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Date: 7/3/68

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

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565) (P)
RE: MURKIN - COST DATA

Re Memphis airtel, 4/19/68.

The following statistics pertain to the Cleveland
Division for the month of June, 1968:

1. Number of man hours:

Special Agents:
Regular Hours - 23
Overtime Hours - 3

Clerical Employees: 4

2. Mileage: 67

3. 0

4. 6 Agents

2 - Memphis
2 - Cleveland

JJJ/lmg
(4)

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Special Agent in Charge

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Transmit the following in _____
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TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (157-450)

SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

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

The following cost data of the Minneapolis Office is submitted for cost through June 30, 1968:

1. Number of man hours spent on case:

	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Overtime</u>	<u>Total</u>
A. Special Agent	420	16	436
B. Clerical	121	0	121

2. Total mileage traveled by Bureau car:

720 miles.

3. There were no unusual or out of the ordinary costs.

4. It is estimated the peak number of Agents working on instant case during the month of June was four.

② - Memphis
1 - Minneapolis
CSL/kjw
(3)

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DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (RUC)

MURKIN
CR
(OO: Memphis)

Re Bureau teletype to all offices 6/8/68, and
Mobile airtel to the Bureau and Memphis 6/13/68.

Additional contact has been had with informants
and sources in this Division, but no information pertinent
to this case has been developed. These negative informant
contacts have been recorded in instant Mobile file.

All other investigation set forth for the Mobile
Division territory has been conducted and reported to
Memphis. No stops are presently outstanding in this Division.

As all information has been reported, this case is
being considered RUC.

2 - Bureau
② - Memphis (44-1987)
1 - Mobile
JTB : mrc
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Bayle *BTB*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM : SAC, NORFOLK (44-268)(RUC)

SUBJECT: MURKIN - Cost Data
NORFOLK DIVISION
(6/1-14/68)
OO: MEMPHIS

DATE: 7/3/68

Re ME airtel to Albany, 4/19/68.
Butel to all SAC's, 6/8/68.

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

1) Number of man hours spent on case:

	A. <u>Special Agents</u>	B. <u>Clerical Employees</u>
Regular	10	6
Overtime	--	--
TOTAL	10	6

2) Total mileage traveled on case: 10

3) Unusual or out-of-ordinary costs: None

4) Peak number of SA's working on case during month: 2

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2 - Memphis
1 - Norfolk
DGF:edg
(3)



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

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (44-371)(-P-)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 7/3/68

COST DATA
SEATTLE DIVISION FOR MONTH OF 6/68

1. Number of Regular Man Hours:

<u>Agents</u>	<u>Clerical</u>
25	4
<u>Overtime Hours</u>	
2	0

2. Total Mileage - Bureau Cars - 50

3. Unusual or Out of Ordinary Cost - 0

4. Peak Number of Special Agents Working on Case During Month of June - 10

2 - Memphis
2 - Seattle
VPC:klb
(4)

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DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

7/3/68

SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609) (RUC)

MURKIN

All outstanding stops removed. This matter is
now closed in the NYO.

2- Bureau
2- Memphis (44-1987)
1- New York

JFS:jrf
(5)

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Boyer *HEJ*

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Date: 7/3/68

Transmit the following in _____
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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
 FROM: SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (44-253) (P)
 RE: MURKIN - COST DATA

Reurairtel to Albany, dated 4/19/68.

Following are the cost figures for Salt Lake City
 Division for June, 1968:

1). A. Special Agents

Regular hours	28
Overtime hours	6
Total hours	34

B. Clerical Employees

Regular hours	4
Overtime hours	0
Total hours	4

Total man hours spent on case	38
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2). Total mileage traveled by Bureau
 cars used on case 210 miles

3). None.

4). Peak number of Special Agents working
 on case during June, 1968

5

② - Memphis
 2 - Salt Lake City

WJG:1bp
 (8)

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
 Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 7/3/68

Transmit the following in _____
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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, DETROIT (44-989) (RUC)

MURKIN - COST DATA

Re Bureau teletype to Memphis, dated 4/17/68
and Memphis airtel to Albany, dated 4/19/68.

The following is the information requested in
referenced communications for the period 6/1/68 through
6/30/68:

1. A. Number of regular hours spent
by Agents on this case - 31.

Number of overtime hours spent
by Agents on this case - 3.

B. Number of regular hours spent
by clerical employees on this
case - 17.
2. Total mileage traveled by Bureau cars
on this case - 300.
3. None.
4. Peak number of SAs working on case
during month of June - 5.

2 - Memphis (RM)
1 - Detroit
WJH/mcm
(3)

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Houston, Texas

July 5, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

James Earl Ray Defense Fund
Columbus, Texas

On July 3, 1968 a confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that he had received information that person by the name of Lonnal Wilhelm has started a defense fund for James Earl Ray. According to the source funds solicited are to be sent to Columbus, Texas.

On July 3, 1968 another source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised as follows:

On June 26, 1968, Lonnal Wilhelm, P.O. Box 686, Columbus, Texas with residence at 431 Front Street, Columbus, applied and received P.O. Box 602, U.S. Post Office, Columbus, Texas. Wilhelm reportedly listed the purpose for having P.O. Box 602 as being for the receipt of funds for the defense of James Earl Ray suspected murderer of Martin Luther King on April 4, 1968. Lonnal Wilhelm, a white male, is approximately 30 years old, married and is the son of Mrs. Fred M. Bentsen, P.O. Box 686, Columbus, Texas, residence 431 Front Street, Columbus, Texas. Mrs. Fred M. Bentsen, also known as Loyce Bentsen arrived at Columbus, Texas in August, 1967 from Harlingen, Texas.

Lonnal Wilhelm's Texas driver's license number is 0072544 and Mrs. Fred M. Bentsen's Texas driver's license is 0022346.

On July 3, 1968, Frances Davinport, Credit Bureau of Columbus, Texas, advised that on June 26, 1968 she had a local inquiry on a L.E. Wilhelm who was reported to be self-employed as a nurseryman.

On July 3, 1968 a check of records of Colorado County Sheriff's Office, Columbus, Texas, revealed no information identifiable with the name Lonnal Wilhelm.

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Kester

Re: James Earl Ray Defense Fund

Records of the FBI, Houston, Texas contain no information identifiable with the name Lonnal Wilham.

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

7/5/68

AIRTEL

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

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of an LHM captioned "JAMES EARL RAY DEFENSE FUND, Columbus, Texas", two copies for Memphis for their information.

The first source is GARY DELAUNE, reporter, radio station KHXH, Houston, Texas.

The second source is FORREST BROOKS, Post Master, U.S. Post Office, Columbus, Texas.

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2 - Memphis (Enc-2) 4
1 - Houston
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(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, OMAHA (44-310) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
COST DATA

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

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

(1) Man hours spent on case:

	Regular Hours	Overtime Hours	Total Hours
(a) Special Agents	80	8	88
(b) Clerical Employees	30	0	30

(2) Estimated mileage of Bucars: 300 miles

(3) Unusual expense - estimated additional telephone expense in Resident Agencies: \$10.00

(4) Peak number of Special Agents working on case: 10

2 - Memphis
 2 - Omaha
 TWC:cjw
 (4)

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 Special Agent in Charge

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
Attention: Administrative Division

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN
COST DATA

Re Butel to Memphis, 4/17/68; Memphis airtels to Bureau, 5/13 and 6/5/68; Memphis airtel to Bureau, 7/3/68; Bureau routing slip to Memphis, 6/13/68.

The information set out hereafter concerns cost data of captioned matter as furnished by all Bureau offices for the period 4/4/68 through 6/30/68, which are cumulative totals:

	Regular Hours	Overtime Hours	Cumulative Total
1. A. Special Agents	94,221	26,632	120,853
B. Clerks	19,224	1,738	20,962
	113,445	28,370	141,815

2. Mileage traveled by Bucars on this matter: 469,413.

3. Unusual or out of ordinary costs:

A. Per Diem	\$6,698.00
B. Communications	3,943.03
C. Photography	
Expense	1,884.68
D. Hotel Room	
Expense	59.48
E. Plane Fares	837.00

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Teletype _____

A.M. _____

A.M.S.D. _____

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Reg. Mail _____

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3-Bureau
2-Memphis

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F. Miscellaneous:

Xeroxing	\$326.94
Xerox paper and supplies	14.25
Mailing wanted flyers in U. S.	287.00
Miscellaneous supplies	52.27
Confidential item	<u>19.50</u>
Total Miscellaneous	\$699.96

Total unusual or out of ordinary costs: \$14,122.15

4. Peak number of Special Agents on this case: 3,075.

The above expenses do not include any expenses incurred by the Legal Attaches or any expenses incurred not directly connected with any of the field offices since such expenses are not known to the Memphis Division.

In view of subject RAY's apprehension on 6/8/68, the above figures appear to be the total figures that will be available concerning cost data from all of the Bureau's field offices. In light of this UACB, the Memphis Division will discontinue furnishing the monthly cost data figures in this matter and the Bureau is requested to authorize advising the Bureau's field offices this has been discontinued.

June 30, 1968

County Recorder
Court House
Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Sir:

I want to let you know about the three witnesses for the Ray trial. They are not at that house at 506 Krell Ave. in Little Rock now. They moved to 621 Appleton Drive in Joplin, Mo. and expect to stay there awhile.

They moved from Little Rock, because they have been changing their address about every two months, because they don't want to stay in one place very long.

Yours sincerely,
One who wants to
help convict Ray.

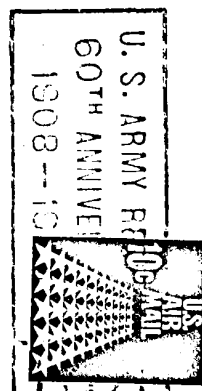
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Boyle *BSB*

County Recorder
Court House
Memphis, Tenn.



Received by SAC
from Attorney General Canale's
office 7/6/8 3713

7/8/68

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, KANSAS CITY

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

**SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR**

OO MEMPHIS

Enclosed herewith for Kansas City and Little Rock is one copy each of an anonymous letter directed to the County Recorder, Court House, Memphis, Tenn., postmarked Long Beach, California, 7/2/68.

According to the Memphis Division records, there are no missing key witnesses to be called by the State of Tennessee in the future under trial of subject RAY.

LEADS

KANSAS CITY

AT JOPLIN, MISSOURI

Will identify occupants of 631 Appleton Drive and ascertain if they possibly have any connection with captioned case.

LITTLE ROCK

2 - Kansas City (Enc. 1)
2 - Little Rock (Enc. 1)

Airtel ① - Memphis

RFB/rga

Teletype (6)

A.M. _____

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Boyle RB

ME 44-1987

AT LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

Will identify occupants of 506 Euell Avenue and ascertain if these individuals possibly have any connection with captioned matter.

It is noted that the words that are underlined in red appearing in enclosed letter were placed there by the Memphis Division and are the last words appearing in the lines in the original letter.

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Date: 7/5/68

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(Priority)

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

Re Chicago airtel to Memphis dated 6/3/68.

The following information, compiled or estimated through 6/30/68, reflects cost incurred by Chicago Office on MURKIN:

1. TOTAL MAN HOURSA. SPECIAL AGENTS

Regular Hours - 254
Overtime Hours - 98
Total Man Hours - 352

B. CLERICAL EMPLOYEES

Regular Hours - 164

2. TOTAL MILEAGE TRAVELED BY BUREAU CARS ON THIS CASE

612

② - Memphis (AMSD)
3 - Chicago
JEL:CMS
(5)

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Special Agent in Charge

CG 44-1114

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TOTAL

S SENT - 12

\$ 18.00

at average estimated cost of
\$1. 50 each

TOTAL OUT OF ORDINARY EXPENSES

18.00

4.

[REDACTED]

7/8/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)(P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO: Memphis)

Re New Orleans airtel to Bureau, 6/27/68; and FBI Laboratory report dated 6/26/68, the latter which concludes that the handwriting on the Palmer Writers School pamphlet submitted under the name "ERIC A. WAUGH" which bore handprinting, was not prepared by JAMES EARL RAY.

In view of the foregoing, New Orleans will not review INS file in name of DEREK A. WAUGH or conduct credit and criminal checks in that name.

3 - Bureau
② - Memphis (44-1987)
1 - Birmingham (44-1740)(Info)
2 - New Orleans
EJC:jah
(8)

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Date: 7/8/68

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

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, KNOXVILLE (44-696)

MURKIN -
COST DATA

The following statistics are furnished having been
compiled from records of the Knoxville Division.

	<u>Man Hours</u>	<u>Regular</u>	<u>O.T.</u>
(1) Special Agent		12	0
Clerical		3	0
(2) Total Mileage - 108			
(3) No unusual costs			
(4) 4 Special Agents			

② - Memphis
2 - Knoxville

JLF/rep
(4)

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

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Date: 7/8/68

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

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
 FROM: *Cuf* SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)(RUC)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN
 CIVIL RIGHTS
 OO: MEMPHIS

Re Memphis airtel, dated 4/19/68.

Set out below is a summary of cost figures for the month of June, 1968:

Participating number of Special Agents	-----	32
Time spent by Special Agents		
Regular	-----	216 hours
Overtime	-----	47 hours
Miles travelled by Bucar or POA	-----	783 miles
Clerical time	-----	65 hours
Stenographic time	-----	20 hours
Unusual costs	-----	None

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2 - Memphis (RM)
 1 - San Francisco
 MTG/sms #11
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Date: 7/8/68

Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, BOSTON (157-644)
SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

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

The following is the estimated MURKIN cost data for the Boston Division for the period 6/1-30/68:

1. Number of Man Hours:

	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Overtime</u>	<u>Total</u>
Special Agents	160	0	160
Clerical	8	0	8

2. Mileage: 300

3. Unusual or out of ordinary costs: None

4. Peak Number of Agents: Five

2-Memphis (44-1987)
1-Boston (157-644)

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Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 7-9-68

Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority)

To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

✓ From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN - COST DATA

Reurairtel 7-3-68 on captioned subject. Bureau desires you continue submission of monthly cost data until further notice.

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Harley
get out
airtel
to all offices
telling them to
continue to submit
even if negative
R✓

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Boyle *WET*

Sent Via _____ M

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Date: 7/9/68

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387)
MURKIN - COST DATA

The following is to confirm telephone call from
SA ROBERT S. BAKER, San Diego Office, to SA ROBERT BOYLE,
Memphis Office, 7/8/68.

I. Number of Man Hours Spent on Case:

(a) Special Agents:

- 1) Regular - 30 hours
- 2) Overtime - 2 hours

(b) Clerical:

- 1) Regular - 10 hours
- 2) Overtime - None

II. Total mileage travelled by Bureau automobile:

90 miles

III. Any unusual out of the ordinary cost:

None

IV. Peak number of Special Agents working on case
during month of which report is submitted:

Two

② - Memphis
2 - San Diego

AWO:bef
(4)

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

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

DATE: 7/9/68

Re Jackson airtel 6/4/68.

Cost data for the Jackson Division from 6/1/68 to 6/30/68 is as follows:

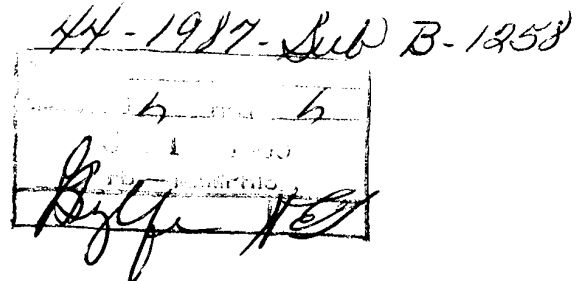
1. A. Special Agents:
Regular Man Hours: 327 (hours)
Overtime: 187 (hours)

B. Clerical Employees
Regular Man Hours: 52 (hours)
Overtime: None
2. Total Mileage (Estimated) 287 (miles)
3. Unusual or out-of-the-ordinary Expenses None
4. Peak Number of Special Agents Working on Case at Anytime During the Month: 7

② - Memphis
1 - Jackson
JOI:lsk
(3)



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

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

FROM : SAC, Denver (157-203)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: July 3, 1968

Time and Mileage Figures for June, 1968

1) Regular Hours

SA	75 hours, 30 minutes
Clerical	31 hours, 27 minutes

Overtime Hours

SA	7 hours, 45 minutes
Clerical	0

Total Hours 114 hours, 42 minutes

2) Total Miles	Traveled	39
3)		0
4)		4

Figures for July will not be submitted, UAC.

② - Memphis
1 - Denver
BDA:mf
(3)

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GYLES *WES*



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

DATE: 7/8/68

FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN -
COST DATA

Re New Orleans letter dated 6/3/68 and New Orleans telephone call, 7/8/68.

The following cumulative costs have been incurred in the New Orleans Division through June, 1968, on captioned matter:

1. NUMBER OF MAN HOURS	Regular	Overtime	Total
A. Special Agents	2,502	789	3,291
B. Clerical	<u>1,169</u>	<u>184</u>	<u>1,353</u>
	3,671	973	4,644
2. TOTAL MILEAGE TRAVELED			20,030
3. UNUSUAL COSTS			
Communications			\$49.90
Rental of photographic equipment			<u>6.24</u>
			\$56.14
4. PEAK NUMBER OF SPECIAL AGENTS ASSIGNED IN JUNE			11

② - Memphis
2 - New Orleans
DLH:mak
(4)



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

DATE: 7/8/68

FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

SUBJECT: *[Handwritten signature]* MURKIN
COST DATA

ReButel to Memphis 4/17/68, and Atlanta airtel
to Memphis 6/3/68.

Cost data for Atlanta during the month of June, 1968:

1. Man Hours

	<u>Agent</u>			<u>Clerical</u>		
	<u>Reg.</u>	<u>OT</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Reg.</u>	<u>OT</u>	<u>Total</u>
Hdqs.	28	4	32	10	0	10
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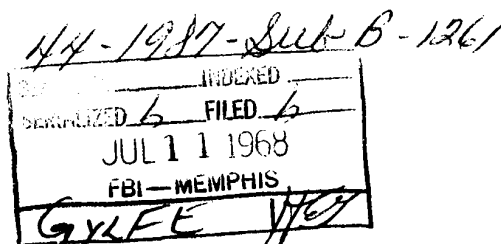
2. Total mileage Bureau cars

120 miles

3. Unusual Costs

Telephone: 0
POA: 0
Photographic: 0
Teletype: \$10

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4. Peak number of Special Agents working on case
during the month:

6

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

FROM : SAC, Denver (157-203) (RUC)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: July 8, 1968

In view of subject's apprehension and the fact that the Denver Division has no outstanding leads in this matter, this case is being considered RUC.

2 - Memphis
1 - Denver
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Date: 7/10/68

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

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re telephone call from SAC, Memphis, 7/8/68, concerning considering RAY as suspect in unsolved bank robberies in Louisiana.

As previously reported, all photographs available to New Orleans Division of subject RAY have been exhibited to victims and witnesses in all unsolved bank robberies in New Orleans Division. Subject RAY's photograph has been positively eliminated by these witnesses. Inasmuch as RAY appears to look different in various photographs, it is requested that New Orleans be furnished any photographs available of RAY since his arrest. These will then be exhibited to witnesses of these unsolved robberies.

② - Memphis (RM)
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Special Agent in Charge

2/14/66

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-5)

FROM: SAC, WFO (157-744)

ATTN: F. J. BAUMGARDNER
SECTION CHIEF

HCUA KLAN HEARINGS
RM (KLAN)

ReWFOairtel dated 2/11/66.

The House Sub-Committee investigating Klan activities heard the following witnesses and none were represented by counsel:

WILLIAM HUGH MORRIS

This witness gave an account of his own Klan membership since 1924. He said he was Imperial Wizard of the Federated KKK at the time it became defunct and admitted that during a 1949 Alabama Grand Jury investigation, he was arrested for contempt of the Grand Jury because he refused to identify Klan members. He said that Klan group was not involved in floggings.

4 - Bureau

(1 - Assistant Director
ROBERT E. RICO)

2 - Atlanta (RM)

2 - Cincinnati (RM)

2 - Cleveland (RM)

1 - WFO

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He said he served on the Board of the National Knights of the KKK (NKKKK) with JAMES VENABLE and H. J. HILL, but later resigned from that Board and formed the Knights of the Klu Klux Klan (KKKK), and is now Emperor of that group. He said he was unable to furnish records of the Federated Klan as ordered because his house burned in 1954 or 1955 and destroyed all such records and also said that he has no records pertaining to the KKKK although he later stated he had some material which he will search out and make available to the committee. He refused on the basis of constitutional privilege to identify members of the Imperial Concillium. He took this privilege in refusing to furnish the identity of persons in attendance in April, 1965, at the organization meeting of the KKKK.

He stated he was aware of the "assassination letter" written by DANIEL WAGNER and that he had discussed this letter with ELOISE WITTE, but said that both regarded the letter as ridiculous, and he said he never administered any oath or any part of the Klan ritual in WAGNER's presence or to WAGNER as he regarded him as a "mad dog" in his thinking. He said he did tell WAGNER to write out the specifics contained in that letter but never investigated any part of it and had not informed any law enforcement agency of its contents. He stated he talked to the FBI concerning the letter but this was only after the FBI initially contacted him in regard to it.

MORRIS stated he knew nothing concerning the reported trip of WAGNER and CHUCK GILLIAM to Georgia to get dynamite and knew nothing of any dynamite being transported from Georgia to Ohio.

He stated the Klan rally held at PARKIE SCOTT's farm was advertised as being a KKKK rally but was a joint venture as JAMES VENABLE was in attendance. He said approximately 300 people signed applications and 100 paid the \$15 initiation fee which money was placed in trust for

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Ohio Klan with BOBBY J. STEPHENS. He said records pertaining to the rallies at Brunswick and Lodi, Ohio, were kept for SCOTT and all together he had received approximately \$250 towards his own expenses.

MORRIS stated that VENABLE brought a "degree team" to Ohio to initiate members and identified them as FNU MC GRIFF of Georgia and EARL HOLCUMB.

MORRIS attempted to clarify the difference between the KKKK and the NKKKK as it exists in Ohio and stated that he had no knowledge of a document dated 7/29/65 between the NKKKK to do business as a foreign concern in the state of North Carolina, and said he had not given consent for his name to be affixed to that document as Vice President, NKKKK. This date, according to the committee, was after he had resigned from the NKKKK.

MORRIS admitted that a national association of Klan units existed but said it was not a cover for the NKKKK. He identified VENABLE as Chairman of the group and the following as members of it:

FNU MADDOX,
Association of Georgia Klans.

FNU SHERKELL (ph),
Association of Georgia Klans.

FNU CURSBY (ph)
Florida Klan.

JACK BROWN,
Dixie Klans.

EARL GEORGE,
Improved Order of U. S. Klans.

He said he did not recall that United Klans of America had a representative in above-mentioned association and did not know if they had been invited.

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He said the KKKK has no Klaverns as it is just in a formation stage and stated members received into the Klan at the rally at PARKIE SCOTT's farm may be in the NKKKK. He identified JIM HARRIS of Cincinnati as Great Titan in the KKKK and FNU LOUIS of Akron as an officer in that group. He said he only knew of HARRIS' reported meeting with ROBERT SHELTON through rumor.

MORRIS stated he did not know of any dynamite stored in the area of Barnesville, Georgia, and said WALTER M. HUFF (ph) is not an Imperial Officer of the KKKK, and he did not know if he was an officer in the NKKKK.

Witness was continued ^{under} of subpoena until 3/1/66, to produce records called for by the committee.

ELOISE WITTE ✓

This witness stated she is currently a member of the NKKKK and two years ago was commissioned Grand Empress. She stated she maintains no records pertaining to the NKKKK or the KKKK and produced only two letters from VENABLE. She stated she has had correspondence with MORRIS about rallies but generally does not save this correspondence. She said she attended the rally at PARKIE SCOTT's farm but did not attend rallies at Brunswick or Lodi, Ohio. She cited constitutional privilege in refusing to identify individuals active in the Cleveland area in the NKKKK or member of Klaverns of that organization in Ohio.

She stated she also considered the "assassination letter" of WASNER to be ridiculous and stated he had never discussed the detailed violence in that letter with her. She said she repeatedly told him that the Klan did not believe in violence, although it was her impression that he believed the Klan was engaged in violent mob action, and she said she would not let him join the Klan because he seemed emotionally upset in this regard. She stated she did not introduce him to W. A. DAVIS at a National States

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Rights Party meeting to put him in touch with a gun dealer but stated DAVIS was just one of numerous people she introduced WAGNER to at that meeting. She said whenever WAGNER became emotional in conversation, she would change that conversation before he detailed any of his plans, repeatedly telling him that the Klan was not a violent organization. She stated she knew (ph) HANNA as a former member of the American Nazi Party and also regarded him as a psycopath. She said she had felt initially that she could help straighten WAGNER out but he later became a source of irritation to her and her family.

EARL DONALD HOLCUMB

This witness cited constitutional privilege in refusing to answer questions of the Sub-Committee and added to the privilege that to testify "might jeopardize my life or that of my family." He said he did not have any records pertaining to the UKA but took the 5th amendment in refusing to state whether he had such records or if he destroyed them after receiving the subpoena. He refused to answer the following:

1. If he was a member of the NKKKK.
2. If he was wearing a UKA lapel pin.
3. If he was a member of the Black Shirts.
4. If he was an admitted member of the Klan identified in a newspaper article of Klansmen arrested at the University of Georgia with an arsenal.
5. If he had given dynamite to CHUCK GILLIAM or if dynamite was in the possession of members of the Black Shirts.
6. Whether VENABLE was aware of trip to Georgia by GILLIAM and WAGNER.
7. Whether statement by WAGNER that he, HOLCUMB, and RAY MC GRIFF, had loaded dynamite into GILLIAM's car and also refused to state purpose for which they obtained this dynamite.

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Sub-committee recessed until 2/15/66.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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

MURKIN

ReHairtel, 7/3/68, enclosing copy of letter dated 6/28/68, from CHARLES F. MAYER, Dallas, Texas, to LLOYD BROWNS, Assistant Attorney General, Memphis, Tennessee; Cital to WFO, 7/2/68, captioned "COMMITTEE OF ONE MILLION CAUCASIANS TO MARCH ON CONGRESS" (CI 137-234); and WFOairtel to Director, 2/14/66, re HCUA Klan Hearings, NM (Klan) (copies to Cincinnati).

Enclosed for Cincinnati are two Xerox copies of referenced letter from CHARLES F. MAYER. Also enclosed is one copy of Part 5 of Activities of Ku Klux Klan Organizations, Hearings Before Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, 89th Congress.

Two copies of referenced airtel to Director, 2/14/66, re HCUA Klan Hearings enclosed for Memphis.

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1-Cincinnati (Enc. 3)
1-WFO

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Referenced teletype indicates ELOISE WITTE head of Committee of One Million Caucasians to March on Congress, Cincinnati, in July, 1964.

Referenced WFO airtel, 2/14/66, re HCUA Klan Hearings, RM (Klan) (a copy enclosed for Memphis) contains information about ELOISE WITTE's testimony before HCUA on 2/14/66. This testimony included the following:

ELOISE WITTE, in 1966, an Empress of National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (NKKK) in Ohio. Also, WITTE considered "assassination letter" of WAGNER to be ridiculous and stated WAGNER had never discussed the detailed violence in that letter with her. ELOISE WITTE said she repeatedly told WAGNER the Klan did not believe in violence.

WFO indices reviewed and do not contain any information that ELOISE WITTE, 1654 Otto Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio, was interviewed concerning her testimony before House Committee on Un-American Activities on 2/14/66.

"Activities of Ku Klux Klan Organizations in the United States," Part 5, Hearings Before the Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, 89th Congress, Second Session, published by U.S. Government Printing Office in 1966, reviewed concerning testimony of ELOISE WITTE on 2/14/66 and RICHARD JOSEPH HANNA on 2/15/66.

Page 3543 of Mrs. WITTE's testimony contains the following:

Mr. MANUEL: "Did you ever make the statement to Mr. WAGNER that the Klan had hired a gunman for \$25,000?"

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Mrs. WITTE: "Heavens, no."

Mr. MANUEL: "Did you have any conversation with Mr. WAGNER regarding the appearance of MARTIN LUTHER KING at Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio?"

Mrs. WITTE: "No."

WITTE added that WAGNER read of this in newspaper, wrote a letter to WITTE, and phoned her about KING's appearance at Antioch College. DANNY WAGNER said he hoped WITTE would not be alarmed with him but he had some ideas he wanted to carry out. She added that WAGNER never told her what these plans were that he had for MARTIN LUTHER KING.

Page 3545 contains information from WITTE that Mr. MORRIS told her he had heard of a plot underfoot to do away with the President, Mr. WITTE, ELOISE WITTE's husband, Mr. MORRIS, MARTIN LUTHER KING, and HUMPHREY. Mrs. WITTE said she did not know the above plot in a letter written by DANNY WAGNER. She described the plot as ridiculous and WAGNER, a psychopathic case. Mrs. WITTE said she did not furnish this information to law enforcement officers as she did not think WAGNER would carry through on anything as ridiculous as this. Mrs. WITTE thought WAGNER might have taken this method of retaliation for being denied membership in the Klan.

Mrs. WITTE stated she did not introduce WAGNER to W. A. DAVIS at National States Rights Party to put WAGNER in touch with a gun dealer.

Page 3631 contains portion of testimony of RICHARD JOSEPH HANNA on 2/15/66. HANNA said Mrs. ELOISE

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WITTE said "Mr. WAGNER to do some work for her. Mr. JOHNSON, if he needed assassination, Mr. WAGNER could do it." Mrs. WITTE added, "Right now, we are interested in other people." WITTE said "MARTIN LUCIFER COON" was one, according to HANNA. Above name described by HANNA as right wing expression for MARTIN LUTHER KING.

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AT CINCINNATI, OHIO.

1) Will ascertain if Mrs. ELOISE WITTE was interviewed by Bureau Agents concerning matters contained in her testimony before HCUA on 2/14/66, including possible assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

2) Forward enclosed copy of Part 5 of Activities of Ku Klux Klan Organizations, Hearings Before Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, to Memphis when interview of Mrs. ELOISE WITTE completed.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 7/10/681

ALVIN R. CARLSON, Vice President, Fulfillment Corp. of American (FCA), 381 W. Center, furnished the following:

FCA is a magazine contractor for many magazines including American Heritage Co. On April 29, 1968, FCA received American Heritage business reply postcard whereon ERIC S. GALT, Lorain Motel, Memphis, Tennessee, ordered the American Heritage History of the President of the U.S., consisting of three volumes, including the History of the Presidency by MARCUS CUNLIFFE, and the Pictorial History of the Presidency, which consisted of two volumes.

GALT also ordered a 12" LP recording, The Invention of the Presidency.

GALT requested he be billed for the above items.

The above business reply postcard received by FCA bore no postmark inasmuch as it was a pre-addressed business reply card sent to FCA's Marion, Ohio, address.

The business reply card bearing the hand printing ERIC S. GALT, Lorain Motel, Memphis, Tennessee, would have been a card sent to an expired 1967 American Heritage subscriber, and would have consisted of two halves, namely the pre-addressed half that was returned to FCA, the other half bearing the name and address of the expired 1967 American Heritage Subscriber.

A check of FCA records disclosed GALT's name did not appear on 1967 American Heritage subscriber's list.

Mr. CARLSON made available the above mentioned American Heritage business reply postcard and stated it need not be returned.

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On 7/3/68 at Marion, Ohio File # Cleveland 44-565

by SA JOHN W. FOSTER:lmh Date dictated 7/8/68

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
(ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565) (P)

RE: MURKIN
CR

OO: MEMPHIS

CV tel to Bureau, 7/3/68.

Enclosed for Bureau and Memphis are 1 and 8 copies respectively of FD-302 reflecting interview of ALVIN R. CARLSON, Marion, Ohio. Also enclosed for Bureau is an American Heritage Business Reply Postcard from ERIC S. GALT, Lorain Motel, Memphis, Tennessee.

Bureau is requested to compare the hand printing appearing on enclosed specifically the name ERIC S. GALT Lorain Motel, Memphis, Tennessee, with any known hand printing off file for JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405 942 G.

Bureau is also requested to process enclosure for latent prints and if any developed determine if identical with prints of RAY.

Bureau is requested to furnish Memphis and Cleveland results of examination, and return enclosure to Cleveland.

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2 - Memphis (Enc. 8) (RM) *W*
2 - Cleveland

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-1854) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

WILLIAM SOMERSETT, formerly MM 607-R, who is no longer being contacted by the Miami Office and who is characterized as having furnished reliable information in the past, and in addition has furnished information which cannot be verified or corroborated, telephonically advised on 7/12/68 as follows:

Since the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., he has made trips to Atlanta, Ga. and Memphis, Tenn. at the request and expense of the Florida State Attorney's Office and the Miami, Florida Police Department. He indicated the purpose of these trips was to try and develop information relative to the assassination of Doctor KING and other information relating to the National States Rights Party. He did not elaborate on his assignments nor did he indicate he had developed any unusual or pertinent information. He reportedly was in contact with witnesses involved in the KING case and based on information heard on the "street," it was said that the chauffeur of Doctor KING was suspected of "setting up Doctor KING for the assassination." SOMERSETT was unable to identify source of this information.

It is not known why the Florida State Attorney's Office or the Miami Police Department would have SOMERSETT

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1 - Atlanta (44-2386) (Info)
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make trips to Atlanta, Ga. and Memphis, Tenn. except for possibly some sensational information that would afford them nationwide publicity.

The above is being furnished to the Bureau, Atlanta and Memphis for information and to be aware of the fact that SOMERSETT has been in Atlanta and Memphis regarding the KING case.

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Enclosed are original and one of seven clippings from local newspapers re captioned matter.

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