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BALTIMORE

AT HEATTSVILLE, MARYLAND

Attempt to locate and process the cook at the  
Golden Rule Restaurant to eliminate.

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Date: 4/22/68

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

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (100-427) (P)  
RE: MURKIN  
CR  
OO: MEMPHIS

Re Memphis airtel to Sacramento, 4/12/68.

Re Photo of Laundry Mark for Display to  
Mrs. LEONARD JACOBSEN, Sonora, California

On 4/17/68, referenced photograph of laundry mark appearing on undershorts and T-shirt in this matter was exhibited to Mrs. LEONARD JACOBSEN, 407 North Washington, Sonora. She advised that referenced laundry mark could not have been produced by her machine, pointing out that in every case her machine printed a double dash rather than a single dash. A copy of the laundry mark produced by Mrs. JACOBSEN's machine is enclosed herewith for Memphis.

② - Memphis (Enc.-1) (RM)  
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Special Agent in Charge

4/12/68

**AIRTEL**

**TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)**  
**FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (157-1893) (P)**  
**SUBJECT: MURKIN**

**Re Charlotte teletype to Bureau and Cincinnati,  
4/17/68.**

**The following investigation was conducted by  
SA FREDERICK J. NEASE, JR. at Hamilton, Ohio, on 4/16/68:**

**Mr. GEORGE MURKIN, owner of the Butler Cleaners,  
South Erie Highway, Hamilton, Ohio, advised that he  
purchased the entire cleaning plant of the Imperial  
Cleaners of Cincinnati, Ohio, around 1960. Included in  
the machinery purchased was a Thermo-Seal Marking Machine,  
but this machine has never been used by the Butler Cleaners,  
even though it remains in their possession. Mr. MURKIN  
stated that his company has never used any such short  
marking as GMS-6 or PMS-6.**

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2 - Memphis (44-1987) (RM)  
2 - Charlotte (44-1985) (RM)  
1 - Cincinnati**

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**AIRTEL**

**TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)**  
**FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (44-669)**  
**SUBJECT: MURKIN**

**Re: ERIC STARVO GALT - DANCING SCHOOLS**

Instructions in Bulet 4/15/68 re contact with dancing schools complied with and all negative.

**Re: ERIC STARVO GALT - Locksmithing Institute**

Instructions in Newark tel to Bureau, 4/15/68 re contact with publications advocating Locksmithing Institute complied with and all negative.

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AIRTEL

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

Re Tampa airtel to the Bureau dated 4/15/68.

Enclosed for Atlanta is one copy of referenced airtel and two photographs developed from questioned television tape.

"AV" WESTIN, Director, Public Broadcast Laboratory (PBL), 342 Madison Avenue, NYC, on 4/19/68, advised that an assistant would aid the FBI in making available tape on questioned broadcast of 4/7/68. He stated that PBL has had employees following the developments leading up to the "poor people's march on Washington" which was to have been led by Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING in the Spring of 1968. He stated that the questioned portion of the broadcast was produced by GREG SHUKER of PBL.

On 4/19/68, PBL made available two film excerpts from the broadcast of 4/7/68 which shows two white males in

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2- Atlanta (Encls. 3)  
1- Memphis (INFO)  
1- New York

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background of photograph, either of which could represent the person referred to by Dr. IRVING HALL of Bradenton, Florida. It is further noted, however, that others in the room made similar remarks about the "poor white people getting screwed" if KING led the march.

It is noted that one individual, which according to the tape was located in the area of, or next to, the Negro moderator, who was HOSEA WILLIAMS, seemed to be pulling at his left ear lobe as depicted in the enclosed excerpt from the film.

GREG SHUKER, Producer, PBL, stated he was in the room during the filming of this sequence of events and identified the location as Paschal's Motel, located on Hunter Street, Atlanta, Georgia. He stated he personally recalls most of the participants in the discussion other than the man with his hand up to his ear. He stated that the Southern Christian Leadership Conference Headquarters (SCLC) in Atlanta is believed to have a list of all persons attending this discussion. He stated that the events took place on 3/14/68 and that BILL RUTHERFORD, Executive Director, and TOM OFFENBERG, Public Relations, SCLC, Office # (404)-522-1420, possibly could furnish names of all persons in the room. RUTHERFORD's home number was given as 523-3381 and that of OFFENBERG, who is Director of the March as 522-1425.

SHUKER stated that other groups and races of people were meeting at the time in the same motel in connection with the upcoming march, but indicated that the group in question was basically white and that HOSEA WILLIAMS came in late only to answer their questions and to convince them that KING would lead and speak for all the poor people, regardless of race, in the March on Washington.

SHUKER is in the process of preparing a copy of the entire tape for the FBI which is to be made available to the NYO possibly today, 4/22/68.

It has been requested by PBL that above excerpts from the tape as well as the other material to be made

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available, be used solely by the FBI for their investigative purposes. The film is still being used by PBL and no publication otherwise should be made.

Atlanta, through appropriate officials of SCLC, obtain list of persons in attendance of white group discussion at Paschal's Motel on or about 3/14/68 in order to identify persons appearing in attached photographs and further tie in with individuals referred to by Dr. IRVINGTON HALL in referenced communication.

NYO will obtain complete tape from PBL.

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, SAN JUAN (157-61)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CIVIL RIGHTS  
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re San Juan teletype to the Bureau and New York dated 4/19/68; New York teletype to San Juan dated 4/19/68 copy to Memphis and San Juan teletype to New York dated 4/20/68.

Reference information concerning JOE (LNU) furnished by FELIPE HERNANDEZ.

Mr. JOSEPH CHIRICO and wife MERITA CHIRICO, nee MERITA CASULL VELEZ interviewed 4/20/68 by SA JAMES J. CUMMINGS at 1035A De Kalb Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

Mr. CHIRICO born [redacted] at Brooklyn, New York, speaks with Italian accent, olive complexion, 175-190 pounds, 5'6". CHIRICO bald from beginning of forehead to point three to four inches back on scalp.

On basis of observation and above data, CHIRICO determined not identical to JAMES EARL RAY.

2- San Juan  
2- Memphis (AM)  
2- New York

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

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

MURKIN  
OO Memphis

Re San Francisco tel to Director, Memphis, and  
Oklahoma City 4/18/68.

Re: ERIC STARVO GALT

The following investigation was conducted by SA  
DELMER R. EXON on 4/19/68.

At Tulsa, Oklahoma

BARRY J. GALT, Attorney, First National Bank Building,  
Tulsa, Oklahoma, advised that he was born [redacted] at Ardmore,  
Oklahoma, and grew up in that area. He graduated from the  
University of Oklahoma Law School in 1960 and since that time  
has been in private practice in Tulsa, Oklahoma. His father,  
MONROE GALT, presently resides at Shawnee, Oklahoma, where he  
is an official of Oklahoma Gas and Electric.

GALT said his grandfather came to Oklahoma before  
statehood from Georgia and settled near Ardmore. He said he  
did not know ERIC GALT and was not aware of any family  
relationship.

During the past several months he has made several  
business and pleasure trips. He and his wife visited Las Vegas,  
Nevada, from February 2, to February 8, 1968. During March 10-13,

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2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
1 - San Francisco (175-65) (Info)  
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1968, they visited San Francisco, California, and stayed at the Fairmont Hotel. On March 14, 15, 1968, they stayed at the Del Monte Lodge at Pebble Beach, California. During March 27 to March 29, 1968, BARRY GALT stayed at the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco. His wife did not accompany him on this trip.

The following physical description was obtained:

Name	BARRY J. GALT
Race	White
Sex	Male
Birth	[REDACTED] at Ardmore, Oklahoma
Age	34
Height	6'2"
Weight	190
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Dark brown

BARRY J. GALT advised he has no information about ERIC STARVO GALT.

Armed and Dangerous

4/22/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (44-669)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re telephone call from ASAC, Atlanta to Baltimore,  
4/15/68.

Referenced communication reflected that <sup>at</sup> General Delivery, Atlanta, Georgia was a large manila envelope addressed to ERIC GALT, 9533 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, California which address had been crossed out and in turn had been forwarded to General Delivery, Atlanta, Georgia. There was no postmark on the envelope but the reverse side was stamped 4/13/68, Hollywood. The envelope appeared to contain a regular size sheet of paper and a booklet with return address of HEW, Social Security Administration, Baltimore, Maryland.

The files of BA CS-4 were checked and they revealed that a letter postmarked 2/29/68, Los Angeles, California had been mailed to Social Security Administration, Baltimore, Maryland, with return address of ERIC GALT, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, California 90028. The letter itself is dated 2/29/68, is typewritten except for the written signature ERIC GALT and is as follows:

"Dear Sir:

"Could you tell me what effect the amendments to the Social Security Act 1956, 1960, 1961, 1965. Had in regards two who was covered, such as number of employees a firm could hire without

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- 2 - Los Angeles (REGISTERED MAIL) (Enc. 4)
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- 1 - Atlanta (Info.) (REGISTERED MAIL) (Enc. 4)
- 1 - Baltimore

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*[Signature]*



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"paying social security and when the employer himself had to have social security. Also when the military came under social security. If you don't have this type of information could you tell me who mite. Thanks.

Sincerely

ERIC GALT

5533-Hollywood Blvd.

Hollywood, California.

90028."

Re letter dated 4/8/68 from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare was directed to GALT, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard answering his request and forwarding informational pamphlets.

Enclosed for Memphis are xerox copies of the envelope and letter from ERIC GALT to Social Security Administration; HEW, Form 30 Route Slip and HEW reply letter to GALT.

LEAD:

LOS ANGELES DIVISION

AT HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

Will conduct investigation at 5533 Hollywood Boulevard for any additional information which would be of value in locating subject of this case.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE

01:1

April 3, 1968

Mr. Eric Galt  
6933 Hollywood Boulevard  
Hollywood, California 90028

Dear Mr. Galt:

Our accounting office has now called our attention to your letter about the social security program. We regret the delay in replying.

Enclosed are some informational pamphlets including a legislative history of the program, which you might find helpful.

The provisions of the Social Security Act of 1935 went into effect January 1, 1937, and the coverage of self-employed persons (SSO Act) was effective January 1, 1951. There were no limitations on the number of employees an employer could hire without paying social security contributions. Each employer was required to report earnings and pay contributions for each employee whose earnings are covered by the Social Security Act.

You may be interested to know that your social security district office is well stocked with material concerning the program. They can provide you with publications that are available for general distribution and will allow you to examine and copy many publications that are not available for general distribution.

Sincerely yours,

Robert M. Ball  
Commissioner of Social Security

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SHOW FOR CLEARANCES OR APPROVALS

DATE

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TO:

AGENCY BLDG. ROOM

D.P. 1

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- ☐ APPROVAL ☐ REVIEW ☐ PER CONVERSATION  
☐ SIGNATURE ☐ NOTE AND SEE ME ☐ AS REQUESTED  
☐ COMMENT ☐ NOTE AND RETURN ☐ NECESSARY ACTION  
☒ FOR YOUR INFORMATION RE: Eric Galt.  
☐ PREPARE REPLY FOR SIGNATURE OF \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS:

Letter requesting Amendments  
& policies of the Administration

(Fold here for return)

To

From

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DP: AC

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FORM HEW-30 REV. 11/56 ROUTE SLIP

GPO: 1954-O-400000



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DEAR SIR:

COULD YOU TELL ME WHAT EFFECT THE AMENDMENTS  
TO THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT 1956, 1960, 1961, 1965.  
HAD IN REGARDS TWO WHO WAS COVERED, SUCH AS  
NUMBER OF EMPLOYES A FIRM COULD HIRE WITHOUT  
PAYING SOCIAL SECURITY AND WHEN THE EMPLOYER  
HIMSELF HAD TO HAVE SOCIAL SECURITY.

ALSO WHEN THE MILITARY CAME UNDER SOCIAL SECURITY.  
IF YOU DON'T HAVE THIS TYPE OF INFORMATION  
COULD YOU TELL ME WHO MITE. THANKS.

SINCERELY

ERIC GALT

5533-HOLLYWOOD BLVD.

HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA.

90028.

*Eric Galt*

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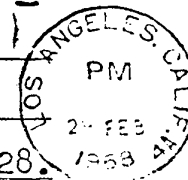
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ERIC GALT

5533-HOLLYWOOD-BLVD.

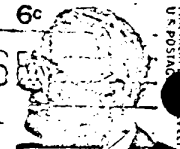
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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

P.O. BOX-573 BALTIMORE, MARYLAND. 20213.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

DATE: 4/22/68

FROM : SAC, Little Rock (157-1215) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
C R  
(OO: ME)

*#5,000 contract to kill Dr. King*  
Re San Diego teletype to Director, 4/13/68 *re at-police memo*

Enclosed for Memphis are nine copies each of  
FD-302's reflecting interviews on April 14, 1968, with  
LOY "BUCK" GREEN, WAYNE RYAN and ROBERT B. BRACKEN, all  
at Lead Hill, Arkansas.

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2 - Little Rock

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 4/22/68

ROBERT B. BRACKEN produced a Navy Identification Card reflecting that he retired from the U. S. Navy on March 19, 1965, and was assigned Navy Serial Number [REDACTED]. He is described as a white male, born [REDACTED], at Johnson City, Tennessee, 6', 235 pounds, brown hair and eyes. His residence is 750 North 3rd Street, El Cajon, California. BRACKEN advised he is living temporarily with WAYNE RYAN near Lead Hill, Arkansas, since he has been separated for about a year from his wife and she is obtaining a divorce in California.

ROBERT BRACKEN advised that he has an intense desire to cooperate in every way possible with the FBI and he would furnish any information in his possession. He advised that he arrived in Mountain Home, Arkansas, on Thursday evening, April 4, 1968, at 9:00 PM by bus from Springfield, Missouri. He said this bus arrived in Mountain Home one-half hour early and was scheduled to arrive at 9:30 PM. He was met at the bus in Mountain Home by WAYNE RYAN, who brought him to RYAN's residence near Lead Hill, Arkansas. BRACKEN advised he took a train the same day from Kansas City, Missouri, to Joplin, Missouri, and then rode the bus from Joplin, Missouri, to Springfield, Missouri.

BRACKEN produced a train ticket stub number 83971 dated April 2, 1968, reflecting he left San Diego, California, on the AT&SF Railroad, Seat 65, Card 800, at 4:00 PM on April 2, 1968. He arrived in Los Angeles, California, 6:55 PM and left Los Angeles, California, at 7:30 PM. He arrived in Kansas City, Missouri, at 5:35 AM on April 4, 1968, and departed Kansas City, Missouri, at 9:40 AM on the same day, destined for Joplin, Missouri, where he arrived about Noon. His train fare was \$59.10 with an extra fare of \$3.75 and a tax of \$2.00, making a total of \$64.85.

BRACKEN further produced an insurance policy, number 6267330, for ROBERT BRACKEN, effective 3:30 PM, April 2, 1968, at San Diego, California.

On 4/14/68 at Lead Hill, Arkansas File # LR 157-1215 ME 44-1987-Sub B-261B  
 by SA JOHN H. LUPTON and Deputy Sheriff  
BUCK GREEN/JHL/ds Date dictated 4/15/68

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BRACKEN then produced an identification check number 960106 for the MK&O Bus Lines of Tulsa, Oklahoma, stamped April 4, 1968, at Joplin, Missouri. Included with this identification check was insurance policy number 174170B with the C. T. Life and Accident Insurance Company of Lincoln, Nebraska, effective April 4, 1968, at 4:00 PM for one day on Continental Trailways at Joplin, Missouri.

BRACKEN advised that he talked with the driver of the bus from Springfield, Missouri, to Mountain Home, Arkansas, on the night of April 4, 1968, all the way from Springfield to Mountain Home and the driver told him, BRACKEN, that he lived at Mountain Home. BRACKEN advised that this is as close as he ever got to Memphis, Tennessee, on this trip.

BRACKEN further advised that he well recalls drinking rather heavily at the Valley Inn, El Cajon, California, on April 2, 1968, before going to San Diego by car to catch the train there. He said after arriving on the train he continued drinking rather heavily and "had a ball all the way to Kansas City."

BRACKEN advised that he was stationed in the Navy in Memphis, Tennessee, at the Naval Air Station there from 1961 to 1963, and he knew the people in Memphis and these people are very peaceful and kind and would not put up with a bunch of people burning the town down. He said that he does recall saying, "If KING goes to Memphis the second time to rabble rouse, he'll be killed." He said that he meant by this that the people are peaceful in Memphis, but they would not put up with someone destroying their town and that he firmly believed something would happen to KING if he returned to that town. He said that he certainly did not mean that he was going to do anything about KING and he had no recollection whatsoever of making any such statement that he had been paid \$5,000.00 or any other amount of money to make an attempt on KING's life. He said that he had been talking to some other men in the bar at El Cajon, California, and he believes he mentioned to these men that he had been stationed in the Navy at Memphis, Tennessee, several years ago, but he definitely made no statement indicating that he himself was going to make any attempt on KING's life, and since the other persons

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in the bar had been drinking, also, it is his opinion that someone must have misconstrued what he said at the time.

BRACKEN advised that he does not believe in violence, that he realizes sometimes when he has been drinking he may brag and boast a little, but he said that this is liquor talking and he definitely would not attack anyone or cause them any harm. BRACKEN advised that he has no idea of the identity of the person or persons who might have murdered MARTIN LUTHER KING, but that it did not come as a complete surprise to him because he felt in his own mind that something very serious would happen to KING if he dared go back to Memphis, Tennessee.

BRACKEN advised that he intends to stay for some length of time with WAYNE RYAN here at Lead Hill, Arkansas, and that he is in the process of negotiating to attempt to buy some land nearby where he can settle down. He stated that at any time he would be available for interview should the occasion become necessary, that he has absolutely nothing to hide from the FBI or anybody else, and he is willing to cooperate in any possible fashion.



## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 4/22/68

Mr. LOY "BUCK" GREEN, Boone County Deputy Sheriff and former ABC Agent, advised that he is well acquainted with WAYNE RYAN, who lives just over the line in Marion County about seven or eight miles east of Lead Hill, Arkansas. GREEN advised that RYAN raises hogs and is an ex-Navy man who appears to be of good character and reputation and has lived around here for three or four years.

Mr. GREEN further advised that an individual named BOB BRACKEN, an alcoholic, came into Lead Hill with a woman about a year ago and he, along with WAYNE RYAN, leased a cafe building here in Lead Hill and operated it for several months until they went out of business and BRACKEN left here. He returned about two months ago, alone, possibly in early March 1968, and stayed at Lead Hill Motel for a short time and then moved into a cabin located near WAYNE RYAN's hog ranch east of here. GREEN advised that he believes BRACKEN is a diabetic, according to BRACKEN's own statement, and through his, GREEN's, observation, BRACKEN has been a very heavy drinker. In the latter part of March 1968, BRACKEN left here by bus for an unknown destination, but GREEN advised he believes BRACKEN returned to California. Mr. GREEN stated that he would accompany SA LUPTON out to locate WAYNE RYAN and make further effort to locate BOB BRACKEN for interview.

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 by SA JOHN H. LUPTON/ds Date dictated 4/15/68

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Date 4/22/68

WAYNE RYAN was located and interviewed at his residence several miles east of Lead Hill, Arkansas. He advised he is a retired U. S. Navy veteran and has lived out here for about four years and is raising hogs for market. He advised that BOB BRACKEN is here now and is asleep in his trailer.

WAYNE RYAN advised further that BOB BRACKEN called him from Springfield, Missouri, about 5:00 PM in the afternoon of April 4, 1968, requesting that he meet the bus at Mountain Home, Arkansas, at about 9:30 PM and bring him, BRACKEN, back to Lead Hill to visit with RYAN. RYAN advised that he recalled the exact date because after BRACKEN had called, he remembers turning on the radio for the 6:00 o'clock news and heard an announcement that MARTIN LUTHER KING had been shot in Memphis, Tennessee. He then left Lead Hill about 6:30 PM to go to Mountain Home, Arkansas, to pick up BRACKEN at the bus station. The bus was due to arrive at 9:30 PM but actually arrived at 9:00 PM, one-half hour early. He said he saw BRACKEN get off the bus which was a small bus and not the large type used for travel between large cities and over long distances and BRACKEN was sitting near the driver. BRACKEN told RYAN later that the driver was an ex-sailor who lives in Mountain Home, Arkansas. BRACKEN told WAYNE RYAN that only a few people got on the bus at Springfield and they dropped them all off until he was riding alone with the driver coming into Mountain Home. RYAN advised that BRACKEN has been staying here ever since arriving on the night of April 4, 1968; has been living with him here in his trailer and he has not had a single drink since that time.

WAYNE RYAN advised that he was in the Navy with BOB BRACKEN, who also retired from the Navy about two or three years ago. He said that BRACKEN has become a very heavy drinker and when he is drinking he often states that he is going to kill a particular captain who had kicked him, BRACKEN, off of an aircraft carrier while he was in the Navy. BRACKEN only does this when he has been drinking heavily and he always said that he is going to get this

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by SA JOHN H. LUPTON and Deputy Sheriff  
BUCK GREEN/JHL/ds Date dictated 4/15/68

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captain sometime. If something does not go right when BRACKEN is drinking and he gets upset or angry, he usually makes this statement because he states that this captain has ruined his life, but he never mentions the captain by name. RYAN advised he has never heard BRACKEN make a threat to kill any other person.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM: *RK* SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re New York tel to Bureau, Birmingham, Jackson, Memphis, Minneapolis, 4/11/68.

Enclosed for Memphis are 15 copies of investigative insert re investigation at Tunica, Miss., and 15 copies of administrative insert re postal information at Tunica.

No further investigation being conducted at Jackson since suspect Mustang has been located.

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2 - Jackson  
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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

JN 157-9586

HLF/clm

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA HAROLD LEO FABRIZ on April 16, 1968:

At Tunica, Mississippi

PAUL JONNES and PAUL JOHNES were not identifiable in the Tunica telephone directory; the arrest records of the Tunica County Sheriff's Office; the motor vehicle registration records of the Tunica County Sheriff's Office; or voter registration records of the Tunica County Clerk of Circuit Court.

JONNES or JOHNES was not known to Sheriff JOE CARSLY; Deputy Sheriff MARY KOONCE; Deputy Clerk of Circuit Court Mrs. E. M. ELLETT; Chancery Clerk HUGH HAWKINS, or County Attorney MARTIN GARNER.

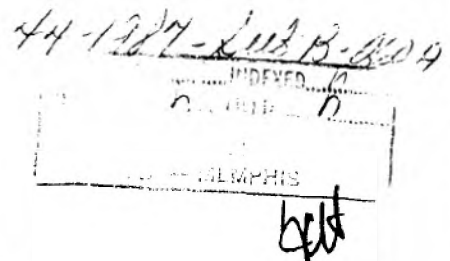
JOSEPH JONES, Route 2, Box 2, Tunica, advised that he has not used the name PAUL JONNES or JOHNES and that he was not acquainted with anyone by either of those names or the name PAUL JONES.

At Clarksdale, Mississippi

Mrs. JEAN UTROSKA, reporter, Credit Bureau of Clarksdale, advised on April 16, 1968, that PAUL JOHNES or JONNES was not identifiable in the records of that office, which retains credit information for Tunica, Mississippi.

At Batesville, Mississippi

The Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol radio dispatcher advised by radio on April 16, 1968, that Mississippi license 17B-528 was listed to ANDREW STERICH, Nesbit, Mississippi, on a 1966 Mustang.



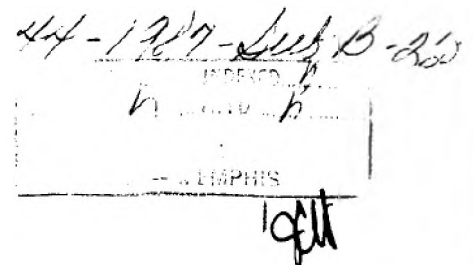
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ADMINISTRATIVE:

W. E. WALKER, Postal Clerk, U. S. Post Office, Tunica, Mississippi, advised SA HAROLD LEO FABRIZ on April 16, 1968, that he recalled seeing a letter which was mailed at the Tunica Post Office about two weeks previously. He stated that the letter caught his attention because it was addressed to the FBI, New York, and it was a printed address. He also recalled that the return address on the envelope was PAUL JONNES or JOHNES, which names were strange to him. He could not identify any known postal patron or resident of Tunica as PAUL JONNES or JOHNES. He stated that JOE JONES in the North Subdivision was the only name he could recall which was similar to those above.





UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re New York airtel to Jackson, 4/10/68.

Referenced airtel indicated that ETHEL SCOTT, Hempstead, New York, believed subject of MURKIN case was identical with JOE BARYS (PH), Marks, Mississippi.

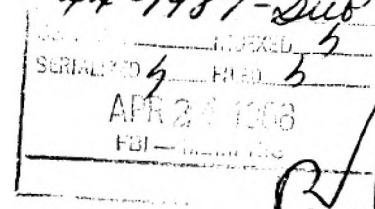
JOE BYARS, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, Driver's License Examiner, Marks, Mississippi, bears no resemblance to composite drawings or photographs in this matter.

No further investigation conducted in this lead at Jackson.

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2-Jackson (157-9586)  
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(OO Memphis)

Inspector H. E. ZACHARY, Memphis PD, has been contacted by an individual at Memphis who possesses yearbooks for the years 1940-1943 of the Eldorado Township High School, Eldorado, Ill. These yearbooks contain photographs of one JAMES RAY, who may or may not be identical with the subject.

LEAD:

SPRINGFIELD DIVISION

AT ELDORADO, ILL.

Determine if the subject RAY attended the Eldorado Township High School and obtain all pertinent background information.

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2 - Springfield  
1 - Kansas City (Info)  
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**AIRTEL**

**TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)**  
**FROM: SAC, BOSTON (157-644)**  
**SUBJECT: MURKIN**  
**CR**  
**(OO: MEMPHIS)**

Re Albany airtel to Director 4/11/68.

Officials of Ametek, Inc., South Portland, Maine, successors of Prosperity, Inc., on 4/22/68 stated they were unable to furnish any information concerning the textile marking machines described on page 23 of referenced airtel.

For information of Albany, the Textile Marking Machine Co., Inc., in advising units were shipped to Pantex-Prosperity, South Portland, Maine, said they were using a billing name which was not authorized prior to March of 1964. Prosperity was a division of Ward Industries, between 1956 and May of 1963, when it was taken over by Ametek. Pantex Corporation was taken over by Ametek in April, 1963. These companies were operated by Ametek as separate units until March of 1964; consequently, Ametek officials cannot locate records relating to the units shipped on the dates indicated in referenced airtel.

3-Bureau  
1-Memphis (44-1987)  
2-Albany (44-493)  
2-Boston  
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**Albany is requested to recontact Textile Marking Machine Co., Inc., locate the Prosperity Company purchase orders relating to the units involved, determine from a review of these purchase orders the name and location of the company to which the marking machines were shipped, as policy of Prosperity was to have machines shipped direct by Textile Marking Machine Co., Inc., to the location where the equipment would be used by some cleaning establishment. If purchase orders of Prosperity are located and the shipping destinations of the units cannot be determined, obtain and furnish copy of these orders to Boston Division for recontact with Ametek at South Portland, Maine.**



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**Airtel**

**To: SAC's, Atlanta (44-2386)**  
**Memphis (44-1987)**

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

**MURKIN**

Re Atlanta letter 4/19/68, submitting an Eastern Air Lines ticket envelope, Q247, and a 3 x 5 card bearing purported known handwriting of John Willard, K168, for examination.

No latent prints developed on Q247. Three latent fingerprints were developed on K168 and have been identified as fingerprints of Walter Albert Willard, FBI #4840959.

Result of laboratory examination and disposition of specimens separate.

This report confirms and supplements Butel call to Inspector Joseph Sullivan, 4/19/68.

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