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INVESTIGATION RE SUSPECT GENE HUDSON,  
DOGWOOD DRIVE, CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

On April 18, 1968, the Atlanta Office advised as follows:

BETTY CHAMBERS, United Airlines Ticket Counter, In-Town Motor Hotel, Atlanta, advised individual named GENE HUDSON checked into the above motel on April 12, 1968, and departed April 15, 1968. She stated he had no home address or employment. She advised the hotel records indicated HUDSON had checked into the hotel previously on March 28 and March 29, 1968, listing address as Dogwood Drive, Charleston, South Carolina. CHAMBERS described HUDSON as a white male, 27 to 34 years of age, 5'11", 175 pounds, brown hair, who appeared similar to pictures of JAMES EARL RAY shown on local television stations at Atlanta, Georgia, on April 15, 1968.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA WARDLAW E. SKINNER:

A review of the current Charleston, South Carolina, telephone directory, and the Charleston, South Carolina, City Directory on April 18, 1968, disclosed no listing for GENE HUDSON.

It was also noted that current maps of the City of Charleston, South Carolina, and the City Directory contain no listing for a Dogwood Drive, Charleston, South Carolina.

FRANCIS OLIVER, Credit Bureau of Greater Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina, advised on April 18, 1968, that the records of the Bureau contain no record identifiable with GENE HUDSON.

Sergeant J. S. MINOR, Record Division, Charleston County Police Department, North Charleston, South Carolina, advised on April 18, 1968, that the records of the Department contain no record for GENE HUDSON.

Mrs. JULIA BEATTIE, Clerk, Record Room, Charleston County Police Department, Charleston, South Carolina, advised on April 18, 1968, that the records of the Department are negative for GENE HUDSON.

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On April 18, 1968, the information service, Southern Bell Telephone Company, Charleston, South Carolina, was contacted and found to contain no record for GENE HUDSON.

On April 19, 1968, J. E. BUNDRICK, 1775 Dogwood Road, Charleston, South Carolina, advised that he has resided at this address for five years. He added that he does not know GENE HUDSON and has never heard of a man named HUDSON residing on Dogwood Road, Charleston, South Carolina.

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Date: 5/14/68

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

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: SAC, COLUMBIA (44-299)  
RE: MURKIN  
OO: MEMPHIS

Re Atlanta airtel to Columbia, 4/16/68,  
requesting that GENE HUDSON be located at Charleston,  
South Carolina, and eliminated as a suspect in this  
matter.

Enclosed for Memphis are 15 and for Atlanta 2  
copies of an insert re suspect GENE HUDSON.

LEADS:ATLANTA:AT ATLANTA, GA.

1. Since suspect GENE HUDSON could not be  
located at Charleston, S. C., and apparently gave a  
fictitious address, it is suggested that several photographs  
of subject be shown to BETTY CHAMBERS, United Airlines  
Ticket Counter, In-Town Motor Hotel, Atlanta, for possible  
identification.

2. If she is unable to eliminate suspect,  
suggest consideration be given to obtaining registration

- ② - Memphis (44-1987) (Enc. - 15) *yr*  
2 - Atlanta (44-2386) (Enc. - 2)  
1 - Columbia

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Approved: *[Signature]*  
Special Agent in Charge

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card of suspect GENE HUDSON from this hotel and forwarding to FBI Laboratory for handwriting comparisons with known handwriting of RAY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

5/14/68

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReMMtel 5/9/68.

AT PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS:

On 5/10/68, the Texaco ship "TRANSCHAMPLAIN" docked in Port Arthur, Texas, and the following personnel of that ship were interviewed:

Chief Engineer PAUL RAINVILLE advised he did go into the Golden Earring Lounge in Jacksonville, Florida, on two nights around the first of May, 1968. The first night he was accompanied by his wife and the second night he was accompanied by the Third Mate of this ship, HARRY BINGHAM. RAINVILLE advised he was not in the Golden Earring at any other time and did not drink in that lounge with anyone other than the above two people. RAINVILLE viewed a photograph of JAMES RAY and advised he had never known anyone who looked similar to the photograph or the accompanying description of RAY.

3 - Bureau  
2 - Memphis  
1 - Miami (Info)  
2 - Houston

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HARRY BINGHAM, Third Mate, was interviewed and was observed to have a physical description quite dissimilar to that of JAMES RAY. BINGHAM viewed the photograph and description of RAY and stated he knew of no one similar to RAY.

Captain PETE MCGUIRE viewed a wanted flyer for JAMES RAY and advised he was certain there were no personnel on his ship who were in any way similar to RAY.

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The following investigation was conducted at Petersburg and Hopewell, Virginia, by SA RAYMOND CONNOLLY, JR., on May 10, 1968:

A review of the 1967 edition of the Hills City Directory for Hopewell, Virginia, reflects that CHARLES W. CLARK, who was employed as a foreman for the Perrin and Esposito Construction Company, and his wife, DOROTHY G., who is employed as an operator for the Allied Chemical-Fibers Division, resided at 305 Brown Avenue, Hopewell, Virginia.

A review of the 1968 edition of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company Directory for Petersburg, Colonial Heights, Hopewell, Virginia, indicated that one CHARLES W. CLARK resided at Esposito Place and subscribed to number 458-4615.

BRENDA PRITCHETT, Clerk, Credit Bureau of Petersburg, Virginia, advised that the following information was contained in her agency's records identifiable with CHARLES W. CLARK:

CHARLES WASHINGTON CLARK has been known to the files of the Credit Bureau since 1937.

CLARK is married to DOROTHY CLARK.

In a credit bureau report prepared for the Richmond Credit Bureau dated March 3, 1951, CLARK resided at Route 1, Woodlawn, Petersburg, Virginia.

In February 23, 1951, CLARK was employed as a carpenter for the Bogese Construction Company and his wife was employed as an operator for the Celanese Corporation.

In July, 1946, according to the Credit Bureau, a notation was made indicating that CLARK worked for R. J. GORDON as a carpenter. CLARK at that time resided at Route 1, Hopewell, Virginia.

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The Credit Bureau indicated further that on November 8, 1958, CLARK resided at Route 2, Box 406, Chester, and was employed for the Bogese Construction Company. Only one collection account was noted in CLARK's record, and he was declared to have a satisfactory credit standing.

BETTY HEYDT, Clerk, Credit Bureau of Hopewell, Hopewell, Virginia, furnished the following information with regard to CLARK from her agency's records:

CLARK has been known to the files of the Credit Bureau of Hopewell since April of 1939. His file was brought up to date last on October, 1967. CHARLES WASHINGTON CLARK is married to DOROTHY GILLIAM.

Former addresses noted were:

Route 2, Box 4, Chester, Virginia  
Route 2, Box 29, Chester, Virginia

The latest address as of an October, 1966, report indicated CLARK resided at 305 Brown Avenue, Hopewell.

The latest report as of 1966 indicated the following:

CLARK was age 52; he was married with two children. He was employed as a construction foreman for the Perrin and Esposito Construction Company and had been so for two and one-half years. His wife was employed at the National Aniline Company (Allied Chemical-Fibers Division), Hopewell, and had been so since June 24, 1957, as a lab assistant. Her date of birth is [redacted]. The Credit Bureau record indicated further that C. W. CLARK, prior to his taking employment at the Perrin and Esposito Company, was employed as a carpenter for the P. J. Kain Construction Company and had been so for five years.

Further Credit Bureau reports indicated that on October 25, 1962, he resided at 605 North Fourth Avenue, Hopewell, and was self-employed as a building-contractor. On October 6, 1960, CLARK resided at Box 429, Route 2, Chester, and was self-employed. In 1958, he resided at



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Route 2, Box 402, Chester, and in 1957 resided at Route 2, Box 331, Chester. He was employed in 1957 and 1958 by the Bogese Construction Company.

BETTY HEYDT further added that although her records prior to 1957 were "sketchy", information indicated that CHARLES W. CLARK worked for the Nitrogen Division of Allied Chemical from December 9, 1946, through May 7, 1957.

A. C. Fones, Clerk, Personnel Department, Allied Chemical-Agricultural (Nitrogen Division), advised that his records failed to reflect one CHARLES W. CLARK as having been employed at that firm.

BENNIE LANE, Records Division, Chesterfield County Police Department; DONALD EVANS, Records Bureau, Petersburg, Virginia, Police Department; JOAN GLASS, Clerk, Prince George County, Virginia, Court, all advised that after checking their respective records that they could locate no arrests made identifiable with CHARLES WASHINGTON CLARK.

ALTA MAE ELROD, Secretary, Hopewell, Virginia, Police Department, furnished the following information with regard to CLARK from her department's records:

CHARLES WASHINGTON CLARK, who in 1952 according to police records, resided at Route 2, Chester, was a white male, American, age thirty-eight, and worked for the Bogese Construction Company. The following arrests were filed:

October 11, 1952, stop sign and light, \$5.

August 1, 1954, speeding, \$10-appealed.

October 8, 1954, speeding, \$25.

December 11, 1958, speeding, \$15.

Mrs. ELROD advised that no further arrests were noted. She further advised that her records indicated that in 1958 CLARK was a white male, American, age forty-five. His place of birth was listed as Essey, Virginia, at King and Queen County, Virginia.

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BEULAH MOWREY, Esposito Place, Hopewell, Prince George County, Virginia, furnished the following information:

She and her family reside nextdoor to the family of CHARLES W. and DOROTHY CLARK.

The CLARKs have resided at the Esposito address since October of 1967, after moving to that home from a Hopewell City address.

MOWREY further advised that CHARLES W. CLARK is employed as a carpenter for the Perrin and Esposito Construction Company who built the subdivision that both the CLARKs and the MOWREYs live in.

The CLARK couple has living with them two teenage daughters together with Mr. CLARK's stepson and his wife.

This stepson is also employed with the Perrin and Esposito Construction Company as a carpenter.

His wife is unemployed at present and formerly was employed at the Drug Fair Pharmacy at the Cavalier Shopping Center in Hopewell. She recently quit according to Mrs. MOWREY. According to Mrs. MOWREY, as best as she could recollect, the stepson of the CLARKs is named SONNY (LNU). His wife originally came from some unknown Alabama city or town. SONNY resided at that same location prior to his coming to Hopewell about two to three months ago.

SONNY (LNU) is approximately twenty-five years of age.

Mrs. MOWREY stated that no strangers or any other than family members of the CLARK household have been in the neighborhood. Mrs. MOWREY stated that she stays pretty much to herself and although she is the most friendly with the CLARK family, she knows very little of their background or their activities.

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J. E. JENKINS, Manager, Drug Fair, Cavalier Shopping Center, Hopewell, advised that the only person he could recollect that recently quit from Alabama was one D. E. CATLETT. JENKINS stated that he did not know where CATLETT lived and she only worked about a week for the firm. He thought that CATLETT resided in Prince George County, Virginia. CATLETT's employment was from April 20, 1968, through approximately May 3, 1968.

JENKINS stated that CATLETT was from Alabama but his records are kept just seventy-two hours after an employee quits or resigns.

BETTY HEYDT, Clerk, Credit Bureau of Hopewell, advised after checking her records she could locate no credit record identifiable with one D. E. CATLETT or anyone named CATLETT.

BRENDA PRITCHETT, Clerk, Credit Bureau, Petersburg, also advised that no information could be located identifiable with one D. E. CATLETT or similar name.

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Date: 5/14/68

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

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
 FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (44-657) -P-  
 MURKIN

Re Birmingham teletype to Bureau and other offices, 5/9/68, and Richmond teletype, 5/10/68.

Enclosed herewith for Memphis are twelve copies of an investigative insert reflecting investigation conducted by the Richmond Division relative to information contained in re Birmingham teletype.

Enclosed for Birmingham are two copies of investigative insert, in view of investigation in that Division.

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

On 5/9/68, the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, Hopewell, Va., records were obtained wherein information indicated that telephone number 458-4615 was subscribed to by one CHARLES W. CLARK, a resident at Esposito Place, Hopewell, Va.

Also, on 5/9/68, the following information was obtained:

RH 338-R, a member of Hopewell Unit 36, UKA, KKKK, advised that CHARLES W. CLARK is unknown to him and there has been no information re his affiliation in the UKA at Hopewell since at least 4/67.

- ② - Memphis (Enc. 12) (REGISTERED MAIL)  
 2 - Birmingham (44-1740) (Enc. 2) (REGISTERED MAIL)  
 2 - Richmond  
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RH 366-R (PROB) advised on 5/10/68, CLARK unknown to him.

RH 340-R advised on 5/9/68, that the name of one DOT CLARK has been heard in conversation at meetings of Unit 12L, Hopewell, Va. CLARK, according to this conversation, was a member; however, this was at least a year ago and she supposedly has resigned from UKA unit.

Information re indices search at Richmond previously reported in re Richmond teletype.

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5/15/68

AIRTEL

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

On 5/15/68, ROBERT WELCH, Director, John Birch Society, Belmont, Massachusetts, advised he could locate no record of membership for JAMES EARL RAY or any of his aliases.

WELCH advised that the Society has 450 bookstores in the United States and the suspect could have purchased material at any of said stores without his name being recorded. He stated that they receive thousands of inquiries for material by correspondents and by telephone, and that they do not index the inquirer's name.

WELCH offered his full cooperation in this matter if additional specific leads are referred to him.

3-Bureau (44-38861)  
2-Memphis (44-1987)  
2-Boston (157-644)

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
OR  
(OO: Memphis)

Reference is made to Bureau teletype to all offices, 4/29/68, instructing that law enforcement agencies maintaining latent fingerprints be contacted and requested to compare the fingerprints of subject RAY as set forth on the IO with latents obtained since 4/23/67.

Contacts with appropriate police departments in the Mobile area have been made and it has been determined that the Mobile police department, Opelika police department, Montgomery police department and Dept. of Public Safety, maintains latent fingerprints. They have been requested to compare these against RAY's fingerprints and have advised that this comparison has been made with negative results.

Details of these contacts have been recorded in Mobile file, and in view of the negative nature no insert is being submitted.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

1 - Bureau  
2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
1 - Mobile  
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AIRTEL

REGISTERED MAIL

TO: SAC, WFO (44-703)  
FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (44-669)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re WFO airtel to Baltimore, 5/10/68.

On 5/10/68, SA FRANCIS X. O'NEILL, JR. attempted to contact WARDELL HICKS at 1112 60th Avenue, Fairmount Heights, Maryland, with negative results. Mrs. LEE DURHAM, 1113 60th Avenue and Mr. FLOYD AZBELL, 1116 60th Avenue, Fairmount Heights, did not know this individual.

On 5/14/68, JEFFERSON JOHNSON, Chief of Police, Fairmount Heights Police Department, advised he did not know WARDELL HICKS, aka Bubble-Eye Mason.

On 5/14/68, a review of the records of the Credit Bureau, Inc., Washington, D.C., determined that WARDELL HICKS previously resided at 1602 6th Street, N.W., and at 1911 8th Street, N.W., with his wife, ROBERTA. His occupation is shown as a cement finisher and also as a clerk for Joe Koplin Liquor Store, Washington, D.C.

Prince Georges County Identification Bureau, records negative re WARDELL HICKS aka Bubble-Eye Mason.

Baltimore conducting no further investigation in this matter since all leads appear to be in Washington, D.C.

2 - WFO (REGIS. MAIL)  
① - Memphis (44-1987) (REGIS. MAIL)  
2 - Richmond (44-651) (REGIS. MAIL)  
2 - Baltimore  
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BA 44-669

LEAD:

WFO

AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

Attempt to locate and interview WARDELL  
HICKS at Washington, D.C.

5/16/68

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) ATTN: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION  
FROM: SAC, LITTLE ROCK (157-1215) (P)  
RE: MURKIN  
C R  
(OO: ME)

Re Little Rock teletype to Bureau, 5/16/68.

Re: JIMMY R. SMITH

Enclosed for the Bureau are five twenty dollar bills, Series 1950-C, #11391420-A; Series 1950-B, #A79720486-C; Series 1961-A, #18188668A; Series 1961-A, #X20045065-A; Series 1961-A, #145798320-A, property of the State Revenue Department, Louisville, Arkansas.

On May 9, 1968, CHARLES GROCK, Clerk, Arkansas State Revenue Office, Louisville, Arkansas, advised that on May 8, 1968, at approximately 11:00 AM, she sold a non-titled Arkansas trailer license #ST-19525 for a Sheriton House Trailer to a man using the name JIMMY R. SMITH, Roywood Trailer Park, Snythville, Arkansas. She also sold him a non-titled Arkansas trailer license #ST-19524 for a smaller luggage type trailer. This man paid for both licenses with a twenty dollar bill.

During her lunch period, Mrs. GROCK was reading the Shreveport, Louisiana, Times newspaper and observed the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY on the front page. She stated that this photograph resembled the man she had sold the above-described license plates to.

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 5) (AIR MAIL, REGISTERED)  
① - Memphis (44-1987)  
2 - Little Rock  
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On May 9, 1968, MARY SMARLEY, State Revenue Inspector, Arkansas Revenue Department, Louisville, Arkansas, advised that only five twenty dollar bills were taken in by her office on May 8, 1968. She made available the five twenty dollar bills described above.

The Bureau is requested to conduct an examination for latent prints on the enclosed twenty dollar bills and compare any prints found with those of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI # 405 942 U, and return evidence immediately upon completion of requested examination.

At the time that the clerk sold the above-described trailer license, the person using the name JOHNNY R. SMITH exhibited a Tennessee title for the trailer on which the name JOHNNY R. SMITH was listed with the address 1800 or 1900 block Lamar Street, Memphis, Tennessee. The Memphis Office has determined that JOHNNY R. SMITH, to whom the trailer was titled and who resided at 1397 Lamar Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee, died on November 27, 1966, and, according to Bureau of Vital Statistics, was buried at Hernando, Mississippi. The Memphis Office is causing investigation to be conducted to identify the next of kin of SMITH in an effort to identify the individuals who purchased Arkansas trailer license. //

5/16/68

**AIRTEL**

**TO** SAC, CHICAGO

**FROM** SAC, NEWARK (44-854) (P)

**SUBJECT** MURKIN  
(OO: MEMPHIS)

For the information of Chicago, at about 9:45 p.m. on May 14, 1968, JERRY RAY telephonically contacted FBI MARJORIE LOUISE FETTERS at 2420 Arnold St., Camden, N.J., c/o telephone number there of 609-964-4923 from Illinois. He said he recently was observed by several friends of his at his new place of residence. Because of this, he intends to change apartments again.

JERRY RAY told informant he plans to fly to Philadelphia, Pa., International Airport in two or three weeks. There he will rent a car and drive to Camden, N.J., to visit with informant for several days. He said he will advise informant before making such a trip.

Under no circumstances does FBI MARJORIE LOUISE FETTERS want her cooperation with the FBI to become known outside the FBI. She is especially concerned that JERRY RAY never be aware of her assistance to the Bureau.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

2 - Chicago  
2 - Memphis (Info)  
4 - Newark  
(1 - 157-6826)  
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Memphis  
Milwaukee  
Minneapolis  
New Orleans  
Omaha  
Little Rock  
St. Louis  
Springfield

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

John Eugene Gawron was interviewed by St. Louis Office and advised he taught Ray to be a burglar. He stated that on or about 6/23-24/67, he read in the Chicago "Tribune" of a \$50,000 bank burglary in a southern state and recalled that he and Ray cased the same bank in 1958 or 1959, but did not rob the bank at that time because he injured his leg. A few days after reading this article Gawron claims he was visited by a man whom he refuses to identify and whom he believes he introduced to Ray in 1959. This man told Gawron he and others had robbed the bank, displayed a valise full of money and gave Gawron \$250. About six weeks ago this man again visited Gawron and allegedly indicated to him that Ray and one or more other persons had been involved with him in the bank robbery.

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Airtel SACs, Chicago, Detroit, Indianapolis, Jackson,  
Kansas City, Knoxville, Memphis, Milwaukee, Minneapolis,  
New Orleans, Omaha, Little Rock, St. Louis, Springfield

RE: MURKIN

During this interview Gawron refused to identify the bank or the man who visited him. He did say that the bank was in the deep South in a State like Mississippi, but not in Mississippi, in a city that is not small and is near a river. The robbers were out of state in five minutes and the loot amounted to \$50,000, plus or minus two thousand.

Based upon available information, the Chicago "Tribune" and the Bureau's bank robbery files have been reviewed without finding any reference to a robbery such as Gawron described.

Gawron has now been reinterviewed and he denies having any contact with Ray since Ray's escape. Regarding the southern bank robbery Gawron previously alleged Ray was involved in, Gawron now states that this could have occurred in July, 1967, instead of June, and was in a city on the east bank of the Mississippi River.

Each office receiving this communication should make a review of their records to determine if such bank robbery or any other robbery coming within the jurisdiction of the Bureau occurred. You should make inquiry at appropriate police departments to determine if a robbery of this magnitude exists in their files.

Armed and dangerous.

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Date: 5/16/68

PLAIN TEXT

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

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CIVIL RIGHTS  
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Alias JOHN WILLARD.

Re Pittsburgh teletype to the Bureau dated  
5/16/68.

JOHN E. NEIL, Vice President of W.W. Norton & Company, Inc., 55 Fifth Avenue, NYC, advised JOHN O. WILLARD, DOB-          , was employed by this company as a college traveler on 12/12/66. As such WILLARD calls upon college teachers in an attempt to sell the company's textbooks. WILLARD graduated from Phillips Academy in 1957 and received his MA in Music, History and Literature, in 1966 from the University of Pittsburgh.

WILLARD's itinerary for January - May, 1968, indicates he intended staying at the Downtowner Motel, Atlanta, Georgia, 4/4-15/68 at which time he would be visiting Agnes Scott College, Atlanta University, Morris Brown College, Morehouse College, Clark College, Oglethorpe College and De Kalb College.

New York conducting no further investigation regarding WILLARD.

SUBJECT RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

- ② Memphis  
1- Pittsburgh (INFO)  
1- Savannah (INFO)  
1- Atlanta (INFO)  
1- New York  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM : SAC, PORTLAND (157-380) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
(OO:Memphis)  
BUfile 44-38861

DATE: 5/16/68

Re Bureau airtel to all SACs and Legats, 5/7/68.

Transmitted herewith are 15 copies each of 40 inserts recording investigation conducted by the Portland Office from the inception of this investigation, 4/4/68, until close of business 5/13/68.

A separate insert is being made for each aspect of the investigation and appropriate caption is placed at the beginning of each insert.

Details concerning completely negative contacts are summarized, but complete details including names of voter registrars, police officials, informants, PCIs, dancing school proprietors, and all persons contacted in this investigation are contained in the file and sub-files of Portland 157-380. A check list has been maintained so that this data can be readily located if needed.

Should more detail be desired concerning the completely negative contacts, Memphis is requested to return the inserts to Portland so that additional pages may be added to the respective inserts.

2-Memphis (Encs. 600) (AM)  
1-Portland

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



CE 44-1365

CFW:jlb

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RE: HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER

The following investigation was conducted by  
IC's and SA's of the Charlotte Office of the FBI in the  
State of North Carolina:

All telephone and city directories in the State  
of North Carolina, were searched concerning the name, HARVEY  
LOWMEYER or LOWMYER, with negative results. North Carolina  
State Selective Service Headquarters and North Carolina Department  
of Motor Vehicles, Raleigh, North Carolina, were contacted,  
and records were searched with negative results. Voter  
registration records in the State of North Carolina, were  
searched with negative results. No record was located at  
Credit Bureaus, Police Departments and Sheriff's Offices  
throughout the State of North Carolina.

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(Priority)

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

Re Bureau teletype to all continental offices 4/8/68.

There are being furnished Memphis herewith an original and 14 copies of an investigative insert concerning HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER.

Records of the State Selective Service Headquarters and N. C. Department of Motor Vehicles, Raleigh, N. C., were searched by IC MARION E. HILLIARD. All telephone directories were searched by IC CRAIG W. SMITH, JR. Assistant Chief Clerk HERMAN MORGAN searched the indices of the Charlotte Office with negative results.

SA's of the Charlotte Office contacted Credit Bureaus, Police Departments and Sheriff's Offices with negative results.

SA DONALD M. MURRAY, Raleigh Resident Agency, contacted the State Voter Registration Office, through which arrangements were made to have all voting registrations checked.

Where information was obtained concerning an individual with the surname LOWMEYER or a close variation, independent investigation was conducted to eliminate that individual as being identical, and results have been furnished Memphis by separate communication.

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Special Agent in Charge

CE 44-1365

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RE: ERIC STARVO GALT

The following investigation was conducted by IC's and SA's assigned to the Charlotte Office of the FBI throughout the State of North Carolina:

No record of ERIC STARVO GALT was located at the North Carolina State Selective Service Headquarters or at the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles, Raleigh, North Carolina. All telephone and city directories in the State of North Carolina, were searched with negative results. Contacts with financial institutions, Credit Bureaus and Police Departments were made with negative results.

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

Re Bureau teletype to all continental offices 4/10/68.

There are being furnished to Memphis herewith an original and 14 copies of an investigative insert regarding ERIC STARVO GALT.

State Selective Service Headquarters and N. C. Department of Motor Vehicles, Raleigh, N. C., were contacted by IC MARION E. HILLIARD. All telephone directories in the state were searched by IC CRAIG W. SMITH, JR. Indices of the Charlotte Office were searched by Assistant Chief Clerk HERMAN MORGAN. City directories, financial institutions, Credit Bureaus and Police Departments were contacted by SA's of the Charlotte Office.

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RE: TELEPHONE BOOTHS, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL,  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

By communication dated April 29, 1968, the Los Angeles Office of the FBI advised as follows:

The following numbers have been determined to have been called from telephone booths located in the St. Francis Hotel, Los Angeles:

On February 15, 1968, a call was placed to Pembroke, North Carolina, at 7:53 p.m., to telephone number 521-4689.

On March 17, 1968, at 9:13 a.m., a telephone call was placed to Goldsboro, North Carolina, telephone number 735-4209.

The following investigation was conducted by SA RICHARD A. CARR at Pembroke, North Carolina:

On April 30, 1968, it was determined that Pembroke telephone number 521-4689 is listed to ILA MAE PAUL, Box 656, Pembroke, North Carolina. On that date, GEORGIE CAROL PAUL, daughter-in-law, who resides at the same address, advised that WILLIE FRENCH PAUL, son of ILA, resides at 5540 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, California, and calls his mother regularly. She advised she was not living at that address in February, 1968, and does not know if WILLIE called on February 15, 1968.

On May 1, 1968, ILA MAE PAUL advised that her son, WILLIE FRENCH PAUL, calls her almost every week from California, and she is sure he called her on or about February 15, 1968.

The following investigation was conducted by SA ANTHONY PALMISANO at Goldsboro, North Carolina:

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On April 30, 1968, CAROL RAE PENDLETON, 712 Maxwell Street, Goldsboro, advised she is married to Staff Sergeant JACK HAROLD PENDLETON, who is in the United States Air Force, at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, Goldsboro. She advised their home telephone number for the past five years has been 735-4209. Mrs. PENDLETON stated on or about March 17, 1968, she received a telephone call from her father-in-law, EDGAR JOHN PENDLETON, from Los Angeles, California. The reason she remembered this call was that her daughter had a birthday on March 18, 1968, and Mr. PENDLETON had called to wish her a happy birthday. Since the first week of March, 1968, Mr. PENDLETON has been residing at the St. Francis Hotel, 553 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles.

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(Priority)

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

Re Los Angeles teletype to Bureau and other offices  
4/29/68, and Charlotte teletype 5/2/68.

There are being furnished Memphis herewith an  
original and 14 copies of an investigative insert regarding  
telephone calls from the St. Francis Hotel, Los Angeles, Calif.

On 4/30/68, Mr. J. NEWSOME (protect identity), Manager,  
Southern Bell Telephone Co., Goldsboro, N. C., advised SA  
ANTHONY PALMISANO that telephone number 735-4209 is listed  
in the name of JACK H. PENDLETON, 712 Maxwell St., Goldsboro.  
He advised the service was connected on 12/3/63, and that  
PENDLETON's employment is listed as the U. S. Air Force.

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Special Agent in Charge

CE 44-1365

CFW:jlb

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RE: LAUNDRY TAGS BEARING MARKINGS "02B-6" OR "D2B-6"

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA's of the Charlotte Office of the FBI throughout the  
State of North Carolina:

All laundries in the State of North Carolina,  
including those which use Thermo Seal machines manufactured  
by the Textile Marking Machine Company, Syracuse, New York,  
were contacted; and no information was developed indicating  
that the laundry marks "02B-6" or "D2B-6" were made by any  
of the machines at any of the laundries contacted.

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

Re Bureau teletype to all continental offices 4/9/68.

There are being furnished to Memphis herewith an original and 14 copies of an investigative insert regarding laundry tags bearing markings "02B-6" or "D2b-6".

Investigation concerning laundries was conducted by SA's throughout the entire State of North Carolina.

② - Memphis (Encs. 15)  
2 - Charlotte  
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Special Agent in Charge

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JOHN WILLARD  
PASSENGER ON EASTERN AIRLINES  
FLIGHT 277  
APRIL 10, 1968

By communicated dated May 13, 1968, the Miami Office of the FBI advised that JOHN WILLARD reportedly boarded Eastern Airlines Flight 277 April 10, 1968, at Atlanta, Georgia, for Miami, Florida, and returned to Atlanta April 15, 1968, aboard Delta Airlines Flight 20. His contact number at Miami was telephone 448-0276, and at Savannah, Georgia, telephone 233-3531.

Telephone 448-0276 is subscribed to by BARRY BEAL, 1264 Milan, Coral Gables, Florida. BEAL advised WILLARD visited Miami for Easter vacation. He is employed by W.W. Norton Publishing Company, 55 5th Avenue, New York, as a college representative. He is presently staying at the Manger Motor Inn, Charlotte, North Carolina.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent CHARLES W. MILLER at Charlotte, North Carolina:

On May 14, 1968, Miss R. DICKERSON, Manger Motor Inn, 631 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, North Carolina, advised that JOHN WILLARD registered at the motel on May 7, 1968, and presently is a guest occupying Room 163. His registration card shows his address as Witherow Road, Sewickley, Pennsylvania. His employment is shown as W.W. Norton Publishing Company, 55 5th Avenue, New York City, and he is driving a Chevrolet with New York license 3832 WX.

Miss DICKERSON advised that WILLARD made reservations by letter from the New York City address which was answered by the motel and he replied by letter to the motel's answer. She said reservation was for the period May 7-15, 1968.

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On May 15, 1968, JOHN O. WILLARD advised that he resides with his parents at Sewickley, Pennsylvania, and is employed by W.W. Norton Publishing Company, New York City. He advised that he was on a flight from Atlanta to Miami on April 10, 1968, and did not observe anyone on this flight who resembled JAMES EARL RAY.

WILLARD is described as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Height:	5'6"
Weight:	130
Age:	26
Hair:	Brown
Complexion:	Ruddy

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Date: 5/15/68

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

MURKIN

ReMMtel 5/13/68.

There are being furnished the Memphis Division here-  
with the original and 14 copies of an insert concerning  
JOHN WILLARD, passenger on Eastern Airlines Flight at Atlanta  
to Miami, 4/10/68.

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1 - Charlotte

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

CE 44-1365

CFW:mfd

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FIRST NAME UNKNOWN MC BRYDE  
PASSENGER ON PIEDMONT AIRLINES  
EASTERN AIRLINES  
APRIL 5, 1968

By communication dated May 7, 1968, Atlanta Office  
of the FBI advised as follows:

Piedmont Airlines records reflect First Name Unknown  
MC BRYDE booked passage March 27, 1968, at Fayetteville, North  
Carolina, to Atlanta, Georgia, on Flight 847 for April 5, 1968;  
Eastern Airlines Flight 111, Atlanta to Birmingham, Alabama,  
and return via United Airlines Flight 470 on April 8, 1968. He  
was scheduled to return to Fayetteville, North Carolina, on  
April 8, 1968; however, Piedmont records reflect only passage  
from Fayetteville to Atlanta April 5, 1968.

The following investigation was conducted by Special  
Agent ROBERT A. LEVENSTIEN at Fayetteville, North Carolina:

On May 8, 1968, WILLIAM WOOTEN, Station Manager,  
Piedmont Airlines, Granis Field, Fayetteville, North Carolina,  
advised his records show there were no passengers flying from  
Fayetteville to Atlanta, Georgia, on Piedmont Airlines by the  
name of MC BRYDE or MC BRIDE on April 5, 1968. He advised that  
on April 4, 1968, (First Name Unknown) MC BRIDE took Piedmont  
Flight 815 from Fayetteville to Atlanta, Georgia, leaving at  
approximately 1:35 P.M. and arrived in Atlanta about two hours  
later.

The records show this person flew military standby and  
listed his final destination as Montgomery, Alabama.

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

ReAttel 5/7/68.

There are being enclosed herewith for the Memphis Division the original and 14 copies of an insert concerning (FNU) MC BRYDE, passenger on Piedmont and Eastern Airlines 4/5/68.

In view of the information developed indicating that MC BRYDE was a passenger on Piedmont Airlines to Atlanta prior to the shooting of KING, no additional investigation conducted.

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Approved: *[Signature]* Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

5/17/68

**Airtel**

**To: SAC, Birmingham (44-1740)**

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

**MURKIN**

Bureau is disseminating report of SA Joe C. Hester at Memphis dated 4/30/68, report of SA John L. Paddister at Jackson dated 5/2/68, report of SA Stephen H. Callender at New Orleans dated 4/30/68, and report of SA Howard E. Rice at Newark dated 5/13/68; therefore, Bureau authority is granted to Birmingham to disseminate a copy of these reports to WIA, Birmingham. Copies of these reports should not be disseminated to WIA, Memphis or any other WIA.

Advise WIA, Birmingham in writing that reports or contents thereof are for their own use and not to be disclosed to outside persons.

**Armed and dangerous.**

- 1 - Jackson
- 1 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 1 - Newark (44-854)
- 1 - New Orleans (157-10673)

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Director, FBI (44-38861)

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Approval granted to publicize James Earl Ray in "Master Barber and Beautician Magazine" published at Charlotte, North Carolina.

Charlotte has additionally recommended publicizing Ray in "Men's Hair Stylists," 16 West 46th Street, New York, New York, and "Professional Barber," 54 West 46th Street, New York, New York, and authority also granted for contact with these publications by the New York Office. Write-ups and glossy photographs available in each Bureau office can be utilized in this publicity.

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**Airtel**

**To: SAC's, Birmingham (44-1740)**  
**Memphis (44-1987)**

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

**MURKIN**

**Re Birmingham airtel 5/9/68, requesting return of certain evidence.**

**The three rifles, which were delivered to Identification Division on 4/8/68, together with the Remington Model 700 .243 caliber rifle, the rifle box, nine boxes of ammunition, and a set of rings and bases for a Redfield scope are being returned under separate cover to the Birmingham Division.**

**It should be noted that two latent fingerprints and one latent palm print were developed on the Browning Rifle, serial #3700Z5, and three latent fingerprints were developed on one of the boxes of ammunition. These latent prints remain unidentified. Photographs and negatives of these latent prints were prepared and are available for comparison purposes.**

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Memphis, Tennessee  
May 18, 1968

**JAMES EARL RAY;  
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM  
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;  
UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT -  
ROBBERY**

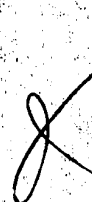
The attached letter was received May 17, 1968, by the Memphis Police Department, Memphis, Tennessee, from an unknown person who signed the letter only "Code Letter Q":

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Montreal Que

Apr May 14 1968

To The Chief of Police  
Memphis Tenn. USA.

Received  
5-17-68  
by M.P.D.

Subject: Dr. King - "Hunt or Rag"

I am writing you a personal letter, in strict confidence, & trust you will play ball with the writer. What I am disclosing in detail, may in time prove right or wrong, but to me it divulges some interesting facts. On Wednesday April 17-68 at 6 PM at a friends house (where he took a room at \$10. per week) I met an "Irish Chap". Over a case of Beer we got talking.

1st he said he was selling Advertising in Montreal had office in East End of Sherbrooke St. (A lady claimed a man rented her apartment & suddenly left. (P.M.P. have this information for follow up. as it came out in papers. I did not get any firm name for at that time I suspected nothing.

On April 26 68 "Life Magazine" printed in detail a report as released to Press by F.B.I. It had pencil drawings. I read all with interest, but May 8. 68 Montreal Gazette comes out with a snap picture as released by F.B.I. "See Attached"

Now heres what made me curious. This chap said in conversation, He had once been in jail in Missouri, where I did not ask on for what.

2<sup>nd</sup> Said he had been in Merchants' Manue  
where I did not ask

Said while he was away on a trip, on return  
a mother of a girl he had been courting met him  
at the hotel. A told him he had made her  
daughter pregnant & had to marry her. He was forced to  
said he was still married & had children by her

3<sup>rd</sup> Said he had been a bartender, at times  
where he took the room in Montreal, the young lady  
who rented the room, immediately falls in love with  
him & he with her

This chap is of Irish Nationality in name  
Said he was (40) years old. His appearance  
Conservative in dress, speaks well, about 5' 8" 165, 170<sup>+</sup>  
Brown hair. Nice personality.

Started flinging his money around freely to girls of  
house, at 100. a week & 400. a week

• suddenly goes off to Acropolis Clinic for 10 days  
in S.E. Quebec. 80 miles from Montreal on C.P. Rly.  
where this girl visited him. & he is back now  
in same place. Other day wanted her to sell  
all her furniture for \$1500.<sup>xx</sup>. Return with him  
to California, where he may yet go from  
Montreal. I am getting a line, his stay at  
Clinic

Now I give you this information, to disclose my name  
you will appreciate the facts, would be to have

under pressure, with A.B.M.P. City, Commercial  
Police after time, for I work a this all would  
upset the works. I would be a sitting duck.

Now if this should be to your interests, & you play  
ball with me, in strict confidence, I will with you,  
you can write The Editor "Seymour" News in Brief  
Attention "Sey" I will watch for your reply.  
Will answer you, & from there on you can  
use your own follow ups.

I am off work on Wednesday & Thursday each  
week. Have my holidays June 12-15, 68.

I might meet you later at some suggested point  
if you consider it to your interests.

This all for your consideration & follow up.  
at present to you

Code letter "Sey"

ask landlady Mrs. Baxter? Memphis  
if her woman was of Irish nationality.  
Give her my description, show her snap enclosed.

Address to

Canadian Mounted Police, Eastern Division, Director "Lemire"

Wood & St Catherine Sts Montreal Que

City of Montreal Police <sup>ass</sup> Director "Oliver" Crime Division

Provincial Police of Quebec Province (Mostly French.)

Headquarters Parthenais St Montreal Que

**JAMES EARL RAY;  
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM**

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**This document contains neither recommendations  
nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI  
and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not  
to be distributed outside your agency.**

5/18/68

**AIRTEL**

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

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

**RE: MURKIN  
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Enclosed for the Bureau are six copies of LHM for transmittal to the Legat, Ottawa.

This LHM contains a letter received 5/17/68 by the Memphis PD, Memphis, Tennessee, which was immediately made available to the Memphis Office. The envelope in which this letter was received was inadvertently destroyed by persons at the Police Department, however, they are certain that it had a Montreal, Canada postmark.

The Memphis Police Department intend to take no action regarding attempting to contact the writer of this letter, and it is suggested that Legat, Ottawa make necessary efforts to contact the writer in an effort to identify the person whom the writer believes may be identical with subject RAY.

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**AIRTEL**

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

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

**MURKIN**

**ReWFOairtel 5/10/68.**

WFO is conducting review of passport applications at the Passport Office, United States Department of State (USDS), detailing all available personnel commensurate with fulfilling other Bureau responsibilities.

As pointed out in referenced airtel a limited number of Agents can be detailed to the files of the Passport Office during normal work hours due to current work in process there in limited space. WFO has therefore perfected arrangements for the files to be open continuously from 9:00 a.m., Mondays to 5:00 p.m., Fridays except holidays beginning 5/20/68. WFO is scheduling agent personnel on around-the-clock basis to complete appropriate reviews as soon as possible. Passport Office is supplying appropriate personnel and security to safeguard USDS interests.

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**AIRTEL**

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Mr. ROBERT D. JOHNSON, Deputy Director, Passport Office, Department of State, advised SA KENNETH J. HASER on 5/16/68, that these arrangements for this review of passport files have been approved by Miss FRANCES G. KNIGHT, Director Passport Office, Mr. G. MARVIN GENTILE, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Security, and Miss BARBARA WATSON, Acting Administrator, Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs, All Department of State. Mr. JOHNSON is also handling necessary arrangements with the Captain of the Building Guards of the General Services Administration for entry and exit of Agent personnel when the passport building is normally closed to the public.

WFO will advise Bureau and Memphis of any developments.

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