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LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO.

June 3, 1968

FBI FILE NO.

LATENT CASE NO. 92993

TO: SAC, Richmond

RE: UMSUB.. AKA DAVID COOPERAN. LALAM COOPERMAN:

REFERENCE:

Airtel 5/21/68

EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY:

SPECIMENS:

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Latent fingerprints are not identical with fingerprints of James Serl Ray, PBI 0405942G. Latent fingerprints also compared but are not identical with fingerprints of following individuals. one of whom may be person whose name appears in title of this case:

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John Edga Hoover, Director

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Basis of information furnished, no fingerprint record located Identification Division files for Lalah Coopermen.

Latent fingerprints lack sufficient pattern detail for search in single fingerprint file.

Laboratory report separate.

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SUBJECT:

MURKIN

Reference is made to Mr. Gale's conversation with Cliff Sessions today concerning the proposed meeting which the Attorney General plans to have with representatives of CBS this afternoon.

It was indicated that CBS was going to do a program on Martin Luther King and one of the comments would pertain to Rev. Ralph Abernathy's comment concerning the fact that the FBI was doing nothing to bring about the arrest of King's murderer.

### ACTION RECOMMENDED

The Attorney General according to Cliff Sessions desired some statement which might be suggested which he could make or give to CBS representatives.

It is believed that any statement which we might give to the Attorney General should be brief and succinct and we, therefore, recommend for your consideration the brief comments which are attached. All of the information in the attached statement has previously been publicly released.

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### ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The record of the FBI in connection with the investigation into the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr., is one of substantial achievement.

Starting with an unknown subject, the man known as Eric Galt was identified by the FBI as a prime suspect within five days. Within another week the FBI had obtained a photograph of the subject and the Attorney General considered sufficient evidence had been developed to warrant Federal process. Three days later, as a result of a project to check latent fingerprints against the fingerprints of more than 53,000 fugitives, James Earl Ray was determined to be identical with Galt.

The total facilities of the FBI have been fully committed to this case from the outset. Investigation has proceeded around-the-clock on a top priority basis throughout the United States and in various foreign countries. Thousands of interviews have been conducted and hundreds of suspects have been processed. A tremendous number of examinations have been conducted by the FBI Laboratory and the FBI Identification Division. Every logical investigative approach is being vigorously pursued and there will be no let up until Ray is apprehended.

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1 - Mr. Hudson

SACE, Memphis (44-1987)St. Louis (44-775)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

RE: Suspects, W. Davis, B. Chidlow, Vincent Walker, and Lawrence Rand.

For the information of St. Louis, Memphis investigation on 4-5-68 developed that a cab driver picked up a white male at the William Len Hotel, Memphis, around 12:05 a.m., 4-5-68, who first requested to go to West Memphis, Arkansas. Immediately after starting to that destination the suspect instructed the cab driver to take him to the Memphis Municipal Airport. On arrival at the airport suspect told the cab driver to wait for him while he checked flight departure schedule. He then returned in the same cab to the William Len Hotel. The cab waited and the suspect returned with another white male and requested they be taken back to the Memphis Municipal Airport.

Records at the William Len Hotel revealed Vincent Walker, 449 Steiner, San Francisco, California, and Lawrence Rand or Rend, 2532 Polk, Kansas City, Kansas, checked into the hotel at 2:38 p.m., 4-4-68 and checked out approximately 12:10 a.m., 4-5-68. Investigation revealed Walker and Rand identical to individuals transported by cab to Memphis Municipal Airport.

Delta Airlines advised twit Chalividuals going by names of W. Davis and B. Chidlow departed Memphis at 1:57 a.m., 4-5-68, en route to Houston, Texas.

19 JUN 5 1968 Suspect number one described as white male, 25 to 28 years old, 5'10", 150 pounds, brown hair partad.on the side and wearing a gray suit.

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Airtel to SACs, Memphis and St. Louis RE: MURKIN

Suspect number two described as 25 to 30 years, 6'2", 200 pounds, blond hair, ruddy face, dressed in white shirt and dark trousers, carrying a dark blue coat in hand.

Addresses listed at Kansas City, Kansas, and San Francisco, California, were nonexistent. Investigation to date has not identified the suspects.

Vincent Joseph Walker, FBI number 52651D, born at St. Louis, Missouri, and described as being 68 inches tall and having brown hair and blue eyes. His weight has varied from 116 pounds to 145 pounds. He has been arrested at least six times by the St. Louis, Missouri, Police Department, their number 78042. The last arrest was on 8-15-67 for peace disturbance. The last address shown is 5471 Oriole, apparently St. Louis, Missouri. Ident record indicates photograph is available at the police department.

St. Louis, locate, identify, and determine if individual having Ident records could possibly be identical with Vincent Walker who was in Memphis, Tennessee, on 4/4-5/68. Furnish Memphis copies of the photographs which Memphis will exhibit to witnesses.

### NOTE:

Fingerprints of Vincent Joseph Walker, FBI number 52651D, are not identical with latents located on registration cards at the William Len Hotel, Memphis, according to Bailey, Identification Division. Ident also checked latents against prints of Lawrence Earl Williams, aka, Lawrence Rand, FBI number 213797, age approximately 59; Herbert J. Walker, aka, Vincent Walker, FBI number 908780C, age approximately 62; and Vincent John Walker, FBI number 70584B, age approximately 35. All checks were negative. Unknown suspects are reportedly between ages of 25 and 30. Laboratory will check signatures against registration cards from the William Len Hotel.

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RE LOS ANGELES TEL TO DIRECTOR, MAY TWENTYEIGHT LAST, CONCERNING JAMES C. HARDIN.

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SAC, Jackson (157-9586) EX-105 New Orleans (157-10673)

From:

Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Los Angeles teletype to Bureau dated May 30, 1968.

New Orleans, if not already done, will obtain background information regarding Dr. J. C. Hardin as this individual could possibly be identical with Hardin referred to by Allan O. Thompson, Manager of St. Francis Hotel.

Jackson will check all references to name of Hardin and account for current whereabouts of James Hardin who was at University of Mississippi. Jackson should continue to check out names or variations of Hardin contained in their files.

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Allan O. Thompson, Manager, St. Francis Hotel, Los Angeles, California, a former residence of the subject, advised that in March of 1968, an individual by the name of J. C. Hardin attempted to get in contact with the subject and alleged winade calls to him from Atlanta and New Orleans. We are currently endeavoring to identify Hardin and Jackson and New Orleans are being instructed to further identify individuals by the name of Hardin located in their territory.

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TO : DIRECTOR

NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

FROM: LOUISVILLE (44-947)

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RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE MAY TWENTYNINE LAST, TO DIRECTOR JACKSON, AND LOUISVILLE.

RE JAMES C. HARDIN.

PHOTO RECORD FILM REFLECTS DR. J. C. HARDIN, ONE TWO NINE ARDMORE, SHREVEPORT, LA.

LOUISVILLE INDICES NEGATIVE RE ANYONE IDENTIFIABLE WITH JAMES C. HARDIN, J. C. HARDIN OR JAMES HARDIN.

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

FBI, Richmond (87-NEW)

May 29, 1968

To:

44-38861

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e: DAVID COOPERMAN, LALAN COOPERMAN ITEP OO: Richmond John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **D-680523082 JK** Lab. No.

Examination requested by:

Richmond

Reference:

Airtel 5/21/68

Examination requested:

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Remarks:

You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination and disposition of Q1.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON. D. C.

To: FBI, Richmond (87-MEW)

Date May 29, 1968

FBI File No.

Lab. No. D-680523082 JK

Re: UNSUB, aka DAVID COOPERMAN, LALAH COOPERMAN ITSP

### Specimen received 5/23/68

SPECIMEN CHECK AMOUNT DATE PAYABLE TO SIGNED

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147 \$175.00 4/15/68 Valerie David
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David Suburban Trust Coeperman Company, Hyattsville, Md.

#### Result of examination:

Specimen Ql was searched through the appropriate sections of the National Fraudulent Check File but could not be identified with any prior submissions to this file.

Where fingerprint cards were located for individuals using the name "David Cooperman" the signatures thereon were compared with Ql but no identification could be effected. No fingerprint cards were located for individuals using the name "Lalah Cooperman."

It was concluded that the questioned writings on Q1 were not prepared by subject JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405942G.

Q1 will be returned separately. Photographs are retained.

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Date: 5/21/68

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COOPERMAN to SA BATISTE for latent fingerprint and handwriting examination by the FBI Laboratory.

Inasmuch as Miss MILLER was not positive in her identification of COOPERVAN as RAY, and the apparent ITSP violation, the laboratory is requested to make a latent fingerprint and handwriting for comparison with the // known prints and handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY and search the enclosed check through the National Fraudulent Check file.

Results of the above examination should be furnished all offices receiving this communication and the check returned to the Richmond Division.

Pending determination of an ITSP violation, by the Baltimore Division, no further leads are being set forth at this time. Information copies are being forwarded to those offices having an investigative interest in this matter.

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND SPRINGFIELD

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

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RE JOHN EUGENE GAWRON. REINTERVIEWED. PHOTO OF JAMES H. CARPENTER,

FBI NUMBER THREE ZERO TWO FOUR THREE EXHIBITED. GAWRON POSITIVELY

IDENTIFIED SAME AS BEING OF PERSON WHO VISITED HIM JULY SIXTYSEVEN,

TOLD HIM HE AND RAY HAD ROBBED ALTON ILL., BANK, AND GAVE TWO HUNDRED

FIFTY DOLLARS. IDENTIFIED POSITIVELY AS PERSON WHO VISITED HIM TAY

THIRTEEN DASH FOURTEEN LAST WITH JOHNNIE (LNU). WAS THEN ADVISED

THAT PERSON WAS IN JAIL AT TIMES OF ROBBERY AND ALLEGED VISITS

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AS THE BUREAU HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY ADVISED, GAWRON IS SEVENTY YEARS OLD, ON VERGE OF SENILITY, EXTREMELY RAMBLING IN CONVERSATION, WITH SA'S EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTY KEEPING INTERVIEWS ON PERTINENT TRACK, AS WELL AS SEPARATING POSSIBLE FACT FROM CONJECTURE. JERRY RAY HAS DESCRIBED HIS AS KOOK, AND OTHER SOURCES REGARD HIM AS CRAZY OLD MAN WHO TALKS TOO MUCH.

RE EX-CON RUSSELL PERRY BRANNEN.

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USED TO ESCAPE.

RE JERRY RAYNES, CAROL PEPPER, JOHN LARRY RAY.

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