

Montreal Que

April May 14 1968

To The Chief of Police
Memphis Tenn. U.S.A.

Received
5-17-68
by M.P.D.

Subject Dr. King - "Hate or Ray?"

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Code letter "G"

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Address -

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Wood - St Catherine St Montreal Que

City of Montreal Police ^{ass.} Director Oliver Crime Division

Provincial Police of Quebec Province (Mostly French.)

Headquarters Parthénaïs St Montreal Que

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*In Reply, Please Refer to
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

**Memphis, Tennessee
May 18, 1968**

**JAMES EARL RAY;
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;
UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT -
ROBBERY**

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unknown person who signed the letter only "Code Letter G":**

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5-27-68

Airtel

1 - Mr. J. R. Faulkner
1 - Mr. R. F. Bates

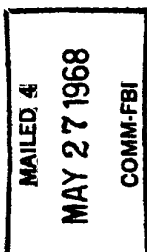
To: SAC, Jacksonville

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

ReBuairtel to Jackson, Dallas, Jacksonville, and Memphis dated 4-25-68; Dallas airtel to Bureau, Jackson, Atlanta, and Memphis dated 5-1-68; Atlanta airtel to Bureau, Jackson, Jacksonville, and Memphis dated 5-8-68; Jackson airtel to Bureau, Atlanta, Birmingham, Charlotte, Columbia, Dallas, Kansas City, and Memphis dated 5-15-68 and Bureau telephone call to Jacksonville on 5-22-68, all pertaining to Donald James Nissen and an alleged offer of \$100,000 by the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi to anyone who kills Martin Luther King, Jr.

Upon completion of a thorough review of referenced Jackson airtel dated 5-15-68, Kansas City is instructed to interview Leroy McManaman for all information he possesses concerning any offer by anyone of \$100,000 to kill King.



- 3 - Jacksonville (encl. 6)
(1 - 76-1108)
- 3 - Atlanta (encl. 4)
(1 - 76-2876)
- 3 - Houston (encl. 8)
- 3 - Las Vegas (encl. 8)
- 2 - Memphis
- 3 - Phoenix (encl. 6)
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SEE NOTE PAGE THREE.....

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Airtel to SAC, Jacksonville
RE: MURKIN

For the information of the recipient offices, Donald Nissen is currently the subject of the case "Donald James Nissen - Fugitive; Parole Violator," office of origin, Phoenix, Phoenix file 76-2865, Bureau file 76-30305.

Enclosed for Atlanta, Houston, Jacksonville, and Las Vegas are two copies each of Bureau letter dated 4/29/68, captioned "Donald James Nissen - Fugitive; PV" and Board of Parole Warrant Application dated 4/2/68.

Enclosed for Houston, Jacksonville, and Las Vegas are two copies each of referenced Jackson airtel dated 5/15/68.

Enclosed for Houston and Las Vegas are two copies each of referenced Atlanta airtel dated 5/8/68.

Enclosed for Phoenix are two copies each of referenced Dallas airtel dated 5/1/68; Atlanta airtel dated 5/8/68; and Jackson airtel dated 5/15/68.

Should Nissen be apprehended by any recipient office, he should be interviewed to determine if he has obtained any additional information since last interviewed on 6/2/67, regarding any offer to kill King.

LEADS:

Atlanta, Georgia. Continue appropriate investigation to locate and apprehend Nissen.

Houston at Corpus Christi, Texas, Referenced Atlanta airtel 5/8/68, indicates Nissen in December, 1967, may have obtained employment with the Americana Encyclopedia Company, Corpus Christi, Texas. Conduct appropriate investigation to locate and apprehend Nissen.

Jacksonville at Panama City, Florida. Conduct investigation requested in referenced Atlanta airtel dated 5/8/68, in an attempt to locate and apprehend Nissen.

**Airtel to SAC, Jackson
RE: MURKIN**

Las Vegas at Reno, Nevada. Referenced Atlanta airtel 5-8-68, indicates Nissen possibly is in the Panama City, Florida, area selling a product known as the Auto Safety Control. The company that manufactures this device is reportedly located at Reno. Nissen's written monthly report to the Parole Board for December, 1967, listed employment with the American Auto Safety Corporation, Atlanta, Georgia. It is possible the home office of this company is located in Reno, Nevada, area. Conduct appropriate investigation to locate and apprehend Nissen.

NOTE:

We are conducting investigation of individuals who allegedly made threats or offers to kill King to determine if they are possibly involved in any conspiracy to kill King. Donald Nissen in 1967, furnished information allegedly obtained from Leroy McManaman at Leavenworth Penitentiary that the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi had offered \$100,000 to kill King. Nissen is currently a fugitive and it is desired he be interviewed when apprehended to determine if he possesses any additional information regarding threats to slay King. Kansas City is being instructed to interview McManaman for any information he possesses regarding any such threats. Information developed in MURKIN investigation indicates Nissen reported recently in Panama City, Florida, area. Instant communication advises pertinent offices of possible employment held by Nissen and furnishes information regarding his fugitive status.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen *RW*

DATE: May 27, 1968

FROM : C. L. McGowan *CLM*

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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

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UN **APPROX.**

ASAC Karl Stefansson of the San Antonio Office telephonically advised that one Eduardo Jose ~~Molina~~ had contacted the Brownsville, Texas, Resident Agency today and advised that he had received information that James Ray was four days ago working in the kitchen of the Sadzil Ha Hotel, located on Isla Mujeres, off the coast of the State of Quintana Roo, Mexico.

Molina is in Brownsville, Texas, checking on some property and will be there several days. His permanent address is Avenida 505C, Merida, Yucatan, ~~Mexico~~, and he will return to that address when his business in Brownsville, Texas, is completed.

Molina advised that the Sadzil Ha Hotel which is located about twenty minutes by air from Merida is owned and operated by a man named Lima, who he feels will not cooperate with the FBI. He identified Lima's son as being the source of the information regarding Ray working at the Sadzil Ha Hotel.

Stephansson described Molina as being 65 years of age, sensible and knowledgeable, and reportedly a graduate of Boston College.

SAC Gordon Shanklin of the Dallas Office also telephonically advised that a potential criminal informant of the office had been in contact with a small time gambler, whose identity the potential criminal informant would not disclose, who had just returned from Monterrey, Mexico. According to the potential criminal informant this gambler made the statement that James Ray is currently working as a bartender in a bar located near the Chevrolet dealer in Monterrey.

ACTION:

The above information was telephonically furnished to Legat Nathan Ferris at Mexico City for immediate handling. Ferris stated the leads would be afforded top priority investigative attention.

JGK:vea

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



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

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

Date: **May 27, 1968**

MURKIN
Re CR

OO: Memphis

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-680523083 JK**

Examination requested by: **St. Louis**
Reference: **Airtel 5/21/68**
Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**
Remarks:

You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination and disposition of Q354.

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Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)
2-St. Louis (44-775) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

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Date: May 27, 1968

Re: MURKIN
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FBI File No.

44-38861

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D-680523083 JK

Specimens received 5/23/68

Q354 Signature card of Manufacturers Bank & Trust Company
of St. Louis dated 3/9/59 bearing the signature
"James Carl O'Connor"

Result of examination:

Because of the presence of some characteristics which could not be satisfactorily explained on the basis of the available known writings, it could not be determined whether the "James Carl O'Connor" signature on Q354 was prepared by JAMES EARL RAY; however, significant similarities were noted between this questioned signature and the available known handwriting of RAY.

Q354 will be returned separately. Photographs
are retained.

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Re: **CR**
OO: Memphis

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44-38861
FBI File No. **D-680523034 JK**
Lab. No.

Examination requested by: **Washington Field Office**

Reference: **Airtel 5/23/68**

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**

Remarks:

**You will be advised separately regarding the results
of the fingerprint examination and disposition of Q352 and Q353.**

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Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

**1 - Washington Field Office (44-703) Enclosure
(Lab report)**

1 - Newark (44-854) Enclosure (Lab report)

1 - Los Angeles (44-1574) Enclosure (Lab report)

1 - Atlanta (44-2386) Enclosure (Lab report)

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6-11-64

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

TO : DIRECTOR

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK

RE: [illegible]
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[illegible]

DATE: 6-11-64

RE: [illegible]

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RE: [illegible]

FOR WILLIAM J. BROWNE, JR., ALLEGEDLY KNOWN TO THE NEW YORK OFFICE OF THE FBI AS A PERSON WHOSE NAME IS ASSOCIATED WITH THE SUBJECT OF THIS MATTER.

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535****To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)****Date: May 27, 1968****Re: MURKIN
CR****FBI File No. 44-38861-3423
Lab. No. D-680523034 JK****Specimens received 5/23/68**

Q352 U.S. Postal Money Order, No. 1,916,211,078, payable to Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, N.J., bearing the handwritten name and address "Eric S. Galt 5533 Hollywood Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif. 90028"

Q353 U.S. Postal Money Order, No. 5,615,057,923, payable to Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, N.J., bearing the handwritten name and address "Eric S. Galt 113-14th St. N.W. Atlanta, Georgia 30309"

Result of examination:

On the basis of the available writings attributed to the subject, James Earl Ray, it was concluded that the questioned hand printing and handwriting appearing on Q352 and Q353 were prepared by this individual.

Specimens Q352 and Q353 will be returned separately. Photographs are retained.

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Lab. No. **D-680524079 JK**

Examination requested by: **Memphis**
Reference: **Airtel 5/22/68**
Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**
Remarks:

You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination and disposition of Q355 and Q356.

This report confirms and supplements Bureau airtel to Memphis and Dallas dated 5/24/68.

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REC-105 44-38861-3979

1 - Dallas Enclosure. (Lab report)

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

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

Re: **MURKIN
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Date: **May 27, 1968**
 FBI File No. **44-38861**
 Lab. No. **D-680524079 JK**

Specimens received **5-24-68**

Q355 Envelope postmarked "Dallas, Tex. 1B PM 1 May, 1968," bearing the handwritten address "Mr. Loeb - Mayor of Memphis Memphis, Tenn."

Q356 Accompanying one-page handwritten letter beginning "I didnt mean to kill Rev. Luther King..." and ending "...but not a white man. Black men hired me"

Result of examination:

Specimens Q355 and Q356 were searched through the appropriate sections of the Anonymous Letter File but could not be identified with any prior submissions to this file.

No indented writing, watermarks or other identifying features were noted on either Q355 or Q356 which might indicate the immediate source of these two items.

It was concluded that the questioned writings on Q355 and Q356 were not prepared by James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G.

**The submitted items are temporarily retained.
Photographs were made.**

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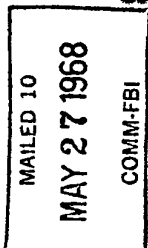
From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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**Re WFO airtel 5/22/68, submitting two U. S. Postal
Money orders, Q352 and Q353.**

**No latent impressions of value developed on the two money
orders, which are enclosed to WFO.**

Laboratory reporting separate.



- 1 - Newark (44-854)**
- 1 - Los Angeles (44-1574)**
- 1 - Atlanta (44-2306)**
- 1 - Mr. Rosen**

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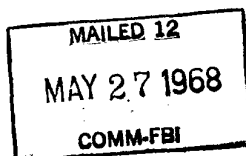
✓ Approval granted for Birmingham to secure publicity on James Earl Ray in the periodical issued by the Southern Medical Association. Authority for such publicity was set forth in Bulet of 4-29-68 to all offices and permits the utilization of all cooperative and reputable publications.

Pursuant to existing instructions the Office of Origin may set forth specific leads regarding such publicity and the existing Bureau press release in this case may be utilized along with copies of Ray's photograph available in all offices.

- 1 - Memphis (44-1987)
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FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)MURKIN

Birmingham presently endeavoring to arrange with Southern Medical Association, headquarters at Birmingham, which covers Southern States, write-up and photos of subject in its periodical, provided Bureau concurs. This based on previous information that subject has been considered somewhat of a hypochondriac, according to previous acquaintances and may visit physicians. Bureau may desire consider this action also either through American Medical Association publication or from other regional medical associations.

Since RAY has been reported to have visited psychologists and/or psychiatrists in the past suggest Bureau may desire to give consideration on a national basis of circularization these type physicians. No action will be taken pending approval by the Bureau.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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Since RAY has been reported to have visited psychiatric hospital in the past suggest Bureau may desire to give consideration on a national basis of circulation these items. No action will be taken pending approval by the Bureau.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) P
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

(OO Memphis)

Re Baltimore teletype to Bureau dated 4/25/68.

Enclosed herewith for Bureau and all receiving offices are two (2) copies each of FD-302s concerning CARLOS LEE BILLINGS.

Referenced communication reveals CARLOS LEE BILLINGS, former IO Fugitive No. 4017, in ITSP prison break case, Office of Origin Little Rock, received an offer from JAMES (LNU) and EDDIE (LNU) of \$50,000. to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING in March of 1965.

The FD-302s concern interview with CARLOS LEE BILLINGS, who is currently an inmate at the Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, and a psychiatric evaluation of BILLINGS.

LEADS:

COLUMBIA:

AT COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA:

Attempt to locate and interview JOHNNIE BLACKWELL and JUNE TAYLOR to confirm story and further identify individuals named by BILLINGS.

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TAMPA:

AT FT. MYERS, FLORIDA:

Attempt to locate and interview BARBER's parents operating trailer park in 1965.

NEW ORLEANS:

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA:

Conduct investigation at Canal Bank Inn to confirm story or further identify individuals.

MEMPHIS:

AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE:

Attempt to identify JAMES (LNU), owner of large parking lot that area.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/26/68

MELVIN LEMONS, Secretary to the Director, Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, advised CARLOS LEE BILLINGS, FBI # 368794A, is at the Medical Center for psychiatric treatment with the long-term goal of an eventual return to the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas.

He stated on April 2, 1968, the Medical Center directed a letter to the U. S. Probation Office at Little Rock, Arkansas, stating that although BILLINGS now appears to be competent, several months ago he was too psychiatrically disturbed to participate in any court here. A plan is to examine him again in a month to determine whether or not he is competent to participate in legal proceedings.

LEMONS stated that while BILLINGS was at the Medical Center on a previous occasion a psychiatric report prepared April 17, 1967, by Dr. ANDREW F. GUSCHWAN, M.D., Staff Psychiatrist, contained the following diagnosis:

"Schizophrenic Reaction, chronic undifferentiated type, sociopathic personality disturbance, anti-social type, migraine headaches, with possible brain damage."

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On 4/26/68 at Springfield, Missouri File # KC 44-760
by SA JAMES A. MITCHELL - LAC Date dictated 4/26/68

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CARLOS LEE BILLINGS, inmate, Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, was advised of the identity of JAMES A. MITCHELL as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He was told the purpose of the interview concerned a report he had made sometime ago to the FBI that he had been offered \$50,000. to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING by two individuals identified only as JAMES and EDDIE. This took place in Columbia, South Carolina, in about March, 1965. He was furnished a warning and waiver form, which he read and executed. He then furnished the following oral information:

In early 1965, in Columbia, South Carolina, he met a soldier stationed at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, who was to be discharged within a few days. His name was JIM or GLENN BARBER, but he is not sure of the first name or the spelling of the last name. He had just returned from Panama, and he believes he held the rank of Corporal. BARBER had marijuana and pep pills in his possession and was a very convincing talker. BARBER had met a female in Columbia named JOHNNIE BLACKWELL. She worked as a waitress at a lounge he believes was called the "Downtown," located near Chubby's Steak House in Columbia. She was from a little town twenty miles south of Columbia, name unknown. BLACKWELL roomed with a girl named JUNE TAYLOR, somewhere on Bull Street in Columbia. Both girls were prostitutes, and BILLINGS lived part of the time with TAYLOR. TAYLOR worked at a night club there called the "Red Rooster."

BLACKWELL had met two men known as JAMES and EDDIE and had filled a prostitution date with JAMES for \$50. The initial meeting took place in some club, name unknown, located near Chubby's Steak House, possibly the "Downtown." BLACKWELL told JIM she had to leave because she had a date with a soldier from Fort Jackson, South Carolina, named BARBER. JAMES asked her to ask BARBER if he could get ahold of any weapons, whereupon she told him BARBER had a machine gun.

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JAMES expressed an interest in buying it from BARBER and told her to pass this on to him, which she agreed to do. The prostitution date was filled in a motel in town, name unknown.

The following night, at the V.F.W., he, JAMES, EDDY and BARBER met. TAYLOR and BLACKWELL were present, as well as two other girls who worked at the "Red Rooster," but this was their night off. He does not recall their names. This was the first time he had met JAMES and EDDY. The men went outside and BARBER gave them each a stick of marijuana which he had brought back from Panama. They all sat in JAMES's white 1964-65 Lincoln Continental and smoked marijuana. The Lincoln had a Tennessee license plate beginning with the number 2, which designates Memphis. JAMES was always smoking big cigars and wore a large diamond ring. He understood JAMES has money in Mississippi and Tennessee. He owns land in Clarksdale, Mississippi, has a big car lot in Memphis and a night club. In the old days he was a bootlegger. JAMES despises the Negro race and, particularly, any with Communist leanings.

While in the car, JAMES told BARBER he understood he had a .50-caliber machine gun and BARBER said he did. JAMES asked if he wanted to sell it and he said, "Yes." Either JAMES or EDDIE asked where the machine gun was and how long it would take to get it. BARBER said three days because it was in Westwego, Louisiana, in care of a friend who ran a night club, The Canal Bank Inn. He never heard this man's name. JAMES or EDDIE asked BARBER if he had any ammunition for it, and he said he had a whole belt. One of the men then offered him a thousand dollars for the machine gun.

They all met again the next night at the largest drive-in restaurant in Columbia, name unrecalled. JAMES or EDDIE asked him if he had ever used the machine gun before, and he said he used one while in military service. It was agreed that BILLINGS would take BARBER to Westwego, Louisiana, which is on the west bank of New Orleans, to get the machine gun. They were to meet JAMES and EDDIE on a certain unrecalled date in Columbia and collect \$1,000. for the machine gun. The meet was to be at some unrecalled motel. BILLINGS stated he has trouble remembering things that happened this long ago.

He drove BARBER to get the machine gun at the Canal Bank Inn, and BARBER contacted some man outside of his presence who reportedly told him the weapon had not arrived. He and BARBER stayed in an apartment house at the rear of the Canal Bank Inn for two days waiting for the weapon to arrive, but it never did. He became irritated with BARBER and then felt BARBER never had such a weapon. BILLINGS returned alone to Columbia, South Carolina, and he understood BARBER was going to his home in Fort Myers, Florida. BARBER's parents reportedly lived in and operated a trailer park at Fort Myers. BILLINGS stated that at the time all this was going on he had and was driving a 1959 Chevrolet convertible, maroon in color, bearing a Maryland Temporary Tag. He bought the car under his true name from Luby's Chevrolet in Baltimore, Maryland.

Upon his return to Columbia he met with JAMES and EDDIE and informed them he did not get the weapon. He was told the plan was for him and BARBER to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING for \$50,000. \$5,000. was to be in advance, with the remaining \$45,000. to be paid to them in Greenville, South Carolina. JAMES said KING had to be "wiped out" because J. EDGAR HOOVER had reported KING to be a confirmed Communist and the most notorious liar of our day. The killing was to take place along a scheduled march from Selma, Alabama, to Montgomery, Alabama. The machine gun was to be placed in the back of a paneled truck and driven to a spot on the Selma-to-Montgomery route. When the front line of marchers, including Dr. KING, approached the spot, the rear doors of the truck would be opened and the marchers machine-gunned. The truck was to come from some other state and purchased legally in the name of a deceased person. They would then drive the paneled truck away from the line of march to a country road where a passenger car would be parked. The truck would be abandoned and then they would travel into Montgomery, Alabama, by a devious back-roads route. They would then travel to Greenville, South Carolina, where they would meet JAMES and EDDIE. JAMES would tell them how to get to Sydney, Australia, via Mexico, on a freighter.

JAMES has a friend who formerly lived in Mississippi but now has a sheep ranch in Broken Bow, Australia. This man would help set them up in a bar or some other type of legitimate business.

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When he told JAMES and EDDIE that BARBER could not produce the machine gun, they said the plan had been dropped because MARTIN LUTHER KING announced he was not going to participate in the march.

B. APPROX. 1965

He described JAMES as white male American, age 40; 5 feet, 10 inches; 210 pounds; blue eyes; brown hair, graying on the sides. JAMES lives on a farm eight miles from Memphis, in Mississippi.

B. APPROX. 1960

EDDIE described as white male American; 6 feet, 1 inch; 180 pounds; brown hair; age 38, good dresser, residence Memphis, Tennessee.

BARBER described white male American, 22; 5 feet, 8 inches; 170 pounds; black hair; husky build, and good looking. He believes BARBER a psychiatric case and believes this was the reason he was discharged from the military.

He has seen JAMES and EDDIE since the above incident; however, he is not going to say more unless the Government dismisses an Interstate Transportation of Stolen Motor Vehicle charge against him. He has two detainers against him, and one is a State detainer. The federal detainer is from U. S. District Court, Montgomery, Alabama, and this detainer prevents him from making parole. He is eligible for parole on his current 5-year sentence in September 1968. He might get a parole to a State detainer, but parole would not be favorably acted upon with a federal detainer on file. If this detainer were removed he would furnish the full names of JAMES and EDDIE and where they could be located, in addition to subsequent contacts he has had with these men. He was told that no promises of any kind could be made in this regard.

A photograph of JAMES EARLY RAY, FBI # 306443A, taken at the Missouri Department of Corrections, Jefferson City, Missouri, on March 17, 1960, was shown to BILLINGS. and he stated that he does not know this individual either by name or photograph.

BILLINGS admitted he was at the Medical Center for psychiatric treatment. He has a writ in federal court under the provisions of Title 18, Section 2255, U. S. Code,

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trying to get his original Interstate Transportation of Stolen Motor Vehicle conviction set aside on the grounds he was incompetent at the time. He was at the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, but was recently transferred to the Medical Center because he has been seeing a red man with a green coat and alligator shoes. This red man is responsible for all his troubles. He is not visible to him now, but he does see him when he is alone, but not since he arrived here in February 1968.

CARLOS LEE
The following is a description of BILLINGS as obtained through observation and interview.

Race	White	11 KANSAS 52 L
Sex	Male	
Nationality	American	
Height	6'	
Weight	190 lbs.	
Hair	Brown	
Eyes	Blue	
Born	[redacted] in North Carolina. (no town)	
FBI #	368794A	
Wife	OMA BILLINGS Box 214, Toughkenamon, Pennsylvania	
Mother	VIRGINIA BILLINGS	
Father	P. B. BILLINGS (Address same as above)	

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-3886)

FROM : *rm3*
7/16 SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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DATE: 5-21-68

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Re Los Angeles airtel to Director, 5-14-68, transmitting a copy of a letter from ALMENA LOMAX, editor-publisher of the Lomax Poll and Tribune, in which she suggested as "professional Leftists who use the Negro cause"... "the BRADENS, the Southern Patriot, 3210 W. Broadway, Louisville, Ky." and "Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc. (SCEF), 822 Perdido St., New Orleans, Louisiana."

Referenced airtel suggested that interview of CARL and ANNE BRADEN for any information they might have concerning the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING be considered.

CARL and ANNE BRADEN, Louisville Security Index subjects, are former CP leaders in Louisville, Ky. and currently head the Louisville based Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc. (SCEF), formerly of New Orleans, La., which organization publishes the "Southern Patriot", as its official organ.

SCEF is successor to the HCUA-cited Southern Conference for Human Welfare (SCHW) and has long been active in the integration and civil rights fields. Currently, SCEF is active in the so-called "peace movement."

The BRADENS have twice been indicted under Kentucky Sedition Statutes (1954 and 1967). In 1954, CARL BRADEN was convicted and served 8 months of a 15-year sentence before being released on \$40,000 appeal bond. A Bureau informant was largely responsible for the 1954 conviction of BRADEN.

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On both occasions the Kentucky Sedition Statutes under which the BRADENS were prosecuted were held to be unconstitutional.

CARL BRADEN also served approximately 9 months on a year and a day sentence for contempt of Congress. The contempt conviction grew out of his refusal to answer questions before a Congressional investigating committee in 1958.

The BRADENS have been interviewed on one occasion in connection with a civil rights matter in which they had an interest. They were pleasant but CARL BRADEN was obviously untruthful.

Any interview with the BRADENS should have sound investigative basis, and it is felt that they should not be interviewed unless they can be questioned re specific, pertinent matters concerning which they might logically be expected to have information.

If an interview with them gave the impression that they were suspected of being implicated in the assassination of Dr. KING, or that the FBI was engaged in a fishing expedition, they would quickly seize upon the situation to ridicule and otherwise criticize the FBI for floundering in the investigation.

If there are specific, pertinent matters concerning which the BRADENS should be interviewed in connection with this case, Louisville will conduct such interview.

Inasmuch as the BRADENS are Security Index subjects, it is felt that Bureau authorization should be obtained prior to conducting such interview.

5/27/68

Airtel

To: SAC's St. Louis (44-775) - Enc.
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re St. Louis airtel 5/21/68, submitting a signature card of Manufacturers Bank and Trust Company of St. Louis, Q354, for examination.

No latent impressions of value developed on the signature card, which is enclosed to St. Louis.

Laboratory reporting separate.

1 - Mr. Rosen

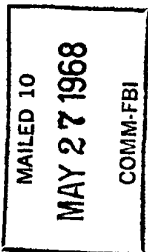
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1 - Mr. Hudson

Reference is made to LSlet of 5-21-68.

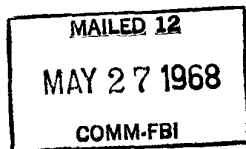
It is not necessary to interview Carl and Anne Braden at this time.

1 - Memphis (info)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

DATE: 5/24/68

FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (157-450)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Rebuairtel 5/16/68 relative to information received from JOHN EUGENE GAWRON concerning a \$50,000 bank robbery.

Based on information available, a review of the Minneapolis files failed to disclose a bank robbery similar to that described by GAWRON.

2-Bureau
1-Memphis
2-Minneapolis
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MEMPHIS

TO DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)
SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY, AKA
RE: MEMPHIS TELETYPE TO BUREAU, 5-2-68

Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) dated and captioned as above. The LHM was prepared by the Memphis Office on May 1, 1968.

Based on information received from the Memphis Office, it is requested that the Bureau be kept advised of any further information received regarding this matter.

2- Bureau
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2- Cincinnati
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Date: 5/20/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
Attention: FBI Laboratory

FROM: SAC, Philadelphia (44-1368)

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SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed is a letter and envelope addressed to Rev. HAL LLOYD, United Presbyterian Church, Germantown, Pa., dated 4/17/68, bearing the return address of Cloud 13, Pueblo, N. Korea, signed ERIC S. GALT, and bearing the postmark of Mansfield, Ohio, p.m. 4/23/68.

Mr. SHERMAN A. HARMON, who resides 134 West Upsal Street, Philadelphia, Pa., and who is employed with the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority, 54th and Haverford Avenue, Philadelphia, made available the above letter and envelope about which he advised as follows:

On Easter Sunday, 4/14/68 Rev. HAL B. LLOYD, Pastor, Germantown Presbyterian Community Church, Green and Tulpehocken Streets, Philadelphia, Pa., made a sermon which was televised to several states. Since that time LLOYD has received numerous letters in response to his sermon, some of which were complimentary and some of which were uncomplimentary. These letters concern the present conditions of the Negroes in this country.

HARMON was reviewing some of these letters for LLOYD and noticed that one of the letters was signed ERIC S. GALT.

- 3 - Bureau (44-38861)(RM) (Encl. 2)
- 1 - Cleveland (Info)
- 1 - Memphis (44-1987)(Info)
- 1 - Philadelphia (44-1368)

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Approved: _____

Bishop

Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

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The FBI Lab is requested to compare the signature on the enclosed envelope and letter with the known handwriting and signature of JAMES EARL RAY.

The Latent Fingerprint Section of the Identification Division is requested to process the enclosed letter and envelope for any identifiable latents. If any identifiable latents are developed, the Latent Fingerprint Section is requested to compare the latents with RAY's known fingerprints and also to search the latent prints through appropriate sections of the Single Fingerprint Files.

The Identification Division is requested to return the enclosed letter and envelope to the Philadelphia Office.

Information copies of this letter being furnished to Cleveland and Memphis Offices.

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