time RAY was assigned to J Hall, he had attempted an escape which was unsuccessful and thereafter he never saw RAY again since RAY was not returned to J Hall and he later went to Renz Farm. He said that while at Renz Farm he did hear that RAY successfully escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary by hiding himself in a bread truck.

The source was asked if there ever circulated at Missouri State Penitentiary a rumor concerning the killing of three Negro inmates and if RAY's name was ever mentioned as a suspect or being involved in these killings. The source said that he did learn that when prison authorities first tried to integrate the prisoners, four white men with pillowcases over their heads waited

for five Negro prisoners to enter the shower room on one occasion and stabbed three of the Negroes to death, wounded a fourth and the fifth escaped. He said that at no time did he hear any rumor that RAY was involved in these killings.

The source said that the inmates located in J Hall at the time he was also lodged there and who could possibly furnish additional information concerning RAY were (FNU) SPRATT, cell 187, and GENE (LNU), cell 190, who escaped by overpowering a guard and taking his uniform; however, this individual was successfully apprehended and returned to Missouri State Penitentiary. Source advised that another inmate, name unknown, who occupied cell 190, was a lottery player. Another inmate, name unknown, nicknamed "Cowboy," was a hall tender in charge of convicts in J Hall.

This source was displayed numerous photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and advised that all photographs bear a close resemblance to RAY; however, he specifically identified the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY taken at the Missouri State Penitentiary during the time he was incarcerated. The source said that he would have no difficulty in identifying RAY should he ever see him again, even if he attempted to disguise his identity; giving as his reasons that RAY was definitely "slough-footed" and his toes pointed out noticeably when he walked causing his heels and soles to wear down on the outside edges. He has a prominent cleft on his chin, which is noticeable and remarked that RAY liked his booze and that he had the impression from talking with him that he was a heavy drinker. The source also added that in his opinion from his knowledge of RAY in prison that he thought RAY had a normal sex life.

The source advised that the only other person that he knew that RAY might have been closely associated when in prison was a full-blooded Indian prisoner who was the barber in J Hall but whose name he could not recall. The source stated that he definitely had not been contacted by RAY since he has been released from prison, which was May 3, 1967, and stated that he would notify the Birmingham FBI Office if RAY ever attempted to contact him in any way or manner in the future.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen *pk*
FROM : C.L. McGowan *dw*
SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5-10-68
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At 9:30 p.m., a person who refused to furnish his identity said he had the following anonymous tip regarding Martin Luther King, Jr. This person, who sounded as though he might be a Negro, said he was calling from Brooklyn, New York. He said his tip was this: "Aaron Weisberg, 4323 Avenue J." The person calling was then asked if the address given above was in Brooklyn, and in reply he said "That is all I have to say" and hung up. *Lofig*

ACTION:

mz Above information was furnished to Night Supervisor Ed Cavanaugh, New York Office, who advised there was a "J" Street in Brooklyn, New York. He was instructed to identify Weisberg to determine if he is identical with the subject and to interview him for any information of value he might have. *E*

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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

MURKIN

ReWFOtel 5/10/68, concerning review of Passport Records, USDS.

WFO has arranged with FBI Laboratory for preparation of brochure containing photographs, handwriting samples, and typewriting samples necessary to perform logical review of pertinent passport files. A representative of the FBI Laboratory will instruct Agents performing reviews at Passport Office regarding pertinent identifying characteristics.

WFO is perfecting arrangements through Passport Office for instant review and it is anticipated review will be commenced on 5/13/68, it being noted that such review could not be initiated prior to that date in view of involved arrangements necessary to conduct appropriate searches.

WFO will advise the Bureau of any pertinent developments.

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③ - Bureau
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info)
1 - WFO
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TO: SAC, NEW YORK

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RE: CIVIL RIGHTS - MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

MEMPHIS:

RE: CIVIL RIGHTS - MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

URGENTLY NECESSARY TO CONDUCT APPROPRIATE SEARCHES.
NOT RE FURTHERED BY THE FACT THAT THE SEARCHES WERE
COMMENCED ON 5/10/68. IT BEING NOTED THAT SUCH SEARCHES COULD
OFFICE FOR FURTHER LEADS AND IT IS EMPHASIZED THAT THE
FBI IS REQUESTING ASSISTANCE PRIOR TO SEARCHES.

URGENTLY REQUESTING BUREAU IDENTIFYING ORGANIZATIONS
INTERESTED WITH FURTHER VIEWS REGARDING SEARCHES OF
BUREAU BUREAUS. A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FBI
ALSO REQUESTING ASSISTANCE NECESSARY TO OBTAIN FURTHER LEADS OF
OR POSSIBLE CONDUCTING PROSECUTIONS, RESEARCHING ACTS, AND
THE FBI REQUESTING THAT THE BUREAU FOR PROSECUTION

URGENTLY REQUEST.

URGENTLY REQUEST 5/10/68, CONCERNING SEARCHES OF BUREAUS

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1987) (2)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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



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

FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 13, 1968

To:

Date:

MURKIN

Re: **CR**
OO: Memphis

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

44-38861
FBI File No. **D-562709 JK**
Lab. No.

Denver

Examination requested by:

Airtel 5/7/68

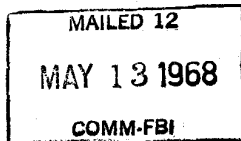
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Examination requested:

Remarks:

**You will be separately advised regarding the results
of the fingerprint examination and disposition of Q328 through
Q333.**



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Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)
2 - Denver (157-203) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)
1 - Los Angeles (44-1574) Enclosure (Lab report)

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (100-441100) AND SAC, NEW YORK (100-100000)
FROM NEW YORK (100-100000) 5P

RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MAY 13, 1968.

RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MAY 13, 1968.

FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU, NEW YORK POLICE DEPARTMENT
ADVISES THAT ON MAY 12, 1968, A MALE, WHITE, BORN
MAY 12, 1928, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, ADVISED THAT HE
HAD BEEN CONTACTED BY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO OFFERED HIM
A POSITION AS A DRIVER FOR A COMPANY IN NEW YORK CITY.

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

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

Date: **May 13, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CR**

FBI File No. **44-38861**

Lab. No. **D-562709 JK**

Specimens received **5/8/68**

- Q328 Frontier Airlines Transportation Receipt bearing stamped date April 26, 1968, and the signature "Carl Ray"**
- Q329 Frontier Airlines Transportation Receipt bearing stamped date April 27, 1968, and the signature "Carl Ray"**
- Q330 Application for Frontier Credit Travel Card bearing hand printing and the signature "Carl Ray"**
- Q331 Frontier Airlines Transportation Receipt, dated April 15, 1968, bearing the signature "H. J. Schumacher"**
- Q332 Frontier Airlines Transportation Receipt bearing stamped date April 16, 1968, and the signature "H. J. Schumacher"**
- Q333 Frontier Airlines Transportation Receipt showing amount of contract as \$316.08 and bearing the signature "H. J. Schumacher"**

Result of examination:

Although little in the way of comparable letters is present, differences were noted between the "H. J. Schumacher" signatures on Q331, Q332 and Q333 and the Carl Ray signatures on Q328, Q329 and Q330 and between these signatures and the known writings of JAMES EARL RAY.

It was determined that the questioned hand printing on Q322 (Frontier Airlines temporary credit card #31088) and that appearing in the lower right-hand portion of the Q328 transportation receipt were prepared by the same individual.

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It was further determined that the hand printing on Q328 and Q332 was not prepared by the individual who prepared the hand printing appearing on the Q330 application and that the hand printing on the three items mentioned was not prepared by JAMES EARL RAY.

Q328 through Q333 are being returned to Memphis separately.

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May 13, 1968

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1 - Mr. Hudson

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (44-371) (P)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) 3

MURKIN

RE: R. BUCKLEY - LOOK ALIKE

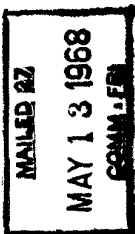
ReSEairtel 5/8/68.

Seattle has not conducted sufficient investigation to eliminate R. Buckley as a suspect in this case. Immediately determine whether Robert William Warre Buckley, 10002 Des Moines Way South, Seattle, Washington, was in fact, registered at the Carriage Inn Motel at Van Nuys, California.

1 - Memphis

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Date: 5/8/68

Transmit the following in _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (44-371) (P)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: R. BUCKLEY - LOOK ALIKE

By teletype dated May 1, 1968, the Los Angeles Division advised that a Mrs. CELEDIA FREDERICO, maid, Carriage Inn Motel of Van Nuys, California, had reported that a man who occupied room 225 in that motel for a week resembled subject RAY's photograph.

It was determined that the person who had registered into room 225 had registered under the name R. BUCKLEY, 10002 Des Moines Way South, Seattle, Washington, and indicated on the registration card that he was an employee of the Boeing Company at Renton, Washington. Registration card revealed that this person had rented this room from April 21, 1968, to April 27, 1968.

Los Angeles advised that other motel personnel could not recall BUCKLEY.

The Seattle Division has determined that ROBERT WILLIAM WARRE BUCKLEY, Social Security No. [redacted], residence address 10002 Des Moines Way South, Seattle, has been employed by the Boeing Company since December 12, 1956, and BUCKLEY is an engineering supervisor.

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Approved: [Signature]
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RE: U. S. SECRET - BOON FRIEND

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

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 (The following is a list of the names of the persons who have been in contact with the subject of this report since the date of the last report.)
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It is further noted that ROBERT W. W. BUCKLEY is listed in the current phone book in Seattle at the same address with telephone number RO 2-8702.

No further investigation being conducted by Seattle regarding BUCKLEY.

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