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601PM 10-7-68 URGENT MEN
TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, AND LOS ANGELES
FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL PHIL M. CANALE ADVISED THIS
DATE THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH PREVIOUS DISCUSSION REPRESENTATIVES
OF HIS OFFICE WILL BE IN FBI OFFICE, LOS ANGELES, A.M., WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER NINE NEXT. AT THIS TIME THEY WILL HOLD PRE-TRIAL
CONFERENCES WITH WITNESSES IN LOS ANGELES AREA. THEY WILL ALSO
HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH AGENTS WHO MAY BE NEEDED IN CONNECTION WITH
FORTHCOMING TRIAL. EXECUTIVE ASST. ATTORNEY GENERAL ROBERT DWYER
(NA) WILL MAKE TRIP TO LA, ACCOMPANIED BY AAG JAMES BEASLEY AND
INVESTIGATOR JOHN CARLISLE (NA). WITNESSES OF INTEREST TO AG'S
OFFICE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

ESTHER NIETO, EIGHT ZERO ONE WEST TWENTYTHIRD STREET,
APT. ONE ZERO FOUR, LOS ANGELES, RAN LAUNDRY MARKER BETWEEN MARCH
FOUR AND MARCH EIGHTEEN.

LUCY PINELA, FIVE TWO EIGHT ZERO HOLLYWOOD BLVD., MANAGER,
HOME SERVICE LAUNDRY AND CLEANERS.

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JEROME WALLIS VERNON, ONE TWO FOUR SIX WOODBURY COURT,
APT. B, OWNER LAUNDRY GALT REGULAR CUSTOMER.

HYMAN BECKMAN, ONE FIVE ZERO SIX N. NORMANDIE AVE., LOS
ANGELES, SERVICED MUSTANG.

BUDD COOK, JR., FOUR FIVE THREE ONE HOLLYWOOD BLVD., SERVICE
SALESMAN, CORT FOX FORD.

VERA BERNHARDT, ONE FIVE THREE NINE N. SERRANO AVE., LOS
ANGELES, SAW DEFENDANT DURING JANUARY.

DALE LEROY DYKEMA, EIGHT ZERO SIX SIX RING, LONG BEACH,
CALIF., COLLECTED RENT FROM GALT NOV. AND DEC.

MRS. MARGARITA (FRANK) POWERS, SIX FOUR TWO ONE WESTERN
AVE., BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, RENTED APT. TO AGALT IN NOV. SIXTYSEVEN

ASST. POSTMASTER W. C. BAKER, LOS FELIZ BRANCH, U. S. P. O.,
FOUR SIX THREE THREE HOLLYWOOD BLVD., FURNISHED CHANGE OF ADDRESS
CARD ON GALT.

ALLAN O. THOMPSON, MGR., ST. FRANCIS, FIVE FIVE THREE THREE
HOLLYWOOD BLVD.

OPERATIONS OFFICER SECURITY FIRST NATIONAL BANK, LOS
ANGELES, CHECK FOR TWENTYEIGHT DOLLARS SIXTYFIVE CENTS ENDORSED
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ERIC GALT.

ROBERT KEELEY, ROOM FOUR ZERO NINE ST. FRANCIS HOTEL,
RECEIVED CHECK ABOVE FROM GALT.

PACIFIC TEL. AND TELEG., ONE ONE FOUR NINE NO. GOWER ST.,
LOS ANGELES, TELEPHONE TO GALT AT ONE FIVE THREE FIVE NO.
SERRANO, APT. SIX.

PATRICIA ANDERSON, TWO EIGHT ZERO ZERO GLENVIEW AVE., LA.

DONALD M. MURPHY, ONE SEVEN TWO NINE HUNTLEY DR.

PAT THEODORA, MGR. HOLLYWOOD STATION P. T. & T., RECORD
OF CALLS AND CHECK FOR TWENTYEIGHT DOLLARS SIXTYFIVE CENTS SENT
GALT.

MRS. RONALD G. MC INTIRE, ONE TWO TWO ONE NINE DARLINGTON,
SOLD TV IN NOV. FOR NINETY DOLLARS TO MAN WHITE MUSTANG, RED
INTERIOR.

RODNEY ARVIDSON, TWO ZERO TWO SIX PACIFIC AVE., LONG BEACH,
OWNER NATIONAL DANCE STUDIO, GALT LESSONS DEC. TO FEB. TWELVE.

CATHRYN NORTON, TWO ZERO TWO SIX PCIFIC, DANCE INSTRUCTOR.

THOMAS LAU, TWO ONE TWO FIVE SUNSET BLVD., INTERNATIONAL
SCHOOL OF BARTENDING.

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DONALD J JACOBS, THREE TWO ZERO NORTH ARDMORE, APT. THREE ONE ZERO, LOS ANGELES, KNEW GALT AT BARTENDING SCHOOL.

CHARLES J. STEIN, FIVE SIX SIX SIX FRANKLIN AVE., LOS ANGELES.

RITA STEIN, FIVE SIX SIX SIX FRANKLIN AVENUE.

MARIE MARTIN, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, TWO ZERO ONE, TRADED TV'S.

JOE PETERS, BR SULTON ROOM, FIVE FIVE THREE THREE AND ONE-HALT HOLLYWOOD BLVD.

JAMES E MORRISON, BAR INN RABBIT FOOT'S CLUB, FIVE SIX TWO THREE HOLLY BLVD.

BO DEL MONTE, BAR INN RABBITT'S FOOT CLUB, SAME ADDRESS.

FAY BERNARD, AVALON CLEANERS, FIVE SIX SIX TWO HOLLYWOOD BLVD.

DR MARK O. FREEMON, TWO TWO SEVEN S. BEDFORD DR., BEVERLY HILLS.

AT PRESENT TIME, DWYER HAS ADVISED HE IS NOT CERTAIN THAT ANY AGENTS WILL BE NECESSARY FOR TESTIMONY FROM LOS ANGELES OFFICE. HE WILL MAKE FINAL DECISION AFTER COMPLETING INTERVIEWS IN L. A.

FOR INFO LA, WHO DID NOT RECEIVE COMMUNICATION, BUREAU BY
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TELETYPE SEPTEMBER TWENTY LAST ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

"YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT MR. PHIL M. CANALE, JR., STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL, SHELBY COUNTY, MEMPHIS, AND ADVISE HIM HE AND/OR HIS REPRESENTATIVES MAY PROCEED TO OUR LABORATORY IN WASHINGTON, D. C. FOR REVIEW OF EVIDENCE IN BUREAU'S POSSESSION. HE SHOULD PROVIDE US WITH SUFFICIENT NOTIFICATION AS TO HIS DATE OF ARRIVAL. YOU SHOULD ADVISE THE BUREAU AS TO THE IDENTIFY OF THE RESPECTIVE FIELD OFFICES THAT MR. CANALE PLANS TO HOLD PRETRIAL CONFERENCES WITH AGENTS AND WITNESSES IN ORDER THAT SACS WILL HAVE SUFFICIENT NOTICE TO ARRANGE THEIR PERSONAL ATTENDANCE IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE BUREAU'S INTEREST."

FOLLOWING INTERVIEWS AND COMPLETION OF WORK IN LOS ANGELES, IT IS INTENTION OF DWYER AND HIS STAFF TO DEPART FROM LOS ANGELES FOR MEXICO CITY. HE HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO MAKE CONTACT AT AMERICAN EMBASSY WITH OFFICE OF LEGAL ATTACHE. HE HAS BEEN FURNISHED IDENTITY LEGAL ATTACHE. WHILE IN MEXICO, DWYER AND HIS REPRESENTATIVES WOULD LIKE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH FOLLOWING WITNESSES:

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EDUARDO MARROQUI, OWNER HOTEL RIO, MARVELOSO EIGHT SIX, PUERTO VALLARTA, JALISCO. GALT GUEST IN HOTEL FROM OCT. NINETEEN THROUGH NOV. FIVE, SIXTYSEVEN.

ROBERTO WONG, CLERK, HOTEL RIO, FURNISHED REGISTRATION CARD ON GALT AND IDENTIFIES PHOTO.

LUIS GARCIA, BARTENDER HOTEL OLEANA AT PUERTA VALLARTA, JALISCO, MEXICO. PAL OF GALT, DESCRIBES CAR AND IDENTIFIED PHOTO OF RAY MAY NINE.

ROMIR BISCARA, BARTENDER CASA SUSANA, NEGOTIATED WITH GALT FOR CAR AND ACCOMPANIED GALT AND IRMA TO BEACH.

ELENO GUZMAN GARCIA, BOCA DE MISMALOYA, ON MAY THREE IDENTIFIED RAY AS COMING TO HIS BEACH CAFE WITH IRMA AND BARTENDER.

ELISA ARELLANO TORRES, APENINOS ONE SEVEN SIX FOUR, COLONIA INDEPENDENCIA, GUADALAJARA, JALISCO, MEXICO. PROSTITUTE WHO ASSOCIATED WITH GALT NOV. SIXTYSEVEN, DESCRIBES CAR AND IDENTIFIED PHOTO ON JUNE SIX.

MANUELA AGUIRRE MEDRANO, AKA. IRMA MORALES, ATOTONILCO, JALISCO, MEXICO, PROSTITUTE WHO SPENT TIME WITH GALT, DIDN'T SMOKE COULDN'T DANCE, PROVIDED SOURCE WITH PHOTO.

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LEPOLDO CISNEROS, ASST. MGR., DAIRY QUEEN SHOP, MAIN
LAZA, PUERTO VALLARTO, JALISCO, MEXICO. ON APRIL TWENTYFOUR
RECOGNIZED PHOTO OF RAY AS SUBJECT WHO CAME IN DAILY FOR THREE
OR FOUR WEEKS TO GET HAMBURGER AND PEPSI, DROVE WHITE MUSTANG.

BUREAU REQUESTED FORWARD THIS INFORMATION TO LEGAL
ATTACHE, MEXICO CITY. DWYER HAS STATED HE WILL MAKE RESERVATIONS
IN LA FOR DIRECT FLIGHT TO MEXICO CITY WHEN HE HAS
COMPLETED INTERVIEWS IN LA. SUGGEST THAT WHEN INTERVIEWS
COMPLETED LA OFFICE ADVISE BUREAU SO THAT LEGAT, MEXICO CAN BE
INFORMED OF PENDING ARRIVAL DWYER, BEASLEY, AND CARLISLE.

RESERVATIONS MADE AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT TWO NINE NINE BY
DWYER. DEPART MEMPHIS SEVEN THIRTY PM AND ARRIVE
LOS ANGELES TEN EIGHTEEN PM OCTOBER EIGHT NEXT. P END
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DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587)

10/4/68

SAC, NEW ORLEANS (173-994) (P)

PERNELL EZZELL
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(OO: TAMPA)

KENSALT (P)
(OO: LOS ANGELES)

MURKIN (p)
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Tampa letter to the Director, 9/30/68.

For information of Tampa, New Orleans Division interviewed PERNELL EZZELL at Shreveport, La., on 8/27/68.

Enclosed for Tampa is one copy of the FD-302 which sets forth results of that interview.

New Orleans airtel to Los Angeles, 8/28/68, under the KENSALT caption furnished Los Angeles with 25 copies of the FD-302 in question.

New Orleans airtel to Memphis dated 8/30/68, under the MURKIN caption, furnished Memphis with 25 copies of the FD-302 interview in question.

Interview with EZZELL by New Orleans was based on Los Angeles teletype to New Orleans dated 8/24/68, under the KENSALT caption.

EZZELL CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS IN VIEW OF HIS POSSESSION OF FIREARMS IN THE PAST AND SINCE HE HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS AN ALCOHOLIC WHO BECOMES UNSTABLE WHEN INTOXICATED.

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 - ① - Los Angeles (Info)
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(1 - 44-729) (KENSALT)
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Subject's name and aliases JAMES EARL RAY				Address of subject		Character of case MURKING										
Complainant BENNET <i>OLEN</i> <i>04AN</i>				Complainant's address and telephone number 653-0211 <i>8447 Wilshire Blvd</i> <i>Beach, N.H.</i>		Complaint received <input type="checkbox"/> Personal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telephonic Date 9/28/68 Time 10:10 AM										
Subject's Description	Race	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Height	Hair	Build	Birth date and Birthplace										
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	Scars, marks or other data <i>7080 Hand Blad</i> <i>6755 Hand Blad</i> <i>44-1574-1822</i>															
	Facts of complaint <p>C., who is the attorney for Dr. RUSSELL HADLEY, 469-8349, supplied the following information:</p> <p>He said that HADLEY, who is a plastic surgeon, had just recalled doing a "NOSE" job on RAY about three weeks before MARTIN LUTHER KING was murdered. C. said the "NOSE" job did not alter RAY appearance to any degree but was to remove a projection.</p> <p>C. said he was supplying the information for whatever value it might be. He stated the operation was performed in Los Angeles.</p> <p>C. added that if HADLEY was interviewed he wished to be present as HADLEY is his client.</p> <p><i>May 5-68</i> <i>LA Homicide</i></p>															
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FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

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REBUTELCALL TEN ONE INSTANT.

BENNET OLAN, ATTORNEY FOR DR. RUSSELL C. HADLEY,
PLASTIC SURGEON, LA, ADVISED HADLEY PERFORMED SURGERY
ON NOSE OF JAMES EARL RAY IN LA APPROXIMATELY THREE WEEKS
BEFORE ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING. SURGERY DID
NOT EFFECT APPEARANCE TO ANY DEGREE BUT REMOVED A
PROJECTION. OLAN REQUESTED IF HADLEY INTERVIEWED HE BE
PRESENT. UACB, LA WILL ARRANGE INTERVIEW WITH DR. HADLEY.

WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE HAS NOT CONTACTED THE LA OFFICE
TO DATE.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

MURKIN. OO, MEMPHIS.

REBUAIRTEL SEPTEMBER ELEVEN, SIXTYEIGHT.

ON INSTANT DATE, WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE AUTHOR, HARTSELLE, ALABAMA, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED SA WILLIAM H. LEE, DECATUR, ALABAMA RA, AND ADVISED SUBJECT RAY HAD PLASTIC SURGERY MAY FIVE LAST AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, AND HE HAS XEROX COPIES OF DOCTOR'S RECORDS WHICH HE WILL FURNISH IF WANTED. HUIE STATED HE FEELS ALEX BORMAN OR BORMANN, FORMER INMATE MISSOURI STATE PRISON WITH SUBJECT RAY, IS CONNECTED INSTANT CRIME AS INFORMATION RECEIVED BORMAN AND RAY WERE IN CHICAGO, ILL., AREA TOGETHER FOR PERIOD OF SEVERAL WEEKS. HUIE STATED ABOVE INFORMATION HAS BEEN FURNISHED FBI LOS ANGELES AND CHICAGO. HUIE EXPRESSED DESIRE OF BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON ALEX BORMAN, STATING HE PLANS TO CALL BUREAU OCTOBER TWO NEXT FOR THIS INFORMATION.

NO PROMISES OR SUGGESTIVE ENCOURAGEMENT INDICATED TO HUIE. AIRMAIL COPIES TO CHICAGO AND LOS ANGELES. END.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 10/7/68

FROM : ASAC RICHARD D. ROGGE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 1:12 PM, 10/7/68, SAC ROBERT G. JENSEN of Memphis telephonically advised that on Tuesday, 10/8/68, three representatives from Shelby County, State of Tennessee, are due to depart Memphis, Tennessee at 7:30 PM on American Airlines Flight 299 and are scheduled to arrive in Los Angeles on the same date at 10:18 PM Los Angeles time. SAC JENSEN stated these three individuals are intimately acquainted with the above-captioned case and will be responsible for the prosecution of JAMES EARL RAY. He continued they have traveled to various parts of the country interviewing prospective witnesses and have been assisted with Bureau approval in handling their responsibilities. He identified the individuals as follows: Deputy Attorney General ROBERT DWYER, Deputy Attorney General JAMES BEASLEY, and Investigator JOHN CARLISLE.

Mr. JENSEN stated that these individuals will be in Los Angeles for approximately two to three days and hope to interview between 18 and 20 prospective witnesses. JENSEN stated it has been customary practice for these individuals to meet briefly with the SAC if he is available and then be turned over to the Agent most conversant with the case. The offices have made available space for them to interview the witnesses and also have set up the appointments to assist them since in this manner Agent time, effort and travel expense will be kept to a minimum. The Bureau has approved of this procedure.

He stated the above individuals plan to travel to Mexico to interview prospective witnesses there; however, no definite plans have been made since they do not know how long their task will take in Los Angeles. However, JENSEN requested that Los Angeles endeavor to assist them in any reservations for their travel to Mexico. 0

SAC JENSEN requested that Los Angeles endeavor to meet these individuals upon their arrival in Los Angeles on the evening

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of 10/8/68 and obtain suitable reservations, preferably in close proximity to the Los Angeles Office so that they can handle their responsibilities. He requested one double room with twin beds and one single room.

JENSEN concluded by stating that a confirmatory teletype including the witnesses to be interviewed would be forthcoming.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 10/9/68

Dr. RUSSEL HADLEY, 7080 Hollywood Boulevard, was interviewed and furnished the following information:

Dr. HADLEY stated that the information he would furnish concerns a patient and therefore he considers it of a confidential nature. He stated that prior to making this information public or prior to his testifying to it he first would need a release from the patient.

JAMES EARL RAY utilizing the name of ERIC S. GALT appeared at Dr. HADLEY's office on February 19, 1968, at 11:30 a.m. for consultation. He furnished his address as 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, telephone 464-1131 and date of birth as [REDACTED]. He listed his nearest relative as CARL L. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama. GALT stated he had been referred to Dr. HADLEY by the Los Angeles County Medical Association.

Dr. HADLEY stated he performed a nasal tip reconstruction for an elongated nasal tip on GALT in his office on March 5, 1968. A local anesthetic was used. On March 7, 1968, GALT returned to Dr. HADLEY's office to have packs removed from his nose. On March 11, 1968, he again returned and the sutures were removed from his nose by Dr. HADLEY.

GALT was scheduled to return in six weeks for a final postoperative checkup but failed to keep the appointment.

Dr. HADLEY stated he personally saw GALT on each visit. He continued that GALT was quiet and pleasing in manner, unassuming and composed. Dr. HADLEY stated that GALT paid \$200 in cash for the surgery on the date of the operation, March 5, 1968. Dr. HADLEY stated that the surgery he performed on GALT did not alter his appearance to any degree.

On 10/2/68 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 44-1574
by SA JAMES R. PACE and
SA THEODORE J. A'HEARN/TJA/nmb/lmt Date dictated 10/7/68

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1:19PM URGENT 10-8-68 PGD

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND LOS ANGELES

FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) (1P)

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RE MEMPHIS TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND LOS ANGELES, OCT. SEVEN,
NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT.

WHILE IN CONTACT WITH ROBERT K. DWYER, FIRST ASST. TO
DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL PHIL M. CANALE, MEMPHIS, TENN., AM,
OCT. EIGHT INSTANT, AGENT THIS OFFICE INFORMED THAT ATTORNEYS
DESCRIBED IN REFERENCED TELETYPE WILL PROCEED TO LOS ANGELES
ACCORDING TO SCHEDULE, HOWEVER, TRIP TO MEXICO HAS BEEN CANCELED.

MR. DWYER STATED THAT ON HIS RETURN FROM LOS ANGELES, HE
WILL REVIEW RESULTS INVESTIGATION IN MEXICO AND WILL MAKE FURTHER
REQUEST FOR FBI TO HANDLE THROUGH LEGAT, MEXICO CITY.

JUST AS SOON AS THIS REQUEST IS RECEIVED, BUREAU WILL BE
IN FORMED. P.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Los Angeles tel dated 10/1/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau and other receiving offices are two copies of an FD-302 reflecting an interview with Dr. RUSSELL ~~BRADLEY~~, who performed nose surgery on JAMES EARL RAY.

Dr. RUSSELL ~~BRADLEY~~, 7080 Hollywood Boulevard, was interviewed on 10/2/68 and furnished the following information:

On 9/25/68 WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE made an appointment with Dr. ~~BRADLEY~~ for professional services. He furnished his residence as 411 Day Street, Hartsville, Alabama and his employment as real estate broker and investor. He furnished his local address as the Bel-Air Hotel, Beverly Hills, California.

During this appointment HUIE advised Dr. ~~BRADLEY~~ that he was actually present to obtain information from ~~BRADLEY~~ concerning surgery he had performed on the nose of JAMES EARL RAY, known to Dr. ~~BRADLEY~~ as ERIC S. GALT. Dr. ~~BRADLEY~~ stated he could furnish no information from his records without first having the written consent of the patient.

HUIE advised ~~BRADLEY~~ that he would obtain RAY's consent.

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HUIE reappeared at Dr. ~~W~~ADLEY's office on 9/27/68 with a handwritten medical release from RAY witnessed by RAY's attorney ARTHUR HAYNES. With approval of his personal attorney Dr. ~~W~~ADLEY then furnished HUIE information concerning ERIC S. GALT from his files.

This information consisted of the facts that ~~W~~ADLEY had a first appointment with GALT on 2/19/68 for consultation. On 3/5/68 ~~W~~ADLEY performed a nasal tip reconstruction for an elongated nasal tip on GALT in his office. On 3/7/68 packs were removed from GALT's nose and on 3/11/68 sutures were removed. GALT was scheduled to return in six weeks for a postoperative checkup but failed to keep the appointment.

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FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
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Re Memphis tel dated 10/7/68.

ROBERT DWYER and JAMES BEEASLEY, Deputy Attorney Generals, state of Tennessee and Representative JOHN CARLILE (MA), arrived Los Angeles 10:45 p.m. 10/8/68 and departed Los Angeles 10:30 a.m. 10/11/68. On 10/9 and 10/68, the above mentioned individual interview witnesses incaptioned case as follows:

RODNEY KRIVISON, THOMAS LAU, MARGARITA POWERS, JAMES E. MORRISON, BO DEL MONTE, RUSSEL HADLEY, MARIE MARTIN, CHARLES STIEN, JOW VETERS, FAYE BERNARD, ESTHER NIETO, and LUCY PINELA.

DWYER, BEEASLEY and CARLILE expressed appriciation to the SAC for cooperation and assistance furnished by the Los Angeles Office, FBI.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
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District Attorney General PHIL M. CANALE, Memphis, Tennessee, has advised that the following FBI Agents should be alerted to the fact that their testimony will be needed in instant case. It is anticipated at this moment that efforts to select a jury will begin on 11/12/68 and witnesses will be heard as soon thereafter as possible. Mr. CANALE has stated he will make every effort to avoid needless lost time on the part of these Agents and for this reason he desires them to be available for immediate response to a subpoena. These Agents are as follows:

SEAT OF GOVERNMENT: JAMES MORTIMER
ROBERT FRAZIER
GEORGE BONEBRAKE
MORRIS SAMUEL CLARK

ATLANTA: ALDEN F. MILLER
JAMES JOSEPH DOLAN
JOHN J. SULLIVAN
CHARLES HARDING

BIRMINGHAM: NEIL SHANAHAN
PETER BOYKIN

LOS ANGELES: { FRANK KAHL
TED AHEARN

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SA THEODORE E. CHILDRESS

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On 11/11/68, at 11:05 pm, MARJORIE LEEPER, 222 S. Pima, Tel. ED9-7736, advised she recently read the article in Look Magazine regarding JAMES EARL RAY. She stated that the article mentions an individual RAY claims to have met at the Neptune Tavern in Montreal, Canada who was supposed to have paid Ray to travel to Birmingham, Alabama and who paid other of his expenses in an alleged plot to assassinate MARTIN LUTHER KING. In the article RAY described this individual as, "blond, latin and about 35 years old." This individual's first name was "RAOUL", Last name unknown.

LEEPER stated she does not know if it has anything to do with this matter, but about two months ago she met a french-canadian at a bar on Glendora called Tall Pauls which is located approximately XX in the 300 block south of Glendora. This individual frequents the bar at night and his first name is "REAL". He told LEEPER he is from Montreal, he speaks with a french accent, has blond hair, is in his early thirties and is between 5'10" and 6'. LEEPER stated she thinks this individual works at a Stop & Go Market in Baldwin Park.

LEEPER stated she is furnishing the above information in the event it should become pertinent at a later date

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3:07PM URGENT 11-8-68 LJJ

TO DIRECTOR (62-587, 44-38861) AND SAC MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM LOS ANGELES (56-156, 44-1574)

KENSALT; MURKIN.

RE HUBERT JAMES PUTT.

REBUTELCAL TO LOS ANGELES NOVEMBER EIGHT INSTANT.

ONLY INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT LOS ANGELES IS TELETYPE
FROM MEMPHIS JULY EIGHT, SIXTY FIVE, CAPTIONED QUOTE ROBERT L.
EZZELL, JR.; CHARLES L. HENDRICKS; WILLIAM D. LARKIN; ELMER E.
WILLIAMS; HUBERT JAMES PUTT - VICTIM; CR UNQUOTE, WHICH ADVISES
THAT PUTT WAS A TRUSTY IN DAVIDSON COUNTY JAIL WHERE SERVING
SENTENCE ON CHARGE OF PETTY LARCENY AND ALLEGED HE HAD
BEEN MISTREATED. NO INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED AT LOS ANGELES.
NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE.

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October 1968
2831 Cascade Rd.S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia. 30311.

TO THE FBI,
Atlanta, Ga.

Here is some information I feel you may be interested in and I wish to report it in the hope it will be of value to you, but also hope you will not make my name public.

On the evening of Sunday June 2nd 1968 my niece, ^{her} husband and children from Illinois came to visit me on their vacation.

On Monday the next day, June 3rd, they felt too tired from their trip to do much sight seeing around Atlanta, but suggested they would like to go to the airport in the evening to see the Jets come in and take off; a past time enjoyed by many people.

That evening of June 3rd when we walked into the main upper lobby of the airport building about 7 PM Atlanta time, we heard a loud voice coming over the airport loud speaker calling Cerrano - Cerrano. It was repeated several times asking the party to come to one of the ticket counters. My friend who lives with me looked at me and I at her both thinking what an odd name with both first and last names the same.

We went immediately to the observation platform and enjoyed seeing the children enjoying the sights. As I was seated on one of the benches 3 men pushed by me rather rudely, so I took special notice of them. One, a thin slender, blonde about 5ft 5 inches long thin face with very light complexion. A second man short-about 5 ft, round face dark hair but looked american, and a taller man about 5ft 9- thin, dark brown hair and dark skin who looked foreign to me. Their countenances looked evil to me and they seemed to be in a hurry. I jumped up from the bench to find the children not knowing what 3 men were up to. Then I saw them enter (the 3 men) the inner glassed in portion of the observation platform and pointing towards the Eastern air lines planes. The thought crossed my mind and I wondered whether they were plotting to hi-jack a plane. Then they disappeared.

About ten minutes to 9 PM we left the platform going back thru the main lobby to the parking lot to get our car. Again when we entered the lobby we still heard the name Cerrano Cerrano being called and repeated several times. I kept wondering to myself what was the significance of that name.

The next morning Tuesday June 4th when we heard that Robert Kennedy had been shot by a man whose name was SIRHAN SIRHAN, I still could not shake off the feeling of the night before. Then when a clear picture of Sirhan was shown on the news on TV I saw that of one of the 3 men seen at the airport evening.

Perhaps I should have reported this before but I am not one to get myself involved either and tried to forget it. But this morning when reading the Atlanta Constitution on page 7 an account of Earl Ray (Kings murderer) telling a news man about a Blonde Latin man who had made different kinds of arrangements

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for him. I thought could this be the same blonde man I saw at the airport and a part of some type of conspiracy? It is since reading this mornings paper that I felt urged very strongly to report what I had heard and seen at the airport on the night of June 3rd 1968.

I shall be glad to discuss this with you but believe I have given all the important details. I would appreciate very much also that you not give me any publicity in this matter. I am not easily scared and have no fear of the wrong element. I have reported things before to the FBI here in Atlanta and respect your good judgment.

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Ebbert

(Miss) Doris Ebbert. (retired US govt employee)

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MURKIN
(OO: Memphis)
AT file 44-2386 (P)
ME file 44-1987

KENSALT
(OO: Los Angeles)
AT file 44-2412 (RUC)
LA file 56-156

Enclosed for Memphis and Los Angeles is one xerox copy each of a letter written to the Atlanta Office by Miss DORIS EBBERT, 2835 Cascade Road, SW, Atlanta, Georgia, dated 10/29/68.

Inasmuch as this letter makes some reference to circumstances which Miss EBBERT feels may possibly be connected with captioned matters, these letters are furnished for informational purposes. It does not appear that the reasoning used by Miss EBBERT in her letter would warrant any further action; however, it is felt the receiving offices should be aware of Miss EBBERT's opinion in this matter.

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HAVE YOU SEEN HIM?

This Is James Earl Ray

SUBJECT of a world-wide manhunt, James Earl Ray is 40 years old, about five feet, 10 inches tall and weighs between 163 and 174 pounds.



RAY
(1960 Photo)

He has squinty blue eyes and brown hair and scars on his forehead and right palm.

His most conspicuous feature is a protruding left ear, which he is known to tug when nervous.

Ray is reported to be an avid dancer, fond of country and western music and a beer and vodka drinker.

Any serviceman who may have information concerning Ray should contact his commanding officer.

The FBI warns that Ray is probably armed and should be considered as extremely dangerous.

M AN 4/14/68

La Habra, Calif.
Oct..27th, 1968

Dear Sir:

Your F. B. I. Flyer 442-A # 405,942-G
The man on the left was: James Earl Ray, the only
difference was he had a baseball cap pulled way down
so I could not see his forehead. I am enclosing a
picture, only as I say he was wearing this cap.

I am sorry that I acted in the way I
did, but I told the La Habra Police, everything and
they ignored me-If I had a gun would have got him then and there
but I do Not even have one.

I saw this man April 8 1968 at a Texaco
station La Habra Blvd. and Beach, about 8AM or 9AM

Two men from your office came to see me
later, they were very nice, as I go to work at 11AM for the
U. S. Government and they were not here till 10AM, I had
to little time to, spend with them, I offered to call for
time, but they said "We know the Service Station, and we
will investigate" They also said I would hear from them
in about 2 weeks.

All I want to know Mr Grapp- I was right or
wrong?

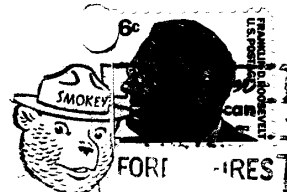
I know I am right, this man went east from
La Habra to Ontario where he boarded a plane for Canada.

Wish to comment as a native son of Los Angeles
You are a very brave man.

Yours Very Truly

Kenneth MoBane
641 Galen Dr
La Habra, California 90631

ps: I have a photographic mind, if you would ask me to 1968
descibe the men from your office who came here to LOS ANGELES
home I could easily do it.



Federal Bureau of Investigation
1340 West Sixth Street
Los Angeles, California 90017

Mr Wesley G Grapp
Special Agent in Charge

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Ken McBane
641, Galen Dr
La Habra, California 90631

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

FROM : SA FRANCIS G. KAHL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 11/7/68

On November 6, 1968, LUCY PINELA telephonically contacted the Los Angeles office to advise that she is now residing care of her mother, Mrs. PETRA ALFARO, at 255 West Park Avenue, San Ysidro, California. She advised she could be reached at telephone number 714-428-2471.

PINELA is a witness in the MURKIN case.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 10/29/68

FROM : SA GILBERT G. BENJAMIN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

During the morning of October 29, 1968, Mr. ROBERT DWYER, Executive Attorney General, State of Tennessee, Memphis, Tennessee, telephonically contacted the writer and SA THEODORE J. A'HEARN stating he had three questions concerning availability of prospective witnesses for the MURKIN trial, which is still scheduled to convene on November 12, 1968.

1. He wanted to know if JAMES E. MORRISON, bartender, Rabbits Foot Club, 5623 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, had indicated he recalled seeing JAMES EARL RAY in that bar and the incident that subsequently took place concerning an altercation involving a woman?

2. He wanted to know the status of MARIE MARTIN? Whether or not she was still in the Sybil Brand jail? If she had been convicted, or what her status is?

3. He also wanted to know the availability of CHARLIE STEIN?

ACTION: SA A'HEARN advised Mr. DWYER that the Los Angeles Division would determine the answers to his above questions, and furnish the answers to JOE HESTER in the Memphis Division for transmission to DWYER.

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TO: SAC, ATLANTA

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

MURKIN

Mr. ROBERT DWYER, Executive Assistant Attorney General, Memphis, Tennessee, advised this date that subpoenas issued in connection with trial scheduled for November 12 should be disregarded. Trial date has been tentatively set for March 3, 1969. DWYER requested that all potential witnesses who have received subpoenas should be made cognizant of change in trial date. Communication will be forwarded to interested witnesses by DWYER's office in near future advising them of new scheduled date for trial.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P
MURKIN

In connection with the articles prepared by WILLIAM BRADFORD RUIE, which have appeared in "Look" magazine, certain investigation has been conducted by offices receiving this Airtel. The Memphis Division, as office of origin, requests that results of investigation conducted by the various offices be furnished in the form of either FD-302 or investigative insert so that all results can be incorporated in a report. This material should be submitted so that it reaches Memphis no later than December 4, 1968.

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PD Houston Texas	Charles Joseph Stein #103 087	2-11-60	traffic & invest	
PD New Orleans La	Charles Joseph Stein #66122	7-14-61	poss narc; poss stolen prop	
SO Gretna La	Charles Joseph Stein #11429	7-20-61	Vagrancy & Poss Stolen property	no charge filed
PD New Orleans La	Charles Jos Stein #66122	Rec 7-25-61	not given	affidavit refused by ADA
PD New Orleans La	Charles Stein #66122	4-14-62	pondering soliciting for prostitutes criminal conspiracy to ponder	off 174-691 174-683
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John Edgar Hoover
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John Edgar Hoover
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

FROM : SA LESTER M. LEDBETTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 12/24/68

CLARENCE BROWN, retired, 1740 Loma Vista, Riverside, California, telephone 686-4098, advised this date that on Sunday afternoon at 4:00 pm, 12/22/68, he was watching KTLA Channel 2 at 4:00 pm, entitled "NEWS MAKERS", in which an individual named HUIE, who is writing the story of the life of JAMES EARL RAY, was being interviewed. Mr. BROWN advised he recognized HUIE to be identical with an individual he had known in 1926 whose name at that time was HUEY. Mr. BROWN advised he served with this individual on the US BRECK in Norfolk, Virginia. He stated that HUEY at that time was particularly active in the recruitment of individuals into the Ku Klux Klan and had, in fact, attempted to recruit him. He stated he was aware that he was able to recruit several members of the crew of the US BRECK into the Ku Klux Klan.

Mr. BROWN advised that HUEY was being interviewed by MAURY GREEN and PAUL UDELL and he felt that he should bring to the attention of the FBI the fact that the HUEY he had known who was the person he observed on the news program was originally from Waycross, Georgia and was, at least in 1926, completely anti-Semitic, anti-Negro and anti-Catholic.

BROWN advised that the nature of the discussion on the news program had to do with the fact that HUEY was writing the story of RAY and supposedly obtained his information through RAY's attorney. He also indicated that he had a contract with "Look" magazine to publish this story in the February, 1969 issue.

BROWN was asked as to how he felt he could identify a man last seen 40 years ago, and he stated that from the nature of the speech and the facial features, he was positive that the man who was being interviewed was, in fact, the HUEY he had known in 1926.

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Date **12/20/68****RE: MURKIN**

☒ For information ☐ Retention optional ☐ For appropriate action ☐ Surep, by _____

☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.

☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA _____ dated _____

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JAMES EARL RAY, aka

her 600 pesos (\$48 U.S.) and was to get more money from the bank. She said she went to a person called "CHICO" PEREZ in the main restaurant of the Posada Vallarta, and asked him to write a letter to GALT apologizing and stating that she could not see him again.

Continuing, ELISA ARELLANO said that she recalled that GALT only had two or three drinks during the time she spent with him, and recalled that he had a screwdriver or a vodka and tonic. She said he did not smoke, and she never saw him smoking marijuana. He told her that he had gone to Yelapa several times and he seemed to have a lack of energy, and it appeared to tire him to carry on a conversation. She described him as a complete introvert. She said he did not like noisy crowds or sounds, and stated that he did not like children. One of his favorite expressions was that he was very tired, and she thought that he might be a mental case. She said that he had no scars on his body and appeared to have thin legs with a heavy upper trunk.

On June 6, 1968, ELISA ARELLANO advised the third source, after examining photographs of the Subject wearing sunglasses and the photograph taken in California in early 1968, that she recognized both of these photographs as being the same individual whom she knew in Puerto Vallarta, but that in the California photograph he appeared heavier than when she knew him.

On April 21, 1968, the third source advised that IRMA MORALES, the prostitute who was formerly employed at the Casa Susana in Puerto Vallarta, had been identified as MANUELA AGUIRRE MEDRANO. She was born on [redacted], at Rancho San Isidro, Jalisco, which is in the municipality of Atotonilco, Jalisco, Mexico.

At Atotonilco, Jalisco, Mexico

On April 22, 1968, MANUELA AGUIRRE MEDRANO advised the third source that she was formerly employed at the Casa Susana in Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, as a

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JAMES EARL RAY, aka

prostitute. She identified a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY as the individual known as ERIC GALT whom she had met one night at the Casa Susana. She said she could not be certain of the date, but thought it might have been about October 24, 1967. She recalled that during this first visit, GALT spent the evening with another prostitute called "La Chilindrina."

The next day, GALT came to the house looking for "La Chilindrina," who was out of town. He then began his friendship with MANUELA and, she stated, slept with her nearly every night for the next several days during his visits to the house.

She recalled that GALT was very methodical and had allowed himself 100 pesos (\$8 U.S.) for drinking money and another 100 pesos each day for a girl. She recalled that he drank beer during the daytime and gin at night. She said he invited her to go to Mismaloya, a nearby beach, and that, after postponing the trip for two or three days, they did go to Mismaloya with RODIMIR BISCARA, the bartender. She described GALT's automobile as a white automobile with Alabama license plates, and as having a red interior with reclining seats. She said this was a two-door automobile, but she could not remember the make. She said that after swimming, drinking beer and having a seafood lunch, they began the return trip to Puerto Vallarta at about 4 p.m. About half-way along the distance from Mismaloya to Puerto Vallarta, GALT stopped the car and took what appeared to be a new Polaroid camera from an ice chest in the back. He said that this was one of the first rolls of film in the camera and that there were only two pictures left. He mentioned that the camera had cost him a little less than \$80. He took a photograph of MANUELA seated at the steering wheel of the car with her skirts up. This photograph was bad and he destroyed it. A little farther on, they stopped at a place called Punta Negra, where GALT took another photograph which was also bad, and he tore it up. She recalled that this was a Saturday and that they arrived back at the Casa Susana about 5 p.m. and GALT departed saying that he would not return that night.

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On the next day, a Sunday, MANUELA stated that GALT arrived at the Casa Susana about 9 p.m. She believed that this might have been on October 29, 1967. GALT drank with MANUELA and noted that there were four Negroes and some white people seated at a nearby table. These were sailors from a yacht or private boat which had stopped at Puerto Vallarta.

She said that one Negro was very tall and another was short and fat, about five feet four inches tall. The latter was very drunk, and the whole group was rowdy and having a good time. GALT appeared angry at the Negroes and said insulting things concerning them. He said he hated Negroes. He left his table, said something insulting to the short Negro and returned to his table. All of the individuals at the other table appeared to be talking about GALT.

MANUELA AGUIRRE said that GALT then went to his car and came back to the table. He went again to the table where the Negroes were seated and insulted them and returned to his own table. He asked her to feel his pocket and she felt what appeared to be an automatic-type pistol. She believed it to be something similar to a Walther .380 automatic. GALT said he was going to kill them. The tall Negro came to GALT's table and said something in a peaceful manner, but GALT replied in an insulting manner. The tall Negro then returned to his table and took the shorter Negro in his arms and took him out of the house. GALT wanted to go after them, but MANUELA told him this would not be a good idea since it was about 10 p.m. and the police were scheduled to visit the house momentarily. GALT said he wanted nothing to do with the police.

MANUELA AGUIRRE said that GALT visited the house again on the following day and told her that he would not see her for several days. He said he wanted to rest and would only sleep and eat. He next returned on what MANUELA recalled as a Thursday of the same week and told her that he planned to move to the "Tropicana" Hotel. He spent more than 200 pesos (\$16 U.S.) for drinks and left about midnight.

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN

(OO: MEMPHIS)

Enclosed for Los Angeles Office are 2 copies each of Pages 12, 13, 14, and 15 of the report of SA JOE C. HESTER dated 8/22/68, at Memphis, which pages reflect an interview with MANUELA AGUIRRE MEDRANO, a Mexican prostitute.

It is now believed that the Negroes with whom the subject RAY had the altercation were possibly from the cruise ship "Italia," which makes regular excursion trips from Los Angeles to various West Coast Mexican ports.

LEADS:

LOS ANGELES DIVISION

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA Will attempt to identify and interview the Negro crewmen of the "Italia" in an effort to obtain a detailed story of their disagreement with RAY. You should note that the State Attorney General would like to have these seamen testify as to any racial bias exhibited by RAY in his discussion with them. Their testimony is desired for the purpose of establishing a motive for the murder of KING.

Los Angeles is requested to expedite this as this case goes to trial 3/3/69. Your results should be furnished in appropriate FD-302's.

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JAMES EARL RAY, aka

On the following day, according to MANUELA AGUIRRE, GALT arrived between 8 and 9 p.m. and she, MANUELA, was drunk and said that she did not want to go to bed with him. GALT remained to drink at one of the tables and there was a photographer present, causing MANUELA to request that a photograph be taken of GALT with her. GALT did not want his photograph taken, but she insisted. He told her that he planned to go to Yelapa on Saturday or Sunday, and that he did not like to go out in Puerto Vallarta on Saturday or Sunday because there was so much noise and so many people around.

She said that GALT arrived at the house between 8 and 9 p.m. on the following Monday. He invited MANUELA for one drink and was very serious and impolite. He was angry with her for her actions on the previous Friday. He asked her to marry him and she refused. She said that he had previously asked her to marry him. He said that if she would not marry him he was going to invite out some of the other girls. He spent the rest of that evening with ARCELIA and went to bed with ARCELIA.

MANUELA AGUIRRE said that she saw GALT again about three days later, but did not talk with him. She said she did not believe that he saw ARCELIA or any of the other girls again, and that she herself did not see him again.

She recalled that GALT drank gin or whatever other drink the bartender at the Casa Susana served him. He did not smoke, and sometimes stated that he did not smoke anything except marijuana. She stated, however, that she never saw him smoke marijuana.

MANUELA AGUIRRE said that GALT spoke practically no Spanish and the bartender interpreted for him. She said that GALT had an old pair of sandals that he liked very much and which he said had been bought in Europe. She said she told him to throw the sandals away and buy new ones, but he did not want to get rid of them. She recalled that he definitely could not dance.

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1:02 AM URGENT 1-20-69 JAS

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A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, LEARNED ON ONE NINETEEN SIXTYNINE, THAT A PERSON, WHOM THE SOURCE BELIEVES TO BE A SECRETARY TO CORETTA KING, TOLD STANLEY LEVISON, SCLC, ADVISED THAT SHE HAD RECEIVED A CALL FROM A MALCOLM DAVIS WHO CLAIMED TO BE A CORRESPONDENT OF RADIO JAMAICA AND THE BRITISH BROADCASTING COMPANY IN NEW YORK CITY. SHE SAID DAVIS ADVISED HER THAT HE IS GETTING A TAPE ALLEGEDLY OF A CONVERSATION BETWEEN JAMES EARL RAY AND AN UNKNOWN PERSON WHICH WAS MADE THREE MONTHS BEFORE MARTIN LUTHER KING'S ASSASSINATION AND WHICH CONTAINS DETAILS OF THE ASSASSINATION. SHE SAID THE PURPOSE OF DAVIS' CALL WAS THAT HE DOES NOT WANT TO DISTURB CORETTA KING BECAUSE AS A JOURNALIST HE IS APPARENTLY GOING TO MAKE THIS TAPE
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AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AND DESIRED TO GIVE CORETTA KING A COPY FOR HER LAWYERS. SHE CONTINUED THAT DAVIS DISCLOSED THAT A (JOEL LEVY) IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, HAS THE TAPE AND WILL BE FORWARDING IT TO HIM. SHE SAID THE TAPE IS SUPPOSED TO DETAIL OF A PAYOFF PLAN.

LEVISON ADVISED CORETTA KING'S SECRETARY TO CONTACT DAVIS IN A FEW DAYS TO SEE IF HE HAS RECEIVED THE TAPE. HE SAID THEN SHE COULD JUDGE DAVIS' REACTION AND PERHAPS HE, LEVISON, WOULD THEN GET INTO THE MATTER. HE SAID HE FELT HE SHOULD NOT INTERVENE AT THE PRESENT BECAUSE IT MIGHT UPSET RELATIONS BETWEEN CORETTA KING AND DAVIS IN THE EVENT DAVIS HAS SOMETHING OF VALUE.

THE SOURCE ALSO LEARNED THAT LEVISON DISCUSSED THE OFFER OF THE TAPE WITH HARRY WACHTEL, NEW YORK CITY ATTORNEY AND ADVISOR TO SCLC. WACHTEL'S POSITION WAS THAT AS MEMBERS OF THE BAR THEY SHOULD NOT GET INVOLVED BECAUSE THEY DID NOT WANT TO BE

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PUT IN THE POSITION OF SUPPRESSING EVIDENCE. HE SAID THEY SHOULD NOT BE PLACED IN THE POSITION OF DIGNIFYING THE TAPE BY ENTERING NEGOTIATIONS FOR IT. THEY AGREED THAT CORETTA KING'S SECREONRY SHOULD HANDLE ANY NEGOTIATIONS AND THAT WHEN DAVIS SENDS THE TAPE TO CORETTA KING THEY WOULD LISTEN TO IT AND TAKE THE NECESSARY ACTION.

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A SECOND CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, IN APRIL SIXTY FOUR DESCRIBED STANLEY LEVISON AS A SECRET MEMBER TO THE COMMUNIST PARTY AS OF JULY SIXTY THREE.

A THIRD CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST ON DECEMBER FORTY FOUR FURNISHED INFORMATION WHICH REVEALED THAT THE NAME HARRY
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WACHTEL WAS ON A LIST OF NAMES, SIGNIFICANCE UNKNOWN,
MAINTAINED AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE KINGS COUNTY
COMMUNIST PARTY, TWENTY SIX COURT STREET, BROOKLYN, NEW
YORK.

ADMINISTRATIVE.

THE FIRST SOURCE IS NEW YORK THREE EIGHT ONE ZERO
DASH S ASTERICK.

THE SECOND SOURCE IS NEW YORK SIX NINE FOUR DASH S ASTERICK,
AND THE THIRD SOURCE IS FORMER NEW YORK ONE ONE NINE ZERO
DASH S ASTERICK.

THIS INFORMATION IS TO BE CLASSIFIED "SECRET"
BECAUSE IT CONTAINS INFORMATION FROM NEW YORK THREE
EIGHT ONE ZERO DASH S ASTERICK AND BECAUSE OF THE INFORMATION
FROM NEW YORK SIX NINE FOUR DASH S ASTERICK USED IN THE
CHARACTERIZATION OF LEVISON.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF ATLANTA THE PERSON WHO
CONTACTED LEVISON WAS A ^{FRAN} ~~FAAN~~-LUCAS (PHONETIC).

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FOR THE INFORMATION OF LAS ANGELES, FRAN LUCAS SAID
THAT MALCOLM DAVIS FURNISHED THE TELEPHONE NUMBER OF
JOEL LEVY (PHONETIC) IN CALIFORNIA AS TWO ONE THREE DASH
SEVEN EIGHT ONE DASH EIGHT THREE THREE TWO. LOS ANGELES
IS REQUESTED TO IDENTIFY JOEL LEVY.

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RE NEW YORK TELETYPE, JANUARY TWENTY LAST.

RECORDS PACIFIC TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY, LOS ANGELES, REVEALED SUBSCRIBER TO PHONE NUMBER TWO ONE THREE DASH SEVEN EIGHT ONE DASH EIGHT THREE THREE TWO IS MARJORIE LARGENT, SIX NINE FIVE TWO VESPER AVENUE, VAN NUYS, CALIFORNIA. LOS ANGELES INDICES, LAPD, LASO NEGATIVE REGARDING LARGENT. RECORDS, LOS ANGELES RMCA, HAVE FILE ON LARGENT WITH ABOVE ADDRESS, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

FILE

CONTAINS NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION.

BASED ON INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN REFERENCED TELETYPE, REGARDING JOEL LEVY, LOS ANGELES INDICES, RECORDS LAPD, LASO, LOS ANGELES RMCA NEGATIVE.

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UACB, NO FURTHER ACTION BEING TAKEN AT LOS ANGELES.
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REGARDING KNOWLEDGE OF JOEL LEVY.

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