Woman: Don't forget (inaudible) Just one moment. There is much, you have lots to say and there is much that you have not said. But you've said as much as you really want to say and that's all right. Um, the inside, the change of you from what happened to you as a part of that particular thing, that terrible thing, an international thing what's happened. Ah, has made a terrible impact on you. Now—you can over come this in many ways, and you will in time.

Now, I'm telling you this because I know. And, don't ask me how I know, but I do know. Well, the memory of what happened and the knowledge that you have before that terrible thing...

Bill: (inaudible)

Woman: Shhhhhh, won't you let me finish. Will, if you so choose and disappear and you will use the lesson that comes, will you hush a minute. The lesson that came from that knowledge at that time in your life, well, they will disappear. Now I can tell you a few things that would help you if you so choose to listen. There are some very special books for one thing that are somewhat difficult to come by but if you go to your bookstore, where ever you live, they will be able to find them. I can give you the author and the ah, the place to the find these books. Now, David and I own the whole set of them and we read them where ever we

they are the best to be found in this whole field. They will help you, yes. And, I will show them to you. We brought one with us. Well, we brought more than one. But, I want you to become acquainted with them and do what you can. They're out in paper back now. We have all the hard cover ones. They're rather expensive in hard cover. But, they're now out in paper back and I want you to read them. Some people are (inaudible). They're written by a Tibetan Monk, they're baby books.

Well, I'm going to introduce you, very cursory, to the baby books. You will overcome all that you've gotten through. Now I don't know if you believe in . . . do you believe in reincarnation.

Bill: (inaudible)

Woman: Well, you have much more to do yet, you have too

fine a mind to let . . .

Bill: (inaudible)

Woman: No, listen. Would you listen. No.

Bill: (inaudible)

Woman: Listen.

Bill: (inaudible)

Woman: Every man has, but every woman has too.

Bill: (inaudible)

Woman: Now, just a moment.

Bill: I participated in it, yes, unwillingly.

Woman: And you feel guilty about it don't you.

Bill: You're god damn right I do.

Woman: All right. One, you still eat meat?

Bill: Yes.

Woman: Well.

Bill: Look, I can't (inaudible)

Woman: All right, this is what I'm saying. You start

reading some of the books and you'll find. You'll read

them over and over and you can, through meditation devote yourself to a certain type of reality, ah, but still remain very much in this level. A human being lives at many many levels and you know that and it's a frustration to you because you don't know the levels at which you're living.

Bill: That's beautiful. But, you talk about frustration. (inaudible)

Woman: All right, you did what you had to do. Sweetheart, would you just plain listen. You did what you were told and had to do.

Bill: In front of 20 million people.

Woman: All right.

Bill: I feel like (inaudible)

Woman: Don't feel, if you don't eliminate that guilt in

some manner from your system . . .

Bill: (inaudible)

Woman: No you have not.

Bill: I haven't said that I'm not going to do it.

Woman: But you did.

Bill: Yeah.

Woman: And that's why the lines in your face.

Bill: All right.

Woman: And you're still a young man.

Bill: (iaudible)

Woman: My darling you don't need to die from me.

Bill: Why not?

Woman: That's why I want you to do some reading.

All right, now we're going to shut this tape off and

I want to show you some books.

Bill: (inaudible)

Woman: No, no, I'm not going to, oh hell. You can

have your own guilt if you want to, good heavens. I

have no guilt of, of anything.

Bill: (inaudible)

Woman: No, I could never kill anything. All right,

so this is the difference of course. Just a moment.

If you believe in reincarnation, I know that in a life

time, I was a man once, not a woman.

Bill: (inaudible)

Woman: You've got to over come this, honey, and you

can't do this.

Bill: (inaudible)

Woman: Listen anything I give to you is given willingly.

Bill: (inaudible)

Woman: Oh no. Well, . . .

Bill: (inaudible)

Woman: Well, . . .

Bill: (inaudible)

Woman: When you're deeply soggy then you know. That's

right.

Bill: (inaudible)

Woman: I know that. Oh I know that. Don't you think

I knew that, without even listening to your conversation.

I felt your vibrations.

Bill: (inaudible)

Woman: That's right, I don't have to assume anything to

anyone.

Bill: (inaudible)

Woman: No, not at all. Thank you.

Bill: (inaudible)

Woman: Thank you.

Bill: (inaudible)

Woman: Well, I'm going to cut the tape off right now.

I want to introduce you briefly to these books.

Bill: (inaudible)

Woman: And you know I'm very deeply in love with my

husband.

Bill: (inaudible)

Woman: I want you to look at them, though. (inaudible)

Bill: (inaudible)

Woman: And one day, that's nice.

Bill: (inaudible)

Woman: Oh my goodness I wouldn't want any more.

Bill: (inaudible)

Woman: I want you to go home and, uh, make mad passionate

love to your wife, my god.

Bill: (inaudible)

Woman: Oh, don't say that.

Bill: (inaudible)

Woman: You don't know what my ideas are.

Bill: (inaudible)

Woman: Most men, ah, do, find their achiles heel.

Bill: I respect you.

Woman: Do you know what my idea is?

Bill: (inaudible)

Woman: It doesn't matter.

Bill: Because you've got proof, about 190 of them.

(inaudible)

Woman: I don't have to prove anything to anybody.

Bill: (inaudible)

Woman: You've got to use that wonderful mind of yours

and stop living the past.

Bill: (inaudible)

Woman: Well, I am a woman too, but just in my husband's

hurry.

Bill: (inaudible)

Woman: No. Well, I'm going to shut this off for now.

Bill: Now, let's talk.

Woman: David, we're home now.

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KING arrived in Memphis on the morning of 3/28/68, from Atlanta, Georgia. The sanitation workers at Memphis were then on strike in what had become a long, bitter dispute over wages, check-offs, etc. The sanitation workers were represented by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) of which one JERRY WORTH was President. WORTH had been in Memphis during part of this strike, but this office cannot say whether or not WORTH was here on any particular day. HENRY LOEB was then the Mayor of Memphis.

KING led a march through downtown Memphis shortly before noon on 3/28/68, but the march had barely gotten underway before the marchers began looting the stores along the route of the march. KING fled the scene, and the Memphis Police Department dispersed the mob and forced them out of the downtown area.

KING spent the night of 3/28/68, in Memphis, leaving the next day to return to Atlanta. KING's prestige had suffered a serious blow in that he had been unable to control his followers and the "peaceful" march had turned into a riot. It has been speculated that KING's return to Memphis on 4/3/68 was done at the urging of his advisors, and his leading another march on 4/5/68, was to be done to rebuild his public image. As you are aware, KING was shot and killed at about 6:00 pm on 4/4/68, while standing on the balcony of his motel.

All of the evidence in this case points to the fact that JAMES EARL RAY, acting alone, was KING's murderer. There has been nothing to indicate that RAY ever received any large sum of money from anyone, and what we know of his living habits, both before and after the murder, would indicate he lived on a very limited amount of money. We do not know the source of even the small amount of money possessed by RAY, but since we know him to have robbed a bank in

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England after fleeing to that country, it is a reasonable presumption that RAY committed robberies in the United States during the time he was a fugitive.

RAY entered a plea of guilty to the charge that he murdered KING and is now serving 99 years in the Tennessee State Prison. At the time of his guilty plea RAY was represented by PERCY FOREMAN of Houston, Texas. RAY now claims he was not adequately represented by FOREMAN, and he is attempting to have his guilty plea set aside in order to be granted a trial in state court.

RAY's current attorneys have made public statements to the effect that RAY bought the murder weapon and brought it to Memphis thinking he was part of a gun smuggling operation. They claim he did not know the gun was to be used to murder KING, and they claim that RAY did not pull the trigger.



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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (RUC)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Savannah airtel to the Bureau, dated 6/12/74; and Memphis airtel to the Bureau, dated 6/4/74.

Enclosed herewith for Memphis are the following:

- (1) One copy of Atlanta teletype to the Bureau and Memphis, ET AL, 4/22/68, captioned "MURKIN".
- (2) One copy of a second Atlanta teletype to the Bureau and Memphis, ET AL, 4/22/68, captioned "MURKIN".
- (3) One copy of a third Atlanta teletype to the Bureau and Memphis, ET AL, 4/22/68, captioned "MURKIN".
- (4) One copy of autobiography of RAYMOND LEWIS CURTIS.
- (5) One copy of Identification Record of RAYMOND LEWIS CURTIS, FBI # 3 Ol6 268.
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A review of Atlanta files concerning MURKIN and of case captioned "RAYMOND LEWIS CURTIS, aka - FUGITIVE. UFAC - MURDER, ESCAPE", reflects that CURTIS was interviewed by Bureau Agents on 4/21/68, and 4/22/68, concerning his acquaintance with JAMES EARL RAY and alleged information he obtained from RAY concerning a plot to kill KING. This information is contained in the three enclosed Atlanta teletypes.

In connection with the pending fugitive investigation regarding CURTIS, Mr. FREEMAN C. HILL, Unit Coordinator, Community Base Services, Rome, Georgia, CURTIS' former parole officer made available on 11/28/72, a copy of an autobiography written by CURTIS at HILL's request in about 1970. This autobiography traces CURTIS' criminal life from early childhood to the time he wrote the autobiography.

Investigation conducted regarding CURTIS reflects that psychiatric tests conducted by the State Department of Corrections at the Jackson Diagnostic Center incidental to the murder sentence being served by CURTIS at the time of his escape reflects CURTIS has a mental age of 10 years and 6 months and has a psychopathic personality.

A review of CURTIS' criminal history reflects he is basically an armed robber, unintelligent, and there is no indication he has ever been involved in any confidence schemes.

CURTIS is currently a fugitive, having escaped a work detail of the Ware Correctional Institution on 7/18/72, while serving a life sentence for murder, imposed on 7/26/67, at Whitfield County, Georgia. On 7/20/72, a warrant was issued by the Georgia State Board of Offender Rehabilitation, Atlanta, Georgia, for escape. On 9/5/72, an authorized complaint was filed before the U.S. Magistrate, Savannah, Georgia, charging CURTIS with violation of Title 18, Section 1073, USS. Code. A warrant was issued and \$100,000 bond recommended. CURTIS has not been apprehended to date and continues as a fugitive.

A review of the Atlanta 88 file reflects CURTIS is a former cellmate of JAMES EARL RAY at the Missouri State Penitentiary and received nationwide publicity on

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television and in newspapers and magazines after making statements about RAY.

GEORGE McMILLAN was listed as a correspondent with CURTIS while CURTIS was at the Ware Correctional Institute (WCI). WCI files reflect McMILLAN made numerous requests to see and interview CURTIS while CURTIS was at WCI, but these requests were denied. Prison files reflect GEORGE McMILLAN, Coffin Point, Frogmore, South Carolina, as a correspondent with CURTIS.

In connection with the current fugitive investigation regarding CURTIS, Mr. GEORGE McMILLAN, 12 Hilliard Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts, advised on 1/22/73, that he is an author working on a book about the life of JAMES EARL RAY. He learned that CURTIS had been a cellmate of RAY's and had also been jailed with him at the same institutions on two other occasions. McMILLAN said he interviewed CURTIS regarding RAY on several occasions and thereafter received leather goods from CURTIS, which CURTIS manufactured. McMILLAN furnished CURTIS cigarette money for these leather goods. McMILLAN stated he has not been contacted by CURTIS since CURTIS' escape.

It is noted in the referenced Memphis airtel to the Bureau that ROBERT LIVINGSTON, attorney, allegedly met with his source, identified as CLIFF ANDREWS, in Detroit, on 4/20/74. A review of CURTIS' fugitive file does not contain any information indicating CURTIS has been in the Detroit area.

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in view of Tampa's limited knowledge of information contained in LMM and possible leads that have already became covered, any leads concerning information contained in LMM are being left to the discretion of the Office of Origin.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Tampa, Florida July 2, 1974

RE: JAMES EARL RAY; DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -VICTIM

On July 1, 1974, Robert Thomas Wehunt, Jr. personally appeared at the Tampa Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the company of his wife, Annette Jean Wehunt, maiden name Balsinger, and Wehunt furnished the following information:

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July 2, 1974

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ROBERT THOMAS WEHUNT, JR., 3109 Hartnett Avenue, Tampa, Florida, personally appeared at the Tampa, Florida, Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He was advised of the official identity of the interviewing Agent, the nature of the inquiry and that any information he furnished could be used in a court of law. He did not desire to furnish a signed statement but orally furnished the following information:

WEHUNT has been in the U. S. Air Force for the past six years, and he is presently a Staff Sergeant in the First Munition Maintenance Squadron at MacDill Air Force Base (AFB), Tampa, Florida. He recently read in the newspaper that JAMES EARL RAY, who was convicted of killing Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. in 1968, is attempting to get a new trial and is stating that he wants to tell who was involved with him in this killing. This article reminded WEHUNT of information that he had received from his father, ROBERT THOMAS WEHUNT, SR., in 1968. WEHUNT furnished this information to his Commanding Officer, Major OZOL. Major OZOL referred WEHUNT to Colonel HOLMES of the Legal Office of MacDill AFB, who in turn referred WEHUNT to the Federal Bureau of Investigation Office in Tampa.

WEHUNT's father was a criminal investigator in the U. S. Army for 20 years. After his father retired from the Army, he worked as an investigator for Fidelofax, later for a bonding company and then for eight years as a guard at the Fulton County Jail, Atlanta, Georgia, up until his death in August, 1973.

Approximately two months after KING's death in 1968, WEHUNT's father showed WEHUNT, WEHUNT's mother, ALMA LOUISE WEHUNT, maiden name RALSTON, and WEHUNT's sister, JANET UPSHAW, maiden name WEHUNT, at least three signed statements that WEHUNT's father stated he had obtained from "hard-core" convicts in the Fulton County Jail. Each statement stated that these convicts had been approached by "very influential businessmen" to kill Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. for \$100,000.

Interviewed on 7/1/74

Tampa, Florida

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At this time WEHUNT's father was a jailor and he told WEHUNT that these criminals furnished him this information and he took it from them in the form of signed statements. The father told WEHUNT that on one occasion he attempted to turn these statements over to proper authorities for investigation but that the father's life and that of his family were threatened, and the father told WEHUNT that he had decided to keep his mouth shut. The father did not tell WEHUNT to whom he had offered the statements or who had threatened the father.

The father formerly had these statements and other related papers at his house in Atlanta, Georgia, but after the father died in August, 1973, WEHUNT and his mother attempted to locate these papers but to date they have not located them. WEHUNT assumes that it is possible his father had a safe deposit box that no one has yet discovered and that possibly the statements and papers are contained in the safe deposit box.

WEHUNT cannot recall names of the individuals who furnished the statements or names of the "very influential businessmen", but these names were all contained in the statements.

WEHUNT doubts that his mother or sister would recall any additional information about the statements or that contained in the statements, and WEHUNT does not know of anyone else who has any information concerning these statements.

WEHUNT noted that shortly before the death of his father his father was an alcoholic and he had many girl friends and more money than he could have possibly been earning as a jail guard. WEHUNT, therefore, at that time surmised that it was possible that his father had been paid off by unknown individuals to remain quiet about the statements.

WEHUNT mentioned this story to his commanding officer about two months ago but the commanding officer did not give WEHUNT any response to it and WEHUNT dropped the matter at that time. WEHUNT brought this matter up at this time after reading the newspaper article about RAY and after thinking that if RAY talks possibly WEHUNT and his father's name might be brought up and there might be some danger to WEHUNT and

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his family. WEHUNT noted that amother reason that he never mentioned this story to anyone before is because he did not feel that anyone would believe him. WEHUNT advised that if he recalled any additional information or was able to develop any additional information he would immediately recontact the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The following descriptive data was obtained through observation and interview:

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TO: DIBECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

SAC. DETROIT

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

MURKIN. 00: MEMPHIS.

RE MEMPHIS AIRTELS TO BUREAU, JUNE 5, 1974, AND JUNE 4, 1974.

SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY REPRESENTED BY MEMPHIS ATTORNEY ROBERT

LIVINGSTON AND WDC ATTORNEY BERNARD FENSTERWALD. LIVINGSTON HAS

RECENTLY MADE STATEMENTS TO THE PRESS THAT HE HAS BEEN CONTACTED

BY AN INDIVIDUAL CLAIMING THAT HE AND TWO OTHERS ARE THE ACTUAL

MURDERERS OF KING. LIVINGSTON CLAIMS TO HAVE MET WITH THIS

INDIVIDUAL ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION. LIVINGSTON HAS IDENTIFIED

HIM AS CLIFF ANDREWS BUT IT IS NOT KNOWN WHETHER OR NOT THIS IS

TRUE NAME.

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MEMPHIS ATTORNEY, RUSSELL X. THOMPSON, CONTACTED MEMPHIS

OFFICE THIS DATE AND STATED THAT DURING THE PAST WEEK LIVINGSTON

HAS ASKED HIM TO REPRESENT CLIFF IN CLIFF'S ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN

IMMUNITY FROM THE SHELBY COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY. CLIFF'S LAST 17 1974

NAME NOT FURNISHED TO THOMPSON. THOMPSON RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL

AT ABOUT TEN PM, JULY 15, 1974, FROM CLIFF WHO REQUESTED THAT

THOMPSON COME TO DETROIT TO MEET HIM. THOMPSON IS SUPPOSED TO

CALL CLIFF THIS DATE, JULY 16, 1974, AT FIVE PM, AT 519-852-2021.

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THOMPSON HAS STATED HE DOES NOT INTEND TO GO ANYWHERE TO MEET CLIFF AND WILL ADVISE HIM TONIGHT THAT CLIFF MUST COME TO MEMPHIS IF HE DESIRES TO HAVE THOMPSON REPRESENT HIM. THOMPSON BELIEVES CLIFF IS PERPETRATING SOME TYPE HOAX BUT HAS NOT YET BEEN REQUESTED TO FURNISH CLIFF ANYTHING OF VALUE. THOMPSON HAS SUGGESTED THE FBI MIGHT WANT TO ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY CLIFF. THE ABOVE TELEPHONE NUMBER IS A MOTEL, CITY UNKNOWN, AND CLIFF IS ALLEGEDLY RESIDING IN ROOM ELEVEN. THOMPSON STATES CLIFF SOUNDS LIKE A MATURE, INTELLIGENT. WHITE MALE WITH WHAT THOMPSON DESCRIBES AS A CANADIAN ACCENT BUT NOT A FRENCH ACCENT.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HUGH STANTON, MEMPHIS, HAS PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED THAT THE FBI NOT TAKE ANY ACTION WHICH WOULD FRIGHTEN CLIFF AWAY AND END HIS CONTACT WITH LIVINGSTON. STANTON HOPES TO INTERVIEW CLIFF FOR WHATEVER VALUE IT MIGHT HAVE. FOR THIS REASON, MEMPHIS DOES NOT RECOMMEND THAT DETROIT OFFICE CONDUCT ANY OVERT INVESTIGATION LOOKING TOWARD AN INTERVIEW OF CLIFF; HOWEVER. IF IT COULD BE DONE THROUGH AN ESTABLISHED SOURCE IT MIGHT BE WORTHWHILE TO ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY CLIFF. AREA CODE 519 IS IN ONTARIO, CANADA, IN THE DETROIT VICINITY.

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IN THE EVENT THE BUREAU DESIRES MORE AGGRESSIVE INVESTIGATION
TO IDENTIFY CLIFF, DETROIT OFFICE SHOULD BE SO ADVISED. MEMPHIS
WILL MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH ATTORNEY THOMPSON.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

JUL 17 1974
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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM DETROIT (44-989) (RUC)

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RE MEMPHIS TELETYPE, JULY 16, 1974, AND TELEPHONE CALL FROM MEMPHIS SUPERVISOR JOE HESTER, JULY 17, 1974, ADVISING THAT CORRECT TELEPHONE NUMBER IN ONTARIO, CANADA, IN THIS MATTER IS 519-832-2021.

ON JULY 17, 1974, CORPORAL J.C. CLARKSON, RCMP, WINDSOR

DETACHMENT, ADVISED THAT THIS TELEPHONE NUMBER IS LISTED TO THE

COLONIAL MOTEL, 235 GODERICH, PORT ELGIN, ONTARIO, CANADA. THIS IS

A SMALL TWON AND CLARKSON ASCERTAINED FROM AN RCMP OFFICIAL AT OWEN

SOUND, ONTARIO, CANADA, WHICH COVERS PORT ELGIN, THAT THE RCMP HAD

SOME PROBLEMS WITH THE OPERATORS OF THE COLONIAL MOTEL A YEAR AGO

AND IT WAS THE ASSESSMENT OF THE RCMP OFFICIAL AT OWEN SOUND THAT

THE CURRENT OPERATORS OF THAT MOTEL ARE NOT PARTICULARLY SYMPATHETIC

TO LAW ENFORCEMENT. IN THE ABSENCE OF FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS, DETROIT

IS MAKING NO ADDITIONAL REQUEST OF RCMP IN THIS MATTER.

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No further investigation need be conducted to identify Cliff at this time UACB.

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RE MEMPHIS TELETYPE JULY 16, 1974.

DETROIT SHOULD NOTE THAT THE TELEPHONE WHERE CLIFF ANDREWS

HAS BEEN REACHED BY MEMPHIS ATTORNEY RUSSELL X. THOMPSON IS

519-832-2021. THE TELEPHONE NUMBER SET OUT IN REFERENCED

TELETYPE WAS INCORRECTLY FURNISHED TO THIS OFFICE BY MR. THOMPSON.

THOMPSON CONTACTED CLIFF ANDREWS AT THIS NUMBER AT ABOUT FIVE PM, JULY 16, 1974. THE PERSON ANSWERING THE TELEPHONE IDENTIFIED THIS NUMBER AS BEING AT THE COLONIAL MOTEL, CITY

UNKNOWN. CLIFF ASKED THOMPSON TO SEND HIM \$700 BY NOON, JULY 17.

1974. HE REQUESTED THE MONEY BE SENT TO CLIFF ANDREWS, CANADIAN

NATIONAL TELEGRAPH OFFICE, OWEN SOUND, ONTARIO. CLIFF STATED

HE WOULD GO TO OWEN SOUND AND WOULD ARRIVE THERE BY NOON,

JULY 17, 1974. CLIFF STATED IT WOULD EVENTUALLY TAKE \$2,500 TOL 19 1974. \$3,000 TO ENABLE HIM TO ROUND UP ALL THE PEOPLE INVOLVED AND TO GET THEM TO MEMPHIS.

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CLIFF TOLD THOMPSON THAT HE WAS "BURIED IN A VERY

BACKWOODSIE PART OF THE COUNTRY" AND THAT DETROIT WAS ABOUT

HALF THE DISTANCE FROM HIS HOME TO MEMPHIS.

THOMPSON CALLED CLIFF AGAIN ON THE MORNING OF JULY 17, 1974, AND ADVISED HIM HE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO ADVANCE HIM THE \$700. CLIFF REQUESTED THAT THOMPSON CONTACT BOB LIVINGSTON, THE ATTORNEY AT MEMPHIS WHO IS REPRESENTING JAMES EARL RAY.

THOMPSON HAS ADVISED HE ANTICIPATES NO FURTHER CONTACT WITH CLIFF UNLESS CLIFF DESIRES TO COME TO MEMPHIS AT HIS OWN EXPENSE.

DETROIT SHOULD NOTE THAT CLIFF IS KNOWN BY HIS FIRST NAME BY THE SWITCHBOARD OPERATOR AT THE COLONIAL MOTEL. CLIFF HAS OBVIOUSLY BEEN AT THIS MOTEL SEVERAL DAYS AND IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THIS MAY BE HIS PERMANENT RESIDENCE.

SA JOE C. HESTER HEARD A PART OF THE TAPE RECORDING MADE
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ACCENT USED BY PERSONS IN MAINE AND NEW HAMPSHIRE.

THOMPSON ADVISED JULY 17, 1974, THAT HE IS MORE THAN EVER CONVINCED THAT THIS IS A HOAX AND THAT CLIFF HOPES TO SWINDLE LIVINGSTON OUT OF AS MUCH MONEY AS POSSIBLE. END.

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Re Tampa airtel to Bureau, 7/2/74, concerning ROBERT THOMAS WEHUNT, JR.

Inasmuch as WEHUNT has not furnished any information of any value or of any significance, the Memphis Office does not feel that any further investigation is warranted regarding the information contained in referenced airtel.

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ON EVENING 7/29/74 SHIRLEY WHEELER, RESIDENCE 136 TEACHERS LANE, LACLEDE TOWNSHIP, ST. LOUIS, PHONE NUMBER 531-8629, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED SL OFFICE AND FURNISHED FOLLOWING: THIS EVENING, 7/29/74, AT ABOUT 3:30 PM, SHE WAS LEAVING A DOWNTOWN SL STORE AND WAS APPROACHED BY INDIVIDUAL WHO SAID HE WAS FROM JAMAICA. SHE DESCRIBED HIM AS DARK SKINNED, AGE 25-30, DARK HAIR, MEDIUM BUILD, 5°6", PRONOUNCED ACCENT. THIS INDIVIDUAL, WHO NEVER GAVE WHEELER HIS NAME, CLAIMED HE WAS ENROUTE FROM CHICAGO TO ENNESSEE. HE ASKED WHEELER, WHO IS NEGRO FEMALE, AGE 17, IF SHE KNEW ANY PROSTITUTION HOUSES IN AREA. HE DISPLAYED LARGE AMOUNT OF MONEY TO HER, CLAIMING HE HAD \$5,000. DURING ENSUING CONVERSATION WITH WHEELER HE TOLD HER HE WAS GOING TO TENNESSEE TO FREE JMAES EARL RAY AND THE \$5,000 HAD BEEN FURNISHED BY RAY'S BROTHER TO PURCHASE DYNAMITE. MHEELER TALKED TO THE INDI VIDUAL ABOUT 2 HOURS WHILE WALKING AROUND SL STREETS. HE TOLD HER HE WAS LEAVING THIS EVENING FOR TENNESSEE, BUT DID NOT SAY WHERE HE WAS STAYING OR METHOD OF TRANSPORTATION. SHE THOUGHT HE TOLD HER HE WAS END PAGE 1

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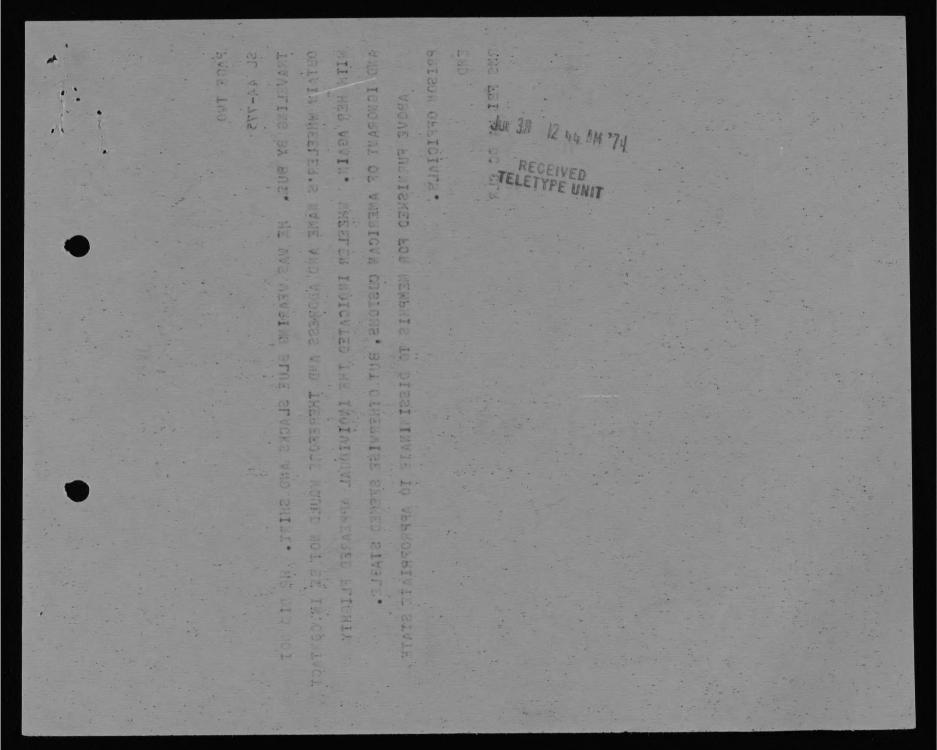
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TRAVELING BY BUS. HE WAS WEARING BLUE SLACKS AND SHIRT. HE DID NOT OBTAIN WHEELER'S NAME AND ADDRESS AND THEREFORE WOULD NOT BE IN CONTACT WITH HER AGAIN. WHEELER INDICATED THE INDIVIDUAL APPEARED FLIGHTY AND IGNORANT OF AMERICAN CUSTOMS, BUT OTHERWISE SEEMED STABLE.

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up to her and the Jamaican and entered in a casual conversation stating that he was from St. Louis and asked if he could be of assistance. Jamaican told the Negro male he would give him \$100 if he would find him a girl. Jamaican then proceeded to show the Negro male his money. Jamaican walked several feet away and the Negro male told WHEELER that he had been following the Jamaican and knew that he had a large quantity of money and was a stranger in this country. Jamaican returned to WHEELER and asked her if she knew JAMES RAY. She replied in the negative, whereupon he reminded her that JAMES RAY was the white male who killed Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. and RAY was then in a Tennessee penitentiary. Jamaican told WHEELER that RAY's brother owned a big farm in Jamaica and he was the houseboy at the farm. He further stated that RAY's brother, name not mentioned, had given him \$5000 in cash to go to St. Louis to buy dynamite and then go to Tennessee to blow up the prison to effect JAMES RAY's escape. Jamaican then told WHEELER and the Negro male it would be a while before he could buy the dynamite and did not know what to do with the money in his possession in the meantime. Jamaican asked WHEELER's opinion where she would keep the money. WHEELER told him that the safest place would be to deposit it in a bank. Jamaican told her that he heard that Negroes in the U. S. could not deposit money in a bank. She told him that he was wrong . Jamaican asked her if she had a bank account and she replied that she did. Jamaican refused to believe her and told her that if she could show him that she could withdraw her money from the bank, he would give her \$100 just to prove it to him. WHEELER advised that the Negro male was present during this conversation and told her it would be an easy way for her to make \$100.

WHEELER advised the three of them went to the Mercantile Trust Company where WHEELER has a savings account. Upon arrival at the bank, the Jamaican asked to see her bank deposit book which she had in her possession and she showed it to him. At the time WHEELER had a \$24 balance. She withdrew \$20 as proof to the Jamaican that Negroes can withdraw money from a bank. He did not give her the \$100 and immediately the Negro male told the Jamaican that he knew where he could get him a girl and both hurriedly departed from the scene. WHEELER still retains possession of her \$20 bill.

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In view of the fact that the above incident was probably a flim-flam scheme with WHEELER as the intended victim, St. Louis is conducting no further investigation. St. Louis Police Department advised of scheme.

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Re WFO airtel to the Bureau dated 6/18/74, Memphis airtel to the Bureau dated 6/27/74.

Enclosed for Alexandria is one copy of above refereced Memphis airtel dated 6/27/74.

For the information of the Alexandria Division, re WFO airtel and Memphis airtel contains necessary details pertaining to current investigation being conducted in this matter.

On 8/1/74, Mrs. BARBARA BITTNER, Manager, Hawaiian Motel, U.S. Route 340 and Maryland Route 17, near Brunswick, Maryland, made available to SA JOHN R. THURSTON all motel registration records for the Hawaiian Motel for the years 1972 and 1973 and a review of these records failed to reveal any registration record pertaining to BILL HARRIS and also failed to reveal any registration record pertaining to DAVID J. GAINES, or SHIRLEY GAINES. Mrs. BITTNER did advise that sometime during 1972, the motel changed hands and felt that because of this,

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the records pertaining to 1972 may not be complete. (It should also be noted that a high percentage of registration cards for 1972 were not dated and because of this, all 1972 and 1973 registration cards were reviewed). Mrs. BITTNER further advised that the cards that were reviewed would comprise all the registration cards for those years.

On 8/1/74, Mrs. BETTY FITEZ, Brunswick Police Department, Brunswick, Maryland, advised SA THURSTON that neither BILL HARRIS, DAVID J. GAINES, nor SHIRLEY GAINES are known to her and that none of them have any criminal arrest record with the Brunswick, Maryland, Police Department.

On 8/8/74, TERESA MAIN, Records Clerk, Maryland State Police, Frederick, Maryland, advised SA THURSTON that there is no criminal arrest record under the name of BILL or WILLIAM HARRIS with the State Police Barracks in Frederick, Maryland.

On 8/19/74, Mr. DONALD DARR, Town Clerk, Brunswick, Maryland, advised that he recalls that a Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Citizen Advisory Commission hearing was held at Brunswick during either June or July, 1972, but stated he could provide no information as to whether a SHIRLEY GAINES was employed as a private court and conference reporter at the Brunswick hearing.

On 8/26/74, Mr. JAMES SEWELL, Land Acquisition Officer, Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historic Park, National Park Service, Fort Detrick, Frederick, Maryland, advised SA THURSTON that he recalls that during 1972, a series of meetings dealing with the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Advisory Commission were held between Washington, D.C., and Cumberland, Maryland, and recalls that one of these meetings was held in Brunswick during either June or July, 1972, although he stated he did not attend the Brunswick meeting. He also stated that a JOHN PARSONS, Chesapeake and Ohio Park Planner, 1100 Ohio Drive, S.W., Washington, D.C., (telephone number 202-426-7705), would have attended all of the meetings and could possibly provide information as to whether SHIRLEY GAINES was employed as a private court and conference reporter at the Brunswick hearing. He stated that SHIRLEY GAINES is not known to him.

Baltimore indices were negative pertaining to BILL HARRIS, DAVID J. GAINES, SHIRLEY GAINES, and JERRY WORTH.

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LEADS:

ALEXANDRIA DIVISION

AT 6171 LEESBURG PIKE, FALLS CHURCH, VIRGINIA

Will locate and interview DAVID J. GAINES and SHIRLEY GAINES for any further information they may have concerning BILL HARRIS and will attempt to develop further information concerning him and where he could possibly be located.

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AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

Will contact JOHN PARSONS, Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Park Planner, 1100 Ohio Drive, S.W., Washington, D.C., telephone number 202-426-7705, for any information he may have concerning SHIRLEY GAINES' attendance at a Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Advisory Commission hearing held at Brunswick, Maryland, in June, 1972.