

ROLT CHEW

severe loss. Chew said that there was considerable newspaper publicity over the matter at the time.

Chew placed King in the same category as Stokely Carmichael and W. Rap Brown and stated frankly that he hoped the same fate befalls the latter two. He made the statement that he is not against the Negro race; that he was born in Georgia, brought up with Negroes and hunted and fished with them. He made it clear that he is against some individual Negroes like Carmichael and Brown, who advocate violence and have no regard for property rights, but is not against all Negroes.

Having made these points, he returned to the original question and stated that he had no recollection of the telephone call and admitted that the reason could be that he could have been drinking at the time the call was made. He volunteered that at that time in his life he was a "bad drinker". He emphasized that he had no doubt that he made the call, if interviewing Agents said he did, but that he could not recall it. He stated that he was certain, whether or not he had been drinking, that he would not have made a threat over the telephone since he knows such a threat could lead to trouble for him. He said if he had had any intention of doing anything concerning King, he would not have used the telephone, he would have taken direct action.

Chew advised that he is certain that no one "put him up" to making the telephone call, and it was not an action involving anyone other than himself. He was shown photographs of James Earl Ray, the man being sought in connection with the assassination of Martin Luther King, but disclaimed any knowledge whatsoever of Ray.

He constantly referred to King, Carmichael and Brown using expletives in an effort to show his intense dislike for these men.

He stated that he was in Denver on April 4, 1968 and April 5, 1968 and left the city by Eastern Airlines for Augusta, Georgia on April 6, 1968 where he is promoting business interests in the food industry, whereby he hopes to set up his son Bill in business. He was unwilling to further identify his business interests. He stated his son Bill is

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presently running the Danville Hotel in Sylva, Ga., Georgia and drove up from there to meet him in Augusta, Ga. at part of the week of April 7, 1968. Both he and his wife then drove to Sylva, Ga. and on to St. Augustine, Florida where they were met on April 12, 1968 by Mrs. Chew, his youngest son, who had just returned from military service in Korea. He said his wife and younger son flew from Denver. Thereafter, he and his family vacationed in Florida until he, his wife and younger son returned to Denver on April 28, 1968 in a new car he purchased in Florida.

He specifically stated that he had nothing to do with King's death and said that he knew of no conspiracy relating to it. He stated that he saw King's funeral on television and the way it was conducted it looked to him like it had been planned for 20 years.

He volunteered to the interviewing Agents that he has every intention of protecting his apartment house property in Denver, Colorado with as much force as is necessary if anyone attempts to cause damage or loot it. He stated that he was angry at the leaders of this country for putting up with rioting, looting and the like. He thinks that the Attorney General is "very weak" and used more expletives to emphasize his point. He stated that he is "all for" law and order, but would like to see law enforcement empowered to act. He also stated that he was angry because the National Association For The Advancement of Colored People were able to close businesses throughout the country after King's death when very few businesses closed after President Kennedy's assassination; and he is convinced that threats were used to accomplish the closing of businesses in Denver, as he was so informed before he left on his trip.

It should be noted that a source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on January 21, 1968 that Chew is a highly irascible and unpredictable individual, an alcoholic and possibly a user of narcotics.

Mrs. Holt Chew on April 30, 1968 advised that her husband left Denver on April 6, 1968 for Augusta,

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Georgia via Eastern Airlines and that she and a younger son traveled to Florida to meet him on April 12, 1937 via United, Eastern and Delta airlines.

Records of the Retail Credit Men's Association, Denver, Colorado revealed on April 30, 1938 that Holt Chow was born [REDACTED] at Port City, Georgia. He attended school there and came to Denver in 1932. He served in the United States Army during World War II and has been owner and operator of Holt Chow Motor Company for many years. His wife's name is Elaine and he has four children. He has been on record with the credit bureau since February, 1937 and has maintained a satisfactory credit rating.

Holt is described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	35
Born	[REDACTED]
	at Port City, Georgia
Height	5'8"
Weight	135 pounds
Hair	Gray
Eyes	Blue
Build	Stocky
Scars and Marks	None visible, face heavily lined
Arrest Numbers	Denver Police Department, 55534

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Interview of CH on 4/29/68 was conducted by SAC ROYD E. ADSIT and ELMER A. JAMES. Contact with Mr. and Mrs. CHEW on 4/30/68 was by SA ADSIT.

The source mentioned in the LHM is DN 200-C-TE.

Bureau permission is requested to check toll call records Denver, Colorado for any calls made by HOLT CHEW during this pertinent period. This can be accomplished through established source without chance of embarrassment to the Bureau.

LEADS:

SAVANNAH DIVISION

AT SYLVANIA, GEORGIA:

Interview BILL CHEW, Paradise Motel to ascertain purposes of father's visit to Georgia.

AT AUGUSTA, GEORGIA:

Verify purposes of visit of HOLT CHEW to Georgia.

DENVER DIVISION

AT DENVER, COLORADO:

Upon receipt of Bureau permission, will check toll call records for calls possibly placed by HOLT CHEW before and after the death of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

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Date: 5/1/68

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

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, DENVER (157-203) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau teletypes 4/20/68 and 4/29/68 and Denver airtels to the Bureau, 2/25/66 and 3/3/66.

Re Persons involved in prior threats against KING.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and 8 copies and for Atlanta, Memphis and Savannah, 2 copies each of a LHM concerning HOLT CHEW. One copy of this LHM has been furnished to the Selective Service, Denver, Colorado. It is noted that past LHMs concerning CHEW have been furnished Secret Service as CHEW has been classified as an individual who has evidenced emotional instability. Last LHM prepared 3/3/66.

Memphis and Savannah also being furnished two copies each of LHMs in this matter dated 12/14/65 at Atlanta, 12/14/65 at Atlanta, 12/20/65 at Denver and 3/3/66 at Denver; 2 copies each of Denver airtel to the Bureau and Atlanta, dated 2/25/66 and for Savannah 2 copies of teletype from the Bureau to Denver, dated 4/29/68 and one mug shot of CHEW obtained from the Denver PD 4/30/68.

- 4 - Bureau (3 - 44-38861) (Encls. 9)
(1 - 9-44566)
- 3 - Atlanta (Encls. 2)
(1 - 100-5536)
- ② - Memphis (44-1987) (Encls. 12)
- 2 - Savannah (Encls. 15)
- 3 - Denver (2 - 157-203)
(1 - 9-1537)

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Date: 5/3/68

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

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

Re Memphis tel 9:55 a.m. 4/17/68 requesting investigation of licensed drivers having birth date _____

Inasmuch as this investigation was requested at a time when it was not known that ERIC GALT was merely an alias of JAMES EARL RAY, it was then believed pertinent; however, now that RAY has been identified, this lead is no longer of value and all offices conducting same should discontinue.

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- 2 - Albuquerque
- 2 - Atlanta
- 2 - Butte
- 2 - Denver
- 2 - Jackson
- 2 - Las Vegas
- 2 - Little Rock
- 2 - Milwaukee
- 2 - Minneapolis
- 2 - Mobile
- 2 - New Orleans
- 2 - Oklahoma City
- 2 - Philadelphia
- 2 - Phoenix
- 2 - Portland
- 2 - Sacramento
- 2 - San Antonio
- 2 - Seattle
- 2 - Memphis

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Special Agent in Charge

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReBumairtel 4/25/68.

At the time Charlotte was originally requested to conduct investigation to determine the manufacturer of the bedspread found abandoned at Memphis, Tennessee, the identity of the subject had not yet been determined and investigation was being requested which would have assisted in identifying the man who was known as GALT.

Since it is now known that GALT is JAMES EARL RAY, and since investigation regarding the bedspread would not in all likelihood assist in determining RAY's present whereabouts, Charlotte should disregard leads to further identify the manufacturer of the bedspread.

3-Bureau
2-Charlotte
2-Memphis
Airtel.....
Teletype.....
A. M.....
A. M. S. D.....
Spec. Del.....
Reg. Mail.....
Registered.....

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS

DATE: 5/1/68

FROM : SAC, PORTLAND (157-380)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

All leads received from Memphis, the Bureau and other offices in this case as of the close of business 4/30/68 have been covered and recorded in complete detail in Portland file and sub-files in this case. Results are completely negative to date and we have uncovered no evidence that RAY is or has ever been in the Portland Division.

Recognizing that Memphis must be deluged with paper work in this case, advice is requested as to what form, if any, Memphis desires Portland to report results of negative information, both to date and in the future.

2 - Memphis (AM)
1 - Portland

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*Our memo
is still
clearing at
Bureau
per McGowan
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*Portland advised not
to send negative info
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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (157-380)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: COST DATA - PORTLAND DIVISION - APRIL, 1968

Re Memphis airtel to Albany and all offices,
4/19/68.

1. MAN HOURS

	<u>REGULAR</u>	<u>OVERTIME</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
SPECIAL AGENTS	436	100	536
CLERICAL EMPLOYEES	36	0	36

2. Total mileage by Bucars on case.....950
(no POC's used)

3. Unusual costs.....None

4. Peak number of SAs working on case during month..42

② - Memphis
1 - Portland

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Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 5-1-68

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

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

Re Memphis airtel to Albany, 4/19/68.

The following data has been compiled or estimated
 by the Los Angeles Division through 4/30/68:

- (1) Number of regular Agent hours on case.....1198
- (2) Number of VOT Agent hours on case..... 516
- (3) Number of regular Clerical hours on case..... 365
 Clerical and photolab.....(72 hours)
 Stenographic..... (293 hours)
- (4) Total milage traveled by Bucars on case.... 9914
- (5) Unusual or out-of-ordinary costs:
 (a)Photography (Film, paper & developer) \$32.00
 (b)Xeroxing (5968 copies @2¢ ea.) \$119.36
 (c)Mimeograph paper (1200 sheets) 9.50
 \$160.86
- (6) Peak number of Agents working on case
 during month for which this report is
 being submitted..... 87

Los Angeles will continue to compile above data
 and submit same to Memphis on monthly basis.

② - Memphis
 2 - Los Angeles
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Date: 4/30/68

Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686) P
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Re Omaha tel to Bureau, 4/24/68 and mytel to Bureau,
4/29/68.

Enclosed for each office one copy of photo of ROBERT
DALE PORTER, FBI #4590482, taken December, 1964, furnished by
girlfriend of PORTER, CARMEN RAMAGE.

The following investigation was conducted in Oklahoma
City by SAs DAVID J. LANG and MICHAEL F. HUTTER:

On 4/25/68, CARMEN E. RAMAGE, 1642 N.W. 12th, Apt. 1,
advised that she first met ROBERT DALE PORTER five years ago
in Kansas City in August. She stated that she had met him at
the Belmont Bar, Kansas City, Mo. and they had spent the evening
there at the Slip Bar. She advised that she had not seen PORTER
since then to April 19, 1968. She stated that while he was serving
time in the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) at Jefferson City,
that numerous pieces of correspondence passed between them.

- 3 - Bureau
- 2 - El Paso (Enc. 1)
- 2 - Kansas City (Enc. 1)
- 2 - Memphis (Enc. 1)
- 2 - Omaha (Enc. 1)
- 2 - St. Louis (Enc. 1)
- 2 - Oklahoma City

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RAMAGE stated that PORTER had remained in Oklahoma City from 4/19 and she had last seen him approximately 10 AM, 4/23/68. She stated that he must have left town or else he would have been in contact with her.

RAMAGE stated PORTER had told her that he had been in Cedar Rapids, Iowa and had traveled around the State of Iowa and that he had left his home in Waverly, Iowa taking with him his mother's ring which he had pawned and sent her the pawn ticket. PORTER further told her that he had been released from the MSP on 12/8/67 and that he had known JAMES EARL RAY while in the penitentiary. He stated that while in the Penitentiary that RAY had escaped from the penitentiary in a guard's uniform while he was working in the dry cleaning plant and that RAY had obtained this uniform from a guard who has since been fired. He stated that RAY and this guard were very close friends. She further stated that PORTER told her that RAY had not escaped in a bakery truck as the newspapers had reported. RAMAGE stated that she had sent a check, in February, 1968, in the amount of \$23.00 to PORTER in Waverly so that he could obtain a bus ticket to come to Oklahoma City to see her. She stated that PORTER had called her from the bus depot in Oklahoma City approximately 7:30 PM 4/19/68 and told her that he was drinking with a person who had an amputated hand at the knuckles at Winnie's Bar which is located across the street from the bus depot.

RAMAGE stated that PORTER had possibly applied for employment as machinery operator at an automatic car wash in the 4000 block of North Pennsylvania or through the Key Personnel, 110 N. Robinson or at some Mortgage and Loan Company across the street from the city library. RAMAGE further advised that PORTER had told her that he had lost his luggage in Kansas City and was currently traveling without any luggage.

Continuous and intensive investigation was conducted to locate PORTER at Oklahoma City.

On 4/29/68, PORTER was located through an Oklahoma City PCI at the Blood Plasma Donor Center, 505 West Main, Oklahoma City and was subsequently interviewed furnishing the following information:

ROBERT DALE PORTER, temporarily residing at Hudson Hotel, Oklahoma City, stated that he had been in the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP), Jefferson City, Mo. from June or July, 1961 through 9/1/62 and again from 3/2/64 until his

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release on 12/8/67. PORTER stated that upon his release from MSP, that he had gone to Waverly, Iowa to live at the residence of his mother, CLARA PORTER, 103-1/2 E. Bremer, Waverly.

PORTER stated that he left Waverly in the latter part of February, 1968 and the following is approximately his itinerary.

Waterloo, Iowa - where he remained approximately 2 days.

Des Moines, Iowa - remaining 3 to 4 days.

Cheyenne, Wy. - remaining 3 days.

Pocahontas, Iowa - over night with uncle HANS NIELSON.

Humble, Iowa - over night with uncle HANS PORTER.

Aplington, Iowa - over night where he contacted his brother-in-law's mother and brother, LOUELLA and MELVIN ACKER.

Iowa City, Iowa - remaining approx. one week. While there he pawned a man's black face ring at the Hock-Eye Pawn Shop for \$7 on 3/11/68. PORTER resided he believes at the Berkley Hotel, where the bus station is located and left town on 3/11/68.

Storm Lake, Iowa - remaining approx. 2 days.

Red Oak, Iowa - over night. Porter resided at the hotel across the street from the Police Dept.

PORTER then hitchhiked to Barstow, Calif. leaving approx. 10 AM, one day and arriving in Barstow early the next evening. This ride was with a mechanic from Marshal Town, Iowa. That same date, PORTER hitched a ride to Visalia, Calif. with a girlfriend employed at Nellis AFB, Las Vegas, Nev., arriving Visalia that evening. PORTER stayed at Visalia approximately one week and visited with his daughter, VICTORIA RAY PORTER. He stated VICTORIA is residing with a JOSIE ACOSTA PORTER who is living with a CHUCK (LNU). JOSIE, PORTER's ex-wife, resides at 124 N.W. 1st, Visalia.

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PORTER then spent two or three days hitchhiking to Nevada where he stayed over night.

Las Vegas, Nev. - where PORTER stayed at the McDonald Hotel, approximately 3 nights.

Salt Lake City - remaining 2 nights.

Laramie, Wy. - remaining one night.

Denver, Colo. - where PORTER visited with a BETTY LOU LUCAS, 3626 Perry Street.

PORTER hitchhiked from Denver to Colorado Springs, Colo. with a PHILLIP E. MEHL, 432 W. Bijou, where he remained for 2 or 3 days.

Albuquerque, N.M. - PORTER resided at Albuquerque for 2 to 3 days and contacted a ROSE SINKEY, who formerly resided in Waverly, Iowa.

Las Cruces, N.M. - PORTER spent approx. 2 days traveling from Las Cruces to Van Horn, Texas where he resided at the only hotel in town over night.

Fort Worth, Texas - PORTER resided for approximately 2 days at a cheap motel located near the bus depot.

Durant, Oklahoma - residing over night.

McAlester, Oklahoma - PORTER resided with a couple that live behind a cab stand for two days.

Canadian, Oklahoma - residing one day, while there PORTER helped an individual paint 55-gallon oil drums for use on his boat dock.

PORTER then went to Miami, Oklahoma where he resided one night at the St. James Hotel.

PORTER traveled by bus from Miami, Oklahoma to Carthage, Missouri stopping for approx. one hour in Joplin, Mo. While in Joplin, PORTER attempted to contact a ROGER ZINN, a former convict but stated he was unable to do so. PORTER stated that he recalls while waiting in the bus depot that he heard of the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

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While in Carthage, PORTER contacted a BETTY ELLIOTT, 901 Fulton St., while attempting to contact a girl he had known in 1947.

PORTER traveled to Warsaw, Mo. staying overnight. While in Warsaw, he contacted a JACK LANPHERE by telephone and stated he wanted to see LANPHERE, that he wanted to borrow money from him. LANPHERE advised that he was unable to get into town because of his parole status.

PORTER traveled to Columbia, Mo. where he was a sleeper at the Police Dept. and the next day contacted an uncle, MARION MURRAY, 102 Thistledown Dr., Columbia.

PORTER then traveled to California, Mo. and attempted to locate a LEWIS BARGEON who had been in the MSP Maximum Security with PORTER. He was unable to contact him but stayed overnight at California, Mo.

PORTER then traveled to Maysville, Mo. where he resided at the Lincoln Hotel overnight and contacted Sheriff O. L. Maddox.

St. Joseph, Mo. - PORTER checked in at a small hotel but met a person, name unrecalled, in a bar and they then went to Kansas City, Mo. by car and stayed at the Gladstone Hotel. PORTER met with a MIKE COX at a bar on 9th St. in downtown, Kansas City, Mo. While with MIKE COX, he and COX drove on a Sunday to St. Louis, Mo. attempting to contact a LAWRENCE MOBLEY, a former convict described as a large Negro male. They were unable to contact MOBLEY. They contacted a Mrs. RICHARD PESEK, a sister-in-law of BETTY REITTER, the mother of a illegitimate son of PORTER by the name of THOMAS DALE REITTER.

COX and PORTER returned to Kansas City that evening which he believes was a Sunday.

PORTER then traveled from Kansas City to Oklahoma City hitching a ride with two young boys from Peculiar, Mo. PORTER stated he believes that this was on 4/19/68. PORTER resided with a CARMEN RAMAGE, 1642 N.W. 12th, Oklahoma City until approx. 4/23/68 when he left hitching a ride with a Naval Lieutenant to Long Beach, Calif.

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PORTER stayed one day in Los Angeles at the bus depot and left Los Angeles on Friday.

PORTER arrived Oklahoma City Saturday night 4/27/68 where he stayed with a LLOYD HISE, 2728 N.W. 39th.

On 4/28/68, PORTER drove HISE and his pickup truck to Ft. Smith, Ark. and hitchhiked back arriving approx. 1 PM.

PORTER stated that while incarcerated in the MSP, that JAMES EARL RAY known to him as JIMMY RAY was involved in selling amphetamines to his fellow inmates. He stated that a JOHN STOUT, an ex-guard in the MSP was his source of these amphetamines. PORTER stated that STOUT and RAY were very good friends.

PORTER stated that RAY was extremely quiet, was a person who did not take much from anyone. He stated that to his knowledge RAY has taken amphetamines but had never taken any hard narcotics.

He further stated that whenever RAY was pushed around that he would retaliate fiercely. PORTER stated that on two previous occasions RAY had attempted to escape from the MSP - once by going over the wall and once when he hid in a ventilator shaft and subsequently broke his elbow. PORTER stated that RAY had never mentioned to him where he was from or where he would go when he got out of prison.

He further stated that RAY had never indicated that he disliked Negroes and to PORTER's knowledge was even associated with several while in the penitentiary. PORTER stated that he was leaving Oklahoma City on 4/29/68 and was hitchhiking to the home of his mother in Waverly where he would obtain work as a construction worker.

PORTER is described as follows:

Name	ROBERT DALE PORTER
DPOB	[REDACTED], Clarinda, Iowa
Height	6'
Weight	175
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Gray, in a crew cut
Social Security No.	[REDACTED]
Scars and marks	Tattoos - "BETO" back of right hand

"Sufrendo Es Mi Destino" back of right hand; "Mom" and "Dad" left outer forearm; Air Force wings with "AAF" above on left bicep; 6" scar outer, upper right arm; 4 to 5" tattoo removal scar right outer forearm with letter "P" over scar; $\frac{1}{2}$ " vertical scar left upper lip.

Glasses: Wears prescription dark glasses, tinted green.

Military: U. S. Navy 1943 to 12-29-43; Army Air Force 12-19-45 to 8-21-46; U. S. Air Force, 7-19-47 to 1948

Arrest record: 1948 burglary, Arizona; 1949 Statutory Rape, Iowa; 1952 Escape, Iowa; 1958 Checks, Texas, Terminal Island, California; 1961 Checks, Missouri; 1962 Checks, Iowa; 1964 Armed Robbery, Missouri

Sister: Mrs. THOMAS DeGROOT, 1608 East Street Cedar Falls, Iowa.

LEADS:

EL PASO DIVISION

At Van Horn, Texas

Will attempt to ascertain date or dates PORTER resided at hotel in Van Horn, Texas. It is noted PORTER states he believes he was in Joplin, Missouri at the time of KING's murder, however, his presence 4-12-68 in Warsaw, Missouri has been verified. It would therefore appear from a review of PORTER's itinerary that he was possibly in Van Horn, Texas at the time of KING's murder. In the event it is ascertained by El Paso that PORTER was not in Van Horn, Texas at time of KING's murder, then El Paso should set out appropriate leads, from the itinerary furnished by PORTER, in order to establish his whereabouts on 4-4-68.

KANSAS CITY DIVISION

At Jefferson City, Missouri

Will attempt to locate and interview JOHN STOUT for any information re subject RAY.

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AIRMAIL

TO : BIRMINGHAM, FBI (44-38861)
FROM : SAC, ALBANY (44-493)(P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

(OO:MEMPHIS)

Re Charlotte airtel to Albany dated 4/18/68,
Boston airtel to Bureau dated 4/22/68, and Bureau
teletype to Albany dated 4/26/68.

Above communications of Charlotte and Boston
were not previously answered because Albany desired
direction from the Bureau or Memphis regarding the
extent to which further investigation should be conducted
re laundry marks.

The Bureau by referenced teletype advised
that inasmuch as unequivocal identification has not been
made by the laboratory identifying the laundry machine
responsible for the laundry marks on the tee shirt
and shorts specifically those bearing the code 022-4,

CC: 1-Bureau
1-Memphis (44-1987)
1-Boston (157-644)
1-Charlotte (44-1345)
1-Albany

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*Laundry
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and the possibility still exists that a similar mark could have been produced by any such machine. Albany should continue to handle appropriate leads.

On 5/1/68, Mr. DONALD BROTON, Textile Marking Machine Company, Syracuse, New York, advised that with regard to thermo-seal machine SN 31441 purchased by Talley Laundry Machine Company, Greensboro, North Carolina, this was ordered under their number 23050 dated 1/5/65 and billed under invoice number 49658 on 1/11/65. Their records show nothing regarding the laundry to which it was destined but showed that the machine had requisitioned "Johnson".

Regarding Thermo-Seal Machines shipped to Pantex-Prosperity Textile Marking Machine Company, records disclosed nothing regarding the following Thermo-Seal Machines:

Serial Numbers 32146, 32151, 31992, 31430, 31437, 31331, 31656.

Mr. DONALD BROTON, Textile Marking Machine Company advised that most of these machines were purchased in connection with sales of complete laundry facilities by Pantex-Prosperity and therefore their contract records should show what happened to these machines. Textile Marking Machine records which would show more other than Pantex-Prosperity on these machines have been destroyed because of age. These records show the following regarding the following Thermo-Seal Machines:

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SERIAL #	PANTER-PROSPERITY OWNER NUMBER	DATE	IDENTITY OF COMPANY FOR WHICH PURCHASED
32368	406	1/8/62	JESS A. HILAND
32307	344	4/12/62	TLC Cleaners, Huntington, (no state shown)
32368	608	7/27/62	Budget Cleaners
32440	753	8/15/62	Francine
32440	509	No date	Don Hill, Plainview, (no st.)
32895	1154	5/3/63	Country Squire Drive-In Cleaners In addition, the name Meadowlark is also noted.
33495	1106	10/27/68	How-Clear

Mr. BROTON further advised that these machines may have been installed by Delta Cleaners and Equipment Company, 575 Prospect Avenue, Westbury, Long Island, who installed the majority of the machines for Pantex-Prosperity. He stated however that Delta Cleaners and Equipment Company is believed to be now out of business or in bankruptcy and these records particularly those prior to 1962 may not be available.

Mr. BROTON further suggested that if none of these avenues disclosed the locations of these machines he suggested contact with ARMY ROMOS, 301 Fyke Lane Teaneck, New Jersey, the Textile Marking Machine Company repairman who did the majority of repair work on machines installed by Pantex-Prosperity.

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CHARLOTTE

AT GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA

Recontact Talley Laundry Machine Corporation and furnish above information for identification of location of Thomas-Seal machine Serial # 33441.

BOSTON

AT BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

1. Recontact Ametec, Inc., and furnish the above information for location of machines set forth,

2. Review records suggested by Mr. BOSTON if available regarding machines received in 1939-41 and set forth appropriate leads.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

DATE: 4/30/68

SW
FROM : SAC, DENVER (157-203)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Reference is made to Bureau teletype to all offices dated 4/18/68, which set forth the lead to renew stops with airlines which have overseas departures and arrivals.

Enclosed for Memphis is a stop card which indicates that a stop has been placed with Trans World Airlines, Stapleton Airport, Denver, Colorado.

2-Memphis (Encl. 1) *W*
2-Denver
BDA:skb
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*Stop
card*

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
 FROM: SAC, LITTLE ROCK (157-1215) (P)
 RE: MURKIN - COST DATA

Set out below is cost data for the Little Rock Division for the month of April 1968, for the Little Rock Division:

1. Hours Spent
 - A. Special Agents

Regular	715
Overtime	<u>181</u>
Total	896
 - B. Clerical

Regular	92
Overtime	<u>None</u>
Total	92
2. Total mileage traveled 5,671
3. Unusual costs - None
4. Peak number of Agents working on the case during April 30

2 - Memphis
 2 - Little Rock
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(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

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

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

On 4/24/68, Mrs. JESSIE HENRY HACKNEY, 421 S.W. 23rd
Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, viewed current photographs of
JAMES EARL RAY and advised SA DONALD P. KYTE that the individual
known to her as JIMMIE RAY who was employed by her husband and
listed as suspect in the theft of their 1967 Chevrolet,
VIN 138177K198773, is not identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

Mrs. HACKNEY advised that her husband was currently
out of town on a business trip and was due to return about
4/29/68.

On 4/30/68, JESSIE HENRY HACKNEY, 421 S.W. 23rd St.,
Oklahoma City, viewed current photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and
advised SA KYTE that the individual employed by him using the
names JAMES RAY whom he listed as suspect in the theft of his
1967 Chevrolet was not identical to the photographs of JAMES
EARL RAY and these two individuals bore no resemblance to one
another.

Mr. and Mrs. HACKNEY, 4/30/68, both advised that they
had never seen JAMES EARL RAY and could furnish no information
regarding his whereabouts.

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

DPK:ewg(6)

Approved: [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via A I R T E L _____
(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
 FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578) (P)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

Re Memphis airtel to Albany dated 4/19/68.

COST DATA FOR PITTSBURGH DIVISION FOR MONTH OF APRIL, 1968

1. Number of man hours spent on case

(a) Special Agents - Regular Hours	292 hrs. 29 min.
Overtime Hours	81 hrs. 4 min.

(b) Clerical Employees - Regular Hours	25 hrs. 15 min.
Overtime Hours	-- --

2. Total mileage traveled by Bucars used on case. (estimated)	1,422 miles
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3. Unusual or out of ordinary costs	None
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4. Peak number of Special Agents Working On Case During Month of April, 1968	
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Special Agents	49
Clerical Employees	3

2 - Memphis
 2 - Pittsburgh

WLC/emq
 (4)

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 Special Agent in Charge

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

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TO: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, Sacramento (100-427) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA
CR
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Memphis airtel to Albany, 4/19/68.

(1) Manhours spent, April, 1968:

856 regular hours
208 overtime hours

A. Special Agents - 904 hours

B. Special and Clerical Employees - 160 hours

(2) Total Mileage - 2,760

(3) Unusual Costs - \$22.00 - photographic costs

(Sacramento has no photo lab.)

(4) Peak Number of Special Agents
Working on Case During Month - 19

②-Memphis
2-Sacramento
GMS:ela
(4)

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

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
 FROM: *Cuf* SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)(P)
 SUBJECT: *MS* MURKIN - COST DATA

Re Memphis airtel to Albany, dated 4/19/68.

The following is the statistical data for the San Francisco Office for the month of April, 1968:

Participating number of Special Agents -- 57

Time spent by Agents: Regular ----- 959 hours
 Overtime ----- 517 hours

Miles traveled by Bucar and POA ----- 3,438 miles

Clerical time ----- 140 hours

Steno time ----- 34 hours

San Francisco will continue to accumulate the data requested and submit it to Memphis by the second work day of the following month.

2 - Memphis (RM)
 2 - San Francisco
 CMS/sms #11
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(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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

MURKIN - COST DATA

ReMEairtel 4/19/68.

1)	Number of man hours spent on case:	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Overtime</u>
	Agent	874	202
	Clerical	100	---
2)	Total miles driven:	2,968	
3)	Out-of-ordinary costs:		
	Plane fare for Agent transporting evidence WDC to Memphis	\$122.00	
4)	Number Agents working on case:	20	

2 - Memphis
1 - WFORWD:acd
(3)AIRTEL

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(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: *SM* SAC, PHOENIX (44-371) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

Re Memphis airtel to Albany, 4/19/68.

The following are estimated figures of time expended in this matter:

1. A. SPECIAL AGENTS

Regular hours	339
Overtime hours	174
Total hours	513

B. CLERICAL EMPLOYEES

Regular hours	179
Overtime hours	9
Total hours	188

2. Total mileage - 2,034

3. None

4. Peak number of Special Agents working on case during month of April, 1968 - 60

② - Memphis
1 - Phoenix

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(3)

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(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686) P
MURKIN - COST DATA

Reurairtel to Albany, 4/19/68.

Following cost data submitted pursuant to instructions in reairtel:

1. Man Hours

A. Special Agents

Regular hours.....1,035

Overtime hours..... 200

Total 1,235

B. Clerical Hours .

Regular hours..... 64

Overtime hours..... 8

Total 72

2. Total mileage (estimated) 8,881

3. Unusual or out-of-ordinary costs....None

② - Memphis
1 - Oklahoma City

JAG:ewg
(3)

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM : *N* SAC, OMAHA (44-310) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
COST DATA

DATE: 5/1/68

Re Memphis airtel to Albany dated 4/19/68, bearing above caption.

The estimated cost data, during April, 1968, in this case for the Omaha Division was as follows:

(1) Man hours spent on case;

	<u>Regular Hours</u>	<u>Overtime Hours</u>	<u>Total Hours</u>
A. Special Agents	500	100	600
B. Clerical Employees	50	0	50

(2) Estimated mileage of Bucars: 3000 miles

(3) Unusual expense - estimated additional telephone expense in Resident Agencies: \$100.00

(4) Peak number of Special Agents working on case: 40.

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2-Memphis (Air Mail)
2-Omaha
TWC:kej
(4)

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
 FROM: SAC, NORFOLK (44-268) (P)
 MURKIN - COST DATA
 NORFOLK DIVISION
 (APRIL, 1968)
 (OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Memphis airtel to Albany, 4/19/68.

The following is a breakdown of the Norfolk cost data for instant matter for April, 1968:

1) Number of man hours spent on case:

	A. <u>Special Agents</u>	B. <u>Clerical Employees</u>
Regular	252	31
Overtime	<u>29</u>	<u>1</u>
Total	281	32

2) Total mileage traveled on case:

1,587

3) Unusual or out-of-ordinary costs:

None.

4) Peak number of SA's working on case during month:

18 - on 4/10/68.

② Memphis
 1- Norfolk
 HLE:mej
 (3)

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 Special Agent in Charge

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(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
 FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769)
 RE: MURKIN - COST DATA

Re Memphis airtel to Albany 4/19/68.

Following are estimated figures requested in
 reAirtel:

1.	Man Hours Spent on Case:	Regular Hours	Overtime Hours	Total
	A. Special Agents	638	129	767
	B. Clerical	402		402
2.	BuCar Mileage Estimated			6,353
3.	Unusual Expenses			-0-
4.	Peak Number of Special Agents Working on Case			48

2-Memphis
 2-Jacksonville
 CMF:bet
 (4)

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(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: *WFW* SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

Re Memphis airtel, 4/19/68.

Re April Time, Mileage and Cost Statistics - Murkin

I. Man Hours

A. Regular

1. Special Agents	667 $\frac{1}{2}$
2. Clerical	97 $\frac{1}{2}$

B. Overtime

1. Special Agents	107
2. Clerical	2

II. MILEAGE 3297 miles

III. Unusual or Out of Ordinary Costs

None

IV. Peak Number of Special Agents Utilized 30

2 - Memphis
1 - Houston
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(3)

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(Priority)

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
 FROM: SAC, COLUMBIA (44-299) (P)
 MURKIN - COST DATA
 MONTH OF APRIL 1968
 COLUMBIA DIVISION

Re Memphis airtel to Albany, 4-19-68.

I. NUMBER OF MAN HOURS

	<u>Regular Hours</u>	<u>Overtime Hours</u>	<u>Total Hours</u>
A. Special Agents	372	91	463
B. Clerical Employees	175	22	197

II. TOTAL MILEAGE (ESTIMATED) TRAVELED BY BUCARS USED
 ON CASE: 1,200

III. ANY UNUSUAL COSTS: None

IV. PEAK NUMBER OF SPECIAL AGENTS WORKING ON CASE DURING
 APRIL 1968: 34

③- Memphis
 1- Columbia
 MBM:rat
 (4)

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
 FROM: SAC, CINCINNATI (157-1893) (P)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

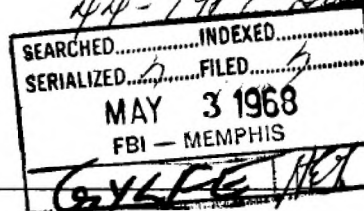
Re Memphis airtel, 4/19/68.

The following cost data for the Cincinnati
 Division is submitted for the month of April, 1968:

(1) (A)	Special Agents	
	Regular hours	1,089½
	Overtime hours	<u>145</u>
	Total	1,234½
(B)	Clerical Employees	
	Regular hours	107½
	Overtime hours	<u>11½</u>
	Total	119
(2)	Total Mileage	6,724
(3)	Unusual Costs	
	Telephone Charges	\$24.20
(4)	Peak Number of Agents	59

② - Memphis (AMSD) (RM)
 2 - Cincinnati

BCK/mjv
 (4)



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 Special Agent in Charge

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The above figures do not include hours for SAS EDWARD M. QUINN and SHIELDS W. SMITH, or for Stenographer JEAN M. SAHND. Mileage for transportation of Bucar from Cincinnati to Memphis and return is not included. These items have previously been furnished to the Memphis Division.

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(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
 FROM: *LL* SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (44-715) (P)
 RE: MURKIN (RE COST DATA)

Re Memphis airtel to Albany, 4/19/68.

1. Number of hours:	<u>Regular Hours</u>	<u>Overtime</u>	<u>Total</u>
Special Agents	299	75	374
Clerical Employees	40	0	40
2. Total Mileage (Estimated) 3860 miles			
3. Unusual Costs 0			
4. Peak number of Special Agents working on case during month of April, 1968			17

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②-Memphis
 2-Albuquerque
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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, ATLANTA (44-3386)
FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Atlanta teletype to Mobile 4/29/68, and Mobile teletype to Atlanta 4/30/68.

Transmitted herewith for the Atlanta Office are 25 copies of investigative insert pertaining to interview with BOBBY JOE FAULKNER, at Yellow Bluff, Alabama. Transmitted herewith for the Memphis Office are two copies of the above insert.

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3-Atlanta (Enc. 25)
2-Memphis (Enc. 2)
2-Mobile

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RE: BOBBY JOE FAULKNER

On April 29, 1968, BOBBY JOE FAULKNER, employed by Alleghany Electric Company, a subcontractor of Rust Engineering Company, MacMillian-Bloedel Paper Mill Site, Yellow Bluff, Alabama, residing at Kimbrough Trailer Park, with father, JAMES FAULKNER, advised Special Agents ROBERT L. FRYE and DAVID A. CHANEY as follows:

He lived at Garner's Rooming House, Atlanta, Georgia, located on 107 14th Street, during the latter part of January and first part of February, 1968, while employed on a Government housing project in the Atlanta area. He left Garner's in February and moved to Chestatee Inn, Ponce De Leon Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia. On about April 1, 1968, FAULKNER returned to Garner's and obtained a room at the "Second House", operated by GARNER, which is next door to 107 14th Street.

FAULKNER claimed that GARNER had closed this house for a period of time as GARNER said, "the hippies were moving in on me." When FAULKNER returned to Garner's about April 1, 1968, he obtained a similar room in this house that GARNER had closed for a period of time.

FAULKNER claimed he knew of no one else who lived in the second house with him during the period of about April 2-8, 1968, except an individual he described as a white male, 50 years of age or older, 6', 150-160 pounds, gray hair, wrinkled rough skin on face. FAULKNER claimed this individual did not resemble any of the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, also known as ERIC STARVO GALT. He does not know where this individual was employed, but he wore gray work clothes.

FAULKNER recalls that this person was in the company of two other individuals on the evening of April 1, 1968, when he was waiting for GARNER on the front porch of the house to see about a room. These two other persons were on the porch; one was a white male, 40-45 years of age,

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5'8" or 5'10", 200-250 pounds, dark brown hair, balding on the top. This individual apparently had a throat operation as he had a hole in his throat covered by a piece of gauze and spoke in a gruff whisper. The other man was a white male in his late forties, 5'6" to 5'8", gray hair, and was "very short". Both of these men had on gray work clothes and he assumed that they were possibly electricians. The man who stayed in the house with him was with these two men on that evening.

FAULKNER stated that the only other person who in any way resembled the photograph of RAY was a "young fellow", name unknown, who lived in the second floor, in the front bedroom of the house at 107 14th Street. This individual resembled the photo of RAY which is shown on Identification Order with close cropped hair. FAULKNER pointed out, however, that this "young fellow" whom he described as a white male, 25-30 years of age, about 5'10", 140 pounds, light brown close cropped hair, driving a 1963 or 1964 gold colored Plymouth, had roomed at Garner's for "a long period of time". This person appeared to be well-educated, and FAULKNER thought the person was a "college student."

FAULKNER stated that although the Missouri State Penitentiary photograph of JAMES EARL RAY resembles the individual he does not believe the "young fellow" could have been RAY.

FAULKNER states he believes the time he was at Garner's Rooming House on the second occasion was the period of April 2-8, 1968, as he recalled hearing the news of KING's death in Memphis while he was at Garner's the second time. He had checked in at the rooming house two or three days prior to the time he heard the news on the radio. He recalled that Friday of that week he left work early, went to his home in Columbus, Georgia for the weekend, and on the following Monday, which was April 8, 1968, he turned his key in to GARNER at Garner's Restaurant, located on Northside Drive, Atlanta, Georgia. He did not return to the rooming house after the early morning of April 5, 1968, which was the preceeding Friday. FAULKNER stated

MO 157-2627

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he left Atlanta after he picked up his money at the job on April 8, 1968, and traveled to Pine Hill, Alabama, where he has been employed since that time and has not returned to Atlanta. FAULKNER left Atlanta alone and came to Pine Hill, Alabama, where he is working with his father, JAMES FAULKNER at the paper mill site at Yellow Bluff, Alabama.

FAULKNER advised that during his last stay at 107 14th Street, Atlanta, in January and February, 1968, he shared room with ERNEST WILLIAM HARPER of Columbus, Georgia. He stated that at no time during his residence at this address did he see a white Mustang automobile parked in that area.

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, ATLANTA
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
OO: MEMPHIS

ReMEairtel to AT 4/13/68.

Investigation at Memphis reveals names MAHELLE HENDRICKS and JAMES WELDON are fictitious. Person using name MAHELLE HENDRICKS is actually EDWINA HARRELL of Memphis, Tenn., and person using name JAMES WELDON is actually CHARLES CABBAGE, Memphis, Tenn. CABBAGE and EDWINA HARRELL in process of being interviewed at Memphis.

Investigation at Memphis further reveals the following named individual was registered at the Lorraine Hotel-Motel, 406 Mulberry Ave., Memphis, on 4/3-4/68, where Dr. KING was assassinated:

JAMES ORANGE
Room 304
4/3-4/68
Address 334 Auburn Ave., Atlanta, Ga.

LEAD

ATLANTA DIVISION

AT ATLANTA, GA.

2 - Atlanta
2 - Memphis
SMD:LF
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Hester

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Will interview JAMES GEORGE, 334 Auburn Ave., re any information he may have concerning the assassination. Interviewing Agents should endeavor to obtain only facts from individual interviewed, keeping in mind high degree of emotion generated as a result of the assassination, which may affect the individual's ability to factually relate what he observed at time of assassination.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

To Auto. Out.,

April 16. 62.

Mayor Lindsay
New York City
and
Police Chief
Memphis

F.B.I. - ~~2/4~~
Info.

Dear Sir,

In our town there is a broadcaster
who resembles the artist's sketch of the
assassin of Martin Luther King. Please
check his whereabouts on April 4th. His name
is Joseph Forester, on a talk show at CHIN
637 1/2 College Street. His voice - very sharp
and long - hair and things he had to say re Mr.
King 2 weeks before Mr. King's death & other
psychological aberrations - calling Mr King a
"Commie" and after death broadcasting two
eulogies on Mr King very favorable ... ?!

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and in complete contradiction of former open line opinions. "Joe" describes himself as a "militant anti-Communist" (?) but categorizes all liberal thinking people like the late J. McCarthy in USA, as "commies". "Commie" dupes or Commie fellow travellers. He sees "Commies" in the higher levels of government, university and POLICE FORCES (!)

Check with airlines told that a trip to Memphis could be made, return in 4 hrs. and in the time when Dr. King was slain.

In any case the artist's photo is very similar to the appearance of Joe Foweraker who is also, an ex-seaman, pro Vietnam war and generally in the lunatic fringe.

He has travelled extensively in the deep South USA (according to his own stories.)

and is very pro war and has said
"a person once killed is nothing more
than a hunk of meat."

He seems a dual personality and holds
deep grudges, resentments and is vindictive
He claims to have punched a grown man in
the face who he had not seen for 15 years
because, the man, as a kid had stolen
some comics from him, also a kid at the
Time. He claims to have ruined the career
of a deliberately of a medical doctor
in a government department some 10-15 years
after said doctor had "snubbed" him - "Joe"
when he was a cub reporter.

Please investigate this clue, as it may
lead to something. I cannot sign this as
like all people I am afraid - especially
of people like Forrester who on the surface

pretend to have compassion and say they help old age pensioners & the dispossessed but this is a cover up for a hate laden set back on life which comes out at other times. I feel the man is laughing at his audience behind their backs. He has discussed this case in a most peculiar manner. He said he was heavily in debt just two months ago. Now, after the assassination he said he is going to Europe (West Germany) in 3 weeks! He seems to have a lot of peculiar connections both here, USA and Europe (he says)

The photograph certainly shook me when I saw it! Please, please look into this in your best detective manner and do not be CHUMSY - as the man is quite sensitive!

5 [REDACTED] Concerned.

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