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Memorandum

TO : SAC(44-1987)

DATE: 4/20/68

FROM : SA MAHLON J. PRICE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On the evening of 4/20/68 Mr. Jim Burton, 636 Wicks, #8, Memphis, Phone 525-6569 called the Memphis Office and advised as follows;

His wife has a girl friend, Mary Jane (LNU), who attends LeMoyn College. Mary Jane's mother has a friend employed by the Bell Telephone Company as an operator. Following the murder of Dr. King this operator placed a phone call to a number in Atlanta. Allegedly the caller said "We've killed King." The party in Atlanta receiving the call is supposed to have laughed.

Mr. Jim Burton will ascertain from his wife the complete name, address and phone number of Mary Jane (LNU), so that she may be interviewed as to the identity of the operator who is supposed to have placed the phone call to Atlanta, and who is supposed to have overheard the conversation.

Mr. Burton stated it is his understanding that this operator has the phone number in Atlanta or the phone number from the station where the call was placed.

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AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

Will contact Mrs. Jim Burton and obtain the identity of Mary Jane (LNU). Thereafter will conduct logical investigation to determine if there is any truth to the above story.

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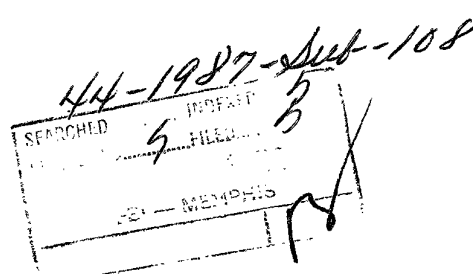
DATE: 4/21/68

FROM : DONALD G. BELL, SPC

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY;
INFORMATION CONCERNING.

Ken COFFEY, JR., 6650 Prince Edward Place, Memphis, Tenn., phone no. 685-6353, telephonically contacted this office and stated he saw a man looking like Subject about 11:00 p.m., 4/20/68, as he was buying a ticket at the Guild Theatre. The man bought the ticket and went into the theatre and COFFEY didn't see him again.

COFFEY described the man as having medium brown hair, 5' 7", with hair and profile resembling photo of Subject. COFFEY stated the man played around with his ear and was by himself. He also stated the man was wearing a blue shirt and his hair was combed back.



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TO : SAC (44-1987)

DATE: 4/22/68

FROM : SA LEONE J. FLOSI

SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReBHTel to ME 4/11/68 (Serial 471).

On 4/11/68 a Mr. J. T. JOHNSON, Huntsville, Ala., advised that in January 1968 he attended a funeral in Nashville, Tenn., and two men who talked of assassinating MARTIN LUTHER KING and RAP BROWN also attended this funeral. These men stated they were members of the Klan. JOHNSON advised their names are E. W. MC KNIGHT and A. V. OAKLEY. He described OAKLEY as being about 35 years of age. He stated both men are employed at the Ford Motor Co., Glass Plate Division, Nashville.

It should be noted that the Klan in Nashville has been defunct for the past 2½ years. The MC KNIGHT referred to above is identical with subject of ME 170-244 and is a former Klan member.

On 4/16/68 Mr. G. M. FRENCHIE, Personnel Office, Ford Plate Glass Co., Nashville, advised that E. W. MC KNIGHT and A. V. OAKLEY are both employees of Ford. In regard to MC KNIGHT, he advised he is an hourly employee working the 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. shift. Mr. FRENCHIE caused MC KNIGHT's time cards to be reviewed, and they revealed that MC KNIGHT was working from 11 p.m. 4/3/68 to 7 a.m. 4/4/68 and from 11 p.m. 4/4/68 to 7 a.m. 4/5/68.

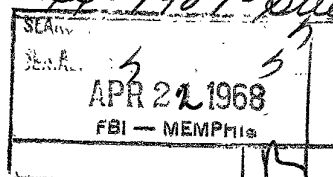
Mr. FRENCHIE stated he is familiar with ASHBY V. OAKLEY as being employed in the Plant Protection Section as a security guard. Mr. FRENCHIE stated E. M. THOMPSON is OAKLEY's immediate supervisor.

Mr. E. M. THOMPSON, Supervisor, Security Police, Ford Glass Co., advised A. V. OAKLEY has been a security guard since 1956. He said OAKLEY is a high-strung individual and

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1 - 157-695, DAVIDSON COUNTY KLAVERN
1 - 105-566, UKA CONTROL FILE
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through the years his relations with management have been somewhat strained. He said he has never received any information indicating that OAKLEY is prejudicial toward members of the Negro race or involved with the Ku Klux Klan. He said OAKLEY's regular days off are Thursday and Friday, and he did not work on Thursday, 4/4/68, or Friday, 4/5/68. He did work Saturday, 4/6/68, however. He stated OAKLEY owns a black over white 1966 Ford LTD and an old 1956 Buick. He stated OAKLEY is a big man, about 6' 3" or 4", and weighs over 200 pounds. He generally does not fit the description of the alleged slayer of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

Mr. THOMPSON furnished the following information from the personnel file of ASHBY VARNELL OAKLEY:

He commenced employment with Ford Motor Co. on 8/15/66 at Chicago Stamping Co., Chicago, Ill. He was transferred to Ford Glass Division, Nashville, Tenn., on 11/15/66.

The following background information appears in his personnel file:

Race	white
Sex	male
DOB	
Height	6' 3"
Weight	185 lbs.
Marital status	married; one dependent
Address	3503 West End Ave., Nashville, Tenn.
Former residences	916 Summit St., # 2, Joliet, Ill.; 200 - 25th Ave., Nashville, Tenn.
Education	high school, 1944 - 1947, Steel High, Jackson, Tenn., did not graduate; West Tennessee Business School, Jackson, Tenn., 1954 - 1955, did not graduate
Former employers	U. S. Rubber Co., 8/53 to 5/54, Joliet, Ill.; TNT Arsenal as a mixed acid operator, 6/54 to 11/54; P. O. Douglass Auto Parts, Jackson, Tenn., salesman, 2/55 to 2/56; U. S. Rubber Co., Joliet, Ill., security patrolman, 11/47 - 8/53; Staff Sergeant, Military Police and Air Police.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

DATE: 4/22/68

FROM : SA RALPH J. LIEWER

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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On 4/22/68, SAM DIXON, 685 Marchalneil Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee, came to the FBI Office and advised that he believed that he had seen JAMES EARL RAY at the John Gaston Hospital on 4/2/68. DIXON stated he had been at the hospital between 8:30 and 9 P.M. on that morning for the purpose of selling blood to the hospital, and the person whom he believed was RAY was at the hospital at the same time for the same purpose.

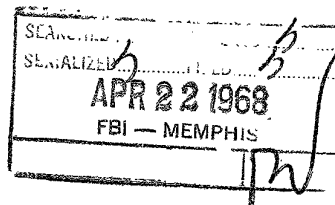
DIXON had with him a Memphis newspaper which carried an old photo of RAY which actually does not look much like the current photo. DIXON stated he based his observations on this newspaper photo.

The writer accompanied DIXON to the John Gaston Hospital where DIXON pointed out Miss FRANKIE GREGORY, a nurse who had talked to DIXON at the hospital on the morning of 4/2/68 and who also had talked to the person who DIXON believed was RAY. Miss GREGORY observed the wanted flyers of RAY and other photos of RAY and advised she does not believe this person was ever observed by her in the hospital or any other place. She could not remember the person described by DIXON as having been at the hospital on 4/2/68.

The following additional nurses who draw blood at the John Gaston Hospital and were on duty on 4/2/68 observed the photos of RAY and advised they were relatively certain he had never been to the hospital:

Miss J. SPANN, Administrative Director,
Blood Bank;

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RE: J. C. WILLARD, 3454 CHELSEA

The following investigation was conducted by SA JACK D. VAHRENWALD at Memphis, Tennessee:

On April 18, 1968, HAZEL HENSLEY, Secretary for ESB, Inc., 3454 Chelsea, Memphis, advised that she has been the secretary for the company since 1958. A check of her records revealed that no one by the name of J. C. WILLARD has ever been employed by ESB, Inc. These records go back through 1947.

Mrs. HENSLEY advised that ESB was known as Electrical Storage Battery prior to July of 1967. The Willard Battery Company is a division of ESB and the name "Willard" is still on the front of the building at 3454 Chelsea.

Mrs. HENSLEY advised she has no idea who may have sent the letters to Congressman GEORGE GRIDER in Washington, D.C.

On April 19, 1968, DEWEY PRUETT, Librarian, Rare Books Room, Mississippi Valley Collection, Memphis State University Library, Memphis, Tennessee, advised that the records of Congressman GEORGE GRIDER are housed in the Memphis State University Library. However, the library is currently in a period of transit in that they are getting ready to move into a new building.

He advised that GRIDER's records are currently stored in boxes in one of two large rooms, and he would have no idea where to start looking for them. He advised that these records would be available in September, 1968.

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Miss BERNICE COX, nurse;

Mrs. M. V. WASHINGTON, nurse;

Miss SPANN made available the names of persons who had ~~not~~notated blood at the hospital on the morning of 4/2/68 and the descriptions of them did not match that of the subject.

In view of the above, no further investigation was deemed appropriate on this lead.

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FROM : SA STEPHEN M. DARLINGTON

SUBJECT: MURKIN;
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DATE: 4/22/68

Re memorandum from SA LAWRENCE M. MANDYCK dated 4/17/68 concerning driver's license check for birth date

The following investigation was conducted by SA's STEPHEN M. DARLINGTON and GARY M. RAMSEY at Memphis, Tenn., on 4/19/68:

Mr. CARL BAXTER BRIGANCE, License No. 1239265. 3571 Johnwood Avenue, Memphis, Tenn., advised he was born at Memphis, Tenn. Mr. BRIGANCE said he knows nothing at all concerning the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. He said he has worked for the Post Office Department ever since 1951 and has lived in Memphis for that entire period. He advised he had not left the city of Memphis for the past year except for a two-week vacation in August, 1967, at Pensacola, Florida.

Mr. JOHN E. LONG, Superintendent, U. S. Post Office Subdivision, 3754 North Watkins Ave., advised that Mr. CARL BRIGANCE was working at the Post Office for the entire last year, except for a two-week vacation in August, 1967.

The following description of CARL B. BRIGANCE was obtained from observation and interview:

Sex	Male <input type="text"/>
DOB	<input type="text"/>
POB	Memphis, Tennessee
Height	5' 11"
Weight	170 lbs.
Hair	Blond
Scars and Marks	None
Residence	3571 Johnwood Ave., Memphis, Tenn.

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Relatives

DOROTHY BRIGANCE, wife
RUTH ANN BRIGANCE, daughter,
3571 Johnwood Ave., Memphis, Tenn.

HOWARD MALCOLM BRIGANCE, father
BILLIE BUCK BRIGANCE, mother,
11804 Macon Road, Eads, Tennessee

Occupation

Postal Clerk, 3754 North Watkins, Ave.,
Memphis, Tenn.

Military Service

Naval Reserves VR793, Millington,
Tenn. - entered duty November, 1948,
still in Reserves.

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DATE: 4/21/68

FROM : DONALD G. BELL, SPC

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Mr. H. R. DOBSON, Supervisor, FBI St. Louis, telephonically contacted this office and gave the following information:

James David DAILEY, DOB Wardell, Mo., WM, 5' 9½", 155 lbs., Brn hair and eyes, FBI # 4993150, alleged to be farmer friend and associate of James Earl RAY and alleged to have harbored RAY after his escape from Missouri State Pen. DAILEY operates restaraunt at Portageville, Mo. He is alleged to own a farm near Portageville and Wardell area and he is type of individual who would harbor subject. he has been interviewed and denied contact with subject. He is currently being re-interviewed to determine if he has farm and its location. Unable to locate farm so far.

Bureau has asked surrounding offices to contact sources with knowledge of boothill area as to any info re RAY, DAILEY, DAILEY family or any farm property owned by them.

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DATE: 4/11/68

FROM : SA LEONE J. FLOSI

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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On 4/11/68, Mr. EARL SMITH, Manager, Appliance Department, Western Auto Store, 5001 Charlotte Pike, Nashville, Tennessee, residence 919 16th Avenue South, telephonically contacted the Nashville FBI Office and requested to be interviewed by Agents concerning information he possessed relative to the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Upon interview same date, Mr. SMITH furnished the following information to SAs LEONE J. FLOSI and M. BARRY CARMODY:

SMITH stated that he was formerly an Airman First Class, AF SN AF24573640 for six years. His duty station was Seymore Johnson SAC Air Force Base and his particular job was explosives Ordinance Disposal Technican (EOD).

During August of 1966, SMITH was employed by Western Auto Store Number 3, located at 1345 Summer Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee. At this time he was residing in a rooming house owned by an older woman named LOUISE BOWEN at 1257 Peabody, Memphis, Tennessee. SMITH frequented a tavern on Bellevue Street. He does not recall the name of this tavern but stated that it is directly across the street from a Huddle Hamburger Restaurant and several doors from another bar called "The Show Bar". The owner of this tavern is a white female, first name ANN. While SMITH was in this tavern he engaged in a conversation with another patron and told this person that he was formerly in the Air Force and was an EOD. During this conversation this individual mentioned the name of a fellow whom he claimed was his nephew that was also in the Air Force as an EOD. SMITH recognized this Airman's name and stated that he was assigned to the Tactical Air Command at Seymore Johnson in May, 1962.

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LARRY KEITH and stated he arrived in Memphis aboard the motor vessel Bay-A on March 29, 1968, and stayed at Waterways Marine, Inc., until the evening of March 31, 1968, when he then moved to the Linden Lodge, Memphis. KEITH stated he learned of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING's death during the evening of April 4, 1968, and after hearing the rumor that KING's murderer wore a moustache, he visited the Memphis Police Department and furnished his address and name, giving his address as the Linden Lodge.

KEITH was observed in Boston, Georgia, driving a 1968 dark blue Ford Torino GT bearing 1968 Missouri license J02-468. Upon re-interview, KEITH admitted the theft of this car from Herff Ford, Memphis, Tennessee. He then admitted his true identity of ROBERT LEE NEWGENT.

Assistant U. S. Attorney HARLEY F. BROWN, Middle District of Georgia, Macon, Georgia, authorized prosecution and the complaint was filed on April 21, 1968, charging NEWGENT, also known as LARRY KEITH, with violation of Section 2312, Title 18, U. S. Code. He was described as follows:

True name	ROBERT LEE NEWGENT
Alias	LARRY KEITH
Residence	501 North 61st Street, East St. Louis, Missouri
DOB	
POB	East St. Louis, Missouri
Sex	Male
Race	White
Height	6'2
Weight	210
Hair	Curly and reddish colored
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Ruddy
Build	Heavy
Scars and marks	Operation scars on both ankles.

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TO : SAC(44-1987)

FROM : SA MAHLON J. PRICE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/23/68

At 3:50 PM an unknown male phoned the Memphis Office and refused to give his name or location. He stated there was a beer garden at 1563 Lamar, and there was a man ^{there} wearing a prisoners shirt with blood on the shirt. This man fit the description of James Earl Ray and resembled the picture of Ray. He was acting "like he doesn't have good sense."

The writer recognized the voice of the caller and asked him if he not called several days before and hung up without giving his name nor the location of the beer garden where he alleged James Earl Ray was on that date.

The caller admitted that this was the case. He stated he had been in the beer garden today talking to the man who he now thinks is Ray. The caller sounded as if he had taken a few glasses of beer himself.

For information.

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He said that this Airman was on Temporary Duty Station at Seymore for about one month.;

Two days after the above initial conversation while at the same tavern SMITH was recontacted by the above individual and called over to a booth. SMITH stated that during this conversation, the above individual told SMITH that he was aware that since SMITH was a former EOD in the Air Force, SMITH had contacts and would have access to minitions and explosives. He then requested SMITH to get for him 50 handgrenades and pulled out \$5,000 in cash which he laid on the table and offered to SMITH, stating "This is yours if you get me the grenades". He then went on to explain that he and four other men in Memphis had vowed that one of them would kill MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. in one way or another and that was the reason that he wanted the handgrenades. SMITH inquired of the individual if he was a member of the KKK and he said he was not. SMITH stated that he declined to accept the offer whereupon he was told that "If you can't get them for me you had better forget it. You are the only one who knows about this and if anything happens I will know where it came from." SMITH said that he considered this a threat. This was the last contact SMITH ever had with this individual and he does not remember his name nor the name of his nephew, the airman. SMITH described the above individual as a white male, 45 years of age, 5'7", grey hair, heavy build, 220 lbs., and dressed and drove a new 1966 Corvette. SMITH stated that from his conversation with this person he received the impression that he had a prison or police record.

Mr. SMITH further advised that one E. C. CHILDS who now operates a barber shop in Memphis and formerly owned a recording studio which recorded the record "NAACP Flight Number 125" was also a customer at the above tavern and perhaps could help in identifying this person. SMITH stated that he also received the impression that the tavern owner ANN was acquainted with the above individual.

SMITH stated that he had no objection to having his identity revealed in connection with this inquiry.

Subsequent to the above interview on the same date Mr. SMITH again telephonically contacted the Nashville Office and stated that he had just been fired from his job but stated that this was not because of the earlier interview with the FBI Agents.

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After receiving the above information from SMITH, Mr. C. E. WEAVER, General Manager, Western Auto Store, 5571 Charlotte Pike was contacted. WEAVER advised that he had not fired EARL SMITH but that SMITH was told to return home as WEAVER stated SMITH was drinking on the job. WEAVER further stated that SMITH was due to arrive at a meeting of Western Auto employees at 6:30 a.m., 4/11/68. When SMITH failed to attend, WEAVER sent a man to locate SMITH at SMITH's residence. It was reported to WEAVER that SMITH was drunk the previous evening and overslept, missing the meeting.

WEAVER advised that he considers SMITH to be deceitful, unreliable and perhaps a heavy drinker and has been seriously considering terminating his employment.

In view of Mr. WEAVER's appraisal of SMITH any action to be taken on this information furnished by SMITH is being left to the discretion of the case Agent.

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TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

DATE: 4/22/68

FROM : SA W. R. HAPPELL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At approximately 1:00 p.m., 4/22/68, a man identifying himself as JIM PICKENS, Garland, Tenn., salesman for Power Nail Company, telephonically contacted the Memphis Office. He advised that after seeing the FBI TV Program 4/21/68 he believes he may have seen RAY in Memphis. He observed two men proceeding from the parking lot on Front and Poplar Streets, Memphis, toward the Auditorium. One was carrying a black musical instrument case and the other, whom he believed looked like RAY, was well dressed in a dark suit and wearing a light beard.

When inquiry was made for further particulars, the operator interrupted to advise the caller his time was up. When asked how he could be contacted, the caller said he would be at the Blue Bird Motel, Pine Bluff, Arkansas, tonight.

The foregoing was furnished to SAC HOXIE, Little Rock Office, who advised he would have an Agent contact PICKENS at the motel this evening to obtain complete information.

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I observed same individuals on 4/20/68. neither are ident with Ray. RTH.



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TO : SAC(44-1987)

FROM : SA MAHLON J. PRICE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/22/68

Attorney Robert Livingston, 940 Commerce Title Building, phone 525-8220 and residence phone 275-5737 phoned at 9:40 PM and advised as follows;

He has an elderly female client (in her 70's), who does not want her identity revealed. His client stated on the day of MURKIN a man and woman moved into the house at 19 North Bellevue. The woman has left but the man remains. There is a lot of vodka in the house, and the man never uses the door but always exits from the rear window. The client stated this man resembles the photo of JAMES EARL RAY and fits the description.

Mr. Livingston was questioned about the reliability of his client. He stated she is elderly, but as far as he knows she has always been truthful. He stated there may or may not be some substance to her identification, but he is merely passing it on to the FBI at her request.

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Will identify the man in question and eliminate him as identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

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TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

DATE: 4/22/68

FROM : SA, JAMES M. STOCKTON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/22/68, Captain DAN JONES, Theft Bureau, Shelby County SO advised that he received information from SAM DIXON, telephone 324-2832, Memphis regarding the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY.

Capt. JONES said that DIXON claims that he saw JAMES EARL RAY, 4/2/68 (Day after April-Fool's Day) at the Blood Bank at John Gaston Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee.

I called SAM DIXON at 324-2832 and he stated that he had seen this subject in person on 4/2/68. DIXON stated that he was leaving this telephone number and he would come to the Memphis Office by 9:30 A. M., and furnish all information in his possession to an agent.

It is not known if he did appear at the Memphis Office as he stated that he would do. If he did not appear, he should be contacted again at his telephone number and arrange for an interview.

LEAD:

MEMPHIS DIVISION AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

If SAM DIXON telephone 324-2832, Memphis, Tenn., has not been interviewed, he should be contacted for information that he saw subject JAMES EARL RAY at John Gaston Hospital in Memphis on 4/2/68.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1987)

DATE: 4/22/68

FROM : SA, VINCENT H. LAMMERS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/18/68, MR. CLARENCE BREWER, butcher, NANCE AVE. MARKET, Hernando and Vance Streets, Memphis, Tenn. telephonically advised that he is a look-alike for DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING. MR. BREWER stated that on the afternoon of ^{of April 3, 1968} he was crossing South Main Street in Memphis when a white Mustang was traveling south. This vehicle bore Alabama license and was occupied by 4 men, all white. He stated the man in the passenger seat in front "eyed" him and the picture of GALT as it appeared in the paper bore some resemblance to this person.

BREWER described UNSUB as a male, sandy hair, 35-38 years of age, 178-180 lbs.

On the afternoon of 4/18/68, the writer contacted BREWER personally and exhibited to him the attached photos of "GALT" and he stated the photo with the eyes open strongly resembled the individual identified above. BREWER recalled he crossed Main in front of People's Furniture Store (later determined to be 310 South Main) in a westerly direction. The car traveled south toward the Atlas hotel (believe he meant Ambassador Hotel) and pulled in the parking lot near the hotel. This is the last time he saw the car or any of the men. BREWER estimated this incident took place about 5:40 PM and based this on the fact he left the store at 5:15 PM, waited for a bus and then traveled to Main.

BREWER was unable to identify the vehicle as to year but stated he was sure it had an Alabama license. He also recalled there was red mud on the sides of the vehicle.

BREWER was of the opinion he would know this individual again but would not be able to identify the other three men. He stated UNSUB was wearing a white dress shirt, no tie. He commented at the conclusion that the UNSUB combed his hair straight back and was somewhat thinner than was indicated in the picture.

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RE: WILLIAM JAY OGLESBY
WEST MEMPHIS, ARKANSAS

On April 21, 1968, Mr. LEROY KNIGHT, Woodhills Drive, Memphis, Tennessee, employed as Senior Studio Engineer, WREC Television, in the Hotel Sheraton-Peabody, Memphis, furnished the following information to SA CYRIL F. BUSCH:

WILLIAM JAY OGLESBY, usually called JAY OGLESBY, has been employed by this television station (which is operated by Cole's Broadcast Service Inc.) since the Fall of 1965. Prior to that time, he was employed by the National Broadcasting Company television station at El Paso, Texas. He has relatives in Arkansas, and this was the reason he gave for moving from El Paso to Memphis. His salary is approximately \$150 per week.

OGLESBY normally works from 12:01 a.m. Friday to approximately 6:00 p.m. on Monday of each week. He was off duty on April 3, 4, 17 and 18, 1968.

OGLESBY is not married, and it is not known to KNIGHT whether he was married at any time in the past. From his conversations, he seems to be preoccupied with female companionship and has expressed preference for associations with airline stewardesses. He is considered a "ladies' man" by fellow employees. He has never expressed an interest in outdoor sports, hunting or use of firearms. When he came to work for WREC, he indicated that he had fulfilled his military commitment, but he has never discussed any military service. He has never taken an interest in any political matter, nor has he ever expressed any anti-Negro or anti-Communist sentiments.

He drives an old red Chevrolet to and from work, residing in a trailer somewhere near West Memphis, Arkansas, and working at the Hotel Sheraton-Peabody in Memphis. He does not spend any time in Memphis except for his hours of duty at the television station, and if he has any personal friends or associates in Memphis, these persons are unknown to Mr. KNIGHT.

OGLESBY appears to be dependent entirely upon his salary, and he has never talked about having any large sums of cash at any time for any reason. He has never displayed any large sums of money to his fellow employees.

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Mr. KNIGHT concluded by saying that he considers any involvement by OGLESBY in Communist matters, political matters of any type, Negro matters or the use of firearms to be completely inconsistent with OGLESBY's pattern of living and expressed attitudes.

Mr. KNIGHT also advised that OGLESBY works under the general supervision of Chief Engineer WILKERSON RANEY and that his employment application should be on file in the office of Mr. BILL MILLER, Office Manager, WREC, Hotel Sheraton@Peabody, Memphis.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1987)

FROM : SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/23/68

Following informants and sources contacted by SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE on indicated dates and advised that they possess no information or know of any logical suspects regarding the MURKIN case:

LAURA S. JOHNSON, Source of Info (Sec),	4/22/68
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ME 338-R(PROB)(Ghetto)	4/22/68
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THE MEMPHIS OFFICE
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

MEMORANDUM TO ALL AGENTS

RE: MURKIN

The Bureau by teletype 4-22-68 advised all SACs that all leads in instant case must be covered within 24 hours and any leads arising out of investigation must be set forth by telephone or teletype.

The Bureau has again requested that all Criminal Informants and appropriate Racial and Security Informants be contacted for any information that they may have. Narcotics investigative agencies are also to be contacted in order to insure that any information they might have which would be of assistance is obtained.

All Agents should recontact Criminal, Racial, and Security Informants and submit a memorandum reflecting such contacts, whether negative or not, as promptly as possible.

ARMED & DANGEROUS.


ROBERT G. JENSEN
SAC

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The following investigation was conducted by SA's HARLEY E. GYLFE and JOHN W. BAUER on April 11, 1968:

Mr. WILLIE GREEN, attendant, Nunley's Esso Service, 189 Linden Street, advised that on the evening of April 4, 1968, at approximately 6:00 p.m., or shortly thereafter, an individual paced back and forth in front of the telephone booth located directly in front of this station. He said this person paced back and forth as he waited to use the telephone which was being used at that time by a Negro Minister. He said this individual resembled the photographs he had seen in the newspapers of ERIC STARVO GALT. He said he had seen the pictures and then recalled this individual strongly resembled the pictures. He stated this individual, after leaving the area of the telephone booth, walked over to the Linden Lodge which is located directly across the street on Linden Street from Nunley's Esso Service. He said he does not know the name of the individual who was pacing back and forth in front of the telephone booth but is certain this individual was a white male and was registered in a room at the Linden Lodge.

Mr. GREEN stated this individual became impatient and walked up Linden Street toward Third Street and then back toward the telephone booth and again waited to use the telephone. He said shortly thereafter he walked over to the Linden Lodge, into the Lodge lobby, and he did not see this individual again. He stated he knew this was before 7:00 p.m. since due to the curfew he went home at approximately 7:00 p.m. and this individual had been pacing in front of the telephone booth prior to that time. Mr. GREEN stated he was furnishing this information inasmuch as he felt the individual he saw strongly resembled the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT and generally fit the description as furnished by the local newspapers.

Mr. CHARLES GRIFFIN, Desk Clerk, Linden Lodge Motel, 176 Linden Street, advised he had observed photographs in the local newspapers of ERIC STARVO GALT. He stated he did not believe GALT had ever stayed at that motel.

Mr. GRIFFIN stated, however, he had a guest named LARRY KEITH registered in room 203 who had skipped his bill. He said this individual came to his mind due to the information

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published in the local newspapers concerning GALT and his working on a Mississippi River barge. Mr. GRIFFIN stated LARRY KEITH registered into this motel on March 31, 1968, and skipped his bill, possibly on April 5, 1968. He registered under the name of LARRY KEITH and furnished the address of Box 341, Boston, Georgia. He listed his occupation as being with Mississippi Valley Barge Lines but did not indicate the home office of this company. Mr. GRIFFIN stated that while LARRY KEITH was registered at the motel he made several long-distance telephone calls to area code 912 - 498-4442 which is located near Savannah, Georgia, and to area code 314 - 335-6685, which is a St. Louis, Missouri number. Mr. GRIFFIN stated that KEITH paid charges of \$11.27 on April 1, 1968, but ran up several charges subsequent to that time totaling approximately \$29, consisting of room rental at \$6 a day for the dates April 2, 3, 4, and 5, 1968, and long-distance telephone calls.

Mr. GRIFFIN stated he had not seen LARRY KEITH and could not furnish a description of this individual but suggested the night manager, Mr. BASS, be contacted since he had personal contact with LARRY KEITH.

Mr. VINTON A. BASS, 290 South Front Street, Memphis, advised he is the desk clerk at the Linden Lodge Motel, 176 Linden Street, Memphis, and works from 9:30 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Mr. BASS stated he recalled a guest at that motel by the name of LARRY KEITH who registered into the motel on or about March 31, 1968, and skipped his bill on or about April 5, 1968. He said he had several contacts with KEITH and stated KEITH had a red moustache. Mr. BASS advised he was aware of the photographs which were recently published in the local newspapers of ERIC STARVO GALT but he did not feel LARRY KEITH resembled these photographs. He added that the general appearance of KEITH fit the description of GALT as published in the newspapers.

Mr. BASS stated he recalled that LARRY KEITH was waiting around the motel for a telephone call. He said he asked KEITH from whom he expected a call and KEITH, in turn, replied it was from Waterways Marine, Inc., concerning a job. Mr. BASS stated he then told KEITH that instead of waiting around the motel he should wait at the office of Waterways Marine, Inc., located on the Mississippi River as they have facilities and a lounge for employees to wait in. Mr. BASS added he recalled that LARRY KEITH said he had worked as a cook

on the Mississippi River and was waiting for this type of job shortly.

Mr. J. W. GRIFFIN, owner, Linden Lodge Motel, 176 Linden Street, advised he checked LARRY KEITH of Boston, Georgia, into that motel on March 31, 1968. He said he does not recall the time of the day KEITH checked in but felt it likely around noon. Mr. GRIFFIN stated that to the best of his knowledge LARRY KEITH stayed at the motel until the evening of April 4, 1968, and it was discovered on April 5, 1968, that he had skipped his bill.

Mr. GRIFFIN stated a check of the motel registration cards indicated LARRY KEITH was employed by the Mississippi Valley Barge Lines and he, in turn, contacted this firm to determine if KEITH was, in fact, employed by this bar lines. Mr. GRIFFIN stated he was unable to determine that LARRY KEITH was at that time or had ever been an employee of this firm.

Mr. GRIFFIN stated that he had seen photographs published in the local newspaper of ERIC STARVO GALT. He said LARRY KEITH might physically resemble GALT but did not look like the picture of GALT. He stated KEITH had light colored hair and a reddish colored moustache. Mr. GRIFFIN stated he felt that LARRY KEITH and ERIC STARVO GALT were not the same individual.

Mrs. VERA SMITH, Receptionist, Waterways Marine, Inc., foot of Union Street, Memphis, advised she is not acquainted with LARRY KEITH of Boston, Georgia. She stated, however, a review of the register maintained for individuals to be hired by various firms on the Mississippi River indicated that on March 31, 1968, signed onto the Ray-A Motor Vessel as a mate. She said the Ray-A is owned and operated by the Wisconsin Barge Line of Cassville, Wisconsin. She stated since LARRY KEITH's name is in this register as of March 31, 1968, he apparently boarded this ship on March 31, 1968, and was employed as a mate on that date. Mrs. SMITH stated that according to the records of her firm, the Ray-A passed through Memphis on the Mississippi River at 3:30 a.m., March 31, 1968, and was north bound. She stated that according to the records, the next time the Ray-A went through Memphis it was south bound and this was on April 9, 1968, at 5:45 p.m.

Mr. GERALD WARD, pilot for Waterways Marine, Inc., foot of Union Street, Memphis, advised that he took supplies and a change of crew to the Ray-A at approximately 3:00 to 3:30 a.m., March 31, 1968. He stated he did not keep a record of the individuals he took out to the motor vessel but felt it was the same as registered into the log maintained by Waterways Marine, Inc. He said inasmuch as LARRY KEITH was registered in this log as a mate on the Ray-A, it is likely he took him out to the Ray-A along with two other individuals. Mr. WARD stated his records indicated three individuals reported to the Ray-A at that time.

Mr. MIKE BYBERG, Assistant Manager, Waterways Marine, Inc., foot of Union Street, Memphis, advised he recalled LARRY KEITH waiting around the office of Waterways Marine, Inc., all day of Saturday, March 30, 1968. He stated he is personally acquainted with LARRY KEITH since he talked to him on March 30, 1968. He stated he recalled seeing photographs of ERIC STARVO GALT as published in local newspapers recently. He commented that he is of the opinion that while LARRY KEITH had a similar physical description as ERIC STARVO GALT, he felt LARRY KEITH did not resemble the photograph of GALT. He stated he felt this way because KEITH had light brown hair and wore a reddish colored moustache. Mr. BYBERG stated he did not see LARRY KEITH after Saturday, March 30, 1968, and, therefore, assumes he caught some boat passing through Memphis either late Saturday, March 30, 1968, or early Sunday, March 31, 1968.

Mr. DON AUBREY, Vice President and General Manager, Island Terminal Company, and General Manager of the completely owned subsidiary of Mississippi Valley Barge Lines Company, both located at 1836 Dock Street, Memphis, advised the main office of this firm is located at St. Louis, Missouri. Mr. AUBREY advised that he contacted Mr. CATLETT, Payroll Clerk of the parent firm, Island Terminal Company, St. Louis, and Mr. CATLETT advised him that LARRY KEITH is not at the present time and never has been employed by the Mississippi Valley Barge Lines or another companies owned by Island Terminal. Mr. AUBREY stated LARRY KEITH is unknown to him and is also unknown to Mr. CATLETT.

The Atlanta Division of the FBI advised that LARRY KEITH was interviewed by Bureau Agents in Boston, Georgia, on April 18, 1968, regarding the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. During the interview he furnished his name as

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SA JOHN W. BAUER

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

Re 44-1987-Sub 51 and Sub 53.

On 4/22/68, Mrs. BERNIE GERLICKI, 3084 Yale, Number 15, and Mrs. WILLIAM THOMAS, 3084 Yale, Number 17, was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, and they stated that the photographs in no way resembled JIMMY SANDERS.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM : SA ROBERT FITZPATRICK (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/23/68

Re memo of SA MAHLON J. PRICE 4/20/68.

JIM BURTON, 636 Wicks, Apt. 8, Memphis, Tenn., telephone 525-6569, on 4/23/68 contacted the Memphis Office and advised the current address of MARY JANE WALKER is 1022 Palermo Street, Memphis.

MARY JANE WALKER, 1022 Palermo, Memphis, Tenn., was contacted by SA FITZPATRICK on 4/23/68 at which time she advised she had told BURTON her mother had a friend employed by the Bell Telephone Company as an operator and she had learned this operator, name unknown, had placed a telephone call to an unknown number in Atlanta, Ga.

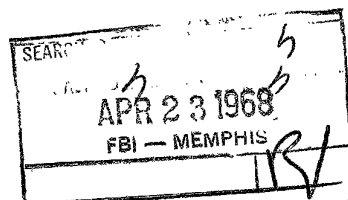
She advised that she may have told BURTON the caller allegedly stated "We've killed KING" and the party at Atlanta receiving the call was supposed to have laughed.

WALKER, upon interview, stated her mother does not have any friend employed with the Bell Telephone Company, Memphis, and the information she furnished to BURTON was erroneously reported by BURTON inasmuch as the information she had concerning a caller saying "We've killed KING" is erroneous. WALKER stated that what actually happened was she had overheard a conversation on a Memphis Transit Bus on 4/15/68 by two unknown individuals who were discussing the murder of KING at Memphis. According to WALKER, she heard one of these individuals talking about an alleged call to Atlanta concerning someone saying "We've killed KING". WALKER stated that to the best of her knowledge, this was only a rumor and she had no information at all to offer regarding any individual whom she knew as having made this statement.

WALKER apologized for having the statement get out of context and stated that should she receive any positive information she would immediately contact the FBI and report same.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1987)

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SA ROBERT W. GOODWIN
SA EUGENE A. MEDORI, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

On 4/20/68 Mr. W. S. DOLEN, Executive Assistant Manager, Hotel Peabody, Memphis, Tenn., advised a person using the name JACK KELLY, 419 E. Washington, Greenville, Miss., employed by the Port City Laurry Co., checked into said hotel, Room 855, on 4/13/68 using registration card #A33925. This person left Hotel Peabody on 4/16/68 leaving 2 suitcases in the hotel and not paying his hotel bill.

Mr. KELLY was called by a Mr. CARTER on 4/15/68 at 7:00 (no record whether A.M. or P.M.) and was told to "be at the boat at 8:15" (unknown whether A.M. or P.M.). A note was left on the door of Room 855 which was to JOE YEAGER stating, "I will be at Don Carter's Boat getting my wet suit repaired," signed JACK.

Mr. DOLEN advised he does not believe said JACK KELLY is in any way associated with the subject of the MURKIN case, but he felt he should notify the FBI just in case said person may be associated with the MURKIN case.

An examination of the contents of the 2 abandoned suitcases revealed no information pertinent to the MURKIN case. Papers in these suitcases contained employment records for the period during which JAMES EARL RAY, ERIC STARVO GALT, was in prison. It was not determined that said JACK KELLY is involved in any way in the MURKIN case.

Examination of the suitcase with Peabody grip check #44621 revealed the following information:

Said suitcase contained assorted clothing and personal effects. Some of the underwear, shorts size 40 and shirts size 44, were marked with the name CHARLES T. LAWLER. This suitcase contained various papers and letters

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some of which revealed the following information:

The Arkansas Local Selective Service Board No. 35 of Pine Bluff, Ark., sent a letter on 3/8/67 to JACK DARRELL WILSON, 4522 North Vestal, North Little Rock, Ark.

MARY F. WILSON, apparently wife of JACK WILSON, according to the contents of the letters, sent 2 letters postmarked 1/27/67 and 2/11/67 from 1137 Windsor Place, South Pasadena, Calif., to JACK WILSON, 433 W. Broadway, North Little Rock, Ark.

A GEORGE J. HAMILTON of 2257 Juneway Terrace, Fayetteville, Ark., sent a letter on 1/10/67 in care of LARRY WILSON, 111 Mitchan, North Little Rock, Ark., and said letter was sent to JACK DARRELL WILSON in care of LARRY WILSON.

Other papers reveal that JACK D. WILSON resided at 716 South Brindo, Apt. 418, Los Angeles, Calif. The papers also reveal that on 3/31/66 JACK DARRELL WILSON of 5426 Virginia, Hollywood, Calif., was given a temporary California driver's license. The papers reveal that on 8/25/66 JACK WILSON used a credit card #837-744-0006, said credit card apparently being issued to the International School of Bartendering, Los Angeles, Calif. Said charge with the credit card apparently coincided with a charge on a Carte Blanche card #02409456-6031-9. Papers in the suitcase revealed on 11/6/66 net payment of \$56.33 was paid by the Coastal Drilling Co., 7300 Downing Ave., Bakersfield, Calif. Papers revealed that on 11/10/66 \$45.63 net payment was paid to JACK D. WILSON by the Beeline Drilling Co., Bakersfield, Calif. Papers revealed that on 10/15/64 \$220.80 was paid to JACK D. WILSON by Miller and York, Inc., Bakersfield, Calif. On 8/25/66 it was reflected that \$3.25 was charged on an American Express credit card #02409456-6031-9. Papers reflected that JACK D. WILSON apparently was employed by the Camay Drilling Co., 4250 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif. It was further reflected that JACK D. WILSON apparently stayed at the YMCA, Little Rock, Ark., from 4/7/67 to 4/21/67. Papers in said suitcase revealed that an L. MULLINS apparently stayed at the YMCA, Little Rock, Ark., from 2/11/68 until 2/25/68.

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An examination of suitcase #2, Peabody Hotel grip check #44620, determined the following items to be included:

- 1) Assorted dirty clothing appearing to be that of an old man. This clothing was determined to be cheap quality and was bundled together.
- 2) Wage and tax statement from 1967 for a LUTHER MULLINS, JR., 1713 State St., Little Rock, Ark., Social Security No. [redacted] from the U. S. Air Force, SAC, Civilian Pay Section, Little Rock AFB, Jacksonville, Ark., reflecting wages for 1967 of \$1,544.60.
- 3) Letter addressed to Mr. LUTHER MULLINS, JR., 1420 Olive St., North Little Rock, Ark., from the Interagency Board of the U. S. Civil Service Examiners for Arkansas, 923 W. 4th St., Little Rock, Ark., advising that MULLINS failed to qualify for operator of a medium or heavy vehicle. Letter dated 1/5/68.
- 4) A black bound covered book containing individual lesson plans for mixing drinks. One such page, lesson #12, contained the printed form in the lower right-hand section as follows: International School of Bartending, 2125 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif. Notations in this booklet indicate that these lesson plans were used during July and August, 1966.
- 5) Letter dated 2/13/68 addressed to LUTHER MULLINS, JR., YMCA, 6th and Broadway, Little Rock, Ark., Social Security No. [redacted] from the Arkansas Employment Security Division, Markum and Center Streets, Little Rock, Ark.
- 6) A notification of personnel action from the U. S. Civil Service Commission addressed to Mr. LUTHER MULLINS, DOB [redacted] Social

Security No. [] reflecting MULLINS resigned on 8/25/67 from his position as mess attendant, employer SAC, 825 CSG RU, Services Squad, Food Services Br., Little Rock AFB, Ark. This notification contained the note that MULLINS resigned after he received a letter of dismissal for absenteeism.

- 7) Pamphlets and other assorted printed literature from Fairfield Bay, Inc., Box 105, Shirley, Ark. These items were addressed to a LUTHER MULLINS, 2619 South State, Little Rock, Ark., and post marked 9/18/67. The envelope indicated that the items were forwarded to 2116 North Washington, Dallas, Texas.
- 8) A notice to federal employee about unemployment compensation addressed to Mr. LUTHER MULLINS, JR., 2619 State St., Little Rock, Ark., and forwarded to 2116 North Washington, Dallas, Texas.
- 9) Letter addressed to Mr. LUTHER MULLINS, 2619 State St., Little Rock, Ark., and forwarded to 2116 North Washington, Dallas, Texas, from LAURA A. MOODY, R.N., the A. O. Smith Corp., 2700 W. 65th St., Little Rock, Ark., denying coverage of a dependent (medical coverage) of LUTHER MULLINS named CALVIN MULLINS, who is confined at the University of Arkansas Medical Center, 4301 W. Markum, Little Rock, Ark., from 11/17/66 to 12/9/66.
- 10) Earning statement for period 7/29/67 for LUTHER MULLINS, JR., 1713 State St., Little Rock, from the 825th Combat Support Group, Little Rock AFB, Jacksonville, Ark.
- 11) A paper bound book entitled, "Karate Techniques" with the handwritten name of LUTHER MULLINS, JR., on the front cover.

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- 12) Personal letter from a Mrs. FRANK HUNTER,
 2116 North Washington, Dallas, Texas,
 addressed to a Mr. LUTHER MULLINS, JR.,
 1420 Olive St., North Little Rock, Ark.
 Letter apparently was written from Mr.
 HUNTER, who is MULLINS' brother. The
 contents of the letter contained nothing
 of an unusual nature.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1987)

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM M. HOBBS, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

ReSt. Louis tel dated 4/22/68.

Tenn. license JH 6578 is registered to the Island Creek Coal Sales Co., 3716 Hillsboro Rd., Nashville, Tenn., for a 1966 Chevrolet four-door sedan, according to records of the Nashville, Tenn. PD.

BERT MOORE, JR., 1219 Barry Dr., Nashville, Tenn. informed on 4/22/68 that this automobile is used by MR. JOHN W. RICH, District Manager of the company and that Mr. RICH was travelling in Kentucky dx during the first part of April of 1968 visiting various coal mines in that state. He added that Mr. RICH is presently in Chicago and will return to Nashville on 4/27/68.

No further investigation being conducted in view of the above information.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1987) (P)

DATE: 4/24/68

FROM : SA JACK D. VAHRENWALD

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

On 4/19/68 DESOTA GILMORE, Financial Secretary-Treasurer, Hotel and Restaurant Employees and Bartenders Union, Local 847, 136½ South Second, Memphis, Tenn., advised that he knows of no bartenders schools in Memphis. GILMORE advised he does not know the location of the bartending school that is closest to the Memphis area.

On 4/19/68 Mrs. MAZIE KREUTER, Secretary, American Bakery and Confectionery Workers International Union, Local 149, 1120 Union, Memphis, Tenn., advised that there are no bakery schools in Memphis; in fact, she knows of no bakery schools in the United States. She advised that to the best of her knowledge every bakery employs the on-the-job method of training its employees.

On 4/19/68 Mrs. JOY FOLLIS, Secretary, Teamsters Union, Local 984, 1166 South Third, Memphis, Tenn., advised that she knows of no school in Memphis for cooks or bakers. To the best of her knowledge every bakery in town employs the on-the-job method of training its employees.

On 4/19/68 RAY LEDBETTER, Superintendent, Colonial Bakers, 1340 Larkin Avenue, Memphis, Tenn., advised that there are no bakery schools in Memphis. He advised that there is an excellent bakery school in Chicago called the American Institute of Baking. It is probably the best known bakery school in the United States. There is also a bakery school in Oklahoma, but LEDBETTER does not know the city where it is located. He advised that until last year there was also one in Florida but it has since then been discontinued.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

DATE: 4/24/68

FROM : SA JOSEPH M. BREWI

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Mr. W.A. Ferguson, 896 Faxon, Memphis, Tenn., Tele # 527-9851, called the Memphis Office and advised that on April 4 and ~~XX~~ 5, 1968, telephone calls to ~~XXX~~ 314-865-1381 -St. Louis, Mo., were charged to his number listed above. He claimed he did not make these calls and when he so advised the telephone company they suggested he call the FBI and report the matter also.

He advised that he will be available at the above address after 9 am 4/24/68 if the FBI desires to contact him.

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Also know SL Louis
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for us
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Teletype to SL
4/25/68 BJB*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

DATE: 4/24/68

FROM : SA JOSEPH M. BREWI

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On the above date a Mr. Henry Springer, 1065 E Morland, Apt. 7, Memphis, Tenn., called and furnished the following information. He is a union man and has connections in E. St. Louis, Ill. and the subject is there in the area of 12th St., being protected by the local police dept.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

DATE: 4/24/68

FROM : SA, JAMES M. STOCKTON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Reurmemo to all agents, 4/22/68.

In compliance with instructions in referenced memo I contacted the following Informants assigned to me on the dates indicated:

ME 319-C contacted 4/22/68

ME 314-C contacted 4/23/68

ME 298-C contacted 4/24/68

ALBERT J. BAILEY, PCI contacted 4/24/68

All four of these individuals advised that they have no information to indicate the identity of the person responsible for the murder of Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING and they have no information as to the possible location of subject JAMES EARL RAY.

The three Informants and one PCI stated that they will contact SA STOCKTON in the event they should receive any information helpful in locating subject RAY.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

DATE: 4/24/68

FROM : SA JOSEPH M. BREWSTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

ON above date, Mr. J.J. Williams called from Savannah, Tenn. and advised that he is an old informant of our office and added that he has been in many federal pens in the past.

He added that his mother, Annie Downing, owns a clothing store at 913 Clay St. in Savannah, Tenn. During July or August of 1967 a man who he said was definitely ident with the subject of this case came to him and said he was an FBI ~~agent~~ agent and wanted to buy some old clothes. This person said he was checking on gun running between Tenn. and Miss. and wanted the old clothes for this purpose. He was driving ~~xxx~~ either a 1965 or 66 white Chevrolet with either Ala. or Miss. tags. Williams advised he knew this man was not an FBI agent so he wrote the tag number down on the wall of a house where he and his mother was living at the time.

Williams requested that an ~~agent~~ Agent contact him so he can give him this number. He requested that the agent come to the above store and his mother will be able to tell the agent where he can be located if he is not at the store. The ~~agent~~ agent should make believe he is interested in an old Lincoln he, Williams has for sale.

Williams was advised someone would contact him.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

DATE: 4/24/68

FROM : SA HARLEY E. GYLFE

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Re memo to SAC dated 4/18/68 from SA BREWI.

Referenced memorandum sets forth information that CARRIE ALLEN, who resides near Mount Pisgan Road, Shelby County, had commented that JEWEL COX, a policeman in Somerville, Tennessee, had made statements prior to the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING that he (KING) should be riddled with bullets.

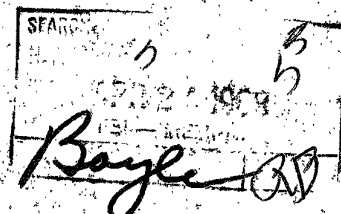
On 4/17/68, Mrs. CARRIE ALLEN, 368 N. Hall Road, Cordova, Tennessee, advised her telephone number is 584-3440 and that she is divorced and her ex-husband's name is EDWARD ALLEN.

Mrs. ALLEN was advised that the reason for contacting her was in regard to comments made previously by JEWEL COX concerning MARTIN LUTHER KING.

Mrs. ALLEN stated she has no idea who furnished her name and added she is aware of the comments that she is reported to have made and recalls with whom they were made. Mrs. ALLEN stated that she by no means accused JEWEL COX of murdering MARTIN LUTHER KING and stated she has no information whatsoever that he had any connection with the shooting of KING. She stated her comments were made sometime ago and that her conversation referred to a conversation that JEWEL COX had approximately a year ago. She said that the remarks JEWEL COX made were not referring to MARTIN LUTHER KING, but that he was referring to some individual that he had had contact with. She stated that as she recalls, COX's conversation centered around an incident that occurred previously whereby someone was hurt and that COX had made the comment that if he were in that situation, he would have riddled someone.

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Mrs. ALLEN stated she is not in fear of her life and does not desire to know who furnished this information. She said, however, she wanted it understood that she does not and never has accused or even indicated that JEWEL COX had any connection with the shooting of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

Inasmuch as the comments allegedly made by JEWEL COX were made approximately a year ago and were not at that time connected with MARTIN LUTHER KING, no further investigation is being conducted concerning this conversation.

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Memorandum

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

FROM : SA ANDREW SLOAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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DATE: 4/24/68

Re Chicago teletype to Memphis, 4/19/68, regarding look-alike suspect seen in Chicago, Illinois, driving vehicle bearing Tennessee License BK 1897.

On 4/20/68, SAs ORVILLE V. JOHNSON and ANDREW SLOAN determined that Tennessee License BK 1897 is registered to Mr. A. E. PROCTOR, 2832 Brighton Street, Memphis, Tennessee, for a 1964 Chevrolet two-door. Attempts to locate PROCTOR at that address were made on 4/20 and 22/68 with negative results.

On 4/23/68, Mr. MALCOLM RAUPP, 3822 Brighton was contacted by SAs ROBERT FITZPATRICK and ANDREW SLOAN and advised that ARNO PROCTOR formerly resided at that address and recently moved. He stated he is presently living in vicinity of Lamar and Central and RAUPP believes he works for International Harvester Company.

On 4/22/68 it was determined that ARNO PROCTOR currently is employed at the International Harvester Plant in Frayser and has been employed there sometime.

On 4/23/68, PROCTOR was interviewed at his place of employment and states that he has been employed at the International Harvester plant for several years and has lived in Memphis approximately 13 years. He advised that over the weekend of 4/18 - 21, 1968, he was in Chicago, Illinois attending a UAW Harvester Council meeting and stayed at the Midland Hotel, Chicago, Illinois. He advised he was driving a 1965 Pontiac, Catalina, yellow in color, bearing Tennessee License BK 1897. He was accompanied by his wife who is approximately the same age as he and is blonde headed.

It was determined during the course of the

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interview that PROCTOR does not resemble JAMES EARL RAY.

PROCTOR advised the only other people in his car on this trip were fellow employees.

MALCOLM RAUPP was also exhibited photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and he stated that it in no way resembles PROCTOR.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

FROM : SA JOHN W. BAUER

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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DATE: 4/24/68

Re 44-1987-Sub 90.

On 4/24/68, BYRON BURTON MC KNIGHT, Sales and Contract Manager, A. P. MILLS INDUSTRIES FOR THE BLIND, 344 St. Paul Street, Memphis, Tennessee, advised SA JOHN W. BAUER that on 4/4/68 he attended a meeting of the Memphis Citizens Committee for the Blind at the Sheraton Motor Inn, Union Avenue. He stated that he sat at a large table with CONRAD LIGGIN, Head of Office Vocational Rehabilitation, Department of Services for the Blind who was on his right, and on his left was VAN MELSON, Counselor, Office Vocational Rehabilitation, Department of Services for the Blind. Mr. MC KNIGHT stated there were several other people at the table, PETER WINFREY (Chairman of the Memphis Citizens Committee for the Blind), and ROBERT FOLLEY, (member of the House of Representatives for the State of Tennessee). Mr. MC KNIGHT stated there were several other people at the table, the names of whom he is not sure of at this time.

Mr. MC KNIGHT was advised by SA BAUER that he was overheard speaking to another individual at this table and stating "That King was not going to carry that march because he knew a boy from Northern Mississippi who would stop him." Mr. MC KNIGHT emphatically denied that he made such a statement and stated that he could not even remember mentioning the name of Dr. KING, let alone making such an absurd statement.

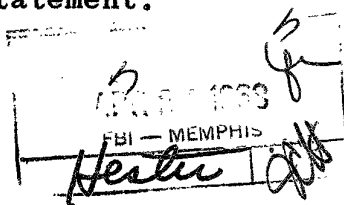
Mr. MC KNIGHT added that due to the recent racial problems that had occurred in Memphis prior to the meeting he was sure that there was some discussion by the people at the meeting about the racial situation, but he stated that he never made any statements that could have been construed as a threat against Dr. KING nor did he heard any other member of the committee make such a statement.

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MC KNIGHT further added that he did not know anyone from Mississippi, let alone anyone who would stop Dr. KING. MC KNIGHT said that CONRAD LIGGIN who was sitting on his right at the meeting could corroborate any statement that he made at this meeting.

MC KNIGHT stated that he felt the only one who could have made such a statement against him would have been ELBERT HAYNES. At this point it is to be noted that at no time during this interview did SA BAUER mention the name ELBERT HAYNES. Mr. MC KNIGHT went on to add that his reason for suspecting ELBERT HAYNES is because HAYNES used to work under him at the A. P. MILLS INDUSTRIES FOR THE BLIND. During HAYNES employment at A. P. MILLS he contracted venereal disease approximately three or four times. Mr. MC KNIGHT stated it was for this reason that he felt this was not the type of individual who he would prefer to have working for A. P. MILLS INDUSTRIES and he therefore released him from his position. Mr. MC KNIGHT stated that he feels that because HAYNES was fired by him, HAYNES is retaliating by making an accusation that he (MC KNIGHT) made a threat against Rev. KING's life.

On 4/24/68, CONRAD LIGGIN, Head of the Office Vocational Rehabilitation, Department of Services for the Blind, 170 North Main Street, advised SA JOHN W. BAUER that he had attended a meeting of the Memphis Citizens Committee for the Blind at the Sheraton Motor Inn on 4/4/68. He stated there was several prominent people at this meeting and he sat at a table next to ROBERT MC KNIGHT.

Mr. LIGGIN was advised by SA BAUER that an accusation had been made that ROBERT MC KNIGHT made the statement that "KING was not going to carry that march because he knew a boy from Northern Mississippi who would stop him".

Mr. LIGGIN stated that he was with Mr. MC KNIGHT during this meeting and he could not remember any statement that could be construed to be such by Mr. MC KNIGHT. He stated that the racial situation was discussed in personal conversation at the meeting, but he could not remember anyone making such a statement or any statement that could be misunderstood as a threat against Dr. KING's life. He added that Mr. PETER WINFREY who is chairman of

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the committee could provide the minutes of the meeting along with the names of those who attended in order that they could be questioned by the FBI in regards to this statement. He added that anyone at this meeting could vouch for Mr. MC KNIGHT with the exception of the individual who accused him of making this statement. He added that he felt the statement probably came from ELBERT HAYNES because HAYNES had once worked for Mr. MC KNIGHT and was fired by him.

Mr. LIGGIN stated that he felt the accusation is completely unwarranted and one of the most absurd things that could have been done to Mr. MC KNIGHT.

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