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(Legat, Mexico City airtel to Dir 4-23-68)

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Date _____

To _____ From _____

Date charged

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4/29/68

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, OMAHA (44-310)
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Omaha airtel to Chicago dated 4/23/68.

Enclosed herewith for the information of the Omaha and Memphis Divisions is one copy of an investigative insert setting forth investigation at Rockford, Illinois, which eliminates TROY EARLE, 4240 11th Street, Rockford, Illinois.

2 - Omaha (Enc. 1)
① - Memphis (44-1987) (Enc. 1)
1 - Chicago

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RE: TROY EARLS

Following investigation conducted by SA JEROME F. NOLAN on April 26, 1968, at Rockford, Illinois.

CATHY SHARP, Clerk, Rockford Police Department, advised records reflected TROY HERMAN EARLS was charged with speeding September 20, 1962, age 22, white, male, with residence 1063 West State, Rockford - nothing further reflected.

Mrs. VIOLET NORD, Rockford Credit Bureau, advised records reflected TROY EARLS, 4240 11th Street, Rockford, was placed in file July, 1959, at age 19. Employed Elco Tool Company since November of 1958 which was verified March, 1963. Wife, MARY, employed Barber-Colman Company, and as of March, 1963, had two children. Credit excellent.

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re laundry tapes on pillow cases and bed sheet.

Re Memphis airtel to all continental offices dated 4/19/68.

This is to advise that investigation at the five laundries or cleaners in the San Antonio Division known to utilize Thermo-Seal marking machines was negative.

San Antonio did obtain some samples of material from the White Star Laundry in San Antonio and forwarded same to the Identification Division for possible comparison. This was done by San Antonio airtel to the Bureau dated 4/23/68.

2-Memphis
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Cransy *ML*

Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

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Date: 4/25/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, LITTLE ROCK (157-1215) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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OO: MEMPHIS

Re Dallas teletype to Memphis 4/23/68, re info furnished NATB, Dallas.

On 4/22/68, Mrs. CHARLIE VANDERPOOL, 321 Pike, North Little Rock, Arkansas, viewed current photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and stated that the individual's photograph is not identical with the unknown subject who sold her the 1967 Chevrolet, VIN [REDACTED]

Mrs. VANDERPOOL advised that the only resemblance between the individual in the photograph and the unknown subject who sold her the car, is the short crew type hair cut. Mrs. VANDERPOOL stated that she is certain the unknown subject is not identical with RAY.

Mr. LEE HUITT, 321½ Pike, North Little Rock, Arkansas, was present at the time Mrs. VANDERPOOL purchased the 1967 Chevrolet from the unknown subject.

Mr. HUITT viewed photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and advised that the unknown subject was not identical with RAY. HUITT advised the only resemblance between the two, was the short hair cut.

VANDERPOOL and HUITT are certain at this time that the unknown subject is not identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

- ② - Memphis
1 - Oklahoma City
1 - Dallas (44-2649)
2 - Little Rock
(1 - 26-23856)
(1 - 157-1215)

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Approved: [Signature] Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, KANSAS CITY
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-1854) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Miami teletype to Bureau, Atlanta, Birmingham, Jacksonville, and Kansas City, 4/25/68.

Enclosed herewith are ten copies each of the interview with **PAUL ALVIN LAIL** for Kansas City and Memphis; one copy each for Atlanta and Birmingham.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

2 - Kansas City (Enc 10)
2 - Memphis (Enc 10) *JK*
1 - Atlanta (Info) (Enc 1)
1 - Birmingham (Info) (Enc 1)
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Date 4/27/68

PAUL ALVIN LAIL was informed of the identities of the interviewing agents and the nature of this interview.

LAIL advised he is presently living at 34 Barbados Drive, Palm Springs, with his wife BETTY and five month old baby.

LAIL stated he had been an inmate in the Missouri State Penitentiary for three years and while confined there he had met and known JAMES EARL RAY. He stated he was not very close or friendly with RAY but he did eat with him a number of times when he was in the kitchen visiting with his friend, LEWIE "WHITEY" DOWDA. He said he also watched a number of ball games and television programs with RAY.

LAIL described RAY as being a guy who knew his way around but was not one of the wheels or leaders in prison; that RAY was a sharp intelligent guy who hung around with the boys who were always up to something and were in on all of the deals. LAIL advised RAY never seemed to have a lot of money but always seemed to have enough to get whatever he wanted.

LAIL said most of the guys (he cannot recall their names) that he, RAY, was with most of the time were on dope and were peddling it.

ALBY LAIL continued by saying that RAY's big buddy was NEAL ABBEY who was a "big wheel" and the guy who ran the prison kitchen with "an iron hand." LAIL stated ABBEY was the guy who got RAY into the kitchen which was a good deal (job).

LAIL advised that LEO BARNETT handled dope and peddled it in the Missouri State Penitentiary and he believes he is now in prison somewhere in Florida. He said that BARNETT would know for certain if RAY had been on dope and where and who he got the dope from.

On 4/26/68 at Palm Springs, Florida File # Miami 44-1854

SAs ROBERT W. WISEMAN and PATRICK A. PHILBIN PAP/kmm Date dictated 4/26/68

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LAIL further advised that FRED MILLER, "a cut and dried con," who worked in the tag plant of the prison, was one of the leaders and knew RAY well and he might be able to furnish information about him if he would talk to the FBI.

LAIL related that WHITEY DOWDA also knew RAY pretty well and would know more about him than he did since they both worked in the kitchen together for quite a while. He said WHITEY had been living in Marietta, Georgia, and he recently heard that WHITEY is now in jail in Marietta on a robbery charge.

LAIL stated there had been trouble with some of the Negro prisoners in the Missouri State Penitentiary who were Black Muslims so some of the prisoners decided to teach them a lesson and three or four of the Negro leaders were killed. LAIL stated he did not know if RAY was in on the actual killing, but he was close with the ones that did it and therefore could have been in on the killing or at least he knew who did kill the Negroes.

LAIL would not make any further statements about the killing of the Negroes in the Missouri State Penitentiary and he stated he could not furnish any names or identities but he did say there were ten inmates who were in on the killing of the Negroes.

LAIL said he could not recall RAY saying too much about Negroes and he does not believe from his conversations with RAY that he, RAY, was a racist, however, all of the inmates in the Missouri State Penitentiary did not like the Negroes because of their belligerent attitude and animosity toward the white inmates.

LAIL stated RAY liked to wear his hair short in the summer months and long in the winter. He said RAY used to have a "butch" cut in the summer months.

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LAIL stated from his association with RAY that he felt RAY would have a .45 automatic "stashed" on his person somewhere and he would not give up or be taken without a fight. LAIL said RAY is a "killer" in his opinion and that RAY would not be easy to catch or find. LAIL said RAY is "a city boy" and he does not figure him to be hiding out in the country. However, LAIL stated he would not figure RAY would hide out in a really big city like New York, but would pick one about the size of Houston, Texas.

LAIL said he could not recall RAY telling him or mentioning any place in particular he, RAY, always wanted to go to or visit, but he felt RAY would be in a warm climate rather than a cold one.

LAIL stated he had not been contacted or heard from RAY since he got out of the Missouri State Penitentiary over two years ago and to the best of his knowledge RAY would not know where or how to contact him.

LAIL advised he had visited WHITEY DOWDA in March, 1968, in WHITEY's home in Marietta, Georgia, for a few days. He said that WHITEY is his best friend.

LAIL continued by saying he recognized the name of SCHAPPER and he thinks SCHAPPER was a captain in the prison guard force, but he did not know him and/or if SCHAPPER peddled dope in the pen.

LAIL stated he felt that there was a possibility RAY's escape was engineered by and assisted by outside help but he did not have any knowledge about it. Also he stated just about anything is possible with outside help and money, however, escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary is something else and is just about impossible in his opinion.

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LAIL stated he did not feel badly about MARTIN LUTHER KING getting killed, but he was sorry it happened in Memphis, Tennessee, and he would have rather seen KING killed in some Northern city. LAIL said he is a Southerner and his feelings are Southern.

LAIL stated that he is of course interested in the reward money and he could certainly use it. However, he said he really does not know if he would turn RAY in or not for the reward money if he had the opportunity. LAIL stated he was certain RAY did the killing of KING himself and not involved with anyone else. LAIL stated that he wanted to be honest with the FBI and he would have to think about this a couple of days as to whether or not he would or would not turn RAY in if he knew his possible or current whereabouts.

LAIL stated he really does not know where RAY is and he said that RAY had not contacted him and he had not seen RAY for over two years.

LAIL continued by saying he was a little surprised when he learned from the newspaper and television that RAY had been identified as KING's killer because he always figured RAY as being a guy that would be too smart to leave any clues or evidence around so that the police or the FBI would be able to trace and/or identify him.

LAIL examined the photographs of RAY and said he would never recognize him with the tuxedo and bow tie outfit on and further he said he never saw RAY with his hair long as it is either. However, he said the guy with the bow tie and tuxedo on is RAY.

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LAIL said after thinking it over that he is very interested in the money and if he thinks of anything or comes up with anything concerning RAY, he will contact either Special Agent PATRICK A. PHILBIN or ROBERT W. WISEMAN.

LAIL is a white male, born [redacted] Marion, North Carolina, 175 pounds, blue eyes, red hair, medium slender build, 6' 3", wife BETTY, and resides 34 Barbados Drive, Palm Springs, Florida.

4/27/68

AIRTEL

TO: Director, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565) (P)
RE: MURKIN

Re Cleveland airtel to Kansas City, 4/24/68 (IO),
and Bureau telephone call to Cleveland, 4/26/68.

Sub B-386
MARY CHORTOS was personally contacted on 4/26/68
and receipt of her letter at the Bureau was acknowledged.

On 4/23/68 CHORTOS advised that she had observed a
white male resembling subject RAY the previous day sitting in
a 1966 blue Cadillac bearing Missouri license plates which
was parked in the Fulton Shopping Center at Fulton and Memphis
Roads. She stated that the license plate bore numbers PS 6
and that she could not remember the other numbers. She
stated that this individual was sitting on the passenger side
of the car and as the complainant looked at him he slouched
in the seat. At the time of the telephone call, she stated
that she was quite excited and could not remember what
apartment she lived in; whether it was 231 or 213. She stated
she had no other information to furnish and did not indicate
that she desired to see an Agent.

On both 4/24 and 25/68, the parking lot at the
Fulton Shopping Center was checked between the hours of
11:00 a.m. and 12 noon, the time that she had indicated she
had seen the automobile. Fulton-Memphis Shopping Center is
a large shopping area and the traffic is very considerable

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1 - Kansas City
2 - Memphis (44-1987)
2 - Cleveland

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throughout the day.

Mrs. CHORTOS was interviewed on 4/25/68, at which time she stated that after she had thought about this matter and visualized the car she realized from her visualization that the car had not been blue at all but was green and further that the license plate number was PS 633 or PS 655 followed by an additional four digits. According to CHORTOS, this made the plate two letters and seven digits. She stated that there was a Missouri plate and that the color was white on green.

Mrs. CHORTOS stated that her only glimpse of the subject was when she drove by the car and observed a portion of his profile from eyes down and for a moment full face when he looked in her direction. She did not see all of his face but she stated she did see his nose and that part of his face. She recalled that there was a long strand of hair hanging down by his eye. She could furnish no other description except to state that she thought he was quite handsome and could not guess his age as she "can't tell ages." She stated that her attention was drawn to this matter because of the fact that there was a Missouri license plate on the car and the next day she observed the picture of subject RAY in the Life magazine and because he slouched down in the seat. As Mrs. CHORTOS stated, she could not understand why he would slouch down in the seat when she looked at him.

Mrs. CHORTOS stated that she had written to the Bureau rather than call the Cleveland Office of the FBI because she realized that the Agents were so busy. She stated she had never met an FBI Agent before and really wanted to talk to one. She said she was very disappointed when an Agent did not come out to her house right after she had called and in fact she "cried a little."

The Agents explained to Mrs. CHORTOS that they were most appreciative of her information and had not realized that she expected to be personally contacted and that the Agents had acted in accordance with the value of the information, in immediately checking out the area indicated by her. Mrs. CHORTOS indicated that she was very pleased to have been of some assistance and was quite thrilled to have met some representatives of the FBI and indicated that ~~she had~~ ^{if she} had anything to furnish, she would immediately call the Cleveland Office of the FBI.

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Mrs. GUNTER arrives with a lady companion, both of whom are about 30 years of age. Mrs. GUNTER has very heavy masculine features and was wearing a man's black sweatshirt and black pants when contacted by the Agents. It is the impression of the Agents that Mrs. GUNTER was undoubtedly sincere in calling the Bureau, but may be experiencing some emotional problems. In view of the vague and highly questionable accuracy of the information furnished by her, Cleveland is hereby recommending the lead set out to Kansas City by re ID airtel to check the Bureau of Motor Vehicles for Cadillacs bearing KS 6 plates.

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) (ATTN: FBI LABORATORY)
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) (P)
MURKIN
(OO-Memphis)

Re FBI Laboratory transmittal form to SAC, Memphis dated 4/24/68.

Enclosed herewith are 34 pieces of paper containing purported handwriting and handprinting of JAMES EARL RAY. These items were contained in the Missouri State Penitentiary file of RAY, and were furnished to SA ROWEN B. AYERS on 4/26/68 by Mr. HARRY LAUF, Records Officer, Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Mo. They are to be returned upon completion of use by FBI.

Referenced communication identified the "GALT" writings with K171, previously submitted; however, were unable to make positive identification between K171 and "LOWMYER" signature on Q72.

REQUEST OF FBI LABORATORY:

It is requested that the Laboratory compare handwriting samples being submitted with Q72.

Kansas City Office is currently reviewing handwriting samples and will submit leads for necessary investigation arising from this review.

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2-Memphis
2-Kansas City
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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)
SAC, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) (P)

MURKIN.

Enclosed herewith are photostatic copies of two FD-302's concerning interviews with truck drivers at Missouri State Penitentiary who were reportedly driving the bread truck at the time of subject's escape.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

3-Bureau (Enc. 3)
②-Memphis (Enc. 2) *je*
2-St. Louis (Enc. 2)
2-Kansas City
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/27/68

Mr. ALFRED BURKHARDT, 305 Boonville Road, formerly employed by the Missouri State Penitentiary, said he was the relief driver of the "bread truck" for Renz Farm on April 23, 1967. He said he picked up the bread about 8:30 a.m. He noted the box was on the platform (loading dock). He said this was unusual because usually the empty is taken from the truck and the full box returned. He said he recalled it had been there the day before. He said he was supposed to check the box to be sure it contained nothing but bread. He said the box was about 3 by 2-1/2 feet. He said he had heard that someone tried to get into one of these boxes, after RAY's escape, and could not do it with room for bread. He said the box is checked at the dock, and at the tunnel. He said, however, that it was not "probed." He said the check was visual. He said the box was delivered to Renz Farm and he heard no more about it.

However, he "heard" the next day that civilian cook at Renz Farm complained "that the bread had been all messed up." He also "heard" that there was no shortage of bread on April 23, 1968. He said he also "heard" that some of RAY's clothing had been found on the loading dock a week or two after the escape. He said the only thing unusual about this particular trip and perhaps the 22nd, was that the box was on the dock when he arrived there.

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On 4/26/68 at Jefferson City, Missouri File# KC 44-760

by SA ROWEN B. AYERS (lib) Date dictated 4/26/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/27/68

Mr. STEPHAN I. KRAL, Elston, Missouri, Officers' Dining Room Supervisor, Missouri State Penitentiary, formerly guard at Renz Farm, said it was his regular job in 1967 to drive the truck to the main prison for bread five days a week, except weekends. He said the truck leaves Renz Farm about 8:00 a.m., and gets the bread no later than about 8:30 a.m. He said the empty box is taken from Renz Farm and taken to the loading dock. At that place the driver gives the order for bread. The inmates take the empty box on an elevator to the bakery and a box is loaded with the order. It is then brought back to the dock. The driver is supposed to check it to be sure it contains nothing but bread. He said the box was about 4 by 3 feet. He said it holds about 100 loaves of bread and they are packed 15 loaves to each layer. He said he always ran his arm down inside the box to count the layers. He said the truck then goes out to the truck tunnel. There a guard again checked to be sure there was nothing under or around the truck, including the box and under the hood. He, if satisfied, signaled the tower and the exit gate was released and the truck went back to the farm. He said the truck made several stops for lights, intersections, etc., en route and one would have no difficulty getting off the truck. He said the box was large enough to hold a man.

Mr. KRAL said that he heard some talk, after RAY escaped, that some officers had seen RAY "practicing a little yogi", that is, curling up in corners, and similar. He said he presumed he was doing this to see if he could fit in the bread box, but he had no personal information in this regard. He also said he "heard" that Renz Farm had been receiving more bread than requested for two or three days prior to April 23, 1967.

Mr. KRAL said the entire delivery trip from Renz to the Penitentiary and back did not continue until after 9:00 a.m.

He said he did not know what procedures of checking were followed on April 23, 1968, as this was a weekend and both the regular driver and regular tunnel checker were off duty.

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On 4/26/68 at Jefferson City, Mo.

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by SA ROWEN B. AYERS

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Date dictated 4/26/68

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April 27, 1968
770 N. Evergreen
Memphis, Tenn.

F.B.I.
Federal Building
Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Sirs;

Your job is a tremendous one, challenging and dangerous and most often, thankless, but there are a few things I would like to discuss, please.

First, but not necessarily, foremost, about the King case--again. I have written before with these ideas and others,--but didn't sign it. Just a little bit afraid to, at that time.

The authorities seem pretty sure now WHO Galt or Ray is, but not so sure he is guilty of pulling the trigger. I'm not either. I wonder if his real name could be Glat?

Maybe you are working on this idea secretly, But I firmly believe the three men with him are just as much involved as the man who did pull the trigger. That number two man was awfully anxious to take over and you can see how much more determined he is to stir people up.

Again, can you tell me one reason why the car had to be started approximately ten minutes early since there was no need for air-conditioning or heating, unless it was a signal they would have him in target-range. Oh, I know they said King told the chauffeur to do so, but, well I just don't believe it. I sure wish the chauffeur could be progressively questioned.

I read the reports pretty closely, and in none did I see that any witness actually saw the man leaving the building with a gun. (It and the suitcase was already in the hallway.) I firmly believe he was just an attention distractor, probably well paid. He seems to have flown the coop, but the three are at your fingertips, and I'm sure they know plenty.

Yes, I know this is long, but please read on. How about the man supposedly seen running across the lot with his face covered? He could have done it this way, I think. By getting King's attention on something higher up, someone from below could fired the shot, like this--

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No acknowledgment needed

Now question number two:

Why are the Communist permitted to thrive in this country? They are traitors, and should be executed as traitors. Abernathy is using the Communistic tactic in his march on Washington. "There will be no violence unless the whites interfere. If the whites try to stop us, anything might happen."

They are infiltrating these people who are poor by choice, telling them they ought to have the best that the white people have, but never once telling to work for it, To clean them selves up physically, morally and spiritually. This class wouldn't work if a hundred jobs they could do were offered them. They want white-collar jobs with a ditch-diggers ability. In all my reading, not once have I seen where the monies collected for them has been used to teach them trades, their obligation to society or self-respect.

Where we, the people, have failed goes back two or three generations. I understand ~~there~~ about 49% illegitimacy among the negro race. Some women have up to ten children, no two with the same father. They have never known a decent man, these children, and have no idea what the duties of a father is.

This is the class of people who follow Abernathy and his like, with their promises of high class houses and clothes, but they'd drop them in a minute if they told them they'd have to work for ~~these~~ these things.

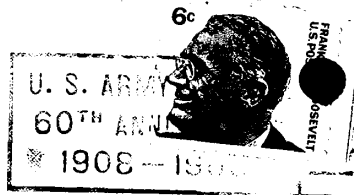
I am not prejudiced against the negro, only against their un-American leaders. I have been trying to get a class of children after school to help the slow ones. This would include many negro children. The classes would be held at church and we haven't yet been able to get the co-operation of the schools.

I hope that America can soon return to Americanism, and our leaders will be brave enough to get rid of the traitors.

Please tell me why.

Prayerfully yours,

(Miss) Louise Chipley



King Case Investigators
FBI
Federal Bldg.
Memphis, Tenn.

4/26/68

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, KNOXVILLE (44-696) (P)
RE: MURKIN
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Re Atlanta teletype to Director, 4/26/68.

Flight of Mrs. JUDY CHANCE, South Pittsburg, Tennessee, telephone number 837-7207, from Atlanta, Georgia, to London, England on 4/5/68 verified. Mrs. CHANCE is visiting husband in military service.

3 - Bureau
① - Memphis (44-1987) (Info.)
1 - Atlanta (44-2386) (Info.)
2 - Knoxville
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Date: 4/26/68

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: MEMPHIS)

RE: ERIC STARVO GALT ✓

Reference is made to telephone call from SAC, Birmingham to SAC, Mobile, 10:50 a.m. 4/9/68, requesting a check of U. S. Coast Guard records, Mobile, concerning ERIC STARVO GALT. Reference is also made to Memphis teletype 11:56 p.m., 4/10/68, requesting a check of barge and riverboat companies for an employment record of GALT as well as a check of local seaman's boarding houses in Mobile concerning GALT.

Enclosed herewith for the Memphis Division are 25 copies of an insert reflecting this investigation.

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② Memphis (Enc. 25) *jh*
2 - Mobile
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Special Agent in Charge

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The following investigation was conducted by
Special Agent WILLIAM W. VARDELL concerning ERIC STARVO
GALT, JOHN WILLARD and HARVEY LOWMYER:

AT MOBILE, ALABAMA

On April 11, 1968, PHILMORE D. MC ALLISTER,
Shipping Commissioner, U. S. Coast Guard, Federal Building,
advised that suspect was not listed in any crew lists for
the following ships which have departed from Mobile, Alabama,
since April 4, 1968:

USS SALISBURY
USS AMERICAN CORSAIR
USS PRESIDENT ARTHUR

On April 11, 1968, KENNETH W. CRANTON, Supervisor,
Marine Office, U. S. Customs, International Trade Mart,
advised that suspect was not listed in any passenger lists
for the following ships, which departed Mobile on the
dates indicated:

Tug R. PACE	April 2, 1968
USS OLD DOMINION STATE	April 2, 1968
USS DEL VALLE	April 3, 1968
USS PRESIDENT ARTHUR	April 10, 1968

On April 11, 1968, EDWIN N. OLSON, Immigration
Officer, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Federal
Building, advised that suspect was not listed in any
passenger or crew lists for any ship departures from
Pascagoula, Mississippi, Gulfport, Mississippi, Panama
City, Florida, Pensacola, Florida and Mobile, Alabama, during
the past six weeks.

On April 11, 1968, HARVEY L. COREY, Area Engineer,
Mobile Area Office, Corps of Engineers, 2301 Airport
Boulevard, advised that suspect was not listed as being
employed during the past twelve months by any dredging
vessels operated in the Mobile area, which includes vessels
operating from Mobile northward to St. Louis, Missouri.

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On April 11, 1968, the following establishments which operate towing vessels were contacted in an effort to identify possible employment of suspect during the past twelve months, with negative results:

PATRICK R. MEYERS, Assistant Manager,
Meyers Towing Company, Choctaw Point

GEORGE W. RATCLIFF, Owner, Belle Fontaine
Towing Company, Choctaw Point

JOSEPH A. DUNCAN, Manager, Beardslee Launch
and Barge Service, Foot of Dauphin Street

GUY H. FRIDAY, Superintendant, Gulf Marine
Division of Ideal Cement Company, State
Docks

SAMUEL R. MCDONALD, McDonald Towing
Service, Foot of Canal Street

GEORGE H. ODOM, Owner, Mobile Launch Service,
Foot of Dauphin Street

The following investigation was conducted by
Special Agent HARRY J. DEGNAN:

On April 9, 1968, ERNEST BURGESS, License
and Certification Section, Marine Inspection Division,
U. S. Coast Guard, advised he maintains records of all
persons applying through that office for seaman's papers
and had no record of an ERIC STARVO GALT.

ROBERT JORDAN, Business Agent, Seafarers
International Union, when contacted by Special Agent
DEGNAN on April 9, 1968, and DEWEY CANNON, National
Maritime Union, when contacted by Special Agent FRANK
A. GILMAN on April 10, 1968, advised that they could not
identify suspect as having been registered with these
offices or having tried to sail on any merchant ships
through these offices.

MO 157-2627

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The following investigation was conducted in the Mobile, Alabama area on April 11, 1968, by Special Agent B. TIM MC COY:

The following Marine Towing Companies and riverboat companies were contacted regarding knowledge of ERIC STARVO GALT, JOHN WILLARD or HARVEY LOWMYER, and could furnish no positive information:

Mobile Towing Company, Blakeley Island,
Mr. GEORGE E. HARDY.

Novay & Cherry Barge Service, Incorporated,
403 Bayou, Sara Avenue, Saraland, Alabama,
Mr. CARL CHERRY.

Radcliff Material, Warren Street, Mr. JAMES
HANSON.

Oswell Towing Company, Telegraph Road,
BETTY VAN BRARCOM.

Caustic Towing Company, Telegraph Road,
Mr. ARTHUR L. THOMAS.

Parker Towing Company, Foot of Dauphin
Street, JOE DUNCAN.

River Transit Company, 355 McMillan Avenue,
R. L. ROYSTER.

Self Towing Company, 353 South Water Street,
Mr. JOHN HANSON.

Simm's Brothers Towing Company, 118 North
Royal Street, OSCAR SIMMS.

Warrior & Gulf Navigation Company, Chickasaw,
Alabama, J. G. GRIFFITH.

Waterways Towing & Offshore Services, Incorporated,
Foot of Dauphin Street, CLARENCE
ROOT.

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The following investigation was conducted by
Special Agent EDWARD A. HEGSTETTER:

On April 11, 1968, RALPH L. ADKIN, SR., Southern Fish and Oyster Company, Foot of Eslava Street, Mobile, Alabama, advised that ERIC STARVO GALT, JOHN WILLARD or HARVEY LOWMYER are not employed at Southern Fish and Oyster Company. ADKIN advised that he is not familiar with this individual or any of his aliases. ADKIN stated if GALT should contact his company for employment he would notify the FBI.

On April 11, 1968, VICTOR GONZALES, owner and operator of the Star Fish and Oyster Company, Industrial Canal, Mobile, Alabama, advised that suspect is not employed at his company. GONZALES stated he is not familiar with GALT or his aliases. GONZALES advised his company has not taken on any additional help during the month of April. GONZALES advised that he would contact the FBI in the event he receives an inquiry from suspect.

The following hotels and rooming houses were contacted on April 11, 1968, by Special Agent KEITH W. SPONHOLTZ regarding suspect with negative results:

ROOMING

HOUSES: MINNIE RACKLEY, 351 St. Joseph Street;
CLAUDE JORDAN, 353 St. Joseph Street;
CARRIE POWELL, 359 St. Joseph Street;

HOTEL

L. C. CRISGINGER, Manager, Seaman's Club,
350 St. Joseph Street.

4/26/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL - REGISTERED

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY
FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (172-55)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: LAUNDRY MARK "20R-3"

Re Memphis airtel, dated 4/19/68.

All laundries who use the Thermo Seal Marking Machine in the San Francisco Division were contacted in an effort to locate laundries using the code "20R-3." All have been negative except for two laundries and samples from these laundries have been submitted to the Bureau for examination.

Enclosed for the Memphis Office are two copies of San Francisco airtel to the Bureau, dated 4/26/68, regarding this particular laundry mark.

2 - Bureau (RM)
2 - Memphis (encl. 2) (44-1987) (AM) (RM)
1 - San Francisco
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Date: 4/26/68

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

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: LAUNDRY MARK "20R-3"

Enclosed for the FBI Laboratory are four samples of Thermo Seal tapes, two on pale yellow and two on goldish-yellow, obtained from the Deluxe Laundry, 1745 East 14th Street, Oakland, California.

On April 24, 1968, ANSELM GOUIG, Owner, Deluxe Laundry, made available the above samples, two from Thermo Seal Machine Model H5K2, Serial Number 30942, and two from Model H5K2, Serial Number 30948. The samples from Serial Number 30942 are "20P-3" rather than "20R-3" inasmuch as the letters for that roll from R through Z will not print. GOUIG stated he does not know how long ago this happened.

Deluxe Laundry uses the code "20R-3" which is a system suggested by the Thermo Seal Company at the time of installation of the machines. The "20" indicates the lot number, "R" indicates the week of the year, and "-3" indicates the package number. Under the system there are two weeks each year when R is used. The last "R" week was the week of January 15 - 20, 1968, at which time a goldish-yellow Thermo Seal tape was used. GOUIG indicated this firm uses 14 different colors of Thermo Seal tape.

"20R-3" was used around January 17 - 18, 1968. It was processes through a load of sheets and pillow slips which were subcontracted from PETE TAYLOR, a driver for Sparklizing Cleaners

4 - Bureau (Encs. 4)(RM)
1 - San Francisco
RER/sms #11
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Special Agent in Charge

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SF 173-65
RER/sms

and Laundry, 3217 Danville Highway, Alamo, California, Ticket Number 45333. The customer for this load was "BOTTO" with address "Estabueno" and the ticket was not dated.

The laundry usually indicates on the ticket which articles of the load are colored and from the ticket it would indicate the sheets and pillow slips were white in color.

On April 25, 1968, LEE TAYLOR advised AL BOTTO, 40 Estabueno, Orinda, California, has been a customer of his for over ten years. He stated that BOTTO is one of his best customers and that his laundry and cleaning bill is usually somewhere between \$125 and \$200 a month. BOTTO owns Art's Buffet Bar and Restaurant, 4023 Broadway, Oakland, California, is now semi-retired, and spends most of his time on his yacht and BOTTO's oldest son, DICK, operates the bar and restaurant. BOTTO has a younger son who is attending college and works nights as a bartender at the restaurant. Both sons are married and do not live with their parents.

On April 25, 1968, AL BOTTO was contacted at the Bridge Marina Yacht Harbor, Antioch, California, and advised that to his knowledge he is not missing any bed linens from either his home or his boat. He also stated that he has not had any burglaries in either his home or his yacht wherein any bed linens were taken.

He viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, aka, and stated he does not recall ever having seen him.

Indices of the San Francisco Office indicate BOTTO is identical with ALBENO LOUIS BOTTO, born 1914 in California and has CII Number 2481361. He was arrested by the Oakland Police Department, their Number 166334, on January 17, 1964, for enticing a minor female for prostitution.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

4/26/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)

**MURKIN
CR
(OO:ME)**

Re Atlanta airtel to Director, 4/25/68.

**All car recoveries subsequent to 3/23/68 in
Tampa Division reviewed with negative results.**

3 - Bureau
1 - Atlanta (info) (44-2386)
① - Memphis (info) (44-1987)
1 - Tampa
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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

**TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY**

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)

**MURKIN
CR
OO: MEMPHIS**

**Re Memphis airtel to all continental offices
dated 4/19/68.**

**Enclosed for the FBI Laboratory are three
samples of laundry marks "20 R-3" on yellow marking
tape as manufactured by the Textile Marking Company,
Syracuse, New York for comparison with similar
tapes described in re airtel.**

**For information Bureau and Memphis, above
samples obtained 4/25/68 from Winter Park laundry
161 West Fairbanks Avenue, Winter Park, Florida.
Owner signifies week of the year, in this instance week
of January 7, 1968 and number "3" indicates bundle
number.**

**Search of records determined customer
with this symbol was Mrs. K. B. KING, 247 Virginia
Drive, Winter Park, Florida.**

3-Bureau (Encls 3) (RM)

2-Memphis

1-Tampa

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Mrs. KING contacted 4/26/68 advised she is not missing any sheets and upon being shown I.O. for JAMES EARL RAY stated this person unknown to her.

4/26/68

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (P)

MURKIN
CR.

OO: MEMPHIS

Enclosed herewith for the Atlanta Division and the Birmingham Division are one copy each of photographs of subject's brothers, JOHN LARRY RAY, aka, FBI # 368 788 A and JERRY WILLIAM RAY, aka, FBI # 368 651 A.

- 3 - Bureau
- 2 - Atlanta (Enc. 2)
- 2 - Birmingham (Enc. 2)
- ① - Memphis
- 1 - Springfield (44-561)

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, KNOXVILLE (44-696) (P)
RE: MURKIN;
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Re Atlanta teletype to Bureau, Memphis and
Knoxville 4/26/68.

Investigation at Holiday Inn Motel, Market
Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee, 4/26/68, developed no
information JAMES EARL RAY has been at this motel.
LINDA SUTTON, bar maid, Holiday Inn, has no information
that would identify the anonymous female caller to
the Atlanta Office on 4/25/68. She does not recall anyone
identifying RAY in either the restaurant or the bar
at the motel.

Holiday Inn has received numerous circulars
concerning RAY and according to the Innkeeper, none of
the employees or guests have ever indicated they have
seen anyone at the motel resembling a photograph of RAY.

3 - Bureau
① - Memphis (44-1987) (Info.)
1 - Atlanta (44-2386) (Info.)
2 - Knoxville
RSP:llm
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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686) (P)

MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS
OO Memphis

Re New York airtel to the Director 4/23/68, and
Oklahoma City tel to the Director, 4/18/68.

On 4/25/68, Mrs. EUNOVAN D. (NORMAN A.) WOODSIDE, 509
Elwood Drive, Edmond, Oklahoma, was reinterviewed and IO 4182
displayed to her. Mrs. WOODSIDE said the individual she saw on
American Airlines Flight 338 from Dallas, Texas, to Philadelphia,
Pennsylvania, on 4/6/68, very strongly resembled RAY and she
believes him to be identical with RAY. She stated she first
noticed this individual in the Love Field Terminal, American
Airlines, Waiting Area, a few moments prior to boarding this
flight. Mrs. WOODSIDE said she could not locate her ticket
stub, but believes she occupied seat 14-C, an aisle seat on the
left side of the plane, in the tourist section, and that the above
individual occupied the aisle seat one row up on the right.

Mrs. WOODSIDE said this individual did not get off
the plane when it landed at Friendship Airport in Baltimore, Md.,
did not converse with anyone on the plane, and carried no luggage.

3 - Bureau
1 - Dallas (info)
2 - Memphis (44-1987)
2 - New York (44-1609)
1 - Philadelphia (44-1368) (info)
1 - Oklahoma City
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She informed he deplaned at Philadelphia, Pa., and she lost sight of him when her husband met her at the airport. Mrs. WOODSIDE related her husband is employed by RMA International Service Company, Camden, New Jersey, as Area Manager. He is presently on an assignment in the Azores, but at the time was working out of Camden, N. J. Mrs. WOODSIDE said she made the trip to spend Easter with her husband, and returned to Edmond, Oklahoma, on 4/16/68. Mrs. WOODSIDE stated she did not know any of the people on Flight 338.

Mrs. WOODSIDE said she has made so many trips by air that she now spends her time watching other passengers. She noticed that the above individual was visibly nervous, pulled at both of his ears and his nose and would rub the back of his neck, going from one to the other almost in one motion. She also noticed he had bitten his fingernails up to the quick. He spent some time listening to the radio, using the headset in the seat pocket in front of him and often removed these from his ears only to replace them in a few moments. While waiting for the plane to depart Dallas, he nervously directed his gaze out the window as if looking for someone. Mrs. WOODSIDE said at the time she thought he was afraid to fly, which resulted in his nervous manifestations. He appeared so nervous, Mrs. WOODSIDE said, that she thought he might "pass out."

Mrs. WOODSIDE described the above individual as follows:

Race	White
Age	35-40
Height	5'10"
Weight	170-180
Hair	Medium brown, worn long with a tendency to have a little wave
Complexion	Medium
Scars and marks	None noted
Peculiarities	Extremely nervous - pulled at both ears, nose and rubbed the back of neck, going from one to the other almost in one motion; bit fingernails up to the quick; nose has slight hump just below eye level which protrudes slightly up and out to both sides of nose.

OC 44-686

Mrs. WOODSIDE requested that her identity be protected and the above information not be attributed to her.

LEADS

NEW YORK DIVISION

At New York, New York

Set out leads to appropriate field offices to contact passengers on American Airlines Flight 335 traveling Tourist Class to determine if above individual identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS

F B I

Date: 4/26/68

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

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS
(OO:MEMPHIS)ReNYairtel to Bu, Atlanta and Memphis
dated 4/22/68.Concerning Broadcast originating with
Public Broadcast Laboratory (PBL), NYC, on Poor Peoples
March on Washington.

GREG SHUKER, Producer, PBL, NYC, advised on 4/25/68, that his office is in receipt of a letter from Mr. and Mrs. R. WINSTON DRINKARD, 15 South Main Street, South Norwalk, Conn., telephone number 838-3904 (area code 203), concerning captioned matter. The letter was forwarded to PBL by WNDT, Channel 13, TV, NYC, who carried a broadcast by PBL on 4/9/68. This is a repeat of the same broadcast referred to in referenced communication concerning the "poor people's March on Washington".

SHUKER made available the letter which was directed to the General Manager-WNDT, TV and dated 4/9/68, which relates in part as follows:

3-Bureau
2-Atlanta (Encl. 3)
①-Memphis (Encl. 3) (Info)
1-New Haven (Encl. 3) (Info)
1-New York

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1-Supervisor #23

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Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

NY 44-1609

"General Manager - WNDT

On April 9, 1968, your station had a program on entitled PBL Broadcast concerning the few months prior to Dr. Martin Luther King's death.

At 7:04 the camera settled on a man for a few moments (the time was right after the speaker had introduced Dr. King and his wife and Dr. King stood up to talk. Dr. King said he had never before spoke to such an ethnic group of people). This man bears a striking resemblance to the sketch of the assassin which has been published in the papers.

I have never written a letter like this before so please don't jump to the conclusion that it is a "crank letter". I and my husband feel very strongly about this that the man shown at 7:04 during the PBL program. Please, please review this tape again and see for yourself."

NYO reviewed the overall film on questioned broadcast with PBL and is enclosing three excerpts from film to Atlanta, depicting person referred to in above letter so that similar investigation through appropriate officials of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) as previously requested in referenced airtel, can be conducted in order to identify this person for elimination purposes concerning subject JAMES EARL RAY.

Also enclosed for New Haven and Memphis are three photographs developed from questioned television tape.

It is further noted that the questioned film was taken on 3/14/68, at Paschal's Motel, on Hunter Street in Atlanta.

For information of Atlanta, enclosed excerpts from film were taken from a group discussion of people during which time MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., addressed the group, along with others.

NY 44-1609

The entire film relative to the broadcast by PBL which appeared on TV in various parts of the country on April 7 and 4/9/68, has been viewed by the NYO. Since the broadcast is on Video tape and quite lengthy with only a very limited portion involving the two men pointed out as look-a-likes to "sketches" of the assassin of KING, the tapes were not obtained from PBL. They are available in further needed.

NYO is conducting no further investigation relative to the PBL Broadcast.

Subject RAY is considered Armed and Dangerous.

F B I

Date: 4/26/68

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

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)
RE: MURKIN
CR
(OO: ME)

DANCING SCHOOL CHECKS

Re Bureau teletype to All Offices 6:56 P.M.,
4/14/68.

Enclosed herewith for Memphis are 25 copies of
investigative insert covering investigation conducted in the
Mobile Division.

It is noted that the Birmingham Office, by teletype
dated 4/15/68, copy to Memphis, was advised concerning the
information reported herein concerning ALBERT WILLARD of
Birmingham.

The investigation reported at Mobile was done by
SA DANIEL W. McALLEN, III, Montgomery by SA SPENCER H. ROBB,
Selma by SA ROBERT L. FRYE, Dothan and Daleville by SA HOWARD
R. LINSOTT.

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2-Mobile
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Approved: *WMA* Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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DANCING SCHOOL CHECKS

Mrs. ANN RICE, Aurthur Murray Dancing Studio, 164 Government Street, Mobile, Alabama, advised on April 15, 1968, that her files contain no record of ERIC STARVO GALT, JOHN WILLARD or HARVEY LOWMEYER or (LOWMYER) as having taken any lessons from this studio. She said however that she has knowledge of one ALBERT WILLARD, whose description matches that of ERIC STARVO GALT. She advised that ALBERT WILLARD, a pipe smoker, had taken dancing lessons through the Arthur Murray Dancing Studio, 117½ Main Street, Birmingham, Alabama, and had entered dance competitions in Birmingham in September, 1967 and at Biloxi, Mississippi, during February, 1968. She said that as of February 3, 1968, ALBERT WILLARD was taking dancing lessons at the Arthur Murray Dance Studio, 117½ Main Street, Birmingham, Alabama.

The following persons were contacted on the dates indicated and advised that they have no record of anyone taking dancing lessons through their studios by the name of ERIC STARVO GALT, JOHN WILLARD, HARVEY LOWMEYER or (LOWMYER), or any variations of these names:

Mr. ANDREW VAIL, owner, Dance-O-Rama, 772 Merwina Street, Mobile, Alabama, on April 15, 1968.

Mr. JACK CAHILL, Manager, Fred Astaire Dance Studio, 550 Church Street, Mobile, Alabama, April 15, 1968.

THOMAS B. O'DELL, owner, Arthur Murray Studios, 2204 Mt. Meigs Road, Montgomery, Alabama, April 16, 1968.

Mrs. NAIDA SPEED, Naida's School of Dancing, 104 Battery Street, Selma, Alabama, April 15, 1968.

Mrs. CARMEL HARRELL, Harrell's School of Dance, Water Street, Selma, Alabama, April 15, 1968.

LOLA SMITH, Lola's Dance Studio, Daleville, Alabama, April 15, 1968.

MADALYN SMITH, Madalyn's Dance Studio, Dothan, Alabama, April 15, 1968.

Mrs. GAINES B. HALL, Young World Studios, Dothan, Alabama, April 15, 1968.

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4/26/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

MURKIN

Re: Airtel 4/22/68 and WFOtel 4/23/68, concerning review of U. S. Postal Money Orders.

Review of Postal Money Orders as set forth in referenced WFO teletype completed 4/26/68 with negative results.

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**3-Bureau (44-38861)
②-Memphis (44-1987)
2-Los Angeles (44-1574) (AM)
1-WFO**

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AIRTEL

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DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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SAC, WFO (44-703)

ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

MURKIN

Enclosed for FBI Laboratory is a Mail Order Form to the Government Printing Office postmarked Pensacola, Florida, April 22, 1968, requesting a Federal Income Tax Book to be sent to ERIC STARVO GALT, E Street, Elberta, Alabama, obtained from HARRY J. HUMPHREY, Assistant to the Public Printer, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C.

A fingerprint and handwriting examination is requested of enclosed Mail Order Form.

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 1)
- ② - Memphis (44-1987)
- 1 - Knoxville (44-696)
- 1 - WFO

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
(ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY)
FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS

(OO: ME)
BUFILE: 44-38861)

Re ME airtel to all offices, dated 4/19/68;
Bureau teletype to ME, 4/12/68.

There is enclosed for the FBI Laboratory a piece of cloth containing specimens of Thermo-Seal Laundry marking machines, Serial Numbers R31998 and R31999, made available by Mr. J.P. HICKS, Manager, Tillman Laundry and Cleaners, 310 Park Street, Jacksonville, Florida, on 4/26/68 to SA CHARLES J. HONETOR.

For information of the Laboratory, Mr. TILLMAN has advised that these Thermo-Seal Marking Machines are not presently in use but were in use during the period from August, 1967 until approximately two weeks ago. He advised that his laundry in the past has used the code "20R-3" on a yellow tape. He said the only record maintained of customers would be the book containing record of this code number, the customer's name and the laundry branch from which it was received. He stated the listings were not enclosed in numerical order within the books and all books in which laundry receipt was recorded by the branches during the period from August, 1967 to date would have to be reviewed.

3 - Bureau (Enc. 1)
2 - Memphis (44-1987)
2 - Jacksonville
CJH:pas
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JX 44-769

The FBI Laboratory is requested to compare the enclosed specimens with the questioned specimens found on the pillow case and bed sheet removed from the trunk of the 1966 white Mustang located at Atlanta, on 4/11/68.

The purpose of the above is to determine if possible whether the questioned laundry markings made by the two Thermo-Seal Marking Machines in the possession of Tillman's Laundry and Cleaners.

The enclosed specimens need not be returned upon completion of this investigation and may be destroyed if of no value.

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4/26/68

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY
FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231) (P)

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Re Memphis airtel to all continental
offices dated 4/19/68.

Referenced airtel reflects the FBI advised
that pillow case and bed sheet located in
Atlanta on 4/11/68 contained Thermo-seal laundry
tapes, yellow in color, containing the code
"20N-3" with the first three characters of the code
being 15 point type and the last two characters
being 18 point type.

Enclosed herewith for the FBI Laboratory
are four pages of sample laundry marks bearing the
code, "20N-3" as made by four Thermo-seal machines,
located at the Oak Park Cleaners, 3210 East Broadway,
Tampa, Florida on 4/25/68. These machines contained
the serial numbers 31689, 31693, 31781, and
32140, and produce a five character laundry mark
with the first three characters being a 15 point type
and the last two characters 18 point type.

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