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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20537

TO: **SAC, KNOXVILLE (44-696)**

Date **5-18-68**

Your inquiry **5-18-68**

MURKIN

- ☒ Attached furnished in reply to your inquiry.
- ☐ Attached furnished in compliance with request from
- ☐ Only record available attached.
- ☐ This matter is receiving attention and you will be advised at an early date.
- ☐ Supplementing FBI Laboratory report dated
- ☐ Records FBI #
are furnished since there is a possibility that one may pertain to the subject in whom you are interested.
- ☐ Fingerprint files fail to disclose
- ☐ Confirming FBI wire of
- ☐ A wanted notice has not been placed as subject appears to be in custody.
- ☐ When you no longer desire your notice maintained, please advise.
- ☐ If you determine subject to be in custody, please advise so that your notice may be canceled.
- ☐ Subject of your inquiry searched in name indices only. Enclosed record(s) possibly identical. If identical, resubmit request and wanted (or flash) notice will be placed.
- ☐ If it is determined that the subject of this record is not the individual in whom you are interested, please advise.
- ☐ Your communication is returned.
- ☐

☒ Enc. **2**
☐ Copy to:

44-696-327
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Flinn JH
John Edgar Hoover
Director
with photo

Knoxville, Tennessee
April 18, 1968

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, aka.,
Eric Starvo Galt,
Harvey Lowmeyer,
John Willard;
MARTIN LUTHER KING -
VICTIM;
CIVIL RIGHTS

Captain Wilborn A. Ray, Instructor, Army ROTC, East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, Tennessee, advised that in about September, 1966, while stationed at Fort Eustis, Virginia, he and Army Major Henry McAden, a Negro now in Vietnam, were discussing racial problems when Dr. Martin Luther King's name came up. Ray continued he told McAden if Dr. King ever appeared in Memphis, Tennessee, he would be murdered. Captain Ray stated that he further told Major McAden that Dr. King would be shot while standing on a motel balcony, away from his friends, either looking over the area or praying. He said that he also told Major McAden that Dr. King's assassin would be aiming at his head but would hit him in the throat or high in the chest.

Captain Ray explained that later in either January or February, 1967, he and Major McAden were drinking in a club at Fort Eustis when McAden again brought up the subject of Dr. King's possible murder in Memphis, Tennessee. He stated that Major McAden asked him if he knew who would shoot Dr. King. He said that he replied that the man who would assassinate Dr. King was Eric Starvo Galt.

Ray stated he cannot explain why he was able to come forth with the above information and especially the name Eric Starvo Galt since he never knew anyone by

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John Willard;
MARTIN LUTHER KING -
VICTIM

that name, in fact, had never heard the name until after the assassination of Dr. King. He said, however, in the past on several occasions he had been able to predict future events.

Captain Ray requested that the information furnished in this matter be kept confidential since he is aware that it makes him appear a mental case, but he wants the information a matter of record since he feels that when Major McAden receives the details of Dr. King's death, he will recall their previous conversation concerning Dr. King's assassination in Memphis and will report it to military authorities.

On April 17, 1968, Agent Jerry Thurlow, Military Intelligence, Johnson City, Tennessee, advised that Captain Wilborn A. Ray, ROTC Instructor, East Tennessee State University, has an above average IQ, an excellent Army record, and is considered an above average instructor at East Tennessee State University. Thurlow added that Colonel Richard Krueger, Captain Ray's Commanding Officer at East Tennessee State University, has advised that at the time of Dr. King's death in Memphis, Tennessee, he and Captain Ray with other members of a bowling team were bowling in Johnson City, Tennessee.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-696)
ATT: SA FLEMING

FROM : SA STANFORD E. WIDENER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/7/68

Re S.F. airtel to Director dated 5/3/68.

A death notice in the Press-Chronicle, Johnson City, Tennessee, dated 2/2/68, reflected the death of JEAN ELITE R. CRITTENDON, 502 Lee Circle, Johnson City, Tennessee, on 2/1/68. Relatives were listed as two daughters, MRS. BETTY NICHOLS, Placentia, California, and MRS. SUE ELLEP, Elizabethton, Tennessee; two sisters, MRS. ASTRA LARGETT, Halls, Tennessee, and MRS. VIOLET SCOTT, Memphis, Tennessee; and, two brothers, GEORGE RINGER and DARRELL RINGER, both Memphis, Tennessee.

On 5/7/68, Mrs. SUE ELLEP, 516 Washington Street, Elizabethton, Tennessee, advised that her mother, JEANNETTE CRITTENDON, Johnson City, Tennessee, died 2/1/68. She stated that her sister, BETTY NICHOLS, Placentia, California, arrived at Johnson City, Tennessee, about two days prior to her mother's death and remained until her husband, HAROLD NICHOLS, came for her.

Mrs. ELLEP stated that from her telephone bill she can state that HAROLD NICHOLS telephoned to Elizabethton, Tennessee, from Midland, Texas, on the night of 2/24/68; from Meridian, Miss., night of 2/25/68; and, from Morristown, Tennessee, on the night of 2/27/68.

She continued that NICHOLS and his wife and son left Elizabethton, Tennessee, either 2/29/68, or 3/1/68, enroute to their home in California. She stated that in about one week she received a letter from her sister stating that they had arrived home, in Placentia, California, on either Tuesday, 3/5/68, or Wednesday, 3/6/68, and she cannot remember just which date the letter indicated.

She added that she has the following relatives residing in Memphis, Tennessee, but does not know if her sister and NICHOLS visited there enroute home: Uncles, GEORGE RINGER, 1905 Central Avenue and JACK RINGER, 1783 Migon Street; and, an aunt, VIOLET SCOTT, 233 North Willet. He added that another aunt, ASTRA LARGETT, resides at Halls, Tennessee.

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Fleming



5010-108

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (137-2541)

DATE: 5/22/68

FROM : SA ROBERT B. STROM

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: THOMAS NELSON CLEVINGER
PCI

Dates of Contact			
5/14 and 5/15/68			
Titles and File #s on which contacted			
55-0 Informant advised that JIMMY LETHCO is still considered the key man at Newport, Tenn. in the distribution of counterfeit money which was manufactured there. He stated that he understands LETHCO still has a large quantity of the counterfeit money but has made no effort to disperse of it recently because "the heats been on." Informant has not seen JACK			
Purpose and results of contact			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE	PRICE, Hot Springs, N. C. hoodlum, recently, but stated that he is in contact with FRANK PLUMMER, Newport hoodlum. On 5/14/68, informant was requested to contact PLUMMER in an effort to obtain information re PLUMMER's and PRICE's knowledge of criminal activities in the Morristown area. On 5/15/68, informant stated he had attempted to contact PLUMMER but determined that he was in North Carolina on a roofing job. PLUMMER is still engaged in the roofing business with his brother.		
<input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE			
<input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC			
On the above dates, informant was contacted in connection with the following investigative matters with negative results:			
44-696 (MURKIN)	91-2637	91-2646	Informant advised that
55-0	91-2641	91-2647	he may have to return
87-6730	91-2644	91-2654	to the hospital for
91-2635			additional surgery in
3-4 weeks as his recovery has not been good. Because of his health, his activities have been curtailed.			
* Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.		Rating	Coverage
		Very good	No change
1 - 137-2541	1 - 87-6730	1 - 91-2641	1 - 91-2647
① - 44-696	1 - 91-2635	1 - 91-2644	1 - 91-2654
1 - 55-0	1 - 91-2637	1 - 91-2646	RBS/clf
(11) 44-696-329			

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Knoxville (44-696)

FROM : SA Kenneth G. Pollard

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/21/68

EUGENE McGOVERN, Chief of Police, Chattanooga, Tennessee, on May 21, 1968, advised that Officer FLECKNER LITTLE had answered a call at the Holliday Inn South during the night of May 20-21, 1968, concerning the theft of hub caps from a car being driven by one ELWOOD REED of room 153. The Oldsmobile driven by REED had Florida license 6W 36610 and apparently someone had stolen the hubcaps.

In making his report, Officer LITTLE indicated he thought the man he talked with at the Holliday Inn resembled JAMES EARL RAY.

~~ELWOOD BURNHAM REED~~ was contacted by SAs Kenneth G. Pollard and George C. Welborn on May 21, 1968 at which time it was determined he is a resident of Box 111, Seal Harbor Maine. He is a white male, DOB, [REDACTED], 5'9" in height and weighing 175 pounds. His primary class is 28 W 16 W.

He is not identical with the subject RAY.

RGP

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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☒ **Radio**

☐ **Teletype**

URGENT
5/22/68

TO ALL FIELD DIVISIONS
FROM DIRECTOR

MURKIN. INASMUCH AS RAY IS KNOWN TO STAY AT "FLOPHOUSES" AND LOWER CLASS ROOMING HOUSES, ALL OFFICES WILL FURNISH COPY OF IDENTIFICATION ORDER REGARDING RAY TO SALVATION ARMY AND OTHER CHARITABLE TYPE MISSIONS.

ALL OFFICES COVERING STATE CAPITALS, IF NOT ALREADY DONE, WILL AT DRIVERS LICENSE BUREAUS CHECK ALL DRIVERS LICENSE APPLICATIONS FOR MONTHS OF APRIL AND MAY, '68, CONCERNING ALL MALE CAUCASIANS OVER 30 YEARS OF AGE AND UNDER 55 YEARS, IN VIEW OF FACT IT IS POSSIBLE SUBJECT SECURED DRIVERS LICENSE USING ANOTHER NAME OTHER THAN KNOWN ALIASES. AS RESULT OF REVIEWING THESE APPLICATIONS, YOU SHOULD CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE, IF ANY SUCH INDIVIDUAL IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

See me re implementation
W

44-696-331

Thomson

If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

5/22/68

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, KNOXVILLE (44-696)
MURKIN

Re Los Angeles teletype to Director 5/18/68 and Knoxville telephone to Director 5/20/68, air mail copies to Memphis and Los Angeles.

Referenced Los Angeles teletype sets out information received from LEAMONT ANDERSON WHITE to effect that BOB and/or FRANK BRICKLEY made calls from his residence to the following telephone numbers Knoxville, Tennessee 524-1315; Sweetwater, Tennessee 337-7775; Chattanooga, Tennessee 622-9067.

Results of Chattanooga telephone number set out in referenced Knoxville teletype.

A review of the Knoxville City Directory disclosed that Knoxville telephone number 524-1315 is listed for CLARENCE T. HAMILTON, Jr., Route 6.

Mrs. CLARENCE T. HAMILTON, Jr. was contacted by SA JOE H. ROBERTS on 5/18/68 at which time she advised that she is not acquainted with FRANK BRICKLEY or BOB BRICKLEY and cannot recall having received any call from either of them.

On 5/20/68, investigation at Sweetwater, Tenn. shows telephone number 337-7775 registered to CALLIE CATHUY,

- 3 - Bureau
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 2 - Los Angeles (44-1574)
- ② - Knoxville

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1110 Wright Street, Sweetwater, Tennessee and this registration has been in effect for 12 years. Mr. and Mrs. CATHUY are in their late 60's and he is a retired TVA employee. Their home is a private residence and is not a rooming house.

UAC, no further investigation at Knoxville being conducted re these phone calls.

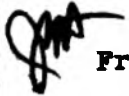
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Date: **May 21, 1968**

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via **Airtel** _____
(Priority)

To: All SACs
LEGATS, Mexico City
Ottawa

 From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

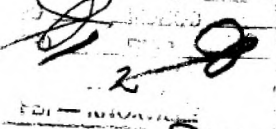
For your information and investigative assistance, subject James Earl Ray has been known to consort with prostitutes and "street bums." A photograph of subject was obtained from a prostitute in Mexico. This photograph showing subject wearing sunglasses was previously forwarded to your office.

This should be borne in mind in your daily contact with informants, officers of vice squads and prostitutes in covering leads in connection with this and other cases.

Armed and dangerous.

Sent Via _____ M Per _____

44-696-333



QEFBI KNOXVLE

FBI CHICAGO

449PM URGENT 5/22/68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), KNOXVILLE (44-696), MEMPHIS (44-1987)
ATLANTA (44-2386) AND MOBILE (157-2627)
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 2P

MURKIN.

RE PERSONAL REVIEW OF TICKETS FOR UAL FLIGHTS FROM ATLANTA
APRIL FIVE TO TWELVE LAST.

ALL UAL FLIGHTS FROM ATLANTA ABOVE DATES COMPLETED.
FOLLOWING ARE ONLY TWO POSSIBILITIES DEVELOPED.

EAL TICKET NUMBER ZERO ZERO SEVEN TWO EIGHT THREE ZERO
EIGHT TWO NINE FIVE TWO ISSUED APRIL EIGHT LAST PASSENGER
JAMES C. GALT. TRAVELED ON APRIL TEN EAL FLIGHT SIX ZERO
ZERO CHATTANOOGA TO ATLANTA. LEAVE ATLANTA VIA UAL FLIGHT
SIX NINE SIX A SAME DATE. TICKET PURCHASED TENNESSEE VALLEY
TOUR AGENCY, INC., CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE.

EAL TICKET NUMBER ZERO ZERO SEVEN FOUR ONE ONE TWO FIVE
THREE FOUR EIGHT NINE FOR TRAVEL MOBILE TO ATLANTA APRIL
EIGHT LAST UAL FLIGHT THREE SIX ZERO. LEAVE ATLANTA SAME DATE
UAL FLIGHT SEVEN NINE SIX. OTHER TRAVEL LISTED ALSO OUT OF
END PAGE ONE

44-696-334
JLS
H. L. H. L.

PAGE TWO CG 44-1114

ATLANTA APRIL EIGHT LAST EAL FLIGHT ONE ZERO THREE DESTINATION
MOBILE PASSENGER MR. J. D. O'CONNOR, EAL MOBILE. UNDER FORM
OF PAYMENT APPEARS NUMBER N NINE TWO FOUR FOUR FIVE ZERO THREE.

AT CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE AND MOBILE, ALABAMA, IDENTIFY
AND ELIMINATE PURCHASERS OF FOREMENTIONED TICKETS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

BPW

FBI KNOXVLE

F B I

Date: 5/22/68

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 AND MEMPHIS 44-1987 AIR MAIL (CHICAGO,
ATLANTA AND MOBILE.)
FROM KNOXVILLE 44-696
MURKIN.

RE CHICAGO TEL TO DIRECTOR, KNOXVILLE, MEMPHIS AND MOBILE, MAY
TWENTYTWO INSTANT, RE REVIEW OF TICKETS FOR UAL FLIGHTS FROM
ATLANTA APRIL FIVE TO TWELVE LAST. REFERENCE IS ALSO MADE TO
TO KNOXVILLE TEL TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, ATLANTA AND CHARLOTTE
MAY NINE LAST REGARDING EAL FLIGHT FROM ATLANTA APRIL FIVE TO
APRIL TWELVE LAST.

RESERVATION SET FORTH IN REFERENCED CHICAGO TEL PREVIOUSLY
INVESTIGATED AND ELIMINATED. RESULTS SET FORTH IN REFERENCED
KNOXVILLE TELETYPE.

END

GCW/RAY

1. Chicago ✓
1. ATLANTA ✓
1. Mobile ✓

Fleming
Walton *haw*

Approved: WE/RG
Special Agent in Charge

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Re-702 P
Sent PM Per P

44-696-335

7161295

Bradwater, Beach
23-12L
MUNICIPAL AIRPORT
GULFPORT, MISS.
601-864-7182

(1) STATION

(47)

(2) CAR NUMBER

246

(3) CAR LICENSE NO.

(4) STATE

Miss

(2A) CAR MAKE

Pont

(5) OWNING CITY

Gulfport

RENTAL WILL BE PAID BY

☒ C/D

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☐

James E Ray

MILEAGE DETERMINED BY READING
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(7) IDENTIFICATION

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(8) CAR WILL BE RETURNED TO

(9) CAR WILL BE RETURNED ON

(10) UNEXPIRED

DRIVER'S LICENSE

PRESENTED

(11) LOCAL CONTACT/

ADDITIONAL INFO

(12) I HAVE READ THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS ON BOTH SIDES OF THIS RENTAL AGREEMENT AND AGREE THERETO

(13)

(14) CORRECTED BILLING NAME AND ADDRESS

(15) METHOD

OF

PAYMENT

(16) AMOUNT DUE (U.S.\$)

(17) REFUND REC'D

(18) OUT BY (NO.)

(19) IN BY (NO.)

(20) CHECK IN STATION (NO.)

(21) RENTAL AGREEMENT NO.

(22) THIS NUMBER MUST APPEAR ON ALL

CORRESPONDENCE AND REMITTANCES

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CONTROL COPY

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Brookhaven Road 23-12L
MUNICIPAL AIRPORT
GULFPORT, MISS.
601-864-7182

(1) STATION

MILEAGE DETERMINED BY READING
FACTORY INSTALLED ODOMETER

(16) TIME USED

39 miles only

(47)

(2) CAR NUMBER

940

(3) CAR LICENSE NO.

R-2303C

(4) STATE

Miss

(2A) CAR MAKE

Camaro

(5) OWNING CITY

Gulfport

RENTAL WILL BE PAID BY

500

☒

C41 113 637 7

☐James E. Ray
A sum charge of cost
246 (balance of cost
trouble)

(7) IDENTIFICATION

CENTRAL BILLING

AVIS

AMEV

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CB

ATC

OTHER

(9) CAR WILL BE RETURNED AT

2-1-67

(8) CAR WILL BE RETURNED TO

J. E. Ray

(10) UNEXPIRED DRIVER'S LICENSE PRESENTED

YES

(11) LOCAL CONTACT ADDITIONAL INFO

J. E. Ray
Truck Winder

(12) I HAVE READ THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS ON BOTH SIDES OF THIS RENTAL AGREEMENT AND AGREE THEREOF.

☒

(13)

James E. Ray

CORRECTED BILLING NAME AND ADDRESS

4124 E. Ridge Dr.
Chattanooga, Tenn.PO Box 1081
(1081)

LICENSEE

COLLISION DAMAGE WAIVER (CDW) ☒

RENTER ACCEPTS OR DECLINES FOR CHASE OF CDW AT A FEE OF \$5.00 PER DAY OR \$25.00 PER WEEK

(15) DEPOSIT

CASH

CHK.

\$

(43) METHOD OF PAYMENT

CASH

CHARGE

(38) AMOUNT DUE (U.S.\$)

(39) REFUND REC'D

(40) OUT BY (NO.)

(41) IN BY (NO.)

(42) CHECK IN STATION (NO.)

(26) SUB TOTAL

(27) TRAVEL AGENT COMMISSION

(27a) YES

(28) TIME AND MILEAGE CHARGE

(29) INTERCITY FEE QUOTED

(30) MISC.

(31) ACCEPTS

(32) PRE-TAX TOTAL

(33) TAX

(34) OTHER

(35) TOTAL CHARGE

(36) LESS: GAS, ETC.

(37) NET CHARGE

(38) AMOUNT DUE (U.S.\$)

(39) REFUND REC'D

(40) OUT BY (NO.)

(41) IN BY (NO.)

(42) CHECK IN STATION (NO.)

GULFPORT MISS.

RENTAL AGREEMENT NO.

THIS NUMBER MUST APPEAR ON ALL CORRESPONDENCE AND REMITTANCES

7161294

F B I

Date: 5/23/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586) (P)

MURKIN
CR

Enclosed for Memphis and Knoxville are two Avis Rent-A-Car contracts, two enclosures for Memphis, two enclosures for Knoxville, concerning JAMES E. RAY, home address 4124 East Ridge Drive, Chattanooga, Tenn., P. O. Box 1081.

The following investigation was conducted by SA LEON ROSS GRABEN on 5/20/68, at Gulfport, Miss.:

Mr. D. F. LIONBERGER, Manager, Avis Rent-A-Car, Biloxi-Gulfport Airport, advised that his office is presently under an audit and during the course of examination of rental agreements executed during the year 1967, two agreements were located in the name of JAMES E. RAY. Mr. LIONBERGER said he desired to bring this to the attention of the FBI due to the similarity of names. He advised that he has photos of the wanted man known as JAMES EARL RAY and is familiar with the background in the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING. He said he has no reason to believe the person represented on the rental agreements is identical to the RAY who killed Dr. KING.

Mr. LIONBERGER pointed out that on the rental agreement number 7161294, the time out is listed as

2 - Memphis (Encs. 2) (RM)

2 - Knoxville (Encs. 2) (RM) *Decker*

2 - Jackson

JLP/pac

(6)

Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Sent *Chatta Local* *157-9586-355*
Melkon M *Fleming*

MAY 25 1968

JN 157-9586

3/31/67, at 5:15 p.m., and that the indicated time of return is 3/1/67. He advised this latter date, 3/1/67, should have been 4/1/67.

It is noted that these two rental agreements were executed in March, 1967, at a time when subject JAMES EARL RAY was allegedly in the Mississippi State Penitentiary.

In the event JAMES E. RAY of Chattanooga, Tenn., has not been located and eliminated, the Knoxville Division should locate and interview RAY.

LEAD

KNOXVILLE

AT CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE

If not already done, JAMES E. RAY of 4124 East Ridge Drive, Chattanooga, should be located and thoroughly interviewed.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

5/23/68

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN

(OO:MEMPHIS)

Re Memphis teletype to Atlanta and Knoxville,
5/1/68.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA BERNARD R. BERRY in Walker Co., Ga.:

On 5/3/68, the records of the Walker Co. Tax Office, as furnished by Clerk RALPH AIKEN, reflect that 1968 Georgia license 15J4423 was registered 3/29/68 to LEWIS SHEPPARD, JR., 808 Indian Avenue, Rossville, Ga. for 1953 Chrysler, VIN 70130084, purchased used 3/9/68. The date of the purchase of the vehicle or the Social Security No. of SHEPPARD is not indicated.

Mr. AIKEN advised that the tax records of Walker Co., Ga. reflect no record of LEWIS SHEPPARD, JR.

On the same date, Walker Co. Sheriff RALPH JONES and Rossville, Ga. Police Officer DOYLE HICKS and Mayor PAUL ELLIS, advised they know of no one named LEWIS SHEPPARD, JR.

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On 5/3/68, the records of the Credit Bureau of Chattanooga, as searched by Clerk NANCY REYNOLDS, revealed that the only SHEPPARD in her files with spelling "Sheppard" was SAMUEL LEWIS SHEPPARD, Route #2, Webb Road, Chattanooga, Tenn. Upon contact, Mr. SHEPPARD advised he is retired, has never lived in Georgia, has never owned a 1953 Chrysler or 1960 Thunderbird, and never has owned a Georgia tag.

On 5/3/68, Mr. GEORGE W. CRAWFORD, Custodian at the Rossville High School, advised that he resides at 808 Indian Avenue in Rossville, Ga., and has for the past 25 years. He said he knows no one named LEWIS SHEPPARD, JR. advised he has near owned a 1953 Chrysler and stated that he knows of no one named SHEPPARD who has resided in that neighborhood.

On the same date, GBI Agent PAUL GRIFFIN, who resides at 801 Indian Avenue, advised that he has never known anyone named SHEPPARD residing in that neighborhood.

On 5/3/68, the records of the Chattanooga, Tenn. PD as searched by Clerk KAREN HANNAH, revealed the only record identifiable with a LEWIS SHEPPARD reflects that a LEWIS SHEPARD, Negro male, was arrested 3/24/68, as a passenger in a 1962 Chevrolet convertible, blue, wherein the driver of the vehicle was arrested for DUI. No additional information was available about this individual.

It is further noted that retel reflects SHEPPARD's address as 808 Enden Avenue, Rossville, which is incorrect. It should be 808 Indian Avenue.

AT 44-2386

On 5/17/68, Walker Co. Tag Commissioner J. MILLARD PICKELL, advised that 1968 Ga. tag receipt for 15J4423 did not indicate a previous Ga. registration, nor did it indicate from where the 1953 Chrysler was purchased.

The following investigation was conducted by IC MARION W. DAVIS, at Atlanta, Ga.:

On 5/13/68, Mrs. LORETTA BROOKS, Georgia State MFB, Atlanta, Ga., advised records of her department were thoroughly checked for 1966 and 1967 and she could locate no record of instant 1960 Ford Thunderbird or the 1953 Chrysler ever registered with State of Georgia.

All records for County 15 have been sent to Florida for card punching and will not be available for approximately two weeks.

LEADS

KNOXVILLE

At Madisonville, Tenn.:

Will furnish Atlanta any pertinent information regarding THP inquiry concerning 1968 Ga. license 15J4423 and 1964 Thunderbird, VIN H6YA117024.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Albany

DATE: May 20, 1968

JS
FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: MURKIN
PUBLICITY ON REWARDS OFFERED

Each Special Agent in Charge and Legal Attache is instructed to promptly remind their established cooperative news sources, in a discreet and tactful manner, of the existence of substantial reward money for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the killer of Dr. Martin Luther King. This money now totals at least \$100,000. The FBI should not, however, be publicized as the source of this reminder.

While the Bureau's continuing policy is to encourage the public to furnish information to law enforcement authorities as a matter of good citizenship, without expectation of financial reward, it is fully recognized that monetary rewards are often necessary to motivate some individuals. The knowledge of the existence of the substantial rewards available in the Murkin case could possibly prove of value in the solution of this major investigation.

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SRA's have leads for their
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1031PM URGENT 5-23-68 DPL

TO: DIRECTOR (44-1574), ATLANTA, KNOXVILLE, MEMPHIS, LOS ANGELES.

FROM: INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)

MURKIN.

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE, MAY SEVENTEEN LAST; KNOXVILLE
TELETYPE, MAY EIGHTEEN LAST.

RECORDS U.S. PENITENTIARY, TERRE HAUTE, IND., REFLECT FRANK
WILLIAM BRICKLEY, WMA, BORN [REDACTED], AT TENN.,
FIVE FEET SEVEN, ONE FORTYSIX POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, BROWN EYES,
TWO INCH SCAR ABOVE LEFT EYE, SENTENCED SIX YEARS INDETERMINATE
WESTERN DISTRICT VIRGINIA, MAY TWENTYTHREE SIXTY, YCA - ITSMV.
LATER ARRESTED AS PAROLE VIOLATOR. BRICKLEY CONVICTED MARCH
TWENTYFOUR, SIXTYSIX, RECEIVED ONE YEAR CONCURRENT MIDDLE DISTRICT
ALABAMA FOR ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER. BRICKLEY RELEASED JAN.
SIXTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN, NO SUPERVISION, INTENDED RESIDENCE WITH
MOTHER, MRS. DOROTHY(ROY) BRICKLEY, THREE ZERO ONE ROWLAND AVE.,
ROSSVILLE, GA. COPY OF BRICKLEY'S PAGE RECORD SENT USPO, ATLANTA,
GA., FOR INFORMATION UPON RELEASE.
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FOLLOWING RELATIVES NOTED: SISTER BIRDIE LEE (ARCHIE) HOLLAND,
ONE TWO TWO THREE EAST THIRTYFIFTH STREET PLACE, CHATTANOOGA, TENN.,
SISTER EDNA WILBURN, TWO EIGHT ZERO EIGHT EAST THIRTYNINTH STREET,
CHATTANOOGA; BROTHER ROY BRICKLEY, JR., CHATTANOOGA; SISTER MARY
F. (CHARLES) DURHAM, WILDWOOD, GA.; SISTER ANN (GENE) CRAWLEY,
ADDRESS UNKNOWN.

FILE INDICATES BRICKLEY HAS EXCESSIVE DRINKING HABITS, IS
SOPHISTICATED, AND HOSTILE TOWARD QUESTIONING. PRIOR RECORD
INCLUDES KIDNAPPING AND HIGHWAY ROBBERY. BROTHER ROY BRICKLEY, JR.,
WAS CO-DEFENDANT IN KIDNAPING CASE.

BRICKLEY BELIEVED IDENTICAL TO PERSON FURNISHING INFORMATION
REGARDING RAY TO EDITOR LOS ANGELES TIMES.

JUNE, SIXTYSIX PHOTO BEING OBTAINED AND FORWARDED TO INTER-
ESTED OFFICES.

ATLANTA INTERVIEW INDICATED RELATIVES AT WILDWOOD AND ROSS-
VILLE, GEORGIA, AND REVIEW BRICKLEY'S RECORD USPO, ATLANTA, IN
ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW BRICKLEY.
END PAGE TWO...

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KNOXVILLE AT CHATTANOOGA, TENN., THROUGH RELATIVES ATTEMPT
TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW BRICKLEY.

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Date 5-22-68

RE: MURKIN
PUBLICITY ON REWARDS OFFERED

☐ For information ☐ Retention optional ☐ For appropriate action ☐ Surep, by _____

☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.

☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA _____ dated _____

Remarks: ReBulet 5-20-68.

In the event of inquiries regarding the identity of the sources of the reward money offered in the Murkin case, you may confidentially advise established sources that according to a compilation set forth in the April 27th edition of the "Commercial Appeal," Memphis, Tennessee, \$25,000 each has been offered by the "Commercial Appeal" and Scripps-Howard newspapers and that in addition, businessmen and citizens in Memphis have offered several thousands more and the Memphis City Council has under-written the reward up to a total of \$100,000.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, KX (44-696)

FROM : SA JOHN C. QUIRIN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5-23-68

Re memo SA FLEMING, 4-30-68--serial 219.

AT KINGSFORT, TENN:.

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN C. QUIRIN:

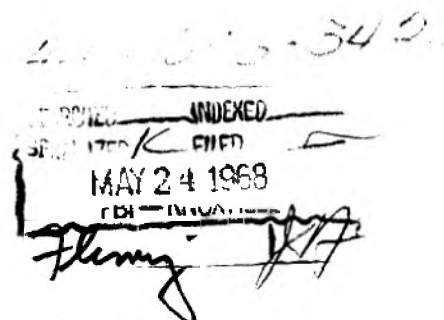
On 5-2-68 Detective BRADY LANE, Kingsport Police Dept., advised that Capt. JAMES M. BROYLES of that department would be the person to compare latents obtained x by that department since 4-23-67 with fingerprints of subject. He stated BROYLES would return to duty on 5-6-68.

On 5-6-68 Capt. JAMES M. BROYLES, a above department, advised that he would compare fingerprints of subject with available latents obtained since 4-23-67 by that department.

On 5-23-68 Capt. BROYLES advised that above-mentioned comparison had failed to ~~identify any~~ identify any ~~prints~~ latent prints he believed possibly identical with those of subject.



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Date: 5/24/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

SAC, ATLANTA;

SAC, MEMPHIS

SAC, LOS ANGELES

FROM: SAC, KNOXVILLE (44-696)

MURKIN.

RE INDIANAPOLIS TEL TO BUREAU DATED MAY TWENTY THIRD,
LAST; KNOXVILLE TEL TO BUREAU MAY TWENTY, LAST; ATLANTA
TEL TO BUREAU DATED MAY EIGHTEEN, LAST.

INDIANAPOLIS TELETYPE LEAD TO INTERVIEW BIRDIE LEE
(ARCHIE) HOLLAND WAS SET OUT AS LEAD BY TELETYPE FROM KNOXVILLE
TO BUREAU AND ATLANTA DATED MAY TWENTY, LAST.

ATLANTA TELETYPE DATED MAY EIGHTEEN, LAST ADVISES
ROY BRICKLEY, JR. RESIDES ROSSVILLE, GEORGIA. EDNA WILBURN,
SISTER OF FRANK WILLIAM BRICKLEY INTERVIEWED CHATTANOOGA, TENN.
MAY EIGHTEEN, LAST AND SHE ADVISED THAT SHE DID NOT KNOW THE
PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF FRANK BRICKLEY.

LOS ANGELES. REQUESTED TO ADVISE KNOXVILLE WHETHER EDITOR
THOMAS, "LOS ANGELES TIMES" IDENTIFIED PHOTOGRAPH OF BRICKLEY
AS BOB LNU. END PENDING.

44-696-343

JLF:pjb

Approved: _____
Special Agent in ChargeSent 11:21 A M Per *div*
11:24 A M *at*
11:36 A M *trp*
11:26 A M *2A*

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FBI LOS ANG.

1:23PM URGENT 5-24-68 LLR
TO KNOXVILLE (44-696)
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN.

RE KNOXVILLE TEL MAY TWENTY FOUR INSTANT.

RE FRANK BRICKLEY.

LOS ANGELES TIMES CITY EDITOR WILLIAM THOMAS HAS NOT
IDENTIFIED PHOTOGRAPH OF BRICKLEY AS BOB PAREN LNU PAREN.

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This certainly is non-committal!

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Date: MAY 22, 1968

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 Via Teletype URGENT
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND SACs

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

RE: MURKIN

RE LA PHONE CALL TO BUREAU AND LA TELSMAY SEVENTEEN
 LAST CONCERNING LA TIMES INFORMANT - "BOB" LNU.

INFORMATION DEVELOPED WHICH INDICATES INDIVIDUAL
 KNOWN TO LEAMONT ANDERSON WHITE, EMPLOYEE OF WESTERN UNION,
 LOS ANGELES, AS BOB BRICKLEY (ALLEGED TO BE BROTHER OF
 FRANK BRICKLEY) IS IN REALITY LESTER EDWARD PACKETT FBI
 NUMBER EIGHT TWO SEVEN ONE SEVEN ZERO A, SUBJECT OF BUFILE
 EIGHTY SEVEN DASH FOUR SIX TWO EIGHT TWO, IN WHICH KC WAS
 OO; KC FILE EIGHTY SEVEN DASH EIGHT TWO ZERO NINE; KX FILE
 EIGHTY SEVEN DASH TWO EIGHT SEVEN EIGHT; ME FILE EIGHTY
 SEVEN DASH FOUR NINE ZERO ZERO; MM FILE EIGHTY SEVEN DASH
 ONE ZERO FOUR NINE NINE. ALSO SUBJECT OF KX FILE TWENTY SIX
 DASH ONE THREE FOUR FOUR EIGHT, LA FILES EIGHT SEVEN DASH

AIR MAIL COPIES TO FOLLOWING OFFICES:

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NINE FOUR ZERO ZERO, AND TWENTY SIX DASH THREE THREE NINE SIX ZERO.

PHOTO OF LESTER PACKETT EXHIBITED TO LEAMONT ANDERSON WHITE WHO IDENTIFIED IT AS INDIVIDUAL HE KNEW AS BOB BRICKLEY. NANCY BURGDORF, APT. MANAGER, EIGHT ONE TWO SOUTH WESTLAKE, L.A., IDENTIFIED SAME PHOTO AS FORMER RESIDENT THAT APT. WITH ODELA A. PACKETT WHO IS IDENT WITH FBI NUMBER THREE NINE ZERO EIGHT SEVEN SEVEN A; AND SHE IS CURRENTLY SERVING THIRTY DAYS FOR PROSTITUTION IN L.A. PHOTO OF LESTER PACKETT WAS TAKEN BY KNOXVILLE PD DECEMBER SEVENTEEN, NINETEEN FIFTY EIGHT.

POLAROID COPY OF PHOTO OF LESTER PACKETT BEING FORWARDED AMSD TO AL FOR EXHIBITION TO RAY ANDREW YOUNG, MASSENA, N.Y., TO DETERMINE IF THIS WAS INDIVIDUAL WHO APPROACHED HIM WHILE HE WAS STAYING AT CLARK HOTEL APRIL SEVENTEEN LAST.

JERRY COHEN, LA TIMES NEWSPAPER, ADVISES PAPER PROMISED THEIR INFORMANT "BOB" LNU, THEY WOULD NOT REVEAL HIS IDENTITY OR HOW TO LOCATE. COHEN DID HOWEVER TELL THIS OFFICE HE WOULD ADVISE IF ANY PHOTOS EXHIBITED WERE NOT IDENTICAL WITH INFORMANT. COHEN STATED PHOTO OF FRANK BRICKLEY NOT IDENT, BUT QUOTE DECLINED TO COMMENT END QUOTE, WHEN PHOTO LESTER PACKETT EXHIBITED TO HIM.

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WIFE, ODELA PACKETT, INTERVIEWED AT LENGTH IN LA COUNTY JAIL. STATES FILED FOR DIVORCE FROM PACKETT TWO MONTHS AGO THROUGH ATTORNEY PHIL CLOUGH ON GROUNDS OF DESERTION, CRUELTY, AND NONSUPPORT. LEGAL FEES PAYED BY HER RELATIVES. SAID SHE WAS SO MAD AT PACKETT AT TIME OF FILING FOR DIVORCE THAT SHE TORE UP ALL PHOTOS SHE HAD OF HIM. DESCRIBED HIM AS SHIFTLSS DRIFTER, WHO NEVER HELD JOB DURING THEIR FIVE YEAR MARRIAGE. SHE DOES NOT KNOW HIS PRESENT WHEREABOUTS.

REVIEW OF LA FILES RE LESTER PACKETT AND INTERVIEW WITH ODELA PACKETT INDICATES HE HAS SPENT TIME IN BELLE GLADE, FLORIDA; RENO, NEVADA; VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN TENNESSEE; CHICAGO AND KANSAS CITY. LEAMONT WHITE BELIEVES HE IS INDIVIDUAL WHO TOOK HIS TWO GUNS, AND IS ONLY INDIVIDUAL OUTSIDE OF FRANK BRICKLEY AND PERSON HE KNEW AS BRICKLEY'S COUSIN (WHOSE NAME HE CAN NOT RECALL) THAT WOULD HAVE KNOWN HE EVEN OWNED THE GUNS.

IT WOULD APPEAR PACKETT BILKED LA TIMES OUT OF AT LEAST ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS. OTHER THAN SHOWING HIS PHOTO TO RAY ANDREW YOUNG, MASSENA, N.Y., TO WRAP UP THIS ASPECT OF CASE, ^{on 12/1/62} IT IS NO FURTHER INVESTIGATIVE EFFORT BEING CONDUCTED IN LA RE "BOB" LNU.

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AIRMAIL COPIES BEING SENT FOLLOWING OFFICES; WITH PHOTO
ENCLOSED FOR ALBANY TO DISPLAY AS INDICATED ABOVE:

ALBANY, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY, MIAMI, LAS VEGAS,
DETROIT, MOBILE, KNOXVILLE, CHARLOTTE.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING LA.

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Date: **5-23-68**Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plain text or code)Via **AIRTEL** **AIRMAIL** _____
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775) P
 RE: MURKIN

REBMAIRTEL, 5-16-68, concerning allegation by JOHN
EUGENE GAWRON that subject and an unnamed man robbed bank June -
 July, 1967.

On re-interview late 5-22-68, GAWRON revealed location
 of bank as Alton, Ill., and identity of unnamed man who robbed
 same with subject as JIMMIE (LNU). Stated he was visited by
 JIMMIE nights of 5-13 and 5-14-68.

One JAMES H. CARPENTER, FBI # 230 243 is known to have
 visited GAWRON on those dates with another individual.

- 3 - Bureau
- 1 - Chicago (Info)
- 1 - Detroit (Info)
- 1 - Indianapolis (Info)
- 1 - Jackson (Info)
- 1 - Kansas City (Info)
- 1 - Knoxville (Info)
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- 1 - Little Rock (Info)
- 1 - Springfield (Info)

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 Special Agent in Charge

SL: 42-775

SL files disclose BANK OF ALTON, Alton, Ill., was robbed by two unknown subjects on 7-13-67 (Bufile 91-27494) (Sifile 91-3699) (Slfile 91-3877). Description of number two man could fit RAY. Number ~~two~~ ^{one} man description does not fit CARPENTER, who is 5'8", 140 #, slender build.

St. Louis City Jail records establish ed CARPENTER was in City Jail from 6-5-67 to 3-1-68, and therefore could not have participated in the Alton BR, or met GAWRON during 1967 as alleged.

In view of foregoing, GAWRON is being considered as being of known unreliability.

Subject should STILL be considered as a possible suspect in all unsolved bank and other robberies subsequent to 4-23-67.

Subject A & D.

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Date: 5/23/68

Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) & (26-43489) P

SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: MEMPHIS)

UNSUB;
1968 DODGE
VIN LH41D3B323249
1968 GEORGIA LICENSE 1D48283
ITSMV
(OO: ST. LOUIS)

Re St. Louis airtel to Bureau, 5/20/68, under MURKIN caption.

Enclosed for the Bureau is one National Car Rental Agreement # 7044348, signed S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN, dated 4/2/68.

For information of San Francisco, Jacksonville, and Knoxville, captioned 1968 Dodge located abandoned Lambert-St. Louis Municipal Airport, St. Louis, Missouri, on 5/16/68. Captioned Dodge rented in Atlanta on stolen credit cards on 4/2/68, in name of SAMUEL SCHNEIDERMAN, 6535 Noad Road, Richmond, Illinois, which credit cards were taken in an armed robbery in Kansas City, Missouri. Captioned car rented and located during pertinent period of time re investigation re MURKIN, and leads being logically pursued in an attempt to eliminate or identify renter with JAMES EARL RAY.

3-Bureau (Enc. 1) (RM) 1-Kansas City (Info) *RM*
1-Chicago (Info) *RM* 3-St. Louis (44-775) (26-32047) *RM*
1-Memphis *RM* 2-San Francisco *RM*
4-Atlanta *RM* 2-Jacksonville *RM*
(2-44-2386) (2-26-43489) (2-Knoxville) *RM*

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*Check with Higgins
re 87-6749-current case*

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AT 44-2386
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MARGIE CURTIS, 1838 Dunlap Avenue, East Point, Georgia, employed by National Car Rental, Atlanta, Georgia, advised on 5/17/68, she was the individual who rented the 1968 Dodge Dart to S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN on 4/2/68. She described SCHNEIDERMAN as being in his late 30s or early 40s, approximately 5' 7' 8" tall, of small build, weighing approximately 140-145, with dark hair, possibly black. She viewed a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, and stated from her recollection, did not believe RAY identical to SCHNEIDERMAN, however, photograph of RAY, particularly the hair, did resemble SCHNEIDERMAN.

SCHNEIDERMAN appeared at the National Car Rental Office at the Atlanta Airport at approximately 9:42 am, wearing a business suit and presented 3 Millionaire Club credit cards, 2 in plastic covering, and 1 plain paper card, all in the name of S. SCHNEIDERMAN. She could not recall if SCHNEIDERMAN had luggage, and stated she was sure that he was not accompanied by anyone. She stated she obtained the DL # from SCHNEIDERMAN's Illinois DL, and also listed the Holiday Inn at the Atlanta Airport as SCHNEIDERMAN's place of contact.

DAVE ROGERS, National Car Rental, Atlanta, Georgia Airport, produced National Car Rental System Rental Agreement # 7044348 for this company, Station 070-2, dated 4/2/68, at 9:42 am, indicating one S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN rented car # 701371 with Georgia license 1D98283, which is a Dodge Dart, which rental agreement reflects an address of 6535 North Richmond, Illinois. Also listed on this agreement, DL # W5-570-018, from the state of Illinois. The agreement reflects the car will be returned on 5/1/68, and indicates a credit card was used from the Millionaire Club National Limited, Chicago, Illinois, # 96968.

ROGERS stated that a 20% cash discount was given to SCHNEIDERMAN and stated that according to records of this office, their vehicle 701371 is a 1968 Dodge Dart, VIN LH41D8B323249, bearing 1968 Georgia license 1D48283.

ROGERS stated that SCHNEIDERMAN apparently, after obtaining this automobile, later went to the Tallahassee, Florida area, and was staying at the Holiday Inn in Tallahassee, inasmuch as he, ROGERS, had received an inquiry from a Lt. DAVIS of the Tallahassee, Florida PD, who was checking on SCHNEIDERMAN through the Georgia license plate on his car. ROGERS also stated that he later received information that SCHNEIDERMAN was locked out of his room by the Holiday Inn # 2, Knoxville, Tennessee.

AT 44-2386
26-43489

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.

AT 44-2386
26-43489

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

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ALL AGENTS

DATE: 5/23/68

FROM : SAC (44-696)

SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

OFFICE DEADLINE 6/1/68

By airtel 4/19/68 Memphis requested the following information be obtained and expeditiously furnished to Memphis two work days after the close of each month:

- 1) Number of man-hours spent on case broken down as to regular hours, overtime hours, and total man-hours by following employees (separate figures for each class of employees shown):
 - A. Special Agents
 - B. Clerical Employees
- 2) Total mileage (estimated or actual) traveled by Bucars used on case. Include mileage for cars traveling to and from other field offices on special assignment and any personally-owned cars.
- 3) Any unusual or out-of-ordinary costs, such as cost of chartering airplane, rental of special office space, leased telephone lines, etc. These should be itemized and cost of each item shown.
- 4) Peak number of Special Agents working on case during month for which report is submitted.

Each Agent should submit to SA FLEMING by routing slip data for classifications #1, #2, and #3 by 6/1/68.

- ② - 44-696
1 - 66-3
1 - Each Agent

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Date: 5/21/68

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(Priority)

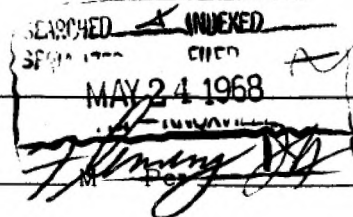
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242) (P)
 RE: MURKIN
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Re Butel 5/25/68, to El Paso, et al, advising that each office should determine from the telephone company the long distance calls placed at each public telephone on U. S. Highway 90 and Interstate Highway 10 over which subject and CHARLES STEIN allegedly traveled 12/15-17/67. Subject reportedly made eight long distance telephone calls while in Texas.

Set forth by Field Division are some of the telephone calls made from the San Antonio Division, 12/15-17/67, which were obtained from available Southwestern Bell Telephone Company records. The various Field Divisions will determine from the subscriber or person receiving the call the identity of the caller. If the caller was JAMES EARL RAY, aka, obtain all available information. Further, determine if the subscriber or the person receiving the call has any knowledge of JAMES EARL RAY.

Unless information is developed during the course of the investigation requested above which pertains to the San Antonio Division, it is not necessary to advise the San Antonio Division of the results. So there!

3 - Bureau	2 - Memphis (44-1987)
3 - Birmingham	3 - Mobile
7 - Dallas	2 - Richmond
3 - El Paso	2 - Sacramento
2 - Kansas City	2 - Tampa
② - Knoxville	6 - San Antonio
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Approved: JMK
 Special Agent in Charge

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SA 44-1242

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CALLING NUMBER</u>	<u>NUMBER CALLED</u>	<u>PLACE AND/OR PERSON CALLED</u>
<u>BIRMINGHAM</u>			
12/15/67	223-0232	205-324-8051	Birmingham, Alabama
12/17/67	661-9063	205-734-7304	Cullman, Alabama
12/16/67	674-9761	205-881-2057	Huntsville, Ala.
<u>DALLAS</u>			
12/15/67	432-9000	817-283-1546	Euleess-Hurst, Texas
12/15/67	873-9229	817-294-5422	Burleson, Texas
12/15/67	432-9224	817-626-5763	Fort Worth, Texas
12/17/67	223-7735	817-834-4482	Fort Worth, Texas
12/17/67	278-9013	915-396-4655	Menard, Texas
12/15/67	223-7892	915-399-0113	Luther, Texas
12/15/67	223-8000	915-653-9748	San Angelo, Texas
12/16/67	875-9030	915-692-0695	Abilene, Texas
<u>EL PASO</u>			
12/16/67	278-9093	915-598-2010	El Paso, Texas
12/17/67	674-9761	915-828-1819	Guadalupe Peak, Tex.
12/17/67	278-9041	915-837-4486	Alpine, Texas
<u>KANSAS CITY</u>			
12/17/67	674-9104	816-231-2992	Kansas City, Missouri, From SAM DANIEL

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Current City directory

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CALLING NUMBER</u>	<u>NUMBER CALLED</u>	<u>PLACE AND/OR PERSON CALLED</u>
<u>KNOXVILLE</u>			
12/17/67	674-9914	615-588-2564	MRS. Lillian Griffin - widow of Jesse 1131 Nance Ln. Knoxville, Tenn.
<u>MEMPHIS</u>			
12/16/67	379-9953	615-896-2776	Murfreesboro, Tenn. to BETTY STANLEY
<u>MOBILE</u>			
12/16/67	674-9693	205-368-2394	Atmore, Alabama
12/17/67	674-9603	205-471-3762	Mobile, Alabama
12/16/67	661-9063	205-943-5784	Foley, Alabama
<u>RICHMOND</u>			
12/17/67	674-9724	703-356-4286	McLean, Virginia
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<u>SACRAMENTO</u>			
12/17/67	538-9598	209-251-1137	Fresno, California
12/17/67	563-9747	209-834-3541	Fowler, California
<u>TAMPA</u>			
12/17/67	674-9761	813-294-5795	Winter Haven, Fla.
<u>SAN ANTONIO</u>			
12/16/67	278-9086	817-546-3241	Chilton, Texas
12/15/67	674-9915	817-753-3090	Waco, Texas

SA 44-1242

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CALLING NUMBER</u>	<u>NUMBER CALLED</u>	<u>PLACE AND/OR PERSON CALLED</u>
<u>SAN ANTONIO</u>			
12/15/67	278-9088	817-754-8205	Waco, Texas
12/17/67	432-9277	817-634-5911	Killeen, Texas
12/16/67	432-9665	915-452-5885	Richland Springs, Texas
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5/31/68

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)
FROM: SAC, KNOXVILLE (44-696) (P)
RE: MURKIN;
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Re Jackson airtel to Memphis dated 5/23/68.

Enclosed to Atlanta are one copy of Jackson airtel to Memphis dated 5/23/68, and one copy each of two different Avis Rent-A-Car contracts concerning JAMES E. RAY, 4124 East Ridge Drive, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

On 5/28/68 Mrs. JAMES E. RAY, 4124 East Ridge Drive, Chattanooga, Tennessee, advised her husband, JAMES E. RAY, resides at above address. He is employed Monday through Friday at Central of Georgia Sheet Metal Industry Fund, Suite 119, 1644 Tallis Circle, Northeast, Atlanta, Georgia, telephone number 636-6619.

She advised he has been interviewed by FBI at Atlanta, Georgia, approximately three weeks ago.

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AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA: If not already done, interview JAMES E. RAY as requested in reference airtel.

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2 - Memphis (44-1987)
2 - Knoxville
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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, Atlanta

FROM: SAC, Indianapolis (44-563)

MURKIN

Re Indianapolis teletype dated 5/23/68.

Enclosed for each office is a photo of FRANK
WILLIAM BRICKLEY.

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2-Atlanta (Enc. 1)
2-Knoxville (Enc. 1) *cc'd*
2-Memphis (Enc. 1)
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Date: 5/29/68

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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:

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

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 2 - Atlanta (RM)
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 1 - Jacksonville (INFO)(AM)(RM)
 1 - Knoxville (INFO)(AM)(RM)
 2 - Los Angeles (44-1574)(Enc. 1)(AM)(RM)
 1 - Memphis (44-1987)(INFO)(AM)(RM)
 1 - Tampa (INFO)(AM)(RM)
 2 - San Francisco (1 - 173-65)(1 - 87-29695)
 RWJ/sms #11
 (14)

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
 Special Agent in Charge

Real good businessman for bank
JP

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.