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Date 6/14/68

Title and Character of Case

MURKIN

Date Property Acquired	Source From Which Property Acquired
4/12/68	LOUIS PUTERMAN, Home Service Laundry and Dry Cleaning, 5280 Hollywood Blvd., Los Angeles
Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit	Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same
Bulky Exhibit Room	Evidence
Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same	

Instruction Booklet for Thermo Seal Marking machine, manufactured by Textile Marking Machine Company, Inc., Syracuse, New York for Model H 5-K, Serial Number 31454

*Entered on inventory  
7/10/72*

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SEMIANNUAL INVENTORY CERTIFICATION TO JUSTIFY RETENTION OF PROPERTY (Initial and Date)

<u>Retain 8/13/69</u>	<u>retain 1/7/71 RHB</u>
<u>Retain 2/60/70</u>	<u>retain 6/7/71 WDM</u>
<u>Retain 6/30/70 ces</u>	<u>Retain 3/4/72 HV</u>

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Date 4/18/68

Title and Character of Case

**MURKIN**

Date Property Acquired <b>4/18/68</b>	Source From Which Property Acquired <b>Fred Back, Owner, Avalon Laundry &amp; Dry Cleaning, 3020 Hines Avenue, Culver City, California</b>
Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit <b>Bulky Exhibit Room</b>	Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same <b>Evidence</b>
Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same	

Submitted by SA Richard H. Ross and SA Francis G. Kahl

1. Piece Count Ledger for color marking tapes SAS RICHARD H. ROSS and FRANCIS G. KAHL.
2. Lot Control Ledger for color marking tapes.

*Entered on inventory  
7/18/70*

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SEMIANNUAL INVENTORY CERTIFICATION TO JUSTIFY RETENTION OF PROPERTY (Initial and Date)

<u>Retain 8/12/69</u>	<u>retain 1/7/71 RHB</u>
<u>Retain 2/30/70</u>	<u>retain 6/7/71 NAM</u>
<u>Retain 6/30/70</u>	<u>retain 12/9/71 gsk</u>
	<u>Retain 2/9/72 hr</u>

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11/21/72  
JBR*

Date 8/1/68

Title and Character of Case

MURKIN

Date Property Acquired <u>4/24/68</u>	Source From Which Property Acquired <u>Marie Martin, aka, 5533 Hollywood Blvd. La. Calif.</u>
Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit <u>Bulky Exhibit Room</u>	Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same <u>Evidence</u>
Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same	

Submitted by SA Denis Le Master

One (1) barbell set, the property of James Earl Ray.

*Entered on inventory 7/10/70*  
*destroyed 6/28/71*  
*James Earl Ray disposed of goods #1*  
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SEMIANNUAL INVENTORY CERTIFICATION TO JUSTIFY RETENTION OF PROPERTY (Initial and Date)

Retain 8/12/69 retain 1/7/71 RHB  
Retain 2/20/70 retain 6/7/71 WAM  
Retain 6/30/70 CCB retain 3/2/72 PR

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Date 11/29/68

Title and Character of Case

JAMES EARL RAY

MURKIN

Date Property Acquired

Source From Which Property Acquired

11/12/68

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same

Bulky Exhibit Room

Reference

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

Submitted by SA

One (1) LIFE Magazine dated May 3, 1968

One (1) LOOK Magazine dated Nov.12, 1968

*Entered in Inventory  
7/10/70*

*Ref by  
J. J. [unclear]  
2/20/73*

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SEMIANNUAL INVENTORY CERTIFICATION TO JUSTIFY RETENTION OF PROPERTY (Initial and Date)

Retain 8/12/69	retain 1/7/71 R.A.B.
Retain 2/20/70	retain 6/7/71 W.A.M.
Retain 6/30/70	Retain 3/9/72 [unclear]

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Bulky Exhibit - Inventory of Property Acquired as Evidence  
FD-192 (Rev. 10-6-65)

Date 1/15/69

Title and Character of Case  
MURKIN

Date Property Acquired <u>5/6/68</u>	Source From Which Property Acquired
Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit <u>Bulky Exhibit Room</u>	Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same <u>Evidence</u>
Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same  <u>Submitted by SA</u>	

Copy of original toll statements from telephone numbers:

213 - 463-9449  
213 - 462-9901  
213 - 462-9910  
213 - 469-8096

*Entered on inventory  
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SEMIANNUAL INVENTORY CERTIFICATION TO JUSTIFY RETENTION OF PROPERTY (Initial and Date)

Retain 8/12/69 retain 1/7/71 RAB  
Retain 2/30/70 retain 6/7/71 WAM  
Retain 6/30/70 Retain 3/9/72 PM

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JBR*

FBI LOS ANG.

FBI MEMPHIS

1032 HOLD C FOR CGR AT END.

1032AM IMMEDIATE 4-5-68 MCP

TO LOS ANGELES

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1897

UNSUB, AKA JOHN WILLARD: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., - VICTIM  
CR. OC: MEMPHIS.

LOS ANGELES REQUESTED CONTACT BUSHNELL & COMPANY, TWO ONE TWO EIGHT EAST FOOTHILL BLVD, PASADENA, CALIF., AND DETERMINE IF BUSHNELL SEVEN X THIRTY FIVE BANNER BINOCULARS, SN DQ FOUR ZERO EIGHT SIX SIX FOUR, WAS PART OF A PURCHASE OF SIX PAIRS OF BINOCULARS MADE TO YORK ARMS CO., ONE SIX TWO S. MAIN ST., MEMPHIS, TENN., INVOICE NO. D THREE THREE ZERO SIX FIVE, ORDERED OCT. TWENTY, SIXTY SEVEN, INVOICE DATED OCT. THIRTY ONE, SIXTY SEVEN, INVOICE PAID FEB. EIGHT, SIXTY EIGHT, INVOICE CODE NO. ONE TWO SEVEN THREE FIVE ZERO.

ABOVE BINOCULARS FOUND AMONG PROPERTY LEFT AT SCENE BY UNSUB.

SUTEL.

LLR

FBI LOS ANG.

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*J.R. Sullivan  
ad. tel.  
9:10 am  
B*

*Telephonically  
Sullivan had  
it handled at once.*

*Index negative  
B*

*cc: ME  
T 4/10  
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*J. K. [unclear]*

*Passadena lead to J. R. Sullivan*

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Date: 4/5/68

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(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1897)  
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

UNSUB, AKA JOHN WILLARD; MARTIN LUTHER KING - VICTIM.  
CR. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE MEMPHIS TELETYPE TO LOS ANGELES TODAY.

BUSHNELL COMPANY, PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, MAINTAINS  
NO RECORD ON SERIAL NUMBERS OF BINOCULARS. OTHER DATA  
IN RETEL VERIFIED. LOS ANGELES INDICES NEGATIVE ON  
BINOCULAR SERIAL NUMBERS MENTIONED RETEL. FD THREE ZERO  
TWO FOLLOWS.

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Approved: *[Signature]*  
Special Agent in Charge

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LOS ANGELES - 1 - 91/47 32074 LHM

URGENT 4-7-68 FJB

TO CONTINENTAL ALL SACS PLAINTEXT  
FROM DIRECTOR 1 P

RECEIVED BY CODED TELETYPE

MURKIN

THIS IS THE CAPTION FOR THE CIVIL RIGHTS INVESTIGATION  
TO IDENTIFY PERSON OR PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ASSASSINA-  
TION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, ON  
APRIL FOUR LAST.

ALL INVESTIGATION MUST BE HANDLED UNDER THE PER-  
SONAL DIRECTION OF THE SAC. LEADS ARE TO BE AFFORDED  
IMMEDIATE, THROUGH IMAGINATIVE ATTENTION. YOU MUST  
EXHAUST ALL POSSIBILITIES FROM SUCH LEADS AS ANY ONE LEAD  
COULD RESULT IN THE SOLUTION OF THIS MOST IMPORTANT INVE-  
TIGATION. SAC WILL BE HELD PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY  
FAILURE TO PROMPTLY AND THOROUGHLY HANDLE INVESTIGATIONS  
IN THIS MATTER.

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*Shills*  
*Gardner*  
*DeLoach*  
*Malone*

FBI MEMPHIS

629PM URGENT 4/7/68 CAF  
TO ALL SACS  
FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987) 2P

MURKIN: CR. DC MEMPHIS.

RE BUTEL TO ALL SAC'S APRIL SEVEN, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT.

FOR INFO ALL OFFICES, PERTINENT PERIODS IN INVESTIGATION  
ARE MARCH TWENTY NINE AND THIRTY IN BIRMINGHAM, ALA., AND  
APRIL FOUR, SIXTY EIGHT, IN MEMPHIS, TENN.

IN EVENT ANY DATA DEVELOPED RE SUSPECTS, IF INTERESTED  
OFFICES CAN ESTABLISH WHEREABOUTS OF SUSPECTS ON DATES ABOVE,  
THIS MAY ELIMINATE SUSPECT. IF THIS CANNOT BE DONE, EFFORTS  
SHOULD BE MADE TO SECURE PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUSPECTS IN QUESTION AND  
FORWARD PHOTOS TO MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM FOR POSSIBLE ELIMINATION.  
PERTINENT DESCRIPTIVE DATA SHOULD BE INCLUDED WITH PHOTOS.

IF UNABLE TO ELIMINATE ON BASIS OF ESTABLISHED WHEREABOUTS  
IN PERTINENT PERIODS, INTERESTED OFFICES SHOULD MAKE EFFORTS  
TO SECURE FINGERPRINTS OF SUSPECT IN QUESTION AND SUBMIT SAME TO  
BUREAU FOR ELIMINATION.

COMPOSITE DESCRIPTION, BASED ON DATA DEVELOPED IN BIRMINGHAM  
AND MEMPHIS, IS AS FOLLOWS:

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*[Signature]*

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PAGE TWO

SUSPECT MALE WHITE, AGE TWENTY SIX TO FORTY YEARS, HEIGHT FIVE FT. EIGHT TO FIVE FT. ELEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY TO ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY LBS.; DARK BROWN OR SANDY HAIR, COMBED STRAIGHT BACK. EYES BLUE OR GREEN; MEDIUM BUILD; COMPLEXION AVERAGE, SMOOTH. GENERAL PHYSICAL APPEARANCE; NEAT.

POSSIBILITY EXISTS SUSPECT IS NON-SMOKER. INDICATIONS WERE THAT SUSPECT RENTED ROOM BETWEEN THREE AND THREE THIRTY PM, APRIL FOUR, LAST, AND DEPARTED ROOM SHORTLY AFTER SIX PM. NO MATCHES OR CIGARETTES FOUND DURING THAT PERIOD, WHICH SUGGESTS SUSPECT MAY BE NON-SMOKER.

RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION MUST BE PROMPTLY FURNISHED BUREAU, MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM. P.

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SC...LAL

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FBI SANDIEGO

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Date: 4/6/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
SAC, MEMPHIS *CAF*

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574-1987)

~~MURKIN~~

RE MEMPHIS TELETYPE AND BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL FROM  
SUPERVISOR LONG APRIL SIX INSTANT.

INTERVIEWS AT ROMPAGE HARDWARE COMPANY, FIVE FIVE FOUR  
TWO HOLLYWOOD BOULEVARD, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, WITH ALL  
SALES PERSONS WHO COULD HAVE SOLD NEEDLE NOSED PLIERS  
REVEALS NONE CAN RECALL ANY SALE OF PLIERS TO ANY PERSON  
PRIOR TO APRIL FIVE LAST.

ROMPAGE HARDWARE DOES LARGE VOLUME OF BUSINESS AND  
WHEN PHOTOGRAPHS OF PLIERS ARE RECEIVED, THEY WILL BE DIS-  
PLAYED.

APPEARS ONLY POSSIBILITY OF CONNECTING PURCHASER WITH  
PLIERS IS IF THEY WERE PURCHASED ON CHARGE ACCOUNT. STORE  
CLOSED SUNDAY.

GGB/GJM/lmt  
(1)

Approved: *WOP*

Special Agent in Charge

Sent ME-914P M Per WA-918P

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC 44-

DATE: 4/6/68

FROM : SUPERVISOR JOHN S. TEMPLE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Supervisor DICK LONG, Div 6 SOG, at 1 PM telephonically advised that color photos are currently being made at the Bureau of the needle nose pliers and will be furnished Los Angeles as soon as possible. The pliers were allegedly purchased from the ROMPAGE HARDWARE COMPANY, 5542 Hollywood Blvd, Los Angeles. SA George Moorehead dispatched to the hardware store to conduct preliminary inquiries concerning their purchase.

Supervisor Long also advised that Assistant Director DeLOACH told Assistant Director ROSEN that Los Angeles should keep in mind that KING may have been killed by an hired assassin. In this connection, Dr. Ted Evans, the husband of Delores Evans who is allegedly the mistress of Dr. King should be kept in mind.

Supervisor Long stated that on March 29, 1968 or March 30, 1968, one HARVEY LOWMEYER purchased the rifle that killed Dr. King. Addresses for LOWMEYER have led to dead ends. However, a check of airline manifests disclosed that one W. J. LEHMEYER, Birmingham, purchased a ticket flying to Birmingham to Memphis, Chicago and Minneapolis. It is not known whether or not LEHMEYER got off the plane at Memphis, and this is currently being checked out. The name of LEHMEYER or LOWMEYER is not being disclosed by the Bureau.

Indices of the Los Angeles Division have no information identifiable with LOWMEYER or LEHMEYER.

Sup. LONG described the unsubject as 5'11, 150-160, W/M. AM, ruddy complexion, with dark hair.

Foregoing for the information of the file.

JST

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TO DIRECTOR, AND LOS ANGELES  
FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 1P

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UNSUB, AKA JOHN WILLARD: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM.  
CIVIL RIGHTS. OO MEMPHIS.

+ refs

INDIANAPOLIS OFFICE HAS ADVISED THAT INFORMATION FROM  
NATIONAL RETAIL HARDWARE ASSOCIATION INDICATES NEEDLE NOSED  
PLIERS ABANDONED BY UNSUB IMMEDIATELY AFTER SHOOTING WERE  
PURCHASED FROM ROMPAGE HARDWARE COMPANY, FIVE FIVE FOUR TWO  
HOLLYWOOD BOULEVARD, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORINA. 467-2129

THE BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO FURNISH LOS ANGELES COLOR  
PHOTOGRAPHS OF INSTANT PLIERS AND THE ROMPAGE LABEL AFFIXED  
THERETO. ALL LEADS THIS CASE RECEIVE IMMEDIATE HANDLING.

LOS ANGELES WILL EXHIBIT THESE PHOTOGRAPHS TO PERSONNEL  
AT ROMPAGE HARDWARE IN AN EFFORT TO DETERMINE PURCHASER.

UNSUB IS WHITE MALE, AGE TWENTYSIX TO THIRTYTWO, FIVE  
FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SIXTY TO ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY  
POUNDS, MEDIUM BUILD, DARK BROWN OR BLACK HAIR COMBED STRAIGHT  
BACK AND WITHOUT A PART. ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P.

END WA ADVISED

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*Handle upon arrival  
of photos -  
for*

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## Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1987) (P)

DATE: 4/7/68

FROM : SA JAMES W. MCCORD

SUBJECT: UNSUB; aka  
JOHN WILLARD  
MURKIN

Re Memphis Teletype to Bureau and LA, dated 4/6/68.

At 6:15 am, SA ERNIE BELFER, WFO, telephonically advised that photos of evidence to be displayed at Los Angeles were placed aboard TWA flight 99 at Dulles International Airport this morning. Flight due to arrive LA international at 11:05 a.m., LA time. Agent is to meet aircraft and board plane where he is to obtain photos from the plane captain, whose name is DOYLEMS.

Leads are to be covered immediately.

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*Photos obtained  
JST*  
*morehead-Ryan  
handling*

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Date: 4/7/68

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS &amp; NEWARK

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574-1489)

UNSUB, AKA JOHN WILLARD; MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM.  
CIVIL RIGHTS. OO MEMPHIS.

REFERENCE SAN FRANCISCO TEL TO DIRECTOR, 4/7/68.

RECORDS, RIVERSIDE PD, REFLECT EDWARD PHILIP MARLOW EMBEZZLED MONEY FROM SIZZLING PLATTER RESTAURANT, THREE SIX ZERO FIVE MERRILL, ON AUGUST EIGHTEEN, SIXTY SEVEN AND DISAPPEARED. DRIVING NINETEEN FIFTY SEVEN OLDSMOBILE, BLUE, LICENSE UNKNOWN, BUT POSSIBLY NEW JERSEY LICENSE. RIVERSIDE PD INVESTIGATION REFLECTS MARLOW POSSIBLY IN CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY WHERE MOTHER, FLORENCE MARLOW, RESIDES SEVEN TWO FIVE SPRUCE STREET, AND MOTHER IN LAW, JEANNETTE MURPHY, RESIDES ONE THREE SEVEN ABBOTTS VILLAGE. NO REPLY FROM CAMDEN PD TO LEAD COVERAGE REQUESTED RIVERSIDE PD. NO CRIMINAL RECORD FOR MARLOW WITH RIVERSIDE PD OTHER THAN ABOVE, NO RECORD CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION AND INVESTIGATION, SACRAMENTO. <sup>FOR EMBEZZLEMENT</sup> FELONY WARRANT FOR MARLOW/OUT BY RIVERSIDE PD ON AUGUST TWENTY NINE, SIXTY SEVEN. MARLOW DESCRIBED RECORDS RPD AS WM, AGE TWENTY SIX, BORN [REDACTED], FIVE FEET SEVEN, ONE TWENTY FIVE TO ONE FORTY POUNDS, LIGHT BROWN HAIR, BLUE EYES.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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WA-5 54P  
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NK-6 01P

Per \_\_\_\_\_  
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LA 44-1987

BAD TEETH, SCARS ON HANDS, STUTTERS WHEN EXCITED. (INSERT)

INFORMATION NEWARK, RAYMOND COOPER, FORMER  
EMPLOYEE ABOVE RESTAURANT, ADVISED SAN FRANCISCO MARLOW RESEMBLED  
NEWSPAPER SKETCH OF UNSUB, AND HAS A "SILLY SMILE." NEWARK  
CONDUCT INQUIRY AT CAMDEN RE MARLOW AND SUTEL RESULTS TO MEMPHIS.

(INSERT)

NO RECORD RAYMOND COOPER, INDICES LA OFFICE OR  
RIVERSIDE PD.

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Special Agent in Charge

FBI LOS ANG.

FBI SAN FRAN

1113AM URGENT 4/7/68 LFH

TO DIRECTOR, LOS ANGELES AND MEMPHIS  
FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)(P) 1P

UNSUB; AKA JOHN WILLARD; MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM. CR  
OO: MEMPHIS

RAYMOND COOPER, FORTY TWO CREEK ROAD, SAN ANSELMO, CALIFORNIA  
TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED HE HAD BEEN EMPLOYED AT SIZZLING PLATTER  
CAFE, RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA UNTIL ABOUT THREE MONTHS AGO WHEN FIRED  
BY MANAGER, ED MARLOW (PHONETIC). SHORTLY LATER, MARLOW ABSCONDED  
WITH FIFTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS OF CAFE'S MONEY AND REPORTEDLY WENT TO  
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE TO OPERATE POOL HALL. COOPER ADVISED MARLOW  
RESEMBLED NEWSPAPER SKETCH OF UNSUB, IS ABOUT TWENTYSIX TO TWENTY-  
SEVEN YEARS, AND HAS A "SILLY SMILE". MARLOW HAS RIFLE COLLECTION  
AND IS CONSIDERED A RACIST. MARLOW LEFT RIVERSIDE WITHOUT WIFE AND  
FOUR CHILDREN, BUT WAS ACCOMPANIED BY MAN AND HIS WIFE, FELLOW  
BOWLERS.

INQUIRY AT VICINITY FORTY TWO CREEK ROAD, SAN ANSELMO REVEALS  
FORTY TWO \NONEXISTANT AND NEIGHBORHOOD INQUIRY DISCLOSED COOPER  
UNKNOWN. O

EFFORTS BEING MADE TO LOCATE COOPER FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

LOS ANGELES CONDUCT INQUIRY AT RIVERSIDE RE MARLOW AND SUTEL  
PERTINENT DATA TO MEMPHIS.

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*Rellegatta contacted  
1:30 PM. Rng*

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TO: CHIEF CLERK

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Subject

Aliases

Address

Birth Date

Birthplace

Race

Sex

☐ Male

☐ Female

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Exact Spelling

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Ed Marlowe  
" Marlow

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I - Identical  
NI - Not identical

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U - Unavailable reference

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1987)

DATE: 4/7/68

FROM : SA LLOYD D. JOHNSON

SUBJECT: UNSUB; AKA JOHN WILLARD; MARTIN LUTHER  
KING, JR. - VICTIM. E  
CR

Reference SF TEL to Director, LA & MEMPHIS, 4/7/68.

SA HECTOR L. PELLEGATTA checked records of Riverside PD, developed background information concerning EDWARD PHILIP MARLOW, which was incorporated into a teletype to Bureau, Memphis and Newark. MARLOW embezzled \$958.91 from Sizzler Restaurant, for which a felony warrant for embezzlement is outstanding at Riverside.

Additional information, not in teletype, indicated MARLOW had a Class 3 California Driver's License, no number, issued 7/6/65, address at that time being 4164 Nessel, Riverside. MARLOW also has furniture or other items stored at the Salt Lake Van & Storage in Riverside.

*LDJ*

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES

DATE: 4/7/68

FROM : SA BILLY DALE HUBBARD

SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka JOHN WILLARD; MARTIN  
LUTHER KING, JR., - VICTIM  
CR

OO: MEMPHIS.

On the above date, the writer, in an effort to locate the owner of the ROMPAGE Hardware Co., determined from Officer C. B. RUSSELL, office of CSLA 3184-S, that the hardware store is probably owned by FREDERICK H. ROMPAGE, 745 S. Juanita Avenue, Redondo Beach, Calif., FR 4-8389.

Coverage of the lead is being left to SA GEORGE MOOREHEAD, per Supervisor JOHN S. TEMPLE.

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TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, LOS ANGELES, MEMPHIS, (44-1987) & BIRMINGHAM  
FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) (P) 3P

MURKIN; CR; OO: MEMPHIS.

ON APRIL EIGHT, INSTANT, INSPECTOR KEN MANLEY, SAN FRANCISCO PD, ADVISED THAT AN INDIVIDUAL NAMED HERBERT WILSON BOWEN HAD INFORMATION REGARDING CASE.

HERBERT WILSON BOWEN INTERVIEWED AND SUPPLIED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

HERBERT WILSON BOWEN, WMA, DATE OF BIRTH [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] IN GEORGIA, SIX FEET TALL, TWO ZERO FOUR POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, BROWN EYES, ONE ZERO FIVE NORTH DAWSON STREET, LA GRANGE, GEORGIA, HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA ADDRESS SEVEN TWO THREE ONE COLEWATER CANYON, ADVISED HE IS IN SAN FRANCISCO TO WORK ON THE MOVIE "BULLIT." HE STATED THAT HE ARRIVED AT THE GREYHOUND BUS STATION ON LANKER SHIM AVENUE, NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, PRIOR TO TEN THIRTY PM APRIL SEVEN, LAST, TO BUY BUS TICKET TO SAN FRANCISCO. BUS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE TWELVE FIFTYFIVE AM, APRIL EIGHT, INSTANT. WHILE WAITING FOR BUS TO LEAVE, BOWEN WALKED FOUR OR FIVE BLOCKS ON LANKERSHIM AVENUE TO  
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VICINITY OF PRELUDE (PHONETIC) CLUB. WHILE APPROACHING PRELUDE CLUB, HE OBSERVED A WHITE ONE NINE SIX EIGHT MUSTANG PARKED NEAR THE CLUB BEARING GEORGIA LICENSE PLATES. CHROME FRAME AROUND LICENSE PLATE CONTAINED WORDING WADE MOTOR COMPANY WHICH BOWEN BELIEVES IN MARIETTA, GA. BOWEN STATED LICENSE NUMBER STARTED WITH SEVEN WHICH STANDS FOR THE COUNTY AND WAS FOLLOWED BY FOUR NUMBERS. HE BELIEVES THE FIRST THREE OF THESE NUMBERS WERE ONE, SIX, SEVEN, BUT IS NOT POSITIVE AND COULD NOT RECALL THE LAST NUMBER. BOWEN OBSERVED MAN IN DRIVER'S SEAT DESCRIBED AS WMA, IN HIS THIRTIES, WITH THICK HAIR, BLACK IN COLOR, FIVE FEET SIX INCHES, MEDIUM BUILD WEARING SPORTS SHIRT. BOWEN DESCRIBED HIM AS WEIRD-LOOKING BECAUSE OF THICK BLACK HAIR AND STATED HE HAD A "SILLY GRIN." BOWEN DESCRIBED SECOND MAN WHO WAS STANDING ON SIDEWALK AS WMA, APPROXIMATELY TWO SIX YEARS OF AGE, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES TALL, MEDIUM BUILD, WEARING WHITE SHIRT AND TIE WITH SPORTS COAT AND DRESS TROUSERS. THIS SECOND MAN REFERRED TO BY FIRST MAN AS TIM. DRIVER SAID, "COME ON TIM, LET'S GET THE HELL OUT OF HERE, YOU TALK TOO MUCH." THE TWO MEN DROVE AWAY, THEN QUICKLY PUT ON THE BRAKES AND BACKED UP TO WHERE BOWEN WAS STANDING. THEY ASKED HIM FOR THE MATCHBOOK BECAUSE IT HAD AN ADDRESS IN IT THAT THEY NEEDED. BOWEN PICKED UP THE MATCHBOOK FROM THE GROUND AND NOTED THAT THERE WAS NO ADDRESS THEREIN, BUT HE DID NOTE THAT

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ON THE COVER OF THE MATCHBOOK A MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, WAS NAMED. BOWEN ADVISED HE DID NOT SEE THE NAME OF THE MOTEL. HE TOLD THEM THERE WAS NO ADDRESS ON THE MATCHBOOK BUT TIM SAID HE WANTED IT ANYWAY AND TOOK THE MATCHBOOK AT WHICH TIME THEY DROVE OFF. THIS OCCURRED AT APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN PM. BOWEN STATED THAT THE MEN HAD MENTIONED THEY MIGHT LOOK FOR A MOTEL THAT EVENING, LOCATION UNSPECIFIED. LEADS. LOS ANGELES CONDUCT INQUIRY PRELUDE CLUB, LANKERSHIM AVENUE, NORTH HOLLYWOOD, IN VICINITY OF GREYHOUND BUS DEPOT, IN ATTEMPT TO FURTHER IDENTIFY UNSUBS.

ATLANTA, AT DMV AND WADE MOTOR COMPANY ATTEMPT, IF FEASIBLE, TO IDENTIFY INCOMPLETE LICENSE NUMBER THROUGH VEHICLE DESCRIPTION AND POSSIBLE FIRST NAME OF UNSUB (TIM)M

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TO: SAC, ALBANY  
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P  
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Note CHANGED title. Previously carried under  
"Assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR."

All offices receiving copies of this Airtel note that  
Bureau has designated above caption as approved code word for  
investigation dealing with murder of Dr. KING.

Information under above caption should pertain only to  
investigation that may have bearing on identifying subject instant  
case. All other information pertaining to racial incidents, and  
racial activity arising out of assassination Dr. KING should not  
be submitted under above caption, but should be submitted by  
interested offices under the appropriate caption pertaining to  
Racial Matters.

In addition, all offices in receipt of this information  
should re-canvass any Criminal Informants, Security Informants,  
and Racial Informants for possible knowledge concerning assassina-  
tion, with specific emphasis directed toward informants in known  
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FBI NEWARK

10:20PM URGENT 4-3-68 RCV

TO DIRECTOR , LOSANGELES, MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM  
FROM NEWARK (44-354)

MURKIN RE: SUSPECT ~~EDWARD PHILIP MARLOW~~

FATHER, BROTHER, AND MOTHER IN LA INTERVIEWED THIS DATE  
AND NO INFORMATION DEVELOPED AS TO WHEREABOUTS OF MARLOW. MARLOW'S  
FATHER AND BROTHER HAD NOT SEEN OR HEARD FROM HIM SINCE HE  
LEFT TO GO TO CALIFORNIA SEVEN YEARS AGO. FAMILY HAS NOT  
HEARD FROM MARLOW SINCE THAT TIME AND HAVE NO PHOTOGRAPHS OF  
HIM. MARLOW'S MOTHER IN LA HAD LAST CONTACT WITH HER  
DAUGHTER, ~~HELEN MARLOW~~, WIFE OF EDWARD PHILIP MARLOW WHEN WIFE  
WAS THEN RESIDING IN RIVERSIDE, CALIF., WITH HIM IN A  
RESIDENCE ON KALLINGHAM DRIVE OR STREET. MARLOW'S HAVE FOUR  
CHILDREN RANGING IN AGE FROM TEN TO TWO YEARS WHO LIVE WITH  
THEM. ALL LETTERS SUBSEQUENT TO JULY, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN  
SENT TO THE MARLOWS FROM MRS. MURPHY HAVE BEEN RETURNED.  
MARLOW PURCHASED A NEW AUTOMOBILE IN RIVERSIDE, CALIF.,  
APPROXIMATELY THREE YEARS AGO. CREDIT RECORDS, CAMDEN, NJ  
DISCLOSED EDWARD PHILIP MARLOW EMPLOYED PITTSBURGH PLATE GLASS  
CO., MOORESTOWN, NJ, IN NINETEEN SIXTY THREE. CHECK OF

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NJ MOTOR VEHICLES BUREAU, TRENTON, DISCLOSED EDWARD PHILIP  
MAPLOE, NJ, DRIVER'S LICENSE NO SIX TWO SIX ONE NINE TWO  
SEVEN SEVEN ONE ONE FOUR ZERO FOUR IS ON THE REVOKED LIST IN  
THIS STATE. ADDITIONAL INFO BEING OBTAINED. INVESTIGATION  
CONTINUING.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES

FROM : SA J. CLARE WILLIAMS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/8/68

Writer received call on above date from SA HARVEY JAMES, WFO, who advised as follows:

Two manila envelopes, one addressed to FBI, Los Angeles and the other to FBI, San Diego, had been placed on board, in custody of the captain, of ~~Flight~~ American Airlines Flight 29 leaving Baltimore 11:40 PM, EST arriving Los Angeles International 1:45 AM, Los Angeles time. Envelopes contain photographs of the inside of the motel where KING murder suspect stayed in Memphis and of items of evidence obtained from room.

Stated that agent meeting above flight will have to make arrangements for the San Diego envelope to be placed on board appropriate flight for San Diego and that San Diego be called so an agent could meet the plane there also.

Writer contacted SA BARRY, Airport Detail of Inglewood RA and he stated he would handle. Stated that he would contact the office and advise what flight he had placed the San Diego envelope on so that this info could be phoned down to SD in time for plane to be met.

2 - LA SA BARRY called advising he gave SD's envelope to Senior Stewardess First Class C. K. BANDY, United Flight 219, departing Los Angeles 5:30 A.M., 4/9/68 and arriving San Diego 6:02 A.M.

At 3:43 A.M., 4/9/68 SA H. R. McCULLOUGH telephonically advised the Night Clerk, FBI, San Diego, who indicated he would call their ASAC to have him designate an SA to pick up their envelope.

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FROM : SA J. CLARE WILLIAMS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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Writer was called on above date at about 7:45 PM by individual who identified self as JOHN MC CARROLL, NBC News Staff, Burbank.

MC CARROLL stated that he had heard over the LAPD monitor radio that LAPD units were "chasing the King murder suspect east on Manchester near San Pedro". MC CARROLL stated that additionally a few minutes later after hearing the above, he heard LAPD control operator stating something to the effect that in connection with the above traffic, two girls had been picked up by an unknown white male earlier tonight in South Los Angeles area and later released. Prior to releasing the girls, he told them he had committed the King murder in Memphis. The girls, after being released by the man, immediately called the LAPD to report.

MC CARROLL wanted to know whether we had anything on this report and writer advised him that to writer's knowledge this info was unknown to FBI.

Writer advised Supervisor NOLAN who was still in office.

Writer called LAPD Intelligence, Sgt. CRAMER, who advised that he was unaware of above info. Stated that Sgt. RICE would contact writer when he returns.

A few minutes later, writer received call from Sgt. SUKEIL, LAPD Communications, who advised as follows:

SUKEIL substantiated above info, adding that the girls who provided the info described the individual who picked them up and admitted KING's murder, as w/m/a, about 26, 5-9, medium build, brown hair, driving a 1965 DODGE with Calif. plates ROE 183. SUKEIL states that this license checks out to a 1965 Plymouth Station wagon registered to TransAmerican Leasing, 1157 South Hope, LA.

SUKEIL stated that he had no more info, but that LAPD investigation was being handled out of Newton Division who would be able to furnish additional info.

NOLAN advised.



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Date: 4/8/68

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TO: DIRECTOR; SAC's BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS AND NEW YORK  
 FROM: SAC LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
 MURKIN

ON APRIL SIX LAST PETTY OFFICER, USS MACKENZIE, NAVAL STATION, LONG BEACH, CALIF., ADVISED THAT ON EVENING OF APRIL FOUR LAST SHIPMATE ALAN ROY PETERSON, NSN B ONE ONE ONE NINE EIGHT SIX STATED QUOTE MY COUSIN WROTE ME AND SAID HE WAS GOING TO SHOOT MARTIN LUTHER KING END QUOTE AND SOMETHING TO THE EFFECT THAT WHEN HIS COUSIN SETS HIS MIND TO SOMETHING HE DOES IT. NOTHING FURTHER STATED. NAME OF COUSIN NOT CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD, POSSIBLY JOHN OR JACK. PETERSON LEFT SHIP ON APRIL FIVE LAST FOR WEEK-END LIBERTY TO RETURN TO SHIP APRIL EIGHT INSTANT. PETERSON INTERVIEWED APRIL EIGHT INSTANT AND ADMITTED MAKING STATEMENT, HOWEVER MAINTAINED NO TRUTH TO STATEMENT AND COULD NOT EXPLAIN WHY HE MADE SAME. STATES THAT HE HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY CORRESPONDENCE OF THIS NATURE AND ONLY HEARS FROM HIS MOTHER. HAS NEVER RECEIVED ANY MAIL FROM ANY COUSINS. SENDS ALL MAIL HE RECEIVES TO HIS MOTHER TO KEEP. <sup>CLAIMS THAT</sup> UPON LEARNING THAT FBI ATTEMPTING TO CONTACT HIM HE CALLED HIS MOTHER, RUTH GUSTAF PETERSON, NINE FIVE TWO ONE SEVENTY SECOND AVENUE, FORREST

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Approved: 

Special Agent in Charge

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HILLS, NEW YORK, TELEPHONE BO EIGHT ONE TWO NINE FOUR. THIS AM,  
*To find out why FBI was trying to locate him.*

NEW YORK SHOULD INTERVIEW RUTH PETERSON FOR IDENTITY  
OF A COUSIN WHO MIGHT BE COMMUNICATING WITH ALAN ROY PETERSON  
AND ASCERTAIN THE NATURE OF TELEPHONE CALL BY HER SON.

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TO DIRECTOR BIRMINGHAM MEMPHIS ATLANTA  
BALTIMORE BOSTON CINCINNATI LAS VEGAS  
LOS ANGELES NEWARK RICHMOND SAN DIEGO AND SAN FRANCISCO  
FROM ALBANY 157-273

MURKIN CR OO MEMPHIS

RE ALBANY TEL APRIL EIGHT INSTANT

THE FOLLOWING ARE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF DISTRICT  
MANAGERS FOR TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE COMPANY WHO MAY BE ABLE  
TO FURNISH ASSISTANCE IN EVENT ANY PROBLEMS DEVELOP;

ATLANTA:

DICK BRISTOW, THREE FOUR SIX TWO, N.W. THIRTEENTH  
AVENUE, GAINESVILLE, FLA., TELEPHONE NUMBER F R TWO ONE TWO NINE  
ZERO.

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JOE COMBS, FIFTY TWO THIRTY DEVONSHIRE, OXON HILL,  
MARYLAND, TELEPHONE TWO FOUR EIGHT SIX ONE TWO SEVEN.

CINCINNATI

JACK CODY, TWENTYNINE TWENTYNINE CHAUCER DRIVE, SHERWOOD  
VILLAGE, NORTH CANTON, OHIO, TELEPHONE FOUR NINE TWO SIX FOUR  
NINE SEVEN.

BOSTON:

FRED WEBER, THIRTYTHREE SKYLARK LANE, STONYBROOK,  
LONG ISLAND, TELEPHONE SEVEN FIVE ONE TWO ONE THREE FIVE.

LOS ANGELES, SAN FRANCISCO, LAS VEGAS AND SAN DIEGO

*n* FRED RAUPACK, ONE EIGHT FOUR ZERO NINE HIAWATHA,  
NORTHRIDGE, CALIFORNIA, TELEPHONE EM THREE EIGHT NINE SIX  
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TO DIRECTOR BIRMINGHAM MEMPHIS ATLANTA BALTIMORE BOSTON  
CINCINNATI LAS VEGAS LOS ANGELES NEWARK RICHMOND SAN DIEGO  
AND SAN FRANCISCO

FROM: ALBANY /157-273/

MURKIN; CR; GO MEMPHIS

RE ALBANY TEL TO BUREAU APRIL SEVEN LAST AND  
TELEPHONE CALLS TO BUREAU, ATLANTA, BOSTON, BALTIMORE,  
AND SAN FRANCISCO, APRIL EIGHT INSTANT.

SEARCH OF PREMISES BELIEVED OCCUPIED BY UNSUB  
WHO ASSASSINATED DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING ON FOUR FOUR  
SIXTYEIGHT DISCLOSED SUITCASE IN WHICH WAS LOCATED  
TEE SHIRT AND UNDERSHORTS BEARING LAUNDRY MARK ON  
RED TAPE WITH BLACK LETTERING BELIEVED TO BE THERMO-  
SEAL TYPE, MANUFACTURED BY TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE  
CO. INC., SYRACUSE, N.Y. THE TAPE IS ONE QUARTER  
INCH WIDE AND ONE AND ONE SIXTEENTH INCH LONG AND  
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BEARS LETTERS AND NUMBERS ZERO TWO B DASH SIX.

EXPERTS AT TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE COMPANY ADVISE TYPE ON THIS MACHINE IS UNUSUAL IN THAT THE FIRST TWO CHARACTERS ARE FIFTEEN POINT TYPE AND THE LAST THREE CHARACTERS ARE EIGHTEEN POINT TYPE, WITH THE MIDDLE CHARACTER, THE LETTER B, PROBABLY BEING NARROW RATHER THAN REGULAR TYPE. THE USUAL MACHINE CARRIES FIFTEEN POINT TYPE FOR THE FIRST THREE CHARACTERS AND EIGHTEEN POINT TYPE FOR THE LAST TWO CHARACTERS.

TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE EXPERTS ALSO STATED THIS MACHINE IS DEFECTIVE IN THAT IT IS PRODUCING A TAPE ONE AND ONE SIXTEENTH INCH LONG INSTEAD OF ONE AND ONE EIGHTH INCH LONG AND IS NOT PROJECTING THE TAPE FAR ENOUGH RESULTING IN CUTTING OFF A PORTION

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OF THE FIRST LETTER. THE CODE USED IN THE NORTH  
EASTERN PART OF THE UNITED STATES IS AS FOLLOWS:

THE FIRST LETTER O STANDS FOR LOT NUMBER; THE  
FIRST NUMBER TWO INDICATES THE DAY OF THE WEEK, TWO  
BEING TUESDAY; THE SECOND LETTER INDICATES THE FIRST  
LETTER OF THE STORE NAME, THIS IS THE LETTER B; THE  
LAST NUMBER IS THE BUNDLE NUMBER, THIS IS SIX. COLOR  
CODING OF THE TAG MAY DESIGNATE VARIOUS THINGS SUCH  
AS A DIFFERENT MONTH OR THE IDENTITY OF A STORE IN  
A CHAIN. EXPERTS ALSO STATE THE USE OF THIS SYSTEM  
ON LAUNDRY ITEMS IS UNUSUAL IN THAT THE SYSTEM IS  
NORMALLY USED ON GARMENTS BEING DRY CLEANED.

THE BUREAU HAS INSTRUCTED THAT ALL TEXTILE  
MACHINES USING THIS TYPE TAPE BE LOCATED AND MACHINES  
USING THIS CODE BE IDENTIFIED.

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THE CODE USED HAS BEEN TRACED TO THE NORTHEASTERN PART OF THE UNITED STATES, HOWEVER A SIMILAR CODING IS USED IN THE WESTERN PART OF THE UNITED STATES ALSO AND A SIMILAR CODE IS ALSO USED BY COMPANIES WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE COMPANY'S REPRESENTATIVES, THEREFORE ALL THESE, MACHINES MUST BE CHECKED.

FOLLOWING ARE MACHINES HAVING FIVE CHARACTERS OR SIX CHARACTERS CAPABLE OF PRODUCING THE INSTANT LAUNDRY TAPE:

ATLANTA:

BLUM'S, MACON, GEORGIA, MODEL NUMBER H FIVE L ONE, SERIAL NUMBER THREE ONE NINE SEVEN THREE.

BALTIMORE:

STAR LAUNDRY, NINE ZERO EIGHT NORTH SALISBURY BOULEVARD, SALISBURY, MARYLAND, MODEL NUMBER H FIVE L FOUR, SERIAL NUMBER THREE TWO FIVE ZERO ZERO.  
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BOSTON:

LEWIS NATIONAL CORP., ONE MT. VERNON  
AVE, DORCHESTER, MASS., MODEL NUMBER H  
FIVE L FOUR, SERIAL NUMBER THREE TWO TWO NINE ZERO  
(A DISTRIBUTOR FOR TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE CO.,  
THIS MACHINE SHIPPED APRIL SIXTYTWO); SUPERIOR LAUNDRY  
SIX TWENTYFIVE CONCORD AVE, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.,  
MODEL NUMBER H FIVE K ONE, SERIAL NUMBER R THREE ONE  
SEVEN SIX TWO.

CINCINNATI:

SWAN CLEANERS, EIGHT ZERO FOUR MOUNT VERNON  
AVENUE, COLUMBUS, OHIO, MODEL NUMBER H FIVE K ONE  
SERIAL NUMBER R THREE ONE FIVE FOUR SEVEN.

FLAS VEGAS:

MONARCH CLEANERS, ONE FOUR THREE ZERO SOUTH MAIN  
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, MODEL NUMBER H FIVE L FOUR, SERIAL  
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NUMBER THREE TWO FOUR NINE EIGHT.

LOS ANGELES:

11 BEACH CITIES LAUNDRY, SIX TWO ZERO MAIN STREET,  
HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIFORNIA, MODEL NUMBER R H FIVE  
K ONE, SERIAL NUMBER THREE ONE THREE NINE FOUR;  
CALIFORNIA OVERALL COMPANY, ONE SIX TWO ZERO COMPTON  
AVENUE, LOS ANGELES, CALIF.; MODEL NUMBER H FIVE  
K ONE, SERIAL NUMBER THREE ONE THREE FIVE TWO;  
DELITE LAUNDRY, ONE SIX ZERO SEVEN, BROOKLYN AVENUE,  
LOS ANGELES, CALIF., MODEL NUMBER R H FIVE K ONE,  
SERIAL NUMBERS THREE ONE FOUR FOUR NINE, THREE ONE  
<sup>4</sup> FOUR <sup>5</sup> FIVE <sup>4</sup> FOUR, THREE ONE THREE NINE TWO, THREE ONE  
FOUR FOUR SEVEN; GOLD COAST LAUNDRY, ONE EIGHT THREE  
EIGHT EAST FORTY FIRST PLACE, LOS ANGELES: MODEL  
NUMBER H FIVE K FOUR, SERIAL NUMBER R THREE TWO THREE  
TWO ONE; NICOLAY KETZBECK INC., GAMMATH LAUNDRY,  
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address directory  
no phone listing*

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EIGHT SIX ONE ONE WEST THIRD STREET, LOS ANGELES,  
MODEL NUMBER H FIVE K ONE, CONVERTED FROM H FIVE J  
ONE, SERIAL NUMBER THREE ZERO NINE ZERO TWO.

NEWARK:

CUSTOM SHIRT LAUNDRY, TWO ZERO SEVEN HADDON  
AVENUE, WESTMONT, N.J., MODEL NUMBER H FIVE  
M FOUR, SERIAL NUMBER THREE TWO SIX FOUR FOUR.

RICHMOND:

FARLINGTON OR FANLINGTON LAUNDRY, THREE EIGHT  
ZERO ZERO SOUTH FOUR MILE RUN DRIVE, ARLINGTON,  
VIRGINIA, MODEL NUMBER H FIVE L FOUR, SERIAL NUMBER  
THREE TWO FIVE ZERO FOUR.

SAN DIEGO

KELLY ORIGINAL FRENCH LAUNDRY, ONE ZERO FOUR  
TWO UNIVERSITY AVE., SAN DIEGO, CALIF., MODEL  
NUMBER R H FIVE K ONE, SERIAL NUMBERS, THREE ONE  
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THREE NINE ONE, THREE ONE THREE NINE FIVE, MODEL  
NUMBER H FIVE K ONE, SERIAL NUMBERS THREE ONE FOUR  
SIX ONE AND THREE ONE FOUR NINE ONE.

SAN FRANCISCO:

GOLDEN STATE DRIVE IN CLEANERS, TWO ONE SEVEN  
FIVE WINCHESTER BLVD., CAMPBELL, CALIF.,  
MODEL NUMBER H FIVE L FOUR, SERIAL NUMBER THREE TWO  
FIVE ZERO THREE; HIGHLAND DRIVE IN CLEANERS, ONE TWO ZERO  
ONE LA SALLE AVENUE, SEASIDE, CALIF., MODEL NUMBER  
H FIVE L ONE, SERIAL NUMBER THREE ONE SIX THREE TWO  
MARSHALL STEEL COMPANY, FIVE FOUR TWO SEVEN TELEGRAPH,  
OAKLAND, CALIF., MODEL NUMBER H FIVE K ONE, SERIAL  
NUMBER THREE ONE TWO TWO SIX; SANFORD CLEANERS, TWO  
EIGHT SEVEN FIVE EL CAMINO, PAO ALTO, CALIF.,  
MODEL NUMBER H FIVE L FOUR, SERIAL NUMBER THREE TWO  
FIVE ZERO SIX; STERLING CLEANERS AND LAUNDRY, ONE  
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ONE FOUR ZERO HOWARD AVE., BURLINGAME, CALIF.,  
MODEL NUMBER H FIVE L FOUR, SERIAL NUMBER THREE  
ONE SIX FOUR SEVEN; SUPERIOR FRENCH LAUNDRY, ONE TWO  
EIGHT FOUR WEST MAIN AVENUE, OAKLAND, CALIF.,  
WHICH HAS NUMEROUS MACHINES OF THIS TYPE SOME OF  
WHICH HAVE BEEN RETURNED TO REPRESENTATIVE. MACHINE  
H FIVE K ONE SERIAL NUMBER THREE ONE THREE FIVE EIGHT  
RETURNED TO TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE HAS BEEN  
CHECKED BY ALBANY.

REGARDING THE ABOVE MACHINES ALL OF THOSE  
HAVING FIVE CHARACTERS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AND  
THE NUMBERS FURNISHED BY TELEPHONE TO BALTIMORE,  
BOSTON AND SAN FRANCISCO. OTHER MACHINES SET FORTH  
ABOVE FOR THE DESIGNATION IN THE MODEL NUMBER  
INDICATING THAT THEY ARE FIVE CHARACTER MACHINES.  
HOWEVER THE RECORDS OF TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE  
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COMPANY SHOW SIX DIGITS. ALL OF THESE MACHINES SHOULD BE CHECKED TO DETERMINE WHETHER THEY USE THE CODE ON INSTANT TAPE.

THE BUREAU HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO FURNISH ALL OFFICES SET FORTH ABOVE WITH PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE GARMENTS BEARING THE TAPE IN SUFFICIENT QUANTITY TO COVER THESE LEADS.

ALL OFFICES ARE DIRECTED BY THE BUREAU TO IMMEDIATELY CONTACT THE ABOVE CONCERNS AS DESIGNATED, DETERMINE IF THEY USE THE CODE SYSTEM AS SHOWN ON INSTANT TAPE AND IF THEY DO USE THAT SYSTEM, OBTAIN ALL INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN AN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY UNSUB. THE BUREAU HAS FURTHER DIRECTED THAT EVEN IF THEY DO NOT USE THIS SYSTEM, TAPES SHOULD BE OBTAINED USING THE CHARACTERS IN INSTANT TAPE WHICH SHOULD BE FORWARDED IMMEDIATELY TO THE FBI LAB FOR  
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COMPARISON WITH INSTANT TAPE.

COPY OF THIS TELETYPE IS FURNISHED TO BIRMINGHAM  
IN VIEW OF CHECKS BEING MADE WITH AIRLINE COMPANIES. P.

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4/8/68

SUPERVISOR JOHN S. TEMPLE

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On 4/8/68, Mr. ART DE LUCA, O & R Engines, Inc., 3340 Emory Street, Los Angeles 23, telephonically contacted the Los Angeles Office, at which time he advised his company manufactures generators. Further, that in about 1964, a wide-spread mail campaign was conducted by the company and a response was received from an individual in Georgia who, although he did not order a generator, did send the following note: "Death comes to MARTIN LUTHER KING". On the reverse side of the note was a statement: "Truth is our prime objective. Death is already inevitable for that black bastard". Included in the letter was a rifle shell. The note was signed by WILLIAM, last name undecipherable, with the return address 1118 South Hampton Street, Perry, Georgia, with a code 415. Mr. DE LUCA noted, however, that the postmark shows the letter came from Perry, Florida. In this connection, there is a Perry, Florida and a Perry, Georgia, according to the U. S. Postal Guide.

LEAD

Will contact ART DE LUCA and obtain the letter and rifle casing.

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ACK SSP DND  
TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC's BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS  
FROM SAC LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
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RE ALBANY TELETYPE APRIL EIGHT INSTANT, AND MEMPHIS  
TELETYPE APRIL SIX LAST.

INVESTIGATION AT CALIFORNIA OVERALL COMPANY AND  
GOLD COAST LAUNDRY REFLECTED TAPE NOT IDENTICAL WITH LAUNDRY  
MARK IN QUESTION. NEITHER COMPANY USE THE CODE SYSTEM SHOWN ON  
INSTANT TAPE. SAMPLES OF TAPES USED BY THESE COMPANIES OBTAINED  
AND BEING FORWARDED TO FBI LAB. BEACH CITIES LAUNDRY FILED  
BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDINGS THREE YEARS AGO AND BUILDING AND PART  
OF EQUIPMENT PURCHASED BY STANDARD INDUSTRIAL LAUNDRY AT SAME  
ADDRESS. DID NOT PURCHASE MARKING MACHINES. INVESTIGATION  
CONTINUING TO DETERMINE DISPOSITION OF MARKING MACHINE BY BEACH  
CITIES LAUNDRY. NICOLAY KETZBECK, INC., GAMMATU LAUNDRY BURNED  
APPROXIMATELY SIX YEARS AGO. EFFORTS BEING MADE TO CONTACT  
OWNER AND ASCERTAIN DISPOSITION OF MARKING MACHINE. NO RECORD  
OF DELITE LAUNDRY AT ONE SIX ZERO SEVEN, BROOKLYN AVENUE, LOS  
ANGELES, CALIF. CONTINUOUS EFFORTS BEING MADE TO LOCATE THIS  
COMPANY.

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