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KING. BRADLEY CLAIMED TO HAVE LIVED WITH RAY FOR ABOUT ONE WEEK IN TULSA.

AT SEVEN TEN A.M., MOUNTAIN DAYLIGHT TIME, MAY TWENTY-THREE LAST, BRADLEY AGAIN CALLED BASINGER AND STATED HE WAS AT THE OLD SOUTH RESTAURANT, SEVEN ONE FOUR TOWSON AVENUE, FORT SMITH, ARK., AND WAS WORKING HIS WAY WEST. BRADLEY CLAIMED HE WAS EATING HIS MEALS AT THE OLD SOUTH RESTAURANT WHICH IS OPERATED BY BASINGER'S COUSIN, ELBA BASINGER THOMPSON. BASINGER STATE BRADLEY WAS ALLEGEDLY UNDER SUBPOENA BY DISTRICT ATTORNEY JAMES GARRISON, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, IN CONNECTION WITH THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY.

BASINGER DESCRIBES BRADLEY AS WHITE MALE, FIFTY-ONE, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE EIGHT POUNDS, BLOND, VETERAN OF U. S. NAVY.

MR. AND MRS. LEON THOMPSON, OPERATORS OF OLD SOUTH RESTAURANT, FORT SMITH, ON MAY TWENTY-THREE LAST, ADVISED BRADLEY UNKNOWN TO THEM AND THEY COULD NOT IDENTIFY PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY. THEY AND OTHER RELATIVES ADVISE BASINGER A MENTAL CASE AND TENDS TO ASSOCIATE HIMSELF WITH CRIMINAL

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CASES OF NATIONAL PROMINENCE.

LITTLE ROCK FILES ALSO REFLECT BASINGER PREVIOUSLY EXAMINED BY A PHYSICIAN AT DALLAS, TEXAS, AND DIAGNOSED "WITH PROBABLE PSYCHOSIS AND POSSIBLE SYNDROME."

RELATIVES OF BRADLEY LOCATED FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS, AND THEY ADVISED HE RESIDES ONE TWO TWO ZERO EIGHT EMELITA STREET, NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, TELETYPEPHONE SEVEN SIX ONE DASH EIGHT SEVEN ZERO NINE, AND IS EMPLOYED AS WEST COAST RADIO REPRESENTATIVE OF CARL MC INTYRE, EVANGELIST. THEY ADVISED HE HAS RESIDED THERE SINCE NINETEEN FORTY-ONE AND WAS DEFINITELY NOT IN TOLSA, OKLAHOMA OR FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS, AS ALLEGED. BRADLEY'S UNCLE TALKED TO HIM AT THE ABOVE TELEPHONE NUMBER ON THE EVENING OF MAY TWENTY-THREE NINETEEN SIXTY-EIGHT. THEY ALSO ADVISE BRADLEY HAS BEEN CHARGED BY JAMES GARRISON, PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, WITH CONSPIRACY IN THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND IS DUE TO HAVE EXTRADITION HEARING BEFORE GOVERNOR REAGAN OF CALIFORNIA JUNE FIVE OR SIX NEXT.

LOS ANGELES DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS OF BRADLEY ON MAY SEVENTEEN AND MAY TWENTY-THREE LAST AND ASCERTAIN IF HE HAS

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ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING JAMES RAY.

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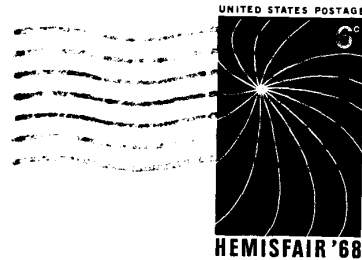
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# LOMAX POLL AND TRIBUNE

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

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May 22, 1968

Mr. Lloyd Johnson  
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

In the names I sent you two weeks ago, I overlooked the name of Harvey Sadler, former sheriff of Macon County, Ala.

Mr. Sadler was regarded as the foremost "racist" of Macon County when I was there. Negroes feared him greatly and said he was allied with Governor Wallace in a number of attempts to terrorize them and keep integration out of Macon County, including an aborted attempt to hold a Klan rally in Tuskegee in 1961, the burning of the Chehaw School and the Notaculga School in 1964 and 1963.

Sadler was appointed <sup>by Wallace</sup> to fill an interim position as Sheriff in 1965. Before the appointment could be made, people of Macon County were reportedly under instructions from Wallace to "get that nigger out of there", a Negro, James Charity, who had been appointed the first Negro deputy sheriff in Tuskegee, or Macon County, history by former Sheriff Preston Hornsby, who ran for and was elected Probate Judge.

Charity was 'persuaded' to become the first Negro policeman in Tuskegee. Subsequently, Negroes elected a Negro sheriff.

I asked Sadler if he were a member of the Klan and he denied it. That was in 1965. He wouldn't say if he were a member of the White Citizens Council, or not.

I suppose he has gone back to tending his grocery, which depends on Negro trade, on the Auburn Highway in Tuskegee.

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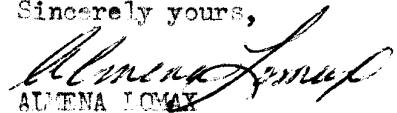
I thought you might like to know that many Alabama Negroes feel that the King assassination was plotted by the Wallace forces to provoke Negroes to riot to further Wallace's political ambitions. Negroes feel that he is insane with political ambition.

They also feel that Rev. Abernathy is in danger, or the Poor March in danger of being burned out or stampeded to provoke bloody nationwide rioting, also to further Wallace's ambitions.

They feel that Galt or Ray made his contact here, rather, picked up his initial money here, that he was recruited through his brother in the prison, that the "bounty" story was circulated in a Missouri prison to draw attention away from the South.

I just thought I would pass this scuttlebutt along. If you ever release anything, I hope you won't forget that I'm in the newspaper business.

Sincerely yours,

  
ALMA LOMAX

Cover Sheet for Informant Report or Material  
FD-306 (3-21-58)

Date received <i>5/27/68</i>	Received from (name or symbol number) <i>Mrs. Almira Lomax</i>	Received by <i>Lloyd Johnson</i>
Method of delivery (check appropriate blocks) <input type="checkbox"/> in person <input type="checkbox"/> by telephone <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> by mail <input type="checkbox"/> orally <input type="checkbox"/> recording device <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> written by Informant		
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Brief description of activity or material <i>Letter from Mrs Lomax re possible suspect in MURKIN, and envelope</i>		
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(Priority)

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

Re Los Angeles airtel to the Bureau dated 5/14/68, which referred to Mrs. ALMENA LOMAX, complainant.

Referenced Los Angeles airtel set out leads for Mobile and other offices to consider interviewing Caucasian subscribers to the "Tuskegee Tribune", formerly published by Mrs. LOMAX.

Enclosed for the Bureau and Mobile are one copy each of a subsequent letter from Mrs. LOMAX, dated 5/22/68, wherein Mrs. LOMAX named one more individual she believes might possibly have knowledge of the assassination of KING.

The attention of the Bureau and Mobile is directed to the last paragraph of Mrs. LOMAX's letter wherein she expressed an interest in any news releases in the case, since she is in the newspaper business.

There are no references known identical to HARVEY SADLER in the indices of the Los Angeles Office.

No further action is contemplated by the Los Angeles Office in this matter.

LEAD

MOBILE

AT TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA: Will consider interviewing former Sheriff HARVEY SADLER, for any information he might have concerning the assassination of KING.

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**Complaint Form**  
FD-71 (Rev. 10-26-65)

NOTE: Hand print names legibly; handwriting satisfactory for remainder.

Indices: ☐ Negative ☐ See below

Subject's name and aliases <b>JAMES EARL RAY</b>			Address of subject <b>?</b>		Character of case <b>MURKIN</b>	
Complainant <b>Mrs. Frances E. Ray</b>			Complainant's address and telephone number <b>6149 Rugby, Hunt. Pk., Cal. LU 91966</b>		Complaint received <input type="checkbox"/> Personal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telephonic Date <b>5/27/68</b> Time <b>5 PM</b>	
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					
<p><b>Facts of complaint</b></p> <p>Compl phoned; said she is a mean old lady, that she is cousin of subject RAY (father of subject being her first cousin). She swore, spoke insultingly and really sounded mean. <del>She</del> <sup>AD</sup> she wanted FBI to contact her as soon as RAY located, because she does not want him hurt.</p> <p>She said RAY needs a break because he has never had a chance. She has never seen RAY and has not been contacted concerning him during this current investigation.</p> <p>I told her someone may want to interview her concerning RAY and she swore, stating she would not talk to anyone else. Only asked that she be notified when RAY found, and asked that Jerry (bro of subject) be given message to contact her.</p> <p>I would consider her a drunk nut were it not for MURKIN connection.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>VB</b> <b>Vernon G. Buegler</b></p>						
Action Recommended					<p style="text-align: center;">(Agent)</p>	

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*Contact of informant retained*

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