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RE ANONYMOUS LETTERS FROM HAMILTON. ONTARIO:

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FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

May 14, 1968

To:

Date:

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John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No.

44-38861 D-562066 JK

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FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

May 14, 1968 44-38861

Re: MURKIN CR ## 44-38861 D-562066 JK

Specimens received

5/1/68

K239 Slip of ruled paper containing four laundry tapes, Code 20R-3, obtained from Smith's One Hour Cleaners, Lynchburg, Virginia

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the machine used to prepare specimen K239 was not used to prepare the laundry tags appearing on Q69 and Q70.

Some differences were noted between the tags represented by K239 when compared with the laundry tags appearing on Q97 and Q99, but the lack of identifying features precluded a definite determination from being reached.

Specimen K239 has been retained.

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FROM

R. H. Jevons

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1-Mr. Conrad 1-Mr. Frazier 1-Lab Files 5-14-68 1-Office, 7133 Ton Mohr Bishop Casper Callahan Contad Felt Gole Rosen Sullivan Tavel Tratter Tele, Rosen Holmes

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As a matter of record, the Remington rifle, SN A17350 recovered in vicinity of the murder scene in this case was test fired for accuracy before this rifle was returned to the Memphis Police Department. With the telescope sight mounted on the rifle, as received, the point of impact of bullets fired at 25 yards was approximately $1\frac{1}{2}$ " below and 1" to the right of the aiming point on the target. Where three shot groups were fired at 205' which was reported as the distance from which King was shot, the center of the groups was approximately 3" to the right and only slightly below the point of aim. The targets fired are being made a part of the Laboratory examiner's notes and retained in the Bureau's files in this case. It is pointed out that these data reflect the condition of the weapon when received in the Laboratory. It is possible that some misalignment of the telescope sight may have occurred when the rifle was abandoned by the suspect or in subsequent handling prior to receipt of the weapon in the Laboratory.

ACTION: For information.

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1-Mr. Rosen (Attn: Mr. Long)

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John Edgar Hoover, Director

44-38861 FBI File No. D-562361 JK Lab. No.

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Examination requested:

Remarks:

Hemphis teletype 4/25/68 advised to discontinue further efforts to obtain laundry tags with the markings "20R-3;" therefore, no additional investigation should be conducted to secure tags with this marking from K253 through K256.

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To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

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Specimens received 5/6/68

- Two pieces of cloth containing two sample laundry tapes printed with Thermo-Seal machine, Serial No. 33137, obtained from Post Exchange Laundry, Newport Naval Base, Newport, Rhode Island
- K254 Two pieces of cloth containing two sample laundry tapes printed with Thermo-Seal machine, Serial No. 33138, obtained from Post Exchange Laundry, Newport Naval Base, Newport, Rhode Island
- Two sample laundry tapes printed with Thermo-Seal machine, Serial No. 33431, obtained from U. S. Naval Exchange Laundry, U. S. Naval Air Station, Quonset Point, Rhode Island
- K256 Two sample laundry tapes printed with Thermo-Seal machine, Serial No. 32296, obtained from U. S. Naval Exchange Laundry, U. S. Naval Air Station, Quonset Point, Rhode Island

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the machines used to prepare specimens K253 through K256 were not used to prepare the questioned laundry tags appearing on Q69 and Q70. These known specimens are not adequate for comparison with the "20R-3" designations appearing on the Q97 and Q99 laundry tags.

K253 through K256 have been retained.

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On 4/29/68, Mrs. LOMAX was contacted concerning the above individuals and stated she had had "second thoughts" and believed her theory that the above individuals might have had something to do with KING's assassination was a far-fetched idea. Mrs. LOMAX agreed to furnish a list of white subscribers.

On 5/10/68, the Los Angeles Office received a Special Delivery letter from Mrs. LOMAX, copies of which are enclosed for the Bureau and each office, in which she listed the names of people she believed or knew to be white, taken from the subscription list of the "Tuskegee Tribune".

There were no references known identical in the indices of the Los Angeles Office to any of the individuals in Alabama or the individual residing in Tucson, Arizona.

For the information of the Bureau, the following listed individuals residing in Los Angeles are on the Security Index of the Los Angeles Office.

HUGH DE LACY (Bufile 100-47062)

ATTY BEN MARGOLIS (Bufile 100-25130)

JOHN T. MC TERNAN (Bufile 77-29135)

MURRY WAGNER (Bufile 100-367824)

The following individuals listed by Mrs. LOMAX are on the Reserve Index - B of the Los Angeles Office:

MADELYNE GERLACH (Bufile 100-378387)

SYLVIA P. MILLER (Bufile 100-393768)

HENRY BLANKFORT, listed by Mrs. LOMAX, has been the subject of a security investigation by the Los Angeles Office (Bufile 100-262025).

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There were no references in the Los Angeles indices concerning one EWING G. PORTER; however, a check of the Cross Directory, Pacific Telephone Company, reflects one PORTER EWING resides at 7370 Rosewood Avenue, Los Angeles. EWING has not been the subject of an investigation by the Los Angeles Office; however, a review of references concerning him reflects his name was maintained on a card index by JOHN WESLEY HARRIS, JR., a member of the Executive Committee of the Los Angeles Progressive Labor Party, which card reflected EWING was a history professor at Los Angeles City College (LACC), was a sponsor of the Civil Rights Club on that campus, and was "friendly to PL".

The addresses of all the above individuals in the files of the Los Angeles Office were identical to the addresses furnished by Mrs. LOMAX.

Because the above individuals are on the Security Index, Reserve Index - B or have been the subject of a security investigation, and because PORTER EWING is a professor at LACC, no interviews of these individuals will be conducted by the Los Angeles Office, UACB, in the light of the remote nature of the allegation made by Mrs. LOMAX, and the possibility of embarrassment to the Bureau.

No further investigation is contemplated by the Los Angeles Office concerning Mrs. LOMAX' complaint, and any further information received from her will be promptly furnished to the Bureau.

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AT JASPER, ALABAMA: Will consider interviewing LEONARD R. WILSON at the address in the enclosed letter for any information he might have concerning the assassination of KING.

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AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA: Will consider interviewing SAMUEL JOHNSON and JOSEPH W. SIMPSON at the addresses in the enclosed letter concerning any knowledge they might have of the assassination of KING.

LOUISVILLE

AT LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY: Will consider interviewing CARL and ANN BRADEN, apparent editors of "The Southern Patriot" as referred to on page three of enclosed letter for any information they might have concerning the assassination of KING.

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AT EUFALA, ALABAMA: Will consider interviewing HARRY I. GOGGANS at the address in the enclosed letter for any information he might have concerning the assassination of KING.

AT NOTASULGA, ALABAMA: Will consider interviewing A. H. CLAMANTS and State Senator EDWARD H. REYNOLDS at the addresses in enclosed letter for any information they might possess concerning the assassination of KING.

AT SHORTER, ALABAMA: Will consider interviewing CHARLIE MC MILLOW, no address, concerning his possible knowledge of the assassination of KING.

AT TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA: Will consider interviewing C. L. AVERETT, LEON L. BENNETT, MR. BOLES, BOB DAWSON, W. T. COGGINS, W. G. DYSON, JOHN E. HENDERSON, ROBERT HOWARD, J. W. ROSS, HOWARTH RUTHERFORD, HARVEY SADLER, owner of the Story Equipment Company, and THOMAS C. STORY for information they might have concerning the assassination of KING.

AT UNION SPRINCS, ALABAMA: Will consider interviewing W. L. AVANT for any information he might have concerning KING's assassination.

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NEW ORLEANS

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA: Will consider interviewing appropriate officials of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, New Orleans, for any information they might have concerning the assassination of KING.

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AT TUCSON, ARIZONA: Will consider interviewing JIM GTDD TWGS at the address set out on page three of enclosed letter for any information he might have concerning the assassination of KING:

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DAILY SUMMARY

INTERVIEWS WITH INMATES, MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY

CONTINUE. INDIAN BARBER IDENTIFIED AND INTERVIEWED; FURNISHED NO PERTINENT INFORMATION RE SUBJECT OR COOLEY ORGANIZATION.

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INMATE JAMES WRAY, YOUNGER BROTHER OF LAURENCE WRAY,
SUBJECT OF KANSAS CITY ONE THREE SEVEN FILE, INTERVIEWED 15 1968
FURNISHED NO PERTINENT INFORMATION.

JAMES SMITH, TRAVELING VIA AIRLINES FROM ATLANTA TO CHICAGO TO LOS ANGELES, APRIL NINE LAST, IDENTIFIED. END PAGE ONE

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RECORDS, MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY (MSP) REVEALED THAT MELVIN O GRIDLEY, COWBOY, MSP NO. ZERO TWO FIVE ZERO THREE, WAS TRANSFERRED TO MOBERLY, MO., ON JULY TEN, LAST. THESE RECORDS FURTHER REVEALED THAT MILTON ZAVALCOFSKI, BOSTON NO. ZERO ONE SIX FIVE, ALSO IS AT MOBERLY, MO.

CHESTER SPRAIT, NO. ZERO FOUR TWO FIVE EIGHT, INMATE IN CELL NO. J ONE EIGHT SEVEN. WAS DISCHARGED ON JUNE SIX. LAST. AT WHICH TIME HE WENT TO WORK ON A FARM OWNED BY GERTRUDE SPURGEON, EMINENCE, MO.

ST. LOUIS OFFICE INTERVIEW ABOVE THREE INDIVIDUALS FOR ANY INFO THEY MAY HAVE RE SUBJECT.

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Mr. Trotter... Tele. Room...

Miss Holmes... Miss Gandy....

INDIAN BARBER IDENTIFIED AS MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY (MSP)
INMATE ROMAN SAGE, NO. ONE FOUR THREE ONE NINE. HE ADVISED THIS
DATE THAT HE NEVER KNEW OR EVER REMEMBERS SEEING THE SUBJECT. CARL
CRAIG, MSP NO. ONE ONE ONE TWO SEVEN, RELEASED MAY ONE LAST TO
RETURN TO SPRINGFIELD, MO. MOTHER LISTED AS IDA CRAIG, ONE EIGHT
ONE FIVE W. THOMAN, SPRINGFIELD. ALSO A BROTHER, KENNETH CRAIG
RESIDING SPRINGFIELD. CRAIG INTENDED TOWORK AT THE SAW MILL OF
GENE SIKES, SPRINGFIELD, MO.

THE ASSOCIATE WARDEN ADVISED THAT EVERY ITALIAN INMATE THAT COMES TO THE PRISON IS CALLED DAGO AND UNLESS THERE WAS SOME MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION REGARDING DAGO, THEY WOULD BE UNABLE TO IDENTIFY THE INDIVIDUALS MENTIONED BY THOMAS BRITTON.

FURTHER INQUIRY AT THE PRISON FAILS TO REVEAL A COOLEYS ORGANIZATION INSIDE MSP. EX-115

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C. L. McGowain

SUBJECT: MURKIN



DATE: May 14, 1968

1 - Mr. Rosen

1 - Mr. Malley

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1 - Mr. McDonough

1 - Mr. Martindale

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

At 11:20 p. m., 5/13/68, Legat Nate Ferris, Mexico City, telephonically advised Extra Duty Supervisor H. E. Helgeson that he had just received word that it had been determined by Latent Fingerprint Expert George J. Bonebrake that the fingerprints of the unidentified white male buried at Acapulco, Mexico, are not identical with those of James Earl Ray.

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FROM:

LOUISVILLE (44-947)

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RE JOHN FALVEY, LOOK ALIKE.

RE ST. LOUIS TEL MAY THIRTEEN LAST.

JOHN LEE RAY FALVEY LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED BY
BUAGENT LOUISVILLE THIS DATE. FALVEY DOES NOT RESEMBLE
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Mr. DeLoach

DATE: May 14, 1968

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1	-	Mr_{\bullet}	Long	1	-	Mr_{\circ}	Sullivan	
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1 - Mr. Martindale

SEE NOTE ON SEVERSE SID

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

It has previously been reported that Russell Lee Martin, former inmate, claimed he had helped authorities break up a narcotics ring in Missouri State Penitentiary. Martin also alleged he was told by Carl Drake, St. Louis, on 5/4-5/68 that Ray has called Drake twice since King was killed, once from New Orleans and once from North Carolina. Drake steadfastly denies any contact with Ray since Ray's escape from prison.

The warden at Missouri State Penitentiary has advised Martin did not break up a narcotics ring but merely reported that another prisoner used amphetamines. The warden says Martin has no integrity whatsoever, is completely unreliable, and only tells the truth when it serves his purpose to do so.

Records of Futura Books, Incorporated, Torrance, California, show three books were shipped to Eric S. Galt, 2584 Notre Dame, Est, Montreal, Canada, on 7/26/67. The books were "Unusual Female Sex Practices," "Sexual Anatomy" and "Sex Feeling in Men and Women." The order was received on a coupon from "Mens Real Adventure" magazine. It has previously been established that the subject lived at the above Montreal address in July and August, 1967.

John Gawron, former common-law husband of Rayler mother and on the verge of senility, previously alleged Ray was involved in a \$50,000 Southern bank robbery which was reported in the Chicago "Tribune" on about 6/23-24/67. The Chicago "Tribune" and the Bureau's bank robbery files have been reviewed without finding any reference to a robbery such as Gawron described.

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach

RE: MURKIN

James H. Carpenter, former inmate at Missouri State Penitentiary, has advised that Ray was well known to him in the Penitentiary. It is noted that Ray escaped 4/23/67 and Carpenter was paroled 5/1/67. Carpenter alleged that between 5/10/67 and 5/17/67 he saw Ray three times on South 11th Street in St. Louis. This is in the general area of John Gawron's residence. Carpenter said Ray was poorly dressed, was wearing a mustache, and borrowed \$10 from Carpenter stating he needed a gun so he could make a score and leave St. Louis. Carpenter gained the impression from Ray that he was going to Illinois when he left St. Louis.

An anonymous male in separate calls to three officers of the Memphis Police Department, previously alleged that the man who planned King's murder and paid Ray has arranged for Ray's body to be discovered between 5/15/68 and 5/18/68 at a point fifty miles south of a place in Mexico which we believe to be Caborca.

Caborca is in the State of Sonora. It appears to be roughly fifty miles below the United States border and about eighty miles from Nogales. The area fifty miles south of Caborca is desert-like with inhabitants on only a few scattered ranches. An investigative informant has searched approximately one hundred square miles in this area and has contacted each ranch with negative results.

It is noted that on 4/5/68 a Cessna Super Sky Master airplane was burned about sixty miles southwest of Caborca and about four kilometers from the ranch of Rafael Bland, an American national. Sergio Bland, son of Rafael, saw the plane burn from a distance but did not observe anyone in the vicinity of the plane. The wreckage is near a road which is practically impassable. The investigative informant noted two sets of airplane tracks indicating that another plane may have landed. He found no bodies and no evidence of any recent grave.

The above plane was stolen from Miro Field, Rialto, California, on the night of 3/18-19/68. Later the same night this plane was serviced at Blythe, California. It was being piloted by a man described as twenty-six years of age who appeared to be an experienced pilot and who said he was en route to Dallas. The plane was repainted and its registry

Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach

RE: MURKIN

number was changed after it was stolen and before it was burned. This plane, which is the subject of a separate investigation, does not at this time appear to be involved with Ray.

It has been determined by fingerprint comparison that the body found buried on the beach at Acapulco, 5/10/68, is not identical with Ray.

ACTION:

This case is continuing to receive top priority attention.

Jan Julian

5/14/68

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RADIOGRAM

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1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long

TO: ALL SACS -

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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MURKIN

IN VIEW OF FACT THAT SUBJECT SPENT A CONSIDERABLE
SUM OF MONEY FROM APRIL TWENTY-THREE, SIXTY-SEVEN TO
APRIL FOUR, SIXTY-EIGHT, AND THE SOURCE OF HIS MONEY
HAS MOT BEEN DETERMINED, HIS PHOTOGRAPH SHOULD BE DISPLAYED
TO APPROPRIATE WITNESSES IN UNSOLVED BANK ROBBERIES AND
BANK BURGLARIES IN THOSE INSTANCES WHERE WITNESSES ARE
AVAILABLE. YOU SHOULD ALSO CONSIDER THE REQUESTING
OF POLICE DEPARTMENTS TO DISPLAY PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY TO

FEDERAL BUREAU SWITNESSES IN THEIR UNSOLVED ROBBERIES.
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NOTE: Subject escaped from Missouri State Penitentiary on April 23, 1967, and has spent considerable sum of money during the period until 4/4/68 (assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.). The source of his income or any gainfull employment has not been determined. The possibility exists that subject may have committed a bank robbery or burglary as well as being involved in a robbery

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over which the local police would have jurisdiction. Photographs of Ray should be exhibited to appropriate witnesses in unsolved bank robbery and burglary cases in those instances where witnesses are available. Consideration should also be given to police departments exhibiting photograph of Ray to witnesses in their unsolved robberies.

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437PM URGENT 5/14/68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA (44-2386), MEMPHIS (44-1987)

AND MIAMI (44-1854)

FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 1P

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RE MIAMI TEL TO DIRECTOR MAY TEN LAST.

RE EASTERN AIRLINES (EAL) FLIGHTS OUT OF ATLANTA APRIL FIVE THROUGH APRIL TEN LAST.

UNITED AIRLINES (UAL) TICKETS AS FURNISHED IN RETEL EXAMINED AND NO RECORD FOR JERRY HERRON.

UAL TICKET NUMBER FOUR SEVEN FIVE FOUR ZERO FOUR EIGHT TWO NINE WAS FURNISHED IN SIXTY SIX TO BURGESS VIBROCRAFTERS. INC. GRAYSLAKE. ILLINOIS. AND SHOULD HAVE BEEN LONG SINCE USED. MIAMI REQUESTED TO RE-EXAMINE TICKET NUMBERS AS FURNISHED IN RETEL FOR ACCURACY OF ABOVE TICKET NUMBER. IF ACCURATE. CHICAGO WILL CONTACT BURGESS TO DETERMINE WHY TICKET USED AT THIS LATE DATE AND UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES AS UAL HAS NO RECORD OF USAGE ON EAL FLIGHT TWOY 15 17 1868 **EX-115** EIGHT.

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SAN JUAN VIA WASH.

FROM NEW HAVEN (157-818) 2P

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RE-PHONE-CALL-NEW-HAVEN-FO-SAW

LUZ E. GOMEZ. AGE ONE NINE. AND CARMEN ANA MALDONADO. AGE ONE SIX. BOTH ONE ONE THREE COLEMAN DRIVE, HARTFORD, CORN., ADVISED INSTANT DATE THEY WERE IN LINE AT PAN-AM COUNTER, SAN JUAN AIRPORT, SIX THIRTY AM, MAY FOURTEEN LAST. UNKNOWN MALE WENT DIRECTLY TO ONE OF FIVE CLERKS AND INQUIRED RE FLIGHT TO JAMAICA OR ARUBA. WAS TOLD HE WOULD NEED PASSPORT OR IDENTIFICATION. EXHIBITED DRIVER-S LICENSE OF UNKNOWN STATE BRIEFLY, WITH PROCES AND IN-MEDIATELY RETRACTED SAME. APPEARED HIGHLY WERVOUS. MOVING LIPS CONSTANTLY AND PULLING LOSE OF RIGHT EAR. SAID HE WOULD PAY ANY NECESSARY AMOUNT FOR FLIGHT. HE QUICKLY REJECTED SUGGESTION OF MIAMI FLIGHT. DESCRIBED: THIRTY-FIVE. FIVE NINE OR FIVE TEN. SLENDER BUT STRONG BUILD, NO HAT, BROWN HAIR TINTED REDDISH BLO END PAGE ONE

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LIPS WERE MOVED OVER THEM, EARS PROTRUDED SLIGHTLY, RIGHT MORE

THAN LEFT, EYES BLUE, ROUND, AND PIERCING, COMPLEXION MEDIUM,

NO SCARS NOTED, WORE MEDIUM-BROWN SUIT, LIGHT BLUE SHIRT, TIE AND

PLAIN BLACK SHOES, AMERICAN IN APPEARANCE. UNKNOWN STATED WOULD

GO TO A COURT TO OBTAIN IDENTIFICATION. CARRIED LIGHT TAN

JUITCASE WITH LARGE HANDLE.

BOTH GIRLS CONTACTED POLICE OFFICER WITH NAME PLATE

DE LA CRUZ, AND REPORTED SUSPICION OF IDENTITY OF UNKNOWN WITH

KILLER, INSTANT CASE. OFFICER OBSERVED MAN BUT TOOK NO ACTION

STATING HE COULD BE ARMED. UNKNOWN LEFT AND RETURNED IN FEW

MINUTES AND AGAIN CONVERSED WITH SAME PAN-AM CLERK IN MERVOUS

MANNER. REMARKS NOT BEING HEARD. HE THEN WALKED RAPIDLY TO EXIT.

IO FOUR ONE EIGHT TWO EXHIBITED GIRLS WHO FEEL CERTAIN

ALL FEATURES OF SUBJECT RESEMBLE THOSE OF UNKNOWN WITH EXCEPTION

OF HAIR OF LATTER WHICH IS LONGER. BOTH BELIEVE UNKNOWN IDENTICAL

WITH BAY. BOTH GIRLS APPEARED INTELLIGENT AND ALERT.

SAN JUAN HANDLE. CAUTION, ARMED AND DANGEROUS. AIR MAIL
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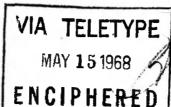
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TO DIRECTOR

(44-38861) -PLAINTEXT-

FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) 2P

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Mr. Tolson..... Mr. DeLoach...

REBUTELCAL TO LOS ANGELES MAY THIRTEEN LAST CONCERNING CESSNA SKYMASTER, STOLEN RIALTO, CALIFORNIA, WHICH WAS FUELED AT BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA, AFTER THEFT TWO AM, MARCH NINETEEN LAST AND CRIVINED MEXICO APRIL FIFTH LAST.

NETTIE COPE, KAL CRAFT AVIATION, BLYTHE AIRPORT, BLYTHE, CALIF.,

SERVICED INSTANT PLANE MARCH NINETEEN LAST AND STATES WAS OCCUPIED

BY ONE WHITE MALE, TWENTY EIGHT TO THIRTY YEARS OLD, FIVE FOOT TEN

INCHES TO SIX FOOT, ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY POUNDS, OLIVE COMPLEXION,

HEAVY DARK BROWN HAIR, SLIGHT INDENTATION UPPER LIP, NO ACCENT,

WEARING HORN RIM GLASSES, DRESSED IN WHITE SHIRT, TIE, AND DARK

BROWN BUSINESS SUIT. SHE VIEWED ALL PHOTOGRAPHS, JAMES EARL RAY

AND STATES HE IS NOT IDENTICAL WITH MAN WHO FUELED PLANE. HE

PURCHASED THIRTY GALLONS GASOLINE AND PAID CASH REC 5 44 38867 34 18

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THIS MAN ALSO TALKED WITH WILBUR B. HUMMEL, AIR TRAFFIC SPECIALIST, FAA, BLYTHE AIRPORT, AND SAID WAS ENROUTE DALLAS, TEXAS, VIA EL PASO, TEXAS. HUMMEL DESCRIBED MAN AS WHITE MALE, FIVE FOOT TEN INCHES, MEDIUM BUILD, FORTY YEARS. HUMMER VIEWED ALL PHOTOS OF RAY AND STATES CAN NOT BE POSITIVE BUT DOES NOT BELIEVE THIS MAN IDENTICAL WITH JAMES EARL RAY.

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TO

DIRECTOR AND KANSAS CITY PLAINTEXT

KANSAS CITY VIA WASH DC

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FROM HONOLULU

MAURKIN.

RE KANSAS CITY RADIOGRAM THIS DATE CONCERNING JAMES LAOMA

OWENS.

ADDRESS FURNISHED FOR IDA AND ERNEST OWENS OF FIVE ONE SEVEN FIFTH STREET, HONOLULU IS NAVAL HOUSING. NAVY HOUSING AUTHORFIES REPORTED YEOMAN SECOND CLASS ERNEST OWENS VACATED THOSE PREMISES JANUARY TWENTY NINE, NINETEEN SIXTY. NAVY CONTINUING SEARCH OF RECORDS IN ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN SERIAL NUMBER FOR TRACER

OF OWENS.

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