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Mrs. PEARL JOHNSON, Bookkeeper, Holiday Inn, Atlanta, Georgia Airport, advised that records of her office failed to reflect a S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN registered in this motel during the later part of March, or later part of April, 1968. Mrs. JOHNSON advised that records of this motel reflect that a guest register card # 44179, in the name of S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN, 2493 Airport Boulevard, San Francisco, California, representing the Equipment Engineering Company, stayed in Room 284 of this motel on 4/28-30/68. SCHNEIDERMAN left owing a bill of \$32.61. Mrs. JOHNSON stated that her records also reflect a check was cashed by this motel in the amount of \$25, signed S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN, dated 4/29/68, check # 134, made out to the Holiday Inn, and drawn on the Portola District Branch of the Bank of America, San Francisco, California, 2485 San Bruno Avenue. This check bears the written notation, "Ill. # W5-570-018, #284, and also EAL # 0-350-868M." She indicated the Illinois # was a DL # for the guest in Room 284, however, she could not explain what the other # was, and stated EAL could be Eastern Airlines.

Mrs. JOHNSON advised that letters were directed to SCHNEIDERMAN at the 2493 Airport Boulevard, San Francisco, California address, which letters were returned and the check was returned from the bank stamped "not sufficient funds".

LEADS:

BUREAU

The Bureau is requested to compare the enclosed evidence and handwriting with the handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY. Will return evidence to Atlanta Division upon completion of examination. Will furnish the Memphis, Atlanta, and St. Louis Offices with results of examination.

SAN FRANCISCO

AT BANK OF AMERICA, PORTOLA BRANCH

Conduct appropriate investigation re checks in name of S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN.

KNOXVILLE,

AT KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

Conduct appropriate investigation at Holiday Inn # 2, re S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN being locked out of his room. Will ascertain if any personal effects of SCHNEIDERMAN obtained by motel, and thereafter check these effects, in addition to identify unsub.

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LEADS: (cont)

JACKSONVILLE

AT TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

Contact Lt. DAVIS and Holiday Inn re S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN.

CHICAGO & KANSAS CITY

Information copies directed to these offices in view of outstanding investigation being conducted.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

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Date: MAY 15, 1968

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586) (P)

MURKIN

Re alleged offer of \$100,000.00 by the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM) to anyone who kills MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

BACKGROUND:

On 6/2/67, DONALD JAMES NISSEN, FBI Number 607320A, furnished the following information to the Dallas Office:

NISSEN stated that while at Leavenworth Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, from July, 1965, until

- ③ - Bureau (44-38861)
- 2 - Atlanta (44-2386)  
(1-100-5586)
- 1 - Birmingham (44-1740) (Info)
- 1 - Charlotte (Info)
- 1 - Columbia (Info)
- 2 - Dallas (44-2649)  
(1-157-880)
- 2 - Kansas City (1-Murkin)  
(1-157-472)
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 3 - Jackson (157-9586)  
(1-157-7990)

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Special Agent in Charge

his release in April, 1967, he became very friendly with an inmate identified as LEROY MC MANAMAN. MC MANAMAN was originally from western Kansas and was alleged to have bootlegged in Mississippi. According to NISSEN, he and MC MANAMAN worked together in the shoe factory at Leavenworth.

NISSEN said he had previously met MC MANAMAN before going to the penitentiary in Jackson, Mississippi, and he recognized MC MANAMAN again at Leavenworth.

Just before NISSEN was scheduled to be parolled from Leavenworth, MC MANAMAN approached him and stated that he knew NISSEN was going to Atlanta and that he wanted NISSEN to set things up for him.

MC MANAMAN told NISSEN that \$100,000.00 had been offered by the WKKKKOM to be paid to anyone who would kill MARTIN LUTHER KING.

MC MANAMAN allegedly instructed NISSEN to contact a Mrs. (first name unknown) EURE, at the Eure Realty Company, Jackson, Miss. MC MANAMAN claimed Mrs. EURE is listed as a correspondent by him at Leavenworth Penitentiary. According to MC MANAMAN's instructions, NISSEN was to contact Mrs. EURE and ask her when she next writes to MC MANAMAN at the Penitentiary to tell him "DON" had arrived. MC MANAMAN indicated he would write and tell EURE that NISSEN was "O.K."

If NISSEN wanted to try to "pull this" himself, Mrs. EURE would put him in contact with two people identified only as FLOYD (lnu), an Honorary Colonel in the National Guard at Jackson, Miss., and a second person whom NISSEN could not now recall. NISSEN stated that the unidentified person, according to MC MANAMAN had recently been appointed Deputy United States Marshal at Jackson.

A review of Leavenworth Penitentiary Parole Progress Report for LEROY BASIL MC MANAMAN dated October, 1966, disclosed MC MANAMAN began his sentence at Leavenworth on January 18, 1963. The offense is listed as receiving and concealing stolen vehicle from interstate commerce. Under the Sentence Captioned there is an entry "Harboring a Fugitive 9 Years". The codefendants were listed as BURTON HARRY HERPEL, RUBIE CHARLES JENKINS and CHARLES E. TESCHER.

The Classification Study Sheet discloses the following description of LEROY BASIL MC MANAMAN:

|                        |                        |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| True Name              | LEROY BASIL MC MANAMAN |
| Aliases                | None                   |
| Race                   | White                  |
| Date of Birth          | <input type="text"/>   |
| Age                    | At admission, 49 years |
| Height                 | 5 feet 10 inches       |
| Weight                 | 188 pounds             |
| FBI Number             | 1244125                |
| Social Security Number | Unknown                |
| Marital Status         | Divorced               |
| Education              | 10th grade             |
| Age at first arrest    | 20 years               |

The Arrest Record Sheet in the Classification Study shows MC MANAMAN was arrested 12/22/34, Dodge City, Kansas, for investigation. He has numerous arrest since that time in Kansas, Omaha, Nebraska, Colorado Springs, Colorado, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and Springfield, Missouri.

MC MANAMAN is a native of Kansas and has resided in that state most of his life. He has been somewhat nomadic in the past several years, drifting throughout both Kansas and Oklahoma. His last residence was with his parents in Dodge City, Kansas.

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Under the New Social Information, section it is indicated that MC MANAMAN writes very often to his mother who lives in Dodge City, Kansas. He has a grown son and daughter living in Dodge City and they occasionally bring his mother to the institution to visit him. He is divorced and his former wife never writes. MC MANAMAN has been writing often to a woman friend, SYBIL EURE who lives in Jackson, Mississippi. MC MANAMAN has received seven visits from SYBIL EURE and four visits from his mother and son.

The Penitentiary file indicates MC MANAMAN plans to work with SYBIL EURE in the real estate business in Jackson, Mississippi, upon his release from Leavenworth.

The file further indicates SYBIL EURE shows much interest in assisting MC MANAMAN and there seems some possibility that they may marry in the future.

Upon receiving the information from DONALD JAMES NISSEN concerning the alleged offer of \$100,000.00, Mrs. SYBIL EURE was interviewed at Jackson, Mississippi, on 8/8/67.

At that time Mrs. SYBIL M. EURE advised that she is well acquainted with LEROY MC MANAMAN and frequently corresponds with him at the Leavenworth Penitentiary. She explained that early in 1964 after becoming acquainted with MC MANAMAN she rented a room to him at her residence where MC MANAMAN stayed for a few weeks. As far as she knows this is the only time MC MANAMAN has spent in Mississippi. She does not believe that MC MANAMAN is involved or ever has been involved in any Klan activity or associated with anyone whom she new to be involved in Klan activity and that she has never been involved in any Klan activities herself.

She stated that she does not know any of MC MANAMAN's associates, does not know anyone by the name of DONALD JAMES NISSEN, nor has MC MANAMAN ever mentioned NISSEN's name. She does not know of any alleged offer of \$100,000.00 by the WKKKKOM to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. She has never heard of anything similar to this mentioned and claims not to be involved in any such plot.

She does not know anyone by the name of FLOYD who is a Honorary Colonel in the National Guard or anyone recently appointed as a United States Marshal at Jackson. She stated that her brother's name is FLOYD GARDNER but he is not in the National Guard, not a member of any Klan group, and he does not know MC MANAMAN.

The only person she knows in the United States Marshal's Office at Jackson is CHARLES SUTHERLAND, the Chief Deputy, who is a distant cousin of her former husband, JOHN EURE. She also knows BOB THOMAS, who is associated with the United States Marshal's Office. She considers both SUTHERLAND and THOMAS to be respectable people and she thought most assuredly that they would have no association with any Klan group.

On 5/13/68, Mrs. SYBIL G. EURE, 423 Raymond Road, Jackson, Miss., was reinterviewed.

At the outset she inquired as to the nature of the interview.

It was explained to Mrs. EURE that since the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., her past association with MC MANAMAN may be of a more significant nature.

The alleged offer of \$100,000.00 by the WKKKKOM was explained to her again.

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Mrs. EURE, who appears to be a reasonably successful business woman, neat in appearance, and well spoken, said she now recalls how this alleged offer all started.

She said she recalls that in 1964 when she first met MC MANAMAN, he was out on some kind of a bond waiting for an appeal. At the same time the murder of the three civil rights workers in Neshoba County, Mississippi, was at the height of publicity. Sheriff RAINEY of Neshoba County was presumed to be, at the time, an official in the Klan in Neshoba County. At least the newspapers, radio and television news stories indicated this much. During the same period her real estate business was in minor financial difficulty and she recalls casually mentioning that if she approached the Sheriff of Neshoba County she could probably get \$100,000.00 to kill KING. She said she now feels in all probability that MC MANAMAN took her casual statement seriously. She said she now realizes the seriousness of such a statement since KING's murder.

Mrs. EURE stated that she is an outspoken business woman and often passes remarks of this nature more to attract some prospective customers than anything else. She said she believes that this is the basis for MC MANAMAN's information concerning the offer of money by the Klan in Mississippi to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

In attempting to determine the circumstances concerning her meeting MC MANAMAN in 1964, Mrs. EURE said she met him through a mutual business friend. Her association with MC MANAMAN was business. She said in her opinion MC MANAMAN had a world of knowledge



in real estate business and that if he ever gets out of prison she will always be willing to hire him as an assistant in her real estate business.

After his appeal was denied in 1964, MC MANAMAN was returned to Kansas and began serving his sentence. She said she went out to the Penitentiary on two occasions in 1964, the first time to pick up MC MANAMAN's automobile which she financed for him. All other visits, two or three times in 1965 and once in 1966, were just friendly visits. She said the last time she visited him was early in 1966 and that she has not seen him or heard from him since that time. She said as far as she knows he is still in prison.

Mrs. EURE was very apologetic, very cooperative, and stated that she has no information whatsoever concerning the person or persons responsible for the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. If, in the event she receives any information which may be of help in this matter she will immediately contact the FBI.

Mrs. EURE is a white female, approximately 5 feet 9 inches, slender, moderately attractive, approximately 50 years of age.

A further review of the Leavenworth Penitentiary Classification Sheet for MC MANAMAN discloses that his nine year sentence was in an operative status for 375 days due to an appeal. The Classification Study form of MC MANAMAN, Register Number 81371-L indicates that MC MANAMAN was received at Leavenworth Penitentiary in April, 1964 after his appeal had been denied.

The Bureau, through FBI Identification Division records, may wish to compare the records of DONALD JAMES NISSEN, FBI Number 607320A; LEROY BASIL MC MANAMAN, FBI Number 1244125 (as indicated in prison records) with the known arrest record of JAMES EARL RAY to determine if they were ever confined in the same prison at the same time with subject RAY.

JN 157-9586

The above information is being furnished to offices designated for information purposes. No leads are being set out in view of information furnished by Mrs. EURE.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

United States Board of Parole.

Date 4-2-68

Nissen

Reg. No. 82366-L

Race Birth Date FBI No.

Sentence District from

Original offense

Sentence began Released

District to Transferred to M.R. Parole

Violation date Termination date

A United States Probation Officer will interview persons designated by the alleged violator and record a summary or digest of their statements bearing on the alleged violation.

Charges:

The employer at the American Auto Safety Corporation reported that Nissen was residing at 41 Peachtree Avenue, Apt. 9, Atlanta, Georgia with one Harold F. Edge. Harold F. Edge is a former Federal parolee and according to the USPO is now wanted for writing fraud checks.

Information has been submitted by USPO Eubanks, Northern District of Georgia, in his report of March 15, 1968.

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Date Warrant Issued

District to which sent Atlanta, Georgia

JJ/kmh

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Warrant issued by:

JOSEPH N. SHORE

Parole/Probation Executive

United States Board of Parole.  
Name of Donald James Nissen Date April 2, 1968  
Race White Birth Date 7-19-65 Reg. No. 82366-L  
Sentence 5 years FBI No. 607 320 A  
District from Arizona  
Original offense Motor Vehicle Theft Act  
Sentence began 7-19-65 Released April 19, 1967  
District to Arizona Transferred to Northern Ga. M.R. Parole X  
Violation date approx. Nov. 1967 Termination date July 18, 1970

A United States Probation Officer will interview persons designated by the alleged violator and record a summary or digest of their statements bearing on the alleged violation.

Charges: Giving USPO Misleading Information; Absconding & Loss of Contact

Donald James Nissen is presently in loss of contact status from the Northern District of Georgia. Nissen last reported to the Probation Office on 1-2-68 at which time submitted his written monthly report for December, 1967. At that time Nissen indicated that he was residing at 2335 Drew Valley Road, N.E. Atlanta, Ga. Mail sent to Nissen at this address was returned marked "no such number."

In October, 1967 Nissen indicated that he was residing at 2135 Drew Valley Road, Atlanta, Ga.; however, the resident at 2135 Drew Valley Road did not know Nissen.

It appears that Nissen submitted false reports for November and December, 1967 in that he was not residing at the address indicated. Nissen's whereabouts is unknown.

Failure to Submit Monthly Reports; Leaving Employment without Notifying the USPO and Association with Undesirable

Nissen has failed to submit his written monthly reports for January and February, 1968. Nissen's written monthly report for December indicated employment with the American Auto Safety Corp., Atlanta, Ga. According to this company, Nissen worked for about two weeks and left their employment the second week in December. Nissen did not keep the USPO advised of his employment situation. *Chas. J. [illegible]* 44-769-1421

Date Warrant Issued 4-2-68 Warrant recomme 9

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SAC, Phoenix

April 29, 1968

Director, FBI (76-30305)

DOUGLAS JAMES HESMAN - FUGITIVE  
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☒ Enclosed is information extracted from subject's identification record which may be of lead value. It is essential that any discrepancies be resolved through investigation in order to set forth only the most current description in future communications.

☐ Enclosed is information extracted from the identification record of an individual who may or may not be identical with subject. It is desired that you conduct appropriate investigation at an early date to determine whether these individuals are identical. The results of this investigation should be promptly submitted to the Bureau by letter marked for the attention of the Special Investigative Division, and should be included in the next investigative report from your office. In the event it is determined this individual is not identical with your subject, endeavor to promptly develop additional data that will identify your subject with a fingerprint record.

☐ Enclosed are data supplementing that previously furnished your office.

☐ A search of the name files of the Identification Division did not disclose a fingerprint record for the above-named fugitive. Your office should endeavor to develop any additional data that will identify this individual with a fingerprint record. A copy of fingerprints, if available from any source, would be of material assistance. As complete a description as possible, together with any aliases that might have been used by the subject also should be obtained when interviewing relatives, acquaintances, and employers of the fugitive. Information concerning any enlistment in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard Services of the United States, should, of course, be procured concerning this individual. This matter should be pursued vigorously.

☒ Signature available. ☐ Signature not available.

☒ Photographs and negative transmitted herewith. ☐ No photograph available in identification record. Endeavor to obtain and forward same to Identification Division.

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☐ Washington Field Office ☐ Indianapolis Office ☐ San Antonio Office is requested to:

☐ Conduct appropriate service search(es) and advise office of origin.

☐ Obtain and forward to Identification Division copy of service prints if available.

Enc. (7)

- 1- Fugitive Supervisor, Room 1521, (enclosures 2)
- 1- NCIC, (enclosure)

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Re: RONALD JAMES NISSER - FUGITIVE  
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The following is a summary prepared by FBI Identification Division of descriptive data appearing in FBI #607 320 A:

|                 |   |
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| Race            | White   |
| Sex             | Male  |
| Dates of Birth  | [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  |
| Places of Birth | Erie, Pennsylvania; Tucson, Arizona   |
| Height          | Approximately 5' 11"  |
| Weight          | 140 pounds, May, 1967   |
| Complexion      | Fair  |
| Eyes            | Blue  |
| Hair            | Brown   |
| Build           | Medium  |
| Occupations     | Salesman, employed by Spencer Press International, Fitzgerald, Atlanta, Georgia, May, 1967; sales manager, employed by R. H. Hinkley Company, Atlanta, Georgia, July, 1965; bricklayer; butcher; truck driver; mechanic; encyclopedia salesman  |
| Scars and Marks | Scar on forehead; scar on left leg; bruise scar on right collarbone; cut scar on right eyebrow; cut scar above right eyebrow; faint cut scar on right wrist, inside; freckles on back; hernia operation scar on left side of abdomen; vaccination scar on left arm; bruise scar or wide vertical scar on left knee  |
| Addresses       | 3230 Peachtree, Northeast, Atlanta, Georgia, May, 1967; 3230 Peachtree Road, Atlanta, Georgia, May, 1967, April, 1967; Atlanta, Georgia, August, 1965, November, 1963; 2525 East Alta Vista Street, Tucson, Arizona, July, 1965; 5509 East 24th Street, Tucson, Arizona, December, 1964, November, 1964; 5717 Kirby Drive, Houston, Texas, March, 1964; Hapeville, Georgia, March, 1964; 825 Windson Parkway, Atlanta, Georgia, November, 1963; 247 Warm Spring, Boise, Idaho, October, 1960; |



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Date: 5-27-68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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✓ 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. 76)  
(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)  
(1 - 76-2865)

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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.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-769)

DATE: 5/27/68

~~FROM~~ : SUPERVISOR FREDERICK W. BUOL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

I talked to SAC WILLIAM ALEXANDER, Mobile, this am re the obstacles he might have encountered in obtaining copies of drivers license applications in Alabama during the months of April and May, 1968.

SAC ALEXANDER stated that they are going to be all right since the April ones have not as yet been filed into their alphabetical files in Ala., and state authorities will hold the May ones until the Bureau gets a chance to review them.

SAC ALEXANDER said he had called Supervisor McGOWAN at the Bureau the other day relative to guidelines in the review of these registrations and also for guidelines as to what the Bureau expected under "appropriate investigations." He stated that the guideline he got was nothing under 5'8" or over 6'1" and nothing under 150 or over 200 lbs. He explained that they had to go up to age 55 because he is fairly well along in years and he may have dyed his hair, etc. to have put on the appearance of being considerably older.

Under "appropriate investigation," McGOWAN stated they were just going to have to eliminate the man some way. They won't necessarily have to view the man, suspect. They may be able to determine through credit record, etc., to determine that he had been working at some plant for the past 15 years, etc., so would not be identical but they are going to have to eliminate these people some way or another.

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769)  
SUBJ: MURKIN  
(OO: ME)

Re Bureau radiogram 5/21/68 and Jacksonville airtel to Bureau, 5/24/68.

Re: DRIVERS LICENSE BUREAU CHECKS FOR ALL  
DRIVERS LICENSE APPLICATIONS - MONTHS OF  
APRIL AND MAY, 1968.

On 5/27/68, a conference was held with Major E. W. KEITH, Capt. A. E. REDDICK, Mrs. ELLEN HARRISON and Mrs. CAROLYN MARTIN, of the Department of Public Safety, Drivers License Division, Tallahassee, Fla., to make a more thorough and exhaustive study of details in reviewing all drivers license applications in the State of Florida for the months of April and May, 1968, and a more accurate determination of numbers involved.

Major KEITH explained his figure of 900,000 drivers licenses issued in a year that he had previously furnished was erroneous and that was the number of examinations given, rather than the number of applications received or licenses issued.

He advised this figure is high since several examinations are sometimes given to the same individual and a student or inexperienced driver will be given a visual and written examination before being issued a restricted license or learner's permit and thereafter return for a road test examination each of which is counted as an examination. The survey now reveals the following information:

3 - Bureau  
2 - Tampa  
2 - Miami

1 - Memphis (2) Jacksonville TWM:jeb (10)

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DRIVERS LICENSE APPLICATIONS

MONTHS: APRIL AND MAY, 1968

STATE OF FLORIDA

Number of applications for drivers licenses:

70,000

(Source: Major E. W. KEITH.)

LOCATION OF APPLICATIONS:

1. Tallahassee:

April - filed 27,000 (3 counties not yet reported  
out of 67).

May - 3,000 (none filed since 5/24/68).

All filed alphabetically.

May (unfiled) - Unknown

2. Drivers License Examination Stations

April - 5,500

May - 5,000

Information furnished by Major KEITH from a sampling  
of Inspection Stations throughout the state.

3. County Judge's Office

to be forwarded to Tallahassee.

April - 4,000

May - Unknown, approximately 26,000  
most of which will be in Tallahassee  
before 6/15/68.

REVIEW PROCEDURE

1. AT TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

a) Applications already filed: (Approximately 30,000)  
Motor Vehicle Bureau personnel would have to pull individual files from the list of names contained on the Motor Vehicle Bureau form DL 16 as described in referenced Jacksonville airtel. (Names of all applicants for drivers licenses appearing at the 110 examining points throughout the state of Florida). It is noted that ~~not~~ all individuals contained on this list have ~~not~~ passed the examination and therefore their applications are not on file in Tallahassee. A copy of these DL 16's for month of April are on file at Tallahassee.

FBI personnel would thereafter review these individual applications for elimination purposes.

b) Applications Not Filed to Date

All applications received on or after 5/27/68 are being held by MVB and will not be filed. A review of these applications could be made by FBI personnel prior to filing.

2. AT THE 110 EXAMINING STATIONS THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

Number - 10,500.

In the event an application is made for a drivers license, this application would not be forwarded to Tallahassee and would be kept at the Inspection Station in following instances:

1. Individual takes only the visual examination and written test.
2. Takes neither the written or road test.
3. Fails either the written or road test.

These applications are retained for a period of 90 days and thereafter destroyed.

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The above applications are filed alphabetical and would be reviewed by FBI personnel from name on the DL 16 on which no application was located in Tallahassee.

### 3. AT COUNTY JUDGE'S OFFICE

These applications were sent from Inspection Station on individuals having passed their tests and will be forwarded to NYS, Tallahassee, usually once a month and will be reviewed at Tallahassee prior to filing.

### COST INVOLVED

Other than Bureau personnel...

Approximately \$3,000

Including 5 Xerox copies each of the 3,000 DL 16 forms.

Five employees working from 7-9 p.m. each night for about 30 days pulling files for review by Bureau personnel and the refiling of these files.

### BUREAU PERSONNEL

Major KEITH estimated that it would take five FBI personnel about 40 days to complete the project as he feels that a person cannot examine more than 20 applications an hour.

Bureau personnel would be supplied space and could work days on this project.

### AT 117 EXAMINING STATIONS

Undetermined.

### ALTERNATIVE

Review of licenses filed at the County Judge's Office as set forth in Jacksonville airtel to Bureau 5/24/68 after obtaining DL 16 from the 117 examining stations.

In this regard Capt. A. E. NEEDLER pointed out that for the month of April only a copy of the licenses would be available at the County Judge's Office where as in Tallahassee, the applications would be filed. This application contains additional information such as the license tag and where the person was previously licensed to drive.

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Capt. REDDICK further advised that his experience has been that a lot of county judge's offices have not kept good records as to the filing of these drivers licenses and in many cases he has found where they are several months in arrears with their filing. He said all the licenses for the month of April will be in file at Tallahassee in the next few days but those for May will not be complete until around the end of June.

RECOMMENDATION

Bureau is requested to approve the payment of approximately \$1,000 to the Department of Public Safety, Tallahassee, Fla., for necessary expenses incurred by them in carrying out the above project.

Major KEITH has requested a decision as to whether he should retain stops with all the applications that are coming in for May and those retained for April be reached as soon as possible. A delay of any length of time would cause his office to "bogg" down with non-filed applications.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769) (P)

DATE: 5/28/68

FROM : SA ALLEN J. WEIKEL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 5/23/68, the following individuals were contacted and advised of the wanted status of JAMES EARL RAY.

At the same time these individuals were given copies of photographs and IO #4182 pertaining to RAY.

GENE BYRON, Superintendent, Trinity Rescue Mission, 901 West Bay St.;

MAJ. WILLIAM E. GRANTHAM, Center Manager, Salvation Army Center, 81 Park Streed (also covers Red Shield Lodge, 1125 East Church St.)

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To: SAC, Jacksonville

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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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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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.

5/29/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769) (P)

SUBJ: MURKIN  
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(OO: Memphis)

Re Bureau airtel to Jacksonville, 5/7/68, and Philadelphia letter to the Bureau, 5/9/68; Jacksonville airtel to the Bureau, dated 5/22/68.

RE: E. RAYMOND  
RD 2, Coudersport, Pennsylvania  
Complainant

Information copies are furnished to Philadelphia and Memphis due to their interest in this matter.

On 5/17/68, Mrs. DOROTHY FERRELL, Route 1, Box 269, Oklawaha, Fla., advised that she has been married to JOHN FERRELL for 12 years and that she knew him 3 years prior to their marriage in Pennsylvania. Mrs. FERRELL was advised of the nature of this investigation and she stated that to her knowledge her husband has never been active as a member of any hate group and she does not know him to be a racist of any kind.

Mrs. FERRELL advised that her husband used to be known by the name of JAY FERGUSON and that he has a sister

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named DELANCY FERGUSON who residing in Verona, a suburb of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mrs. FERRELL advised that FERGUSON was her husband's original name and he changed this to the name of his stepfather, JOHN FERRELL.

Mrs. FERRELL advised that her husband works for Scottie Craft out of North Miami Beach, Fla., and he delivers boats for this company. She advised that he is expected home soon from one of these trips.

She stated that she does not know of anyone by the name of E. RAYMOND and that to her knowledge neither she nor her husband have ever been in Coudersport, Pa.

Mrs. FERRELL advised that she has been married previously and her husband has been married 3 times previous to their current marriage. She stated that they each have relatives in Pa., and that some of these relatives may be envious of her husband in that he inherited the modest estate of his aunt, whom he had been caring for when she passed away.

Mrs. FERRELL was furnished photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and she advised that she has never seen an individual bearing a resemblance to these photographs.

On 5/27/68, JOHN FERRELL voluntarily appeared at the Ocala, Fla., RA, FBI, and advised that he currently resides at Rt. 1, Box 259, Oklawaha, Fla., with his wife, DOROTHY. FERRELL advised that he has been married three times before and that he has been married to his current wife for twelve years. He advised that he has resided in the Oklawaha, Fla., area for six years and that he changed his name from JAY FERGUSON to JOHN FERRELL to assume the name of his stepfather when he was a child.

FERRELL advised that as a youth, he was arrested in Pa., for auto theft and that this was his only criminal arrest record. He furnished the following information concerning himself:

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| Name            | JOHN CARTER FERRELL, aka<br>Jay Ferguson |
| Race            | White                                    |
| Sex             | Male                                     |
| Height          | 5'8"                                     |
| Weight          | 155 lbs.                                 |
| Eyes            | Gray                                     |
| Hair            | Black                                    |
| DOB             | <input type="text"/>                     |
| Other DOBs used | <input type="text"/>                     |

FERRELL presented Florida Driver's License Chauffeur's License G-155213 which expires in 1969. He advised that prior to residing in Oklawaha, Fla., he resided in Miami, Fla. FERRELL advised that he travels throughout the Southeastern United States delivering pleasure craft for Scottie Craft Boat Co., which has its home offices in North Miami Beach, Fla. FERRELL stated that his travels have not taken him into Tennessee, but that he does go to Louisiana, Texas, and through Alabama in his normal run.

FERRELL advised that he was well aware of the FBI's interest in locating the slayer of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and that he would assist in all ways possible if he could offer any positive information. He had no idea who might have offered any information that he was in any way connected with such a crime.

FERRELL was furnished photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and he advised that he did not recognize these photographs as being identical to anyone he has met or known in the past.

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FBI ATLANTA

10:00 PM URGENT 5-29-68 LCS

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, JACKSONVILLE, AND LOS ANGELES  
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

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SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED MAY TWENTYNINE INSTANT.  
BILLY MACK WISDOM INTERVIEWED AT USP, ATLANTA, AT HIS  
REQUEST THIS DATE. STATED PERSON HE BELIEVED CLOSELY RESEMBLED  
SUBJECT IN ATLANTA SEPTEMBER DASH OCTOBER SIXTYSEVEN, AND SEEN  
AT REGENCY HYATT HOUSE BY WISDOM AND ONE BOB JONES, WHITE MALE,  
ABOUT THIRTY, NOW REPORTEDLY OPERATING NIGHT CLUB IN DAYTONA  
BEACH, FLA. STATES ONE "CHUCK" (LNU) ATTEMPTED TO SELL THIS  
PERSON A RIFLE IN ATLANTA EARLY DECEMBER SIXTYSEVEN. COULD NOT  
FURTHER IDENTIFY "CHUCK" OTHER THAN DRIVES SIXTYSIX RED MUSTANG  
CONVERTIBLE, WHITE MALE, BLOND, VETERAN, TWENTY TO TWENTYONE  
YEARS, NO KNOWN EMPLOYMENT. FIXED TIME AS BEFORE HE, WISDOM,  
WAS ARRESTED IN DECEMBER, VERIFIED FROM APD RECORDS AS DEC.  
ELEVEN SIXTYSEVEN AND RELEASED DEC. THIRTY SIXTYSEVEN. ALSO STATED  
TWO HIPPIES "WEASEL" AND "JOHN" WOULD KNOW "CHUCK", AND FURNISHED  
DIRECTIONS AS TO THEIR RESIDENCE. LANDLORD STATED TWO HIPPIES HAD  
RESIDED AT EIGHT SIX NINE ST. CHARLES, ATLANTA, FOR TWO WEEKS,

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LEAVING JAN. TWENTYEIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT, GIVING NAMES AS MR. AND MRS. W. T. JONES. THIS IS IN CONFLICT WITH DATES FURNISHED BY WISDOM AND IT IS NOTED MEMPHIS HAS ESTABLISHED SUBJECT IN LOS ANGELES NOV. SEVENTEEN SIXTYSEVEN TO JAN. SIXTYEIGHT.

JAMES P. THORNTON, CURRENTLY RESIDING ATLANTA WITH JERRY Q. DUTTON, INTERVIEWED AND STATED HE ARRIVED ATLANTA MAY FOUR LAST FROM LOS ANGELES. PRESENTLY WORKING FOR PACIFIC FINANCE CO. THORNTON STATED HE RESIDED WITH PARENTS, MR. AND MRS. THOMAS A. RALEY, AT ONE TWO SEVEN THREE FIVE CARDINAL AVE., GARDEN GROVE, CALIF., FROM DATE OF DISCHARGE FROM U. S. ARMY ON JUNE FIFTEEN LAST TILL DEPARTURE TO COME TO ATLANTA. WORKED FOR TRANS-AMERICA CORP., LA PALMA AVE., ANAHEIM, CALIF., FROM TIME OF DISCHARGE TILL LEAVING CALIF. TRANS-AMERICA IS BRANCH OF PACIFIC FINANCE. STATED HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO ATLANTA AT OWN REQUEST BECAUSE HE LIKES THE SOUTH.

THORNTON STATED THAT PRIOR TO ENTERING U. S. ARMY JUNE FIFTEEN NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE, HE LIVED WITH PARENTS, HAVING MOVED TO LOS ANGELES FROM BIRMINGHAM OCTOBER NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR. FROM APRIL SIXTYFOUR TO OCTOBER SIXTYFOUR RESIDED WITH JAMES MC DANIELS, FORMERLY ASSOCIATED WITH NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY, BIRMINGHAM. FROM JAN. SIXTYFOUR TO APR. SIXTYFOUR,

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LIVED AT NSRP HEADQUARTERS ON SOUTH BESSEMER RD. , BIRMINGHAM. THORNTON ADMITTED PAST AFFILIATION WITH NSRP AND LATER WITH AMERICAN STATES RIGHTS PARTY AFTER HIS AND DUTTON'S SPLIT WITH NSRP. STATED HE GAVE UP ALL QUOTE POLITICAL ACTIVITY UNQUOTE WHEN ENTERING MILITARY SERVICE. ADMITTED HIS FEELINGS REMAIN ABOUT THE SAME AS PLATFORMS OF NSRP AND ASRP BUT STATED SUCH PHILOSOPHIES HAVE NO CHANCE IN U. S. TODAY. DEFINED SUCH PRINCIPLES AS QUOTE CONSERVATIVE UNQUOTE AND REPATRIATION OF JEWS AND NEGROES TO OTHER COUNTRIES. DENIED HE EVER HAD OR WOULD CONDONE VIOLENCE OR MURDER. DENIED DUTTON OR OTHER ASSOCIATES WOULD CONDONE VIOLENCE. STATED THAT JESSE B. STONER AND DR. EDWARD R. FIELDS, PAST AND PRESENT LEADERS IN NSRP WOULD NOT PERPETRATE VIOLENCE DIRECTLY BUT MIGHT MASTER-MIND OR PLAN VIOLENCE. DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF ANY VIOLENCE IN WHICH THEY WERE INVOLVED.

WHILE LIVING IN LOS ANGELES JUNE TO MAY ONE LAST, THORNTON WORKED PART TIME AT WALLACE FOR PRESIDENT HEADQUARTERS. WHEN FIRST WORKED THERE, THE HEADQUARTERS WERE LOCATED ON LINCOLN BOULEVARD, ANAHEIM. THE HEADQUARTERS CLOSED ABOUT JANUARY LAST AND A NEW HEADQUARTERS OPENED ON CHAPMAN BOULEVARD, ORANGE, CALIF., ABOUT ONE MONTH AGO. STATED HE HELPED BY DISTRIBUTING LITERATURE IN BEHALF OF WALLACE AND WORKED FOR A TIME AS A DEPUTY REGISTRAR. STATED JOHN ORTMANN, YORBA LINDA, CALIF.,

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WAS CHAIRMAN AND MRS. DERRY (PHONETIC) ELLISON, ORANGE CO., WAS ALSO EMPLOYED IN WALLACE HEADQUARTERS. DENIED KNOWING NAMES OF OTHER WORKERS.

THORNTON WAS SHOWN PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY AND DENIED SEEING OR KNOWING HIM. HAS SEEN RAY'S PHOTO IN NEWSPAPERS. DENIED KNOWING OR HEARING OF ERIC GALT OR JAMES EARL RAY AT WALLACE HEADQUARTERS OR ANY OTHER PLACE OTHER THAN IN CONNECTION WITH INSTANT MATTER.

JACKSONVILLE, AT DAYTONA BEACH, FLA. DETERMINE IF ANY CLUB IN THAT AREA OPERATED BY ONE BOB JONES, AND IF SO, INTERVIEW.

LOS ANGELES CONTACT JOHN ORTMANN AND MRS. DERRY ELLISON IF NOT ALREADY DONE. DETERMINE IF THEY KNOW SUBJECT. ASCERTAIN IDENTITIES OF OTHER WORKERS AT WALLACE HEADQUARTERS DURING TIME SUBJECT RESIDED LOS ANGELES AND INTERVIEW. VERIFY THORNTON'S RESIDENCE, EMPLOYMENT, AND EXHIBIT SUBJECT'S PHOTO TO PARENTS, FELLOW EMPLOYEES, AND ANY OTHER ASSOCIATES OF THORNTON'S.

ATLANTA WILL CONTINUE TO ATTEMPT TO CHECK OUT STORY OF WISDOM.

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Date: 5/30/68

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Via TELETYPEURGENT

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)  
 MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
 ATLANTA

FROM: JACKSONVILLE (44-769)

MURKIN CR OO:MEMPHIS

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MAY TWENTY NINE LAST.  
 DAYTONA BEACH, FLA. PD RECORDS REFLECT NOTHING  
 IDENTIFIABLE WITH BOB JONES MENTIONED IN RETEL.

RECORDS, FLORIDA STATE BEVERAGE COMMISSION REVIEWED  
 TODAY FOR ALL VOLUSIA COUNTY BEVERAGE PLACES, MANAGEMENT OR  
 EMPLOYEES AND ONLY POSSIBILITY DETECTED WAS ROBERT LEE JONES,  
 W/M, DOB [REDACTED], WHO WAS  
 FINGERPRINTED BY BEVERAGE COMMISSION, MAY TWENTY FIVE,  
 NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN. THIS ROBERT LEE JONES INTERVIEWED  
 TODAY AND DETERMINED TO BE FULL TIME U. S. POST OFFICE  
 CARRIER FOR SEVENTEEN YEARS, WHO HOLDS PART TIME BARTENDER  
 EMPLOYMENT. ROBERT LEE JONES STATES NO ACQUAINTANCESHIP WITH  
 BILLY WISDOM AND UNABLE TO IDENTIFY PHOTOS JAMES EARL RAY  
 AS PERSON EVER SEEN BY HIM OUTSIDE OF NEWSPAPER PUBLICITY.

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ROBERT LEE JONES HAS NEVER STAYED IN ATLANTA AND U. S. POST  
OFFICE EMPLOYMENT DURING NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN WAS  
UNINTERRUPTED EXCEPT FOR VACATION JUNE - JULY, NINETEEN  
SIXTY SEVEN WHEN ATTENDED POSTAL WORKERS CONVENTION IN FLA.

NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION THIS ASPECT OF CAPTIONED  
MATTER AS INDICATED FROM RETEL.

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Special Agent in Charge

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769)

SUBJ: MURKIN - COST DATA

Re Memphis airtel to Albany, dated 4/19/68, and Jacksonville airtel to Memphis, dated 5/1/68.

Following are cumulative totals (totals shown in re Jacksonville airtel plus totals for May, 1968) requested in re Memphis airtel:

|    |   |                      |                       |              |
|----|---|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| 1. | Man Hours Spent on Case:                      | <u>Regular Hours</u> | <u>Overtime Hours</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|    | A. Special Agent                              | 957                  | 194                   | 1151         |
|    | B. Clerical                                   | 603                  |                       | 603          |
| 2. | BuCar Mileage Estimated                       |                      |                       | 7603         |
| 3. | Unusual Expenses                              |                      |                       | 0            |
| 4. | Peak Number of Special Agents Working on Case |                      |                       | 28           |

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN  
 OO: MEMPHIS

Re Atlanta airtel to the Bureau, dated 5/23/68,  
 captioned "MURKIN."

LOUIS CRISPI, Assistant Manager, Portola District  
 Branch, Bank of America, 2485 San Bruno Avenue, San Francisco,  
 California, on May 28, 1968, advised he recalled opening a  
 checking account for a person using the name S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN  
 on April 22, 1968. He advised the following information was  
 furnished by SCHNEIDERMAN on the signature card for account  
 Number 7-1522:

|                        |                                      |
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| Name                   | S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN                   |
| Social Security Number |                                      |
| Residence              | 245 South Airport<br>(no city shown) |
| Business or Occupation | Electronics technician               |
| Employer               | Equipment Engineers                  |
| Place of Birth         | Chicago, Illinois                    |
| Mother's Maiden Name   | FLORENCE                             |

- 3 - Bureau (RM)
- 2 - Atlanta (RM)
  - (1 - 44-2386)
  - (1 - 26-43489)
- 1 - Chicago (44-1114)(INFO)(AM)(RM)
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- 2 - Los Angeles (44-1574)(Enc. 1)(AM)(RM)
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- 2 - San Francisco (1 - 173-65)(1 - 87-29695)

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 Special Agent in Charge

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CRISPI stated SCHNEIDERMAN opened a checking account on April 22, 1968, with a deposit of \$5 and stated he expected to receive at this branch of the Bank of America a wire of transfer of funds from Chicago, Illinois. He exhibited to CRISPI as means of identification Eastern Airlines Credit Card and Millionaire Club Credit Card. CRISPI stated he did not obtain the numbers of these cards. CRISPI described SCHNEIDERMAN as a white male, 5'7", 130 pounds, dark hair neatly trimmed, neatly dressed, shirt and tie, dark coat, no hat, 25 to 30 years of age. SCHNEIDERMAN indicated he was staying at the Holiday Inn in South San Francisco, California.

Mr. CRISPI advised he had one check dated April 24, 1968, paid to the order of the Holiday Inn in the amount of \$10, signed S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN. On the back of this check was the following identification information:

"Room #108, Eastern Airlines Number 0-350-168M, Illinois DL S536-7934-1248, paid to the order of First Ruskin Bank, MAC-T.D., Inc., D/B/a Holiday Inn, Appolo Beach, Acct # [REDACTED] for deposit only."

Mr. CRISPI advised his file indicates SCHNEIDERMAN passed checks in the amounts listed below and he has no additional data as these checks have been returned:

\$15.00, \$24.32, \$45.22, \$100.00 to National Car Rental;  
\$20.00, \$25.00, \$10.00, \$20.00, \$25.00 to Holiday Inn;  
\$12.55 to Travelodge;  
\$15.00 to Jacksonville Travelodge;  
\$15.00 to Jewish Family Service.

BRUCE LYON, Desk Manager, Holiday Inn, 245 South Airport, South San Francisco, California, on May 28, 1968, advised his records indicate one S. SCHNEIDERMAN checked into this motel on April 20, 1968, and skipped out sometime on April 22, 1968, owing a bill of \$60.48. The registration card gave his residence address as 715 Hope, Los Angeles, California, and firm as Equipment Engineers at 715 Hope, Los Angeles, California, automobile license VRG 245 (California).

Mr. LYON furnished a description of SCHNEIDERMAN which is the same as that furnished by Mr. CRISPI.



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The Department of Motor Vehicles, Sacramento, California, telephonically advised that California license VRG 245 is registered for a 1968 Ford sedan, VIN 8P01C108167, to Consolidated Leasing Corporation, 507 South Flower, Los Angeles, California.

An ITSP investigation has been initiated concerning a \$100 check given to National Car Rental; therefore, leads to further identify checks passed by SCHNEIDERMAN are not being set out.

The city and telephone directories of the San Francisco Bay Area were reviewed without locating any listing for Equipment Engineers.

Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were exhibited to LYON and CRISPI and both advised that although there was some similarity they did not believe SCHNEIDERMAN could be identical with RAY as he was shorter and several years younger.

Enclosed for the assistance of the Los Angeles Office is a xeroxed copy of referenced Atlanta airtel.

LEAD

THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: Conduct appropriate investigation at Consolidated Leasing Corporation, 507 South Flower, concerning possible rental of 1968 Ford bearing California license VRG 245.

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Date: 5/29/68

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(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, LAS VEGAS (157-133) (P)  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN  
 OO: Memphis

Re Jacksonville airtel to the Bureau dated 5/22/68, regarding alleged offer of \$100,000.00 by White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (WKKKK), Jackson, Mississippi, to anyone who kills MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Enclosed for Little Rock is one copy each of Dallas airtel to the Bureau, 6/6/67; Kansas City airtel to the Bureau, 7/21/67; Dallas airtel to the Bureau, 5/1/68, and Jacksonville airtel to the Bureau, 5/22/68, which are background information.

On 5/27/68, EDWARD J. PRESTON, 1565 Sharon Way, Reno, Nevada, advised SA NORMAN M. STONE he is a partner in Safety Auto Control, Inc., which recently moved to 855 Marrietta Way, Sparks, Nevada. He said DONALD JAMES NISSEN, is unknown to him and has never been employed by that company which has only been in existence about one year.

PRESTON states his company manufactures an auto safety product which is sold nationally. He said his company does not handle any of the sales of this product, noting all sales are handled exclusively by Allstate Safety Control, Inc., Room 201, Tanglewood Office Building, 7509 Cantrell Road, Little Rock Arkansas. He said if NISSEN was selling this auto safety part, he would be employed by Allstate Safety Control, Inc. He suggested ROBERT SPEARS, manager, of that company be contacted.

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LEAD:

LITTLE ROCK

AT LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

Contact ROBERT SPEARS, Manager, Allstate Safety Control, Inc., Tanglewood Office Building, Room 201, 7509 Cantrell Road, in an effort to locate DONALD JAMES NISSEN.

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Date: 5/31/68

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN  
 OO: Memphis

Re Atlanta airtel to the Bureau dated 5/23/68,  
 and San Francisco airtel to the Bureau dated 5/29/68.

The following investigation was conducted by  
 SA WILLIAM N. HEARD and SA JAMES R. PACE:

On 5/31/68, Mr. EDWARD MANLEY, Night Manager, National Car Rentals, a subsidiary of Consolidated Leasing Corporation, 507 South Flower, Los Angeles, California, advised that he personally rented a 1968 light green Mustang, California License Number VRG 245, to a SAMUEL M. SCHNEIDERMAN, 6535 North Richmond, Chicago, Illinois, on the night of 4/18/68. He vividly recalls SCHNEIDERMAN because due to a lack of a driver's license, MANLEY believed SCHNEIDERMAN to be a bad risk. On receiving an approval to rent the car from a superior, he rented the car to

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SCHNEIDERMAN whom he described as a White male in early thirties, 5'8-5'9", 140 to 150 pounds, slender build, and wearing glasses, probably prescription type. He was provided a group of assorted pictures containing a photo of JAMES EARL RAY, and he stated that none of the photos was identical with SCHNEIDERMAN. SCHNEIDERMAN provided a local address of the Holiday Inn, Olympic and Figueroa, Los Angeles, California.

Mr. GENE BERRY, Manager, Holiday Inn, 1020 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, California, advised on 5/31/68 that a SAMUEL S. SCHNEIDERMAN was a guest at their motel from 1:58 AM, 4/10/68, until his room was found vacant on 4/21/68. SCHNEIDERMAN left owing a \$105.98 motel bill. He described SCHNEIDERMAN as being a white male, age 40, 5'6" to 5'7", 140 to 150 pounds, slender face and with black curly hair. The motel had no record of a car. He was provided a group of assorted pictures containing a photo of JAMES EARL RAY and he stated that none of the photos was identical with SCHNEIDERMAN. Miss MARGE POTTS, who had seen SCHNEIDERMAN several times on desk clerk business, advised that none of above photos was identical with SCHNEIDERMAN.

The address - 715 South Hope Street, Los Angeles, California - is the address of the YMCA.

The Los Angeles Office is opening an ITSP case inasmuch as individual identifying himself as SCHNEIDERMAN passed at least two out of state checks in Los Angeles.

No further investigation is being conducted by the Los Angeles Office in this phase of MURKIN.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-769)

DATE: 5/29/68

FROM : IC R. EUGENE HERRING

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Memphis routing slip to Jacksonville dated 5/16/68.

Stop re 1966 Mustang, VIN 6T07C190647, cancelled from files of Department of Motor Vehicle, Tallahassee, Fla. this date by the writer.

Stop card destroyed.



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AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, SAVANNAH (44-1768)  
FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769)  
RE: MURKIN

Re Savannah airtel to Jacksonville 5/23/68.

RE: CHEVROLET PICKUP TRUCK BEARING SIGN ON  
DOOR "TANNER'S SURVEY" COMPANY.

On 5/29/68, JACKIE THOMAS, Title Clerk, Department of Motor Vehicle, Tallahassee, Fla., advised IC R. EUGENE HERRING that she was unable to locate a record in her files of any vehicle being titled in the State of Florida to Tanner's Survey. She advised that she would be unable to determine whether or not a Florida license plate has been issued to Tanner's Survey inasmuch as DMV registration files are maintained by license number and therefore, unable to check registration records by name.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-769)

DATE: 5/29/68

FROM : IC R. EUGENE HERRING

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Savannah airtel to Jacksonville dated 5/23/68.

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SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769)

5/27/68

SA ROBERT W. CLARK

MURKIN  
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On 5/27/68, a second conference was held with Major E.W. KEITH, Captain A.E. REDDICK, Mrs. ELLEN HARRISON, and Mrs. CAROLYN MARTIN of the Department of Public Safety, Drivers License Division, Tallahassee, Florida.

Major KEITH advised that their best estimate as to the cost to pull approximately 60,000 Florida Drivers Licenses would be around \$3,000. Major KEITH pointed out this figure has dropped from 150,000 to 60,000 inasmuch as they feel that some of the drivers licenses for May they may be able to catch before they are filed. Major KEITH feels it would take five girls working from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM each night for about thirty days. He estimated that it would take five FBI personnel about forty days to complete the project as he feels that a person could not examine more than twenty an hour.

Captain REDDICK pointed out that the applications are filed with the drivers licenses and this application contains additional information such as the license tag and where the person was previously licensed to drive.

If a person files application and does not follow through with the test, this application is kept for thirty days at the Examining Station after which it is destroyed.

Captain REDDICK advised he did not feel it would be possible to check these drivers licenses at the County Judge's Office level as the application will be filed with the Drivers License Bureau in Tallahassee and not in the Judge's Office. Captain REDDICK also pointed out that his experience has been that a lot of the County Judges Offices have not kept good records as to the filing of these drivers licenses and in many cases he has found where they are several months in arrears with their filing.

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It should be pointed out that all of the licensees for the month of April will be in file at Tallahassee in the next few days, but those for May will not be complete until around the end of June.

Major KEITH advised that they would appreciate an early answer one way or the other as to the carrying out of this project as they will have to lay a lot of ground work in making this project possible. He pointed out that they will have to take the 3,000 DL 16 Forms and make up 15,000 receipts just to start the searches. Secondly, he pointed out that they have now placed stops with all the applications that are coming in for May.