

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20537

5-29-68 154 JL

1-BU

The following FBI record, NUMBER 4 869 529, is furnished FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY. Information shown on this Identification Record represents data furnished FBI by fingerprint contributors. WHERE FINAL DISPOSITION IS NOT SHOWN OR FURTHER EXPLANATION OF CHARGE IS DESIRED, COMMUNICATE WITH AGENCY CONTRIBUTING THOSE FINGERPRINTS.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	WANTED BY BUREAU: As James Wilbur Ashmore, W/as James Willburn Ashmore, Fug Index #29039, Bu File #26-142040, OO: Memphis, Tenn inf rec 12-19-51 NO LONGER WANTED per Bu memo dated 12-19-51			
THIS PAGE SHOULD NOT BE DISSEMINATED OUTSIDE FBI.				

Notations indicated by * are NOT based on fingerprints in FBI files but are listed only as investigative leads as being possibly identical with subject of this record.

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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

TO:

Date 5-29-68

Your inquiry 5-29-68

FBI, Memphis (44-1987) 1 P

RE: JAMES WILBOURNE ASHMORE, AKA JAMES C. HARDIN

- ☒ Attached furnished in reply to your inquiry.
☐ Attached furnished in compliance with request from
☐ Only record available attached.
☐ This matter is receiving attention and you will be advised at an early date.
☐ Supplementing FBI Laboratory report dated
☐ Records FBI #
are furnished since there is a possibility that one may pertain to the subject in whom you are interested.
☐ Fingerprint files fail to disclose
☒ Confirming FBI wire of 5-29-68.
☐ A wanted notice has not been placed as subject appears to be in custody.
☐ When you no longer desire your notice maintained, please advise.
☐ If you determine subject to be in custody, please advise so that your notice may be canceled.
☐ Subject of your inquiry searched in name indices only. Enclosed record(s) possibly identical. If identical, resubmit request and wanted (or flash) notice will be placed.
☐ If it is determined that the subject of this record is not the individual in whom you are interested, please advise.
☐ Your communication is returned.

☒ Enc. (3)
☒ Copy to: FBI, Los Angeles, Calif
Bureau File #44-1574
Enc. (3)

John Edgar Hoover
Director

44-1574-1598

SEARCHED	INDEXED
SERIALIZED	FILED
JUN 3 - 1968	
FBI - LOS ANGELES	

LeMaster 100

Shaw to Thompson
& dated 6/1/68

To: SAC,

Date 6/3/68

<input type="checkbox"/> Albany	<input type="checkbox"/> Indianapolis	<input type="checkbox"/> Omaha
<input type="checkbox"/> Albuquerque	<input type="checkbox"/> Jackson	<input type="checkbox"/> Philadelphia
<input type="checkbox"/> Anchorage	<input type="checkbox"/> Jacksonville	<input type="checkbox"/> Phoenix
<input type="checkbox"/> Atlanta	<input type="checkbox"/> Kansas City	<input type="checkbox"/> Pittsburgh
<input type="checkbox"/> Baltimore	<input type="checkbox"/> Knoxville	<input type="checkbox"/> Portland
<input type="checkbox"/> Birmingham	<input type="checkbox"/> Las Vegas	<input type="checkbox"/> Richmond
<input type="checkbox"/> Boston	<input type="checkbox"/> Little Rock	<input type="checkbox"/> Sacramento
<input type="checkbox"/> Buffalo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Los Angeles	<input type="checkbox"/> St. Louis
<input type="checkbox"/> Butte	<input type="checkbox"/> Louisville	<input type="checkbox"/> Salt Lake City
<input type="checkbox"/> Charlotte	<input type="checkbox"/> Memphis	<input type="checkbox"/> San Antonio
<input type="checkbox"/> Chicago	<input type="checkbox"/> Miami	<input type="checkbox"/> San Diego
<input type="checkbox"/> Cincinnati	<input type="checkbox"/> Milwaukee	<input type="checkbox"/> San Francisco
<input type="checkbox"/> Cleveland	<input type="checkbox"/> Minneapolis	<input type="checkbox"/> San Juan
<input type="checkbox"/> Columbia	<input type="checkbox"/> Mobile	<input type="checkbox"/> Savannah
<input type="checkbox"/> Dallas	<input type="checkbox"/> Newark	<input type="checkbox"/> Seattle
<input type="checkbox"/> Denver	<input type="checkbox"/> New Haven	<input type="checkbox"/> Springfield
<input type="checkbox"/> Detroit	<input type="checkbox"/> New Orleans	<input type="checkbox"/> Tampa
<input type="checkbox"/> El Paso	<input type="checkbox"/> New York City	<input type="checkbox"/> Washington, D. C.
<input type="checkbox"/> Honolulu	<input type="checkbox"/> Norfolk	<input type="checkbox"/> Quantico
<input type="checkbox"/> Houston	<input type="checkbox"/> Oklahoma City	To: Legat, _____

MURKIN

LA 44-1574

Reurtel 5/29/68 and urairtel 5/29/68.

Exhibits Section, Administrative Division, will prepare artist's conception as soon as possible and will forward copies to your office for approval by witness. After approval of drawing is received, copies will be sent to other offices listed in urtel 5/29/68.

44-1574-1599

SEARCHED.....	INDEXED.....
SERIALIZED <i>SL</i>	FILED <i>SL</i>
JUN 5 1968	
FBI - LOS ANGELES	

LeMaster *12/2/68*

EXHIBITS SECTION
Administrative Div.
Room 331 OPO

N. P. Callahan

F B I

Date: 6/4/68

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

To: SAC, Los Angeles (44-1574)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re urtel 5/29/68, urairtel 5/29/68 and Bureau routing slip
6/3/68.1. ITEMS ENCLOSED PREPARED BY EXHIBITS SECTION, ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION:
Three photographic copies of artist's conception

2. ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

- A. Have witness(es) view item(s) for evaluation.
- B. If modification is necessary, submit additional information and any pertinent comments of witness(es) to Exhibits Section, Administrative Division.
- C. If likeness is satisfactory and additional copies are desired, request same by letter or routing slip.
- D. As the case progresses, advise Exhibits Section re use and effectiveness of item(s) as investigative aid(s). Upon apprehension of subject(s), submit arrest photograph(s).

Notify Bureau, Attention: Exhibits Section of approval or changes desired by witnesses. Copies will then be sent to field offices listed in referenced teletype dated 5/29/68.

Enc. (3) *CM*

Sent Via _____ M Per _____

44-1574-1600

SEARCHED	INDEXED
SERIALIZED	FILED
JUN 6 1968	
FBI - LOS ANGELES	

6/6/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760)

MURKIN

Re Kansas City daily summaries 6/5/68 and 6/6/68.

Enclosed to the Bureau and each office is one photograph of JACQUELINE "JACKIE" KLINE, aka JACQUELINE GOLDSTINE, KAYE ROSENBERG. Enclosed photograph of KLINE furnished for use in investigation to locate her paramour PAUL OSBORN BRIDGEMAN, former fellow inmate of subject RAY, for interview.

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 1)
- 1 - Atlanta (Enc. 1)
- 1 - Birmingham (Enc. 1)
- 1 - Chicago (Enc. 1)
- 1 - Cincinnati (Enc. 1)
- 1 - Cleveland (Enc. 1)
- 1 - Dallas (Enc. 1)
- 1 - Indianapolis (Enc. 1)
- 1 - Jacksonville (Enc. 1)
- ① - Los Angeles (Enc. 1) *See 1090*
- 1 - Louisville (Enc. 1)
- 1 - Memphis (Enc. 1)
- 1 - Minneapolis (Enc. 1)
- 1 - Oklahoma City (Enc. 1)
- 1 - Sacramento (Enc. 1)
- 1 - Seattle (Enc. 1)
- 1 - Kansas City

RVH:B
(19)

*Bridgeman located
in nph and interviewed
6/7/68
JA*

44-1574-1601

SEARCHED	INDEXED
SERIALIZED	FILED
JUN 7 1968	
FBI - LOS ANGELES	

F B I

Date: 6/7/68

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

TO: DIRECTOR

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

RE: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to Los Angeles 5/29/68 and Los Angeles airtel to Director 6/3/68, relative to EDGAR EUGENE BRADLEY.

Bureau authorization requested to interview BRADLEY only for specific purpose of ascertaining his whereabouts on dates in question. Reasons for request as follows:

In past contacts, including contact on 5/31/68, BRADLEY always expressed highest admiration for Director and FBI. He has invariably offered full assistance and on 5/31/68 specifically stated would be glad to furnish all information to establish whereabouts on dates in question or any other dates should it become necessary.

Extensive investigation would be required to verify his whereabouts if do not use his assistance. Note that BRADLEY promptly learned of recent investigation, as mentioned referenced Los Angeles airtel. Since he has offered full assistance, then should investigation proceed without prior contact with him, he would undoubtedly feel his offer was ignored. Since allegations of New Orleans District Attorney GARRISON are uppermost in BRADLEY's mind, embarrassment to Bureau could follow if he took his own inference that such investigation pertains to GARRISON's allegations.

3 - Bureau
1 - Denver (157-203) (RM) (AM)
1 - Little Rock (157-1215) (RM) (AM)
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (RM) (AM)
② - Los Angeles
AM:cag
(8)

SEARCHED
INDEXED
SERIALIZED
FILED

Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M

44-1574-1602
OFFICE COPY

LA 44-1574

Embarrassment might also arise should GARRISON learn of current investigation about BRADLEY, since GARRISON might infer this supports his position in some way.

It is felt that most discreet verification of alibi could be undertaken on basis of information received directly from BRADLEY, since it would allow fewest possible contacts and minimize possible embarrassment. Los Angeles holding investigation in abeyance.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

F B I

Date: 6/7/68

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

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND SACS MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND
MINNEAPOLIS (157-450)

FROM SAC LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (P)

MURKIN.

RE MINNEAPOLIS TEL JUNE SEVEN INSTANT.

RE PAUL BRIDGEMAN.

INVESTIGATION SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA, REVEALED ADDRESS FOR
JOYCE MARTIN, AKA JOYCE WILLIHAM, ONE THREE THREE FIVE SOUTH
MINNIE STREET, NON-EXISTENT. NO RECORD FOR THIS INDIVIDUAL
MAINTAINED AT U. S. POST OFFICE, SANTA ANA.

LEO W. FAULY, OWNER QUOTE THE KINGS INN UNQUOTE, COSTA MESA,
CALIFORNIA, ADVISED HE KNOWS OF NO EMPLOYEE, PAST OR PRESENT,
BY NAME OF JOYCE MARTIN OR JOYCE WILLIHAM.

INQUIRY AT QUOTE KINGS ROW UNQUOTE RESTAURANT, SANTA ANA,
NEGATIVE RE PAST OR PRESENT EMPLOYEE NAMED JOYCE MARTIN OR JOYCE
WILLIHAM.

MINNEAPOLIS REQUESTED TO REINTERVIEW BRIDGEMAN TO DETERMINE
BASIS OF HIS KNOWLEDGE RE MARTIN AND GEORGE GILL, SPECIFICALLY,

TJA:CM
(1)

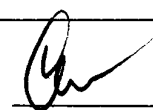
SEARCHED

INDEXED

SERIALIZED

FILED

WA-934P

MP-1015P
ME-958PApproved: 

Special Agent in Charge

Sent

M

Per 

44-1574-1603

LA 44-1574

PAGE TWO

THE SOURCE OF HIS INFORMATION RE ADDRESS ON SOUTH MINNIE,
SANTA ANA.

RE DI RANGO'S OR RANGO'S IN LOS ANGELES. IT IS POSSIBLE
BRIDGEMAN MAY BE REFERRING TO RANGEL'S, A MEXICAN RESTAURANT
LOCATED VICINITY OF ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS ANGELES, WHERE SUBJECT
RESIDED. PREVIOUS INVESTIGATION IN THIS MATTER REVEALED THIS
RESTAURANT LOCATED IN AREA HAVING CONSIDERABLE NARCOTIC AND
PROSTITUTION TRAFFIC. INVESTIGATION PREVIOUSLY CONDUCTED AT
RANGEL'S CONCERNING SUBJECT WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

F B I

Date: 6/7/68

Transmit the following in _____

(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

(Priority)

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

Re Los Angeles tel 6/7/68.

Re JAMES H. MC CARTHY, Pasadena, California.

Enclosed for the Bureau are two xeroxed copies
of article captioned "Secrecy Shrouds Mystery Man in King
Slaying" as appeared in Los Angeles Times 4/13/68.

3 - Bureau (Encls. 2)
② - Los Angeles
TJA/met
(5)

SEARCHED
INDEXED
SERIALIZED
FILED

tin

44-1574-1604

Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

OFFICE COPY

F B I

Date: 6/7/68

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

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

MURKIN

REBUTELCAL JUNE SEVEN INSTANT.

RE JAMES H. MC CARTHY, PASADENA, CALIFORNIA.

LOS ANGELES INDICES NEGATIVE BASED ON INFORMATION
RECEIVED CONCERNING MC CARTHY.

REVIEW OF LOS ANGELES TIMES REVEALED ARTICLE IN
APRIL THIRTEEN LAST ISSUE CAPTIONED "SECRECY SHROUDS
MYSTERY MAN IN KING SLAYING" DATED BIRMINGHAM, ARTICLE
REPORTS IN PART "SO TIGHT WAS THE SECRECY THAT THE FBI
DREW AROUND ITS INVESTIGATION, BIRMINGHAM RESIDENTS ONCE
ACQUAINTED WITH THE MAN WHO USED THE NAME GALT WERE
INSTRUCTED BY AGENTS TO KEEP SILENT."

XEROX COPIES OF ARTICLE BEING FORWARD BY AIRTEL.

SEARCHED
INDEXED
SERIALIZED
FILED

44-1574
TJA/met
(1)

SENT BY CODED TELETYPE

Approved: *[Signature]*

Special Agent in Charge

Sent 958/P MPer OLB

5/13/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: HAROLD J. THOME - SUSPECT

Re Indianapolis teletype dated 5/11/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SAs
ROBERT E. KLAUTER and ROBLEY D. MADLAND:

AT WEATHERFORD, TEXAS:

ELMER T. JOHNSON, mailing address Route 1, Hemp,
Texas, owner of the River Ranch Cafe, located next to the
Brazos River Bridge, 15 miles west of Weatherford, Texas,
on U. S. Highway 80, furnished the following information.

JOHNSON advised that HAROLD J. THOME, under Social
Security Number [redacted] was first employed by him as a
dishwasher during the week of February 16, 1968, and remained
for about two weeks, at which time he left stating that
"Jesus had called him". THOME left by hitchhiking.

JOHNSON was next contacted by THOME via long-
distance telephone call (prepaid) stating that he was in
El Paso and this was about three days prior to March 9, 1968,
wanting to return to his job on the evening of March 9, 1968.
THOME again called stating he was in Abilene, Texas, en route
and advised that he would arrive about midnight and asked
JOHNSON to leave the door open to a small apartment at the
rear of the cafe. JOHNSON stated that he did not see THOME
arrive but that THOME did arrive shortly after midnight and
told him he had hitchhiked, and had been visiting a daughter
in Tucson, Arizona, since he had left in February, 1968.

3 - Bureau
2 - Memphis (44-1987)
① - Los Angeles (44-1574) (Info)

2 - Dallas
RDM/sgl
(8)

44-1574-1606

SEARCHED	INDEXED
SERIALIZED	FILED
MAY 14 1968	
FBI - LOS ANGELES	

L. Johnson

JOHNSON said that THOME remained at the cafe, working as a dishwasher until March 30, 1968, at which time JOHNSON said he had to let THOME go because he was "bothering" the customers. JOHNSON said he considered THOME to be a religious agitator and fanatic. JOHNSON said THOME stated "Buddhism is the true religion". JOHNSON said THOME spoke on and of many subjects and topics. JOHNSON said further THOME told him he was in complete sympathy with MARTIN LUTHER KING and "felt he was following the right path". JOHNSON said THOME called all Negroes "brother". JOHNSON said further that THOME told him one time that if he could vote that he would vote for GEORGE WALLACE for president. JOHNSON said further that THOME wanted to "overthrow the government" because he felt "the people were being lied to and cheated" and said "we are not getting our fair share". JOHNSON said he considered THOME to be "mentally unbalanced" and a person who drank very heavily while he was employed by him.

JOHNSON advised that to his knowledge THOME had no associates, friends or relatives in this area. JOHNSON said prior to his first employment in February, 1968, that he did not know or had never seen THOME. JOHNSON said further that while THOME was employed this last time that he made three long-distance calls, which two calls were made on 3/25 and 26/68, to Dallas, Texas, and a call on 3/29/68, to an unrecalled place. JOHNSON said THOME had paid for the call but that the calling numbers were not known to him, JOHNSON, at this time as he had not misplaced his telephone bill.

JOHNSON stated that THOME was arrested one time during his stay with him and that was by the Sheriff's Office at Mineral Wells, Texas. JOHNSON said THOME left this Saturday about noon on March 31, 1968, hitchhiking and that he has had no contact or heard from THOME since that time.

JOHNSON said during the period of time THOME was here, that he received no telephone calls nor visitors. JOHNSON said he had no other background information concerning this individual whatsoever, and knows no person who would have information as to his whereabouts.

AT MINERAL WELLS, TEXAS:

DL 44-2649

On May 12, 1968, GILBERT SOMMERFELD, Sheriff, Palo Pinto County, advised that under Mineral Wells PD #14622 that HAROLD JAMES THONE was arrested by him at 12:25 AM on March 28, 1968, near the river bridge west of Mineral Wells. Sheriff SOMMERFELD said this arrest occurred after a cab driver reported to him a passenger stated he was going to jump in the river after being taken to the river bridge. Sheriff SOMMERFELD stated that he proceeded to the west river bridge and found THONE lying drunk in the grass near the bridge. He said he took THONE to the Mineral Wells Jail and booked him for investigation. Sheriff SOMMERFELD stated that he released THONE the following morning without charges as he felt this person had a mental disturbance. Sheriff SOMMERFELD said that THONE had no weapons on him at the time of his arrest but that he was carrying a briefcase full of religious literature and verses.

Sheriff SOMMERFELD said that THONE told him that he did not know any person in this area, except his employer at the River Ranch Cafe, and had no relatives in the area. THONE said that he was from California. Sheriff SOMMERFELD described THONE as follows:

Race	white
Sex	male
Year of birth	1914
Height	5'10"
Weight	150 pounds
Hair	gray
Eyes	Blue
Residence	10520 Hill Haven, Tujunga, California

Dallas Division investigation continuing to determine identity of telephone numbers called by THONE from River Ranch Cafe.

5/16/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)(P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO - MEMPHIS

RE: HAROLD J. THOME - SUSPECT

Re Indianapolis teletype dated 5/11/68, and Dallas airtel dated 5/13/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBLEY D. MADLAND:

AT WEATHERFORD, TEXAS

On 5/13/68, Mrs. NORVALL TERRY (protect identity), Secretary, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, advised that records reflect telephone No. LY 4-7816 is subscribed to by the River Ranch Cafe, west of Weatherford. Mrs. TERRY advised that on 3/26/68, a long distance telephone call was made from this number to Dallas, Texas, No. DA 1-5670. On 3/25/68, a long distance telephone call was made from this number to Dallas, Texas, No. TA 1-2303.

The following investigation was conducted by SA JAMES J. SHERMAN:

AT DALLAS, TEXAS

3 - Bureau
① - Los Angeles (44-1574)(Info)
2 - Memphis (44-1987)
2 - Dallas
WBH:pw
(8)

44-1574-1607

SEARCHED	INDEXED
SERIALIZED	FILED
MAY 17 1968	
FBI - LOS ANGELES	

Johnson

DL 44-2649

On 5/14/68, DAN SMOOT, former Special Agent, publisher of the "Dan Smoot Report", 6441 Gaston, advised his records do not reflect a HAROLD J. THOME as a subscriber, and no communication with this individual could be remembered. The only THOME his organization knows of is M. J. THOME, 2439 East Northern Lights Boulevard, Anchorage, Alaska. He advised he gets quite a few "nut" calls, and it is possible this was such a call. SMOOT advised TA 1-2303 is the number for his business.

On 5/14/68, attempts to contact JACK V. STONER, 2224 Lakeland Drive, telephone DA 1-5670 were negative.

On 5/15/68, JACK V. STONER was contacted at the above address and advised he is Dallas County Chairman of the Wallace For President campaign. He does not recall receiving a call from a HAROLD J. THOME and could not identify this individual from his records. He advised he has been receiving hundreds of calls concerning the campaign and in many cases he does not know to whom he is talking, as he requests the persons to contact his campaign headquarters by mail in order for the persons to receive answers to their inquiries.

6/5/68

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

MURKIN.

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU AND DALLAS, JUNE THREE LAST, CONCERNING HAROLD J. THOME.

ON JUNE FIVE INSTANT, MRS. EMMA TANNER, BOOKKEEPER, HOME FOR AGED MASONS, ONE FIVE ZERO ONE WEST DIVISION STREET, ARLINGTON, TEXAS, ADVISED THOME EMPLOYED THERE AS GENERAL KITCHEN WORKER FROM APRIL FOUR LAST TO JUNE THREE LAST. THOME GIVEN TWO FULL DAYS PER WEEK OFF AND HAD EVERY SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AFTERNOON FREE. FILE REFLECTS NO EXTENDED ABSENCES FROM JOB. THOME QUIT ON JUNE THREE LAST, AND ONLY ADDRESS ON FILE IS ROUTE ONE, WEATHERFORD, TEXAS.

MRS. BEATRICE RATLIFF, DIETITIAN AT ABOVE HOME, ADVISED THOME LEFT WORK SUDDENLY BY TAXICAB DURING MORNING OF JUNE THREE LAST, STATING HE HAD BUSINESS TO TEND TO. DID NOT ADVISE NATURE OF BUSINESS OR WHERE HE WAS GOING. THOME ADVISED RATLIFF WHEN HE TOOK JOB IN APRIL THAT HE HAD "UNFINISHED

1 - Dallas
1 - Los Angeles (AM) (44-1574)
REK:zeb
(2)

44-1574-1200

SEARCHED	INDEXED
SERIALIZED	FILED
1 JUN 7 1968	
FBI - LOS ANGELES	

57

(44-2649)

PAGE TWO

BUSINESS AND MIGHT HAVE TO LEAVE AT ANY TIME". THOME, PROBABLY A JEHOVAH'S WITNESS, DESCRIBED BY RATLIFF AS AN AGITATOR CONCERNING RELIGIOUS MATTERS AND TRIED TO AROUSE CO-WORKERS AT THE HOME. RATLIFF ADVISED "HE WAS STRICTLY FOR THE COLORED PEOPLE AND VERY MUCH FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING". THOME, WHO WAS EMPLOYED AT THE HOME ON THE DATE OF KING'S ASSASSINATION WAS "VERY NERVOUS AND UNHAPPY OVER THE MURDER". RATLIFF DISCOURAGED POLITICAL DISCUSSIONS AMONG EMPLOYEES WHILE ON THE JOB, AND WAS, THEREFORE, UNAWARE OF THOME'S POLITICAL VIEWS.

PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF THOME UNKNOWN TO TANNER AND RATLIFF, BUT THEY INDICATE HE MAY HAVE RETURNED TO CALIFORNIA, WHERE HE WAS ORIGINALLY FROM.

LOS ANGELES ADVISED AIRMAIL.

PENDING.

END.

F B I

Date: 6/7/68

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), SACS MEMPHIS (44-1987)
AND MIAMI (44-1854)

FROM SAC LOS ANGELES (44-1574)(P)

MURKIN.

RE MIAMI TEL JUNE FIVE LAST.

RE CONTINENTAL AIRLINE TICKET.

RECORDS CONTINENTAL AIRLINES, LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL
AIRPORT, REVEAL FOLLOWING:

COUPON ONE, TICKET ZERO ZERO FIVE DASH THREE ONE ZERO:
FIVE ZERO ZERO FOUR SEVEN SEVEN, ISSUED TO D. MC KENZIE, APRIL
TWO LAST, TUCSON, ARIZONA, CONTINENTAL AIRLINE TICKET OFFICE,
TUCSON AIRPORT, BY CONTINENTAL AGENT NUMBER TWO, VALIDATOR STAMP
EIGHT THREE ONE DASH ONE.

THIS TICKET CONCERNED CONTINENTAL FLIGHT ONE FIVE TWO FROM
TUCSON TO HOUSTON APRIL TWO LAST. PASSAGE CONTINUED FROM
HOUSTON TO NEW ORLEANS ON NATIONAL AIRLINE FLIGHT THREE SEVEN
FOUR ON APRIL TWO LAST. FLIGHT CONTINUED FROM NEW ORLEANS TO
DOTHAN, ALABAMA, ON SOUTHERN AIRWAYS FLIGHT FIVE EIGHT ON APRIL
TWO LAST.

TJA:CM

(1)

Approved: *[Signature]*

Special Agent in Charge

Sent *1649 31 P*

M

Per *RH**ME-955P**MM-1010P**44-1574-1609*

LA 44-1574

PAGE TWO

COUPON TWO, FOR TICKET ZERO ZERO FIVE DASH THREE ONE ZERO:
FIVE ZERO ZERO FOUR SEVEN EIGHT, WAS FOR OPEN RESERVATION IN
THE SAME NAME ON SOUTHERN AIRWAYS, NO FLIGHT NUMBER, FROM
DOTHAN TO ATLANTA AND CONTINUING ON EASTERN AIRLINES, OPEN
RESERVATION, FROM ATLANTA TO MONTREAL, CANADA, NO DATE.

THE COST OF THIS TICKET WAS ONE HUNDRED NINETY THREE
DOLLARS, WHICH WAS PAID FOR BY CHECK.

FBI LOS ANG

FBI MEMPHIS

650PM URGENT 6-7-68 SAB

TO DIRECTOR, MINNEAPOLIS, DENVER, KANSAS CITY, LOS ANGELES, OMAHA,
ST. LOUIS, AND SPRINGFIELD.

FROM MEMPHIS

MURKIN.

Re PAUL BRIDGMAN

RE MINNEAPOLIS TEL THIS DATE.
INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT MEMPHIS DISCLOSES JAMES EARL RAY
IN ATTENDANCE AT DANCE SCHOOL IN LOS ANGELES ON FEB. ONE, FIVE,
SIX EIGHT AND TWELVE. IN ADDITION, RAY WAS ENROLLED INTERNATIONAL
SCHOOL OF BARTENDING AT LOS ANGELES FROM JAN. NINETEEN THROUGH
MARCH TWO, SIXTYEIGHT. INFORMATION AT MEMPHIS DOES NOT DISCLOSE
RECORDS AT BARTENDING SCHOOL WERE FAITHFULLY KEPT, HOWEVER,
LOS ANGELES REPORT DATED APRIL EIGHTEEN, PAGE ONE HUNDRED FORTY,
SHOWS INTERVIEW WITH CLASSMATE DONALD J. JACOBS, WHO SAID SUBJECT
WAS ONLY ABSENT FROM SCHOOL ON FEW OCCASIONS. INFORMATION IN SAME
LOS ANGELES REPORT, PAGES ONE HUNDRED TWO AND ONE HUNDRED THREE,
SHOWS DEPOSITS MADE ON FEB. TWENTY THREE ARE RECEIPTS OF
ST. FRANCIS HOTEL COVERING PERIOD FEB. EIGHTEEN THROUGH TWENTY ONE.
IN THESE DEPOSITS WAS CHECK FROM PACIFIC TELEPHONE CO. IN AMOUNT
TWENTY EIGHT DOLLARS SIXTY FIVE CENTS, PAYABLE TO ERIC S. GALT.
THIS WOULD PLACE SUBJECT IN LOS ANGELES AT LEAST SOME TIME DURING
THIS PERIOD.

END PAGE ONE

44-1574-1610

SEARCHED	INDEXED
SERIALIZED	FILED
JUN 7 1968	
FBI - LOS ANGELES	

LeMaster
(info)

PAGE TWO

IN ADDITION, SUBJECT KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN OWNER OF WHITE MUSTANG DURING FEB., NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT AS IT WAS SERVICED AT LOS ANGELES ON FEB. THIRTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT. SUBJECT AS GALT WROTE LETTER DATED FEB. SEVENTEEN AS RESULT OF LOCAL SWINGERS CLUB. THIS WOULD ALSO SEEMINGLY PLACE SUBJECT IN LOS ANGELES FOR PERIOD OF INTEREST.

MEMPHIS SUGGESTS OFFICES LISTED ABOVE HOLD INVESTIGATION IN ABEYANCE UNTIL CERTAIN POINTS CLARIFIED IN REINTERVIEW OF BRIDGMAN, WHOSE RELIABILITY IS QUESTIONABLE. BRIDGMAN SHOULD BE REQUESTED TO BE MORE SPECIFIC AS TO WHEN HE MET RAY, WHERE HE MET RAY, AND WHO CAN CONFIRM PRESENCE OF BRIDGMAN IN KANSAS CITY DURING PERIOD HE CLAIMS HE MET RAY. SPECIFICALLY, WHERE DID BRIDGMAN STAY WHILE IN KANSAS CITY; WHO IS PROSTITUTE BEVERLY HILL, AND WHERE DID SHE LIVE IN KANSAS CITY. WHERE DID BRIDGMAN MEET HER? ALSO, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT DURING THIS PERIOD OF TIME IN FEB., THERE IS NO INFO AVAILABLE TO INDICATE SUBJECT WAS IN NEED OF FUNDS. HE APPARENTLY SHORTLY BEFORE FEB. ENROLLED IN DANCING SCHOOL, ENROLLED IN BARTENDING SCHOOL, AND SEEMINGLY HAD NO PROBLEM WITH FUNDS. THIS WOULD BE INCONSISTENT WITH HIS BEING BROKE AND TRAVELING DISTANCE TO KANSAS CITY AND THEREAFTER BORROWING SMALL SUM FROM BRIDGMAN, IT BEING NOTED ROTHBERG WHEN INTERVIEWED IN

END PAGE TWO

PAGE THREE

DALLAS INDICATED THAT BRIDGMAN HAD TOLD HIM HE RAN INTO RAY IN OKLAHOMA AND RAY AT THAT TIME HAD AMPLE FUNDS.

BRIDGMAN INTERVIEW SHOULD BE VIGOROUSLY PRESSED IN ORDER TO CLARIFY DETAILS, IT BEING NOTED BRIDGMAN PROBABLY HJSTLER OF HOMO-SEXUALS AND AS SUCH NOT ADVERSE TO BEING LIAR.

NO OTHER PERTINENT INVESTIGATIVE ACTIVITY THIS DATE, MEMPHIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P.

END

LCS

FBI LOS ANG

TUP

6/7/68

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

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

Re Minneapolis teletype to Director 6/7/68.

Re interview PAUL BRIDGEMAN, former inmate, Missouri State Prison, with JAMES EARL RAY.

BRIDGEMAN during interview stated he heard RAY mention GEORGE GILL, Santa Ana, California, as being a friend of RAY's.

Review of Los Angeles indices revealed file 26-31671, subject CHARLES GOULD GILL, aka George C. Gill, George Gould Gill, George Elvon Kelly, "Hank" Kelly, Terence Kenneth O'Dell. Bufile 26-284370. This individual is described as follows:

Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Born:	[redacted] Clay City, Illinois
Height:	5'9"
Weight:	140 lbs.
Build:	Slender
Hair:	Brown, curly
Eyes:	Blue
Distinguishing features:	Lower teeth missing, upper dentures; 1' scar inner corner right eyebrow; 1½" scar left side of chin; tattoo of dagger and scroll with "Meme" upper right arm.

3 - Bureau (AM)
2 - Memphis (44-1987)(AM)
2 - Minneapolis (157-450)(Enc.)(AM)
2 - Los Angeles
TJA:CM
(9)

[Handwritten signature]

SEARCHED
INDEXED
SERIALIZED
FILED

[Handwritten signature]

44-1574-1611

LA 44-1574

Enclosed for Minneapolis is one photograph of
GEORGE GILL to display to BRIDGEMAN.

Minneapolis is requested to determine if BRIDGEMAN
ever observed GILL, or if BRIDGEMAN has any descriptive data
regarding GILL to enable Los Angeles to locate and interview.

FBI LOS ANG.

FBI WASH DC

RELAY MESSAGE PLAN IN EFFECT PLEASE TURN ON YOUR TAPE

FBI LOS ANG.

OK GA

FBI LOS ANG.

FBI WASH DC

104PM URGENT 6/8/68 GJM

TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 44-33861

MURKIN

SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY APPREHENDED AT LONDON,
ENGLAND, JUNE EIGHT INSTANT. DISCONTINUE EFFORTS TO LOCATE
AND REMOVE ALL STOPS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

FMK

FBI LOS ANG.

*Returned to
Inspector John Parnell
LAPD Dist. Box
6/10/68 by [signature]*

*A. Hearn
Find original finger print
Card Sent J. & give to
LAPD*

44-1574-1612

SEARCHED	INDEXED
SERIALIZED	FILED
JUN 8 1968	
FBI LOS ANGELES	

[Signature]

*Publicity outlets
notified [initials]*

*Chas. Houghlin
Jury Powers
A. Hearn*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 6/10/68

FROM: *R* ASAC RICHARD D. ROGGE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 9:58 A.M., 6/10/68, Supervisor JOSEPH G. KELLY, General Investigative Division, telephonically furnished the following information and instructions.

At the time suspect JAMES EARL RAY was apprehended in London, England, he had in his possession a .38 caliber Liberty Chief revolver manufactured by the Miroku Firearms Manufacturing Company, 715 Japan.

KELLY stated that our Legal Attache at Tokyo has determined that the weapon in question was shipped on 8/3/66 and was passed by Japanese Customs on 8/19/66. It was transported via the "Havana-Maru", destined for the Liberty Arms Company, Post Office Box 306, Montrose, California.

KELLY instructed that appropriate immediate investigation be initiated to develop full details concerning this weapon.

RDR:CM
(2)

① SAC *[initials]*
info.
② T. A. Heam *[initials]*
Handle
③ NOLAN *[initials]*
info.
cc to R. Mactin

44-1574-1613

SEARCHED	INDEXED
SERIALIZED	FILED
JUN 10 1968	
FBI - LOS ANGELES	

[initials]

6/7/68

Airtel

To: SAC's San Diego (44-387)
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re San Diego teletype 6/5/68.

Five latent fingerprints previously reported on specimens Q344, Q362, Q363, and one lift reported in connection with the William A. Marshall investigation, are not identical with the fingerprints of Howard Mason Birtell, Jr., FBI #1971469.

Laboratory reporting separate.

1 - Los Angeles (44-1574)

44-1574-1614

SEARCHED	INDEXED
SERIALIZED	FILED
JUN 10 1968	
FBI - LOS ANGELES	

6/10/68

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL - REGISTERED

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574) Attn: EXHIBIT SECTION
RE: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to Los Angeles, 6/4/68.

Enclosed herewith for the Exhibit Section is one (1) photograph of JAMES WILBOURN ASHMORE, FBI #4 869 529.

Witness, ALLAN O. THOMPSON, shown artist conception of individual he knew as JAMES C. HARDIN. After observing the artist's conception, THOMPSON made the following observations:

- A. The likeness of the artist's conception with regard to the shape of the head is good.
- B. The shape, size and appearance of the eyes as contained in the enclosed photograph of JAMES WILBOURN ASHMORE are very similar to those of the person he knew as JAMES C. HARDIN.
- C. The eyebrows of ASHMORE are, likewise, very similar to the eyebrows of JAMES C. HARDIN.
- D. The nose of HARDIN is slightly thinner at the bridge than the artist's conception. Further, there is no bump at the bridge as in the artist's conception, but appears straight as in KD1-9.
- E. The mouth is to be less wide than appears in the artist's conception with a slightly fuller upper lip.

1 - Bureau (RM) (Encl. 1)
1 - Los Angeles
BCL:gcw
(5)

SEARCHED
INDEXED
SERIALIZED
FILED

44-1574-1615

LA 44-1574

- F. The chin in the artist's conception is too full, too round; the chin that appears in the enclosed photograph of ASHMORE is very similar in appearance to that of JAMES C. HARDIN.
- G. The ears of HARDIN are as they appear in KG1-7; the ears in the artist's conception protrude too much, and further, are too wide at the bottom.
- H. Good likeness.
- J. The hair in the artist's conception is too stiff; THOMPSON preferred the hair, hairline and height of the forehead as that which appear in ED 3-9.

THOMPSON advised that in general, the artist's conception was not sufficiently swarthy in appearance to convey the proper complexion of HARDIN. THOMPSON had no further remarks as to the general description of the subject.

It is requested that the Exhibit Section prepare an additional artist's conception of JAMES C. HARDIN with the above mentioned modifications. It is further requested that upon completion of the artist's conception, that copies be forwarded to Los Angeles and all interested offices.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 6/10/68

FROM: *P* ASAC RICHARD D. ROGGE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 10:15 AM, 6/10/68, ASAC KYLE G. CLARK, Chicago Division, telephonically furnished the following:

At the time of suspect JAMES EARL RAY's arrest, he had a book in his possession entitled "How to Hypnotize" which was written by Dr. ADOLPH F. LONK of the Lonk Institute of Hypnosis, Palatine, Illinois. This book cost \$10.00.

CLARK advised the Bureau instructed the source of this book be traced and that CLARK recalled suspect RAY had undergone a series of hypnotic treatments costing \$25.00 each while in Los Angeles, and if the doctor who handled these treatments had been the source of this book then considerable investigative time and effort would be saved.

CLARK was advised that this matter was being researched and he would be telephonically advised if such information were available.

ADDENDUM: 6/10/68

Dr. MARK O. FREEMAN, 9952 Santa Monica Blvd., Beverly Hills (tel 276-2412), who treated RAY, was telephonically contacted during the morning of 6/10/68, and he advised that he was unfamiliar with the above book, and so assumed it must be out of print. He suggested a contact with Mr. MELVIN POWERS, Publisher, Wilshire Book Company, 8721 Sunset Blvd., LA. Mr. POWERS had previously been contacted by the writer in this matter, so he too was contacted telephonically. He said that he had a vague recollection of this book, although it had never been published by his firm. He said that he believes it was published around 1900-1910; and has been out of print for some time. He suggested that if RAY had it in his possession, he may have purchased it from one of two firms in London that specialize in

RDR:cea
(2)

NOLAN
info

44-1574-1616

SEARCHED	INDEXED
SERIALIZED	FILED
JUN 11 1968	
FBI - LOS ANGELES	

G. BENNAMIN

LA 44-1574

books in the fields of psychology and hypnotism. He named these two firms as:

1. W. & G. FOYLE Book Company

2. JOHN WATKINS Book Store.

He said each of the above book stores was on Charing Cross Road, in London, England. They handle rare and out of print books and publications.

The above information was telephonically furnished ASAC CLARK, Chicago, during the morning of 6/10/68.

6/10/68 Wilbert G. Benjamin *WGB*

- 2 * -

F B I

Date: 6/10/68

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), SACS ATLANTA (44-2386) AND
MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM SAC LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN.

REBUTELCAL TO LOS ANGELES AND LOS ANGELES TELCAL TO BUREAU,
~~BOTH~~ JUNE TEN INSTANT.WHEN JAMES EARL RAY APPREHENDED ~~IN~~ LONDON, HE HAD IN HIS
POSSESSION THIRTY EIGHT CALIBER LIBERTY CHIEF REVOLVER, SERIAL
NUMBER SEVEN ONE FIVE, MANUFACTURED BY MIROKU FIREARMS MFG.
COMPANY, JAPAN.MILA SVOBODA, OWNER, LIBERTY ARMS COMPANY AND SOLINGEN
CUTLERY COMPANY, POST OFFICE BOX THREE ZERO SIX, MONTROSE,
CALIFORNIA ADVISED JUNE TEN INSTANT LIBERTY CHIEF REVOLVER,
SERIAL NUMBER SEVEN ONE FIVE, MANUFACTURED BY MIROKU FIREARMS
MFG. COMPANY, JAPAN, RECEIVED MONTROSE, CALIFORNIA, SEPTEMBER
FIFTEEN, SIXTY SIX. REVOLVER SENT TO R. TATUM, NEW AND USED
GUNS, ONE ONE EIGHT EDWARDS DRIVE, MABLETON, GEORGIA, ON
OCTOBER THREE, SIXTY SIX, UNDER INVOICE NUMBER ONE THREE NINETJA:CM
(1)SEARCHED
INDEXED
SERIALIZED
FILEDApproved: (R)

Special Agent in Charge

Sent

356 407 415
3P 4P 4P M

Per

Sms

LA 44-1574

PAGE TWO

ZERO NINE, FROM SOLINGEN CUTLERY, MONTROSE, CALIFORNIA. REVOLVER
ONLY ITEM IN THIS SHIPMENT. LIBERTY REVOLVERS MADE EXCLUSIVELY
FOR LIBERTY ARMS COMPANY. REVOLVER DESCRIBED AS THIRTY EIGHT
CALIBER SNUB NOSE.

ATLANTA CONDUCT INVESTIGATION AT R. TATUM FOR FURTHER
TRACING OF REVOLVER.

FBI, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
STATE TELETYPE SYSTEM

Transmit in _____ by teletype to: _____
(Type in "plaintext" or "code")

6/10/68

15MP
FBI, LOS ANGELES

SA LEO C. BAILEY, FBI
C/O SANTA MARIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

JAMES EARL RAY, I.O. #4182, TOP TEN FUGITIVE. SUBJECT
APPREHENDED AT LONDON, ENGLAND, 6/8/68. DISCONTINUE EFFORTS
TO LOCATE. PLEASE PICK UP OBSOLETE MATERIAL AT KSBY TV,
SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA, AND RETURN TO LOS ANGELES.

WESLEY G. GRAPP
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE
FBI, LOS ANGELES

LA 44-1574
ssl
(2) *no*

SEARCHED _____
SERIALIZED *ES*
FILED *ES*

Approved: *WGA / Juv* Sent *11 47 P* M Per *OPK*

44-1574-1618

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

FROM : SA BILLY DALE HUBBARD

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

DATE: 6/7/68

Re San Antonio airtel to Bureau dated 5/20/68 and Bureau teletype dated 4/25/68 to El Paso, Houston, and San Antonio, advising each Office should determine from telephone company the long distance calls placed at each public telephone on Highway 90 and Interstate Highway 10 over which subject JAMES EARL RAY and CHARLES STEIN allegedly traveled 12/15/67 - 12/17/67.

Subject reportedly made eight long distance telephone calls while in Texas.

Set forth below are telephone calls made from within the San Antonio Division for the period 12/15/67 - 12/17/67, which was obtained from available Southwestern Bell Telephone Company records.

The identity of the subscribers to these telephone numbers as obtained from the records of General and Pacific Telephone Companies are also set forth.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Calling Number</u>	<u>Called Number</u>	<u>Listed To</u>
12/15/67	223-8266	213-231-5482	PRINCE DIXON 4303 Morgan Avenue, Los Angeles
12/17/67	988-7491	213-429-9378	MURRAY J. KLATER, 3332 Roxanne Avenue, Long Beach (disconnected 2/17/68, no final billing address)

BDH/mgt
(4)

44-1574-1619

SEARCHED	INDEXED
SERIALIZED	FILED
JUN 11 1968	
FBI - LOS ANGELES	

OFFICE COPY

LA 44-1574

<u>Date</u>	<u>Calling Number</u>	<u>Called Number</u>	<u>Listed To</u>
12/17/67	223-7271	213-663-3675	FELIX ROBINSON, 651 North Commonwealth Avenue, Los Angeles
12/16/67	379-9092	714-540-7240	(changed 12/21/67 to telephone number 835-5127,) listed to ROBERT E. CARPENTER, 1221 South Main Street, Santa Ana, California

LEADS

LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: Will interview PRINCE DIXON and FELIX ROBINSON to ascertain identity of individual placing calls to them in effort to ascertain if individual placing telephone calls identical to subject.

AT LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA: Will attempt to locate and interview MURRAY J. ELATER, 3332 Roxanne Avenue, Long Beach, to ascertain identity of individual placing call to his residence on 2/17/67.

AT SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA: Will interview ROBERT E. CARPENTER, 1221 South Main Street, Santa Ana, formerly residing 518 West Edinger, Santa Ana, to ascertain identity of individual placing call to him on 12/16/67.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 5/7/68

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Los Angeles letter to Memphis dated 5/1/68
with 302's enclosed reflecting your investigation concerning
HAROLD J. THOME.

The FD-302's which were sent in referenced letter
to Memphis are being returned herewith. Inasmuch as Los
Angeles was instructed by the Bureau to conduct the
investigation regarding THOME, it is suggested that you
include this in your next report in order that the Bureau
may have benefit of your investigation.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

2-Los Angeles (Encs. 54)
2-Memphis
JCH:wp
(4)



5010-108

44-1574-1620

SEARCHED	INDEXED
SERIALIZED	FILED
MAY 9 1968	
FBI - LOS ANGELES	

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

LOS ANGELES 05 SACRAMENTPS02 SAN DIEGO 2

SAN FRANCISCO 02 1-07 PM LRCR

PM URGENT 6/6/68 ELR

TO ALL SACS CODE

FROM DIRECTOR (44-38861) 2P

RECEIVED BY CODED TELETYPE

MURKIN

FOR INFORMATION ALL OFFICES AND NOT TO BE DISCLOSED TO ANYONE OUTSIDE OF OFFICE IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THROUGH INVESTIGATION THAT SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY RESIDED IN CANADA FROM APRIL EIGHT SIXTY-EIGHT UNTIL MAY SIX SIXTY-EIGHT UNDER NAMES PAUL BRIDGMAN AND RAMON GEORGE SNEYD. SUBJECT DEPARTED CANADA FOR LONDON, ENGLAND, ON MAY SIX LAST AS SNEYD AND IS BELIEVED USING CANADIAN PASSPORT IN THAT NAME. SUBJECT BELIEVED TO BE WEARING GLASSES.

IN VIEW OF ABOVE DEVELOPMENTS REVIEW OF DRIVER-S LICENSE BUREAU RECORDS AS REQUESTED NK BUREAU RADIOGRAM MAY TWENTY-ONE LAST MAY BE DISCONTINUED.

OFFICES COVERING POINTS OF ENTRANCE INTO U.S. SHOULD PLACE APPROPRIATE STOPS WITH BORDER AND CUSTOM AUTHORITIES UNDER NAME OF RAMON GEORGE SNEYD. NO INDICATION WHATSOEVER
END PAGE ONE

44-1574-1621

SEARCHED	INDEXED
SERIALIZED	FILED
JUN 6 1968	
FBI - LOS ANGELES	

PAGE TWO

SHOULD BE GIVEN THAT THERE IS ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN SNEYD AND KWUG ASSASSINATION. YOU MAY ADVISE AUTHORITIES THAT INDIVIDUAL USING NAME SNEYD IS BEING SOUGHT BY FBI FOR UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT FOR CHARGE OF ROBBERY.

FOR INFORMATION OF BORDER OFFICES THERE IS ACTUAL PERSON RESIDING IN TORONTO, CANADA, WHO IS EMPLOYED BY TORONTO POLICE DEPARTMENT NAMED RAMON GEORGE SNEYD. THIS INDIVIDUAL-S NAME AND DATE OF BIRTH USED BY SUBJECT IN OBTAINING PASSPORT. THIS IS FOR YOUR INFORMATION IN EVENT BORDER STOPS DISCLOSE THAT INDIVIDUAL NAMED SNEYD IS ENTERING YOUR TERRITORY. COPIES MAILED WFO.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

NJZ

FBI LOS ANGELES

SD...MSPZ

SAN DIEGO ACK 02 PLS

SAC, MEMPHIS

6/7/68

SAC, LAS VEGAS (157-133) (P)

MURKIN
OO: Memphis

ReLAtel, 5/17/68.

Enclosed to Memphis are 15 copies of insert
reflecting investigation conducted by the Las Vegas
Division.

Enclosed to Los Angeles are two copies of same
insert, for information.

2 - Memphis (Encs. 15)
2 - Los Angeles (Encs. 2) *74*
1 - Las Vegas

WMP:alf
(5)

LV 157-133
WMP/arb
1

The following investigation was conducted at Reno, Nevada, by SA WALLACE M. POLLARD on May 17, 1968:

BILL MAGEE, Chief of Security, Cal-Neva Club, and WARREN NELSON, Owner, Cal-Neva Club, advised that this club had no Keno tickets in excess of \$400.00 on April 3, 1968. They stated the club had not been hit for a \$25,000.00 Keno hit in almost three years.

CHARLIE CATE, Pit Boss, during the swing shift is on duty this date. CATE has been an employee of this club for 12 years. Prior to that, he was in the U.S. Air Force assigned as an instructor at Stead Air Force Base, Desert Survival Training School. They have no reason to believe in their knowledge of CATE, that CATE would become involved in any right wing or extremist activity whatsoever.

Deputy JAMES HAHN, Washoe County Sheriff's Office, advised that search of the files of this office disclosed no identifiable record concerning any EDDIE WILBURN, or BEN or JACK STURGIS.

HAHN stated that this office has records of numerous traffic citations issued to CHARLES THOMAS CATE, 6880 Pebble Beach Drive, Hidden Valley, Reno, Nevada.

CATHY NEWBERRY, Identification Bureau, Reno, Nevada, Police Department, advised that search of the files of this department disclosed no identifiable record concerning any EDDIE WILBURN.

She stated that one, BEN STURGIS, JR., aka Ben Sturges, Jr., Reno Police Department Number 12146, FBI Number 1226167, applied on August 2, 1963, for work permit as a bartender, at Eddie's Corner Bar, South Virginia Street, and Mt. Rose Street. His identification record listed entries from Elko, Nevada, Las Vegas, Nevada, Los Angeles, California, Kansas City, and Washington, D.C.

44-1574-1623

SEARCHED _____ INDEXED _____
SERIALIZED _____ FILED _____
FBI — LOS ANGELES

See Ser 167 2

[Signature]

LV 157-133

2

NEWBERRY stated that the files of this bureau reflect that CHARLES THOMAS CATE, white male, born [REDACTED] Reno, Nevada Police Department #69350, residing at 6880 Pebble Beach Drive, Reno, Nevada, (June 27, 1967), applied on June 27, 1967, for renewal of his work permit as Pit Boss at the Cal-Neva Club. His original application was filed in 1959.

CHARLES THOMAS CATE was interviewed by SA POLLARD and SA DOUGLAS L. BURAU at the Cal-Neva Club. CATE advised that he has not known anyone named BEN STURGIS or BEN STURGES, JACK STURGIS, or JACK STURGES. He stated he is not acquainted with anyone named EDDIE WILBURN.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

FROM : SA DENNIS C. LE MASTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 6/11/68

Re Los Angeles memo of SA THEODORE J. A'HEARN, 5/22/68.

MARIE MARTIN was contacted at her room at the St. Francis Hotel by SA's DENNIS C. LE MASTER and THOMAS B. LANDESS on 5/24/68.

MARTIN was shown a Xerox copy of a check dated 6/23/68 in the amount of \$540.00 drawn on the account of STEEN S. CHRISTENSEN, Powell River, British Columbia. MARTIN advised that she received this check from CHRISTENSEN on or about the date of the check when she was in New Orleans visiting her daughter and family. She stated that she met CHRISTENSEN through her daughter's boy friend, NICK (LNU). She said that CHRISTENSEN said he was in New Orleans visiting while in the process of divorcing his wife in Canada. He said that he was short of money but that he wished to cash a check on his account in Canada so that the money contained therein would not come into the possession of his wife during the divorce proceedings. MARTIN stated that in view of the risk element, CHRISTENSEN offered to give her a check for \$540 if she would pay him \$500. MARTIN said that she agreed to this. Subsequent to this transaction, she mailed this check to RONALD DENINNO at Los Angeles who has been and is presently her boy friend. MARTIN said that the check was returned on each occasion that it was deposited unhonored.

MARTIN stated that this transaction had no connection or association with JAMES EARL RAY. She maintained that all statements made by her in the past concerning JAMES EARL RAY were true.

DCL:gcw
(1)

44-1574-1624

SEARCHED	INDEXED
SERIALIZED	FILED
JUN 11 1968	
FBI - LOS ANGELES	

LA 44-1574

MARTIN described CHRISTENSEN as male, Caucasian, age 30 to 35, 5'10" to 6', 175 pounds, black hair and balding, eyes - unrecalled, complexion - light or fair.

It should be noted at the time of the negotiation of the check between MARTIN, CHRISTENSEN, DENINNO and the Bank of Montreal, Westview Branch, Powell River, British Columbia, JAMES EARL RAY was incarcerated.

In view of the fact that there is no apparent connection between the evidence concerning the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., it is recommended that no further investigation be conducted in this matter.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1574)

DATE: 6/7/68

FROM : SA J.R.SULLIVAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE MEMO SA AL GREINER 5/24/68

On 5/29/68 Mrs. CHARLES GARDINER, 665 Chester Avenue, San Marino, California advised that MARY JANE GARDINER is an aunt of CHARLES GARDINER who has been living in Phoenix, Arizona and who recently moved out of a Costa Mesa Motel. Her present whereabouts is unknown but she will contact the CHARLES GARDINER family in a week or so and, at that time, Mrs. CHARLES GARDINER will obtain her address.

901 S.
Hansen
SA

On 6/3, 5 and 7/68 recontacts were made with Mrs. CHARLES GARDINER and on the latter date she advised that MARY JANE GARDINER stated she did not want to be bothered by anyone. She is an older woman, and Mrs. CHARLES GARDINER states that she did obtain her address but that she does not want MARY JANE GARDINER to learn that she furnished the information. She states that the aunt is now living at the Royal Suite, a hotel - motel in Santa Ana, California. She moves frequently from one motel to another and she usually sleeps in to late in the morning.

LEAD

LOS ANGELES

AT SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA

Contact MARY JANE GARDINER as above given hotel-motel; handle soon as she moves frequently; source of information does not want her name used.

44-1574-1625

assign lead
to
24 hr. serial 44-1574-1462

SEARCHED	INDEXED
SERIALIZED	FILED
JUN 11 1968	
FBI - LOS ANGELES	

meyer

P
FBI LOS ANG

FBI SANDIEGO

4:44PM URGENT 6-11-68 ATJ

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) MEMPHIS (44-1987) LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
(56-156) SEATTLE (44-371) AND RICHMOND
FROM SAN DIEGO 2P

MURKIN. SAN DIEGO FILE FOUR FOUR DASH THREE EIGHT SEVEN.

KENSALT. SAN DIEGO FILE FOUR FOUR DASH THREE NINE FOUR.

MR. JOSEPH FERROR, ASSISTANT POSTMASTER, MAIN POST OFFICE,
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED AS FOLLOWS JUNE ELEVEN INSTANT:

FOUND ON THE INCOMING MAIL BELT WAS A PIECE OF PAPER NOT
IN AN ENVELOPE IN GREEN INK ADDRESSED TO POST OFFICE, ATTENTION
POSTMASTER, WHICH READ AS FOLLOWS:

"IF THE FBI WANTS RAY'S BUDDY GO TO ONE TWO FOUR BROADWAY
METROPOLE HOTEL, NUMBER ONE ONE SEVEN. HE MAY BE UNDER THE
NAME 'GEORE' LETSINGER OR GEORGE ANDERSON. HE KNOWS ABOUT
KENNEDY AND ALSO KING'S DEATHS. HE MAY HAVE PART IN KING'S DEATH.
I KNOW HE WAS IN TENNESSEE BEFORE AND AFTER KING WAS KILLED.
END PAGE ONE

Search
Index
44-1574-626

SEARCHED	INDEXED
SERIALIZED	FILED
JUN 11 1968	
FBI - LOS ANGELES	

del sent 9/17/68
Spilling 1

SD 44-387

SD 44-394

PAGE TWO

I KNOW LETSINGER IS WANTED IN SEATTLE. ALSO IN BIT STONE GAP,
VIRGINIA, BY THE FBI."

ABOVE LETTER WAS UNSIGNED.

BUREAU AND ALL OFFICES REQUESTED TO FURNISH ANY INFORMATION
REGARDING "GEORE" LETSINGER OR GEORGE ANDERSON, PARTICULARLY
IF WANTED IN SEATTLE OR BIG STONE GAP, VIRGINIA.

NO ATTEMPT BEING MADE TO INTERVIEW LETSINGER, AKA ANDERSON
UNTIL RESULTS FROM BUREAU AND ALL OFFICES.

END

NJZ

FBI LOS ANG

SENT BY CODED TELETYPE

SAN DIEGO ---1---

11-06 PM URGENT 6-11-68 KH

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 SAN DIEGO 44-387 44-394 PLAIN TEXT
FROM LOS ANGELES 44-1574 56-156

MURKIN

KENSALT

RE SAN DIEGO TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR SIX ELEVEN SIXTY EIGHT.
LOS ANGELES INDICES CONTAIN NO RECORD FOR 'GEORE' LETSINGER
AND NO IDENTIFIALBE INFORMATION CONCERNING GEORGE ANDERSON
IN REFERENCED TELETYPE.

END

JLN

FBI SAN DIEGO

INDEXED
SERIALIZED
FILED

cc 56-156

44-1574-1627