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Berkley, California Saturday, and found out about a lot of things from the "Kooks." They want a fight, and they are going to get one. Within ten days from today...I will, along with others...Carry out what the FBI hasn't wanted to do....Destroy, everything that the "New Left" has started. With Violence. Before they destroy me...they have threatened me.....with death...so lets see who dies first.

"/s/ John K. Madden"

The Los Angeles Office advised on February 17, 1967, that on February 15, 1967, a person identifying himself as Mr. JOHN MADDEN, (PH), telephonically contacted the Los Angeles Office. He refused to furnish a residence address and stated he was from Cincinnati, Ohio.

MADDEN related a rambling story as to his involvement "with the Communists" in the Cincinnati area. In his effort to "break away" from them, he has been experiencing "various harassments." He said the most alarming of these are some "threatening letters" he had received at his home. He declined to be specific as to when and where he got these letters. He said he had experienced great personal pressure and had moved to California to avoid the situation.

MADDEN said he recently talked to his mother by telephone. He refused to furnish her name or address, but said she lived in Cincinnati. She told him the "threatening letters" he had received and turned over to the FBI in Cincinnati had been causing a great deal of controversy. In essence she told him the FBI believes they have a suspect in the matter and further they believe MADDEN himself wrote the letters. She said the FBI was attempting to locate him to obtain some of his handwriting specimens.

MADDEN said he was calling to advise he has no intention of submitting anything. He declared he felt it

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"utterly absurd anyone should think I would stoop to such a thing." He said he just "wanted to advise someone in the FBI that I have no intention of dealing with your agency again in the future."

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Date 3/8/67

WILBER EARLE, Security Officer, Longview State Hospital, furnished the original envelope postmarked Bowling Green, Ohio, February 3, 1967, to Superintendent, Longview State Hospital, Cincinnati, containing handprinting, "Madden Must Go! Or Else!" below, printing was contained an insignia of two sickles with initials M2-1.

He also furnished the original of letter addressed to the Superintendent, Longview State Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio, January 30, 1967, which letter contained the following typewritten letter:

"Lynn P. Raciwitz
Spartacist Party
Columbus, Ohio
30 January 1967

"Dear sir:

John K. Madden, a employee at your hospital. Is a active member of Anti-Communist movement in the state of Ohio. He has been active since August, 1964.

"Mr. Madden has caused our Party to take action against him.

"Under the Ohio State laws, of employees working for the State Government. Mr. Madden is in gross, violation of this law. We demand his dismissal.

"We have not forgotten Cleveland, nor the many other troubles this Capitalistic dog has caused us.

On 3/6/67 Cincinnati, Ohio File # 9-2120
by SA CLIFFORD G. ANDERSON/blh Date dictated 3/6/67

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"You might also take note of the fact that, Mr. Madden and his lackys in Washington shall soon pay for their debts to the communist system. And all who degrade the Heroic people of North Vietnam, and China."

"Yours,

Andrew O. Bernhardt
Security - M-1-2."

Mr. EARLE also furnished a xerox copy of the application for employment executed by JOHN KENNETH MADDEN. MADDEN was employed as an attendant at Longview State Hospital from July 5, 1966, to January 31, 1967.

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On February 7, 1967, the FBI Laboratory was furnished the following evidence:

1. Original and xerox copy of envelope postmarked Norwalk, Ohio (Huron County), 2/3/67, addressed to JOHN K. MADDEN, 910 Clinton Springs Avenue, Apartment 2, Cincinnati, Ohio.
2. Original and xerox copy of letter contained in above envelope, bearing printed words "MADDEN, Your Days Are Short, Deah!" Below this appears two sickles with letters "M 2 1".
3. One xerox copy of letter addressed to Superintendent Long View State Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio, signed ANDREW O. BERNHARDI, Security M-1-2, dated 30 January, 1967.
4. Xerox copy of envelope addressed to Superintendent, Long View State Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio, postmarked Columbus, Ohio, 1/30/67.

On February 9, 1967, the following additional evidence was submitted to the FBI Laboratory for examination:

1. Original and one xerox copy of a letter on plain bond paper with inked printing as follows: "Madden Serious! Get out or Die!! FBI Sat. no help" with scroll containing letters M2-1 in lower right hand corner.
2. Original and one xerox copy of an envelope postmarked Mount Summit, Indiana, 2/6/67 addressed to JOHN K. MADDEN, 910 Clinton Springs Avenue, Apartment 2, Cincinnati, Ohio.
3. One copy each of "The American" issues dated

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3/5/66 and 3/12/66.

4. Copy of "The American - Sentry) 3/19/66 issue.

By letter dated February 27, 1967, the FBI Laboratory advised as follows:

Specimens received 2/10/67

- Q1 Envelope postmarked "NORWALK, OH FEB 3 1967 AM 44857," bearing handwritten address beginning "John K. Madden..."
- Q2 Accompanying sheet of paper bearing hand printing "Madden: YOUR DAYS ARE SHORT DEATH! (and drawing)
- Qc3 Photocopy of envelope and accompanying typewritten letter addressed to "____ Superintendent, Longview State Hospital Cincinnati, Ohio"

Result of examination:

Specimens Q1 through Qc3 were not identified with other specimens in the anonymous letter file.

Because the photocopy is indistinct and because the handwriting is not sufficiently comparable, a definite conclusion was not reached as to whether the Bernhardt signature on Qc3 and the questioned handwriting on Q1 were written by the same person.

No watermarks or indented writing was located on Q1 or Q2.

By letter dated March 1, 1967, the FBI Laboratory advised as follows:

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Specimens received 2/13/67

- Q3 Envelope postmarked "MOUNT SUMMIT IN 47361
FEB 6 1967 A.M." bearing hand printed address
"JOHN K. MADDEN 910 CLINTON SPRINGS AVE. APT.
#2 Cincinnati 29, OHIO"
- Q4 Accompanying sheet of paper bearing hand printed
message beginning "Madden Serious! Get Out or.."
- K2 March 5, 1966, and March 12, 1966, issues of
The American and March 19, 1966, issue of The Ohio
American-Sentry bearing known hand printing of
JOHN KENNETH MADDEN

Result of examination:

Because of unexplainable variations, a definite conclusion was not reached as to whether the hand printing on Q2 through Q4 was written by JOHN KENNETH MADDEN, K2. Nothing of particular significance was noted.

The following indented writing, which is not entirely discernible, was located on Q3, "RETS." (The underlined portion appears to be one or two letters.) "AMI" or "ANY".

No indented writing was located on Q4.

By letter dated March 8, 1967, the FBI Latent Fingerprint Section advised as follows:

Specimens: Q3, envelope
Q4, accompanying sheet of paper bearing hand
printed message.

No latent prints of value developed on specimens.

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By letter dated March 8, 1967, the FBI Latent Fingerprint Section advised as follows:

Specimens: Q1, envelope
Q2, accompanying sheet of paper bearing hand
printed message.

One latent fingerprint developed on envelope, Q1, and four latent fingerprints developed on letter, Q2, are of value.

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REPORTING OFFICE CINCINNATI	OFFICE OF ORIGIN CINCINNATI	DATE 5/19/67	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 3/22 - 5/12/67
TITLE OF CASE CHANGED JOHN KENNETH MADDEN		REPORT MADE BY SA CLIFFORD G. ANDERSON	TYPED BY aj
		CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION; FAG	

The title of this case is being changed to add as subject JOHN KENNETH MADDEN and to delete his name as victim inasmuch as laboratory reports determined that his fingerprints were on letter addressed to Longview State Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio, 2/3/67 (Q3), and investigation determined that he never had access to this letter at Longview State Hospital. Character of the case previously carried as UNSUB; JOHN KENNETH MADDEN - VICTIM.

Character of FAG being added inasmuch as case presented to AUSA, Cincinnati, under Section 1001, Title 18, USC.

REFERENCES:

Report of SA CLIFFORD G. ANDERSON, Cincinnati, 3/20/67.
Bureau letter to Cincinnati, 3/31/67.

Case has been: Pending over one year ☐ Yes ☐ No; Pending prosecution over six months ☐ Yes ☐ No

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References continued:

Bureau letter to Cincinnati, 4/7/67.
Bureau letter to Cincinnati, 4/10/67.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Information copy to Los Angeles Office inasmuch as subject has been in contact with that office and may still be in that area.

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May 19, 1967

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☒ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
 - (a) ☒ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
 - (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
 - (c) ☐ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.


Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☒ is not available
☐ may be available through _____

Very truly yours,


John Edgar Hoover
Director

2 - Bureau

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s) (1)
U. S. Secret Service, Cincinnati, Ohio

 1 - Cincinnati
CGA/aj (4)
Enclosure(s)

(Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any, this transmittal form becomes UNCLASSIFIED.)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Cincinnati, Ohio
1 - US Secret Service, Cincinnati, Ohio

Report of: CLIFFORD G. ANDERSON Office: CINCINNATI
Date: 5/19/67

Field Office File #: 9-2120 Bureau File #: 9-46281

Title: JOHN KENNETH MADDEN

Character: EXTORTION; FRAUD AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT

Synopsis: File on subject at U. S. Secret Service, Cincinnati, Ohio, reviewed and information set out. Subject carried as apparent mental case and is prolific letter writer. Laboratory reports set out. Fingerprints of subject found on letter to Longview State Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio, postmarked Bowling Green, Ohio, 2/3/67. Investigation determined that MADDEN never had access to or touched this letter at Longview State Hospital. AUSA, Cincinnati, declined prosecution of subject for violation Section 1001, Title 18, USC.

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DETAILS:

The following investigation was conducted by SA CLIFFORD G. ANDERSON on March 22, 1967, at Cincinnati, Ohio:

SA ROBERT LUTZ, U. S. Secret Service, 8th Floor, Federal Building, advised his office had a voluminous file for JOHN MADDEN, 910 Clinton Springs Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio.

From a review of the files he noted that MADDEN has been interviewed by the Secret Service on several occasions. In February, 1966, MADDEN contacted the FBI

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Office in Cleveland, Ohio, saying that some member of the Spartacist organization was going to assassinate Vice President HUBERT HUMPHREY when he was scheduled to speak in Cleveland. MADDEN claimed he would protect the Vice President by throwing his body in front of the assassin or protect him in other ways.

MADDEN is known to be a prolific letter writer. His file contained letters to President JOHNSON, General WESTMORELAND and other officials.

The file set out that MADDEN was detained by the Cleveland Police Department overnight during Vice President HUMPHREY's visit to Cleveland in February, 1966, but was released the next day. At that time MADDEN was classified as an apparent mental case.

MADDEN told U. S. Secret Service Agents he enlisted in the Marine Corps in February, 1952, but received a general discharge in April, 1952. He claimed he falsified some information. He again re-enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1954 but again received a general discharge. At that time he had Serial Number 1300410 and attained rank of Private First Class. He was arrested by the FBI in 1961 on Interstate Transportation of Stolen Securities case and served time in Federal Penitentiary at Terre Haute, Indiana. He claimed he was discharged in 1961 but remained in the prison hospital until 1962. He claimed he feigned his mental illness to get away from the other prisoners.

On March 31, 1967, the FBI Laboratory furnished the following information:

Specimens received March 13, 1967

Q3 Original of Qc3, submitted previously.

Q5 Airmail envelope postmarked "Bowling Green Oh 43402 Feb 3 AM 1967" bearing hand printed address "Supt. Longview State Hosp. Cincinnati, Ohio".

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- Q6 Piece of paper bearing hand printed message beginning "MADDEN MUST GO!...."
- Q7 Airmail envelope postmarked "Los Angeles, Calif. 7A PM Feb 15 1967" bearing typewritten address "Senior Agent In-Charge F.B.I. Post Office Bldg. Cincinnati, Ohio".
- Q8 Accompanying typewritten letter beginning "Dear Sir My mother tells me that..." signed "JOHN K. MADDEN"

Kc3 Photocopy of application for employment at Longview State Hospital bearing known hand printing and handwriting of JOHN KENNETH MADDEN.

ALSO SUBMITTED: Fingerprint card of JOHN KENNETH MADDEN

Result of examination:

The typewriting on Q3 was not prepared using a typewriter used to prepare specimens Q7 and Q8.

The letter, Q3, has a watermark "COPCO SENSATION BOND" which is owned by the Central Ohio Paper Company, Columbus, Ohio. No other watermarks or indented writing were located on Q3, Q5 or Q6.

Because the questioned handwriting and hand printing on the specimens submitted are too distorted it could not be determined whether the questioned specimens were written by JOHN KENNETH MADDEN, Kc3.

On April 10, 1967, the FBI Identification Division advised as follows:

Specimens: Q3, originals of Qc3, envelope and accompanying typewritten letter addressed to "Superintendent, Longview State Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio"

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Q5, envelope.

Q6, piece of paper bearing hand printed message.

Q7, envelope.

Q8, piece of paper bearing typewritten letter.

Fingerprint card of JOHN KENNETH MADDEN, FBI #345842B.

Forty-nine latent fingerprints and three latent palm prints of value developed on following six specimens:

Four fingerprints on envelope, part of Q3.

Eleven fingerprints and two palm prints on letter, part of Q3.

One fingerprint on envelope, Q5.

Eleven fingerprints on letter, Q6.

Six fingerprints on envelope, Q7.

Sixteen fingerprints and one palm print on letter, Q8.

Twelve latent fingerprints not identical fingerprints of JOHN KENNETH MADDEN. No palm prints available Identification Division files for MADDEN.

Three latent fingerprints developed on the envelope, part of specimen, Q3; ten latent fingerprints developed on the letter, part of specimen, Q3; three latent fingerprints developed on the letter, Q6; six latent fingerprints developed on the envelope, Q7; and fifteen latent fingerprints developed on the letter, Q8, have been identified as fingerprints of MADDEN by the FBI Identification Division.

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The following investigation was conducted on April 12, 1967, at Cincinnati, Ohio:

WILBUR EARLE, Security Officer, Longview State Hospital, Paddock Road, was contacted to ascertain if JOHN KENNETH MADDEN ever had access or could have touched Q3, which is a typewritten letter addressed to the Superintendent, Longview State Hospital, Cincinnati, postmarked Bowling Green, Ohio, February 3, 1967.

Mr. EARLE subsequently advised the same date that he had checked with the director of Longview and all personnel who would have had access to this letter and none of them stated that MADDEN would have had any access or would have touched this letter.

The following investigation was conducted by SA HUGH THOMAS FORSHA at Columbus, Ohio:

On May 9, 1967, ROBERT MAMPEL, Special Agent in Charge, U. S. Secret Service, Columbus, Ohio, advised that the file regarding JOHN MADDEN was transferred from the office of the U. S. Secret Service, Columbus, Ohio, to the Secret Service Office in Cincinnati, Ohio, on September 9, 1966. The Selective Service file number is CO-2-43335. MAMPEL stated that the Cincinnati Office of the Secret Service discontinued investigation of MADDEN on October 31, 1966, inasmuch as it was determined he presented no threat to the security of the President.

MAMPEL stated that MADDEN visited the office of the Secret Service in Columbus on several occasions, however, he has not had any contact with MADDEN subsequent to September, 1966. He recalled that he was contacted on this occasion by MADDEN's brother, JERRY, who indicated he was worried about JOHN MADDEN and was inquiring as to the whereabouts of JOHN MADDEN. MAMPEL believed JERRY MADDEN mentioned that JOHN MADDEN had lost his employment at the mental hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio.

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MAMPEL stated that JERRY MADDEN is a teacher at Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, possibly in the English Department, telephone 593-5483. He stated that JERRY MADDEN is very cooperative and might know the present whereabouts of JOHN MADDEN.

The facts of this case were discussed with Assistant U. S. Attorney THOMAS R. SMITH, Cincinnati, Ohio, on May 5, 1967.

On May 12, 1967, Mr. SMITH advised that after a thorough review of the facts of this case he would decline prosecution of subject for violation Section 1001, Title 18, U. S. Code, Fraud Against the Government Statute, inasmuch as this case lacks prosecutive appeal and there is insufficient intent to violate Federal law.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS

DATE: 4/5/68

FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (157-NFW) (RUC)

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE,
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE
RM
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Spaid Situation, Memphis
157-1168

Re CI teletype to ME, 4/5/68

Enclosed for Memphis is one copy each of Reports of SA CLIFFORD C. ANDERSON, Cincinnati, dated 3/20/67 and 5/19/67, captioned UNSUB; JOHN KENNETH MADDEN - VICTIM, EXTORTION (CI file 9-2120) which contain background information on JOHN KENNETH MADDEN.

Also enclosed for Memphis is one photograph of JOHN KENNETH MADDEN, FBI # 345 842 B.

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1- Cincinnati
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Date: 4/5/68

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(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (157-130) (P)
SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka John Willard;
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM
CR
(OO: Memphis)

Re Salt Lake City teletype to Memphis, 4/5/68.

Transmitted herewith is pamphlet obtained from
Town House Motel, 245 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah,
listing all members of "Friendship Inns".

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2 - Salt Lake City

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AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

Submitted herewith for the information of the Bureau are the following photographs:

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- 1 & 2 Photos taken from the bathroom where it is felt the shot was fired.
- 3 Photograph taken from the approximate position where Dr. KING was shot, looking towards the rooming house from which the shot was fired. Small "X" appears above the bathroom window.
- 4 & 5 These photographs represent a south and a north view on Main Street in the immediate area of interest.
- 7, 8 Front view photographs of the immediate area of interest.
9, 10, Photograph #12 particularly since it shows approximately
11, 12 the location and the material recovered in Memphis
13, 14 in connection with this case.
- 15, 16 Photos 15 and 16 show the area where some automobiles are parked and some junk is stored immediately adjacent to the Canipe Amusement Company.

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Teletype ☐
A. M. ☒ 3 - Bureau (Enc.-47)
 2 - Memphis
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- 17, 18,
19, 20 Photos 17, 18, 19 and 20 continue on down Main Street to the Fire Station, which is immediately adjacent to the lot containing the automobiles and junk in preceding pictures. Photograph 20 has completed the circuit around the Fire Station and is now looking north on Mulberry St. with the Lorraine Motel on the right hand side of the picture and the hedges and shrubbery and trees at the left, generally concealing an embankment, beyond which is the rooming house in which suspect stayed.
- 21, 22,
23, 24 Photographs at varying angles at the rear of the rooming house. The bathroom window from which it is believed shot was fired has been designated by an "X" in photographs 21, 22 and by an arrow in Photo #23. The arrow markings in Photos 21 and 24 indicate the window in suspect's room, which was at side of building.
- 25 Photo 25 is a night photograph which was taken closer to the rear of the building with an "X" above the bathroom window.
- 26 Photo 26 is a night photo taken of the area at which Dr. KING's body fell.
- 27, 28,
29, 30,
31, 32,
33 Photographs taken on the Mulberry Street side of the Lorraine Motel facing Room 306, which was occupied by Dr. KING. This room has been marked by an "X" in each of the photos.
- 34 This is photo of the main building of the Lorraine Motel at the corner of Huling and Mulberry.
- 35 This is a photo to the left side of Photo 34.
- 36, 37,
38, 39 These are photos in the bathroom of interest, including a photo of the bathtub where it is believed suspect may have stood.

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- 40, 41 Photographs of the interior of the suspect's room. Of possible interest in Photo #40 is the fact that the curtain on one side appears to have been fastened. This is window from which suspect would have had to have leaned at least half way out to fire shot at Lorraine Motel.
- 42, 43,
44, 45 These are photographs of the stairway down the rear of building, stairway up the rear of building, and shot of hallway in both directions. Photo #45 is the view down the hall from the bathroom towards Main St., which is in a westerly direction.
- 46, 47 Photos of the general debris and type of terrain at rear of building of interest.

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO : SAC, ALBUQUERQUE
FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
SUBJECT: MURKIN - CR

Note "CHANGED" title. Previously carried under "ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR."

All offices receiving copies of this Airtel note that Bureau has designated above caption as approved code word for investigation dealing with murder of Dr. KING.

Information under above caption should pertain only to investigation that may have bearing on identifying subject instant case. All other information pertaining to racial incidents, and racial activity arising out of assassination of Dr. KING should not be submitted under above caption, but should be submitted by interested offices under the appropriate caption pertaining to Racial Matters.

In addition, all offices in receipt of this information should re-canvass any Criminal Informants, Security Informants, and Racial Informants for possible knowledge concerning assassination, with specific emphasis directed toward informants in known hate groups.

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Approved: RGJ/evan
Special Agent in Charge

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FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
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Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

TO: Director, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, Sacramento (100-427) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re airtel to Bureau from Legat, Mexico City,
4/23/68.

RE: UNITED STATES RESIDENTS STAYING
AT HOTEL RIO,
PUERTO VALLARTA, MEXICO,
10/19 - 11/6/67

On May 2, 1968, JAMES W. HINES, 2740 Creekside Lane, Sacramento, California, advised that he was on tour in Mexico during November, 1967. He advised that he stayed at the Hotel Rio on the night of November 4, 1967, and again on November 10 and 11, 1967.

Various photographs of RAY and GAULT were displayed to HINES, and he advised that he did not recall seeing anyone resembling either RAY or GAULT while visiting in Mexico.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

③ Bureau
2-Kansas City
2-Memphis
2-Sacramento
GMS:ela
(9) C. C. Bishop

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Via _____

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(Priority)

✓ To: SAC, Memphis

✓ From: Director, FBI

MURKIN

In accordance with your request, enclosed are two
copies each of color photographs of evidence submitted in this
matter.

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85"

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AIRTEL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI ATTN: CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1978) P DELIVER SPECIAL
MURKIN

Submitted herewith for Bureau's information is a Polaroid copy of the artist's conception, as prepared in Birmingham. It might be noted this conception is acceptable to Birmingham witnesses. It, however, was rejected by five rooming house witnesses in Memphis. This would seemingly suggest a possibility, as has been previously considered, that there may well be two people involved in the murder.

3 BUREAU (Enc. 1) (AMSD)
1 MEMPHIS

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Date: 4/7/68

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-NEW) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: Memphis)

Re Atlanta tel to Director, Birmingham, Memphis,
and Minneapolis, 4/7/68.

Enclosed for Memphis are two copies, and for
Birmingham one copy, of Delta Airlines "print out of
past date passenger name records" from memory bank of
Delta Airlines Data Processing Center, Atlanta, Ga.,
regarding DAL Flights 595 from Birmingham to Memphis on
3/27/68, and Flight 932 from Memphis to Chicago on 3/27/68.

gm
② - Memphis (Enc. 2)
2 - Birmingham (Enc. 1)
2 - Atlanta
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Approved: *[Signature]*
Special Agent in Charge

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AIRTEL

AM

TO: SAC, CHICAGO
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1978) P
MURKIN

Re Chicago teletype 4:33 a.m., 4-7-68, and Atlanta Airtel to Memphis, 4-7-68.

Enclosed to Chicago is one copy of Delta Airlines "print out of past date passenger name records" from memory bank of Delta Airlines Data Processing Center, Atlanta, Ga., regarding DAL Flights 595 from Birmingham, to Memphis, on 3/27/68, and Flight 932 from Memphis to Chicago on 3/27/68.

2 CHICAGO (Enc. 1)
① MEMPHIS

JCH:BN
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JCH

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Date: 4/4/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, SAVANNAH (157-1333) (P)

SUBJECT: SANITATION WORKERS STRIKE
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE
RM

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Re Memphis radiogram, 4/1/68.

Enclosed for Memphis is one photograph each of JESSE B. STONER, EDWARD R. FIELDS, and CONNIE CHARLES LYNCH.

Descriptions of the above individuals are set forth below:

JESSE BENJAMIN STONER, aka
J. B. Stoner

*no need
on this
picture*

Sex	Male
Race	White
Birth	4/13/24
	Walker County, Ga.
Nationality	U. S.
Height	5'6"
Weight	160
Hair	Graying
Eyes	Blue-Gray
Characteristics	Walks with limp on left foot
Residence	809 First Avenue Savannah Beach, Ga.
Business Address	8 Montgomery Crossroads Savannah, Georgia

② - Memphis (Enc. 3) (RM)
1 - Savannah
JM:jbg
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SV 157-1333

Organization
affiliation

Remarks

NSRP, of which he is
Vice Chairman
HAS THREATENED TO SHOOT
ANY FBI AGENT SURVEILLING
HIM.

EDWARD REED FIELDS, aka
Edward Reidy Fields

Race
Sex
Birth

White
Male
9/30/32
Chicago, Ill.

Nationality

U. S.

Height

5'11"

Weight

180

Hair

Dark

Eyes

Gray

FBI #

159 959 E

Residence

Charleston, S. C.

Business Address

8 Montgomery Crossroads
Savannah, Georgia

Organization Affiliation

NSRP, of which he
is Director

Remarks

REPUTEDLY WILL SHOOT
ANY FBI AGENT SURVEILLING
HIM.

CONNIE CHARLES LYNCH, aka
Rev. Charles Conley Lynch
Conie C. Lynch
Connie Lynch
Conrad Lynch

Sex
Race
Birth

Male
White
11/15/12
Clarksville, Texas

Nationality

U. S.

Height

5'5"

Weight

150

Hair

Brown

Eyes

Gray

*show
this
picture*

Too small

SV 157-1333

Characteristics

1" cut scar outer chin;
large burn scar inner
left arm and left
side of body

FBI #

439 576 E

Residence

25538 Amanda Street
San Bernadino, Calif.

Business Address

8 Montgomery Crossroads
Savannah, Georgia

Remarks

HE IS A PREACHER OF
"HATE" FOR THE NSRP
AND IS CURRENTLY ON BOND
AFTER APPEAL OF CONVICTION
FOR RIOTING AND CONSPIRACY
TO RIOT AT BALTIMORE, MD.

FOR THE ABOVE INDICATED REASONS, EACH OF THE ABOVE
SUBJECTS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Date: 4/5/68

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

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775) (P)
RE: UNSUB,
aka John Willard;
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM
CR

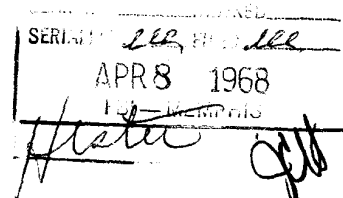
OO: Memphis

Re telephone calls of Memphis SA HOWARD TETEN and Bureau supervisor CLEMENT MC GOWAN to St. Louis; and SL call of SA HAROLD R. DOBSON to SA TETEN, 4/5/68.

Enclosures: 10 cc of FD-302 re results of Browning Arms Co. record check.

For info of Memphis, results of Browning record check were furnished Supervisor MC GOWAN, who stated in his estimation proper serial number is #4744Z5, and that if deemed necessary, photograph of box label would be furnished for exhibition to Browning employees. SL will do so if received, and advise.

② - Memphis (Encl. 10) (RM)
1 - St. Louis
HRD:jmf
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Approved: [Signature] Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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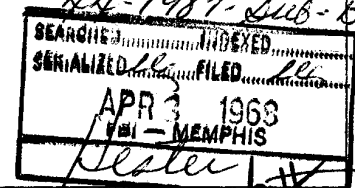
TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1897)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (P)
RE: UNSUB, aka
John Willard;
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -
VICTIM
CR
OO: Memphis

Re Los Angeles teletype to Memphis 4/5/68.

Enclosed herewith are nine copies of FD 302
reflecting check of records at Bushnell, Company,
Pasadena, California.

② - Memphis (Encls. 9)
3 - Los Angeles
(1 - 100-57229)

JRS/kaf
(5)



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Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 4/5/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

AIRTEL

Via _____
(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, DETROIT

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
RM

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On 4/5/68 Mrs. RICHARD HUEDEPOHL, 1544 $\frac{1}{2}$ Broadway NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan, furnished the following information:

ADRIAN JAMES HAHNENBERG, now deceased, formerly of Grand Rapids, Michigan, attempted to recruit her son, TIMOTHY KOZLOWSKI for the American Nazi Party (ANP) during 1967 and at that time told her son that MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. would be killed in 1968 by some ANP member who would have infiltrated KING's organization. The purpose of killing KING would be to incite the Negroes to riot. KOZLOWSKI never became an ANP member but remained friendly with HAHNENBERG.

HAHNENBERG committed suicide 12/18/67. He was subject of case entitled, "ADRIAN JAMES HAHNENBERG, aka., RM (ORGANIZATION), (OO: DETROIT)", Detroit file 157-1022.

HAHNENBERG was a minor figure in the ANP, however claimed to be the leader of that Party in Michigan.

② - Memphis (RM)
2 - Richmond (157-1168) (RM)
3 - Detroit
(1 - 157-1022) (ADRIAN JAMES HAHNENBERG)
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(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN
LUTHER KING, JR. -
RM

Enclosed for Birmingham are two (2) copies
of a photograph of BYRON DE LA BECKWITH.

BECKWITH is subject of Bufile 157-3744 and Bureau conducted extensive investigation of BECKWITH in June, 1963 in the murder of MEDGAR EVERS, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Field Secretary, Jackson, Mississippi, who was slain on June 12, 1963. BECKWITH was arrested by Bureau Agents June 22, 1963, for the murder, and was tried on two occasions at Jackson, and on each occasion, the jury was unable to reach a verdict.

Memphis has background on subject, and Jackson has forwarded photographs of BECKWITH to Memphis in this matter.

BECKWITH described as white male, born November 9, 1920, Sacramento, California, 5' 10", 170 pounds, dark hair, olive complexion, medium build, resides 101 Dewey Avenue, Greenwood, Mississippi, and is employed as sales representative for Barrentine Manufacturing Co., Inc., Greenwood, Mississippi. He has

3 - Bureau 2- Birminham (Enc. 2)
3 - Jackson(157- ②- Memphis

Approved: 1 - (157-1077) JOI/bjk (10)
Special Agent in Charge

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been involved in Klan activities for many years and due to past action, has a propensity for violence.

LEADS:

BIRMINGHAM

AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

Should immediately exhibit photographs to employees of hardware store where weapon purchased.

MEMPHIS

AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

Memphis previously furnished photographs to exhibit to appropriate persons.

F B I

Date: 4/6/68

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

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (44-New)

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN
LUTHER KING, JR.
CR

Enclosed for Memphis are three samples of receipts used by G & H Liggett Drug Store, Columbus, Mississippi.

On 4/5/68, TOMMY HARROLSON, Owner and Manager, G & H Liggett Rexall Drug Store, Columbus, Mississippi, made available samples of cash register receipts, charge receipts, and labels used in the store. These are being made available to the Memphis Division for comparison with those receipts found in relation to above captioned matter.

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② - Memphis (Encls. 3)
2 - Jackson (44-New)
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Approved: RKM
Special Agent in Charge

Sloan *[Signature]*
Sent _____ M Per _____

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Date: **4-7-68**

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via **AIRTEL** **AIRMAIL**
(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775) (P)

MURKIN

Re SL Teletype to Bureau and Memphis, 4-7-68

**Enclosed for Memphis Division is five copies
of photograph of BENJAMIN FRANKLIN GIBSON, Imperial
Wizard, Ozark Klan of Missouri.**

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*Photo
to be
shown
[Signature]
[Signature]*

- ② - Memphis (enc 5)
 - 1 - Bureau (info)
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Special Agent in Charge

U. S. NAVAL INVESTIGATIVE SERVICE OFFICE
CHARLESTON
U. S. NAVAL BASE
CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA 29408

NISRA-MEMP/EJF/db
8 April 1968

Mr. Robert G. JENSEN
Special Agent-in-Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Federal Office Building, Room 841
Memphis, Tennessee

Re: Unknown Subject; Civil
Disturbance-Murder

Dear Mr. Jensen:

For your information I am enclosing a communication to our
Headquarters in Charleston, the substance of which was referred
to your office on 6 April 1968.

Sincerely yours,

E. J. Fitzpatrick
E. J. FITZPATRICK
SENIOR RESIDENT AGENT
NAVAL INVESTIGATIVE SERVICE
RESIDENT AGENCY
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

*Burch
has leads
PT*

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Burch *CB*

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COMMANDING OFFICER
U. S. NAVAL INVESTIGATIVE SERVICE OFFICE
CHARLESTON
U. S. NAVAL BASE
CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA 29408

NISRA-MEMP/EJF/db
8 April 1968

INVESTIGATIVE MEMORANDUM

From: Senior Resident Agent, Naval Investigative Service Resident
Agency, Memphis, Tennessee
To: Commanding Officer, Naval Investigative Service Office,
Charleston, S. C.

Subj: Civil Disturbance, Memphis, Tenn., Racial Matters - Naval
Interest

1. On Friday, 5 April 1968 at 2030 hours, the undersigned was contacted at his residence by MAJOR A. E. TOLER, Student Unit Administrative Officer, Marine Aviation Detachment, Naval Air Technical Training Center, Memphis, Tennessee, who advised that one Michael S. SLOAN, 239-87-70, PFC, USMC, had related to his Command, information possibly of interest in the pursuit of leads relative to the identity of the assassin of Reverend Martin Luther KING.
2. MAJOR TOLER stated that SLOAN had related a conversation with one PFC William TATROE, USMC, in which TATROE mentioned previous contact with an un-identified cousin who is an ex-Marine and who had discussed the possibilities of TATROE helping in a "job" involving a shooting locally.
3. MAJOR TOLER requested assistance in evaluation of the credibility of the information relative to its possible lead value and referral to appropriate investigative agencies.
4. On 5 April 1968, 1STLT. Henry A. DIERKER, MAD Command Duty Officer advised in substance that Michael Steven SLOAN, PFC, USMC, 239-87-70, approached him at approximately 1830-1900 hours on 5 April and related the following information.
5. SLOAN stated to LT. DIERKER that approximately one and one half weeks ago, shortly prior to the first civil disturbance curfew established in Memphis, he had carried on a conversation with one William TATROE, PFC, USMC. TATROE reportedly stated that he has a cousin who is an ex-Marine who had offered him a "job" involving what appeared to be a "shooting". TATROE reportedly stated to SLOAN that his (TATROE's) cousin was not specific about the nature of the job, but that it was worth some \$20,000 and involved shooting.

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The cousin was also reportedly obsessed with the subject of "professional assassination". TATROE's conversation with his cousin allegedly took place prior to the assassination of Reverend Martin Luther KING. On SLOAN's reminding TATROE of his previous comments, he (TATROE) registered concern and stated that his cousin owned a rifle, and a white Ford Mustang fitting the description of the vehicle pursued following Reverend KING's murder.

6. Service Record Books of SLOAN and TATROE made available by LT DIERKER reflect the following:

- (A) NAME: SLOAN, Michael Steven
RATE: PFC, USMC
SERVICE #: 239-87-70
DPOB: [REDACTED] Kokomo, Indiana
SEX: Male
RACE: Caucasian
HEIGHT: 5'7"
WEIGHT: 145-150 pounds
HAIR: Blond-Light Brown
COMPLEXION: Ruddy
HOME OF RECORD: 17 East 5300 S. Murray, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84107
FATHER: Robert Paul SLOAN, 17 West 5300 S. Murray, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84107
MOTHER: Elizabeth SLOAN, 17 East 5300 S. Murray, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84107
WIFE: Carol Lee SLOAN, nee: NOEL, 17 East 5300 S. Murray, Salt Lake City, Utah
- (B) NAME: TATROE, William Frederick, Jr.
RATE: PFC, USMC
SERVICE #: 238-18-73
DPOB: [REDACTED], Lansing, Michigan
SEX: Male
RACE: Caucasian
SOCIAL SECURITY #: [REDACTED]
RESIDENCE: 7126 Millington-Arlington Road, Millington, Tenn.
MOTHER: Irene May TATROE, 120-5th Ave., West Bend, Wisconsin
FATHER: William Frederick TATROE, Sr.
STEP-MOTHER: Virginia KARTHISER, 262 East Monroe Street, Port Washington, Wisconsin
STEP-FATHER: Oliver KARTHISER, 262 East Monroe Street

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8 April 1968

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Port Washington, Wisconsin.

WIFE: Jane Alice TATROE, DOB:

No additional information directly pertinent to this inquiry was noted in the records.

7. On 5 April 1968 at 2150 hours, Michael Steven SLOAN, PFC, USMC, was interviewed jointly by E. J. FITZPATRICK and G. R. HOPKINS, Special Agents, Office of Naval Intelligence and related the following information.

8. On 18 March 1968, while talking with a fellow Marine student William Fredrick TATROE, Jr., PFC, USMC, 238-18-73, TATROE mentioned that he had received a long distance telephone call from an unidentified distant cousin in Florida, saying that he had a "job" worth \$20,000 and the person for the job had to be a "good shot" with a gun. SLOAN stated he received the impression that "the job" would take just a few hours; that the "job" was to shoot someone; that TATROE was asked if he was interested in involving himself in "the job". TATROE reportedly withheld involving himself until discussing "the job" with his wife. The unidentified cousin was to pick up TATROE in Memphis, Tenn., however, at 2200 hours on 18 March 1968, the cousin telephoned TATROE long distance from Mississippi, because of needed aircraft repairs and the cousin told TATROE that he could not pick up TATROE until 0600 hours on Tuesday, 19 March 1968. TATROE allegedly told his unidentified cousin that he could not make it as he had to be in school at the Marine Aviation Detachment, Memphis, Tenn., the following day and forgot about it. SLOAN received the impression that TATROE's unidentified cousin was flying a rented aircraft and had a companion with him.

9. According to SLOAN, TATROE said that his cousin is highly interested in "professional assassinations" and has mentioned how easy it is to journey to another country, assassinate a political leader and escape prosecution by returning to the United States. TATROE has told SLOAN that he has been receiving \$100.00 checks from the unidentified cousin and on Tuesday, 2 April 1968, TATROE showed SLOAN a green, hand written personal check allegedly from his unidentified cousin. SLOAN, however, saw none of the entries to the check. According to SLOAN, TATROE said he was told by his cousin, "If he ever saw KING he was going to shoot the bastard".

10. On Friday, 5 April 1968, subsequent to Martin Luther KING being assassinated in Memphis, Tenn., SLOAN said to TATROE, "Looks like

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8 April 1968

Subj: Civil Disturbance, Memphis, Tenn., Racial Matters - Naval Interest

your cousin got to him" or "got to KING", at which time TATROE laughed, hesitated, thought, and said, "Wait a minute, my cousin has a 30-06 rifle and a white Ford Mustang like that", after pointing out a white Ford Mustang aboard the Naval Air Station, Memphis, Tenn. TATROE, according to SLOAN, stated his cousin has a Mustang just like the one he pointed out.

11. TATROE's cousin is allegedly an ex-Marine and according to SLOAN, TATROE doesn't like the cousin, stating "he is rotten". TATROE apparently felt relieved after the cousin couldn't make it to Memphis, Tenn., on 18 March 1968, even though, according to SLOAN, TATROE is in financial distress. According to SLOAN, TATROE's cousin is "well off financially", he seldom sees his cousin, and the unidentified distant cousin reportedly travels extensively.

12. On completion of interview, SLOAN was administered an oath in accordance with SECNAV INST. 55201 of 4 June 1959 and verbally attested to the truthfulness of his comments. He declared that he would be willing to appear for testimony at any subsequent legal proceedings.

13. At 0015 hours, 6 April 1968, Special Agent Ralph J. LIEWER, FBI, Memphis, Tenn., was apprised of the information and advised that the information would be evaluated relative to further pursuit by the FBI.

14. On Saturday, 6 April 1968, Special Agent "Cy" BUSH, FBI, advised the undersigned that the FBI would undertake further interview of TATROE relative to the above matter. In view of the foregoing no additional action or referral is anticipated by this office.

15. The FBI Memphis is being provided a copy of this memorandum at a local level.


E. J. FITZPATRICK

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Date: 4/7/68

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

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (157-1092)
FROM: SAC, LITTLE ROCK (157-1215) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

An individual by the name of JOHN WILLARD, Monticello, Arkansas, came to the attention of the Little Rock Office because of the similarity of name utilized at the rooming house and description of UNSUB in this case. He has been eliminated as a suspect by investigation placing him in Arkansas during the pertinent period.

During interview however, WILLARD stated that during the summer of 1963 or 1964 he worked for the Daniels Construction Company in the construction of a tissue plant at Crossett, Arkansas. It was his recollection that the Daniels Construction Company was a firm operating out of Birmingham, Alabama. During this employment he worked in the Project Engineer's Office doing bookkeeping work. He did not become closely acquainted with anyone from this concern and could not at this time recall any specific individual's name.

The above is being furnished to the Memphis and Birmingham Offices in view of the background concerning the gun in this matter and for appropriate consideration should any employee of the Daniels Construction Company of Birmingham become involved in this investigation. Although not likely, it is conceivable that such an individual might have drawn on the name "JOHN WILLARD" because of some past connection with the Daniels Construction Company.

② - Memphis
2 - Birmingham
2 - Little Rock
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Special Agent in Charge

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AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION
FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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all names*

A review of the Klan files in the Memphis Division reveals the following to be a list of names of individuals who have been reported to be associated with the Ku Klux Klan.

The Identification Division is requested to compare fingerprint cards on names submitted with any latents obtained in captioned case:

Name:	SCOTTY LARRY SARTAIN ✓
ME File #:	157-916
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
DOB:	[REDACTED]
Only Known SN:	Army NG SN 27-382-352

Name:	WILLIE CHEERFUL BRADDON ✓
ME File #:	157-958
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
DOB:	[REDACTED]
Only Known SN:	Army SN 14133874

3 - Bureau
2 - Memphis

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ME 44-1987

Name: LONNIE DOYLE LODEN ✓
ME File #: 157-907
Race: White
Sex: Male
DOB: [REDACTED]

Arrested Tupelo PD, Tupelo, Mississippi, 5/7/64 and 6/7/64

Name: CHARLIE B. COOK ✓
ME File #: 157-905
Race: White
Sex: Male
Only Known SN: Possibly Greensboro, North Carolina, PD #10313 - 11/29/35

Name: VAN CRIHPFIELD ✓
ME File #: 157-898
Race: White
Sex: Male
DOB: [REDACTED]
Only Known SN: Memphis PD #42000
Fingerprint 9 5 R 100
Classification: 17 EN IY 13

Name: THOMAS EARL GRIGGS ✓
ME File #: 157-899
Race: White
Sex: Male
Only Known SN: Army SN 44063232

Name: JAMES ALLEN HELTON ✓
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