

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

DATE: 6/6/68

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re KELLY WILLIAMS  
Chauffeur for Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Re NY airtel 4/23/68; WFO teletype 4/25/68; and  
Chicago teletype 4/26/68.

Enclosed for Memphis are 15 copies of IRF  
reflecting interview of ROBERT F. BENNETT CONCERNING  
WILLIAMS.

Wfo conducting no further investigation re  
WILLIAMS.

2 - Memphis (Enc. 15)  
1 - WFO  
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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReBuairtel, 5/28/68.

As directed in reairtel, Houston has checked all banks in Houston, total of 66, regarding records of access to safety deposit boxes for the month of 4/68 and all renters were eliminated as possibly being subject.

3 - Bureau  
1 - Dallas (44-2649) (Info)  
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info)  
1 - New Orleans (157-10673) (Info)  
1 - Houston  
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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO : Director, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, Indianapolis (44-563) (P)

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MURKIN

OO: Memphis

Re Birmingham teletype to Director, FBI, 4/23/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SAs RICHARD J. DARRAGH, JR. and DENNIS L. PLOEGER at Indianapolis, Indiana:

On 6/5/68 GARVER WHEELER, Editor, "Journeyman Barber" Magazine, published by The Journeyman Barbers Hairdresser, Cosmetologists and Proprietors International Union of America, AFL - CIO, 1141 North Delaware, Indianapolis, Indiana, advised that the article pertaining to the subject which he originally agreed to publish in the July, 1968 edition of his Union's magazine, was shown to Mr. JOSEPH N. DE PAOLA, the President of this Union on 6/5/68. When Mr. DE PAOLA viewed the article and photograph, he immediately and without hesitation told Mr. WHEELER that the article would not be published. This decision is final. When Mr. WHEELER asked DE PAOLA what reason he wanted given to the FBI, Mr. DE PAOLA told him to tell "them" that the edition is filled up. Mr. WHEELER advised that he was furnishing this on a strictly confidential basis. He advised that in conversation with DE PAOLA, DE PAOLA advised that the matter was too highly controversial in view of the Negro-White member makeup of the union and he did not want anything this highly controversial in the magazine.

- 3 - Bureau
- ② - Memphis
- 2 - Indianapolis

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Mr. WHEELER further advised that DE PAOLA "plays politics" and he, WHEELER, feels that this is possibly part of the reasoning behind DE PAOLA's decision. Mr. WHEELER would not further explain this thinking.

Mr. WHEELER advised that he would continue to cooperate in the future concerning the publication of items pertaining to Bureau fugitives, as he has in the past, but that he is unable to publish the article in instant matter.

Mr. WHEELER apologized for his not being able to publish instant article after having agreed to do so, but stated that he did not feel that DE PAOLA would overrule him. He professed his continued cooperation in the future.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

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WMP/arb  
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The following investigation was conducted at Reno, Nevada, by SA WALLACE M. POLLARD on May 17, 1968:

BILL MAGEE, Chief of Security, Cal-Neva Club, and WARREN NELSON, Owner, Cal-Neva Club, advised that this club had no Keno tickets in excess of \$400.00 on April 3, 1968. They stated the club had not been hit for a \$25,000.00 Keno hit in almost three years.

CHARLIE CATE, Pit Boss, during the swing shift is on duty this date. CATE has been an employee of this club for 12 years. Prior to that, he was in the U.S. Air Force assigned as an instructor at Stead Air Force Base, Desert Survival Training School. They have no reason to believe in their knowledge of CATE, that CATE would become involved in any right wing or extremist activity whatsoever.

Deputy JAMES HAHN, Washoe County Sheriff's Office, advised that search of the files of this office disclosed no identifiable record concerning any EDDIE WILBURN, or BEN or JACK STURGIS.

HAHN stated that this office has records of numerous traffic citations issued to CHARLES THOMAS CATE, 6880 Pebble Beach Drive, Hidden Valley, Reno, Nevada.

CATHY NEWBERRY, Identification Bureau, Reno, Nevada, Police Department, advised that search of the files of this department disclosed no identifiable record concerning any EDDIE WILBURN.

She stated that one, BEN STURGIS, JR., aka Ben Sturges, Jr., Reno Police Department Number 12146, FBI Number 1226167, applied on August 2, 1963, for work permit as a bartender, at Eddie's Corner Bar, South Virginia Street, and Mt. Rose Street. His identification record listed entries from Elko, Nevada, Las Vegas, Nevada, Los Angeles, California, Kansas City, and Washington, D.C.

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NEWBERRY stated that the files of this bureau reflect that CHARLES THOMAS CATE, white male, born [REDACTED] Reno, Nevada Police Department #69350, residing at 6880 Pebble Beach Drive, Reno, Nevada, (June 27, 1967), applied on June 27, 1967, for renewal of his work permit as Pit Boss at the Cal-Neva Club. His original application was filed in 1959.

CHARLES THOMAS CATE was interviewed by SA POLLARD and SA DOUGLAS L. BURAU at the Cal-Neva Club. CATE advised that he has not known anyone named BEN STURGIS or BEN STURGES, JACK STURGIS, or JACK STURGES. He stated he is not acquainted with anyone named EDDIE WILBURN.



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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS

DATE: 6/7/68

FROM : ~~WCS~~ SAC, LAS VEGAS (157-133) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
OO: Memphis  
ReLAtel, 5/17/68.

Enclosed to Memphis are 15 copies of insert reflecting investigation conducted by the Las Vegas Division.

Enclosed to Los Angeles are two copies of same insert, for information.

2 - Memphis (Encs. 15) *MG*  
2 - Los Angeles (Encs. 2) *MG*  
1 - Las Vegas

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (44-657) -P-  
MURKIN

RE: Unidentified Deceased

Re Richmond airtel to Bureau, 5-28-68 and Bureau airtel to Richmond, 5-31-68.

Enclosed for the Bureau is a photograph indicating dentures of subject RAY, as well as a photograph showing skull cavities of RAY.

These photographs were afforded to Dr. GEOFFREY T. MANN, Chief Medical Examiner, State of Virginia, Richmond, Va., by SA ROBERT E. BARRITT.

On 6-6-68, Dr. MANN advised that the unidentified deceased described in re Richmond airtel was not identical with subject RAY.

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3 - Bureau (Encls. 2) (REGISTERED MAIL)  
② - Memphis (44-1987)  
2 - Richmond

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA DONALD M. HOLLAND on May 7, 1968, at Las Vegas, Nevada.

RE: Identification of H. SCHUMAKER, Frontier Airlines  
Passenger

LARRY CLARK, ticket agent, Frontier Airlines,  
McCarran Airport, Las Vegas, Nevada, advised he recalled  
a Mr. H. SCHUMAKER being ticketed by him sometime in April,  
1968. He said he recalled SCHUMAKER because of a mixup  
in ticketing. CLARK described SCHUMAKER as being 5'8" -  
5'10", but could recall no other physical features.

Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were exhibited  
to CLARK, who was unable to identify these photographs with  
SCHUMAKER.

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The following investigation was conducted at Las Vegas, Nevada, on May 7, 1968, by SA JOHN A. NORRIS, JR.

RE: Interview of Americans at Hotel Rio, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, between October 19, 1967, and November 6, 1967

CONSUELO MARIN, 2533 Lenna Street, Las Vegas, Nevada, advised that during October, 1967, she and her mother JOSEPHINA VARELA visited Mexico. They spent time in Guadalajara and when they left, were told that the Hotel Rio in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, was an inexpensive place to stay. On their return to Mexico City, D.F., they stopped for two days at the Hotel Rio.

Mrs. MARIN said they did not associate with persons at the hotel and their only contact with persons other than Mexican citizens was a Canadian group they had met at Guadalajara.

Mrs. MARIN viewed the photograph of the individual wearing sunglasses and stated she did not recall seeing this person at the Hotel Rio. She also viewed other photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and said she had seen these likenesses in the newspapers in connection with the killing of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., but stated she did not recall seeing this person at the Hotel Rio in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA NORMAN M. STONE May 20, 1968, at Carson City, Nevada.

RE: Bureau of Vital Statistics, Nevada Department of Health,  
Carson City, Nevada, Unidentified Dead

Mr. JOHN SULLIVAN, Bureau of Vital Statistics,  
Nevada State Department of Health, advised his Bureau  
maintains a central indices for all deaths in Nevada,  
including unidentified dead. He said a search of his records  
reflected there have been no unidentified dead reported in  
the State of Nevada from April 1, 1968, to present. Mr.  
SULLIVAN said the FBI would be advised of any unidentified  
dead reports.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA NORMAN M. STONE on May 27, 1968, at Reno, Nevada.

RE: Alleged Offer of \$100,000 by White Knights of the Ku  
Klux Klan (WKKKK), Jackson, Mississippi, for Killing  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and Efforts to Locate DONALD  
JAMES NISSEN

Mr. EDWARD JAY PRESTON, 1565 Sharon Way, Reno,  
Nevada, advised he is a partner in Safety Auto Control, Inc.,  
which recently moved to 855 Marrietta Way, Sparks, Nevada.  
He said DONALD JAMES NISSEN is unknown to him and has never  
been employed by that company. which company has only been  
in existance for about one year.

PRESTON stated his company manufactures an auto  
safety product which is sold nationally. He said his  
company does not handle any of the sales of this product,  
noting all sales are handled exclusively by Allstate  
Safety Control, Inc., Room 201, Tanglewood Office Building,  
7509 Cantrell Road, Little Rock, Arkansas. PRESTON  
said if NISSEN was selling this auto safety part, he would  
be employed by Allstate Safety Control, Inc. He suggested  
ROBERT SPEARS, Manager of that company, be contacted to  
determine if NISSEN is an employee.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM : *[Signature]* SAC, LAS VEGAS (157-133) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 6/7/68

Re Legat, Mexico City airtel, 4/23/68; Los Angeles airtel to Las Vegas, 5/3/68; Las Vegas airtels dated 5/8/68 and 5/29/68.

Enclosed herewith are fifteen copies each of four investigative inserts reflecting investigation conducted in Nevada in connection with captioned matter.

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② - Memphis (Encls. 60) (RM)  
1 - Las Vegas  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P  
MURKIN

Enclosed are original and one of newspaper clippings  
pertaining to captioned matter.

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1 MEMPHIS

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Within the Philadelphia Division the following directories were reviewed and the following agencies and bureaus were contacted relative to any information pertaining to the names of ERIC STARVO GALT and HARVEY LOWMEYER with negative results:

Pennsylvania State Selective Service Headquarters,  
Harrisburg, Pa.,  
Pennsylvania State Drivers License Division,  
Harrisburg, Pa.  
All credit bureaus and police departments.  
All telephone and city directories (where  
existent)  
Voters Registration Records

The records of the Motor Vehicle Registration Bureau, Harrisburg, Pa., were reviewed for a 1966 Mustang 6T07C190647, bearing Alabama License 1-38993, with negative results.

The records of oil companies maintaining credit card records in the Philadelphia Division were reviewed with negative results relative to the name of ERIC STARVO GALT.

The credit card records of Eastern Airlines, American Airlines, National Airlines, and Northeast Airlines, were reviewed with negative results relative to the name of ERIC STARVO GALT.

The records of all financial institutions in the Philadelphia Division were reviewed with negative results relative to the name of ERIC STARVO GALT.

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The records of the Fraud and Arson Bureau, American Insurance Association, which covers the Eastern parts of the State of Pennsylvania, the State of Delaware, and the Southern part of the State of New Jersey were reviewed with negative results relative to the names of ERIC STARVO GALT, JOHN WILLARD and HARVEY LOWMEYER.

The records of all dancing schools in the Philadelphia Division were reviewed and personnel at these schools were interviewed with negative results relative to the subject.

All laundries in the Philadelphia Division were contacted relative to the use of code 02B-6 on a thermo-seal marking tape being used by the laundry for any customer with negative results. Laundries having textile marking machines were contacted pertaining to their use of marking code 20R-3 with negative results.

Contacts with the police departments in the Philadelphia Division failed to indicate the recovery of any car stolen from the State of Georgia and recovered subsequent to March 23, 1968.

Personnel at Police Departments within the Philadelphia Division maintaining latent print sections made comparisons between the unknown latents and the known fingerprints of RAY without effecting any identification.

Through the W. S. Ponton Company, Upper Darby, Pa., a circular letter was distributed to all laundries and dry cleaning establishments (approximately 14,000) in the United States.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date April 17, 1968

Mr. LINWOOD N. PAGE was interviewed at the residence of his in-laws, RD #1, Downingtown, Pa., and he furnished the following information:

PAGE is employed as a truck driver for the Fruehauf Corporation. His home address is 1282 Abbe Road, Lorain, Ohio 44054.

On April 4, 1968, PAGE arrived in Memphis, Tenn., at about 8 p.m. with a tractor-trailer load destined for the Fruehauf Terminal at the Memphis Airport. After dropping the trailer at the terminal, he went directly to the Rebel Motor Hotel, located at U. S. Route 78 and Winchester Road, just outside the City of Memphis and some seven miles from downtown Memphis.

The exact time of his arrival at the Fruehauf Terminal can be determined from the register there which he signed on going through the front gate of the terminal.

He estimated he arrived at the Rebel Hotel some 30 to 45 minutes after leaving the terminal, and he placed his arrival at the hotel at about 9 p.m. Immediately upon arriving there he had dinner at the restaurant in the hotel and then went directly to his room, which he recalled was Room 34. He has been to that hotel frequently before and has the impression the rooms there are numbered from 1 to 42, the latter room being immediately adjacent to the hotel office.

PAGE remained in his room thereafter that evening, preparing his logs and attempting unsuccessfully to telephone his wife in Ohio. He retired at about midnight and woke up the following morning at about 8 a.m.

PAGE could not recall seeing a white Mustang car with Alabama license plates in or near the hotel and did not recall seeing anyone matching the description of GALT. The name GALT was not familiar to him and could recall knowing no one by that name. He recalled that on arrival at his room

On 4/12/68 at Downingtown, Pa. File # Philadelphia 44-1368 -15  
by SA THOMAS F. LEWIS:mmm *[Signature]* Date dictated JUN 4/1968  
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on April 4, 1968, the room was clean and neat, the bed was made, and all trash baskets had been emptied. He could recall seeing nothing in the room which might have been left by the previous occupant, and he has the distinct impression the room had been cleaned by a maid before his arrival since there were clean towels and a new cake of soap in the bathroom.

PAGE recalled that prior to his arrival in Memphis on the night of April 4, 1968, he heard over his truck radio that MARTIN LUTHER KING had been shot and killed at a downtown motel; however, during his stay there that night, he heard no information which might be of assistance in identifying the person responsible for this shooting.

PAGE left Memphis, enroute to Decatur, Alabama, with a Fruehauf tractor and trailer, at about 10 a.m., April 5, 1968, and he has not been in Memphis since that time.

PAGE stated he has no suspects in this matter.

PAGE is described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Born	[redacted] Standish, Maine
Height	5'8½"
Weight	170 pounds
Build	Medium
Complexion	Ruddy
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Military Service	U. S. Army 1943-1946, ASN [redacted]
Scars and Marks	Tattoo of star - left forearm.

PAGE could recall having left nothing belonging to him in room 34 at the Rebel Hotel when he left there.



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The following investigation was conducted by IC  
BRIAN F. MC LAUGHLIN:

On April 24, 1968 MR. HECTOR SQUILLACIOTTI, Special Service Representative, Veterans Administration Center, 5000 Wissahickon Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa., made available National Service Life Insurance (NSLI) Policy #N [REDACTED] pertaining to JAMES EARL RAY and the following information was obtained:

JAMES EARL RAY made application for a \$10,000 term NSLI policy on February 21, 1946 at Fort Sheridan, ILL., listing his date of birth as [REDACTED] at Alton, Ill., and his beneficiary as his mother LUCILLE MARY RAY, 538 E. Broadway, Alton, Ill.

RAY entered on duty in the military service on February 19, 1946 under serial number [REDACTED]. His monthly insurance premiums were made to the VA by allotment from his military pay and amounted to \$6.40.

His monthly allotments were discontinued to the VA on March 31, 1947 at his own request and his NSLI policy lapsed on May 21, 1947.

On July 25, 1950 the VA sent RAY a 1948 Special Dividend which amounted to \$82.50. His address at that time was 215 Oak Street, Quincy, Ill. This is the last contact the VA had with JAMES EARL RAY and his file has been in a closed status since that time.

*Archie  
James Earl Ray  
National Service Life Insurance*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (44-1368) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: JUN 6 1968

Enclosed are fifteen copies of an FD 302 pertaining to interview with LINWOOD N. PAGE; fifteen copies of an investigative insert relative to review of records of NSLI; and fifteen copies of an investigative insert relative to investigation toward the identification and possible location of the subject.

The Barclay Laundry, 253 S. 10th Street, Philadelphia, Pa., had a customer to whom the number D-2B6 was assigned. He was subsequently identified as one FRED NEIBAUER, 2213 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, Pa. It was determined that he was a teacher in Philadelphia, Pa., at the West Philadelphia High School, and through a check with the Philadelphia Board of Education it was determined that he had been teaching at the above high school each day since March 7, 1968.

By letter dated April 16, 1968, the FBI Laboratory advised that the piece of white cloth containing six samples of thermo-seal marking tape obtained from the above mentioned laundry was found to differ in printing from the tapes appearing on Q 69 and Q70.

All laundries within the Philadelphia Division were contacted with negative results in an effort to locate a laundry utilizing thermo-seal marking tape and the marking code D-2B6.

2-Memphis (44-1987) (Encs. 45)  
1-Philadelphia (44-1368)  
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Laundries using the textile marking machine were contacted in an effort to determine if the code 2OR-3 was used, with negative results.

Leads received from other field divisions concerning individuals who allegedly resembled JAMES EARL RAY were reported by teletype or airtel and the details are maintained in the Philadelphia Files. The details of leads received and handled entirely within the Philadelphia Division concerning allegations of some individuals resembling RAY are recorded in the Philadelphia file.

The names of Special Agents and Investigative Clerks conducting the investigation in the Philadelphia Division along with the names of agencies and individuals contacted and all other pertinent details are maintained in the Philadelphia File.

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ME 44-1987  
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The following investigation was conducted by the Norfolk Division:

The following agencies and institutions in the Norfolk Division were contacted with negative results regarding JAMES EARL RAY under his true name and aliases:

1. All laundries
2. All dance studios
3. All credit agencies
4. All police departments
5. All city directories
6. All telephone directories
7. All available "hippy" rooming houses and apartments
8. All voting records
9. All financial institution
10. All charitable type "flop houses" and missions

Re: Suspect JOHN WOLLARD, Also  
Known As Rusty

On April 8, 1968, Patrolman LLOYD GOODBREAD, Chesapeake, Virginia Police Department, furnished the name of JOHN WOLLARD, white male American, age mid 20's,

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residing at Route 4, Box 203, Washington, North Carolina, as being a possible suspect in the instant matter.

Patrolman GOODBRED advised that WOLLARD is an excellent hunter, a former baseball player, and during Christmas, 1967, had in his possession, a Remington 30-06 rifle. Patrolman GOODBRED knew of no extremist sympathies, but stated that WOLLARD generally fit the description of the subject.

It was not known whether WOLLARD was in the military service or not. He is believed to have been arrested on local charges, and that he was currently employed in New Bern, North Carolina.

Re: Suspect ISAAC WELDON KIRK.

On April 10, 1968, Lieutenant S.C. WADDELL, Virginia State Police, advised that KIRK and his construction crew departed the Franklin, Virginia area on April 9, 1968 en route to Manassas, Virginia for a similar construction job.

Records at the Airway Motor Lodge, Franklin, Virginia, indicate that KIRK registered at this motel from March 27, 1968 thru April 9, 1968. KIRK was driving a Ford automobile bearing Texas license FLV-815.

CLARENCE PITTMAN, owner, Pittman Wood and Metal Company, Courtland, Virginia, supplied water pumps for KIRK's construction job near Franklin, Virginia.

PITTMAN stated that he personally saw KIRK on the job every day from March 29, 1968 thru April 5, 1968.



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Re: Suspect RICHARD JAMES DAYHOFF  
Army Serial Number RA 187 478 84

On April 12, 1968, First Sergeant ALPHA NIMS, 564th Transportation Company, Fort Story, Virginia, advised that DAYHOFF commenced leave at 12:00 noon on March 29, 1968, route and destination unknown. Leave address was given as 3509 Mary Ellen Court, N.E., Albuquerque, New Mexico. He was due back at midnight on April 10, 1968.

Leave was granted to DAYHOFF on March 29, 1968 when he requested it because of personal problems at home. DAYHOFF was new to the aforementioned military outfit, and the exact nature of his personal problems were unknown.

DAYHOFF was believed to have been seen in the Fort Story, Virginia vicinity on April 9, 1968, but he did not sign in. He is believed to have a girl friend by the name of KAREN QUINTON, 3205 Britt, N.E., Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Re: Suspect MARVIN RAYMOND DEWEESE

On April 8, 1968, A.D. DINKINS, Manager, Hunton YMCA, Wood and Church Streets, Norfolk, Virginia, which establishment is patronized almost solely by Negroes, advised SA HENRY A. WELKE that a white male registered at this YMCA during the afternoon and the clerk who registered this individual believed he resembled the artist's conception of the one who shot Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. Mr. DINKINS said he was registered in the name of M.R. DEWEESE of Jacksonville, Florida. He was placed in Room 206.

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SAs HENRY A. WELKE and LEMUEL W. KERR, after some difficulty in arousing Mr. DEWEESE who was asleep in his room, interviewed him and took photographs of DEWEESE after the interview. DEWEESE furnished the following information concerning himself and his activities during the pertinent period in March and April, 1968:

NAME:	MARVIN RAYMOND DEWEESE
ADDRESS:	13605 Lanier Road Jacksonville, Florida
HEIGHT:	6'1"
WEIGHT:	200 pounds
HAIR:	Brown, crewcut
EYES:	Blue
BORN:	<div></div> Narrows, Virginia
EMPLOYMENT:	Unemployed
MILITARY SERVICE:	Retired from U.S. Navy. Rate AK-1, NSN <div></div> Retired July 9, 1965; U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Mariner's Permit Identification Number <div></div>
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER:	<div></div>
SCARS AND MARKS:	Tattoos - "Evelyn" on upper right arm; "USN 935-90-99" on lower right arm; Smeared tattoo outside right wrist; Tattoo on right hand "13" between thumb and index finger

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MARITAL  
STATUS: Married  
PRESENT WIFE: MARTHA E. BROWN DEWEESE  
15370 Lanier Road  
Jacksonville, Florida  
FORMER WIVES: VIOLET ELIZABETH HOWELL,  
(deceased)  
JOAN NIECE, divorced,  
whereabouts unknown;  
BETTY SIMMS, divorced 1956,  
last known to be residing  
in Stratford, Connecticut  
PARENTS: DANIEL FRENCH DEWEESE  
113 Hale Street  
Narrows, Virginia  
CHERRY MAE DEWEESE  
same address  
BROTHERS: DANIEL DEWEESE, age 35  
Narrows, Virginia;  
EVERETT DEWEESE, age 24  
employed Newport News  
Shipbuilding and Dry Dock  
Company, Newport News,  
Virginia  
CHARLES DEWEESE, age 19-20  
employed at Newport News  
Shipbuilding and Dry Dock  
Company, Newport News,  
Virginia  
SISTERS: MARY DEWEESE ADAMS, aka  
Mrs. HOWARD ADAMS  
Richmond, Virginia;  
IDA DEWEESE KESSINGER, aka  
Mrs. DONALD KESSINGER  
Bassett, Virginia;  
CORA DEWEESE CROCKETT, aka  
Mrs. WALTER CROCKETT, JR.  
Narrows, Virginia;

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SISTERS(con't)      BARBARA DEWEESE JONES, aka  
                             Mrs. CHARLES H. JONES  
                             Newport News, Virginia ;  
                             MARGARET DEWEESE, who is  
                             married to an unrecalled  
                             individual,  
                             Richmond, Virginia;  
                             LENA DEWEESE STONE  
                             Percerville, Virginia

EDUCATION:            Seventh grade

ORGANIZATIONAL  
AFFILIATION:          American Legion Lodge  
                             Little Rock, Arkansas

DEWEESE said he had last worked as a stockroom man for Samsonite Corporation, 1050 South Broadway, Denver, Colorado. His check number was 15370, and he possessed a payroll slip which showed he was paid for the week ending March 3, 1968. He said that he left Denver en route to Florida; stopped by Houston, Texas; then to New Orleans; then Mobile, Alabama. Then he went to Jacksonville, Florida. He said he left Denver on March 2, 1968. He said he left on a Saturday of the last week he worked. He indicated that the work week at Samsonite ended on Sunday. He said he was married to MARTHA E. BROWN, a widow with two children, and that they were at the Lanier Road address in Jacksonville, Florida. He said he was unemployed at the time and that he had obtained his U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Seaman's papers and was attempting to catch a ship out. He said he was a member of the National Maritime Union (NMU), and he was told in Jacksonville that it would be easier to catch a ship through the Norfolk National Maritime Union than the Jacksonville National Maritime Union. He also advised he took a round trip to Baltimore and remained in Baltimore two days, staying at the Roosevelt Hotel. That was between the time he

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arrived in Jacksonville, Florida, and the date he got married, which was March 18, 1968. He indicated further that he traveled to Baltimore in his personally-owned automobile, a 1956 Chrysler New Yorker. He also stated that he stayed in Jacksonville, Florida until Saturday, April 6, 1968 at 4:15 PM, when he caught a bus from Jacksonville to Newport News, Virginia, arriving in Newport News on April 7, 1968. He indicated he came to Richmond and then transferred to Newport News.

He possessed a card which indicated that he registered in the National Maritime Union Hall, Norfolk, Virginia at 9:04 AM, April 8, 1968. He said that when he arrived in Newport News on April 7, 1968, he went to his sister's house and stayed with her and her husband, CHARLES H. JONES, 735 Westward Avenue, Hampton, Virginia.

He was observed smoking incessantly, and he said he had been smoking Winston cigarettes for many years. He was observed to have blue eyes and brown hair with a crewcut, which he said he had been wearing since he was 21 years old.

He was very emphatic and positive he had not been in Memphis, Nashville, Birmingham or vicinity during the latter part of March or the first part of April, 1968. He was specifically asked if he had been in Birmingham on March 28 - 30, 1968, which he indicated he had not. He was also asked about his whereabouts on April 4, 1968. He claimed he was in Jacksonville, Florida, during these pertinent periods. He said he was staying with his wife and their two children (his wife's children by another marriage). He said he had never been in Birmingham to his knowledge, and he went to Memphis one time several years ago.



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He had in his possession a Navy identification card which indicated that he, MARVIN RAYMOND DEWEESE, was retired from the U.S. Navy on July 9, 1965. He also had a Merchant Mariner's Permit Identification Card Number Z1250478. His description was:

HAIR:	Brown
EYES:	Blue
HEIGHT:	6'
WEIGHT:	200
BORN :	
ADDRESS:	Narrows, Virginia 1730 Merivale Road, Jacksonville, Florida

Mr. DINKINS, Manager, Hunton YMCA, said that Mrs. ANITA ELLIOTT, Day Clerk, was the individual who thought DEWEESE resembled the artist's conception of the assassin.

At the time of the interview, DEWEESE was cooperative and readily consented to having his photograph taken.

Re: Suspect JEFF ADDISON WILLARD

On April 15, 1968, the Norfolk Naval Base Police questioned WILLARD regarding his possession of a Winchester 30-30 rifle, model 843000, serial number 2891143, with Weaver telescopic sight, patent number 263251. The base police also felt that WILLARD resembled the artist's conception of the killer of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. It was determined that WILLARD was employed as a truck driver with the Trans Cold Express, P.O. Box 22, Dallas, Texas, and was hauling meat for the Texas Meat Packers, Dallas, Texas. He made a delivery at the Naval Base on April 15, 1968.

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Base Police questioned WILLARD regarding his illegal possession of a rifle on the Naval Base and determined the following descriptive information:

NAME:	JEFF ADDISON WILLARD
RACE:	White
SEX:	Male
BIRTH:	[redacted] at Raleigh, North Carolina
HEIGHT:	5'7"
WEIGHT:	165
HAIR:	BROWN
EYES:	Hazel
TATTOO:	Dagger and pendant on lower left arm
RESIDENCE:	205 Mc Neil Street Rockingham, North Carolina
EMPLOYMENT:	Truck driver Trans Cold Express Dallas, Texas
DRIVER'S LICENSE:	North Carolina Chauffeur's License [redacted]

A review of WILLARD's personal belongings by the Base Police revealed the following cards and papers with names and addresses as follows:

Joe's Truck Stop  
U.S. Route 40  
Pennsgrove, New Jersey

Wadley Blood Bank  
36000 Gaston Avenue  
Dallas, Texas

Square Deal Transfer, Inc.  
Dallas, Texas

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Midwest Emery Freight System  
7000 South Pulaskie  
Chicago, Illinois

W.G. FRAZIER Refrigeration Trucks  
Carrizo Springs, Texas

W.C. "BILL" SMITH  
313 West California Street  
Rouston, Louisiana

Bank of Fuquay  
Varina, North Carolina

C.B. HINCLEY  
Route 6  
Fishdam Road  
Box 81 D  
Durham, North Carolina

B.E. HALL, JR.  
11221 Caressa  
Dallas, Texas

Re: Suspect JOSEPH THOMAS BUCHANAN

On April 18, 1968, PAUL ROBESON, 3412 West Bonner Drive, Esterbrook, Virginia, advised that approximately two to three weeks ago he was making purchases in the sporting goods department of the King's Department Store, Virginia Beach Boulevard, Norfolk, Virginia, at which time he observed two highly nervous men purchasing a 30-06 rifle. He again observed them leaving the store with the rifle, and saw them drive off in a white Mustang.

Mr. ROBESON said that he thought no more of it until seeing the photographs of ERIC STARVO GALT on television, at which time he observed a strong

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similarity between GALT and one of the men buying the rifle.

On April 18, 1968, Mrs. TAWANA SMITH, Assistant Manager, Sporting Goods Department, King's Department Store, Virginia Beach Boulevard, Norfolk, Virginia, furnished their log of firearms sales from December 17, 1967 thru April 18, 1968. A review of the log revealed that there had been only one sale of a 30-06 rifle. It occurred on March 21, 1968, to one J.T. BUCHANAN, 3625 East Sewells Point Road, Norfolk, Virginia.

The rifle was a 30-06 caliber Kodiak bolt action rifle with serial number 11156.

Mrs. SMITH advised that her manager, JIM PEARSON, actually made the sale according to the log.

Photographs of ERIC STARVO GALT were shown to the following clerks at the aforementioned King's Department Store with negative results:

TAWANA SMITH

NINA COLLIER

JEANNETTE GREEN

PEGGY HEATH

A review of the aforementioned firearms sale log, failed to reveal any name similar to that of GALT under his true name or aliases.

On April 18, 1968, JAMES W. PEARSON, 274 Sedgefield Avenue, Virginia Beach, Virginia, was interviewed, and he advised that he did not recall the sale of the aforementioned rifle. He was shown

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photographs of GALT with negative results. He advised that upon reviewing the matter more thoroughly, he recalled that he had one man in mind regarding the above sale:

A white male, approximately 24 years old, 5'6" tall, 150 pounds, with dark brown hair.

He could not recall whether it was the same man as was recorded as being J.T. BUCHANAN, the buyer of the aforementioned rifle.

On April 18, 1968, a neighborhood investigation was conducted in the area of 3625 Sewells Point Road, Norfolk, Virginia. It was determined that one TOMMY BUCHANAN, age approximately 21, resided at the above address with his parents. He was described as:

SEX:	Male
RACE:	White
HEIGHT:	Approximately 6'2"
WEIGHT:	160
HAIR:	Brown
EMPLOYED:	Main Naval Base, Norfolk, Virginia

The neighbors advised that he has resided in the area continuously for some length of time and several neighbors observed him personally during the pertinent dates involved in this matter. It was the neighbors' belief that he had served some time in the United States Army.

On April 18, 1968, Mrs. MAUDE BUCHANAN, 3625 Sewells Point Road, Norfolk, Virginia, advised that she is the mother of one JOSEPH THOMAS BUCHANAN,

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date of birth [redacted] white male, 6'2"  
180 pounds, with dark brown hair and hazel eyes.  
She advised that he has been in the Norfolk area  
at all times during the months of March and April.  
She advised that he did purchase a new rifle at the  
King's Department Store recently.

She advised that he is employed at the Main  
Naval Base, Norfolk. Mrs. BUCHANAN furnished a  
photograph of her son, and it was observed that he  
was not identifiable with the subject.

"Objectivist Clubs"

On April 16, 1968, HAROLD WILSON telephonically  
advised the Norfolk Office of the FBI that he was  
a member of the faculty at the Old Dominion College  
Norfolk, Virginia. WILSON stated that he had been  
discussing the death of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. in  
one of his classes and had arrived at a theory that  
he thought might be of some assistance to the FBI.

WILSON stated that the aliases used by the  
assassin, i.e. WILLARD and GALT, are significant. He  
explained that the WILLARD Hotel was prominent in  
Lincoln's assassination, and the name GALT was the  
name used by the authoress AYN RAND in her novel  
"Atlas Shrugged".

WILSON stated that at present there is a  
disciple of AYN RAND named BRANNIGAN (phonetic)  
who is organizing "objectivist clubs" in the United  
States, and that the killer of MARTIN LUTHER KING,  
JR. could possibly be associated with one of these  
clubs.

WILSON stated that objectivism is the  
philosophy of AYN RAND, and followers of it are

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disenchanted with the present society, and are  
"dropping out" to form their own exclusive society.

Re: Suspect; Unknown Subject  
City Repair Crew Worker,  
Norfolk, Virginia

On April 18, 1968, ARTHUR STEWART, 1109 Centerville Turnpike, Virginia Beach, Virginia advised that one ALFRED BABCOCK, 2909 Berkley Avenue, Norfolk, Virginia, had informed him that he had observed a man who strongly resembled ERIC STARVO GALT, including the habit of pulling his ear, working on a street repair crew in front of Zed's Store on Liberty Street in Berkley, Norfolk, Virginia.

STEWART stated that Mr. BABCOCK did not call the FBI personally, as he did not think that the FBI would be interested in what he thought would be recorded as a crank call.

On April 18, 1968, the City repair crew, working on Liberty Street, Berkley area, Norfolk, Virginia, was observed by SAs JOHN P. BUNSZEL and JOSEPH E. SMITH as a result of receiving the above information.

It was determined from JAMES SOREY, Foreman, that he had had a crew at that location for the entire day, and that all of his workers are employees of the Department of Public Works, City of Norfolk, Virginia. SOREY advised that only two of the crew were white males, and that neither of these individuals even remotely resembled ERIC STARVO GALT. SOREY confirmed that both of the aforementioned white male employees had worked on his crew for several months, and had not missed any days of work.

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Re: Suspect ROBERT FRANKLIN WILLIAMS

Mrs. LLOYD BLACK, 839 Marvin Avenue, Norfolk, Virginia, advised on April 18, 1968 that she is the sister-in-law of the captioned suspect.

She advised that newspaper pictures and the description listed for ERIC STARVO GALT are identical to her brother-in-law who escaped approximately one year ago from confinement at Ashville, North Carolina. She noted that WILLIAMS had repeatedly stated that he would kill Dr. KING. She furnished the suspect's wife's name as CAROLYN RUTH WILLIAMS, 1107 Ray Avenue, Sanford, North Carolina. WILLIAMS' wife supposedly received information that he called another sister, (unknown) from Atlanta, Georgia, and requested money approximately one week prior to April 18, 1968.

Re: Suspect PAUL DARDEN GOLDEN

On April 23, 1968, a review of the Virginia Beach, Virginia, City Director, revealed that PAUL D. GOLDEN, 2244 Lynn Road, Virginia Beach, was a member of the United States Navy and resided with CLIFTON W. GOLDEN, wife ERMA at that address.

On April 24, 1968, Miss SYLVIA RHODES, Retail Merchants Association, Norfolk, Virginia (which covers Virginia Beach), advised that her files were negative on PAUL D. GOLDEN but contained a reference to CLIFTON WADDELL GOLDEN at 2244 Lynn Road, Virginia Beach, who was the former owner of the Golden Furniture Company, Norfolk, Virginia.

On the same date, JOYCE GEORGE, Identification



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Division, Virginia Beach Police Department advised that her files contained no record on PAUL D. GOLDEN.

On April 24, 1968, Mrs. L.T. WHITSON, 2237 Lynn Road, Virginia Beach, advised that the GOLDEN family has resided at 2244 Lynn Road for the past six years. WHITSON was shown a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and she advised that no one resembling RAY has resided at the GOLDEN residence during the past six years and furthermore, that no one residing in the neighborhood for the past six years resembles RAY.

Re: Suspect JIMMY RAY BUNDY

On April 26, 1968, SA JAMES A. HENDRIAN obtained the following information:

Mr. JAMES L. BUNDY, owner of Bundy Realty Company, 5000 Portsmouth Boulevard, Portsmouth, Virginia, advised that his son has not worked for him for some time, and that he has not seen him for over a month.

Mr. BUNDY stated that he has very little contact with his son as he (JIMMY RAY) has moved back to Greenville, North Carolina, to live with his mother. He stated that his son formerly worked for Boyce Ready Mix Company of Portsmouth.

BUNDY displayed a photograph of his son which in no way resembles that of the subject JAMES EARL RAY.

Re: Suspect JOHN FRANCIS SMALLWOOD

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On April 27, 1968, it was determined at Suffolk, Virginia that the suspect JOHN FRANCIS SMALLWOOD and his family had left the area in 1964, and had returned to his wife's relatives in care of HERBERT MODLIN, Route 1, Tyner, North Carolina.

One former neighbor in Suffolk recalled SMALLWOOD as saying that he might go to Florida.

Re: Suspect HORACE WILLARD MODLIN.

On April 30, 1968, Mrs. MYRA DODD, Personnel Manager, Lipton Tea Company, Hollands Road, Suffolk, Virginia, was contacted by SA JOHN B. MC NABB regarding the captioned suspect. She stated that MODLIN has been employed at their plant since June 2, 1964 in the production department. She further advised that MODLIN, according to the company records, had been present for work on every work day during March and April, 1968.

Re: Suspect D. WHIRTH

On April 20, 1968, Officer BEAL, Norfolk Virginia Police Department, telephonically advised that one ANDY NESKIS, 443 Granby Street, Norfolk, Virginia, had advised him that he has seen an individual that resembled JAMES EARL RAY. The individual used the name of D. WHIRTH, and was staying at 244 Freemason Street, Norfolk. WHIRTH was allegedly operating a 1965 Buick along with a man by the name of DANNY E. LEBER, 1115 West Poplar Street, York, Pennsylvania.

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On April 20, 1968, ANDY NESKIS, owner, White House Grill, 443 Granby Street, Norfolk, Virginia, advised that on April 16, 1968, he cashed a check for an individual who identified himself as D. WHIRTH, who was accompanied by another individual known to NESKIS as DANNY E. LEBER, 1115 West Poplar Street, York, Pennsylvania.

NESKIS was hesitant about cashing this check, so WHIRTH gave him the title to a 1955 Buick automobile as security.

WHIRTH and LEBER told NESKIS that they were working in the Norfolk area, as "roofers", and were living at 244 Freemason Street, Norfolk.

On April 20, 1968, NESKIS was looking at a newspaper, and saw the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, and felt that WHIRTH somewhat resembled RAY.

On April 22, 1968, NESKIS was shown several photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, and WALTER TERRY RIFE. After viewing these photographs, NESKIS advised that neither WHIRTH nor LEBER resembled RAY or RIFE.

On the same date, Mr. and Mrs. FREDERICK C. HAND, 244 Freemason Street, Norfolk, advised that there had been two young men living at their rooming house at that address, until about two days ago when they were evicted. The HANDS advised that these men were about 25 years of age, and were working in the Norfolk area as "roofers". When registering at the rooming house, one individual identified himself as (First Name Unknown) RUBY and the other as (First Name Unknown) DALLAS.

One individual was about 5'7" tall, and the other was about 6'1" tall.

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Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, and WALTER TERRY RIFE were shown to the HANDS and they were absolutely sure that neither of the above described individuals resembled either RAY or RIFE.

Re: Interview of Passengers  
Aboard American Airlines Flight  
#338 from Dallas, Texas to  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on  
April 6, 1968

The following investigation was conducted at  
Forth Eustis, Virginia by SA H. CURTISS BURRELL on  
May 6, 1968:

Private TIMOTHY JOHN TAYLOR, was contacted at Fort Eustis, Virginia. He advised that he is in Company E of the Second School Battalion, Transportation School Brigade. He advised that he boarded the instant flight 338 at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on April 6, 1968, with his destination being Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He sat in the most rear seat in the tourist section, next to a white female with blond hair. He was shown a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY with negative results. He advised that he could recall no one on said flight who even resembled RAY. He noted, however, that due to his close attention to the white female with whom he was sitting, that he did not really pay too much attention to any of the other passengers. He stated that due to his seat in the most rear section of the airplane also, that his observation of all passengers in the tourist section would have been quite limited.

On May 1, 1968, WILLIE WEBB, JR., and his wife, ERNESTINE WEBB were contacted by SA LARRY J. DAVIS at their residence, #1 Tillerson, Newport News, Virginia.

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They advised that they boarded American Airlines Flight 338 at Dallas, Texas, on April 6, 1968 en route to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. They occupied the two tourist seats at the back edge of the right wing next to the window. A Negro male occupied the third seat next to them in the tourist section.

They were shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, and they stated that he was totally unfamiliar to them. They advised that in reality they could not describe any of the other passengers as they paid little attention to them.

Re: Long Distance Telephone Calls  
Placed at Each Public Telephone On  
Interstate 10, Over Which Subject  
And CHARLES STEIN Allegedly Travelled  
December 15-17, 1967.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA WILLIAM D. BRANON on May 7, 1968 at Hampton,  
Virginia:

It was determined that telephone number  
703-722-7921 was assigned to the Dixie Hospital,  
Hampton, Virginia.

Investigation at the Dixie Hospital revealed that on December 16, 1967 there were over 300 patients and 585 employees in said hospital. It was determined that after a direct dialed telephone call reached the switchboard it was undeterminable as to its final destination in said hospital. A check of the long distance telephone records for December 16, 1967 failed to reveal any charge to the aforementioned number for a call having been sent or received by said number.

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Re: Suspect FRANK G. NILES  
Also Known As Frank Henry Niles

The following investigation was conducted at Williamsburg, Virginia by SA H. CURTISS BURRELL:

On May 3, 1968, Mrs. WYOLENE POINTER, Superintendent's Office, Eastern State Hospital, Williamsburg, Virginia, furnished their file on FRANK HENRY NILES, patient #43520. A review of this file revealed the following information:

NILES was committed at Eastern State Hospital on January 17, 1968 under a regular commitment by Special Justice DANIEL GRINNAN, City of Richmond, Virginia.

He was diagnosed as being a psychoneurotic reactive - depressive reactive.

He was allowed one pass, which was issued for the period of April 24-26, 1968, when he listed his destination as being 6150 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia. He has missed no scheduled roll calls at Eastern State Hospital.

Very little background information has been acquired by Eastern State Hospital. On several occasions they have sent personal background questionnaires to Mrs. CECILIA HOPE LEWIS at 5099 Tinelawn Avenue, Chattanooga, Tennessee. They have received no replies from Mrs. LEWIS.

Their files revealed that NILES was confined at the St. Joseph Hospital, 205 West 29th Street, Lorain, Ohio, from June 28, 1967 to August 11, 1967.

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NILES is described as a white male, born [redacted] weighing 131 pounds, 5'9" tall, blue eyes, gray hair, with a mustache.

The admitting doctor was W.H. BATTE.

His attending physician is Dr. MARTIN PALMAZ.

Interview of Dr. PALMAZ revealed that NILES is an alcoholic currently assigned to the Alcoholic Vocational Rehabilitation Section of the Eastern State Hospital. It is noted that this area is not secured at all times. Dr. PALMAZ advised that NILES is a definite racist, but has had no violence exhibited toward any of his fellow Negro inmates. Dr. PALMAZ described his feelings as being merely a general prejudice. He is described as being very polite but in definite need of a great deal of activity to keep his mind occupied. Dr. PALMAZ advised that he has a very deep-seated hostility toward life in general and that things need to go his way at all times. Dr. PALMAZ considers him to have definite suicidal tendencies. Dr. PALMAZ advised he has never heard NILES make any comments regarding any of the racial or Nazi leaders in the United States.

Dr. PALMAZ noted that NILES wrote a letter to the Social Security Administration recently in regard to his Social Security Account, number [redacted] which he felt was delinquent.

It was noted that since March 30, 1968, NILES has been allowed to work at the Howard Johnson's Restaurant, off the Eastern State Hospital's grounds, in Williamsburg, Virginia. Since that time and to date, he has worked five and six days a week, 40 hours per week, and is paid \$58.

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On May 3, 1968, JAMES HAMILTON, Manager, Howard Johnson's Restaurant, Williamsburg, Virginia was interviewed and advised that NILES was employed at his restaurant from March 30, 1968 to the present time. He noted that he was at all times on duty during the period April 3-6, 1968. His days off during the instant period were April 2, and 9, 1968. HAMILTON advised that NILES is very well liked and gets along well with all the Negro help.

It is noted that NILES returned to the Eastern State Hospital after his work days during the instant period and at all times during his period of employment at the Howard Johnson's Restaurant. He has missed no roll calls at Eastern State Hospital .

Re: Suspect ROBERT TERRY

On May 9, 1968, Sergeant HARRIS SEAGER, Virginia Beach, Virginia Police Department, advised that he had received a telephone call from Mrs. MARY ANN BRILEY, 865 Hunting Hill Lane, Virginia Beach, Virginia (telephone 497-2094). Mrs. BRILEY advised him that there had been a man by the name of ROBERT TERRY staying at her residence for about a week that resembled the pictures shown in the newspapers of JAMES EARL RAY.

TERRY was brought to the BRILEY residence by Mr. BRILEY on April 17 or 18, 1968 from Columbus, Ohio. Mrs. BRILEY stated that her husband is a long-distance truck driver, and that he recently left for the West Coast taking ROBERT TERRY with him. She received a call from her husband who advised that he had left TERRY in Chicago.



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Mrs. BRILEY stated that TERRY is described  
as:

SEX:	Male
RACE:	White
HEIGHT:	Approximately 5'8"
WEIGHT:	160
AGE:	50
HAIR:	Dark (appeared dyed)

On May 10, 1968, Mrs. MARY ANN BRILEY, was contacted at the aforementioned address. She was shown various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, and she stated that the man who had been staying at her home by the name of ROBERT TERRY, was definitely not JAMES EARL RAY. She stated that she originally had made the telephone call to the Virginia Beach Police Department stating that he did resemble RAY because of the original artist's conception of RAY.

Re: Inquiry of JAMES F. GREGORY to  
FBI, Washington, D.C. Regarding Wanted  
Flyers on JAMES EARL RAY

The following investigation was conducted  
by SA H. CURTISS BURRELL on May 7, 1968 at Newport  
News, Virginia:

JAMES F. GREGORY was contacted at his residence at 608 Ellen Road, Newport News, Virginia. He advised that he is employed by the Newport News, Shipbuilding and Drydock Company. He advised that he is preparing a scrapbook in regard to the killing of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. He stated that his postcard to the FBI headquarters in Washington, D.C., whereby he requested wanted flyers #442 and #442a, was for the purpose of their inclusion in his personal scrapbook.

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GREGORY advised that he has no personal knowledge of any of the principals in the instant matter.

Re: Suspect ROBERT L. MOORE

On May 9, 1968, DAVID HAYES, Strickland's Esso Service Station, Laskin Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia, advised that an individual resembling JAMES EARL RAY came into this service station driving a 1960 green four door Oldsmobile bearing 1968 Alabama license 59-4065. The suspect was described by three attendants as generally fitting the description of RAY as per the photograph of RAY with sunglasses taken in Mexico.

The suspect used Humble Oil and Refining Credit Card in the name of ROBERT L. MOORE, bearing number [REDACTED].

HAYES advised that immediately after the suspect left the service station, he recalled that a reward flyer had been issued on said credit card.

The suspect ROBERT LEE MOORE, date of birth [REDACTED] located and interviewed at Norfolk on May 10, 1968, as per form FD 302.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/22/68

ROBERT LEE MOORE was located at the Esso Service Station at Atlantic Avenue and 31st Street, Virginia Beach, Virginia. He was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and the nature of the inquiry. He was advised of his rights by SA DAVID G. FLANDERS, which he waived as shown on an executed warning and waiver form. He then furnished the following information:

He denied being JAMES EARL RAY. He stated that he was driving a 1960 green-blue Oldsmobile with 1968 Alabama License 59-4065, which belonged to his business partner, DONALD E. PITTS.

The following descriptive information was obtained through observation and interview:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Height	6 feet 1 inch
Weight	145 pounds
Hair	Black
Eyes	Blue
Selective Service Number	- [REDACTED]
Social Security Number	- [REDACTED]
Address	1916 Cape King Henry Court Apartment 1, Virginia Beach, Virginia
Marital Status	- Single
Father	ROBERT EDWARD MOORE 527 Rhode Island Avenue Norfolk, Virginia

Mailing Address - C/o Post Office Box 4201  
Virginia Beach

Employment Self employed with DONALD E. PITTS  
United Home Builders, Inc, Norfolk

Credit Card Humble Oil and Refining Company  
[REDACTED]

Scar 1 inch scar over right eyebrow  
(fresh scar)

Facial Marks - None

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by SA CHARLES H. SANDERLIN;  
SA DAVID G. FLANDERS DGF:lep Date dictated 5/16/68

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From observation, it was determined that MOORE was  
not identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

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CLARENCE ELLIOTT FITCHETT was contacted at his residence and was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the interview. He was advised of his rights by SA DAVID G. FLANDERS and he was furnished a copy of a warning and waiver form, which he read. FITCHETT advised that he had read and understood said form and that he was willing to answer questions, but that he preferred not to sign said form. He then furnished the following information:

He denied being JAMES EARL RAY.

He stated that he has lived at this residence at 2801 Somme Avenue, Norfolk, Va., for approximately two years. He advised he is the owner of a 1964 dark blue Oldsmobile, which bears 1968 Virginia license 32-823. The following descriptive information was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	CLARENCE ELLIOTT FITCHETT
Sex	Male
Race	White
Date of birth	
Place of birth	Cape Charles, Virginia
Height	5'7"
Weight	180 pounds
Hair	Brownish-grey
Eyes	Bluish-grey
Nose	Full-broad
Scars	None
Tattoos	None
Marital status	Married to MARCELINE FITCHETT
Children	Eleven (7 residing at home)
Employment	Conrad Brothers Construction Company, 24th St., Norfolk, Va.
Occupation	Carpenter
Prior employment	Crest Construction Company, Norfolk, Va.

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It was noted that FITCHETT had no cleft in his  
chin.