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CITIZEN NEWSPAPER, DALTON, GEORGIA. MAULDIN NOT PRESENT DURING THIS INTERVIEW AND DOES NOT KNOW WHAT INFO CURTIS GAVE GULLEDGE. MAULDIN STATED CURTIS THREE TO FOUR DAYS AGO RECEIVED LETTER WITH RETURN ADDRESS, MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY. CURTIS KNOWS NO SPECIFIC RACIAL HATREDS BY RAY, WHO IS MEAN IF CROSSED, BUT NOT AGGRESSIVE INDIVIDUAL. HE SAID IF RAY RETURNED TO ATLANTA AFTER ASSASSINATION, IT WOULD PROBABLY HAVE BEEN TO COLLECT BOUNTY.

KANSAS CITY AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI. (1) DETERMINE THIRD CELL MATE WITH RAY AND CURTIS IN "B" AND "C" HALLS, BETWEEN 'SIXTYTWO TO 'SIXTYSIX (INDIVIDUAL ALLEGED TO BE AT MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY), VERIFY CURTIS' STORY. (2) THRU POLICE AND INFORMANT CONTACTS IDENTIFY ITALIAN WHO WAS "A BIG MAN" IN SYNDICATE BETWEEN KANSAS CITY AND CHICAGO, AND WHO STOLE POST OFFICE MONEY ORDERS AND TRAVELERS CHECKS FOR SUBJECT RAY. (3) DEVELOP INFO FROM INMATES AND OTHER SOURCES RE RAY'S ALLEGED WIFE. (4) DEVELOP INFO RE PRISON GOSSIP RE "MILLION DOLLAR BOUNTY ON KING'S HEAD".

NEW ORLEANS AT NEW ORLEANS, LA.,) DEVELOP INFO RE COIN (PHONETIC).

SPRINGFIELD AT MENARD PRISON, MENARD, ILL. IDENTIFY RAY'S FORMER CELL MATE IN MENARD STATE PRISON.

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SPRINGFIELD AT QUINCY, ILL. CONTACT INFORMANTS AND SOURCES TO DEVELOP BACKGROUND INFO RE SUBJECT.

DETROIT, LOS ANGELES, SAN DIEGO, AND TAMPA CONTACT LOGICAL INFORMANTS TO DETERMINE IF SUBJECT KNOWN TO HOODLUM ELEMENTS.

SAN DIEGO NOTE SUBJECT ALLEGEDLY VISITED TIJUANA IN PAST.

AM COPIES SENT TO CHICAGO, DETROIT, LOS ANGELES, SAN DIEGO AND TAMPA.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), LOS ANGELES (44-1574), MEMPHIS (44-1987)
ATLANTA (44-2386)
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) 2P

MURKIN

RE REPORT SA LEROY W. SHEETS, APRIL ONE EIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT,
AT LOS ANGELES. *done*

IF NOT DONE PREVIOUSLY, LOS ANGELES REINTERVIEW CHARLES J.
STEIN, TO DETERMINE IF HE BELIEVES HE CAN PINPOINT THE LOCATIONS
WHERE RAY, AS GALT, MADE TELEPHONE CALLS DURING TRIP LOS ANGELES TO
NEW ORLEANS, DECEMBER FIFTEEN - SEVENTEEN, IF STEIN WERE TO OBSERVE
THESE LOCATIONS AGAIN. NOTING STEIN'S DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF
ROUTES USED ON TRIP, AND THAT HE BELIEVES MOST OF THE CALLS WERE
MADE IN TEXAS, IT APPEARS POSSIBLE THAT HE COULD MAKE SUCH A
RECOLLECTION IF GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO VIEW THEM AGAIN, IN PERSON.
IF HE BELIEVWS HE CAN, BUREAU REQUESTED TO GIVE CONSIDERATION TO
HAVING STEIN DRIVEN SAME ROUTE BY BUREAU AGENT IN EFFORT TO
IDENTIFY LOCATIONS. IF ANY OR ALL THESE LOCATIONS ARE IDENTIFIED,
IMMEDIATE EFFORTS COULD THEN BE MADE TO OBTAIN ALL LONG DISTANCE
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TELEPHONE CALLS MADE FROM THESE INDIVIDUAL LOCATIONS, DURING
DECEMBER FIFTEEN - SEVENTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN. THIS INVESTIGATION COULD
VERY POSSIBLY LEAD TO IDENTIFICATION OF ASSOCIATES. IT SHOULD
ALSO BE CONSIDERED THAT ACCORDING TO MARIE MARTIN, GALT (RAY)
WAS SUSPICIOUS OF POSSIBLE SET-UP BY STEIN AND TELEPHONE CALLS
WERE HIS METHOD OF MAINTAINING CONTACT WITH A CLOSE ASSOCIATE.
END
SMS
FBI LOS ANG.

LOMAX POLL AND TRIBUNE

A Monthly Poll of Negro Opinion
A Quarterly Organ of Negro Thought and Opinion

Almena Lomax, Editor-Publisher

1215 S. Tremaine
Los Angeles 90019, Calif.

938 - 8458, area code, 213

April 13, 1968

Attorney General Ramsey Clark
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I hate to be thought a quack, but I cannot get a very disturbing similarity of events which might relate to the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. out of my mind, and so, at whatever risk, I am impelled to write you.

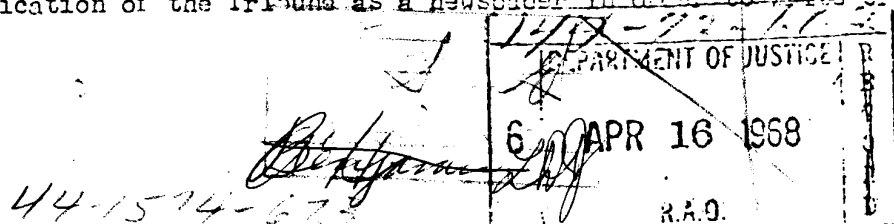
I publish the above-named Poll monthly and the Tribune, a 'little' magazine when I can; but I covered the funeral of Dr. King for a newspaper, The Post, published at 2973 Sacramento st., Berkeley, Calif. 94705, a Negro weekly. I also serve The Post at present as a consultant, or contributing editor, in its efforts to build up its editorial content.

I just returned last night from Berkeley and after being away almost all week, what with the funeral, have just caught up on the daily papers; and I was struck by the similarity of reported activities of the suspected killer and a fictional killer I created in an unpublished book, "The Ten Most Wanted White Man". As the title would suggest, this man, who is sort of deranged by frustration over the continued humiliation of Negroes by the nonviolent movement and the continued violation of them by Deep South racists, picks out the ten racists from whose deaths he thinks the Negro would most benefit and goes out and kills them.

I published the first five chapters in the Tribune. I am a former weekly newspaper publisher for 19 years of the Los Angeles Tribune, and I began the Tribune out of frustration while living in Tuskegee, Ala. in 1964-65. I started the Tribune, as a 'little magazine', as the Tuskegee Tribune, a mimeographed newspaper, and a large number of whites of the town, who were described by knowledgeable Negroes of the town as "members of the White Citizens Council" and Kluxer-types, subscribed.

I have as many subscribers among Alabamians whom I know or suppose to be white, as I do among Negroes — not that there are many of either.

Covering the Tuskegee City Council couldn't hold my interest, as I had suspended publication of the Tribune as a newspaper in order to write creatively,



and I left Tuskegee in February of 1965 and returned to Los Angeles.

I have continued to send the Tribune to my southern subscribers, including the whites, whenever I have brought it out.

Beginning with the 14th number in March of 1965, I serialized "The Ten Most Wanted White Men", and continued into the fifth chapter before I got a contract for the book from Houghton-Mifflin Co. Other than in the first chapter where my hero, or anti-hero, conceived his plan as a way out of his frustration and lists his intended victims, I didn't in the serialization give away his plans or modus operandi. However, the idea was there.

Also, the entire book of 36 ~~pages~~^{chapters} has been read by Houghton Mifflin, which eventually decided not to publish it, on the grounds that the anti-hero was not believable, and by Globe Press, which rejected it, too. The first ten chapters were read, and rejected, last Summer by Harper & Row and have since been at Random House, along with the book's summary.

I hope you will not feel that I am suggesting that any of the readers of this book would be so insane as to assassinate Dr. King. However, the coincidence of your suspect apparently having abandoned a car in Atlanta, just walked away from it; belonging to the seaman's union in Mobile; renting the room in the rundown rooming house, and the actions of my anti-hero, or killer, is so striking that I hope it excuses this long and detailed letter. Perhaps it is my imagination, but the personality, the stride, etc., suggested by the newspaper stories, suggest my Josiah Herron, who likes to think of himself as "the Bronze Bomber", a sort of avenger of Negroes.

There is further the fact that while I was in Atlanta, I heard many people in the crowd outside the church and along the march say they feared, or had heard, that Rev. Abernathy, Stokely Carmichael, Congressman Adam Powell, and other Negro leaders were going to be "gotten". Some few people said they thought the killer might be standing on the sidewalk along the line of march.

I also heard that Negro extremists in Atlanta were planning to burn and blow up businesses, specifically Sears and others along Gordon Road, which is just above the Capitol Homes Housing Project where the car was parked in Atlanta. I lived from September 1 to Oct. 29, of 1965 in Atlanta and have a son in college there, though he is not an extremist or racist, and so have many leads there. I thought it notable that there was no mention of harming the housing project, even though many of the whites living there are openly hostile to Negroes passing there en route to shop on Gordon Road.

None of this may be of any value. However, I felt I had to relay it. Now that Mrs. King and Rev. Abernathy have resolved to continue the march to Washington, the same person or persons who were sufficiently exercised by distress as to kill Dr. King may attempt to harm them; and I felt that if I know anything which might remotely help solve the murder, I should relay it.

Attorney General Ramsey Clark, 3

I do not keep the world's best records; but if you should like to look at my Alabama mailing list, I could type the names and addresses off the cards and send them to you. I think there are a couple in Birmingham.

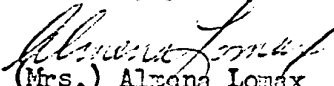
My book is pretty much in disarray; one gets discouraged after three years. But if looking at it would shed any light, I think I could shuffle the chapters together. However, as you can see, I am wordy. It's about 400,000 words.

I will be at The Post Thursday and Friday, I think; but the address and phone number on the letterhead are my residence, where I do my other work.

I wish you the very best of luck in your investigation.

al/ml

Sincerely yours,


(Mrs.) Alma Lomax
Editor-Publisher
Lomax Poll and Tribune

P. S.: If you should have anyone from the local office of the FBI contact me, would you have them phone first?

FBI

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✓ To: SAC, Los Angeles

✓ From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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Re Almena Lomax - Complainant.

Enclosed are two copies for Los Angeles and one copy each for Atlanta, Birmingham and Memphis of a letter from Almena Lomax dated 4/13/68 which was forwarded to the Bureau by the Civil Rights Division.

Los Angeles contact Almena Lomax and review the subscription list she refers to for any pertinent names associated with this case.

Enclosures (2) *HN*

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : JOHN P. ANDREWS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReMemo SA H. LA MARR GUNN, 4/20/68 concerning a call from ~~PETER HULL~~ who, while taking out the garbage cans on 4/19/68, observed a man with "beard, brown hair, ... sloppily dressed, wearing untidy and unmatched clothes, plaid shirt in a daze" allegedly resembling RAY.

In view of the above description setting forth a "beard" as well as the nonspecific nature of this alleged observation, it is not believed that this matter warrants any addition inquiry at this time.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (P)

DATE: 4/24/68

FROM : SA GEORGE F. AIKEN, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo of SA LEROY W. SHEETS, dated 4/9/68 at Los Angeles.

RE SUSPECT HAROLD G. LOHMEIER, and wife FRANCES

The following investigation was conducted by the writer:

Mrs. L.C. JOHNSON, Personnel Department, Crown Chemical and Engineering Company, 3025 West Mission Road, Alhambra, California, advised on 4/24/68 that a review of the personnel files of the above concern failed to reflect a present employee or former employee by the name of HAROLD G. LOHMEIER. She further stated that this would probably indicated that LOHMEIER was employed on a short time basis as a casual employee.

A review of HAROLD G. LOHMEIER 's credit file maintained at the Alhambra Credit Bureau reflected that LOHMEIER was employed at the above concern during the latter part of 1960. The last activity on the credit record reflected an inquiry from Merced, California on 9/61, and on 3/62 a chatel mortgage was made to ~~Budget~~ Atlas Budget Plan, Los Angeles, California.

A review of the MURKIN file at Los Angeles 4/24/68 reflected that JAMES EARL RAY was incarcerated during the above period of time that there was credit activity on LOHMEIER's account,, indicating that the LOHMEIER above is not identical with RAY, under one of his known aliases.

It is recommended that no further investigation be conducted in this fact of the case because of the above facts, and because LOHMEIER, above, is itinerant, ~~has~~ had several jobs and residences during the brief time that he was known to the Alhambra Credit Bureau.

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BIRMINGHAM (44-1740), HOUSTON, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
AND NEW ORLEANS

FROM SAC LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN.

RE LOUIS LOMAX - CHARLES STEIN.

PACIFIC TELEPHONE COMPANY, LOS ANGELES, TODAY ADVISED IN
STRICTEST CONFIDENCE THEY HAD BEEN REQUESTED BY JAMES B. POTTER
JR., MEMBER OF CITY COUNCIL, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, TO ~~HANDLE~~ *provide*

Subscribed to ~~THE~~ TELEPHONE NUMBERS THAT LOUIS LOMAX MIGHT SECURE IN
ATTEMPTING TO TRACE A LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALL THAT THE
SUBJECT OF THIS CASE MADE SOMEWHERE NEAR HOUSTON, TEXAS, DURING
THE TRIP SUBJECT MADE WITH STEIN IN MID-DECEMBER SIXTY SEVEN.
ACCORDING TO THE COMPANY'S INFORMATION, LOMAX WILL ATTEMPT TO
GET CHARLES STEIN TO ACCOMPANY HIM IN AN ATTEMPT TO LOCATE A
PHONE BOOTH WHERE SUBJECT ALLEGEDLY MADE CALL DURING THIS TRIP
TO NEW ORLEANS FROM LOS ANGELES. COMPANY ADVISES THAT POTTER'S
POLITICAL STATURE PLACES THEM IN AN EMBARRASSING SITUATION,
BUT THAT IF REQUESTED, THEY MIGHT POSSIBLY GRANT THE REQUEST

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Special Agent in Charge

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TO IDENTIFY THE SUBSCRIBER TO ANY CALL THAT MIGHT BE REFERRED TO THEM BY THE COUNCILMAN. THE COMPANY ADVISES, HOWEVER, THAT THEY DESIRE THAT THE FBI RECEIVE THIS INFORMATION MUCH PRIOR TO ANY TIME THAT IT MIGHT BE GIVEN TO LOMAX, IF SUCH A REQUEST IS MADE. SUCH INFORMATION WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE IF LOMAX COMES UP WITH ANY TELEPHONE NUMBERS.

FOR INFORMATION, LOMAX TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE AND ADVISED THAT HE FELT THAT IF FBI AGENTS COULD ACCOMPANY HIM AND CHARLES STEIN IN RETRACING THE TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT PHONE BOOTHS UTILIZED BY SUBJECT COULD BE LOCATED, AND FBI AGENTS COULD TRACE THE CALL AND GIVE THE RESULTS TO LOMAX FOR A NEWS STORY. LOMAX'S OFFER DECLINED.

AS OF EVENING APRIL TWENTY THREE STEIN, WHO HAS BEEN INTERVIEWED BY LOMAX ^{during rest} ~~for~~ SEVERAL DAYS, HAD NOT HAD AN OFFER OF RETRACING THE TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS. STEIN THE MORNING OF APRIL TWENTY FOUR ADVISES HE HAD A DEAL COOKING WITH LOMAX AND MET WITH LOMAX AT NOON TODAY. STEIN ADVISES AS A RESULT OF THIS MEETING, LOMAX DESIRES HIM TO BEGIN A TRIP TO HOUSTON TONIGHT

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Date:

JUNE 11, 1964

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI, FROM SAC, NEW YORK (100-100000) (P)
 RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU, JUNE TEN LAST.
 ADVISE THAT THE ABOVE NAMED INDIVIDUAL IS CURRENTLY
 EMPLOYED AS A NIGHT WATCHMAN AT THE NEW YORK
 PUBLIC LIBRARY, 455 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, NEW YORK.
 THE INDIVIDUAL IS DESCRIBED AS A WHITE MALE, BORN
 JANUARY TEN, NINETEEN TWENTY, NEW YORK, NEW YORK.
 HE IS CURRENTLY EMPLOYED AS A NIGHT WATCHMAN AT THE
 NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY, 455 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK,
 NEW YORK.

FOR INFORMATION, THE NEW YORK OFFICE HAS BEEN ADVISED
 THAT THE ABOVE NAMED INDIVIDUAL IS CURRENTLY EMPLOYED
 AS A NIGHT WATCHMAN AT THE NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY,
 455 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, NEW YORK. THE INDIVIDUAL
 IS DESCRIBED AS A WHITE MALE, BORN JANUARY TEN,
 NINETEEN TWENTY, NEW YORK, NEW YORK. HE IS CURRENTLY
 EMPLOYED AS A NIGHT WATCHMAN AT THE NEW YORK PUBLIC
 LIBRARY, 455 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU ADVISE THE BUREAU OF THE
 RESULTS OF YOUR INVESTIGATION. THE NEW YORK OFFICE
 IS CURRENTLY CONDUCTING AN INVESTIGATION OF THE
 ABOVE NAMED INDIVIDUAL. THE RESULTS OF THE
 INVESTIGATION WILL BE FURNISHED TO THE BUREAU AS
 SOON AS AVAILABLE. THE NEW YORK OFFICE IS
 CURRENTLY CONDUCTING AN INVESTIGATION OF THE
 ABOVE NAMED INDIVIDUAL. THE RESULTS OF THE
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IN ATTEMPT TO LOCATE A PHONE BOOTH WHERE RAY ALLEGEDLY MADE CALL. STEIN HAS ADVISED LOMAX THAT HIS ASKING PRICE FOR MAKING TRIP IS FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS, AND THEY ARE CURRENTLY NEGOTIATING THE PRICE STEIN WILL EVENTUALLY GET.

STEIN HAS AGAIN BEEN REINTERVIEWED CONCERNING WHAT HE CAN RECALL ABOUT THE TELEPHONE CALLS, AND HE ADVISES THAT TO THE BEST OF HIS RECOLLECTION, THERE WERE ABOUT SIX TELEPHONE CALLS IN ALL DURING THE TRIP, MOST OF WHICH WERE IN THE TEXAS AREA. HE ADVISES THAT HE NOW RECALLS THAT ONE PHONE CALL MIGHT HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AND BASED THIS INFORMATION ON THE FACT THAT HE HAD TO WAIT FOR RAY TO RETURN TO THE CAR FOR QUITE A PERIOD OF TIME. IN THE OTHER INSTANCES WHERE TELEPHONES WERE UTILIZED BY RAY HE WAS GONE SUCH A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME STEIN WAS OF OPINION CALLS WERE NOT COMPLETED. HE WAS TAKEN OVER THE TRIP ONCE AGAIN, AND HE ADVISES HE REALLY CANNOT RECALL THE EXACT PLACE OR DESCRIPTION OF THE PLACE WHERE THE CALL HE FELT WAS COMPLETED HAD BEEN MADE. IT WAS, HOWEVER, JUST WEST OF HOUSTON AT A [REDACTED] SERVICE STATION TYPE OF ESTABLISHMENT JUST OFF OF INTERSTATE TEN, AND IT WAS AT NIGHT. TYPE OF GAS STATION UNKNOWN, [REDACTED], OTHER DESCRIPTIVE

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STELLA BEAVERD LATER THAT HIS WALKING DOWN THE WALKWAY

TRIP TO FOUR THOUSAND FEET, AND THEY ARE CURRENTLY

RELOCATING THE STAIRS WITH A REMAINING ONE.

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THE PART OF HIS RELOCATION, THERE WAS ABOUT SIX TELEPHONE

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AREA. BEAVERD SAID HE NOW RECALLS THAT ONE FROM CALIFORNIA

WAS RECALLED AND ALSO THIS INFORMATION OF THE FACT THAT

HE HAD TO GO TO THE OFFICE TO THE ONE FOR ONE A PERIOD

ON THE 11. IN THE OTHER INSTANCES WHERE TELEPHONES WERE WITHIN

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ONCE AGAIN, AND HE ADVISED HE REALLY CANNOT RECALL THE EXACT

FOR THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PLACE WHERE THE CALL HE MADE WAS

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IN A RECENT RELOCATION TYPE OF RELOCATION. FIRST OF

OF INFORMATION THAT WAS AT THE TIME. TYPE OF RELOCATION

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DATA FURNISHED BY STEIN IS THAT THE PHONE BOOTH IS ON ACCESS ROAD PARALLELLING THE FREEWAY. HE DECLINED TO COMMENT EXACTLY HOW FAR OUTSIDE HOUSTON THE PHONE BOOTH WAS LOCATED BUT DID INDICATE IT WAS NEAR A LIQUOR STORE AND GAS STATION, AND AT THIS POINT THE FREEWAY IS EIGHT LANES WIDE, AND A FENCE SEPARATED THE FREEWAY FROM THE ACCESS ROAD, AND THAT THE TIME OF THE CALL WAS APPROXIMATELY NINE P.M., DECEMBER SIXTEEN, SIXTY SEVEN.

STEIN ALSO RECALLED THAT THE PERSON WHOM SUBJECT WAS TO CONTACT IN NEW ORLEANS WAS A CONTRACTOR OR ENGINEER WHOSE BUSINESS WAS LOCATED NEAR INDUSTRIAL CANAL. ADVISED THAT IN TALKING TO MARIE MARTIN ^{he learned} A BETTER LOCATION WOULD BE THAT THIS INDIVIDUAL MIGHT BE LOCATED NEAR CHEF MENTUAR HIGHWAY AND JACKSON BARRACKS, NEW ORLEANS.

STEIN ADVISED HE HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH LOUIS LOMAX, AND THAT LOMAX HAS OFFERED TO SPLIT THE REWARD OFFERED IN THIS MATTER WITH HIM. HE INDICATED THAT LOMAX AND HE HAVE INTERVIEWED A NUMBER OF PERSONS, AND STEIN DECLINED TO IDENTIFY SUCH PERSONS, ADVISING THAT IF THEIR IDENTITY WAS DESIRED BY THE BUREAU, LOMAX SHOULD BE CONTACTED. STEIN DID ADVISE HE HAS LEARNED FROM LOMAX THAT RAY HAD ALLEGEDLY DATED A WHITE FEMALE

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BLONDE NAMED JERI DURING THE TIME RAY WAS IN LOS ANGELES. THAT JERI IS AN ALIAS, AND SHE HAS ALSO USED OTHER NAMES. STEIN THOUGHT THE NAME QUOTE DARELL UNQUOTE MIGHT HAVE BEEN USED. HE INDICATED THAT JERI COULD POSSIBLY BE AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN. ACCORDING TO LOMAX, A FEMALE NAMED HELENA ALSO DATED RAY AT ONE TIME.

STEIN ADVISED FURTHER THAT LOMAX HAD LEARNED THAT RAY MADE A SECOND TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS ABOUT VALENTINE'S DAY, HAVING PICKED UP SOME CLOTHING FROM MARIE MARTIN WHICH BELONGED TO MARIE'S DAUGHTER, WHO LIVES IN NEW ORLEANS. THE DAUGHTER WAS IDENTIFIED BY STEIN AS MARION EISMAN - PHONETIC.- STEIN DID NOT KNOW WHETHER OR NOT CLOTHES HAD ACTUALLY BEEN DELIVERED. STEIN ADVISED HE ALSO TOOK PACKAGE OF CLOTHES WITH HIM IN DECEMBER SIXTY SEVEN WHEN HE MADE THE TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS WITH RAY. THESE CLOTHES WERE ALSO FOR MARIE MARTIN'S DAUGHTER MARION. ^P IT WAS ASCERTAINED FROM MARIE MARTIN THAT AT ABOUT THE TIME SHE TRADED TV SETS WITH RAY, SHE HAD GIVEN HIM A BOX OF RECORDS AND WEARING APPAREL TO BE DELIVERED TO HER DAUGHTER, CARE OF HER MOTHER, LORRAINE CALLAWAY, SIX ZERO NINE BARTHOLOMEW, NEW ORLEANS. SHE ADVISED SHE DID NOT RECALL THIS UNTIL LAST NIGHT WHEN TALKING

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI, FROM SAC, NEW YORK (100-100000) (P)
 RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU, OCTOBER TWELVE LAST.
 ADVISE THAT THE NEW YORK OFFICE HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT
 AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS A MEMBER OF
 THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY, TELEPHONED THE NEW YORK
 OFFICE AND STATED THAT HE HAD INFORMATION CONCERNING
 THE LOCATION OF A CERTAIN INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS BEING
 HELD IN A PRIVATE RESIDENCE IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK.
 THE INDIVIDUAL STATED THAT HE HAD BEEN CONTACTED BY
 AN INDIVIDUAL WHO OFFERED HIM A LARGE SUM OF MONEY
 TO ASSIST IN THE ESCAPE OF THE INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS
 BEING HELD IN THE RESIDENCE. THE INDIVIDUAL STATED
 THAT HE HAD REFUSED THE OFFER AND WANTED TO REPORT
 THE MATTER TO THE NEW YORK OFFICE. THE NEW YORK
 OFFICE IS CURRENTLY ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE THE
 INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS BEING HELD IN THE RESIDENCE.
 THE NEW YORK OFFICE IS REQUESTING THAT THE BUREAU
 BE KEPT ADVISED OF ANY DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS MATTER.
 VERY TRULY YOURS,
 [Signature]

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TO STEIN AND LOMAX, AS AT THE TIME SHE GAVE THE CLOTHES TO RAY ABOUT VALENTINE'S DAY, SHE WAS HAVING A DIFFICULT ALCOHOLIC PROBLEM. SHE ADVISED SHE WAS NOT SURE WHETHER OR NOT RAY HAD EVER DELIVERED THE CLOTHES AND TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED HER MOTHER IN NEW ORLEANS, WHO ADVISED SOME CLOTHING HAD ARRIVED IN THE MOTHER'S ABSENCE, TIME NOT RECALLED, WHICH WERE TAKEN FROM SOMEONE SENT BY MARIE BY HER ^{sister} ~~brother~~, THERESA STONE, WHO WAS AT THE MOTHER'S HOME. MARIE ALSO ADVISED THAT IN TALKING TO STEIN AND LOMAX LAST EVENING, WHEN STEIN MENTIONED THE CONTRACTOR OR ENGINEER WHOSE BUSINESS LOCATED NEAR INDUSTRIAL CANAL, SHE RECALLED HEARING RAY MAKING REFERENCE TO SOMEONE HE KNEW WHO IS LOCATED ^{ON} ~~at~~ CHEF MENTUAR HIGHWAY AND JACKSON BARRACKS, NEW ORLEANS. SHE HAD NO IDEA AS TO WHOM RAY WAS REFERRING AND COULD NOT RECALL AT THIS TIME IN WHAT CONTEXT SHE HEARD THE REFERENCE MADE.

CONCERNING A GIRL FRIEND OF RAY NAMED JERI, OR VARIATIONS THEREOF, SHE ADVISED SHE KNEW NO ONE BY THAT NAME. HOWEVER, SHE DID ON ONE OCCASION AT THE SULTAN ROOM MEET A GIRL NAMED DARELL - PHONETIC - EXACT DATE NOT RECALLED, WHOM SHE DESCRIBED AS WHITE, FEMALE, FIVE TWO, AGE TWENTY FIVE, ONE TEN TO TWENTY,

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BLONDE HAIR, BLUE EYES, WELL BUILT. SHE ADVISED SHE HAD NEVER SEEN DARELL WITH RAY. SHE ADVISED RAY HAD ONCE DATED A GIRL NAMED HELEN AND RECALLS OVERHEARING THEM SAY THEY WERE GOING QUOTE CHA CHA UNQUOTE DANCING. TO HER KNOWLEDGE, RAY DATED HELEN ONLY ONCE, BUT SHE CANNOT RECALL THE DATE. SHE DESCRIBES HELEN AS WHITE, FEMALE, DARK BROWN HAIR, AGE TWENTY FIVE, HEAVY BUILD, WHO COMES IN THE SULTAN ROOM ON WEEKENDS AND MIGHT HAVE BEEN AT THE SULTAN ROOM APRIL THIRTEEN OR FOURTEEN. ACCORDING TO MARIE, HELEN INDICATED TO HER SHE IS A STUNT RIDER ON HORSES.

MARIE MARTIN IS BEING REINTERVIEWED IN DEPTH FOR ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT WILL POSSIBLY BE OF ASSISTANCE IN THIS MATTER. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT SHE APPARENTLY IS INDULGING IN SOME NARCOTIC TYPE OF HABIT, AS WELL AS INDULGING IN ALCOHOL.

INQUIRIES AT THE VEGAS CLUB LOCATED NEAR THE ST. FRANCIS HOTEL INDICATE THAT ONE HELENA OCCASIONALLY COMES INTO THE VEGAS CLUB WHO IS A QUOTE BELLY DANCER UNQUOTE AT A BAR LOCATED ON SUNSET BOULEVARD. EFFORTS TO LOCATE THIS HELENA AS POSSIBLE INDIVIDUAL WHO DATED RAY ARE UNDERWAY.

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LOMAX, IN A STORY PUBLISHED AT NEW ORLEANS AND LOS ANGELES, INDICATED HE HAD LOCATED A MYSTERIOUS BLONDE NAMED JERI WHO WAS BEING SOUGHT BY THE FBI AND WHO WAS AN ASSOCIATE OF RAY WHILE HE WAS IN LOS ANGELES. HE INDICATED IN THE STORY THAT SHE WAS A HABITUE OF THE SULTAN ROOM AND RABBIT'S FOOT BAR ALONG HOLLYWOOD BOULEVARD. PERSONNEL OF THE RABBIT'S FOOT BAR ADVISED JERI ENTIRELY UNKNOWN TO THEM, AND THAT LOMAX WAS IN BAR EVENING APRIL TWENTY THREE ATTEMPTING TO FIND SOMEONE WHO KNEW SOMETHING ABOUT GIRL NAMED JERI. THEY ADVISED HE WAS APPARENTLY UNSUCCESSFUL. PERSONNEL OF SULTAN ROOM CLAIM NO ONE NAMED JERI IS KNOWN TO THEM, BUT THAT THEY HAVE HEARD LOMAX MAKING INQUIRIES CONCERNING GIRL OF THAT NAME. IT WAS INDICATED LOMAX HAS MADE THE SULTAN ROOM SORT OF HEADQUARTERS FOR HIS INQUIRIES CONCERNING KING MURDER AND HAS BECOME A NUISANCE. THEY WERE UNAWARE OF ANY PRODUCTIVE RESULTS ON THE PART OF LOMAX AS FAR AS A FEMALE NAMED JERI WAS CONCERNED.

SALLY CARR, PCI, LOS ANGELES, ADVISES THAT ON APRIL TWENTY TWO LAST SHE WAS AT SULTAN ROOM AND OBSERVED LOUIS LOMAX TALKING WITH SEVERAL PEOPLE, INCLUDING CHARLES STEIN. INFORMANT ADVISES SHE RECALLS LOMAX TALKING OF A MARIA, A RITA AND A JERI. THE

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INFORMANT HAS BEEN SENT BACK ON THE EVENING OF APRIL TWENTY FOUR INSTANT TO ASCERTAIN ALL INFORMATION POSSIBLE IN SULTAN ROOM CONCERNING ANY JERI.

MARIE MARTIN AND RITA STEIN ARE BEING REINTERVIEWED AT LENGTH TO DETERMINE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THEY MAY HAVE. MARIE MARTIN AT PRESENT TIME IS AWAITING ARRIVAL OF PHYSICIAN BECAUSE SHE ADVISES SHE IS NOT WELL.

IT WOULD SEEM THAT STEIN, IN VIEW OF LOMAX'S OFFER TO SPLIT THE REWARD WITH HIM, HAS BECOME INVOLVED IN ATTEMPTING TO INVESTIGATE THE CASE BY HIMSELF. THE PROVISIONS CONCERNING OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE WILL BE POINTED OUT TO STEIN SHOULD HE ATTEMPT TO CONCEAL ANY DATA THAT MIGHT COME TO HIS ATTENTION CONCERNING THIS MATTER.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON LOMAX INDICATES HE WAS BORN LOUIS EMANUEL LOMAX, VALDOSTA, GEORGIA, [REDACTED], AND HAS BEEN A HIGHLY CONTROVERSIAL NEGRO TV PERSONALITY IN LOS ANGELES AREA. HE IS AUTHOR OF A BOOK ENTITLED QUOTE THE NEGRO REVOLT UNQUOTE. ACCORDING TO LOCAL NEWS MEDIA, HE IS CURRENTLY WRITING SCRIPT FOR MOVIE TO BE BASED ON LIFE OF FORMER MALCOLM X. HE FORMERLY HAD INDIVIDUAL TV SHOW ON

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CHANNEL ELEVEN IN THIS AREA WHICH WAS DROPPED BY THE STATION
APPROXIMATELY ONE MONTH AGO.

LOS ANGELES CONTEMPLATES NO CONTACTS WITH LOMAX AT
THIS TIME.

*New Orleans has been requested telephonically
to contact Marie Martin's mother so time of this possible
second trip can be pinned down.*

*Houston thru contacts at Phone Co should
endeavor to have tolls on all possible Phone
Booths in area described by Stein obtained for
period of 12/16/67 at about nine pm.*

Investigation Continuing.

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156AM URGENT 4/25/68 RDC

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
FROM NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

MURKIN

RE LA TELCAL FOUR TWENTY FOUR INSTANT TO N.O.

ON FOUR TWENTY FOUR INSTANT, MRS. LORRAINE CALLAWAY,
SIX ZERO NINE BARTHOLOMEW, NEW ORLEANS, LA., MOTHER OF MARIA
MARTIN, ADVISED SHE RECALLS CHARLES STEIN APPEARING AT HER
HOUSE IN POSSIBLY FEBRUARY, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT AND LEAVING
A BOX OF CLOTHING BELONGING TO MARIAN DE GRASSE, EIGHTEEN
YEAR OLD DAUGHTER OF MARIA MARTIN. STEIN ARRIVED DRIVING
A SMALL WHITE CAR, NO FURTHER DESCRIPTION RECALLED AND
ACCOMPANIED BY A WHITE MALE WHO DID NOT LEAVE THE CAR.
STEIN LEFT IMMEDIATELY AND CALLAWAY DID NOT OBSERVE STEIN'S
COMPANIAN SUFFICIENTLY TO OBTAIN A DESCRIPTION.

MARIAN DE GRASSE ADVISED SHE STARTED SCHOOL IN NEW ORLEANS
DECEMBER ELEVEN LAST AND RECEIVED THE FIRST BOX OF CLOTHING
FROM HER MOTHER VIA HER GRANDMOTHER ABOUT TWO WEEKS LATER. ✓
IN REGARD TO SECOND BOX OF CLOTHING, DE GRASSE RECALLS RE-
CEIVING TELEPHONE CALL FROM HER MOTHER ON MARCH SIXTEEN LAST
AT WHICH TIME HER MOTHER STATED A BOX OF CLOTHING WOULD BE
DELIVERED IN A COUPLE OF DAYS BY A FRIEND SHE CALLED ERIC.
DE GRASSE ADVISED SHE RECEIVED SECOND BOX ON MARCH TWENTY FOUR
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LAST FROM HER GRANDMOTHER CALLAWAY AND NOTED SAME IN A DIARY.

MRS. CALLAWAY RECALLS RECEIVING SECOND BOX OF CLOTHING FROM HER DAUGHTER-IN-LAW, DALE RODRIGUEZ, FOUR ZERO ONE NINE ROYAL STREET, NEW ORLEANS LA. ON UNRECALLED DATE.

MRS. DALE RODRIGUEZ ADVISED THAT DURING EITHER FEBRUARY OR MARCH LAST HER HUSBAND HERBERT ANSWERED TELEPHONE EARLY EVENING AND CALLER, WHOME DALE CLAIMED NOT TO KNOW, ADVISED HE WAS BRINGING OVER A BOX OF CLOTHING FROM MIMI IN LOS ANGELES. AT APPROXIMATELY TEN THIRTY THAT SAME NIGHT, DALE ANSWERED A KNOCK ON HER FRONT DOOR AND ACCEPTED A BOX OF CLOTHING FROM A WHITE MALE WHOM SHE CLAIMS SHE DID NOT OBSERVE AND COULD NOT FURNISH DESCRIPTION OF. DALE STATED THIS INDIVIDUAL DID NOT ENTER RESIDENCE AND HER CONTACT WITH HIM LASTED ONLY A FEW SECONDS. DALE RECALLS TAKING THE BOX OVER TO CALLAWAY WITHIN A FEW DAYS.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

ARMED AND@DANGEROUS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 4/24/68

FROM : SA THOMAS G. MANSFIELD

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo of SA ORLEY A. LEESON dated 4/20/68;
Serial 504.

RE: JAMES F. FRANCIS and EDNA ANN KOENIG

On 4/24/68, JAMES F. FRANCIS, 717B Meyer Lane, Redondo Beach, was contacted. It should be noted that on 4/20/68 FRANCIS had called the office stating that his wife, EDNA ANN KOENIG, who was visiting near JAMES EARL RAY's home, Alton, Illinois, was missing. FRANCIS stated that his wife had been located and was safe.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SUPERVISOR WILLIAM JOHN NOLAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

GUNNER HOGESON, Division 6 at the Bureau, telephonically advised at 4:30 P.M., 4/24/68, that Legat, Ottawa, had come up with a Montreal address from some money orders purchased by GALT in a Post Office in Canada.

GALT was in Montreal, according to records, until 9/2/67, noting that he actually arrived Birmingham 8/26/67. The 9/2/67 is probably the date his rent expired.

The money orders in question are:

8/9/67 in amount of \$1.00 payable to
E. Z. Formula, Hollywood
~~8621~~ Fairfax (wrong number for this)

7/24/67 in amount of \$9.00 payable to
Futura Books
4533 Lennox
Inglewood

Both signed ERIC S. GALT

LEADS:

TO SA HOMER E. YOUNG:

Futura Books for information as to address, recalling that GALT has previously been the subject of inquiry here.

TO SA DENNIS C. LEMASTER:

Locate EZ Formula for address, any later correspondence or correspondence or data of any kind.

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TO : SAC Los Angeles

FROM : SA James M. Kellogg

SUBJECT: Murkin

DATE: 4/25/68

Joe Peters, 5493 Fernwood St LA tel. # 4632484
employed as a bartender, Sultan Room, St Francis Hotel stated
he was contacted by an SA re above case around 5^{PM} 4/24/68.
He was contacted about Jeri, Lomax and Chas. Stein and wants to
be recontacted, however, he indicated he had little to add to what he
told contacting SA.

Peters added that last night he told Lomax to get out of the
Sultan Room.

*LeMaster
advised 10:30 a.m.
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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1574)

DATE: April 22, 1968

FROM : SA ALECK G. KARIS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

ON 4-22-68 MRS EVELYN DE MARIA, 4715 W. 172nd St., Lawndale, Calif., tel 3702987, appeared at the Inglewood RA and stated that a former fellow-worker and friend of hers, JOHN GORMAN who is from Atlanta Georgia and separated from a wife and five children looks like RAY, whose picture appeared in the newspapers. She showed three snapshots of him and it was noted that he bears only slight resemblance to RAY.

She said that she believes he started work at the coffee shop of the Tropicana Lanes, 11163 Prairie, Inglewood sometime about Feb., 1967.

JOHN EVERGATES, Manager, Coffee Shop, Tropicana Lanes stated that according to his records GORMAN was employed by him as a cook for a short period from 2-24-67.

Inasmuch as RAY was in prison in Feb., 1968, no further investigation is being conducted re GORMAN.

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STANLEY F. KLINGENSMITH

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Los Angeles (44-1574) (P)

DATE: 4-19-68

FROM : *LFW*
SA Leslie F. Warren

SUBJECT: Murkin

Re FD-71, 4-19-68 from anonymous caller requesting SA interview at 234 S. Ave. 24, L. A. re Galt.

Current Criss Cross directory lists a phone at above address in name of E.B. Sawyer # 221-3450.

On 4-19-68 SA J.E. Feeney and SA Warren interviewed occupant of above address, Mrs. Elizabeth B. Sawyer, widow, age about 75 yrs., white who runs a rooming house at this address and at a house next door. She identified the person making the call to the FBI that am as a house painter, Mr. Klingensmith, who was doing some work for her on the house next door. His truck was parked in front of her house. She said Klingensmith had said he had some information on the Galt case but she did not believe it and warned Agents that Klingensmith suffered from hallucinations and had in the past been in the State Mental Hospital at Patton, Calif. She did not know any details of the information Klingensmith claimed to have, he had mentioned something about some woman who had been married to a man who had a name like Galt and who is reported to be somewhere in Highland Park district of Los Angeles. Klingensmith lived in Los Angeles, ?.

Agents noted the truck in front of the house had Calif. licence T-87-890. Registration showed registered to Stanley F. Klingensmith, 2401 W. 9th St. Los Angeles. I was a white Chevrolet panel truck.

A DMV phone check, 4-19-68 confirmed the registration above revealed it to be a 1966 model.

L.A. indices disclosed Klingensmith called the L.A. office 7-8-65 (see 62-228-6465) at # which time he claimed he had been in Patton State Hospital.

See FD-302 on interview of Klingensmith 4-19-68.

Concerning the references to Sheriff Peter Pitchess in FD-302, made by Klingensmith, this information was given to CSLA-4703-S by phone, 4-19-68 by SA Leslie F. Warren.

Action Recommended: None further.

1-cc 62-228-6465 (Stanley Klingensmith)

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Memorandum

TO : SAC Los Angeles (44-1574)

DATE: 4-24-68

FROM : SA Leslie F. Warren

SUBJECT: Murkin

Re-memo SA H. Lamar Gunn 4-20-68 (ser-544) re look a like, Hank F. Hartman, 742 Westlake Ave., L. A., reported by Allen Posner, Mgr. Mullin and Bluett, Bev. Hills.

Mr. CC Nerlich and wife Bertha, operators of the rooming house at 742 S. Westlake Ave., 4-24-68 advised SA Warren and SA J.F. Feeney that Hartman had maintained a room there for the past two months, had been observed by them each day and night. Upon examination of the wanted flyer on James E. Ray, both said Hartman definitely was not Ray. Hartman, white age 25, 5'8", 140 -150 sandy hair, wears work clothes never business suits, works in various restaurants. He left this am said he had a job at Van De Kamps restaurant. Dupar's Restaurant called him last night offering him a job.

L. A. indices negative on Hartman, 4-24-68.

Action recommended : None further

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Memorandum

TO : SAC Los Angeles(44-1574)

DATE: 4-24-68

FROM : SA Leslie F. Warren

SUBJECT: Murkin

Re-memo SA David E. Robinson, 4-20-68 (ser.-543) re unsub look a like of Ray at Carlton Lodge.

Joy Fowler, room clerk at Carlton Inn, 2011 N. Highland Av., L. A., 4-24-68 identified unsub as Laurence G. Heiser who with mother checked in at the Inn 4-14-68 and is currently in room 224. Fowler said she had not seen Heiser but had seen his mother a woman age about 70 years. She was aware that some of the help had expressed the opinion that Heiser who registered from 606 B Jamestown Dr. Winter Park Fla. was driving a white Chev. Florida lic. # 7W 3629. The mother claimed they were in L. A. on a vacation. A number of local calls were made from the room 224 and 2 calls to Florida since their arrival.

Fowler called the house keeper Minnie McAllister who examined the wanted flyer on Ray and said Heiser was definitely not Ray. She said she had seen Heiser 4-23-68 and had talked to him. He claimed to have had the flu and had not been going out much. She described Heiser as age about 25 and fat, dark short hair eye glasses.

Carmen Maria Padilla, house maid examined the flyer on Ray and said the man in 224 is definitely not Ray.

SA Warren and SA J.E. Fenney then briefly interviewed and personally observed Heiser and noted he did not resemble the photos of Ray.

Heiser was noted to be: "ale white about 5' 8" 170lbs, round face black crew cut hair med. dark complexion heavy to fat build wore dark rim eye glasses, age early 20's.

L. A. indices on Heiser and the licence plate negative, 4-24-68.

Action recommended: None further.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE 4/19/68

FROM : SA ROBERT H. CLAUDIUS

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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OO: MEMPHIS

Re memo of SA J. CLARE WILLIAMS dated 4/15/68.

On 4/19/68 the writer contacted Mr. EDWARD CASTNER, 802 Del Valle, La Puente, California, telephone number 333-7329 regarding his telephone call to this office on 4/15/68.

Mr. CASTNER, subsequent to his call to us, observed the photographs of ERIC STARVO GALT both on television and in the newspapers. He advised that GALT is not identical with the CLAUDE (LNU) that he had previously seen in the Hi Brow Bar on Amar Road, La Puente. CASTNER advised that CLAUDE had on several occasions expressed hatred against the Negroes and at one time was heard to say "I would like to kill KING".

He advised that CLAUDE was openly in support of the Nazi movement and claimed he had gone to meetings in El Monte. He advised that CLAUDE is very outgoing while in bars and is not shy at all. He was not sure of whether he was righthanded or lefthanded but could not remember anything especial; so he felt he must be righthanded.

CASTNER stated he was able to ascertain that CLAUDE has been living with a woman in the area who is a checker at an Alpha Beta store. He stated he understood the woman kicked CLAUDE out of her home after an argument.

CASTNER stated that CLAUDE never made any specific references to bartending or did he tell the bartenders how to make any certain drink. CASTNER stated that he recalls CLAUDE usually drank "Salty Dogs" which are made from Vodka and grapefruit juice.

CASTNER was requested to be alert for any further developments concerning CLAUDE which could lead to his full identification. The writer could then attempt to ascertain if CLAUDE is an occasional visitor at NSWPP headquarters in El Monte.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1574)

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SA LEON J. MEYER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Rememo SA RAYMOND E. LINDSTROM dated 4/21/68.

On 4/23/68 ANGELO BALLESTERO, Owner, Angelo's Cape Cod House, 11861 Harbor Blvd., Garden Grove, California, advised he has a bartender named EDWARD MARTIN DUKE who resides at 13121 Nina, Garden Grove, and has social security number [REDACTED]. DUKE is part time and has been there two weeks. Advised DUKE is no more than 5'5" tall, weighs about 125 and only slightly resembles facial characteristics of Wanted Flyer 442-A.

Suspect eliminated.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SA JOHN C. O'NEILL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo SA DAVID E. ROBINSON dated 4/20/68.

~~BOB FUJIMOTO, Manager, Ponet Square Apartments and Hotel,
1249 South Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, California (748-7756,
746-8892) advised that Apt. # 406K is occupied by FRANK WITT
and his wife, ELIZABETH. WITT is described as follows:~~

Sex-male Race-white
Age-middle 50's Height--5'10"
Weight--165 lbs
Occupation-radio repairman.
Hair--white

FUJIMOTO stated that WITT has been a resident for five years, and after viewing a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY he stated that there is no likeness between RAY and WITT.

FUJIMOTO said that he would suggest that one MERV (LNU), a crippled ex-tenant might have been the person who made the call to the FBI.

In view of the above no further investigation is being conducted regarding this phase of the MURKIN investigation.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 4/24/68

FROM : SA JOHN C. O'NEILL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re FD-71 (Complaint Form) of T.M. GARDNER dated 4/19/68.

The records of Department of Motor Vehicles, State of California reveal that the license NXH 210 is for a 1964 T-Bird, registered to NICHOLAS G. BRAEMER 5356 Russell Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

The Central Directory, Telephone Company reveals a listing for NICHOLAS G. BRAEMER, M.D., 5350 Russello Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

MR. ROBERT TURNBULL and his wife IRENE TURNBULL, Owner-Managers, The Luani, 5350 Russell Avenue, Los Angeles, California, telephone # 465-9403 advised that DR. BRAEMER, an employee of Kaiser Foundation Hospital, Los Angeles, California, had formerly resided at 5350 Russell Avenue, but had moved recently. They stated that he had come to the U.S. from Canada, and was born in Vienna, Austria, and that his parents had resided on Elbow Drive, Calgary, Canada.

DR. BRAEMER is described as follows:

Sex--male
Race--white
Height--5'6"
Build--slim
Characteristics----very short, handsome features
Hair--dark, and very wavy

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MR. TURNBULL made available a card left behind by BRAEMER; this was a Canadian Red Cross blood identification card, which indicated that MR. N.G. BUDEICKY, 9108-116th Street, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada had blood type "O", RH negative. This card was issued by the Canadian Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service.

MR. & MRS TURNBULL stated that DR. BRAEMER drove the 1964 "T" Bird described in complaint memo, and after viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY stated that is no similiarity between RAY and DR. BRAEMER, the Dr. being much shorter.

ACTION--No further action regarding this phase of MURKIN is being undertaken

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 4/24/68

FROM : SA RICHARD B. SADLER, III

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DONA STANNARD, 2295 Euclid, Long Beach, California, telephonically contacted the FBI 4/23/68, and advised that an individual who comes into the Tartin House at 5456 East Del Amo, Bellflower, California, where she works as a waitress, very much resembles the pictures she has seen of JAMES EARL RAY. She advised that this individual has jokingly tried to make a date with her on several occasions and has frequented the establishment approximately two or three nights a week for the past three weeks.

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TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, 44-2386, BIRMINGHAM 44-1740

AND LOS ANGELES 44-1574

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 1P

MURKIN.

RE ATLANTA TEL THREE FIFTY FIVE P.M. APRIL TWENTY LAST.

ATLANTA IS REQUESTED TO ASCERTAIN ALL NUMBERS IN
INSCRIPTION APPEARING ON NEGATIVE POST OF SEARS BATTERY LOCATED
INSTANT MUSTANG AND THEREAFTER SET FORTH LEAD FOR MILWAUKEE
DIVISION TO CONTACT LARRY AMATEIS, FIELD SERVICE MANAGER,
GLOBE UNION, INC., MILWAUKEE, IN AN EFFORT TO ASCERTAIN WHICH
GLOBE UNION, INC., PLANT MANUFACTURED BATTERY IN QUESTION AND
TO WHAT STATE BATTERY IN QUESTION WAS SHIPPED TO A SEARS,
ROEBUCK AND CO. STORE.

IF EXACT STATE ASCERTAINED WHERE BATTERY WAS SHIPPED,
NOTIFY INTERESTED OFFICES.

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END.

RJM

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC LOS ANGELES

FROM : SUPERVISOR HOHN S. TEMPLE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/13/68

On 4/13/68, C.N. HEBGPETH, owner, MAIL FORWARDING SERVICE, PO Box 830 406 So. Second Street, Alhambra, Phone 281-4218, telephonically contacted the Los Angeles at which time he advised he received a telephone call from ERIC S. GALT sometime in January 1968 who told him he had seen his advertisement in the Los Angeles Free Press. GALT asked HEBGPETH for particulars about the mail forwarding technique and when it was explained to him hung up.

On February 1, 1968, HEBGPETH received a letter authorizing him to receive mail in GALT's name and a postal form executed by GALT. GALT furnished his address as the St. Francis Hotel, 5533 Hollywood Blvd, Los Angeles 90028 phone 464-1131.

Mr. HEBGPETH stated the authorization expired on March 1, 1968 and the service was never used by GALT for mail addressed to him was never received by the mail forwarding service.

LEAD:

At ALHAMBRA, CALIFORNIA.

Will contact Mr. HEBGPETH at the above address after 4:30 PM, 4/14/68 and obtain the letter authorizing the mail service and the postal form reportedly executed by GALT.

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and Bureau Man
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Indices: ☐ Negative ☐ See below

Subject's name and aliases			Address of subject			Character of case MURKIN		
Complainant BERRINE DECARMEL, Teller- Sec. First Nat. Bank			Complainant's address and telephone number 49th and Western AX 46166			Complaint received <input type="checkbox"/> Personal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telephonic Date <u>4-19-68</u> Time <u>9:53a</u>		
Subject's Description	Race	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Height	Hair	Build	Birth date and Birthplace		
	Age		Weight	Eyes	Complexion			
	Scars, marks or other data							

Facts of complaint

C stated that yesterday afternoon a man came into the bank, between 11:45 am and noon, that looked very similar to the picture of Galt in the newspaper. C said he wanted to cash in \$125 in wrapped change. C stated she attempted to get an address ~~on~~ but the man said he had no local address and he was visiting from Indiana. C said he did write his name on the wrappers of ROY or RAY KENT. C stated they observed him get into a light green Pontiac, Kentucky lic. plate # 145640.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

FROM : SA FRANCIS J. O' HARA

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/19/68

On 4/19/68, Mrs. KENNETH WESTLUND, Westlund Drug Company, 11726 East Firestone, Norwalk, California, telephone number 868-4738, advised that around 9:15 A.M., this date, she observed an old white Ford vehicle proceeding south on Pioneer past Firestone Boulevard. The vehicle bore Virginia License 806770. Mrs. WESTLUND stated that the driver of the vehicle had a distinct resemblance to ERNIE GALT.

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AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: Secure registered owner of Virginia license 806770 and set out appropriate leads to determine if he is identical to GALT.

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REQUESTED TO DETERMINE REGISTRATION OF VEHICLE AND IDENTITY
AND LOCATION OF INDIVIDUAL OPERATING VEHICLE IN LOS ANGELES
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