

4/26/68

**AIRTEL**

**AIR MAIL**

**TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)**  
**FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (P)**  
**SUBJECT: MURKIN**  
**OO-MEMPHIS**

**Re New York airtel to Bureau, 4/23/68.**

On 4/25/68, each of the following who were the stewardesses on American Airlines Flight No. 238 from Dallas, Texas, to Philadelphia on 4/8/68 advised the photographs on FBI Identification Order No. 4182, dated 4/20/68, for JAMES EARL RAY do not appear to be of anyone observed on Flight No. 238 on 4/8/68:

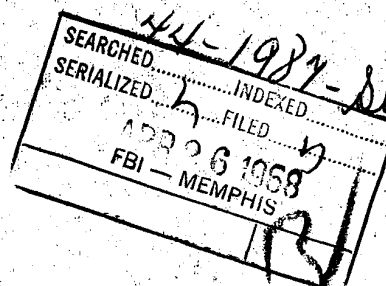
**VIRGINIA VANCE, 5049 Cedar Springs, Apartment 120, Dallas, Texas, telephone LA 8-3053;**

**BONNIE CRAVEN, 2025 Radmill, Apartment 226, Dallas, Texas, telephone LA 6-4156;**

**JANICE THURMELL, 3726 Fairfax, Dallas, Texas, telephone 221-5349;**

**ANNETTE NGATT, 2710 Douglas, Apartment 124, Dallas, Texas, telephone LA 1-1542.**

2 - Bureau  
② - Memphis (44-1987)  
1 - Oklahoma City (44-896) (Info)  
1 - Philadelphia (Info)  
1 - New York (44-1609) (Info)  
2 - Dallas  
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**AIRTEL**

**AIR MAIL**

**TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)**

**FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-3648)(P)**

**SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CIVIL RIGHTS**

**OO-MEMPHIS**

**Re Los Angeles teletype to New York and Director,  
4/25/68.**

**RE: WILSHIRE BOOK COMPANY  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

**The following investigation was conducted by SA LLOYD  
B. HARRILL, JR.:**

**AT ELECTRA, TEXAS**

**ROBERT RAY, 400 W. Franklin Street, was interviewed  
and advised he is a life long resident of Electra, Texas, and  
is in no way related to JAMES EARL RAY.**

**E. L. HATWAY, Book Sergeant, Electra, Texas Police  
Dept., advised that ROBERT RAY is life long resident and member  
of the Electra School Board and a clerk in the U. S. Post Office.**

**3 - Bureau  
1 - Los Angeles (Info)  
1 - New York (44-1888)(Info)  
② - Memphis (44-1987)  
2 - Dallas  
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**TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)**  
**FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-96) (P)**  
**RE: MURKIN**

Re Cincinnati teletype to Bureau, NY 41, 4/23/68.

**RE: ADVERTISING IN BUILDING WITH FIVE COMPANIES**

In above referenced Cincinnati teletype, Cleveland was requested to identify JAMES REY, 2990 Lee Blvd., Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

Investigation at 2990 Lee Blvd., Cleveland Heights, Ohio, reflected that it is a commercial office building housing approximately 20 companies with a total employ of approximately 300.

**FRED SCHWELING**, Building Manager, advised that he was acquainted with employees of all companies with the exception of Washington National Insurance Company, Eastern Life Insurance Company and Ford Motor Credit Union and Foster Builders. Mr. SCHWELING advised that these would be the only companies occupying space in this building who might possibly have an employee by the name JAMES REY.

**ROBERT DUNNAN**, Washington Manager, Washington National Life, advised his office had no record of a present or former employee by the name of JAMES REY.

- 1 - Bureau
- 1 - Cincinnati (44-1987)
- 1 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 1 - Cleveland

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**ROBERT BARRY**, Credit Manager, Ford Credit Company, advised that records of his employees for the past four years failed to reflect any **JAMES RAY**.

**WILLIAM STUBBS**, Branch Secretary for Eastern Life Insurance, advised their records of employees back to 1960 failed to reflect any listing for a **JAMES RAY**.

**MARGE TROEN**, Assistant Director of Personnel, Ruston Builders, 5700 Lee Blvd., advised that they presently have an employee by the name of **JAMES A. RAY**. Miss TROEN stated that his DOB was [REDACTED] and advised that his personnel records reflect he is a white male, 5'9", 165 lbs., brown hair, balding, wears glasses. Miss TROEN advised that she is personally familiar with **JAMES A. RAY**, that he has been employed by Ruston Builders from 12/15/58, to present. She stated his position is Chief in the Photographic Lab - Research. She stated that he presently resides at 2524 Cassella Avenue, Boston, Ohio.

Miss TROEN, along with Mr. W. KLINE, Director of Personnel, both advised that they have known **JAMES A. RAY** for a number of years and that he bears no resemblance whatsoever to subject in above captioned matter.

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Date: 4/25/68

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
(OO: MEMPHIS)

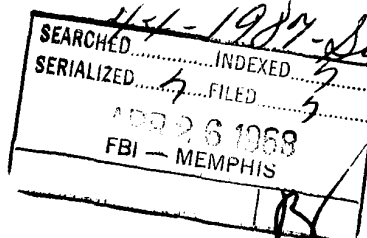
RE: JAMES MOORE, JR., Guest,  
Holiday Inn, Selma, Alabama  
4/18/68

Reference is made to Mobile teletype to Milwaukee 12:20 P.M., 4/18/68, airmail copy to Memphis, and Milwaukee teletype to Mobile 3:50 P. M., 4/18/68, with airmail copy to Memphis and Birmingham.

Milwaukee teletype identified MOORE, his wife, and another party, HENRY A. DELACENSERIE as apparently travelling with the MOORE's and verified their residence and employment in Wisconsin.

Accordingly, no investigation was made concerning MOORE at Selma, and no insert being submitted.

②-Memphis  
1-Birmingham (Info) (44-1740)  
2-Mobile  
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Special Agent in Charge

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Date: April 25, 1968

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Atlanta teletype 12:38 p.m. 4/22/68.

The following investigation was conducted telephonically by SA DAN O. STEPHENS at Montgomery, Alabama, on 4/22/68:

KATHLEEN DEININGER, Motor Vehicle Division, Ala. Dept. of Revenue, advised that 1968 license number 4-4163 was issued 11/4/67 to EDDIE JEAN GRIFFIN, Route 1, Box 191, Billingsley, Alabama, for a 1961 Ford, two door, VIN [REDACTED]. No duplicate license has been issued for this vehicle.

GERTRUDE KING, Driver's License Division, Alabama Department of Public Safety, advised that she was unable to locate a record identifiable with above individual.

H. H. CARR, Radio Operator, AST, advised that he was unable to locate stolen report for this car.

JAMES LOCKHART, Deputy Sheriff, Autauga County SO, Prattville, Alabama, advised that he resides in the Billingsley, Alabama, area and is familiar with most residents in that area. He stated that EDDIE JEAN GRIFFIN, Route 1, Billingsley, a Negro male, owns a 1961 Ford. He further advised that GRIFFIN is employed by Bushog, Manufacturing Company, Selma, Alabama and commutes to work there daily. He also advised that he knows of

2 - Memphis  
1 - Atlanta (44-2386)  
1 - San Antonio (Info)  
2 - Mobile  
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no other person by that name in Billingsley area.

The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT L. FRYE at Selma, Alabama on 4/23/68:

EDDIE JEAN GRIFFIN, Route 1, Billingsley, Alabama, advised that he owns a 1961 Ford, and produced a tag receipt indicating that 1968 Alabama license number 4-4163 was issued for his car. He further advised that this car was in his possession in Autauga County, Alabama, during 4/21/68, and, to his knowledge, it has never been in Texas.

BUDDY HOWORTH, Personnel Department, Bushog Mfg. Company, advised that his records reflect that GRIFFIN reported for work 7:00 a.m. on 4/22/68.

In view of fact that car reportedly seen in San Antonio late 4/21/68, is owned by a Negro male who stated he has not been in Texas, it would appear that the anonymous caller gave incorrect license number to San Antonio office. Accordingly, no further investigation is being made and no insert is being submitted concerning this incident UAC.

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(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
(OO: MEMPHIS)

RE: Suspect at National Citizens  
Council Meeting, Montgomery,  
Alabama, 1/14-16/65

Reference is made to Birmingham teletype to Bureau, Memphis, Mobile and New Orleans reporting information concerning a National Citizens Council Meeting at the Whitley Hotel, Montgomery, Alabama, 1/14-16/65, and setting forth lead to conduct logical investigation to determine the identity of the delegate from Selma, Alabama, who may have registered as a guest at the Whitley Hotel, and thereafter determine the whereabouts of this person during pertinent period.

On 4/15/68, the following individuals at Selma, Alabama, were contacted in reference to information contained in above communication, all individuals being present or past officers in the Dallas County Citizens Council, and they reported they did not recall the Citizens Council Convention being in Montgomery during 1965, however, it possibly could have been held there.

2-Memphis  
1-Birmingham (Info) (44-1740)  
2-Mobile

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Special Agent in Charge



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All advised that they have at various times attended the conventions, however, do not recall any conversation such as referred to in referenced teletype, and they have absolutely no information that might aid in the identification of any delegate from Selma, Alabama, who might have heard any such statements:

M. ALSTON KEITH, Attorney-at-law, past president, Dallas County Citizens Council.

THOMAS B. STRONG, Shell Oil Distributor, past secretary, Dallas County Citizens Council.

COMER SIMS, City Recreation Department Director, Selma, past delegate to Citizens Council conventions.

No further investigation is being made concerning this incident since subject has been identified, and no insert is being submitted.

4-25-68

Airtel

To: SAC'S, St. Louis (44-775) - Enc.  
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re St. Louis airtel 4-20-68, submitting the  
registration card in the name of James Ray, Q257.

Two latent fingerprints of value were developed  
on Q257. These latent fingerprints are not identical with the  
fingerprints of James Earl Ray, FBI #205942G.

Q257 is enclosed.

Laboratory report separate.

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**Airtel**

**To: SAC's, Chicago (44-1114)**  
**Memphis (44-1987)**

**From: Director, FBI (44-38861)**

**MURKIN**

**Re Chicago airtel 4/19/68, submitting major case prints of Jerry William Ray, aka Jerry William Ryan, FBI #662651A.**

**The remaining unidentified latent prints in this case are not identical with finger or palm prints of Ray.**

**Laboratory report and disposition of submitted known handwriting and hand printing specimens separate. The prints of Ray are being retained.**

- 1 - Birmingham (44-1740)**
- 1 - Atlanta (44-2386)**
- 1 - Los Angeles (44-1574)**

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AIRTEL

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

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CIVIL RIGHTS  
(OO: MEMPHIS)

On 4/24/68, RICHARD PARDE, Comptroller, Computing Technology, Inc., 26 Park Place, Paramus, New Jersey, telephone 265-4040 telephonically contacted NYO and provided information concerning an electronic scanning device utilizing computers for ballistic examinations. He offered to make this procedure available to the FBI for ballistic examination of the bullet and gun used in the assassination in captioned civil rights matter.

Mr. PARDE said he understood through newspapers that ballistic tests to date were not conclusive. His company has developed a procedure whereby a computer optical scanner, using numerical systems programmed into computers is so sensitive that all surface changes are noted. He is of the opinion that tests with such equipment would be conclusive where other methods have failed.

He explained that with the computer system it is not necessary to depend on the human eye, nor light nor

4 Bureau  
1- Memphis (INFO) (44-1987)  
1- Newark (INFO) (44-854)  
1- New York

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microscopes. The computer system examination has been conducted by a very capable program man within his organization.

According to PARDI this procedure has been demonstrated to the NYCPD and published in one of the scientific journals. He said the NYCPD is attempting to obtain sufficient funds with which to procure and utilize this procedure.

PARDI stated that by letter he previously offered the use of this system to the FBI in Washington, D.C.

An information copy of this airtel is being furnished to Newark in the event it is deemed advisable by the Bureau to have PARDI contacted in Paramus, New Jersey for additional information.

PARDI said his company has expended thousands of dollars in developing this procedure but at the present time it is not being utilized. He said he is not seeking any publicity for his company in offering to make it available to the FBI.

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**AIRTEL**

**TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)**

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

**MURKIN-CR**

ReButelphone call by Supervisor CLEMENT L. MC GOWAN, JR. to SA PHILIP E. COGHLAN, WFO 4/22/68.

RICHARD LYONS, employee Maritime Administration 441 G Street, N.W., WDC, advised SA JOHN L. PATTERSON on 4/22/68, that he had discovered the name JAMES E. RAY in checking the general files of the Maritime Administration. It was determined that the JAMES E. RAY in the Maritime Administration records was born [redacted] at Zion, Illinois.

It has been previously determined through fingerprint comparison that the JAMES E. RAY, born [redacted] at Zion, Illinois, is not identical with JAMES EARL RAY, subject of instant case.

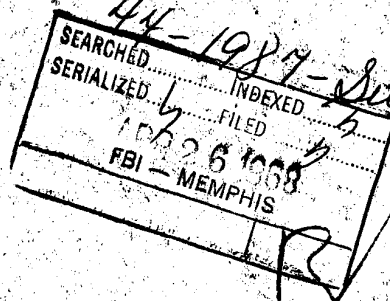
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- 3 - Bureau
- ① - Memphis (44-1987)
- 1 - Kansas City (44-760)
- 1 - WFO

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**AIRTEL**





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**AIRTEL**

**TO: DIRECTOR, FBI**  
**ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY**  
**FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-3849) (P)**  
**SUBJECT: MURKIN**

**Re: Laundry Mark Checks**

**Re Memphis airtel to all Continental Offices dated 4/19/68.**

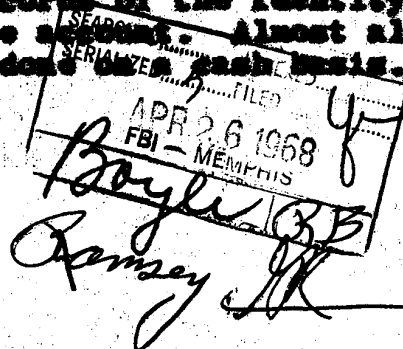
**Enclosed for the Bureau are three pieces of cloth containing sample tapes from three Thermo-Seal machines.**

**On 4/24/68, WARREN TYSON, Manager, White Star Laundry and Dry Cleaners, 4535 Cole, Dallas, Texas, furnished the enclosed sample laundry marks from the three Thermo-Seal marking machines operated by his concern. He advised the "20" is a lot number, the "R" is the week, and the "3" is the customer invoice. He uses eight colors of Thermo-Seal tape each week and a light yellow color is therefore used 1/8 (approximately) of each week.**

**The enclosed samples are gold colored tape as opposed to the light yellow color he uses. Gold is used exclusively for one day specials. He stated he would put tape markers on sheets and pillow cases only when they are brought in for one day special service. He does not use any marker on normal flat work such as sheets and pillow cases, handling that by the bundle.**

**TYSON advised he makes records of the identity of customers only if they have a charge account. Almost all, if not all, of his one day service is done on a cash basis.**

**3 - Bureau (Enc. 3) (RM)**  
**① - Memphis (44-1987)**  
**2 - Dallas**  
**JJB/gcs**  
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**DL 44-2649**

**TYSON** informed that he had two one-week periods within the last year during which the "E" symbol was in use. During each of these two weeks, the light yellow tape was used for one series of numerical lots. He advised a search of his records failed to disclose any record of identity for a customer #3, lot 20, yellow tape series and from this, he assumes the customer must have been a cash customer. The first week was in June, 1967 and the second week was from February 26 to March 3, 1968.

**TYSON** advised machines 2 and 3 are used constantly and the ink ribbons on them must be changed at least once every ten days. Machine #3 temporarily has the "E" symbol broken off. Machine #1 is used only for overflow work and would be used only a fraction of each week.

**Request of the Bureau**

The FBI Laboratory is requested to compare the enclosed samples with those found on the sheet and pillow case taken from the Mustang recovered at Atlanta, Georgia for possible identification.

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (44-657)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReWF0tel to ME and RH, 4-8-68.

RE: LOOK-ALIKE

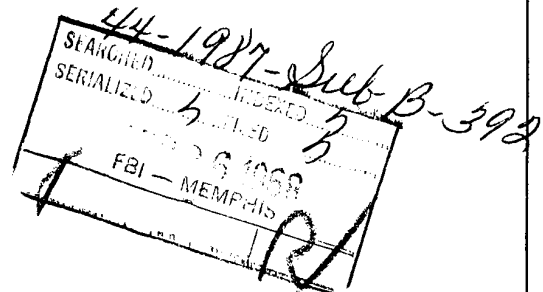
Retel furnished information from one DALE CROWLEY, Radio Station WFAX, Washington, D. C., receiving telephone call from a Mrs. R. L. WELLS, Alexandria, Va., advising that she had seen a person in her area resembling the publicized artist conception of the UNSUB.

Mrs. R. L. WELLS, 5500 Justis Place, Alexandria, Va., was located on 4-11-68 by SA S. EDWARD LONG. She could furnish no specific information regarding the alleged individual reportedly seen by her in the neighborhood resembling KING's killer.

Mrs. WELLS' mind would wander off on unrelated subjects and she insisted that she sees and knows all that is going on in the neighborhood. It was impossible to conduct an intelligent interview with Mrs. WELLS in view of her apparent mental condition and no further contacts are being made with her regarding this matter.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

② - Memphis  
2 - Richmond  
REB:jll  
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Approved: RCH Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, NORFOLK (44-268)

MURKIN  
Re Paul Darden Golden

Re Richmond teletype to Norfolk, 4/23/68.

On 4/23/68, a review of the Virginia Beach, Virginia, City Directory, revealed that PAUL D. GOLDEN, 2244 Lynn Road, Virginia Beach, was a member of the U. S. Navy and resided with Clifton W. Golden, wife ERMA at that address.

On 4/24/68, Miss SYLVIA RHODES, Retail Merchants Association, Norfolk, Virginia (which covers Virginia Beach), advised that her files were negative on PAUL D. GOLDEN but contained a reference to CLIFTON WADDELL GOLDEN at 2244 Lynn Road, Virginia Beach, who was the former owner of the Golden Furniture Company, Norfolk, Virginia.

On the same date, JOYCE GEORGE, Identification Division, Virginia Beach Police Department advised that her files contained no record on PAUL D. GOLDEN.

On 4/24/68, Mrs. L. T. WHITSON, 2237 Lynn Road, Virginia Beach, advised that the GOLDEN family has resided at 2244 Lynn Road for the past six years. WHITSON was shown a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and she advised that no one resembling RAY has resided at the GOLDEN residence during the past six years and furthermore, that no one residing in the neighborhood for the past six years resembles RAY.

(2) - Memphis  
1 - Norfolk  
WRK:jbd

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For the information of Memphis, all previous investigation conducted by the Norfolk Division in connection with numerous teletypes and airtels in regards to this case, have been negative to date.

Appropriate stops have been placed in accord with these numerous communications.

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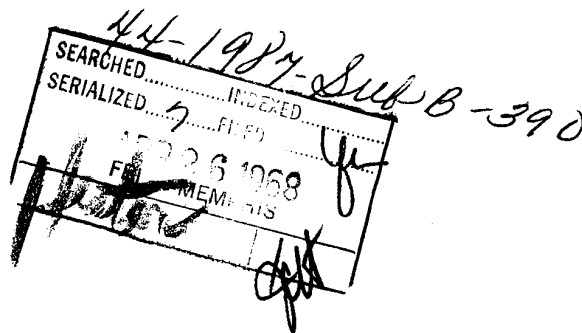
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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) - P -  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CIVIL RIGHTS  
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re your tel this date.

All relatives of subject known to be in Springfield Division have been located and interviewed or are being located at this time. Memphis has been advised on continuing basis regarding these relatives and should additional relatives be located and interviewed, Memphis will be immediately advised.

2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
2 - Springfield (44-561)  
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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

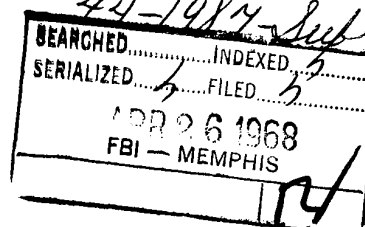
Re Jackson airtel to the Director, 4/22/68.

There was contained in this airtel information received from EVERETT GAULT, Rt. 1, Meridian, Miss., on 4/22/68; information that members of his family reside in Louisiana.

Inasmuch as the subject of captioned case has been identified, as JAMES EARL RAY, the persons listed in referenced airtel are not being interviewed.

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2-Memphis  
2-New Orleans  
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Special Agent in Charge

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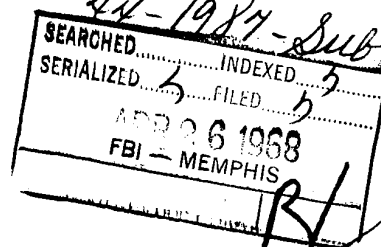
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Informant Contacts

Contacts with informants in this case have developed no information as to this matter. These negative contacts have been recorded in Mobile file. Contacts with informants are being continued for any information of assistance in locating subject RAY, and Memphis will be immediately advised of any such information received.

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2 - Memphis  
2 - Mobile  
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TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM : SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

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Check of Klan Members  
and Bombing Suspects

Reference is made to Bureau teletype 3:55 p.m.,  
4/8/68.

Investigation concerning the whereabouts of Klan members with a violent potential and bombing suspects of the Mobile Office has developed no information to indicate any connection with this case. The investigation concerning these individuals was discontinued after identification of subject on 4/19/68.

These negative contacts have been recorded in Mobile file and no insert is being submitted UAC.

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② - Memphis  
2 - Mobile  
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Special Agent in Charge

4/24/68

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, KANSAS CITY  
FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565) (P)  
RE: MURKIN

On 4/22/68, one MARY CHORTON telephonically contacted this office and advised that she had observed a male resembling subject RAY in the parking lot at the Fulton Shopping Center. She stated at the time he was sitting on the passenger side of a 1966 blue Cadillac, bearing Missouri license plates starting with PS 6. She stated she could not recall the other numerals of the plate.

It is requested that Kansas City check State Bureau of Motor Vehicles to identify all Missouri Cadillacs with licenses starting with PS 6. Advise Cleveland and OO and set out appropriate leads.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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

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(Priority)

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

RE: SUSPECT WILLIAM KYLE LIVINGSTON, aka  
Sonny Kyle Livingston

Re Birmingham teletype to Mobile and Memphis,  
4/18/68.

Enclosed for Memphis are 25 copies and for  
Birmingham one copy of insert reflecting investigation at  
Montgomery eliminating LIVINGSTON.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

② - Memphis (Encs. 25) *u m a*  
1 - Birmingham (44-1740) (Enc. 1) (Info)  
2 - Mobile  
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Special Agent in Charge

MO 157-2627

JTB:ljr

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RE: SUSPECT WILLIAM KYLE LIVINGSTON, Also Known As  
Sonny Kyle Livingston

The following investigation was conducted on  
April 19, 1968 at Montgomery, Alabama, by SA GERALD O.  
GRAYBILL:

ROBERT SIEVERS, Director of Safety, P and P  
Trucking, 1485 Furnace Street, Montgomery, Alabama,  
furnished the daily driver's log for April 4, 1968 for  
WILLIAM KYLE (SONNY)LIVINGSTON, a driver for this company.

SIEVERS advised that log reflects LIVINGSTON  
departed Montgomery driving Truck #15 at 12:00 a.m. on  
April 4, 1968 and arrived Carnesville, Georgia, at 5:00 p.m.

SIEVERS advised that after a one (1) hour lay over  
in Carnesville, LIVINGSTON departed that station at 6:00 p.m.  
and arrived Greensboro, North Carolina at 11:00 p.m.

SIEVERS exhibited gas receipts signed by W. K.  
LIVINGSTON on the trip from Montgomery, Alabama, to Elizabeth,  
New Jersey, the first gas receipt being made out to the Kings  
Mountain Truck Plaza, Kings Mountain, North Carolina, on April  
4, 1968 and also a toll receipt for the Richmond-Petersburg Turnpike  
also dated April 4, 1968.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
(OO:MEMPHIS)

Re HARVEY LOWMYER.

ReSftel to Director, 4/23/68.

Ratel sets forth records of Guarantee Savings and Loan Association of Livermore Valley, Oakland, Cal., indicating a joint account that institution in name of MARGARET G. LOHMEYER and MARIE GRIFFITH, 79 Magnolia St., Pearl River, NY.

Mrs. MARGARET G. LOHMEYER, 79 Magnolia St., Pearl River, NY, advised 4/24/68, that she and her mother, Mrs. MARIE GRIFFITH, have joint bank account at above institution. She advised California banks offer higher interest rates than NY banks. Above institution advertised in local publication offering this higher interest. LOHMEYER and mother opened bank account at above institution to take advantage of the higher interest rate.

LOHMEYER born, raised and has resided all her life in Pearl River, NY. She has never been to the State of California. HARVEY LOWMYER is unknown to her.

JOHN EARL RAY CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

3-Bureau (RM)  
②-Memphis (44-1987) (RM)  
1-San Francisco (173-65) (INFO) (RM)  
1-New York

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Date: 4/23/68

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

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
(OO:Memphis)

Re Birmingham tel to Bureau, 4/13/68.

Enclosed for Birmingham and Memphis are two copies each of two photographs of EDWARD EULAN HILL, FBI #594075E, the subject of a Racial Matters investigation conducted by Birmingham and Atlanta in 1965. HILL was described as a racial fanatic and stated he was a demolitions expert and available for Klan use. He further stated he purchased a rifle scope in April, 1965.

HILL is described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
DOB	
POB	Polk County, Georgia
Height	5'10½"
Weight	182
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue

② - Memphis (Enc. 4)  
2 - Birmingham (Enc. 4)  
2 - Atlanta  
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Special Agent in Charge

4/26/68

**AIRTEL**

**TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)**  
**FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)**  
**SUBJECT: MURKIN**

Re Los Angeles teletype to Memphis 4:52 P.M. on 4/22/68 regarding a miscellaneous suspect observed in an automobile bearing Tennessee license AI-9690.

Tennessee license AI-9690 is registered to MARNETTE ELLIOTT for a 1960 Oldsmobile, VIN 607A06033. Mrs. ELLIOTT reportedly left Nashville, Tenn., during the fall of 1967 and now resides Apt. B12, 13051 Gilbert St., Garden City, Calif.

Los Angeles attempt to eliminate suspect.

**ARMED AND DANGEROUS.**

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AIRTEL

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

Memphis Office is submitting as attachment herewith an Airtel which it feels should be sent to all offices and Legats in connection with captioned case. If Bureau approves, it is requested that the Bureau make the dissemination.

3 BUREAU (Enc. 1)  
① MEMPHIS

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PROPOSED AIRTEL

TO ALL OFFICES AND LEGATS

RE: MURKIN

The Bureau has designated Memphis as Office of Origin in connection with captioned case. Accordingly, the Memphis Office is setting forth certain instructions which it feels are absolutely necessary in order that this case can be appropriately administered and followed:

(1) Of importance in all investigation conducted herein is the prime goal of locating and apprehending the fugitive. This requires imagination, ingenuity, and logical investigation directed toward this goal.

(2) Major offices wherein the bulk of pertinent investigation has been or is being conducted should prepare and submit their own individual reports. These offices to date are Atlanta, Birmingham, Chicago, Houston, Jackson, Kansas City, Los Angeles, New Orleans, St. Louis, and Springfield.

(3) Each office originating leads shall insure that leads set out are appropriately handled. In the event leads are eliminated as non-productive within a given office, the Memphis Office does not need the negative results. These should be appropriately indexed and filed. A prime illustration of this type is, of course, the numerous look-alikes each office has been receiving and eliminating. It is felt that elimination shall be based at least on physical description of suspect at variance with that of subject, location of suspect on pertinent

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**PROPOSED AIRTEL**

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dates, elimination by fingerprints against latents in instant case, no known use of any aliases in instant case by suspect, and no known involvement in conspiracy.

(4) All offices in submitting reports should submit positive and pertinent information in suitable form for insertion in reports prepared by Memphis.

(5) Summary report in preparation by Memphis which will assist all offices in conducting logical investigation.

A & D.

END



4/25/68

**AIRTEL**

**TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)**  
**ATTN: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION**

**FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-3386) (P)**

**SUBJECT: MURKIN**  
**(OO: MEMPHIS)**

**RE: JAMES EARL RAY**

The following items are being forwarded under separate cover to be processed for latent fingerprints:

- 1) Can of Coca Cola
- 2) One drinking glass
- 3) One paper bag from Krystal Restaurant
- 4) 3 x 5 cards with scotch tape lifts of fingerprints

The above items were obtained from 1964 Pontiac, 1967 Georgia license [REDACTED] owned by JIMMIE D. GARNER, the landlord of rooming house at 113 - 14th Street, N.E., Atlanta, where JAMES EARL RAY stayed during period of time he was in Atlanta. Investigation to date indicates GARNER was the last person to have seen or talked with subject.

The Latent Fingerprint Section is requested to process the above items with the purpose of comparing any latent prints with those of JAMES EARL RAY. If latents developed

3 - Bureau  
1 - Package (RM)  
① - Memphis (44-1987)(Info)  
2 - Atlanta  
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**AT 44-3386**

**are those of RAY, it would be of investigative value to Atlanta in further interview of GARNER.**

**In event results are negative, the items submitted can be destroyed.**

File 44-1987 SUB-B Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Class. Case No. Last Serial  
☐ Pending ☐ Closed  
Serial No. Description of Serial Date Charged

SERIAL 378 TRANSFERRED TO FILE 44-1987-SUB-L

( DIR airtel to Legat, Ottawa 4-25-68)

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Employee

RECHARGE

Date \_\_\_\_\_

To \_\_\_\_\_ From \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date charged

\_\_\_\_\_  
Employee

\_\_\_\_\_  
Location

4/25/68

Airtel

To: SAC, Chicago

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re R. Taylor, Oak Lawn, Illinois.

Enclosed are two copies of a postcard, postmarked 4/22/68, from R. Taylor indicating that he has been acquainted with J. E. Ray, Fullerton Avenue in Chicago. One copy of the postcard is enclosed for Memphis.

Chicago should immediately attempt to locate R. Taylor and interview him regarding any information he may have which is pertinent to this case. Also advise him of the provisions of the harboring statute with respect to his comments implying he and others would protect the subject should he come to Chicago.

Enclosures (2) *Wm*

① - Memphis (Enclosure) (Info)

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"Dear Sirs,

A lot of us knew J. E. Ray from Fullerton Ave in Chicago. Maybe he did steal cars or armed robbery but he never killed anyone like the Niggers do in riots. We thank him for killing M. King. He was nothing but a trouble maker. If we do see him in Chicago -- we will reward him with a couple of thousand dollars-- not turn him in. He did us Chicagoans a good turn.

We have an ad in the paper which he will recognize, but you wouldn't the way it is typed out.

We all in Chicago are so happy King is dead (except the Nigger The Liquor business is at an all time high We hope he never gets caught so that if R. Abenathy (King's Succesor starts something he will do the same to him. We love J. E. Ray.

R. Taylor"

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Date: **4/25/68**Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via **Airtel** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)✓ To: SACs, Memphis  
Charlotte

✓ From: Director, FBI

**MURKIN****ReCEairtel 4/19/68.**

If the lead indicated by the Charlotte Office appears to warrant further pursuit at this time, the Memphis Office should consider furnishing the whole bedspread rather than swatches in order that the evidence will not be materially changed. If the bedspread is furnished to the Charlotte Office, that office should ascertain the scope of the inquiry in order to establish the origin and eventual distribution of such bedspreads and should include your recommendation as to the feasibility of pursuing this aspect.

*Let's hold  
up on bedspread  
now - we have  
guy identified  
airtel to Bu & CE  
JH*

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**Airtel**

**To: SAC's, New York (44-1609)**  
**Memphis (44-1987)**

**From: Director, FBI (44-38861)**

**MURKIN**

**Re New York teletype 4-15-68.**

**The remaining unidentified latent fingerprints and the latent impressions in this case are not identical with the fingerprints of John Alfred Burns, Police Department, County of Nassau, Mineola, New York, #47211. No palm prints are available in our Identification Division files for Burns.**

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Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via Airtel \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

✓ From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re your teletype of 4/25/68.

The remaining unidentified latent fingerprints and the latent impressions in this case are not identical with the fingerprints of Neal Edgar Aeby, FBI #2851175. No palm prints available in our Identification Division files for Aeby.

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Sent Via \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_



April 25, 1968

Mr. Frank C. Holloman  
Director  
Division of Fire and Police  
128 Adams Avenue  
Memphis, Tennessee 38103

Dear Holloman:

It was very thoughtful of you to write on April 22nd regarding the Associated Press news item and to give me your assurances that the statements attributed to a member of your Department are completely without foundation.

My associates and I appreciate the excellent cooperation you and your men have given us, and we look forward to a continuation of the cordial and smooth-working relationship between our organizations.

With warmest best wishes,

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

① - Memphis - Enclosures (3) *Wm*

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*Hester* *[Signature]*



City of Memphis  
Tennessee

FRANK C. HOLLOMAN  
DIRECTOR  
DIVISION OF FIRE & POLICE

April 22, 1968

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am attaching herewith a copy of a news item by Doug Stone, Associated Press Writer, in which he attributes certain statements to a ranking police officer and also to Assistant Chief Bill Price. I wish to assure you that these statements attributed to Assistant Chief Price are absolutely erroneous and he has categorically denied making any statements which could have been interpreted as set forth.

I also am enclosing a copy of a written statement which I made on April 10, 1968 and which has been the policy of the Memphis Police Department since the first day of this investigation. There are obviously certain members of the Press who would like nothing better than to cause discord between the Memphis Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I assure you they will not be successful in such a venture. In addition to my "no comment" statement, the only other statement I have made is to praise the Special Agents of the F. B. I. as well as the members of the Memphis Police Department in their conduct in this investigation.

I again want to express to you personally my appreciation for the close cooperation and coordination that we have between the Memphis Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation and for the assistance which the Memphis office of the F. B. I. has rendered in this case.

With kindest personal regards and all best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

*[Handwritten signature]*

FRANK C. HOLLOMAN

Enclosures:  
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DIVISION OF FIRE AND POLICE  
FRANK C. HOLLOMAN, DIRECTOR  
128 Adams Avenue  
Memphis, Tennessee  
38103

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April 10, 1968

The successful investigation of this case is the over-riding consideration and for that reason I have no comment to make concerning this case at this time. When I can make any comment without prejudicing the investigation, I will do so without hesitation or delay.

FRANK C. HOLLOMAN  
Director  
Division of Fire and Police

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King Assassin Bjt 350

By DOUG STONE

Associated Press Writer

MEMPHIS, Tenn. AP - A ranking Memphis police officer acknowledges there are "a whole lot of discrepancies" in official descriptions of the man sought as the sniper slayer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Asst. Chief Bill Price referred to statements that James Earl Ray, 40, an escaped Missouri convict, and Eric Starvo Galt, first sought for King's April 4 assassination in Memphis, are the same person.

"You don't know what to look for," Price said Sunday as officers here and elsewhere continued their investigation of the slaying. The nationwide manhunt continues.

The FBI issued a conspiracy warrant Wednesday for Galt, then updated their case Friday by saying a fingerprint comparison showed Galt was really Ray.

The naming of Ray in the case caused confusion, primarily because earlier official statements indicate that Galt and Ray were in different places at the same time.

When Galt was charged as a conspirator in King's death by rifle bullet, the FBI said the man had taken dancing lessons in New Orleans in 1964-65. The FBI said later the earlier description should have said Galt reportedly took dancing lessons rather than stating it flatly.

During that time, Ray was in the Missouri State Prison at Jefferson City, serving a 20-year sentence for a 1959 supermarket robbery.

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The age of the man also was in conflict.

Witnesses who saw a man in a Memphis rooming house from where the fatal bullet was fired estimated his age as in the late 20s. The FBI, in issuing its warrant for Galt, said he had given his birthdate [redacted] That would make him 36. The FBI said Friday Ray is 40.

The personalities of the two men are sometimes at odds. A prison pal described Ray as virtually a nondrinker. The FBI describes Galt as a fanciver of beer and vodka.

There were other differences:

Galt: neat appearance. Ray: careless appearance.

Galt: Southern accent. Ray: born in Alton, Ill.

No Southern accent.

Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark, who came to Memphis after King was slain, at first ruled out a conspiracy, but then the FBI issued its warrant for Galt on a conspiracy charge.

Police here have their own investigation of the slaying under way, and officials say detectives are working hard on the case.

One theory within the Memphis department is that Eric Starvo Galt is a myth, painstakingly created by the conspirators as a smoke screen.

"Somebody has muddled the waters," Price said.

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Date: 4/24/68

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

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P)

MURKIN

Re Charlotte teletype to Bureau, Memphis, and Birmingham dated 4/16/68, Birmingham teletype to Charlotte 4/17/68, Charlotte teletype to Birmingham, 4/19/68, and Birmingham teletype to Charlotte 4/19/68.

Enclosed for the Memphis Office are 9 copies of insert regarding CHESTER C. BARFIELD, JR. ✓

In referenced teletype of 4/19/68, the Birmingham Office advised that CHESTER BARFIELD had been located and interviewed at Anniston, Alabama.

**"ARMED AND DANGEROUS"**

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(2) - Memphis (Encl. - 9)  
1 - Charlotte  
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Special Agent in Charge

MP 44-1987  
CE 44-1365  
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RE: CHESTER C. BARFIELD, JR.

On April 15, 1968, CHESTER BARFIELD appeared at the Charlotte Office of the FBI and advised that he resided in Anniston, Alabama, and he had an appointment to meet his attorney, JAMES HUBBARD at the Charlotte Office at 11 A. M. on April 15, 1968. He advised he represented the Baptist Citizens Committee which was endeavoring to block the parole of one "FATS" HARDY, who had previously been convicted of murder in Atlanta, Georgia. He could not explain why he would contact his attorney at the FBI Office in Charlotte when this contact concerned a State parole in Georgia.

His attorney, JAMES HUBBARD, was telephonically contacted and advised, after reviewing his files, that he represented one CHESTER BARFIELD of Anniston, Alabama, in 1967 in connection with filing a debtor's petition but had not heard from BARFIELD since that time. He advised he had no appointment with BARFIELD and was unfamiliar with any murder matter concerning "FATS" HARDY.

At the time the call was placed to the attorney, BARFIELD stated it was necessary for him to place another coin in the parking meter and left the office. He did not return to the office.

On April 15, 1968, SAMUEL GARRARD, an employee of the All Right Parking Lot, Jefferson Standard Building, Charlotte, North Carolina, advised he met CHESTER BARFIELD on the night of April 14, 1968, at room 109, Howard Johnson Motel. BARFIELD displayed a receipt for \$1,000 showing he had that amount deposited in the motel safe. He advised that BARFIELD told him he received the \$1,000 for killing MARTIN LUTHER KING.

The following investigation was conducted by SA EMANUEL R. JOHNSON:

AT CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

On April 15, 1968, Mrs. JEAN PARKS, Manager, Howard Johnson Motel, Statesville Avenue, Charlotte, advised that CHESTER C. BARFIELD registered at the motel on April 13, 1968, and was assigned to room 109. He listed a residence address of

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429 East 23rd Street, Anniston, Alabama. On the registration card, he indicated he was representing "Linen Thread, Lenoir."

Mrs. PARKS advised that BARFIELD was in Charlotte to attend the Leesona School located on Interstate 85 near the motel.

On April 14, 1968, he appeared at the motel in either a drunken condition or was under the influence of some kind of drugs. On the night of April 14, 1968, he and at least one other individual was in his room causing considerable disturbance. On the morning of April 15, 1968, he did not go to class.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA EDWARD G. SHERIDAN:

AT LENOIR, NORTH CAROLINA

On April 16, 1968, a review of the current Lenoir, North Carolina, Telephone and City Directories failed to reveal a listing for Linen or Lenoir Thread Company or CHESTER C. BARFIELD. Identification records of the Caldwell County and Lenoir City Police Department failed to reveal any record of CHESTER C. BARFIELD.

Miss SUSIE GREEN, Lenoir Credit Bureau, advised her records filed in this office failed to list a Linen Thread Company, Lenoir Thread Company, of a CHESTER C. BARFIELD.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA EMANUEL R. JOHNSON:

AT CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

On April 16, 1968, Mrs. JEAN PARKS, Manager, Howard Johnson Motel, advised that due to the behavior of BARFIELD, she determined that he is employed by the Linen Thread Company, Blue Mountain, Alabama. She stated she had been in touch with his company. She advised that BARFIELD had checked out of the motel and his whereabouts were unknown to her. She stated that when he checked into the motel, he deposited \$75 cash in the motel safe and that he received this amount on April 15, 1968, after indicating he was going to Atlanta, Georgia, in view of the fact that his aunt there died.



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By communication dated April 17, 1968, the Birmingham Office advised as follows:

JAMES M. COLLINS, Personnel Manager, Linen Thread Company, Blue Mountain, Alabama, advised April 17, 1968, that CHESTER C. BARFIELD, JR., had been employed by that firm since July 20, 1967. He was born [REDACTED] His normal hours are from 6 A. M. to 2 P. M., Monday through Saturday. Time and attendance records showed that BARFIELD worked from 6 A. M. to 2:06 P. M. on April 4, 1968.

CLAUDE BLACK, BARFIELD's immediate supervisor, advised that BARFIELD had not missed a day of work since January 4 and 5, 1968, when he was ill with the flu. He said BARFIELD is presently attending a special aschool in Charlotte, North Carolina, which is being given by the Unicorner Winding Company, Charlotte, North Carolina. This school was to begin April 15, 1968, and to run for two weeks. BARFIELD left work on Friday, in the afternoon, April 12, 1968, en route to Charlotte via Atlanta, Georgia, where he was going to leave his mother at a friend's house. BARFIELD was given \$200 advance for expenses when he left.

The following investigation was conducted by SA EMANUEL R. JOHNSON:

AT CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

On April 18, 1968, Mr. C. WILLIAMS, Leesona Corporation, Charlotte, North Carolina, advised CHESTER C. BARFIELD was to be a student at a two-week school being held at that plant. He advised BARFIELD registered and never put in an appearance. He said BARFIELD's whereabouts are unknown but he believed he was recalled to Alabama by his employer.

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Date: 4/24/68

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

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P)  
MURKIN

Re Bureau telephone call to Charlotte 4/20/68;  
Charlotte airtel 4/23/68.

Enclosed for Memphis are nine copies of investigative  
insert re JAMES EARL RAY.

2 - Memphis (Encs 9) *Wen*  
1 - Charlotte

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**"ARMED AND DANGEROUS"**

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Approved: *Wen* Sent ✓ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge