Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr. Assistant Attorney General

August 9, 1968

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. McGowan

1 - Mr. Long

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Reference is made to your memorandum of August 6, 1968, in which you make inquiry concerning one Barclays Bank slip listed in Document Number Nine appended to a report of New Scotland Yard.

We are enclosing two copies of this Barclays Bank slip, one is an exact copy of the original, and one which the writing has been typewritten due to the illegibility of the writing.

It appears that James Earl Ray, upon his return from Portugal to London on May 17, 1968, may have exchanged currency.

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NOTE:

Legat, London transmitted to us a report of New Scotland Yard concerning the activities of James Earl Ray while in London, England. We transmitted this report to Mr. Vinson, Assistant Attorney General. Mr. Vinson, in his memorandum of August 6, 1968, stated that in connection with Document Number Nine appended to that report, he noted that "Sneyd's" possessions, as listed, included one Barclays Bank slip in name of Sneyd. Mr. Vinson stated he would appreciate being informed of what sort of bank transaction was represented by this document.

The personal effects, including this slip, are presently in possession of the Shelby County Sheriff's Office, Memphis, Tennessee. Memphis obtained copies of the bank slip and transmitted them to the Bureau. We are responding to Mr. Vinson's inquiry and are enclosing copies of the Barclays Bank slip. Legat, London has been requested to determine if New Scotland Yard conducted any investigation in that particular matter, and if so, advise us of the results thereof.

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TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM BIPMINGHAM (44-1740) 2P

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RE BIRMINGHAM TELCALL TO BUREAU THIS DATE.

DON HAVE RECEIVED NUMEROUS THREATENING TELEPHONE CALLS IN THE PAST TO THE EFFECT THAT "YOU WILL NOT LIVE TO TESTIFY IN THIS TRAIL" AND "YOU WILL NOT LIVE TO GO TO COURT." NEWSPAPER ARTICLES RECENTLY PUBLISHED INDICATED THAT DON WOOD WAS TO BE PRINCIPAL WITNESS IN CAPTIONED CASE. TODAY TELEPHONE CALL RECEIVED AT AEROMARINE FROM UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL BELIEVED TO BE NEGRO, UNO STATED HE WAS MEMBER OF THE BLACK PANTHERS AND DESIRED TO PURCHASE SAWED-OFF SHOTGUM. WHEN ADVISED THEY DID NOT STOCK THEM, HE TOLD THEN THEY SHOULD DO SO AS THEIR PLACE WAS GOLDS TO BE BURNED DOWN.

ATTORNEY STEPHEN J. POLLAK INSTRUCTED THAT DISTRICT ATTORNEY
CANALE, MEMPHIS, SHOULD BE ADVISED OF THE ABOVE.

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PER BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS. BUREAU INSTRUCTS LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM

TO BE SUBMITTED BY BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS RE ABOVE.

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# July 31, 1968 GENERAL INVESTIGATI DIVISION

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The attached relates to the findings of an eight member lawyer committee named by Shelby County Tennessee Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle to investigate possible violations of a court order previously issued by him concerning court house, courtroom procedure and publicity in the forthcoming state trial of James Earl Ray.

The committee cited violations of the court order by Arthur B. Hanes, Ray's Attorney; Shelby County Sheriff William Morris; US Attorney General Ramsey Clark; and Russell X. Thompson an attorney who may assist Hanes.

The attached also relates to a new order issued by Judge Battle. Memphis is forwarding copy of order to Bureau. Department being advised.

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TO: DIRECTOR 0(44-38861)

FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) (4P)

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Mr. Tolson Mr. De Loach 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 \_

RE MEMPHID LETTER TO BUREAU JULY NINETEEN LAST ENCLOSING XEROX COPY OF AN ORDER ON COURT HOUSE AND COURTROOM PROCEDURE AND PUBLICITY.

ON THIS DATE AN EIGHT LAWYER COMMITTEE NAMED BY SHELBY
COUNTY, TENN., CRIMINAL COURT JUDGE W. PRESTON BATTLE TO
INVESTIGATE POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF COURT ORDER, MENTINED RELET,
BY PRINCIPALS IN THE PAMES EARL RAY CASE CITED ARTHUR B. HANES,
RAY'S ATTORNEY SHELBY COUNTY SHERIFF WILLIAM NORRIS, JR.,
L.S. A ATTORNEY, RAMSEY CLARK AND RUSSELL X. THOMPSON.
MEMPHIS ATTORNEY, WITH WHOM HANES HAS DISCUSSEED POSSIBILITY OF
ASSISTING WITH RAY'S DEFENSE. JUDGE BATTLE MADE THE FINDING
OFFICIAL AS HE ADOPTED AND SIGNED A REPORT BY THE COMMITTEE.
NO PUTIVE OR DISCIPLINARY ACTION WAS TAKEN AGAINST THE FOUR

THE COMMITTEE IN THE FOUR-PAGE REPORT CITED THE FOLLOWING INSTANCES OF VIOLATIONS OF THE COURT ORDER:

INDIVIDUALS MENTIONED IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. 36

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TO THE EFFECT THAT THE SHOOTING OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING., JR., INVOLVES A COMMUNIST CONSPIRACY, TO THE EFFECT THAT HIS CLIENT'S RIGHTS WERE BEING TRAMPLED IN JAIL AND TO THE EFFECT THAT HE. HIS FAMILY AND SERVANTS ARE BEING THREATENED BY "THEM" AS QUOTED IN THE MEMPHIS "PRESS SCIMITAR" ISSUED DATED JULY TWENTYSEVEN LAST AND THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL" OF JULY TWENTYEIGHT LAST.

TWO. CERTIAN STATEMENTS IN THE "MEMPHIS PRESS SCIMITAR" OF JULY TWENTYSEVEN LAST ATTRIBUTED TO WILLIAN MORRIS, SHERIFF OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENN., CONCERNING THE COST AND EXPENSE FOR THE SECURITY OF THE PRISONER AND THE TREATMENT OF THE PRISONER AND THE PRISONER'S DEMEANOR AND ATTITUDE WHILE IN CONFINEMENT.

THREE. CERTAIN STATEMENTS APPEARING IN THE MEMPHIS "PRESS SCIMITAT" OF JULY TWENTYSEVEN LAST ATTRIBUTED TO RUSSELL X.

THOMPSON CONCERNING HIS OPINION AS THE FUILT OR INNOCENCE

OF THE DEFENDANT.

FOUR. IN REGARD TO ATTORNEY GENERAL CLARK, THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT SAID THAT IN THE EVENT THAT CLARK IS A PARTICIPANT IN THE RAY CASE, THROUGH HIS STAFF, ASSISTANTS, OFFICE ASSOCIATES, OR END PAGE TWO

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INVESTIGATORS OR EMPLOYEES UNDER HIS SUPERVISION, THE STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO HIM AND THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AS REFERRED TO IN "THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL" OF JULY TWENTYEIGHT LAST ARE IN PROBABLE VIOLATION OF THE PRINTIPLES SET OUT IN SHEPHERD VS. MAXWELL, TO THE EFFECT THAT THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF A CONSPIRCY IN THE SHOOTING OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. THE SHEPHERD-MAXWELL CASE INVOLVED DR. SAN SHEPHERD OF CLEVELAND, SHEPHERD-MAXWELL CASE INVOLVED DR. SAN SHEPHERD OF CLEVELAND, OHIO, WHOSE CONVICTION WAS OVERTURNED BY THE U.S. SUPREME COURT ON THE GROUNDS OF PREJUDICIAL PRETRIAL PUBLICITY.

JUDGE BATTLE SIGNED ANOTHER ORDER THIS DATE WHICH INSTRUCTED ALL INDIVIDUALS HAVING ANYTHING WHATSOEVER TO DO WITH THIS CASE, CONCERING ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, ALL PERSONS EMPLOYED IN THE CRIMINAL COURTS BUILDING, AND ASSOCIATES, DEPUTIES, ASSISTANTS, STAFF MEMBERS, LAWYERS, ETC, WERE FORBIDDEN TO TAKE PART IN INTERVIEWS OR PRESS CONFERENCES FOR PUBLICITY AND WERE ENJOINED FROM MAKING EXTRA- JUDICIAL STATEMENTS ABOUT THIS CASE. AS TO SUCH PERSONS, THE COURT URGED SELF-IMPOSED COMPLIANCE WITH THE ORDER IN THE INTEREST OF THE FAIR TRIAL TO THE DEFENDANT AND TO THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. JUDGE END PAGE THREE

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BATTLE INSTRUCTED THE CRIMINAL COURT CLERK TO SEND CERTIFIED

COPIES OF THE ORDER TO ALL PERSONS NAMED IN IT AND TO NEWSPAPERS,

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A COPY OF THIS COURT ORDER WILL BE OBTAINED AND FORWARDED
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To:

SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

Director, FBI (44-38861) From:

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ReATlet 7/29/68.

In view of the fact that Tennessee authorities are prosecuting subject Ray on State charges, the matter regarding the 1966 Mustang was brought to the attention of the Department. The Department has advised that they will discuss this matter with Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County, Tennessee, in the very near future.

In view of the above, Memphis and Atlanta should take no further action until advised by the Bureau.

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NOTE: On 4/11/68, the Atlanta Office recovered the 1966 Mustang which was abandoned by James Earl Ray in Atlanta, Georgia. The vehicle is still in possession of the Atlanta Office, and has been stored in the garage space in the basement of the Federal Building where the Atlanta Office is located. Atlanta has requested Bureau to advise what disposition is contemplated for the automobile.

In view of the fact that State of Tennessee is prosecuting subject Ray, this matter was brought to the attention of the Department. The Department has advised that they intend to discuss this matter with Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney

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General, Shelby County, Tennessee, and they will advise the Bureau after discussion. Memphis and Atlanta are being advised that the Department has this matter under consideration, and to take no further action until the Bureau so advises. OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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DIRECTOR, FBI

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DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM:

SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Charlotte teletypes to Bureau dated 7/24/68 and 7/31/68; and Bureau airtol to Charlotte dated 7/29/68.

There is being furnished the Laboratory herewith a plastic container bearing the words "Code-A-Phone," which contains a tape recording of voices of individuals who contacted "The Hot Line" column of the "Greensboro Record" newspaper. According to Mr. DAVE ALEXANDER, City Editor of that newspaper, this tape contains the recorded message of an unidentified male who called the newspaper on 7/23/68 and indicated that he know JAMES EARL RAY was innocent because RAY was in Greensboro, N. C. at the time of the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

The Bureau in referenced airtel instructed the Charlotte Office to obtain this tape and submit it to the FBI Laboratory inasmuch as the Laboratory may be able to use this tape in a voice comparison matter at a later date.

At this time no specific request is being made of the Laboratory. The decision as to what action should be taken is being left to the Bureau and Memphis. For the information of the Bureau and Laboratory, the tape being sent as an enclosure is played back on a "Code-A-Phone," Model 770, manufactured by Ford Industries, Incorporated, Portland, Oregon.

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The "Greensboro Record" newspaper desires the return of this tape. When the tape is of no further value to the Laboratory, it is requested that it be returned to Charlotte in order that it may be given back to the newspaper.

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l - General Investigative Division (Att. Mr. Long Rm. 2200)

1 - Mr. Conrad

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

To: FBI, Charlotte (44-1365)

Date: August 8, 1968

Re: MURKIN

John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. Lab. No.

44-38861-E-619-MB

Examination requested by: Charlotte

Reference: Airtel 8/2/68

Examination requested: Engineering

Remarks:

A direct copy of the pertinent section of Q-397 has been made and will be retained in the Radio Engineering Section of the Laboratory for a period of six months prior to destruction. The copy is suitable for voice comparison purposes.

The analysis and comparison of voices for speaker identification is conducted to provide investigative guidance.

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2 - Memphis (Info) (44-1987)

NOTE:

Coordinated with the General Investigative Division.

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(Att. Mr. Long Am. 2280)

1 - Mr. Conrad 1 - Mr. Swartz

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION 1 - Mr. Shimota WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Charlotte

Re: MURKIN

 $^{\text{Date:}}$  August 8, 1968  $^{\text{FBI File No.}}$  44–38861

Lab. No. **E-619-MB** 

Specimens received

8/5/68

Q397 "CODE-A-PHONE" tape cartridge which contains recorded voices of individuals who contacted "The Hot Line" column of the "Greensboro Record" newspaper.

Results of examination:

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Re: MURKIN

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Lab. # E-619-MB

Examination requested by: SAC, Charlotte (44-1365) (Atl 8-2-68)

Examination requested: Engineering

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Date received: 8-5-68

Result of Examination:

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Examination by:

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### Specimens submitted for examination

Plastic container bearing words "Code-A-Phone," which contains tape recording of voices of individuals who contacted "The Hot Line" column of the "Greensboro Record" newspaper.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, INSTRUM (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MUERIN

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Re William Len Hotel, Memphis, Tenn., phase of investigation.

Enclosed herewith is one Xerox copy each of an investigative insert reflecting investigation conducted by SA HARLEY E. GYLTE at Momphis, Tenn., and an FD-302 dated 4/7/GS reflecting interview of Miss EDITH BRUNER, Clerk, William Len Notel.

VINCANT WALKER, 449 Steiner, San Francisco, California, and LAWRENCE RAND or RUND, 2532 or 2832 Polk, Kansas City, checked into the William Lon Hotel, Memphis, Tenn., at 2:38 p.m. on 4/4/63 and checked out at approximately 12:10 a.m. on 4/5/68. WALKER and RAND were immediately transported to the Memphis Metropolitan Airport via Yellow Cab.

Two individuals believed to be identical with WALKER and RAND, based on the Memphis PD investigation and timo element concerning flights leaving Metropolitan Airport, furnished Delta Airlines personnel at Metropolitan Airport names of W. DAVIS and B. CHIDLOW, no addresses, departed Memphis via Delta Airlines flight # 157 nonstop to Houston, Texas, at 1:57 a.m., 4/5/63 with a scheduled arrival time, Houston, at 2:50 a.m. same date. Tickets for the flight were purchased just prior to departure time and since no reservations

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were made, these names were merely added to the passenger manifest and no addresses were obtained. Efforts to locate this manifest to date have been negative.

Investigation conducted by Kansas City and San Francisco Divisions determined that the addresses furnished by WALKER and RAND at the William Len Hotel were nonexistent. These Divisions as well as Houston and Mamphis have been unable to identify WALKER, RAND, DAVIS, or CHIDLOW through contact with airline personnel, transportation drivers, motel and hotel clerks, credit and criminal checks, and through a review of street and telephone directories in the pertinent cities involved.

The PDI Laboratory developed six latent fingerprints of value on Q340 which was the William Len Hotel registration card of WALMER and five latent fingerprints of value were developed on Q350 which was the registration card for RANO.

The FBI Identification Division developed VINCENT JOSEIH WALKER, FBI # 52651D, as a suspect possibly identical with VINCENT WALKER, who registered at the Villian Lon Hotel. The Latent Fingerprint Section of the FBI, Identification Division, has advised that the latent prints developed on Q349 and Q350 are not identical with the fingerprints of VINCENT JOSEPH WALKER, FBI # 52651D. The FBI Laboratory has also advised that the handwriting appearing on Q349 and Q350 is not identical with the handwriting of WALKER, FBI # 52651D.

The William Len Hotel personnel advised that this WALKER is not identical with WALKER or RAND who registered at the hotel on 4/4/63. WALKER, FBI # 52651D, was interviewed by a BuAgent on 6/12/63 at St. Louis, Mo., and denied being in Memphis or ever flying via commercial airlines. Driver for the Yellow Cab Company transporting WALKER and RAND to Metropolitan Airport, Memphis, advised that a photograph of WALKER, FBI # 52651D, is definitely not identical with either of the two individuals that he transported to the Metropolitan Airport, Memphis, in the early a.m. of 4/5/68.

The Yellow Cab Company driver, William Len Hotel employees, and Delta Airlines employees advise that JAMES EARL RAY is definitely not identical with the two individuals that they had dealings with in Memphis on 4/4-5/68.

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Although it is agreed that WALAGER and RAND departed the Memphis area in a somewhat suspicious manner on 4/5/60, many visitors and residents, immediately after KING was killed, departed the Memphis area by any means of transportation available due to the real existence of fear of the riot as a result of KING's killing. The Memphis Division conducted investigation regarding numerou persons who left the area after KING's killing and WALAGER and RAND were merely two individuals of the large number of individuals who were under investigation as suspects prior to the identification of ERIC STARVO GALE at the Robel Motel, Memphis, and subsequent identification of JAMES EARL RAY as being identical with ERIC STARVO GALE.

Due to the manner in which WALKER and RAND departed the Memphis area and the lack of luggage at the time of their arrival and departure, it is believed that WALKER and RAND were "running from something," possibly law enforcement and/or were in the city of Memphis for some type of illegal activity.

Since WALKER and RAND furnished nonexistent addresses in San Francisco and Kansas City, Kansas, and it is believed that they actually changed names while in Memphis, it is not believed that any of the names used in Memphis by these individuals would be their true identities.

In view of the above, no further investigation is being conducted or directed by the Memphis Division concerning the William Len Hotel phase in this matter.

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This case involves the murder of Martin Buther Ming

Attached is herem copy of Memphis sirtel acted 7/31/00 relating to investigation to identify two individuals, Vincent Walker and Lawrence Rand or head, who checked into milliam Len Motel, Memphis, Tennessee, at E:Se p.m. on 4/4/00 and checked out at approximately 12:10 a.m. on 4/5/65. The circumstances surrounding their departure in Memphis chortly after the murder of King has warranted our investigation to identify these individuals since there is always the possibility that they may have seen involved in the murder of Ring. Our investigation to date has been negative and the conclusion of Memphis is that both of these individuals were frunning from something." There is also attached a memorandum from Mr. Losen to Mr. DeLoach indicating that in view of the possibility that Walker and Land may have seen implicated as co-compairators in the Ming slaying, that the fingerprints developed on hotel registration eards relating to them be compared with fingerprints of white Bureau Ingitives between the ages of 39 and 36.

In order to assist in the identification of walker \and Wand, or Kend, it is suggested that consideration se given to contacting informants in the Klan and white hate groups class there is a possibility that these informants may be able to identify known militant members of the Klam or white into jee je who were not in their actual location of the of and the day after King's murder. There is a very meager physical description for both individuals and if consideration is given to requesting a check of logical racial informants it is suggested that a review be made of the Memphis report relating to our investigation of these individuals.

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As a result of checking various betals and motels in Manghis, Tennerous, regarding numbers in this matter, it was determined that an individual by the name of Vincent Walker and suction by the name of Incomes hand registered at the Villian Lon Motel in Manghis on April 4, 1888. On April 5, 1888, they unde a heaty departure from the botal taking a traiced to the Hemphis Airport. Investigation attends y indicates that there two individuals departed Marphis by holia Airlines Flight Mo. 187, accept to Mouston, Tenne, on April 5, 1888, using the names of W. Davis and B. Chifles.

This matter has been thoroughly checked with negative results in order to determine the true identity of these individuals. It appears that these two individuals may have been in Hosphia for the possibility of consitting sees illegal activity or there as possible fugitives "cooling off" and departed is mediately because of the pressure of law enforcement on the King assassination.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

Mr. DeLoach

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: August 12, 1968

1 - Mr. DeLoach

1 - Mr. Rosen

l - Mr. Malley

1 - Mr. McGowan

1 - Mr. Long

1 - Mr. Sullivan

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

William Somersett, a former symbol informant was discontinued by the Bureau as he furnished unreliable information and information that could not be verified or corroborated. He recently provided information to the effect that several individuals involved in various acts of violence in Mississippi could possibly be involved in the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. The person allegedly furnishing information to the former informant is Margaret Capomacchia, who is believed to be mentally disturbed and is the mother of Kathleen Ainsworth, who was involved in the bombing at the residence of Meyer Davidson, Meridian, Mississippi, on 6/30/68. Ainsworth was killed in an exchange of gunfire with police officers.

Our Jackson Office has accounted for the whereabouts of these individuals enumerated by the former informant during the pertinent time. The mother of Ainsworth was located and interviewed, and she refused to discuss the entire matter. She denied knowing anyone by the names as enumerated by the former informant. Miami points out that prior interviews with the son and daughter-in-law of Capomacchia indicate that she has a mental problem.

In view of the alleged mental condition of the mother of Ainsworth and in view of the past performance AUG II of the former informant, coupled with the possibility that he may be fabricating the entire situation, Miami is being instructed to have no further contact with the former informant in regard to this alleged conspiracy. We are also instructing Miami, as well as other interested offices, not to conduct any further investigation; however, if any information comes to their attention they should notify the Bureau, submit same with recommandations and take no further action.

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Memo Rosen to DeLoach RE: MURKIN

### RECOMMENDATION:

If approved, the attached communication will be transmitted to Miami, with copies to Jackson and Memphis, which contains Bureau instructions along the lines set forth.

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SUBJECT: MURKIN

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On 8/12/68, HUGH EGERTON, until recently Postal Inspector and now Assistant Postmaster, Birmingham, (protect identity), advised the Birmingham Post Office is returning to the sender as undeliverable a letter postmarked 8/8/68, addressed to ERIC GALT, 2608 Highland Ave., Birmingham, Ala. The letter bears the return address, DeLangre & Mortensen Screens, 7557 Sunset Blvd., Hollywood, Calif. 90046, and, according to EGERTON, appears to be an advertising brochure pertaining to Mortensen Texture screens, textbooks and dark room printing material. He stated apparently the company sending the brochure to ERIC GALT deals primarily in photographic equipment. EGERTON said the address on the letter appeared to be the type of address which would be taken from a mailing list.

Los Angeles, if not already done, will contact DeLangre & Mortensen Screens, 7557 Sunset Blvd., Hollywood, and determine whether this company has had previous dealings with subject as ERIC GALT and, if so, the details of their transactions with GALT.

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