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The following investigation was conducted by IC WILLIAM C. MC DONALD:

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI:

On April 24, 1968, Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) records were checked for JAMES L. OWENS. The following information was obtained:

JAMES LAOMA OWENS, MSP #00184, was received at the MSP February 5, 1960, from St. Louis City to serve a seven-year sentence on charge of robbery 1st by means of dangerous and deadly weapon. He was discharged on January 2, 1964. A detainer in favor of Division of Supervision of Paroles, Springfield, Illinois, was filed February 23, 1960.

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3/28/62	1/2/64	C-9

OWENS is described as a white male, born at Elvins, Missouri, 5'4", 149 pounds, hair brown, eyes blue, complexion medium, build stocky, occupation barber, tatto ship on left lower forearm.

Relatives:

Mother	IDA OWENS, 517 5th Street,
	Honolulu, Hawaii
Brother	ERNIST OWENS, same address
Wife	BETTY OWENS, 9447 Rosemary,
	Berkeley, Missouri
Aunt	ANNA MERRITT, Rural Route 1,
	Elvins, Missouri
Cousin	RHONDA MERRITT, same address

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To: SAC's, Seattle (44-371)

Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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Re Seattle airtel 4/22/68, submitting piece of cardboard bearing the printed word "CANADA," Q286, and a Texaco road map of California, Q287.

Two latent fingerprints developed on Q286 and two latent fingerprints developed on Q287. These latent finger-prints are not identical with the fingerprints of James Earl Ray, FBI 4405942G.

Q286 and Q287 being returned under separate cover to Seattle Division.

Laboratory report separate.

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The Laboratory is requested to compare the enclosed tapes bearing the code 028-5 with specimens previously submitted in this case.

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00: Memphis

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

> Laundry Using The Code "20R-3" RE:

Laundries mentioned in Albany airtels dated 4/10 and 4/11/68 have been recontacted in the Sacramento Division concerning above-referenced laundry code and none of those contacted could identify this code.

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LR 157-1215 reportedly Fort Smith by plane or automobile and went to Oklahoma, returned to Arkansas, then went to Tennessee and came back to Arkansas. SORBELIE is alleged to have threatened HEBERT and told her that if she ever said anything about the conversation she had overheard between SORRELIS and NEISON that SORRELLS would kill her.

Mrs. SEVERLY HEBERT, mes Rollet, 704 Clifton Court, Fort Smith, Arkanses, was located on April 26, 1968, and furnished the following information to SAs RALPH E. RAWLINGS and RICHARD S. BRANDT

She has known WILLIAM GILMORE SORRELIS all of her life. He is presently employed at Wichita, Kansas, by Litwin Corporation as a draftsman or engineer. On March 30, 1968, SORRELIS accompanied by a friend, BOB NELSON, drove from Wichith Ransas to Fort Smith, Arhaness in SORRELIS' white Chewrolet Corvair. They had a great deal of car trouble en ronte and called her at intervals during the trip from Wichita to Fort Smith. They returned to Wichita to work on ør about March 31, 1968.

They returned to Fort Smith again on April 6, 1968, to spend another waskend. On this occasion she went to the airport with SORRELIS who had driven to Fort Smith in his autemobile and they picked up NELSON who had flown from Wichita to Port Smith.

Mrs. HEBERT advised she knows nothing about BOB MRISON except that he is a college graduate and is also employed as an engineer or drafteness by Litwin Corporation Withita, Kansas. She believes both SORRELIS and WELSON work at Wighita, but admitted it is possible thew are sent to other cities by the company. She described NELSON as follows:

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Mrs HEBERT denied that she had overheard any conversation between WELSON and SURRELLS which would indicate that either of them had been in Memphis Tennessee, on on about April 4, 1968, or to indicate they might have knowledge of the mirder of Dr. KING. She denied that she had any knowledge of what type of an automobile NELSON hight own and disclaimed any knowledge of a white Porsche automobile.

Mrs. BEBBET exemined photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and advised he is no way resembles WELSON. Mrs. BEBBET denied that she has made any statements to anyone which would indicate that SORRELIS or NELSON had beything to do with the murder of Dr. KING.

MANSAS CITY DIVISION

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Will through the amployment facords of Litwin Cosporation autempt to Identify 108 NEISCH and WILLIAM GILMORE SORRELLS and fix their whereabouts on the pertanent date in an effort to determine whether they might have knowledge of instant matter or may have had anything to do with it.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (MAIL), SAC, OMAHA, AND SAC, KANSAS CITY FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (PP. 2)

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RE OMAHA TELETYPE APRIL NINETEEN, LAST, AND SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE APRIL TWENTYFOUR, LAST.

RE EARL EVERETT RAY (DECEASED).

MR. C.D. IREY, SPECIAL AGENT, C.B.&Q. RAILROAD, GALESBURG, ILLINOIS, STATED REVIEW OF EMPLOYMENT FILES LISTED FILE ON EARL EVERETT RAY, SUBJECT'S UNCLE, ONE SIX FOUR SOUTH ACADEMY STREET, GALESBURG, ILL. HE SHOWED A PREVIOUS ADDRESS OF ONE TWO EIGHT NORTH FIFTH STREET, QUINCY, ILLINOIS, AND LISTED LOUISA RAY AS HIS MOTHER. THE FILE INDICATED HE WORKED FOR THE RAILROAD FOR PERIOD NOVEMBER FOUR, NINETEEN FORTYFOUR TO NOVEMBER SEVENTEEN, NINETEEN FORTYFOUR, THIRTEEN DAYS. HE LISTED FORMER EMPLOYMENT OF APRIL OF NINETEEN THIRTYFOUR TO JUNE OF NINETEEN FORTYFOUR WITH SUNSET AMUSEMENT COMPANY, EXCELLSIOR SPRINGS, MISSOURI, AND C.B. & Q. RAILROAD, OMAHA, NEBRASKA. W.A. COLE, FELDOW EMPLOYEE, DOES NOT RECALL RAY.

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NAME CHECKS AT THE GALESBURG PD, KNOX COUNTY SO, AND CREDIT BUREAU FAILED TO DEVELOP ANY INFO. FORMER RESIDENCE AREA OF ONE SIX FOUR SOUTH ACADEMY IS NOW A CEMETARY.

OMAHA AND KANSAS CITY ARE REQUESTED TO CHECK FORMER EMPLOYMENTS OF EARL RAY, FOR ANY INFO OF LEAD VALUE RESUBJECT.

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Re Dallas teletype to Bureau, Richmond, etc., 4/20/60.

It is noted that the confidential source puntioned in referenced teletype is EL 274-2. This was implyertently emitted from rotel. Error forms secred.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY (D-560301 JK)

4/29/68

SAC, COLUMBIA (44-299)

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Re Bureau teletype to All Offices, 4/9/68, Albany teletype to Columbia, 4/9/68, Tampa teletype to Columbia, 4/10/68, and Albany mirtel to Director, 4/10/68.

A survey of all laundries in the State of South Carolina disclosed that 12 thermo seal marking machines are located in this State.

Enclosed are samples from these machines as indicated:

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2.	Post Laundry Marine Corps Recuit Depot Parris Island, S. C.		33486	
3.	Deluxe Cleaners and Laundry 310 State Street West Columbia, S. C.		32571	
4.	Havy Exchange Laundry U. S. Haval Station Charleston, S. C.		34494	
5.	Navy Exchange Laundry U. S. Naval Station Charleston, S. C.		34423	44-1987-Sub B-465 SEARCHEDINDEXED
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6.	Doughty Dry-Cleaners, Inc. 1410 Taylor Street Columbia, S. C.	31837
7.	Lane's Dry-Cleaners and Laundry	31962
	359 Meeting Street Charleston, S. C.	
8.	Georgetown Laundry Georgetown, S. C.	32363
9.	Port City Laundry and Cleaners Palmetto Shopping Center Charleston, S. C.	32658
10.	Newberry Steam Laundry Newberry, S. C.	33643
11.	White's Cleaners Shaw AFB, S. C.	32436
12.	Summerville White Swan Laundry Summerville, S. C.	34096

These enclosures are being sent to the Bureau for comparison with known specimens obtained in this case. The Bureau may retain these samples for future use.

Regarding Albany airtel to the Bureau, 4/10/8, the following information is being furnished for the Hemphis Office:

Inquiry at Robinson Laundry and Cleaners, 2547
Forest Drive, Columbia, S. C., disclosed that they sold their
thermo seal marking machine to the Newberry Laundry mentioned
above and that Robinson had never used markings such as located
in instant case.

On 4/15/68 Miss NELL TAYLOR, Center Supply Company, 915 Lady Street, Columbia, S. C., advised that this concern has not sold therms seal marking machines for about three years. He said that this type machine with serial number 32571 was sold to Deluxe Cleaners and Laundry, West Columbia, S. C., new, several years age. Regarding therms seal machine with serial number 32568 she said that this machine was burned and completely destroyed in their warehouse on 3/7/63 and his no longer in use. She said these are the only two terms seal machines ever delivered to this company as the others sold by them were delivered directly to the purchaser.

For information of Memphis Office, an insert will be submitted concerning these machines, none of which appear to be pertinent to this investigation.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO

SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

DATE: 4/29/68

FROM

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SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

Re Mobile teletype to the Bureau, 4/24/68.

Enclosed for Memphis is autostat copy of printed name, ERIC STARVO GALT, E. St., Elberta, Ala.

Inasmuch as enclosure was received from Inspector J. C. ENGEL, Post Office Dept., Mobile (in confidence), same is being transmitted Memphis by letter. It is noted that the Knoxville Office has been requested to attempt to obtain original or photographic copy of this name and address in order that appropriate examination may be made.

For information Memphis, J. C. ENGEL, Post Office Dept., Mobile, advised on 4/24/68, he had received an order form for Internal Revenue Service, Form #17 or #334, from the Post Master in Elberta, Ala. The form actually is supposed to be used in sending to the Superintendent of Documents, GPO, Washington, D. C., for Internal Revenue Service Forms. The lower portion is a "tear-off" portion on which the requesting individual is to write his name and address and mail to GPO, lower portion may be torn off and attached to the requested form and returned to sender.

This form was sent directly to the Post Office in Elberta, and is postmarked "Pensacola, Florida, April 22, 8 (illegible) M."

Mr. ENGEL stated any efforts to obtain original or photographic copy thereof would have to be made through the Chief Postal Inspector in Chattanooga, to whom form had been sent air mail.

SA ALLISON A. CATLIN on 4/25/68, contacted the Post Master at Elberta, who advised there is no such address as E St. in Elberta. In addition, he said he knew of no residence in Elberta, a small town, all citizens of which he is acquainted with. In addition, the Post Master, JOHN GOTTLER, was unable to recognize a photograph of subject. 44. 19 19 Subs

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The following investigation was conducted by IC WILLIAM C. MC DONALD:

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI:

On April 23, 1968, Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) records were checked for JIM BRADLEY. The following information was obtained:

JAMES Z. ERADLEY, MSP #71844, was received at the MSP December 19, 1956, from St. Louis City to serve a natural life sentence on charge of murder 1st, robbery by means of dangerous and deadly weapon (three charges). He escaped June 29, 1959, returned June 29, 1959; on August 24, 1959, he was ordered held to serve a new sentence of eight years for the crime of violence to guard (three charges) and escaping from guard, Cole County, at the expiration of the life sentence he is now serving.

His relatives are listed as:

Wife Mrs. MAXINE BRADLEY,

135 St. George, St. Louis, Missouri

Mother OPHIE BRADLEY, 1724A

S. 14th, St. Louis, Missouri

Father JOHN B. BRADLEY, 1023

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THERMO SEAL MARKING MACHINES. STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Investigation disclosed that there are presently twelve thermo seal marking machines located in the State of South Carolina.

The owners of these machines were contacted as set out thereinafter:

The following investigation was conducted by SA JULIAN P. DOWLING:

Warrant Officer ADAN GUERRA, Laundry Officer, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, South Carolina, advised that the Post Laundry purchased two thermo seal marking machines in March, 1965. He said the machinesware used in the following marking system: Each Monday morning the system reverts to the numeral one; the second digit is a letter and indicates the code letter of the operator who marked the garment in; then the last number is the bundle number.

Warrant Officer GUERRA said red tape has always been used to identify "Special" work and is marked in the following manner: On red tape the first digit is the letter S, which stands for "Special", the second digit is a number indicating the day of the week (number one is for Monday, two for Tuesday, etc.) the third digit is a marker identifying code and the last number is the bundle number.

Warrant Officer GUERRA said to the best of his knowledge the laundry has never marked with a system where the first digit on the tape has been a zero, the letter O or the letter D.

He advised that when purchased the machines were set up so that the last number (bundle number) is oversized.

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Mr. JOHN E. HENDRIX, Laundry Plant Supervisor, Parris Island, South Carolina, advised that to the best of his knowledge the laundry has never used the thermo seal marking system utilizing the numeral zero, the letter O or the letter D as the first digit. He also stated that in using red tape, for specials, the first character is the letter S for specials, the second character is a number indicating the day of the week, the third character is a operator's identification code, and the last number is the bundle number.

Mr. HENDRIX furnished samples from thermo seal marking machines, serial numbers 33486 and 33487, both model number H6M1C1.

The following investigation was conducted by SA WILLIAM E. SKINNER on April 10, 1968:

JOHN T. CRAVEN, SR., President and PAUL CRAVEN, Vice President, Ideal White Swan Laundry, 723 King Street, Charleston, South Carolina, advised that their company used three or four thermo seal machines manufactured by instant company on trial basis only about four years ago. They used these machines, serial numbers unknown, on trial basis for about two months and then returned machines to company as they found them unsuitable for their use. They did not know current whereabouts of machines that were in their possession. They both advised code O 2 B - 6 or D 2 B - 6 means nothing to them at all as they do not use instant code at laundry.

They advised the only laundry in the Charleston area that uses instant thermo seal machines in laundry is the Navy Exchange, United States Naval Station, Charleston, South Carolina.

A. J. DUNCAN, Navy Exchange Laundry, United States Naval Station, Charleston, South Carolina, advised that laundry currently uses two thermo seal machines, serial number 3422 and 34424. He added codes 0 2 B - 6 or D 2 B - 6 are not familiar to him at all and Navy Exchange Laundry uses no codes at all similiar to instant codes. They used various color tapes on machines but he is certain instant code did not come from machines at Navy Exchange Laundry.

The following investigation was conducted by SA THOMAS N. CURRAN on April 11, 1968:

WALLACE DOUGHTY, owner, Doughty Dry-Cleaners, Incorporated, 410 Taylor Street, advised that his establishment uses thermo seal marking machines to mark only dress shirts and to his knowledge no laundry has ever been marked by his firm using a thermo seal machine.

The following investigation was conducted by SA WILLIAM E. SKINNER on April 11, 1968:

NOLAN E. SCHWERIN, Manager, Lane's Dry Cleaners and Laundry, 359 Meeting Street, Charleston, South Carolina, advised his company has one thermo seal machine, serial number 31962. They use red tape and all color tapes on machine but they do not use the code 02B-6 or D2B-6 and this code means nothing at all to him.

JANIE MOORE, Machine Operator, Lane's Dry Cleaners and Landry, 359 MeetingStreet, Charleston, South Carolina, advised that she is the sole operator of the thermo seal machine and has operated the machine since it was installed. They have never used the code 02B-6 or D2B-6 and this code means nothing to her. Their markings on the machine are merely a numeral first followed by a letter and then a numeral.

The following investigation was conducted by SA JON W. ARMSTRONG on April 12, 1968:

JIM BALDWIN, Georgetown Laundry, Georgetown, South Carolina, advised the clothing received by Georgetown Laundry is marked for identification by a thermo seal machine. He stated this machine prints a 5 letter code on yellow or red tape and fastens this tape to the clothing through the use of heat and pressure. He stated the yellow tape is used for all regular laundry and the red tape is used for all special - 1 day service laundry.

He stated the first two spaces in his code indicate the lot number of from 01-45, the third space is a letter which indicates the day, and the last two spaces are the numbers indicating the bundle number. He advised a dash (-) is never used in this code. He further advised that a special item, indicated by red tape, is never washed prior to lot number 04.

He advised that the code D2B-6 is not a code which his company would use. He stated code 02B-6 is not a code his company would use because it contains a dash and because if on red tape it would indicate a special item was washed prior to lot number 04.

BALDWIN made available four samles, two each, of the codes D2B-6 and O2B-6, printed on red tape by his machine.

The following investigation was conducted by SA JAMES CORDELL COOK at Charleston, South Carolina on April 11, 1968:

JAMES CATE, owner, Port City Laundry and Cleaners, Palmetto Shopping Center, Charleston, South Carolina, advised this laundry uses a thermo seal laundry marking machine.

Mr. CATE added that the termo seal machines cost \$2300 and uses 11 different colored tapes. CATE stated that the code 02B-6 or D2B-6 is unfamiliar to him but that it is probably denotes a laundry lot number for some unknown laundry concern.

Samples were taken from the Port City Laundry and Cleaners thermo seal machine.

The following investigation was conducted by SA NORVAL P. LABADIE on April 19, 1968 at Newberry, South Carolina:

On April 19, 1968, Mr. M. L. YOUMANS, Manager, Newberry Steam Laundry, advised that he marks dry-cleaning by use of a thermo seal marking machine which he purchased about January, 1968 from ED ROBINSON of Columbia, South Carolina. He said this machine has serial number 33643 but that he has never used this machine to mark laundry. He furnished samples from this thermo seal machine.

The following investigation was conducted by SA WILLIAM E. AYCOCK at Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina, on April 12, 1968:

Mr. EDDIE ARRANTS, Manager, White's Cleaners, also known as Base Laundry and Cleaners, Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina, advised that his facility utilizes a thermo seal marking machine; and further that he uses red tape with black lettering. He stated, however, that his company does not use a numbering system like the two number and letter combinations in question. Mr. ARRANTS made available several samples from his thermo seal marking machine.

Mrs. ANNIE LOU BENNENHALY, Machine Operatory, White's Cleaners, advised that she operates the thermo seal marking machine for her company. She verified that the company does not use letter and number combinations like those in question.

The following investigation was conducted by SA WAYNE LANSING CARTER on April 12, 1968 at Summerville, South Carolina:

SHERWOOD MYLER, Summerville White Swan Laundry, advised that no combination of letters and numbers have been used by his laundry such as 02B-6 or D2B-6. He stated that this concern owns a thermo seal machine which was purchased new and that the machine has serial number 34096.

The following investigation was conducted by SA GORDON S. BROOKS at West Columbia, South Carolina on April 11, 1968:

Miss GERRY BERRY, Deluxe Cleaners and Laundry, 310 State Street, advised that her firm does have a thermo seal marking machine manufactured by the Textile Marking Machine Company. She stated it would be possible that they might use a combination of letters such as D2B-6 or 02B-6, but that their machine does not print a single dash before the last character, but rather, it prints a double dash after the first two characters.

Miss BERRY made samples on the machine, a thermo seal marking machine, model 115M4, serial number 32571,

and made these samples available to the interviewing Agent for examination by the FBI Laboratory.

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RE: HAROLD DAVID MCGEE

By communication dated April 25, 1968, the New York Office of the FBI advised that information had been received to the effect that it is possible that DAVID McGEE, 404 Berkshire Road, Charlotte, North Carolina, might have information regarding the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The following investigation was conducted by SA JAMES T. MACHER at Charlotte, North Carolina:

On April 26, 1968, HAROLD DAVID McGEE, 404 Berkshire Road, advised he has been employed by Stylecraft Packing Company, 2900 Griffith Street, Charlotte, in the bag department on the 3 - 11 p.m. shift since December 1, 1967. He stated he is married and has two children. McGEE advised he has not made any trips outside Charlotte other than to his home in Spruce Pine, North Carolina. He stated he has frequently discussed with friends, neighbors and fellow employees the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING. He said he has no pertinent information concerning KING's murder but often in conversation has made the statement, as have many other acquaintances, that it was a professional job and that the killer did a good job in keeping from being caught.

He said that he and other individuals prior to the assassination often mentioned the fact that KING would probably be assassinated in view of his racial activities. He said he may have mentioned on occasion that KING would be assassinated in Charlotte, as well as in Memphis or any other place he might visit.

McGEE advised he has no information concerning the murder or the present whereabouts of JAMES EARL RAY and has never heard any individual mention the fact that they knew KING would be murdered. He denied participation in any type racial activity.

McGEE advised that he was absent from work for about three weeks in March, 1968, having been in an automobile accident near Shelby, North Carolina, on March 2, 1968, which resulted in

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his being hospitalized for one week and at home two weeks following his release from the hospital.

He stated that he has ten brothers and sisters scattered from Texas to Colorado to Florida and also in North Carolina. One sister, who is not married, is BARBARA SUE FORBES, who is employed at Grandfather's Children's Home in Banner Elk, North Carolina. He said that BARBARA FORBES visited him and his wife for about a week while she was looking for a job in Charlotte and recently returned to Banner Elk. He stated he has never expressed any opinions regarding MARTIN LUTHER KING to any friends or relatives in letters to them.

McGEE is a white male; age 30, 5'9" tall, 145 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes, medium complexion.

On April 26, 1968, ERNEST GADDY, Stylecraft Packing Company, stated his records show that DAVID McGEE was in an automobile accident March 2, 1968, and was off work until March 30, 1968, when he returned and worked three days. He was off on Sunday and then worked March 25 and 26, 1968. He was off work March 27, 28 and 29, 1968, and worked during the week of April 1-6, 1968, from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. daily.

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On 1/25/66, Frederic Broost Roof, Mgr., Glover Gleeners and Limming, Tueson, Arisons, Furnished 9 sample topes from his Therme-Seal machine. Roof advised that his company has used the number, "208-3" in the past. His records are much that it would be extremely difficult to trace the customer to when this number was assigned.

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841 Tederal Office Building Momphis, Tennessee 38103 April 30, 1968

Mrs. B. F. Stewart / 180 Hill Street Marietta, Georgia 30060

Dear Mrs. Stewart:

I want to thank you for your letter which I received on April 29, 1968, and the information contained therein.

The interest shown by you in writing is indeed appreciated.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT G JENSEN Special Agent in Charge

1 Addressee

1 Memphis (44-1987)

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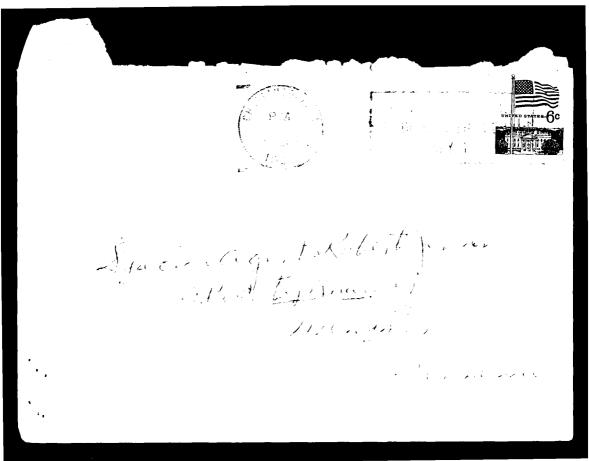
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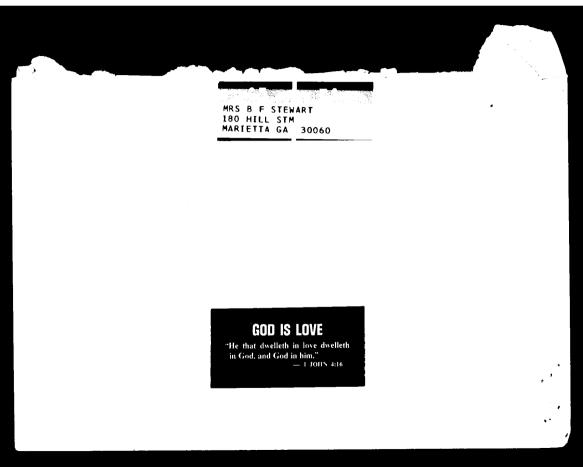
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Sopchoppy, Fla. April 30th-1968

Special Agent, FBI. Mr Robest Jensen. Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Mr Jensen:

I have a small item in the local paper, about \$100.00.00 in Reward money, in the King Case. Not specifically for that, but I offer the following reflections on the matter.

Small time politicians with big ideas, to me are small time criminals with big plans: Potentially.

Old, I am just fooling around, looking, listenning, talking, reading, and one word I hear, might be the "LIGHT" you are looking for.

The soil which produced the killer of Rev., Martin Luther King, to me is the place, not to look for a killer, but to look for a number of men, burnt up with public opinion, to formaluate a plan, not to kill one negro, but to begin to destroy the seedlings, that produced the fire, by a systematic plan, to kill all of the leaders, or scare them in to easy control., to end further Action.

To me there is two men, one played the roll, leading the men off of the trail, and the other did the killing, to day the quickest way out, is to kill the killer to shut his mouth, and close the door behind, lock it up, and throw the key away.

The route he took just after the crime was committed is very interesting on account of previous murders in Philadelphia, Miss., from Memphis to Atlanta, (Headquaters for the K.K.K.), where the trail ends I guess in oblivion, for like he is a dead man.

There was a big price on Kings head, and

he made himself avaiable. You can hear most any influential, prominent public spirited citizen remark:

"I hope they will never find him". I think the looking is for a plot, backed by plenty of money, by some Well organized Hate Group, and their friends is legion.

If the killer is a smart man he ks in RUSSIA,

China, or some other Communist country.

If he is a loner, he could be disguised as a "HIPPY" to hide his image.

Please, kindly treat this confidential. PO. Box 187, in my name only, combination lock, a widower., wife deseased.

Sincerely yours,

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Post Office Box 187 Sopchoppy, Fla. 32358.



AIR-MAIL



Special Agent. FBI. Mr Robert Jensen, Memphis, TENN.



To: SAC's, WFO (44-703) - Enclosures (2)

Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re WFO letter 4/26/68, submitting a mail order form, Q292, and an envelope for examination.

No latent prints of value developed on the two items, which are enclosed to WFO.

Laboratory report separate.

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SAC's New Orleans (157-10673) - Enc. (2)

Memphis (44-1987)

From:

Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re New Orients letter, 4/22/68, submitting an application form, Q283, and a small slip of paper, Q284, for examination.

No latent impressions of value developed on the two items, which are enclosed for New Orleans.

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To: SAC's, San Francisco (178-65) - Enclosure Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-36861)

MURKIN

Re San Francisco airtel 4/23/68, submitting registration card in the name of Tom Rosell, 9289.

No intent impressions of value developed on Q289, which is enclosed to San Francisco Division.

Laboratory report separate.

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Airtel

To: SAC, Jackson

From: Director, FBI

MURKIN

ReDicirtel 4-24-68, referring to Jitel to Bureau dated 4-17-68.

On basis of information furnished by Dallas, Bureau not able to identify referenced Jackson teletype. By return sirtel furnish Bureau identifying data.

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To: SAC's, Chicago (44-1114) - Enciosures (3)

Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-36861)

MURKIN

Re Chicago airtel 4/24/68, submitting the fingerprints of three individuals for elimination purposes.

The latent fingerprint previously reported on the letter, Q130, is identical with a fingerprint of SA William J. Downey.

The submitted prints are enclosed to Chicago Division.

To: SAC's, Louisville (44-947)

Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Louisville letter 4/23/68, submitting five lifts, film pack, and rearview mirror for latent print examination.

Six latent fingerprints of value developed on the rearview mirror. No latent impressions of value found on submitted lifts or in negatives from film pack.

Six latent fingerprints on rearview mirror not identical fingerprints of James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G; Robert Dale Porter, FBI #4590482; or Vernon Elmo Rife, FBI #4558766.

Rearview mirror being returned under separate cover to Louisville Division. Lifts and film pack destroyed.

To:

Manual (44-2386)

Memphis (44-1987)

From:

Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Atlanta sirtel, 4/25/66, submitting one can, one drinking glass, one paper bog, and three transparent lifts for latent print examination.

No intent prints of value found or developed on the submitted items which have been destroyed as requested in re nirtal.

To: SAC's, Los Angeles (44-1574)

Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Los Angeles airtei 4/15/68, submitting twenty cleaning invoices and laundry lists obtained from Home Service Laundry and Dry Cleaning (K192), along with other items, Q258 through Q262.

Thirty-one latent fingerprints of value were developed on twelve of the items. These latent fingerprints are identical with finger impressions of SA's Richard John Raysa, Richard Henry Ross, and Francis Gerard Kahl. No other latent prints of value were developed.

Laboratory report and disposition of the submitted items will be furnished separately.