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SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE:

5/28/68

MAY 2 8 1968 FBI - LOS ANGEL

FROM

SA DENNIS C. LE MASTER

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

Re Phoenix tels to Bureau 5/13/68 and 5/16/68; and Cincinnati radiogram to Bureau 5/14/68.

Investigation at the St. Francis Hotel, Los Angeles, California, has determined that neither BOB THERIEN and/or HARRY LUNSFORD are presently at the St. Francis Hotel or have been there within recent weeks. Contact with bartenders in bars frequented by LUNSFORD have established that LUNSFORE is not in the area of Hollywood and Western.

In view of the above, the leads as set out in the referenced communications are being considered covered, UACB.

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Occupation Sales Representative Industry Industrial Chemical
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Father of Groom A.F. Cook
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Maiden name of Mother of Groom Vera Powell
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Bride Kathrine Sombardo Age 33
Usual Address 3047 Shasta line North Born in Calif.
Occupation Electrologist Industry Cosmetology
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Date of Marriage 6-10-61 in Santo Barbara
Lic. No. 7371 Issued 6-6-61
Witness Bloria fassana
Address 262 Vernon St. Oakland Calif.
Witness Louis 1. Lombardo
Address 4578 Round Top Drive L.A.
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Address 118 E. Figueroa St. Santa Barbara
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DIVORCE

Superior Court, Los Angeles County, California # 0661110
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A.F. Cook was a partner in Cobese Builders but the partnership was dissolid sometime belong 12:24-64, exact date not given. Cobese Beulder was mentioned in the complaint because they held community property. (Ousband's share of partnerships would be community property

anot The authorized agent for Cobese Builders is given as: ->
12/12/64 > Robert Beldin, 515 S. Barranca, Suite 8, Cornia Calif. A.F. Cook'fr. address is 238 E. Rowland, Corina, Calif. as of 2-25-65 A.F. Cooks address was 19613 Heffner Rd. Corina, Calif.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO

SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE:

5/88/68

FROM

SA DENNIS C. LE MASTER

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

Re investigation concerning ALONZO FRANKLIN

Re Louisville airtel dated 5/1/68; Memphis tel dated 5/6/68; Louisville tels dated 5/6/68 and 5/8/68; and St. Louis tel dated 5/9/68.

Results of credit and criminal investigation initiated on 5/7/68, were negative except for an arrest of COOK on 8/28/56 for Fug. - Ind. (F to P). The results of this investigation are attached. Results of review of California Department of Drivers Licenses were negative. The results concerning this investigation are also attached.

Review of the records of the St. Francis Hotel by hotel manager, ALLAN O. THOMPSON reveal that no one by the name of COOK was registered at the hotel during the month of January, 1968.

Contact was attempted with CATHY (LNU) at 1651 Rutford Street, Covina, California, telephone number 966-6119. Investigation determined that this telephone number is presently listed to LAVINIA MILLER, 1246 East Portner Street, West Covina, California.

On 5/20/68, Assistant Postmaster WILLIAM DALEY at Covina, California, advised that he has on record a change of address for KATHY COOK from 1651 Rutford Street, Covina, California, to 19334 East Puente Street, Covina, California effective 8/27/67.

MARY RHINEHART, Retail Merchants Credit Association, advised on 5/21/68, that she has no record concerning KATHY LOMBARDO and/or KATHY COOK.

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EDWARD L. JENNINGS, Southern California Edison Company, advised that according to the records of the Southern California Edison Company, KATHRINE COOK is self-employed at 515 South Hope Street, Los Angeles, California, 623-5335 as an electrologist.

Investigation was initiated upon determining the identity of KATHRINE COOK, nee Lombardo, as to her marriage with A. F. COOK and later divorce. The results of this investigation are attached. Another credit inquiry was initiated concerning ALONZO FRANKLIN COOK, JR. and no record was located. The results of this investigation are attached.

On 5/23/68, KATHRINE COOK, nee Lombardo, advised that her husband, with whom she is separated, is employed at Court Fox Ford, 4531 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California.

On 5/23/68, ALONZO FRANKLIN COOK, JR. was contacted and interviewed and the results thereof are set out in an appropriate FD-302.

7/27/68

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RADIO

LIMEDIATE

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM: SAC MINNEAPOLIS (157-450)

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MR. BARROWMAN ADVISED THAT THIS SEARCH WAS MADE WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

AIR MAIL COPIES SENT TO ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, LOS ANGELES

AND MEMPHIS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO

[:] SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (P)

DATE: 5/28/68

FROM

SA FREDRICK E. BECKER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re complaint form executed by I.C. RICHARD T. VOYLES on 5/24/68.

On 5/28/68 contact was made with GEOME W. FREELAND. 12129 Herbert St., Los Angeles, California. There was a 1967 white Ford Mustang bearing 1968 California license VEL 475 parked in FREELAND's driveway.

Mr. FREELAND bears little if any resemblance to JAMES EARL RAY. He advised that he is the owner of the 1967 Mustang bearing California license VEP 475 and he acknowledged the fact that on 5/24/68 he was driving his Mustang on the San Bernardino Freeway. FREELAND was shown a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY with negative results. FREELAND further advised that he does not loan his car to other persons.

No further action is recommended regarding this lead.

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TO

:SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE:

5/28/68

FROM : SA FERD J. RAPP, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 5/28/68 Detective CHARLES HUCHEL, Covina, California, Police Department, advised that the Covina PD had recovered a stolen 1967 Plymouth, California license UTW 102, which was stolen at Chula Vista, California. The chula Vista PD relayed to them that the car was taken from a dealer's lot by (FNU) MARSHALL, who allegedly resembled JAMES EARL RAY.

The car was recovered on 5/28/68 in the 900 block of West San Bernardino Road, Covina, California, in the parking lot of Market Basket, apparently abandoned for several days.

The Covina PD further advised that ALLEN KRAUSE 16633 East Arrow Highway, Azusa, California, reported to the police that the above car was involved in an accident with his car on 6/15/68. The driver had identified hims if as W. L. DE LUCA and gave a check for damages, which check was found to be stolen at Huntington Beach, California.

ALLEN KRAUSE was interviewed by the writer at Covina, California, on 5/28/68 and was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. He advised that the driver of the car was not identical with RAY.

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Date: 5/28/68

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Via TELETYPE URGENT

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DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND SACS SPRINGFIELD,
MEMPHIS (44-1987), SEATTLE, PORTLAND, SAN
FRANCISCO (173-65), SACRAMENTO, BUPTE, SALT LAKE CITY;
LAS VEGAS, PROENIX, ALBUQUERQUE, EL PASO (157-186)
AND SAN DIRGO (44-387)

FROM

SAC LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN.

RE WILLIAM A. MARSHALL.

RE SAN DIEGO TEL MAY SIXTEEN LAST.

ON MAY TWENTY EIGHT INSTANT COVINA, CALIFORNIA, PD ADVISED RECOVERY OF SIXTY SEVEN PLYMOUTH, CALIFORNIA LICENSE UTW ONE ZERO TWO, WHICH CAR REPORTED STOLEN CHULA VISTA, CALIFORNIA. CAR RECOVERE TODAY NINE HUNDRED BLOCK WEST SAN BERNARDING ROAD, COVINA, CALIFORNIA, IN PARKING LOT OF MARKET BASKET SUPERMARKET APPARENTLY, ABANDONED FOR LAST SEVERAL DAYS. COVINA PD ADVISED ALLEN KRAUSE, ONE SIX SIX THREE THREE EAST ARROW HIGHWAY, AZUSA. CALIFORNIA, HAD MADE REPORT ABOVE CAR INVOLVED IN ACCIDENT WITH HIM ON MAY FIFTEEN LAST AND DRIVER HAD IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS W. L. DE LUCA AND HAD GIVEN CHECK TO REIMBURSE FOR DAMAGES, WHICH CHECK WAS FOUND TO HAVE BEEN STOLEN AT HUNTINGTON BEACH. CALIFORNIA.

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Special Agent in Charge

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TO:

DIESCTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM:

SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)(P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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CO-MEMPRIS

Re El Paso teletype, 5/23/68; Phoenix teletype, 5/23/68; and Los Angeles teletype to Phoenix, Dallas and El Paso, 5/23/68.

RE: Suspect on Greyhound Bum from Tules, Oklahoma, to Dallas, Texas, 5/22/68

HARCED ST. CLAIR, home address 7303 East 7th Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, telephone TE 5-5168, was interviewed by SA VILLIAM B. HOLLOMAN at Dellas, Texas, on 5/24/68. He stated he was the driver of Greyhound Bus No. 1314 which arrived at Dellas, Texas, from Tulsa, Oklahoma, at about 9:35 PE, 5/22/68. He stated he believes he had about 20 passengers that night and he does not recall snyone fitting the description given by ERS, HORMA KIEKPATRICK. He said there were no incidents that he can recall during the trip, no one was loud or unruly, and no one called to his attention anyone making any unusual statements.

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On 5/24/68, TOWNIE LEE TROMAS, 4223 Huckleberry Circle, Dallas, advised SA JAMES J. SHEMAN he is a relief Greyhound Bus driver and on 5/22/68, he took Bus No. 1314 scheduled to leave Dallas at 11:01 PM from Dallas to San Antonio. The final destination of this bus is Laredo, Toxas. The bus that night was delayed in departure because of mechanical difficulties until 11:30 PM and was the only section of that schedule to be operated. THOMAS stated he did not recall anyone fitting the description of person described by MRS. KIRKPATRICK on the bus that night. There were no unusual incidents and he recalls nothing out of the ordinary about the trip.

On 5/24/68, A. E. GRACEY, 1905 Bussex, Garland, Texas, advised SA SHERMAN that on 5/22/68, he drove Greyhound Bus No. 1394 which departed Dallas at about 11:15 PM on route to Abilene, Texas. he final destination of this bus was Los Angeles, California. GRACEY stated he is positive he did not have a passenger fitting the description of the person described by HRS. EIREPATRICE. He stated he had about 18 passengers leaving Dallas and during the trip there were no unusual incidents or any trouble with any passenger.

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SAC, LOS ANGETES (44-1574)

DATE: May 27, 1968

FROM

SA BILLY DALE HUBBARD

SUBJECT:

MURKIN RM

Re memo of SA H. L. PELLEGATTA dated 5/21/68.

JAMES WILLIAM WEHVZLA, Rector Hotel, 5447 Hollywood Boulevard, Room 208, Los Angeles California, telephone 464-4131, advised on May 27, 1968, that he was night clerk at the St. Francis Hotel from approximately November, 1967, throught February, 1968. WEHVILA advised he also worked as night clerk at the Morgan Hotel, 629 West 8th Street, Los Angeles, and at the St. George Hotel, 1245 Vine Street, Los Angeles, while as the all the hotels are owned by the same individual, and he would work at each of the above hotels as directed to do so by his employer.

Eleven photographs were shown to WEHVILA, seven of which were of subject, RA. He advised he did not recognize the photographs of anyone he knew. The photographs of RAY were pointed out to him and he related that he could not recall having ever seen RAY. He advised he could not recall the individual in Room 403 of the St. Francis Hotel during latter part of January and February, 1968, nor could he recall having seen a Ford mustang bearing Alabama license in the vicinity of the St. Francis Hotel. WEHVILA further added he could not recall the individual in Room 403 having received any telephone calls through the switchboard of the St. Francis Hotel, nor ever having taken any messages for Room 403.

WEHVILA related he would be goving in the near future but could be reached through Bill Copley, telephone 874-1776, in event it was necessary to re-contact him.

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TO

SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: May 28, 1968

FROM

SA BILLY DAIE HUBBARD

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

RM

Re memo SA J. CLARE WILLIAMS dated 4/24/68 and memo of SA WILLIAM G. ATHERTON dated 4/2568, concerning telephone numbers on the walls of the felephone booths on the St. Frances Hotel.

The subscribers of the telephone numbers which were written on the telephone booths in the St. Francis Hotel have been ascertained and are being retained in the same box as those numbers (long distance toll tickets) called from the phone booths in the hotel. The setting forth of these leads are being held in abeyance at this time. The box containing the subscribers to the telephone numbers is located in the office of Supervisor William John Nolan.

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Re Los Angeles teletype to WFO, 5-22-68; and WFO teletype to Los Angeles dated 5-23-68, concerning D.C. license registered to FRITS RASOE, alleged to be a look-a-like of subject.

On May 27, 1968, inquiry at 1835 South Wooster Street, Los Angeles, California, by the writer revealed that RASOE does not reside at this address at the present time. The party advised RASOE works at the Kings Four in Hand Restaurant and King James restaurant. His wife is employed at the Fish Shanty.

On May 27, 1968, Mr. FRITS RASOE was located and interviewed at his place of employment, Kings Four in Hand Restaurant, 8750 Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles, California. RASOE advised he left Washington, D. C. in his Ford mustang sometime around the latter part of March, 1968. He arrived at Los Angeles, on April 1, 1968.

The following description of RASOE was obtained through observation and interview: RASOE does not maxim fit the description of JAMES EARL RAY.

Name Race Sex Age Born Weight Height Eyes Hair

Social Security #
Alien Registration #
Port of Entry into
United States
Marital Status
Residence

See 1436

Tele. No. Occupation

Former Residence

1 - Щ-1574 BDH/ FRITS RASOE
Oriental
Male
Male
Multiple of age
at Ternate, Indonesia
140 lbs.
5 ft. 6 inches
Brown
Black, streaked with gray throughout

New York City, New York on 4/3/64 married
120 North Hamilton Drive, Apt. 3
Beverly Hills, Califfonia
653-6327
Waiter, Kings Four in Hand Rest.
Captain of Waiters, King James
Restaurant
1884 Columbia Rd., N.W.
Washington, D. C.

44-15-74-1494.

Mr. KING WONG, owner, Kings Four in Hand and King James Restaurants, Los Angeles, California, advised on May 27, 1968, that his records reveal FRITS RASOE began employment with his restaurants on April 4, 1968. Has records reveal that RASOE was working from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. on 4/4/68 through 4/7/68. He was off one day and returned thereafter working on a continous basis since April 4, 1968.

Inasmuch as RASOE's whereabouts on 4/4/68 have been accounted for and his lack of resemblance to subject, RAY, no further inquiry is being made in regards to this matter.

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TO

: SAC, Los Angeles (44-1574)

DATE: April 26, 1968

FROM : SA GILBERT G. BENJAMIN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReBuAirtel 4/24/68, which transmitted copies of photo purported to be subject JAMES EARL RAY, taken in 11/67, by a woman with whom he was acquainted in Mexico.

Instant photo was exhibited to Mrs. WAGGIF POWERS (Idrmer Serrano street apartment manager) and RITA STEIN (sister of CHARLIE STEIN), on April 26, 1968. Neither of these persons, who have seen RAY, think this was as good a likeness or RAY as other photos which have been exhibited to them.

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DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND SACS NEW ORLEANS, ATLANTA (44-2386) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM

SAC LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN.

ALLAN O. THOMPSON. MANAGER, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS ANGELES, NOW ADVISES HAD CONVERSATION WITH CAUCASIAN MALE, WHOM HE REFUSES TO IDENTIFY, WHICH PROMPTED HIS RECOLLECTION OF CERTAIN EVENTS AS CONCERNS JAMES EARL RAY NOT EARLIER RECALLED. THOMPSON SAID THIS UNNAMED INDIVIDUAL INQUIRED ABOUT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN JAMES EARL RAY. AKA ERIC STARVO GALT, AND A CAUCASIAN MALE BY NAME OF JAMES HARDIN. THOMPSON SAID THIS UNNAMED INDIVIDUAL APPROACHED HIM IN EFFORT TO QUOTE GET A PIECE OF THE ACTION UNQUOTE CONCERNING THE REWARD MONEY. THOMPSON SAID THAT AS RESULT THIS CONVERSATION, HE NOW RECALLS THE DURING PERIOD MARCH ONE LAST TO MARCH SEVENTEEN LAST HE RECEIVED CALL FOR ERIC GALT WHILE OPERATING HOTEL SWITCHBOARD. THOMPSON SAID THAT HE RECEIVED THE CALLER THE ERIC GALT HAD NO TELEPHONE IN HIS ROOM, THE MAN REQUESTED HIM TO LEAVE MESSAGE FOR ERIC GALT

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CITY AND OPERATOR NUMBER, AS WELL AS NAME JAMES C. HARDIN.

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TO ST. FRANCIS HOTEL DURING MARCH ONE TO SEVENTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT.
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THOMPSON DESCRIBED THIS INDIVIDUAL AS MALE CAUCASIAN, THIRTY
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HE STATED IT WOULD TAKE COURT ACTION TO INDUCE HIM TO IDENTIFY THIS INDIVIDUAL.

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INDICES CHECK NEGATIVE. INVESTIGATION CONTINUES IN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY THIS UNNAMED INDIVIDUAL.

FOLLOWING ARE SUGGESTED LEADS FOR NEW ORLEANS AND ATLANTA.

ONE. CREDIT AND CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION RE JAMES C. HARDIN.

TWO. REVIEW OF TELEPHONE RECORDS FOR ANY LISTINGS FOR JAMES C. HARDIN.

THREE. REVIEW POSSIBILITY OF ASCERTAINING ALL COLLECT
TELEPHONE CALLS FROM ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS ANGELES NUMBERS
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AND NEW ORLEANS FOR LOS ANGELES DURING PERIOD MARCH ONE LAST

THROUGH MARCH SEVENTEEN LAST FOR NAME JAMES C. HARDIN.

LOS ANGELES FEELS THOMPSON, WHO DRINKS TO EXCESS, SHOULD BE BROUGHT BEFORE FEDERAL GRAND JURY AT LOS ANGELES TO ASCERTAIN IDENTIFY OF INDIVIDUAL WHO HE CLAIMS PROMPTED HIS RECOLLECTION OF EVENTS OR TO DETERMINE IF THIS MAY BE FIGMENT OF HIS IMAGINATION. BUREAU REQUESTED TO ADVISE.

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TO LOS ANGELES
FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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IT IS NOTED THAT ON FEBRUARY TWENTYSIX LAST SUBJECT
RAY PURCHASED BANK OF AMERICA MONEY ORDER NUMBER ZERO
SEVEN NINE NINE ONE NINE FOUR THREE ZERO IN AMOUNT OF SIX
DOLLARS FORTYFOUR CENTS PAYABLE TO FUTURA BOOKS, AND ON THIS
SAME DAY PURCHASED BANK OF AMERICA MONEY ORDER NUMBER ZERO
SEVEN NINE NINE ONE NINE SEVEN ZERO TWO IN AMOUNT OF SIX
DOLLARS FORTYFOUR CENTS PAYABLE TO TIFFANY EXTERPRISES.

LOS ANGELES REQUESTED TO ADVISE IF IT HAS BEEN

DETERMINED WHAT WAS PURCHASED WITH EACH OF THESE MONEY ORDERS.

LOS ANGELES ALSO REQUESTED TO ADVISE IF BOB (LNU),

INFORMANT FOR LOS ANGELES TIMES, HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AND

WHETHER OR NOT THIS PHASE OF THE INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE

DISCONTINUED.

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RE URTEL THIS DATE.

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MAY SEVENTEEN SIXTY EIGHT INDICATES SUBJECT PURCHASED HANDCUFFS

THE TIFFANY ENTERPRISES USING BANK OF AMERICA MONEY ORDER

ZERO SEVEN NINE NINE SPACE ONE NINE SEVEN ZERO THREE IN AMOUNT

OF NINE DOLLARS AND NINETY EIGHT CENTS.

LOS ANGELES TELETYPE DATED APRIL SIXTEEN LAST INDICATES
BANK OF AMERICA MONEY ORDER IN AMOUNT OF SIX DOLLARS AND
FORY FOUR CENTS, KANKXENXAMERIEN NUMBER ZERO SEVEN NINE NINE
SPACE ONE NINE FOUR THREE ZERO. AT PAGE EIGHT OF THIS TEL
LORRAINE MARTIN OF FUTURA BOOKS ADVISED SUBJECT PURCHASED
BOOK ENTITLED THE SEXUALLY RESPONSIVE WOMAN.

CONCERNING BOB (LNU) LA TIMES REFER LOS ANGELES TELES

TYPE DATED MAY TWENTY TWO LAST WHEREIN LOS ANGELES RECOMMENDED

NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BE CONDUCTED RE BOB (LNU).

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TO DIRECTOR ATTN: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION
LOS ANGELES 44-1574
FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 1 P

MURKIN; CR.

RE LOS ANGELES TEL TO DIRECTOR, MAY TWENTYEIGHT LAST, CONCERNING JAMES C HARDIN.

JAMES WILBOURN ASHMORE, AKA JAMES C. HARDIN, FBI NO. FOUR EIGHT SIX NIME FIVE TWO NINE, LAST KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN ARRESTED APRIL, NINETEEN SIXTY.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO ADVISE LAST KNOWN ARREST, CHARGE,
LOCATION AND DISPOSITION OF ASHMORE. BUREAU FURTHER REQUESTED
TO FURNISH MEMPHIS AND LOS ANGELES MOST RECENT PHOTOGRAPH
ASHMORE FOR VIEWING MANAGER, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL. ARMED AND
DANGEROUS. P. END

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1258PM URGENT 5-29-68 FGC

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA (44-2386),
LOS ANGELES (44-1574), MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) 5P
MURKIN

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR MAY TWENTYEIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT.

RE JAMES C. HAPDIN.

DAVID SIMMON (PROTECT), SECURITY OFFICER, SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY, NEW ORLEANS, ADVISED THIS DATE THAT THE RECORDS OF HIS COMPANY CONTAIN NO LISTING FOR A NEW ORLEANS SUBSCRIBER UNDER THE NAMES OF JAMES C. HARDIN, J.C. HARDIN, OR JAMES HARDIN.

A REVIEW OF THE NEW ORLEANS CITY AND SUBURBAN DIRECTORIES
FOR THE YEARS OF SIXTYSIX, SIXTYSEVEN AND SIXTYEIGHT FAILED
TO REVEAL A LISTING FOR ANYONE BY THE NAME OF JAMES C. HARDIN,
J. C. HARDIN OR JAMES HARDIN.

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RECORDS OF NEW ORLEANS POLICE DEPARTMENT CONTAIN NO IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION WITH JAMES C. HARDIN, J.C. HARDIN OR JAMES HARDIN.

NEW ORLEANS CREDIT BUREAU RECORDS REVEAL ONE JAMES E.
HARDIN, WIFE NORMA, WERE RESIDING AT SIX TWO FOUR KENNON
ROAD, HUNTSVILLE ALA., AS OF NOVEMBER SEVENTEEN, SIXTYFIVE.
PREVIOUS ADDRESS LISTED AS TWO NINE ZERO SEVEN PLAZA DRIVE,
NEW ORLEANS. HARDIN'S EMPLOYMENT LISTED AS GENERAL ELECTRIC
COMPANY WITH PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT WITH CHRYSLER CORPORATION.
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NEW ORLEANS INDICES CONTAIN NO RECORD OF ANYONE BY THE NAME OF JAMES C. HARDIN.

INDICES REVEALED REFERENCE FOR ON JAMES HARDIN, NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED, NO FILE ONE FIVE SEVEN - TWO TWO ONE, BUFILE ONE FIVE SEVEN - FOUR ZERO ONE, JACKSON FILE ONE FIVE SEVEN - TWENTY. THIS CASE CAPTIONED DESEGREGATION OF UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI; RM GOJ, AFO, CONSPIRACY. THIS REFERENCE COULD NOT BE REVIEWED AS INTIRE FILE SENT JACKSON IN AUGUST, SITYFOUR, AT TIME JACKSON OFFICE OPENED.

NEW ORLEANS INDICES ALSO CONTAINS REFERENCE FOR THE NAME

JIM HARDIN, WHICH WAS AN ALIAS USED BY JAMES WILBOURN ASHMORE,

FBI NUMBER FOUR EIGHT SIX NINE FIVE TWO NINE. BUFILE EIGHT

SEVEN - SIX ZERO TWO ZERO EIGHT, NEW ORLEANS FILE EIGHT SEVEN
EIGHT EIGHT EIGHT SEVEN. THIS WAS AN ITSP INVESTIGATION IN

WHICH MEMPHIS WAS ORIGIN, MEMPHIS FILE EIGHT SEVEN - SIX

FIVE FIVE TWO. IN JUNE, SIXTYONE, ASHMORE WAS ARRESTED AT

PEARSALL, TEXAS, AND SUBSEQUENTLY SENTENCED IN LOCAL COURT ON

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	AT TMEPLE,	TEXAS, HEI	GHT SIX FEET,	WEIGHT ONE
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FORGERY CHARGES: DESCRIBED AS WMA, BORN

NEW ORLEANS INDICES ALSO CONTAIN REFERENCE ON ONE J. C.
HARDIN, NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED, IN THE CASE INVOLVING THE SOUTHERN
CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUND; IS - C, BUFILE ONE
ZERO ZERO - ONE ZERO THREE FIVE FIVE, NEW ORLEANS FILE
ONE ZERO ZERO - SEVEN FIVE NINE. THIS NAME APPEARED ON EIGHT
TWNETYFIVE FOOT ROOLS OF PHOTO RECORD FILM CONTAINING
PHOTOGRAPHS OF CARDS BEARING NAMES OF PERSONS ON FINANCIAL
RECORDS, MAILING LISTS OF SCEF, AS WELL AS LISTS OF SUBSCRIBERS
TO SOUTHERN PATRIOT. THIS FILM NOT AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW, BUT
SENT LOUISVILLE ON AUGUST EIGHT, SIXTYSIX, WHEN LOUISVILLE
MADE ORIGIN IN INVESTIGATION OF SCEF.

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JACKSON AND LOUISVILLE BEING ADVISED BY SEPARATE

COMMUNICATION TO REVIEW INDICES RE JAMES HARDIN AND J. C. HARDIN
RESPECTIVELY.

MEMPHIS REVIEW YOUR FILE EIGHT SEVEN - SIX FIVE FIVE TOW AND OBTAIN PHOTOGRAPH OF ASHMORE AND SENT PHOTO AND BACKGROUND INFO TO LOS ANGELES.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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548PM URGENT 5/29/68 MAL

TO LOS ANGELES

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN

ON MY TWENTYSEVEN, LAST, FEMALE USING NAME OF FRANCES

E. RAY ADDRESS SIX ONE FOUR NINE RUGBY, HUNTINGTON PARK,

CALVFORNIA, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED QUINCY, ILLINOIS PD

REQUESTING INFORMATION AS TO WHEREABOUTS OF JERRY RAY. CLAIMED

QUINCY PD SHE WAS RELATIVE OF JAMES EARL RAY BUT DID NOT

STATE RELATIONSHIP BUT DISCLAIMED KNOWLEDGE OF JAMES EARL

RAY'S WHEREABOUTS OR CTIVITIES.

LOS ANGELES, AT HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA, WILL LOCATE
AND INTERVIEW FRANCIS E. RAY, SIX ONE FOUR NINE RUGBY,
HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA.

AM COPY SENT MEMPHIS.

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FBI LOS ANG.