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RE: ERIC STARVO GALT

By communication dated April 13, 1968, the Columbia Office of the FBI advised as follows:

CLARENCE SHAKELFORD of New York City, while traveling by Greyhound Bus from Jacksonville, Florida, noted at Walterboro, South Carolina, that a new bus driver boarded the bus at approximately 11 A. M. on April 12, 1968. A new passenger also boarded at Walterboro and sat by SHAKELFORD in the rear of the bus. This passenger reportedly strongly resembled the profile of the artist's conception of the individual who assassinated MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. He was described as a white male, about 45 years of age, 6 feet, 170 pounds, ruddy appearance, sandy-colored or light brown hair with widow's peak with receding hair line on sides, unkempt appearance, long thin nose with high bridge, pale complexion, wearing work pants and no coat, Army-type high boots, and no socks.

At Raleigh, North Carolina, the bus driver, who was described as being heavy and over 6 feet tall, walked to the back of the bus and gave this individual a ticket and mentioned something about having checked the man's blanket. At that time, the individual left the bus and returned a short time later with a khaki, rolled, Army blanket, which was loosely rolled and tied with a light-colored grass cord. Both the blanket and the man's shoes were covered with dried mud of light color. This individual stayed aboard the bus until it reached Richmond, Virginia, where he disembarked.

SHAKELFORD advised he believes this man had some prior conversation with the bus driver concerning the blanket and is certain the bus driver would remember him.

On April 13, 1968, D. R. BOUNDS, Manager, Greyhound Bus Terminal, Greyhound Bus Station, Charleston, South Carolina, advised the description of the driver fitted the description of R. T. HODGENS, who drove one of the two buses which left Walterboro at 11:25 A. M. on April 12, 1968. He advised HODGENS resides at Raleigh, North Carolina, and can be reached through R. P. WELLS, Superintendent, Greyhound Bus Terminal, Morgan Street, Raleigh, North Carolina.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA DONALD M. MURRAY:

AT RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

R. T. HODGENS, Greyhound Bus Driver, Raleigh, North Carolina, advised on April 13, 1968, that the incident described by SHAKELFORD occurred on April 9, 1968. He stated an unknown individual with a reddish-tan suitcase and a blanket roll boarded his bus at Florence, South Carolina, at approximately 2:30 P. M. and was observed by Mr. CAMPBELL, bus station manager. This individual is unknown to HODGENS and he was traveling at least as far as Richmond, Virginia; however, he could have had a ticket to a more distant city. HODGENS said he departed the bus at Raleigh, North Carolina, and can furnish no additional descriptive data or information concerning the unknown individual.

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Re JAMES EARL RAY

On April 20, 1968, the Bureau telephonically advised the Charlotte Office of the FBI that a call had just been received at Washington, D. C., from JAMES H. WILLIAMS, a Negro male, who resides at 137 Adams Street, Rochester, New York. WILLIAMS was calling the Bureau from a location near Washington, D. C. He advised that at approximately 11:00 p.m., April 19, 1968, he stopped at an Amoco Service Station on Interstate 85 just before getting to Durham, North Carolina. While at the station a man whom he believes was identical with JAMES EARL RAY drove into the station in a 1960 Chevrolet, gray, with a rust-red top bearing North Carolina License YT-1618. The man put gas in his own car and appeared to be in a hurry to leave. He was described as a white male, 5'11" tall, 185 pounds.

The following investigation was conducted by SA
LEONARD H. MC COY:

On April 20, 1968, the records of the Department of Motor Vehicles, Raleigh, North Carolina, revealed that North Carolina License YT-1618 is issued to JERRY WAYNE TREXLER, Box 58, East Spencer, North Carolina.

The following investigation was conducted by SA
KENNETH R. SMITH at Salisbury and East Spencer, North Carolina:

On April 20, 1968, W. H. MORGAN, Spencer, North Carolina, advised he is a male carrier and is familiar with JERRY WAYNE TREXLER, a former resident of Spencer who presently resides in East Spencer. MORGAN was shown a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and he advised there does not appear to be any resemblance between RAY and TREXLER.

On April 20, 1968, Mrs. M. B. WINGATE, Clerk, Town Hall, East Spencer, North Carolina, advised that JERRY WAYNE TREXLER resides at 12 Spencer Street, East Spencer, and has resided at that address at least since

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December 29, 1967. She was not familiar with TREXLER personally and was unable to advise whether a photograph of RAY looked similar to TREXLER.

CHARLES E. HERRON, Chief of Police, East Spencer, North Carolina, advised on April 20, 1968, that he is familiar with JERRY WAYNE TREXLER inasmuch as he has arrested him several times for drunkenness. He said the police department does not maintain records and he could not recall the exact dates on which he arrested TREXLER. He stated that TREXLER is a long-time resident of Spencer and East Spencer and is employed by the Tar Heel Pavement Company, Salisbury, North Carolina. He viewed a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and advised that TREXLER does not resemble RAY.

DAVE SHULER, Chief, Salisbury, North Carolina, Police Department, advised on April 20, 1968, that his records show that JERRY WAYNE TREXLER was arrested April 8, 1963, after causing an accident. At that time he was 20 years of age. SHULER does not know TREXLER personally.

On April 22, 1968, Mrs. MEREDITH NANCE, Tar Heel Construction Company, Salisbury, advised TREXLER has been employed by that company since January 30, 1968, and is still so employed. She said the payroll records show he did not report for work on March 30 or April 4, 1968, but was at work on March 29 and April 3, 1968.

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

Re Columbia teletype to Charlotte 4/13/68, and
Charlotte teletype to Columbia dated 4/13/68.

Enclosed for the Memphis Office are 9 copies of
insert regarding ERIC STARVO GALT.

By referenced Charlotte teletype, lead was set out
for Columbia to contact station manager, Mr. CAMPBELL and
attempt to determine if unknown individual purchased ticket at
Florence and attempt to verify designation as Richmond, Va.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (44-253)(P)
RE: MURKIN
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Re Salt Lake City airtel to Bureau, dated 4/16/68.

Following is a summary of additional investigation conducted in this case by Salt Lake City:

Re: LAUNDRY MARK 02B-6
OF D2B-6

Mr. GORDON MARZ, Wasatch Dry Cleaners, 719 East 21st South, Salt Lake City, Utah, advised the above mark is not utilized by his company.

Re: LAUNDRY MARK 20R-3

The following have been contacted and stated the above-described laundry mark was not utilized by their respective companies:

GORDON MARZ, Wasatch Dry Cleaners, 719 East 21st South, Salt Lake City.

Mrs. CLEO MACKIE, Fashion Cleaners and Shirt Laundry, Salt Lake City.

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**Mr. MARVIN HOWARD, Paramount-Murray Laundry Company,
Salt Lake City.
Mr. JOHN JANSEN, Vogue Cleaning and Shirt Laundry,
Salt Lake City.
Mr. CLYDE AKINS, Model Laundry, Ogden, Utah.**

**All Criminal Informants, Racial Informants, and Security
Informants in Salt Lake City Division are being contacted in this
matter.**

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

Re Knoxville airtel to Charlotte 4/17/68;
Memphis teletype 4/19/68.

Enclosed for Memphis are nine copies of investigative
insert re ERIC STARVO GALT.

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Re ERIC STARVO GALT

By communication dated April 17, 1968, the Knoxville Office of the FBI advised as follows:

J. BOLES, Representative, Associated Press, Chattanooga, Tennessee, on April 14, 1968, furnished information that he attended college with one JAMES C. GALT of Richmond, Virginia. He said GALT has been employed by DuPont Company in Richmond, Virginia, and was recently transferred to Chattanooga.

Upon contact, JAMES COLQUHOUN GALT informed that he had been with the DuPont Company approximately ten years. (The records of DuPont Company, Chattanooga, indicated he was at work in Chattanooga on April 4, 1968.) GALT further advised he is an only son, however, he does have a cousin, (First Name Unknown) GALT, age 40 to 45. This individual is the son of his father's brother, THOMAS C. GALT, who resides in Raleigh, North Carolina, and works for a railroad.

Mrs. LAURA KICE, 720 Northwood Avenue, Charlottesville, Virginia, or J. D. SIEGFRIED, stepmother and cousin respectively of JAMES C. GALT, possibly have knowledge of the whereabouts of the son of THOMAS C. GALT.

The following investigation was conducted by SA DONALD M. MURRAY at Raleigh, North Carolina:

On April 19, 1968, ED WARREN, Seaboard Coastline Railroad, Raleigh, advised his records reflect CHARLES COLQUHOUN GALT was a former engineer for that company and retired on May 30, 1954. He resided on Morrison Avenue in Raleigh. He died on April 14, 1956, and was survived by his wife, name unknown, who died several years later. The records revealed nothing further regarding him or his family.

The 1956 Raleigh City Directory revealed that LILLIAN GALT, widow, resided at 316 Morrison Avenue and

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the 1957 City Directory listed Mrs. BETTY J. GALT, employed at Boylan Pearce Company, as residing at the same address.

On April 19, 1968, Mrs. BETTY BARBOUR, Boylan Pearce Company, Raleigh, advised records revealed that BETTY J. GALT, wife of W. C. GALT, was employed as a secretary from February 21, 1957, to July 26, 1957, and resided at 316 Morrison Avenue. She was twenty-four years old in 1957, had one child, attended junior college in California and previously, in September, 1953, worked at Harolds Department Store, Marksville, Louisiana. Her husband was attending the North Carolina State University.

Mrs. BARBOUR stated that sometime after leaving Boylan Pearce Mrs. GALT filed an unemployment claim at Hessmer, Louisiana, or Alexandria, Louisiana. This was probably in April, 1959.

On April 22, 1968, Mr. T. GREYER, Registrar's Office, North Carolina State University, advised records revealed that WILLIAM C. GALT, 316 Morrison Avenue, Raleigh, born [redacted] in Pamlico County, North Carolina, attended that school from February 18, 1950, to April 27, 1951, and from January, 1957, to August, 1958. His mother was listed as LILLIAN and he was a U. S. Navy veteran, Navy Serial Number [redacted]. The records contained no information regarding his current whereabouts. He attended Broughton High School, Raleigh, prior to entering State University.

On April 23, 1968, WILLIAM BLACKBURN, Broughton High School, Raleigh, advised his records revealed WILLIAM C. GALT, born [redacted] Raleigh, resided 316 Morrison Avenue. He attended that school from 1943 until he dropped out in 1947. However, in 1950, he was granted a diploma as a result of passing a military SED test. The records contained no further pertinent information regarding GALT, his family or his whereabouts.

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

Re Charlotte teletype 4/22/68;
Miami teletype 4/22/68;
Atlanta telephone call 4/23/68;
Charlotte teletype 4/23/68.

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

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Re JAMES EARL RAY

On April 21, 1968, PETER S. GILCHRIST, 146 Placid Place, Charlotte, North Carolina, advised that on April 12, 1968, he was traveling from Atlanta, Georgia, to Houston, Texas, via Eastern Airlines flight 143. He said this flight left Atlanta at 11:05 a.m. and arrived in Houston at approximately 12:30 p.m.

He said upon viewing JAMES EARL RAY's photograph in the newspapers on April 21, 1968, he is sure that RAY was a passenger on the flight to Houston. He said an individual sat directly across the aisle from him on this flight and that this individual was traveling without luggage. The only difference between RAY and this individual was the color of hair. He said the man on the plane was blond haired but otherwise had the same characteristics as RAY.

He advised that there were approximately 45 or 50 individuals on the flight but as far as he knew this individual was the only other individual who got off at Houston.

The following investigation was conducted by
SAs L. HOLMES ELEAZER and CRAWFORD F. WILLIAMS at Charlotte,
North Carolina:

On April 23, 1968, GILCHRIST was reinterviewed, at which time he advised that on the Eastern flight number 133 from Atlanta to Houston on April 12, 1968, he sat on the right side of the plane near the trailing edge of the wing. The individual he thinks looks like JAMES EARL RAY sat directly across the aisle from him in the outside seat on the left side of the plane. He did not observe this individual before boarding the plane and did not observe this individual after they left the plane at Houston. He advised that he, GILCHRIST, was sitting on the side of the plane which had three seats and the unknown man was sitting on the side which had two seats. There were not any passengers sitting between

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them. In front of GILCHRIST was a Negro girl. Other passengers surrounding them were not observed.

He described the unknown man he thinks looks like JAMES EARL RAY as a white male, 35 to 40 years of age, mature looking, 170-175 pounds, medium build, well dressed, no hat observed, wearing a brown suit with a fleck of gold or yellow in it, white shirt, tie and brown shoes. No scars or marks were observed and no glasses were observed. The man looked like he was in good health. He had no nervous habits which were observed. He had a conventional haircut and his hair was light brown and combed to one side. Overall the man gave a nice looking appearance.

GILCHRIST said that he, GILCHRIST, was carrying with him on the plane a small gray suitcase and was wearing olive-colored sport coat and grayish-green slacks. He did not observe the unknown man with any baggage on the plane.

GILCHRIST was shown various photographs of RAY and he advised that the profile photograph of RAY taken March 17, 1960, looks like the man he observed except for the hair. He said he did not observe the man's ears and would have seen only his right ear in any event.

During the flight, which lasted for about 1½ hours, the unknown man was not observed talking to anyone, including passengers or flight personnel. He stood up once in the aisle and stretched his arms over his head and immediately sat down again. GILCHRIST said he could furnish no additional information regarding this man but reiterated that he looked like the profile drawing and photographs of KING's assassin.

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

Re New Orleans teletype 4/19/68;
Charlotte teletype 4/22/68.

Enclosed for Memphis are nine copies of an insert concerning ADMINISTRATIVE investigation to be set forth in the cover pages of any communications going outside the Bureau. This insert concerns JON D. COWELL, a former PCI of the Charlotte Office, who is identical with FBI #296865E.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Re ERIC STARVO GALT

By communication dated April 19, 1968, the New Orleans Office of the FBI advised as follows:

FREDDIE WILLIAMS, 2613 North Bayou Drive, Golden Meadow, Louisiana, advised that a white male, age 35, 5'11" tall, 160 pounds, brown hair, dark complexion, who resembled a photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT, rented a room at WILLIAMS' residence from April 8 to April 11, 1968, with another white male, age 25, 5'8" tall, 140 pounds, light complexion, names of these individuals unknown to WILLIAMS.

He stated these individuals were driving a 1964 Ford two-door bearing 1968 North Carolina License YM-6355 determined to be registered to JOHN C. COWELL, Route 3, Box 135, Jacksonville, North Carolina. They departed Golden Meadow at 4:00 p.m., April 11, 1968, on a boat, name unknown, destined for Fort Isabelle, Texas.

The following investigation was conducted by SA WILLIAM PEARSON:

On April 19, 1968, Patrolman BILLY WOODWARD, Jacksonville, North Carolina, Police Department, advised that North Carolina registration records reflect 1968 North Carolina License YM-6355 is registered to JON D. COWELL, Box 255, Jacksonville, North Carolina, for a 1964 Ford two-door.

On April 20, 1968, VICTOR MELTS, Manager, ABC Laundry and Cleaners, Jacksonville, North Carolina, advised COWELL was employed as a truck driver for about three years until February 19, 1968. At that time COWELL, who is separated from his wife, took another woman, BETTY LAWSON, and allegedly went to Florida. He stated he had just received a letter from COWELL dated April 19, 1968, in which COWELL stated he was working on a shrimp boat and gave an address of Post Office Box 10, Cameron, Louisiana.

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COWELL:

The following is a description of JON DENNIS

Sex	Male
Race	White
Address	Route 3, Box 255 Jacksonville, North Carolina
Born	<div></div> Buffalo, New York
Height	6'
Weight	170 pounds
Hair	Blond
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Medium

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
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MURKIN

Enclosed for Memphis are nine copies of investigative
insert re DAVID JEFF CROWELL.

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Re DAVID JEFF CROWELL

The following investigation was conducted by SA DONALD M. MURRAY at Raleigh, North Carolina:

On April 10, 1968, Captain ROBERT E. GOODWIN, Raleigh Police Department, advised that on April 10, 1968, he received the following information from a confidential source:

One JEFF CROWELL of Wadesboro, North Carolina, in some respects appears similar to the artist conception of the assassin of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CROWELL's nose and receding hairline are similar to the artist conception.

CROWELL worked for the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, Charlotte, until about two years ago. He was originally from Wadesboro, North Carolina, area but traveled throughout the State of North Carolina for Southern Bell and on weekends it was his habit to travel out of state. Consequently, he maintained no permanent residence. CROWELL admitted membership in the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA) in Wadesboro and was known to have Klan literature in his car. He talked strongly on occasions about his feelings favoring segregation.

The last time the source heard of CROWELL was about eighteen months ago at which time he was self-employed and was selling some type of copying equipment in Charlotte.

CROWELL was described as follows:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	28-29
Height	5'10"
Weight	150-160
Build	Medium
Hair	Light brown
Complexion	Fair
Scars and Marks	Tattoo of cross between thumb and forefinger on one of his hands

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA ROBERT M. STEVENSON:

AT WADESBORO, NORTH CAROLINA and LILESVILLE,
NORTH CAROLINA

On April 12, 1968, Lieutenant PURVIS WALTERS, Wadesboro Police Department, advised he is personally acquainted with JEFF CROWELL, a resident of Wade Street, Wadesboro. He advised CROWELL works at the Hedrick Gravel and Sand Company in Lilesville, North Carolina. He has been living in Wadesboro for several years and is married to a local girl. He advised he is in contact with CROWELL two or three times a week and to his knowledge CROWELL has been in the Wadesboro area for the past several weeks and has been working regularly. He said CROWELL has no arrest record in Wadesboro.

On April 16, 1968, Mrs. EVELYN GATEWOOD, Secretary, Hedrick Gravel and Sand Company, Lilesville, advised that DAVID JEFF CROWELL works for that company and was working on March 29, 1968, and April 4, 1968. She advised he has been employed for about two years, is 24 years of age, is married and lives in Wadesboro.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)(P)

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

On 4/23/68, Mr. FRANK GONZALEZ, White Star Laundry, San Antonio, advised that the numbering system they use does not include the use of a dash. He further advised the laundry no longer uses the Textile Marking Machine.

Enclosed for the Bureau are several samples of material and type used at the White Star Laundry. The Bureau may wish to compare these with the stamp and tag in referenced airtel.

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, CHICAGO

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

**RE: MURKIN
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Re BH tel to Bureau, 4/11/68 at 6:32 p.m., setting forth information regarding a stop notice for JOHN E. WILLARD, BH tel to Bureau, 4/11/68 at 6:36 p.m., setting forth results of check with W. M. GARDNER, Manager, Retail Credit Co., Birmingham, Alabama, concerning one J. D. WILLARD, and AT tel to Bureau, 4/15/68 at 6:15 p.m. setting forth information re A. M. TENNISON, JR. of National Life and Accident Insurance Co., Nashville, Tennessee.

On 4/24/68, Mr. A. M. TENNISON, JR., Assistant Auditor, General Accounting Division, National Life and Accident Insurance Company, Nashville, Tennessee, advised SA HEINERSON HILLIN, JR. that he had searched all available records of his company and could find no information concerning a J. D. WILLARD as a former employee of the company or anyone about whom the National Life and Accident Insurance Company had made any effort to locate. He advised that he had located a record for JOHN E. WILLARD, a former agent with the National Life and Accident Insurance Company in the Chicago South Central District. His record

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1 - Atlanta (44-2386) (Info)
Teletype 1 - Birmingham (44-1740) (Info)
1 - Kansas City (Info)
A.M. 1 - Memphis
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[Handwritten signature]

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[Handwritten signature: Boyle RB]

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contained the following information:

JOHN E. WILLARD, certificate number 81056, service number 37145, was employed in the Chicago, Illinois South Central District as an agent from July 13, 1964 to January 8, 1965. WILLARD left the company and owed the company \$498.85 in collected premium funds which were not turned in. Thereafter the company made numerous efforts to collect this money from him and began efforts to locate him for contact in 1966. On October 27, 1966, the company put out a broadcast of disappearance for JOHN E. WILLARD and distributed this to various credit agencies throughout the United States. The Chicago, Illinois Credit Bureau reported to the National Life and Accident Insurance Company thereafter that they had determined that WILLARD was last known to be residing at 2564 South Blue Island Avenue, Chicago, and had previously been employed by the Gateway Transport Company.

A former address of 5302 South Maplewood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, was indicated. WILLARD is a white male, born [REDACTED], 5'11", 203 pounds, and is married to IRENE JOY WILLARD, born [REDACTED]. The Chicago Credit Bureau reported that they were divorced or separated. Born to this union were three children, JOHN, JANIE and BARRY.

Mr. TRENWICH stated that this was a regular occurrence in that insurance agents would work for a period of time and quit owing the company money, and an effort would be made to locate them. He advised that this stop notice has been distributed throughout the United States and to this date WILLARD has not been located by the company and no restitution on these funds made.

LEADS:

CHICAGO DIVISION

Although the subject in this case has been identified, Chicago might desire to utilize information contained above covering lead set forth in referenced communication.

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Date: 4/24/68

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

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

Re Memphis teletype to Little Rock, 4/23/68.

Enclosed herewith are 25 copies of an
investigative insert.

For information of Memphis, L. B. VANLANDINGHAM,
who is employed as a petroleum inspector for the
E. W. Saybolt Company, West Memphis, Arkansas, and
drives a 1960 white Buick with 1968 Arkansas license
AGV 130, does slightly resemble photographs of
ERIC STARVO GALT, IO #442.

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JWS/sfs

The following investigation was conducted by
SA LEANDER J. MUNCY at Little Rock, Arkansas:

A check at the Motor Vehicle Bureau, Little Rock, Arkansas, on April 23, 1968, reflected that Arkansas license AGV 130 was registered to L. B. VANLANDINGHAM, 2500 South Woodlawn, West Memphis, Arkansas for a 1960 Buick automobile.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA JAMES W. SKELLEY on April 23, 1968:

The City Directories for West Memphis, Arkansas from 1960 to the current issue reflect L. B. VANLANDINGHAM as being employed as an inspector for E. W. Saybolt Company, West Memphis, Arkansas, which firm is presently located at 202 South Second Street.

ATLEE HARRIS, an attorney who is at 202 South Second Street, advised that E. W. Saybolt Company is a firm that conducts research and analyzes petroleum products. He stated that he knows the individuals who work in this office, and none of them resemble photographs of JAMES EARL RAY or ERIC STARVO GALT.

L. B. VANLANDINGHAM, 2500 South Woodlawn, West Memphis, Arkansas, was observed driving into his residence in a 1960 Buick, white in color, bearing 1968 Arkansas license AGV 130.

VANLANDINGHAM advised that he has been employed by the E. W. Saybolt Company since 1954 as a petroleum inspector. He stated that between 8:00 and 9:00 a.m. on April 23, 1968, he was driving the above vehicle on interstate bypass in Memphis, Tennessee. He was driving from Nashville, Tennessee to West Memphis, Arkansas. He stated that he had noticed a woman in a white uniform driving a red Mustang automobile on the interstate highway near the Memphis-Arkansas Mississippi River bridge

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because she would pass him and then slow down, and he would have to pass her.

The following is a description of VANLANDINGHAM:

Name	L. B. VANLANDINGHAM
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	<input type="text"/>
Height	5'11"
Weight	170 pounds
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Brown, turning gray
Complexion	Dark
Build	Medium.

F B I

Date: 4/24/68

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

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

RE: VOLKSWAGEN BEARING 1968
ALABAMA LICENSE 3-17239 ✓
LEONARD SPEARS ✓
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA - INFORMANT

Re New Orleans teletype to Mobile 10:44 p.m.,
4/19/68, air mail copy to Memphis.

Enclosed herewith for Memphis are 25 copies
of insert reflecting investigation concerning this matter,
one copy of insert being furnished New Orleans for infor-
mation.

Mobile indices negative concerning ROBERT D.
PIKE as identified in insert.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

② - Memphis (Encs. 25) ✓
1 - New Orleans (157-10678)(Enc. 1)(Info)
2 - Mobile
JTB: ljr
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Approved: WMA Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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JTB:ljr

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RE: VOLKSWAGEN BEARING 1968
ALABAMA LICENSE 3-17239
LEONARD SPEARS
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA - INFORMANT

LEONARD SPEARS, former East Baton Rouge Sheriff's Deputy, reported that at 8:45 p.m. April 19, 1968 he had seen a gray Volkswagen bearing Alabama license 3-17239 on Airline Highway, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and the driver looked very much like the subject.

The following investigation was conducted at Montgomery, Alabama, by SA SPENCER H. ROBB:

On April 19, 1968, a check of Alabama Highway Patrol records reflected 1968 Alabama License 3-17239 issued to ROBERT D. PIKE, 310 Sterling Drive, Montgomery for a 1964 Volkswagen, 2 door sedan, VIN 6327390. Alabama Highway Patrol reported no stolen report on this license or car.

A check of the Montgomery City Directory reflected PIKE as Service Manager for JACK INGRAM Motor Company, Montgomery.

Efforts to contact PIKE unsuccessful until April 22, 1968, on which date PIKE, who does not resemble subject RAY, stated he had returned to Montgomery April 20, 1968 from a trip to Louisiana, and that he had spent the night of April 19, 1968 in New Orleans. He had driven his 1964 Volkswagen, bearing 1968 Alabama license 3-17239, and this car was not out of his possession at any time. The car still bears the above license.

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231-284) (P)

MURKIN
CR
(OO:ME)

ReATairtel to Bureau, 4/22/68.

Car recoveries in Tampa Division checked during referenced period with negative results. All vehicles recovered in near future will be given same consideration.

3 - Bureau
② - Memphis
1 - Birmingham (Info)
1 - Atlanta (Info)
1 - Tampa
DPJ:cj
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AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) (ATTN: LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau letter to Chicago dated 4/16/68.

Enclosed for the Latent Fingerprint Section are three cards containing rolled fingerprints of GUNNER B. BURKE, ANITA B. BERGER, and FABIAN CANACHO.

BULK
Mr. GUNNAR BURKE, of Superior Best Film Company, Chicago, advised that he and possibly Mrs. ANITA BERGER and FABIAN CANACHO are the only employees of this company that would have any reason to handle the ERIC S. GALT file.

On 4/24/68 the above named people were fingerprinted. Mr. BURKE advised that he has previously been fingerprinted in connection with Warwork during the period of World War II, where he was employed by the Admiral Corporation. FABIAN CANACHO advised that he served in the U.S. Army and entered the Army in 1952 in Puerto Rico. He could not recall the Army Serial Number.

The fingerprints of the following people should also be considered for elimination purposes in this matter:

SAC MARLIN W. JOHNSON, Chicago
ASAC KYLE CLARK
SAs KEENE J. DUNNIN, LEN
KACZMAREK, WILLIAM J. DOWNEY, all
of the Chicago Office and

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 3) (RM)
- ① - Memphis (Info) (44-1987)
- 1 - Chicago

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**MARTIN J. MC GEE, Postal Inspector in Charge
and Postal Inspector FRANK C. FREYER of
Chicago, Illinois.**

4/26/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-3886) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
RE:

(RE: Memphis)

Re Bureau airtel to all offices dated 4/18/68,
and Miami airtel to the Bureau dated 4/23/68.

Re: Laundry Marking Machine and Code 200-3.

ROBERT BROWN, proprietor, **Flamingo Clubroom**,
3454 N. W. 7th Avenue, Miami, completed a review of his
records dating back to April, 1967, and determined that only
one yellow tape bearing code 200-3 was used for the
Flamingo Clubroom, 3454 North 7th Avenue, Miami Beach,
since April, 1967. These tapes were used on 9/28/67 and
10/24/67.

ROBERT BROWN, proprietor, **Flamingo Clubroom**,
reviewed his records for 4/28/67 and 10/24/67 and determined
that code 200-3 was used on three undershirts and six
handkerchiefs in the name of Mr. **LEONARD** on 9/28/67. His
records further indicated that on 10/24/67 code 200-3 was
used on two shirts in the name of Mr. **BROWN**. At no time
was code 200-3 on a yellow tape used on any handkerchiefs or
yellow shirts.

- 3 - Bureau (RM)
- 1 - Albany (Info) (RM)
- 1 - Atlanta (Info) (RM)
- 1 - Memphis (RM)
- 1 - Birmingham (RM)
- 1 - Miami
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- (10)

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All other locations using a Thomas Hook Working Machine in the Miami Division were contacted and advised they do not use code 88-3 on their inventory tapes.

REPORT ADDED AND RECORDED.

F B I

Date: 4/24/68

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

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO: Memphis

Re Los Angeles teletype 4/22/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are four (4) exposed, undeveloped sheets of color film and four (4) Polaroid pictures of reproductions of laundry marks placed on shirts and bed linens. Also enclosed for Chicago are four (4) Polaroid pictures of the above laundry marks.

The above laundry marks represent a collection of laundry marks placed on shirts, bed linens, and other items of clothing belonging to JAMES EARL RAY, while using the name ERIC STARVO GALT in the Los Angeles, California, area. These laundry marks may still be on various articles of clothing and linen in the possession of RAY.

Chicago is requested to complete arrangements for publication of the laundry marks in American Trade Magazine publications, if Bureau approval has been given to this project.

- 3 - Bureau (Encls. 8) (AMSD)
- 2 - Chicago (Encls. 4) (AMSD)
- ② - Memphis (Info) (44-1987)
- 1 - Birmingham (Info) (44-1740)
- 1 - Atlanta (Info) (44-2386)
- 1 - Los Angeles

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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The Bureau may wish to furnish copies of the color photographs to all continental offices as well as the Legat, Ottawa for use in eliminating suspects. Laundry and Dry Cleaning trade publications will be distributed in Canada as well as the entire United States.

The packet containing the undeveloped sheet film contains exposure and film type data for information of the Color Film Processing Unit at the Bureau.

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)
FROM: SAC, KNOXVILLE (44-696)

MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS
(OO:MEMPHIS)
BUFILE: 44-38861

Re Atlanta airtel to Knoxville dated 4/18/68.

On April 23, 1968, photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, aka were exhibited to Mrs. ROSSIE JOHNSON, Secretary, and Mr. O. L. BAKER, Business Agent, both of the Painters Local #226 located at 540 Vine Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee. Both advised they could not recall anyone including past and present members of Painters Local #226 who resembles the photograph or description of RAY.

Mr. BAKER advised that even though Painters Local #226 has jurisdiction of Dalton, Georgia, painters only three active members of this local are located in Dalton and Whitfield County, Georgia. All other painters are non-union. He suggested the largest number of painters represented at any one place in Dalton, Georgia, would be the North Georgia Decorating Company, (FNU) LEWIS, General Manager and Owner. This is a known contractor who regularly employs 12 - 14 painters.

LEAD

ATLANTA DIVISION

At Dalton, Georgia

2 - Atlanta
① - Memphis (Info)
2 - Knoxville

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Will exhibit subject's photographs to officials of the North Georgia Decorating Company in an effort to identify the individual referenced lead set forth in Tampa teletype to Atlanta dated 4/15/68.

F B I

Date: 4/24/68

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

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, KNOXVILLE (44-696) (P)

MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS
OO: MEMPHIS

Re Knoxville teletype to Memphis dated 4/19/68
and Memphis telephone call to ASAC, Knoxville 4/23/68.

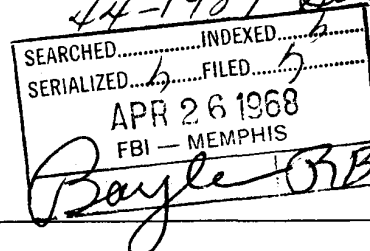
On 4/23/68 T. P. DALY, Postal Inspector in
Charge, Chattanooga, Tennessee, made available for inspection
a letter addressed to Mr. ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Ave.,
Birmingham, Alabama, postmarked Chattanooga, Tennessee,
AM 4/16/68 and which was returned marked "addressee moved,
left no address."

Mr. DALY stated the above letter was returned to
him from the Dead Letter Office, Memphis, Tennessee, and
examination revealed its contents as only two religious
tracts. One tract is entitled "Hell Is It Real?" and is
distributed by Grace and Truth, 215 Oak, Hillery, Danville,
Illinois; the second tract is entitled, "God's Simple
Plan of Salvation", distributed by Berean Gospel Distributors,
Inc., P. O. Box 891, Indianapolis, Indiana.

It would appear the above letter was sent by a
religious fanatic, who obtained the GALT name and address
from newspaper accounts, which carried GALT's full name
and Birmingham address.

② - Memphis
2 - Knoxville

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Approved: *VE/M*
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

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Since the letter contained no additional identifying data as to the sender and since it does not appear that identification of the sender would result in any information pertinent to captioned investigation, no further investigation is being conducted by Knoxville unless specifically requested by Memphis Division.

Leads are not being set forth at this time to contact distributors of above religious tracts.

F B I

Date: 4/24/68

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

TO: SAC, CHICAGO

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re telephone calls Newark to Chicago to Springfield.

On 4/24/68 records Auto registration, Department of Motor Vehicles, reveal 1968 Illinois license 493-651 issued to HAROLD and/or PATRICIA WARD, 1301 North Main, Benton, Illinois, for use on a 1962 Cadillac, VIN 62B122668.

Springfield indices negative re HAROLD and PATRICIA WARD. Also driver's license, Department of Motor Vehicles.

Chief of Police KEN EUBANKS, Benton, Illinois, Police Department, advised MACK WARD, an elderly miner employed at Orient #5, Logan, Illinois, for some years, resides at 1301 North Main. He has a son DAVID E. WARD at the same address as of 1963 City Directory and DAVID is married to MARGARET or MARGERIE. DAVID is employed as a service station attendant.

MACK and MARGARET WARD, 1301 North Main, Benton, Illinois, during a pretext inquiry, advised the following information:

HAROLD is their son, who is married to PATRICIA, nee ACKLY, who have two infant sons. PATRICIA previously resided 1545 Flicker Drive, Florissant, Missouri. HAROLD has been in the United States Navy approximately three years having just returned from Vietnam and is currently attending Navy training school in Pennsylvania, possibly Philadelphia, and his present address is 2420 Arnold Street, Camden, New Jersey. HAROLD and his family left Benton approximately

- 2 - Chicago
2 - Newark
② - Memphis (44-1987)
2 - Springfield

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Special Agent in Charge

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3/26/68 and arrived Camden, New Jersey, the following Friday or Saturday. This is their first trip to Camden and to the best of their knowledge, neither HAROLD nor his wife knew any individuals in Camden prior to their arrival.

MACK WARD also advised that HAROLD owns and is presently driving a greyish colored 1962 Cadillac.

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Date: 4/24/68

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

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686) P
MURKIN
CR
OO:Memphis

Reurairtel 4/17/68.

On 4/24/68, after previous efforts to locate HERBERT DONALD HILL, who listed his address as 1800 N.E. 25th Street, Oklahoma City, he was contacted and denied being in Memphis, Tennessee during April, 1968. He stated he has never stayed at the Lorraine Hotel in Memphis and had no information whatever concerning this case.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

② - Memphis
2 - Oklahoma City

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Approved: LOT/ewg Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

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

MURKIN
OO Memphis

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

Re: Laundry checks

Enclosed herewith for the Laboratory is a piece of white cloth containing samples of Thermo-seal laundry markings of the Clinton Laundry and Cleaners, Clinton, Oklahoma, and two pieces of paper containing Thermo-seal laundry markings of the Stillwater Laundry, Stillwater, Oklahoma.

On April 23, 1968, RICHARD SUTTON, Assistant Manager, Stillwater Laundry, 401 South Main, Stillwater, Oklahoma, advised SA PAUL R. KRISER that Thermo-seal laundry mark 20R-3 is employed in his business. SUTTON stated that the letters of the alphabet are used to designate a particular week and that each letter could be used only once every 26 weeks. The digits used in the code before the letter are used to designate a load number and digits used after the letter designate a particular order in that particular load. The color is changed at random and ten colors in all are used. SUTTON produced laundry receipt number 13874 dated 1/30/68, in the name of JAMES DEAN, no address, for two shirts, which had a Thermo-seal tape attached, red in

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2 - Memphis (44-1987)
2 - Oklahoma City
JAG:ow
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Cranshaw

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color and imprinted with code number 20R-3. SUTTON advised that DEAN is a regular customer and is well known to him. SUTTON further advised that code number 20R-3 has not been used since 1/30/68, and would have been used prior to this in August of 1967, but due to the fact that no records are available, it would be impossible to determine who might have been assigned this code at that time or the color of the code used. SUTTON furnished samples of Thermo-seal tape used in his business for submission to the FBI Laboratory.

SUTTON was exhibited Wanted Flyer number 442-A for JAMES EARL RAY, at which time he advised that he could not identify this individual as being identical with anyone he has observed in the past.

On 4/23/68, ROBERT POOLE, manager, Clinton Laundry and Cleaners, Clinton, Oklahoma, advised SA WILLIAM R. FARRIS that his firm uses a code such as 20R-3. The letter in the code is changed weekly and the entire alphabet is utilized. By calculating on a calendar POOLE was able to determine that the symbol 20R-3 would have been in use from noon, 9/22/67 through noon on 9/29/67. Prior to this time the code would have been used in March, 1967. In March 1968, the code would have been used again but in March, 1968, POOLE's firm was not using a Thermo-seal marking machine. Prior to September, 1967, the firm was using a Thermo-seal marking machine which is no longer in operation but this machine produced a wider tape. This particular tape used a wider tape than the current machine being used and the tape used was gold in color. POOLE stated his firm does not retain records on home delivery transactions over 3 months. They do have available records on cash items at the counter. These records were searched for the period 1/1/67 through 4/1/68 without locating any having the symbol 20R-3. Symbols 20R-2 and 20R-4 were located and POOLE stated this indicates 20R-3 was a home delivery on which no records are available. Samples of the Thermo-seal laundry markings were obtained from POOLE for submission to the FBI Laboratory.

REQUEST OF THE FBI LABORATORY

The FBI Laboratory is requested to compare the enclosed samples of Thermo-seal laundry markings with the questioned

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specimens previously submitted in this case to determine if the machine at Clinton, Oklahoma, or at Stillwater, Oklahoma, could have produced the questioned laundry markings.

The enclosed samples may be retained or discarded by the FBI Laboratory and need not be returned to Oklahoma City.

RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS

4/24/68

AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM : SAC, DENVER (157-203)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
OO: ME

RE: Laundry Marks

Re Memphis airtel to all SACs, dated 4/19/68.

All laundry plants in Boulder, Colorado Springs, Denver, Englewood, Grand Junction, and Pueblo, Colorado; as well as Casper, Wyoming, who utilize Thermo-Seal Marking Machines in their operations were recontacted 4/22-23/68 concerning a yellow tape containing the code "2UR-3", without effecting an identification.

3 - Bureau (44-38861)
① - Memphis (44-1987)
1 - Denver (157-203)
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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, DALLAS
FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)
RE: MURKIN

Re my call to Dallas this AM.

Enclosed is a memorandum from Complaint Clerk KEN PAUL
4/24/68, which is self-explanatory.

Dallas at Corsicana, Texas: Will contact the Holiday
Inn Motel, interview waitress LENA, and determine if she can
identify subject JAMES EARL RAY as being in the coffee shop at
about noon, 4/22/68.

2 - Dallas (encl 1)
1 - Memphis (encl 1)(info)
1 - Houston *Hy*

WTW:rec
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)

FROM : IC KEN PAUL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/24/68

SHARON ALLISON, 4426 Sheltenham, telephone 729-4961, called this morning and advised that she and her husband stopped at the Holiday Inn Motel Coffee Shop on Highway 187 in Corsicana, Texas at about noon on April 22, 1968. She stated as they entered the coffee shop, she observed a man seated in the front booth by the door and she remarked to her husband that he looked just like the picture of the man wanted in the MARTIN LUTHER KING killing. She stated she then noticed that the man was seated next to a blonde woman and she immediately remembered that JAMES EARL RAY was reported to be possibly traveling with a blonde haired woman. She stated that this woman later appeared in the women's restroom while Mrs. ALLISON was in there attending to her infant daughter. She was able to closely observe this woman and she described her as being in her middle 30's, 5'6-5'7", 120-130 pounds, long blonde hair, olive complexion, attractive but coarse looking, wearing white burmuda shorts with white knee length socks. Mrs. ALLISON observed that she was not wearing a wedding ring. Mrs. ALLISON stated she did not observe the man standing but that he resembled the pictures she has seen of JAMES EARL RAY, although she did not observe any scars on his face. She stated the one outstanding characteristic about him was that his hair, which was black, appeared to be thinning noticeably in the back. He was dressed in plaid burmuda shorts and was wearing a striped shirt. She stated the waitress that waited on the couple was named LENA according to the name plate she wore on her uniform.

Mrs. ALLISON stated she could positively identify this woman if a photograph is available.

KP:lb

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, TAMPA
FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)
RE: MURKIN

Remy call to Tampa this PM.

Enclosed is a memorandum from Complaint Clerk KENNETH PAUL 4/24/68 which is self-explanatory.

Tampa at Tampa: Will contact Mrs. SCHUSTER, owner of rooming house at 336 Hyde Park Avenue, and determine if anyone meeting description of subject JAMES EARL RAY is or has been residing there since the shooting of KING.

2 - Tampa (encl 1)
1 - Memphis (info) (enc. 1) *df*
1 - Houston

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)

FROM : IC KEN PAUL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/24/68

HOWARD STAFFORD called long distance at 11:45 this morning and advised he is staying with his brother ARNOLD GENE STAFFORD in Victoria, Texas, telephone 573-2017. STAFFORD stated at the time MARTIN LUTHER KING was shot, he was living in a rooming house at 336 Hyde Park Avenue, Tampa, Florida. He stated two days after KING was shot a man moved into the rooming house whose name he does not know. He stated he had observed this man on occasions and only from the back. He stated his appearance was most unusual in that his ears did not match. He stated by that he means one was larger and protruding out from his head more than the other one. He stated his build appeared to be the same as JAMES EARL RAY. STAFFORD stated the man's actions were most unusual in that he very seldom left his apartment and on those few occasions that he did leave, it was always late at night or in the early morning hours. He stated he is quite sure that this man was having an affair with a woman who had an apartment adjoining his (STAFFORD). He does not know the name of this woman, but she has been residing at the rooming house for some time. He stated that the owner of the rooming house, a Mrs. SCHUSTER, would be able to furnish the names of the woman and the man. STAFFORD stated he left the rooming house last Sunday and came to Victoria and at that time, the man was still residing at the rooming house.

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES

FROM: SAC, PHOENIX (44-371) (P)

MURKIN

Reurtele, 4/24/68.

Enclosed herewith for Los Angeles in one (1) Xerox copy each of Phoenix teletypes to Bureau, et al, 4/21/68 and 4/22/68, as mentioned in airtel.

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2 - Los Angeles (Enc. 2)
2 - Memphis (44-1987) ()
2 - Phoenix

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