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Information was received from the New Orleans Office of the FBI that Mr. and Mrs. MIKE EPPLES, 1231 South Owasso, Tulsa, Oklahoma, had registered on December 18, 1967, at the Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, New Orleans, Louisiana

The following investigation was conducted by SA DELMER R. EXON, on May 14, 1968.

At Tulsa, Oklahoma

Mr. and Mrs. MIKE EPPLER, 2440 East 6th Street, were interviewed and advised they formerly resided at 1231 South Owasso in Tulsa. In December, 1967, they spent their honeymoon at the Provincial Motel in New Orleans, Louisiana, arriving on December 18, 1967, and departing on December 21, 1967. During their stay there, they had no contact with other guests at the motel. Various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were shown to Mr. and Mrs. EPPLER; however, they did not recall ever having seen this individual.

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TO: SAC MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686) (P)

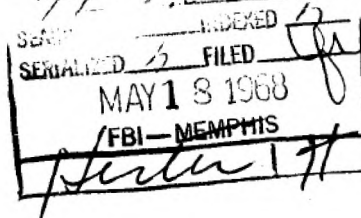
MURKIN
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OO Memphis

Re New Orleans airtel to Memphis 5/7/68.

Re interview of guests at Provincial Motel, New Orleans
Louisiana, between 12/17 and 12/19/67.

Enclosed herewith for Memphis are 15 copies of an
investigative insert reflecting investigation conducted at
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

2 - Memphis (Enc. 15) *lf*
1 - Oklahoma City
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Special Agent in Charge

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (41-38861)
 FROM : SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Los Angeles airtel to the Bureau 5/14/68, setting forth a letter written by Mrs. ALMENA LOMAX, of Los Angeles, California, who published the Tuskegee Tribune in Tuskegee, Alabama, 1964 and 1965. She suggested the possibility that some of the people who subscribed to the Tuskegee Tribune during that time might have been implicated in the murder of Dr. KING.

Mobile files reflect a LHM submitted to the Bureau 11/12/64, reflecting that LOMAX moved to Tuskegee, Alabama, in late 1964, and published the Tuskegee Tribune. It was set forth that Dr. JULIAN GILES, Director of the VA Hospital, Tuskegee, regarded her as a "mentally sick" person.

In this same file Los Angeles LHM dated 1/18/65, IA file 100-51442, set forth that CS IA 3184-S advised on 1/14/65, that LOMAX was considered untrustworthy by most all the various Negro organizations and groups in the Los Angeles area, and none of them would give her financial backing. This source said that many people acquainted with her questioned her mental capacity.

- 3 - Bureau
 - 1 - Atlanta (44-2386) (Info)
 - 1 - Birmingham (44-1740) (Info)
 - 1 - Los Angeles (Info)
 - 1 - Louisville (Info)
 - ① - Memphis (44-1987) (Info)
 - 1 - New Orleans (157-10678) (Info)
 - 1 - Phoenix (Info)
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In view of the above information, and inasmuch as referenced airtel does not indicate any real reason for her statement that the persons named by her might bear checking out in the assassination of Dr. KING, UACB the persons set out for interview by the Mobile Division are not being interviewed regarding MURKIN.

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AIR MAIL

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

Re Birmingham airtel to the Bureau dated 5/8/68 concerning reported telephone calls from San Bernardino and Santa Barbara, California, to the Auckland, New Zealand, Police Department during March and April 1968.

The General Telephone Company of California, Santa Monica, California, provides telephone service at San Bernardino and Santa Barbara.

Established telephone company sources have caused a search to be made of records accumulated to date of all overseas telephone calls placed from the above two cities during March and April 1968. No record of a call to Auckland, New Zealand, was located.

Overseas call records for March and April 1968 are continuing to arrive at the General Telephone Company accounting center at Santa Monica. They are being reviewed as they arrive to locate a record of the pertinent calls. The Los Angeles Office will be immediately advised of positive information.

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② - Memphis (44-1987)
2 - Los Angeles
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AIRTEL

To: Legal, Office

From: Director, FBI

MURKIN

Enclosed are two photographs of Marie Martin, who furnished by New Orleans Office.

You should arrange to have same shown to appropriate persons to determine if she is identical to one of the two women who reportedly visited Ray in Montreal.

Enclosures (2)

① - Memphis

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Transmit the following in _____
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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-1854) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS
(OO: Memphis)

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

Enclosed for the Memphis Division under separate cover are 54 investigative inserts, fifteen copies each, reflecting investigation conducted by the Miami Division in the above captioned matter, for possible inclusion in an investigative report. The enclosed inserts deal with aspects of the investigation described as follows:

- I. DANCING STUDIOS
- II. THERMO-SEAL LAUNDRY MACHINE MARKS
- III. EFFORTS TO LOCATE WALTER LOHMEYER THROUGH JOHN B. SWIFT, TAVERNIER, FLORIDA
- IV. CHECKING VIN FOR RE-REGISTRATION FOR 1967 WHITE MUSTANG
- V. REVIEW OF ARRIVING AND DEPARTING PASSENGERS FROM AND TO FOREIGN PORTS, MIAMI DIVISION
- VI. LOCAL AGENCY CHECKS MIAMI DIVISION

② - Memphis (RM)
1 - Package (Enc. 54) (RM)
2 - Miami
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- VII. REVIEW OF EASTERN AIRLINES RECORDS FOR FLIGHTS DEPARTING ATLANTA APRIL 4, 1968 - APRIL 12, 1968**
- VIII. UNIDENTIFIED LATENT FINGERPRINT CHECKS AT POLICE DEPARTMENTS AND SHERIFF'S OFFICES IN THE MIAMI DIVISION AGAINST THE FINGERPRINTS OF JAMES EARL RAY**
- IX. INVESTIGATION REGARDING LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALLS MADE FROM THE TELEPHONE BOOTHS IN THE ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**
Max Mendelson was interviewed in this regard and investigation was conducted at the Holy Cross Hospital, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, in this regard.
- X. INVESTIGATION REGARDING JAMES EUGENE GAULT WHOSE DATE OF BIRTH IS [REDACTED] THE SAME DATE OF BIRTH USED BY SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT.**
- XI. INVESTIGATION REGARDING GUY E. RAY AT MIAMI, FLORIDA, AND FLORENCE, ALABAMA**
- XII. DISSEMINATION OF IDENTIFICATION ORDERS AND WANTED FLYERS OF SUBJECT TO AIRLINES, CAR RENTAL AGENCIES, U. S. IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE, U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE, LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND VARIOUS OTHER FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES AT POINTS OF EXIT AND ENTRY TO THE COUNTRY**
- XIII. INVESTIGATION LOCATING FORMER OWNER, AMACKER MOTORS, MIAMI, FLORIDA, WHERE JAMES EARL RAY PURCHASED A VEHICLE IN 1954.**
- XIV. INVESTIGATION REGARDING MICHEL ST. PIERRE AND A CADILLAC BEARING VIN F7112795 STOLEN IN MONTREAL, CANADA, AUGUST 21, 1967**
- XV. INVESTIGATION REGARDING TERRENCE ALVIN SMITH AND DONALD JACKSON CARPENTER WHO JOKINGLY TOLD HAZEL PEACOCK, A GIRL FRIEND OF CARPENTER, THAT THEY HAD KILLED MARTIN LUTHER KING.**

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- XVI. INVESTIGATION AT HIPPY HANGOUTS MIAMI DIVISION
- XVII. INVESTIGATION OF SUBSCRIBER TO TELEPHONE NUMBER 813-657-3181, INMOKALEE, FLORIDA, CALLED FROM A TELEPHONE BOOTH ON TEXAS INTERSTATE HIGHWAY TEN, VIDOR, TEXAS, BETWEEN DECEMBER 15-17, 1967
- XVIII. INVESTIGATION REGARDING DONALD SCOUT WHO ALLEGEDLY THREATENED TO KILL DOCTOR KING IN 1966 IN THE PRESENCE OF STEWART LINDE, A HITCHHIKER
- XIX. INVESTIGATION REGARDING JAMES HARVEY WHITE AT FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, WHO ALLEGEDLY HAD INQUIRED OF A KU KLUX KLAN OFFICIAL IN 1966 HOW MUCH MONEY THEY WOULD PAY TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING.
- XX. INVESTIGATION AT MIAMI, FLORIDA, IN EFFORTS TO LOCATE PAULA SIMONE GALT THROUGH IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE RECORDS
- XXI. INVESTIGATION AT PALM SPRINGS, FLORIDA REGARDING PAUL ALVIN LAIL, WHO SERVED TIME IN THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY WITH JAMES EARL RAY
- XXII. LOOK-ALIKES

All potential bombing suspects in the Miami Division were eliminated as being identical with subject through physical observation and the fact their whereabouts were known at the time of the commission of the crime.

In accordance with the instructions set out in Bureau teletype to all SACs dated 4/22/68 and Memphis airtel to Knoxville dated 4/7/68, all criminal informants and appropriate racial and security informants were contacted relative to any information concerning this matter.

With regard to BOB MC GOWAN, an individual who was previously used by the Miami Office concerning Klan activities and racial matters, it is being left to the

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discretion of Memphis as to the manner in which this background information on MC GOWAN is to be reported. In this regard Miami notes Memphis teletype to Bureau and Miami dated 4/8/68, and Miami teletype to Bureau, Memphis and Jackson dated 4/9/68.

With regards to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], who furnished information regarding EARL LINDER and one GILBERT which was set forth in a Miami teletype to the Bureau dated 4/29/68, an airmail copy of which was furnished to Memphis, it is being left to the discretion of Memphis as to the manner in which the information contained therein is to be reported.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

San Antonio, Texas

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

May 14, 1968

LEE HARVEY OSWALD

On April 27, 1968, SA T-1 telephonically contacted the San Antonio FBI Office to say that he had information relative to assassins. He did not wish to talk over the telephone and requested an Agent contact him in the lobby of the Gunter Hotel, 205 East Houston Street, San Antonio, Texas.

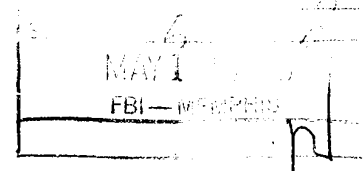
Upon personal contact, SA T-1 described himself as a rancher specializing in Hereford cattle and as a partner in important developing oil property in Hemphill County, southeast of Canadian, Texas.

SA T-1 and his wife stayed about four months prior to the death of President Kennedy in Dallas, Texas, at the Statler-Hilton Hotel. Learning of the arrival of the President at that time in Dallas, SA T-1 and his wife left town because of expected crowds.

At some time prior to departure from the Statler-Hilton, another guest using the name John Foster engaged SA T-1 in talk from time to time. Foster, who bore a physical resemblance to Ray, principal suspect in the murder of Martin Luther King, showed SA T-1 a deposit slip for \$7,500, explaining to SA T-1 that this was a fee for arranging matters regarding four persons holding cotton land rights benefiting from Billy Sol Estes operations around Pecos, Texas. The money, \$7,500, had been deposited to Foster's account at the bank across the street from the Statler-Hilton.

SA T-1 described John Foster as similar to the description of Ray in this case, but could not be more specific, except to say that Foster had a mannerism of clicking his heels together European or Continental style when being introduced to someone.

Foster told SA T-1 of owning a souped-up P-38 plane with which he could beat Government officials to the Capitol, Washington, D. C., from Dallas. *44-1117-Sub B-1014*



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Foster reportedly attempted to interest another guest of the Statler-Hilton of this period, Michael Stack, and similarly described as to age and appearance as Foster, in a deal whereby with above plane they would transport gold internationally, presumably through Mexico. Foster proposed to pay off Stack for his complicity in gold, according to SA T-1.

During this same period, about four months prior to the death of President Kennedy, Foster and Stack were to be seen in Dallas, as was Jack Ruby. Ruby also about this same time met SA T-1 at the Shamrock Hotel in Houston and then tried to interest SA T-1 in buying an expensive diamond ring.

SA T-1 speculated that the assassination of Kennedy occurring while the above three were frequenting the Statler-Hilton at Dallas might have arisen over complicity between a man like Foster, with his fast plane, and Ruby.

SA T-1 went on to speculate that the Memphis murder of Martin Luther King, having equally high national significance, may have been done through conspiracy involving such as John Foster, described above.

SA T-1 stated that the above vein of thought arose upon seeing present with his wife and family at the Gunter Hotel one Joseph R. Cavagnaro, Sales Manager in Dallas currently of the Statler-Hilton. Cavagnaro, according to SA T-1, was to be seen frequently drinking coffee with John Foster and Michael Stack and would accordingly be able to identify them.

SA T-1 recommended that an Agent make personal contact with Cavagnaro, and not disclose SA T-1's identity, but ask Cavagnaro to identify Foster and Stack, the two having frequented the Statler-Hilton the four months prior to the death of John Kennedy in Dallas.

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Foster was suspected by SA T-1 of having been possibly implicated in the death of a Government man, an expected witness in the forthcoming Billy Sol Estes prosecutions, based on his seeming willingness to enter dangerous and shady ventures, his fast airplane, and his strange or foreign mannerisms.

Joseph R. Cavagnaro, Sales Manager, Statler-Hilton Hotel, Dallas, Texas, in response to a written note left for him at the Gunter Hotel desk, contacted the San Antonio FBI Office telephonically on April 27, 1968. Mr. Cavagnaro said he was in San Antonio with his wife and children to see Hemisfair. He stated that he did not recognize by name or description either of the persons above named, John Foster or Michael Stack. Mr. Cavagnaro advised that across the street from the Statler-Hilton is the Mercantile Bank of Dallas. None of the circumstances as related by SA T-1 bore resemblance to anything which Mr. Cavagnaro could recall. The identity of SA T-1 was not disclosed to Mr. Cavagnaro, since the former had requested such anonymity.

It is to be noted that James Earl Ray could not be identical with John Foster described by source above inasmuch as Ray was in jail in Missouri in 1963.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

San Antonio, Texas

*In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.*

May 14, 1968

Title LEE HARVEY OSWALD

Character

Reference San Antonio memorandum dated
and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

Insufficient contact has been had with SA T-1 to determine his reliability.

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Date: 5/14/68

Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (105-2909)

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka
IS-RUSSIA-CUBA

OO: DALLAS

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are ten copies of an LHM reflecting information received as indicated below. Two copies of this LHM are being furnished Dallas, office of origin; Houston, in view of source's residence in that division; and Memphis.

Due to the nature of the information furnished, no further action is being taken by the San Antonio Office.

San Antonio Office indices were searched with negative results concerning the source.

3-Bureau (Encs. 10) (RM)
2-Dallas (Info.) (Encs. 2) (RM)
 (1 - 44-2649) (1 - 100-LEE HARVEY OSWALD)
2-Houston (Info.) (Encs. 2) (RM)
 (1 - 44-1509) (1 - 100-LEE HARVEY OSWALD)
②-Memphis (Info.) (Encs. 2) (RM)
 ① 44-1987 (1 - 100-LEE HARVEY OSWALD)
3-San Antonio
 (2 - 105-2909)
 (1 - 44-1242)

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SA T-1 is RAY HOSTUTLER, P. O. Box 3147, Corpus Christi, Texas, with whom insufficient contact has been had to determine reliability.

He described himself as a partner with his brother, GLENN HOSTUTLER, in developing oil property, Hemphill County, southeast of Canadian, Texas.

Mr. HOSTUTLER indicated he could usually be reached through Corpus Christi, Texas telephone TU 3-2222.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/7/68

At 4:15 p.m., April 26, 1968 Special Agent JAMES W. NORMENT, JR., obtained from Supervisor M. S. CLARK at the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Laboratory, Washington, D. C., nine packages addressed to the Special Agent in Charge of the Memphis Office, FBI.

SA NORMENT transported the nine packages to the National Airport, Washington, D. C., and observed them being placed in the luggage bin of American Airlines Flight 789 at 4:59 p.m., April 26, 1968. The flight departed National Airport at 5:01 p.m. with SA NORMENT aboard, and arrived at the Memphis, Tennessee, Airport at 7:20 p.m., Central Standard Time. SA NORMENT observed the nine packages being removed from the bin of Flight 789 at 7:22 p.m.

SA NORMENT was met at the Memphis Airport by SA ROBERT FITZPATRICK, who drove SA NORMENT and the nine packages to the Memphis Field Office, FBI, arriving at 7:45 p.m., April 26, 1968.

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On 4/26/68 at Washington, D. C. File # WFO 44-703

by SA JAMES W. NORMENT, JR. JWN:krt Date dictated 5/1/68

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS 44-1987

DATE: 5/16/68

FROM : SAC, WFO 44-703

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed are eight copies of an FD 302 relating to the transportation of evidence from the FBI Laboratory to the Memphis Office, 4/26/68, by SA JAMES W. NORMENT, JR., WFO.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/14/68

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Mr. WILLIAM SMITH CHEW, also known as Bill Chew, was located at the Paradise Motel, U. S. Highway 301, near the intersection of Georgia Highway 17, Screven County, Georgia, which he operates and leases from the owner. He advised the following:

He and his wife, Mrs. JOHNNIE CHEW, operate the Paradise Motel. Mr. HOLT CHEW is his father who lives in Denver, Colorado. His father was charged with the shooting of JAMES THOMAS JACKSON in 1968. His father had told him that JAMES THOMAS JACKSON had been attempting to rob him (HOLT CHEW) just before his father had shot JACKSON.

In early April, 1968, his father had travelled by Eastern Airlines to visit him and also to contact him for business reasons. On April 6, 1968, at about 8:00 PM, his father, Mr. HOLT CHEW, had telephonically contacted him at his residence in Screven County, Ga., from Charlotte, N. C. and stated he would arrive at the airport in Augusta, Ga., at about 10:55 PM or 10:35 PM.

Since he had very little time to drive from Screven County, Ga., to Augusta, Ga., to meet his father, he had to leave immediately after receiving the telephone call from his father. He then arranged for someone to stay with his wife at the Paradise Motel and proceeded to Augusta, Ga.

As soon as his father had landed at the airport in Augusta, Ga., he met him and they drove to Screven County, Ga., to the Paradise Motel. HOLT CHEW did not stay in Augusta, Ga., at any time. At the time of his father's arrival, his father's luggage was missing and they were informed that the luggage would arrive on a later flight. They went back to Augusta, Ga., on Monday, April 8, 1968, but the luggage was still missing. Eastern Airlines then placed a tracer on the luggage and it arrived the next day Tuesday, April 9, 1968.

His father, HOLT CHEW, had come to visit him at his (WILLIAM SMITH CHEW) request to inspect and invest in land, in various cities, to be developed into a restaurant chain. This restaurant chain will probably be known as

On 5/10/68 at Screven County, Ga.

by SA NELSON B. KLEIN, JR. and
SA SYLVEY J. SMITH SJS:hja

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"Chewbys." Restaurants are being planned for Savannah, Ga., Augusta, Ga., Charlotte, N. C., Miami, Fla., other locations in Florida, Ohio, and in Colorado. These restaurants are to specialize in roast beef, ham, and corn beef sandwiches at an above average price.

When his father arrived, his father was completely exhausted and not feeling well. A day after his father's arrival, he found it necessary to have a doctor come to the Paradise Motel to treat him. His father has been an alcoholic for about five years and maintains a large liquor cabinet in his office in Denver, Colorado. His father had stopped smoking cigars on advice of a physician due to diabetes about five years ago and had then taken up drinking of intoxicants.

On the visit in April, 1968, his father and he travelled around inspecting and negotiating for different parcels of land on which to construct restaurants. They travelled into N. C., S. C., Florida, as well as Georgia and met different businessmen with whom they discussed their business venture. One of the men contacted was MATTHEW HEFFERNAN, Miami, Fla. He would not reveal the names of any other businessmen contacted.

His stepmother, Mrs. ELAINE CHEW, and a brother joined his father and him in Florida on April 12, 1968. His father then departed with his stepmother and brother for Denver, Colorado, on April 27, 1968.

He has within the past day or so completed negotiations for a piece of land near the K-Mart, Savannah, Ga., for the erection of a Chewbys Restaurant.

In connection with the contemplated restaurant chain, Chewbys, he had made a trip to Denver, Colorado, starting on September 12, 1967, in which his father, HOLT CHEW, then accompanied him to Ill., Ohio, N. C., and Georgia, for the purpose of getting options on sites for the restaurants.

In connection with the death of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., he denied having anything to do with it or to know anything about it. He had made a telephone call to his father in Denver, Colorado, the night, Thursday, April 4,

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1968, when Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING was shot. At that time he talked with his stepmother, Mrs. ELAINE CHEW. Mrs. CHEW had told him that his father was in bed as the result of an excessive consumption of intoxicants. He has since heard that his father did not receive information of the killing of KING until the next day. He has no knowledge of a conspiracy in relation to the death of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. It is his opinion that the Reverend RALPH D. ABERNATHY led KING to his death and that from the appearances on the faces of KING and ABERNATHY as seen in news photos just prior to the shooting of KING, that they both knew KING had not much longer to live.

He (WILLIAM SMITH CHEW) at one time was the owner of a motel in St. Augustine, Fla., and was also active in a motel and restaurant association in Florida. Then Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING was instrumental in starting protests and demonstrations against his motels and other motels which finally forced him to sell his motel and resign his position with the motel and restaurant associations. He had refused to serve individuals in his restaurant who he had proof were criminals and who were being treated for venereal diseases. As a result a civil rights complaint was filed against him, he was found guilty, and fined. The case is still pending in the courts.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM : SAC, SAVANNAH (44-1768) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/16/68

Re Denver airtel to Bureau, 5/1/68.

RE: PERSONS INVOLVED IN PRIOR THREATS
AGAINST KING

Enclosed herewith for Memphis are fifteen (15) copies of FD-302 indicating interview of Mr. WILLIAM SMITH CHEW on 5/10/68 at Screven County, Georgia.

Enclosed herewith for the Denver Division, for information, is one copy of the above-mentioned FD-302.

For the information of all offices, no investigation conducted at Augusta, Ga., in view of fact it was determined from Mr. WILLIAM SMITH CHEW that his father, Mr. HOLT CHEW, did not stay in Augusta, Ga., upon arrival there on April 6, 1968.

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2- Memphis (Encls. 15)
1- Denver (157-203) (Info)
2- Savannah (Encl. 1)

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Date: 5/16/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) -P-

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

Re Cincinnati teletype, 5/15/68.

For the information of Indianapolis and Springfield, the contents of referenced teletype is set out:

Mrs. JOHN VANCE, 514 Ryan Avenue, Columbus, Ohio, received a letter from her sister, Mrs. E. M. PERKINS, 2262 Market Street, San Francisco. Mrs. VANCE contacted Columbus Resident Agency because the letter contained the following:

"Before I forget PUBY, did you know that guy they claim shot MARTIN LUTHER KING is a grandson of those RAINES (PAYNES) that lived across from us on Vermont Street? (JIMMIE). Aunt NETTIE was married to a RAY (last name) from Missouri that is also one of his aliases. (EARL RAY) I bet GOLDIE knew him. Also DIDDIE. RAY HALL remembers him so BERNICE said."

Mrs. E. M. PERKINS, 2262 Market Street, San Francisco, on 5/15/68, advised that the PAYNES or RAY family lived across the street from her grandmother in Quincy, Illinois. She advised that she knows nothing about the RAY family and

- 3 - Bureau (RM)
- 1 - Cincinnati (Info.) (RM)
- ② - Memphis (44-1987) (RM)
- 2 - Indianapolis (RM)
- 2 - Springfield (RM)
- 2 - San Francisco

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JAMES EARL RAY except the fact that they could be the RAY family that lived across the street from her grandmother. She advised it was only after reading about the KING murder in the newspapers and reading the name RAY that she associated the name and Quincy, Illinois.

She advised that the following people from Quincy live in San Francisco:

GOLDIE CLARK, 244 Circular Avenue,
South San Francisco, California
telephone number JU6-7941,
an employee of the Pacific Telephone Co.

RAYMOND HALL, 1512 Shrader Street,
San Francisco, California
telephone number LO6-9463.

She advised a JAMES HALL was from Quincy, Illinois and was now residing at 1711 Shawnee Road, Indianapolis, Ind. She advised JAMES HALL was about RAY's age and grew up in the same neighborhood.

She advised that DIRICK (DITTY) FRANKS also known as EALL, resided at 615 Jefferson, Quincy, Illinois, and was the former husband of GOLDIE CLARK. She advised that GOLDIE CLARK at one time operated a house of prostitution in Quincy.

She advised that her father, LAFAYETTE DILTS, exact address unknown, Quincy, Illinois, might know the RAY family because at one time he was a bootlegger in Quincy and it was reported that the RAY family was engaged in bootlegging activities.

GOLDIE CLARK, 244 Circular Avenue, South San Francisco, on 5/15/68, advised that she has been away from Quincy, Illinois for several years. She stated she never knew the RAY or RAYNES family in Quincy. She advised that she did not know JAMES EARL RAY and does not know his present whereabouts. She advised that she vaguely recalled having heard of an EARL RAY. She advised that she could not furnish

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any information regarding JAMES EARL RAY and/or his present whereabouts.

Mrs. PAYMOND HALL, 1512 Shrader, San Francisco, on 5/15/68, advised that she and her husband were both from Quincy, Illinois but have been away from Quincy for over 25 years. She advised that they have read newspaper accounts of JAMES EARL RAY's involvement in the KING case, but advised that neither of them know JAMES EARL RAY. She stated that she has no idea of his present whereabouts.

LEADS

INDIANAPOLIS

AT INDIANAPOLIS, IND. Will contact JAMES HALL, 1711 Shawnee Road, for any information he might have regarding the background and/or whereabouts of JAMES EARL RAY.

SPRINGFIELD

AT QUINCY, ILL. Will contact DIRICK (DITTY) FRANKS, aka HALL, 615 Jefferson, for any information regarding the background and/or whereabouts of JAMES EARL RAY.

(2) Will contact LAFAYETTE DILTS, exact address unknown, possibly 300 block of Elm or Vine, for any information regarding background and/or whereabouts of JAMES EARL RAY. (Mrs. PERKINS suggested that the Chief of Police would know her father's whereabouts.)

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Date: 5-15-68

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

TO: SAC, NEWARK (55-854)
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) - P -
SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Newark airtel to Springfield, 5-7-68.

Specialist 5, ARTHUR A. CONNORS, JR., was interviewed at Quincy, Illinois, on 5-9-68, at which time he advised that the Virginia Hotel, Quincy, Illinois, is owned by his mother, LAURA CONNORS, and the telephone call to him at Long Branch, New Jersey, was from his parents in Quincy and concerned personal business. He advised that he had no information whatsoever concerning JAMES EARL RAY or MURKIN.

2 - Newark (44-854) 1 - Chicago (Info)
2 - Memphis
2 - Springfield (44-561)
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Date: 5-16-68

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

TO: SAC, DENVER (157-203)
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) - P -
SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Denver airtel to Springfield, 5-6-68.

For the information of the Denver Office, the telephone at the Virginia Hotel, Quincy, Illinois, is the hotel phone and the calls could be made by anyone and it is doubtful from interviews with the owners of the hotel that any of the phone calls were actually made by MELBA MARIE RYAN. The hotel does not have any record of the telephone call to Denver # 333-5486 being charged to MELBA MARIE RYAN's account and in view of this, leads have not been set forth to have all of the guests at the El Patio Motel on 4-3-68 interviewed.

2 - Denver (157-203) 1 - Chicago (Info)
② - Memphis
2 - Springfield (44-561)
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Date: 5-16-68

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

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (44-371)
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) - P -
SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Springfield teletype to Bureau, 5-3-68, re full coverage of relatives and toll calls.

On 5-8-68, WILLIAM HINKLE, Office Manager, Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Quincy, Illinois, an established source, advised that there is no further information concerning the collect call on 4-15-68 from the telephone number at the Virginia Hotel, Quincy, Illinois, to telephone number 475-4400 at Tacoma, Washington.

TACOMA,

HINKLE also advised that there is no information presently in his office which would aid in determining the number called in Seattle, Washington and if a toll ticket is received indicating the number, it will be furnished.

2 - Seattle (44-371) 1 - Chicago (Info)
2 - Memphis
2 - Springfield (44-561)
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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

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

MURKIN

Re Buairtel, 5/14/68.

Mr. PAUL J. HANLON, employed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, advised SA HARVEY E. WILKINSON on 5/16/68 that he could not furnish anything additional concerning information contained in his letter to the FBI dated 5/10/68. He did not know what license plate the Volkswagen car he saw had on it, and could furnish no additional pertinent info. Receipt of his letter was, of course, orally acknowledged.

3- Bureau
1- Memphis (Info)
1- WFO

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PLAIN TEXT

AIR TEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (157-400)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re telephone call from Mr. McGOWAN, Bureau, May 11, 1968 and Los Angeles Conference Teletype, May 14, 1968, Air Mail copy Minneapolis.

Mr. JAMES E. HANNOVER, Auditor, Money Order Audit Bureau, Western Union Telegraph Company, Minneapolis, Minnesota, (PROTECT IDENTITY WITHOUT FAIL) advised the records of the Money Order Audit Bureau are filed chronologically by date under the city of origin of each Money Order and then alphabetically under the name of the payee. He stated that it is therefore necessary to have a point of origin for any Money Order before any type of search can be instituted in their records. He further advised that they handle more than ten million documents per year.

At the request of Mr. McGOWAN, Mr. HANNOVER was asked to review their records for the period of February 14, 1968 through March 30, 1968 in an effort to locate any possible Money Orders sent to RAY from St. Louis, Missouri. On May 18, 1968, Mr. HANNOVER advised that he had completed this search checking all Money Orders originating at St. Louis under RAY's true name and all known aliases with negative results.

2 Bureau
1 Birmingham (44-1740)
1 Los Angeles (44-1574)
① Memphis (44-1987)
1 Minneapolis

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-3886)(P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
OO-MEMPHIS

Re St. Louis teletype to Director, Memphis and Dallas,
5/15/68.

RE: Telephone call made from pay telephone at
LaFont's Sinclair Station, Highway 61,
Portageville, Missouri, telephone No. DM 9-3592,
to Fort Worth, Texas, telephone No. WA 6-1908,
made on 12/6/67.

The following investigation was conducted by SA B. TON
CARTER:

AT FORT WORTH, TEXAS

On 5/16/68, BILL RAY, Southwestern Bell Telephone
Company (Protect Identity), stated that telephone No. WA 6-1908
is an unlisted number and subscriber is TAYLOR ANDERSON, Residence,
3101 Ninyon, Fort Worth. TAYLOR is a foreman at the Texas Steel
Company in Fort Worth, Texas, and has been employed there
since 10/62.

On 5/16/68, MRS. TAYLOR ANDERSON, 3101 Ninyon, advised
that her former husband is GENE LA FONT, and he owns LaFont's
Sinclair Station in Portageville, Missouri. She stated that

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2 - St. Louis (44-775)
2 - Dallas
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her two sons also live with their father and she receives a telephone call from them at least once each week. She examined a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and stated she had never seen this individual.

No further investigation being conducted re this telephone call.

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AIR MAIL

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

ReAttel 5/16/68.

E. D. ELLIOTT, Westinghouse Electric, 5455 Port Arthur Road, Beaumont, Texas, was interviewed on 5/16/68 and unable to furnish any information re JAMES EARL RAY. ELLIOTT recalled his stay at Provincial Motel, 12/19/67, but was unable to recall seeing anyone who resembled the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY that were shown to him.

3 - Bureau
2 - Memphis
1 - New Orleans
1 - Houston

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Date: 5/17/68

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(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, EL PASO (157-186) (P)

MURKIN

OO: ME

Re NO airtel to ME 5/7/68 and MO airtel to EP
5/13/68.RE: GUESTS REGISTERED AT PROVINCIAL MOTEL
1024 CHARTRES STREET, NEW ORLEANS,
LOUISIANA, DECEMBER 17-19, 1967

On 5/16/68 Capt. and Mrs. HENRY J. SHEERILL,
2500 Nations Avenue, El Paso, advised that they stayed
at the Provincial Motel in New Orleans in December,
1967, but did not recall seeing anyone who resembled
subject JAMES EARL RAY.

Report follows.

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② Memphis
1 New Orleans (157-10673) (Info.)
1 El Paso
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NY 44-1609

The following investigation was conducted by
SA JOHN F. SHANLEY on May 17, 1968:

Chief Corpsman STEVE TULLER, United States Coast Guard, Coast Guard Supply Center, 31st Street and Third Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, advised he did stay at a motel in New Orleans, Louisiana, about December 18, 1967 with his wife DOROTHY, however, he could recall neither the date nor the name of the motel. He recalled only that his room was adjacent to the motel's swimming pool.

The only thing Chief TULLER recalled about the other guests at the motel was that the occupants of the room next to his were an elderly couple. Pictures of JAMES EARL RAY were unfamiliar to Chief TULLER.

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(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re: Guests at Provincial Motel, New Orleans,
Louisiana.

Re San Diego airtel to New York dated
5/13/68.

Enclosed herewith to Memphis are 15 copies of
an insert reflecting negative contact with Chief Petty
Officer STEVE TULLER on 5/17/68.

SUBJECT RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND
DANGEROUS.

2- Memphis (Encls. 15)
1- San Diego (44-387) (INFO)
1- New Orleans (INFO)
1- New York

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Date: 5/17/68

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

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

Re Memphis airtel to Los Angeles, dated 5/13/68.

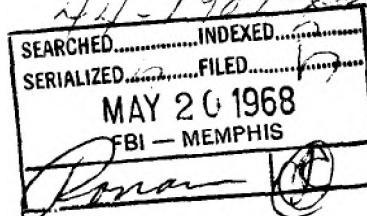
On 5/17/68, WESLEY WELLMAN advised a 1968 Pontiac, bearing Tennessee license LP-6143, was loaned to him on 5/6/68, by one DARRELL W. BAKER. On this date WELLMAN stated he drove BAKER to Los Angeles International Airport wherein BAKER departed Los Angeles en route to Nashville, Tennessee.

During BAKER's absence from Los Angeles, WELLMAN advised he frequently used BAKER's 1968 Pontiac for transportation to and from classes at University of California at Los Angeles and also on social outings with his fiancée, Miss CHRISTY PORKS. CHRISTY PORKS is a nineteen-year-old and is employed by Northrup Aviation. WELLMAN advised at no time did Miss PORKS or any other female drive the 1968 Pontiac owned by BAKER.

WELLMAN advised he knows nothing about JAMES EARL RAY or anything relating to the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

② - Memphis
1 - Los Angeles

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LA 44-1574

On 5/16/68, WELLMAN returned the 1968 Pontiac to BAKER. On this same date BAKER was re-interviewed and vehicle was examined. There was no evidence indicating removal and replacement of Tennessee license plates LP-6143.

Based on this information, no further investigation relating to a 1968 Chevy, bearing Tennessee license LP-6143 is being conducted by Los Angeles.

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Via _____
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Special Agent in Charge

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM : SAC, SACRAMENTO (100-427)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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OO: Memphis

Re Bureau airtel to all SACs, 5/9/68.

Through previous inquiry on April 30, 1968, Mr. ARDIN DOUGLAS, Supervisor, Fingerprint Section, California State Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, (CII), Sacramento, California, advised that all coroners throughout the State of California were required to submit fingerprints of unidentified dead to Sacramento. Mr. DOUGLAS advised that upon receipt of these prints, CII checks them against their files. He advised that Subject RAY's prints will and have been checked with all these prints subsequent to April 3, 1968.

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- 3 - Bureau (RM)
 - ① - Memphis (44-1987)(RM)
 - 1 - Los Angeles (44-1574)(RM)
 - 1 - San Diego (44-387)(RM)
 - 1 - San Francisco (173-45)(RM)
 - 1 - Sacramento
- GHS/kah
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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
RE
OO: MEMPHIS

Circularization

SAC JOSEPH H. GAMBLE while in Montgomery, Alabama, on other official business on 5/16/68, secured a list of approximately 4500 licensees of the Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board which establishments are licensed to serve beer and/or "minutres" at their premises. Birmingham is considering distribution of Identification Order of subject RAY to each of these establishments. Arrangements may be effected through the Auto Typist Letter Service of Birmingham for addressing the IO's at a rate of \$30 per 1,000 which is considered reasonable and cheaper than it could be done by Bureau personnel.

Bureau advice is requested as to whether the above distribution is considered warranted and whether the expenditure is authorized.

As regards the State controlled and operated liquor stores in the wet counties of Alabama, arrangements were effected for distribution of Identification Orders to each store without problem through the use of Addressograph plates.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

2 - Bureau
① - Memphis (44-1987) (Info)
2 - Birmingham
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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, MIAMI (44-1854)
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN;
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Re Miami letter to Memphis, 5/14/68, regarding the
look alike described by Mr. R. A. FLEMING, Sanford, Fla.

Miami should immediately institute investigation to
locate, identify and eliminate the look alike described by
Mr. FLEMING.

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2 - Memphis
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SAC, Memphis (44-1987) P

MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS

ReBuAirtel to all SACs and LEGATs dated 5/7/68, and
Portland letter 5/16/68, copy enclosed to Bureau.

Paragraph #2 of reBuAirtel specifically states that
should investigation increase in any such area warranting sub-
mission of individual report the office involved should do so and
advise the Bureau and Memphis. Memphis of opinion 40 different
inserts of Portland sufficient basis for submission of individual report.
Material being returned to Portland for submission report.

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- 2 Bureau (Enc. 1)
- 2 Portland (Enc. 600) (RM)
- ① Memphis

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Director, FBI (44-38861)

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SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS

ReBuAirtel to all SACs and LEGATs dated 5/7/68, and
Miami Airtel to Memphis 5/16/68, copy enclosed to Bureau.

Paragraph #2 of reBuAirtel specifically states that
should investigation increase in any such area warranting sub-
mission of individual report the office involved should do so and
advise the Bureau and Memphis. Memphis is of the opinion that
22 sub-headings and 54 different inserts is sufficient basis to
warrant submission of individual report. Material being returned
to Miami for submission report.

A & D.

- 2 Bureau (Enc. 1)
- 2 Miami (44-1854)
- (1 - Package, Enc. 54)(RM)
- ① Memphis

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) *
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) -P-
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re St. Louis teletype to the Bureau, 5/16/68, re
Grapevine Tavern, St. Louis, Missouri.

Kansas City Telephone Directory lists the subscriber
to telephone number 931-0844 as the International Brotherhood
of Boilermakers Union #83, 101 East Armour Boulevard, Kansas
City, Missouri. A photograph of subject was displayed to
this office, and no information was obtained as to anybody
connected with that union as being identical with subject.

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① - Memphis (Info)
1 - St. Louis (Info)
1 - Kansas City
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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, LITTLE ROCK (157-1115) (P)
RE: MURKIN
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(OO, ME)

Re: UNIDENTIFIED DEAD

Re Bureau airtel to all offices, 5/9/68.

On May 17, 1968, Mrs. CORAL ALFORD, Bureau of Vital Statistics, State Capital, Little Rock, Arkansas, advised her department maintains a file in which it is required that a record be posted of all unidentified dead located in the State of Arkansas. During the calendar year 1968, the only person reported in this file was an infant.

All Special Agents are being requested to be alert for unidentified dead in the state.

3 - Bureau
② - Memphis (44-1987)
2 - Little Rock
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*What
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Airtel

**To: SACs, Atlanta (44-3886)
Birmingham (44-1740)
Los Angeles (44-1574)
Memphis (44-1987)
New Orleans (157-10013)**

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

You should make appropriate inquiry at banks to determine identity of individuals making a withdrawal of \$10,000 and over in cash, confining this inquiry for period of April, 1968. The possibility exists that subject was a hired assassin and a pay-off could have taken place shortly before or after the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

You should bear in mind that in many instances requests for large withdrawals are brought to the attention of one of the officials of the bank, and this official could possibly provide the initial information desired.

Armed and dangerous.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY - DOCUMENT SECTION

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SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565) (P)

MURKIN

Re Cleveland airtel to Bureau, 5/1/68.

On May 8, 1968, SA ROBERT A. QUAINANCE displayed to Mr. ARTHUR LARIMER, Postmaster, U. S. Post Office, Sandusky, Ohio, the unsigned printed note and envelopes addressed to "Chief of Police, Memphis, Tenn.", and "Postmaster, Pelee Island, Ontario".

Mr. LARIMER advised that although the identity of the author was unknown to him he noted the apparent shaky printing, and suggested that it might be the effort of an elderly person. He suggested an inquiry at the old Soldiers and Sailors Home, Sandusky, might be productive.

On May 9, 1968, SA ROBERT A. QUAINANCE contacted Mr. MICHAEL KRESTEL, Assistant Reeve, Pelee Island, Ontario, Canada, in the absence of the Reeve, Mr. CHARLES WALLACE, and the Constable, Mr. ZANE HOOKER. Mr. KRESTEL questioned the Postmaster, Mr. DONALD GOW, who advised that instant note, .35 change, and cover envelopes, were received at the post office on approximately April 24, 1968. He said that he opened the envelope addressed to him. He discovered the inner envelope already opened, which he believes may have been done accidentally by him in opening the outer envelope. He recalled the change and note, however, were lying loose in the outer envelope. He said he did not know what disposition to make of the contents and finally asked Mr. WALLACE, the Reeve, for advice. He stated it was the suggestion of Mr. WALLACE that these items be mailed to the FBI, Federal Building, Sandusky. He was unable to suggest any suspect as the author of instant note.

On May 9, 1968, Mr. ROBERT BORDERS, Registrar, Old Soldiers and Sailors Home, Columbus Avenue, Sandusky, examined instant note and envelopes and advised SA ROBERT A. QUAINANCE he suspected them to be the work of a resident,

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2 - Memphis (44-1987)
1 - Cleveland
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CHARLES MANN WITZLER. He said WITZLER is a prolific letter writer and a chronic complainer who frequently writes to the Governor and various agencies complaining about conditions at the home.

He advised that records indicate WITZLER was born on [redacted], at Perrysburg, Ohio, served in the U. S. Army, Quartermaster Corps., from July 29, 1942, until November 6, 1944, when he received an honorable discharge at Fort Hayes, Columbus, Ohio, as a private, ASN [redacted]. He furnished WITZLER's V A Claim Number as 17-306-751, and his Social Security Number as [redacted]. He said WITZLER arrived at the Home on July 19, 1962. He added that WITZLER would not be available for interview until May 10, 1968.

On May 10, 1968, SA ROBERT A. QUAINANCE confronted CHARLES MANN WITZLER with instant note and envelopes. He admitted being the author. He said he could offer no logical reason for his writing the note and said he could only suggest that he must have been drinking at the time. He stated it was not his intention to burden or harass the Memphis, Tennessee Police Department, FBI, or any other law enforcement agency by his action.

He said his reason for enclosing \$.35 with the note was to include \$.10 for air mail postage from Pelee Island to Memphis, Tennessee; he said he visits Pelee Island a few times each summer and has bought postage at the post office there. He said he sent his note via Pelee Island simply to give the postmaster a little business.

He was admonished by SA QUAINANCE for the consequences of his action, the wasted time and money that could have been spent on other matters. He was also admonished by Mr. BORDERS, and threatened with possible expulsion if he should repeat this misconduct.

Mr. WITZLER apologized for his action and promised to refrain from any such conduct in the future.

He admitted his note intended reference to the slaying of MARTIN LUTHER KING, however, he denied sympathy for the assassination. He said he has no knowledge of JAMES EARL RAY or his whereabouts.