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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947) *for*

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Re Butel to all offices dated 5/22/68.

Re Driver's License Check.

Investigation conducted by the Louisville Office at both the Driver's License Bureau, Frankfort, Ky., State Capital, and at the Jefferson Co. Driver's License Bureau, Louisville, reflects that a check of individual driver's license applications would be highly impractical and virtually prohibitive for the following listed reasons:

On 5/24/68, contact was had with Mr. HAROLD FOW, Director of the Driver's License Bureau, Louisville, Ky., and with Lt. ROGER WILHOIT, 5/27/68, the latter Director, Driver's License Bureau, Department of Public Safety, Frankfort, Ky., who advised as follows:

There are approximately 2 million separate files in the Drivers License Bureau representing holders of Kentucky Operator's Licenses. These records can be searched either through the code number assigned to each separate licensee or alphabetically. There is no manner by which the records can be searched as to a specific date of birth or age group and in order to accomplish this each file jacket would have to be searched individually. WILHOIT stated even if sufficient manpower were available to search these records, it would take an extremely long time to accomplish, probably as much as several months.

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In view of the above, UACB, the Louisville Office will contact each individual drivers license examiner in each of the 120 counties displaying and leaving wanted flyers on the subject with these examiners requesting that they be on the alert for any information indicating possible application for driver's license on the part of RAY. Efforts will be made at the same time to determine if anyone answering the description of RAY has made application during April and May of this year.

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SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947)

5/28/68

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TO DIRECTOR (MAIL), JACKSON AND LOUISVILLE  
FROM NEW ORLEANS L57-10673

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NEW ORLEANS INDICES ALSO CONTAIN REFERENCE ON ONE J. C. HARDIN, NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED, IN THE CASE INVOLVING THE SOUTHERN CONFERNECE EDUCATIONAL FUND; IS - C, BUFILE ONE ZERO ZERO - ONE ZERO THREE FIVE FIVE, NEW ORLEANS FILE

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ATLANTA, LOS ANGELES AND MEMPHIS ADVISED AIRMAIL.

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NEW ORLEANS INDICES ALSO CONTAIN REFERENCE ON ONE J. C. HARDIN, NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED, IN THE CASE INVOLVING THE SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUND; IS - C, BUFILE ONE ZERO ZERO - ONE ZERO THREE FIVE FIVE, NEW ORLEANS FILE



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JACKSON SHOULD REVIEW INDICES FOR ANY INFORMATION

IDENTIFIABLE WITH JAMES C. HARDIN, JAMES HARDIN OR J. C. HARDIN. IN PARTICULAR, REVIEW REFERENCE CONTAINED IN YOUR FIVE ONE FIVE SEVEN - TWO ZERO, RE JAMES HARDIN. FOR POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE, THE NEW ORLEANS REFERENCE FOR JAMES HARDIN IS ONE FIVE SEVEN - TWO TWO ONE - TWO ZERO THREE SIX, PAGE EIGHTYFOUR.

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JACKSON AND LOUISVILLE SHOULD ADVISE BUREAU AND APPROPRIATE  
OFFICES OF RESULTS OF THIS INVESTIGATION.

ATLANTA, LOS ANGELES AND MEMPHIS ADVISED AIRMAIL.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

BAW

FBI LOUISVLE

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Date 31/68

To:

☒ Director

BUFILE: 44-38861  
FILE LS 44-947

Att.: Mechanical Section

Title MURKIN

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RE: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Steno \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Rotor #: \_\_\_\_\_

### ACTION DESIRED

☐ Acknowledge

☐ Assign \_\_\_\_\_ Reassign \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Bring file

☐ Call me

☐ Correct

☐ Deadline \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Deadline passed

☐ Delinquent

☐ Discontinue

☐ Expedite

☐ File

☐ For information

☐ Handle

☐ Initial & return

☐ Leads need attention

☐ Return with explanation or notation as to action taken.

☐ Open Case

☐ Prepare lead cards

☐ Prepare tickler

☐ Return assignment card

☐ Return file

☐ Search and return

☐ See me

☐ Serial # \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Post ☐ Recharge ☐ Return

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COAL MINER, MILITARY SERVICE NOV. TEN 'FORTYFOUR TO NOV.

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MOLLETT, MOTHER SARAH MOLLETT, BOONS CAMP, KY., PERMANENT

ADDRESS - WEEKSBURY, KY., ADDRESS OF JAN. 'SIXTYSIX,

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FBI DENVER

12:12 PM MDT URGENT 6-2-68 FCD

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), LOUISVILLE, BUTTE, DETROIT, AND  
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FROM: DENVER (157-203) 2P

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cc: Memphis (44-1987) (Info) (AM)

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AIR MAIL

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FROM: SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

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CINCINNATI

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947)

DATE: 5/31/68

FROM : CLERK, ALLEN J. DUFFIN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At approximately 11:20 PM this date the following information was furnished to the writer by an unidentified female caller.

The killer of Dr. Martin Luther King was observed in Thelma's Lounge at 601 E Gray street and at this time the caller could observe him in the lounge.

The caller stated she did not wish to give out her name at the present time but wanted some agents to come to her home at 612 E. Gray, accross from the Lounge. She further stated that she wished the agents to come to her first so she could turn the man in and get credit for the apprehension.

The caller stated that the subject was a w/m and was acting funny and seemed out of place in a colored bar. The caller gave a brief description of the subject and it could possibly fit the subject, but she stated that she got the description from the paper.

The caller further advised that if someone did not come down and check this report out she would "call Washington or some other official and report that no action was being taken to apprehend the killer of King."

The caller was a negro female.

Supervisor Peters, SA Hutchison advised and SAs Cavanaugh and Hornback sent to check out the report.

AJD/ajd

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947)

FROM : SPC JAMES BYRON RILEY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/31/68

This date telephone call received by writer from SA TANDY JACK FLEMING, Butte Division, FBI, who advised as follows:

On 5/30/68, photograph of JAMES EARL RAY shown to local Salvation Army, Butte, at which time officials there chose from their register the following three individuals as closely resembling the photo of RAY:

HARRY CONNORS  
Social Security Number [REDACTED]  
POB, Gladscow, Montey, Mexico

FERBER OLSEN  
Social Security Number [REDACTED]  
POB, Minneapolis, Minn.

WILLIAM MOLLETT  
Social Security Number [REDACTED]  
POB Van Lear, Ky.

Height	5'6"
Weight	140
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Gray
Parents	JOHN B. and SARAH MOLLETT (deceased)
Nearest of kin	MAY SPEAR, Melvin, Ky. (sister)
Occupation	Coal miner
Last place of	Logan, Utah
Employment	

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He has performed his military obligation and received an honorable discharge.

JBR/pam  
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