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ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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Leslie Allen Achter, Missouri Division of Corrections #24045, was interviewed at the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP), Jefferson City, Missouri, on May 20, 1976, in response to a letter he directed to FBI Director Clarence M. Kelley at Washington, D.C., on May 11, 1976. Achter's letter reads as follows:

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Achter had previously volunteered information about James Earl Ray in an interview with the FBI in the matter captioned "WARDEN DONALD W. WYRICK, Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri; LESLIE ALLEN ACHTER - VICTIM; CIVIL RIGHTS", as reported in memorandum dated May 14, 1976. In that interview, Achter advised that he was basing the information he offered on reading of reports in the news media on Ray's case, and he had no specific information to offer.

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A review of Achter's file at the MSP on May 20, 1976 revealed the following information:

He has FBI #216 783 C and is a white male, born [redacted], and he is currently serving a 29-year sentence from Mississippi County, Missouri. He previously had committments to the MSP as follows:

<u>Date Received</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Release</u>
March 30, 1956	Burglary & Larceny	June 21, 1957, paroled
October 2, 1957	Parole Violation	May 22, 1958, discharged
June 10, 1959	Assault With Intent to Kill	May 14, 1962, escaped
May 28, 1962	Returned from Escape	January 10, 1966, discharged
January 11, 1966	Began sentence for escape charge	June 28, 1966, paroled
January 13, 1967	Parole Violation	June 1, 1967, discharged
December 13, 1968	Manslaughter	September 10, 1971, discharged

Achter was taken out of the MSP on a court order to testify in U.S. District Court, Central Division, Western District of Missouri, on April 29, 1976, in civil actions #75CV2-C and 76CV36-C, captioned, "LESLIE ALLEN ACHTER, Plaintiff, vs. BILL ARMONTROUT, Associate Warden, MSP, et al, Defendants".

Lt. Golden of the MSP, reported on October 23, 1974 that Achter "is never satisfied unless he has something going on all the time...always agitating other inmates, and generally trying to cause havoc."

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

There is also correspondence in his file involving answers by the Division of Corrections of Missouri to Senator Thomas Eagleton of Missouri in response to inquiries prompted by letters Senator Eagleton received from Achter.

A Psychological Evaluation dated June 2, 1975 in Achter's file by James B. Gross, M.A., Clinical Psychologist III, includes the following information:

"...Achter admitted that he spends a great deal of time thinking about just how he would conduct the legal defense of James Earl Ray: 'I don't believe I would have any sweat whatsoever, easiest case I have ever seen.' Asked if this case might make him famous, inmate replied with great feeling: ' (obscene) ', yes, that would be THE publicity case of the world---that would be a big step in history; I've laid out a number of allegations, I've had the FBI here."

Gross noted in his report that Achter claims to be "legal-educated", but actually has had no formal legal training whatsoever, and his evaluation was: "Impression: Schizophrenia, paranoid type."

On Interview on May 20, 1976, Achter stated that he remains interested in the James Earl Ray case, and his interest has been stirred by recent news articles about Ray. He noted that Newsweek magazine had an article recently indicating that Ray was a "dope pusher" in the MSP while an inmate, and he asserted that he knew Ray and knew that he was not a "dope pusher" and never had any money as indicated by the article. He said he recalls Ray ran a few "parlay tickets" on a "penny-ante" scale. He asserted that one Joe Maloney, a newspaper reporter for a newspaper in Kansas City, Missouri, formerly an inmate in the MSP and editor of the inmate newspaper, was never associated with Ray and had no basis for any information he wrote in a recent article he had published in the newspaper on Ray. Achter volunteered that it is his theory that Ray, as a con, would never have pulled the trigger on Martin Luther King and then left the rifle where it would be found and his radio, bearing his inmate register number at the MSP, where it could be found, at the scene. He stated that he has no information as to what actually happened and no information that anyone employed at the MSP was involved in assisting Ray's escape at the MSP. He offered that a former inmate at the MSP named Joe Hedgewood,

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who was an inmate in 1967, later was hired by the MSP as a guard, but is now back inside the MSP as a convict after another conviction, and he thought it strange that he would be hired as a guard. He theorized that maybe Hedgewood "had something on" the staff at the MSP, which led them to hire him, but he had no information that Hedgewood was connected with James Earl Ray or that Hedgewood had any information about Ray's escape.

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WILLIAM B. SIMPONIS

On December 3, 1976, Bill Walinow, Federal Records Center, Kansas City, Missouri, made available for review file pertaining to William B. Simponis, Medical Center for Federal Prisoners (MCFP), Springfield, Missouri #P-827-II.

Simponis was sentenced August 12, 1966, in District of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah, for violation of the National Motor Vehicle Transportation Act. He was convicted under Section 4246, Title 18, U.S. Code, having been found incompetent to stand trial. He was committed to the MCFP August 21, 1966, and released January 27, 1968, to return to court and again committed to MCFP March 2, 1968. Simponis died at 12:10 a.m., July 14, 1968, cause of death acute respiratory illness.

File disclosed Simponis was incarcerated at Salt Lake County Jail, Salt Lake City, Utah, July 26, 1966-August 19, 1966, and again on January 29, 1968.

The file further disclosed on March 2, 1968, Simponis requested to correspond with one Freddie Martinez, Route 1, Box 403, Orchard Park, Canon City, Colorado, and also on March 25, 1968, requested to correspond with one Jimmie W. Ray, 492 Clarice Drive, Memphis, Tennessee. Both were approved, however, the file contained no correspondence.

On April 1, 1969, one Jimmie W. Ray, P.O. Box 6, Olive Branch, Mississippi, made inquiry through MCFP re William B. Simponis. Ray was advised on April 3, 1969, of Simponis' death.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
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Sacramento, California

December 15, 1976

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On December 2, 1976, Alfred William Martinez, 807 Green Wood Street, West Sacramento, California, telephone 372-0780, telephonically contacted the Sacramento FBI office and furnished information which he considered might be pertinent to the investigation of the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

On December 7, 1976, Martinez was interviewed at 1401 11th Avenue, Sacramento, California, where he was employed on that date. Results of that interview are set forth:

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MARTINEZ advised he was in the Salt Lake County Jail, Salt Lake City, Utah, for two and a half to three months. He advised that he was in this jail sometime during the latter part of 1966 or early 1967.

MARTINEZ advised that during this incarceration he became friendly with an individual named WILLIAM SIMPONIS. He advised that SIMPONIS would be about 60 years old. He believes that SIMPONIS was in jail on a robbery charge. SIMPONIS was ill with emphysema; and had been sent to Salt Lake County Jail to be tried on a charge. SIMPONIS came to Salt Lake County Jail from the Federal Prison Facility at Springfield, Missouri.

At SIMPONIS' request, MARTINEZ wrote several letters for him. MARTINEZ advised that he wrote approximately three letters a week during the period he was incarcerated to an individual identified both as JAMES RAY and EARL RAY by SIMPONIS. MARTINEZ advised he mailed these letters to Memphis, Tennessee, but that he could not remember the address. MARTINEZ advised that he bought the stamps and envelopes for these letters and also such things as candy bars for SIMPONIS. MARTINEZ estimates that he spent approximately \$30.00 on these items for SIMPONIS.

MARTINEZ advised that he had kept a shoe box full of letters that he had received from RAY and some personal items which belonged to SIMPONIS. MARTINEZ advised two of these letters were addressed to him and the rest to SIMPONIS. He advised he lost these items four or five years ago and has not been able to locate them.

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by SA BOYD R. L. KEENAN/cw 2 Date dictated 12/10/76

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MARTINEZ advised that the contents of the letters he wrote usually consisted of information about when SIMPONIS was going to get out of jail, and how the two of them would get together. MARTINEZ cannot think of any other topics about which he wrote.

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MARTINEZ advised that when he got out of jail, SIMPONIS gave him three letters written by SIMPONIS to be mailed to RAY. MARTINEZ advised that these were sealed, and that he did not read the contents, but that he did send them. MARTINEZ advised he was to maintain contact with SIMPONIS, who would advise him to go to Memphis at a specific time, and that SIMPONIS would have mailed a picture of MARTINEZ to RAY for purposes of identification. When this occurred, RAY was to meet MARTINEZ at the Memphis Airport on a designated date. MARTINEZ advised he never contacted SIMPONIS after he got out of jail in Salt Lake City. MARTINEZ advised that a short time after his release from Salt Lake County Jail, he was arrested for burglary in Canyon City, Colorado, and sent to the Colorado State Prison from May 28, 1967, until the latter part of 1967.

MARTINEZ further advised he wrote letters for SIMPONIS to other individuals. He identified these individuals as follows:

JEANETTE SCOTT, Girlfriend of SIMPONIS
Pioneer Hotel
342 5th Street
Elko, Nevada

(MARTINEZ seemed to recollect SCOTT was part owner of this hotel and was supposed to have a large collection of guns);

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LILLIAN SCHURTER
1274 West Street
Possibly Elko, Nevada
Telephone: TE3-7226;

KALIOPE SOLIATES
1026 West 20th
Possibly Elko, Nevada
Telephone: TE3-3617;

NICK SIMPONIS
Gardena, California
Telephone: 434-8747

(Brother of WILLIAM SIMPONIS, street address
unknown).

MARTINEZ advised that he does not know if the
individual referred to as JAMES RAY or EARL RAY is identical
to JAMES EARL RAY convicted in the murder of MARTIN LUTHER
KING, JR.

The following is a description of ALFRED WILLIAM
MARTINEZ as obtained through observation and interview:

Race	Mexican
Sex	Male
Height	5'9"
Weight	150
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Date of birth	
Place of birth	Canyon City, Colorado
FBI	83901G
SSAN	
Address	807 Green Wood Street West Sacramento, California
Previous address	3427 40th Street Sacramento, California 1651 Illinois Avenue Canyon City, Colorado

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Mother

ROSE MARTINEZ

1651 Illinois Avenue

Canyon City, Colorado

Employment

Delk-Terminex Company

Arden and Fulton Avenue

Sacramento, California

MARTINEZ is currently on probation for drunk
driving.

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Date: 12/16/76

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TC: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (100-427) (RUC)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN ✓

Re Sacramento teletype dated 12/9/76.

Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies of an LHM regarding contacts of the Sacramento FBI office with one ALFRED WILLIAM MARTINEZ, DOB

Enclosed for other offices is one copy of this LHM.

This matter is being considered RUC as no further leads exist in Sacramento Division.

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CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT.

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS.

REBUTEL TO ALL SAC'S 1/5/77.

REVIEW KANSAS CITY FILES ON KENNEDY ASSASSINATION
REFLECTS FOLLOWING FILES:

1. (A) KC 62-8156. (B) THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, 11/22/63; MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION
CONCERNING. (C) THIS FILE OPENED 11/22/63 BY BUTEL TO ALL
SAC'S 11/22/63 CAPTIONED AS ABOVE. LAST COMMUNICATION -
KANSAS CITY TELETYPE TO BUREAU 11/5/76 SETTING FORTH INFOR-
MATION DEVELOPED BY SA JAMES P. HOSTY, JR. FROM "WASHINGTON
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INFORMATION. NO TAPED OR ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE LOGS AND/OR TRANSCRIPTS. FIVE 1-A EXHIBITS INCLUDING NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS, ANONYMOUS LETTERS AND PHOTOS OF MISCELLANEOUS INDIVIDUALS. NO SUB FILES IN THIS MATTER. THIS FILE HAS BEEN STRIPPED AND CONSOLIDATED. ALL SERIALS ACCOUNTED FOR.

2. (A) KC 105-1736. (B) CAPTIONED "LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA. IS-R-CU". (C) FILE OPENED 12/1/63 ON BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL OFFICES 11/30/63 CAPTIONED AS ABOVE. FILE PRINCIPALLY CONSISTS OF LEADS SET OUT BY DALLAS REQUESTING LOCATION AND INTERVIEW OF ACQUAINTANCES OF OSWALD AND INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE IN MEXICO CITY, MEX. DURING PERTINENT PERIOD. FILE SETS FORTH NEGATIVE INVESTIGATION WICHITA, KS. TO IDENTIFY SALES MEETING AT TOWNHOUSE IN CONNECTION WITH INFORMATION DEVELOPED IN WINNIPEG, CANADA, FEB. 1964. LAST INVESTIGATION WAS INTERVIEW 10/9/64 OF FORMER CLERK-STENO OF WARREN COMMISSION IN CONNECTION WITH INVESTIGATION LEAKS FROM WARREN COMMISSION. NO TAPED OR ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE LOGS OR TRANSCRIPTS. NO BULKY EXHIBITS. 1-A EXHIBIT REFLECTS PHOTOS OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD 11/23/63 AND PHOTO OF JOHN HOWARD BOWEN AND ALBERT OSBORNE, WHO POSSIBLY TRAVELED ON BUS TO MEXICO CITY WITH

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OSWALD. 1-A ENVELOPES REFLECT FIVE U.S. POSTAL MONEY ORDERS FURNISHED BY OSWALD PRIOR TO ASSASSINATION PAYABLE TO U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT AND U.S. TREASURY, FURNISHED TO KANSAS CITY OFFICE 12/3/63, RETURNED TO CONTRIBUTOR U.S. POST OFFICE MONEY ORDER SECTION 1/21/64. FILE CONSISTS OF 3 VOLUMES CONTAINING 94 SERIALS WHICH HAS NOT BEEN STRIPPED OR CONSOLIDATED. ALL SERIALS ACCOUNTED FOR.

3. (A) MARINA N. OSWALD. IS-R (SOBIR). CAREFUL SEARCH OF KANSAS CITY FILES AND INDICES FAILS TO REFLECT FILE OR REFERENCE UNDER NAME MARINA N. OSWALD.

4. (A) KC 44-497. (B) JACK L. RUBY, AKA; LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA - VICTIM. CR. (C) FILE OPENED 11/25/63 BY BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL OFFICES 11/25/63 CAPTIONED AS ABOVE. FILE CONTAINED NO TAPED OR ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE LOGS OR TRANSCRIPTS. NO BULKY EXHIBITS. 1-A CONTAINED TWO PHOTOS, ONE STAND UP, ONE FRONT AND PROFILE OF JACK L. RUBY TAKEN 11/24/63. FILE CONTAINS MOSTLY COMMUNICATIONS FROM DALLAS OR BUREAU SETTING FORTH LEADS TO INTERVIEW INDIVIDUALS ACQUAINTED WITH RUBY AS WELL AS OTHER BUREAU COMMUNICATIONS